



**IMPLEMENTATION AND RESULTS OF THE TEXAS AUTOMATIC ADMISSIONS LAW  
(HB 588)**

**at  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN  
Report 13 (part 2)**

**STUDENT FLOW**

**TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES  
SUMMER AND FALL ENTERING FRESHMEN  
ACADEMIC YEARS 2000-2009**

**Prepared by:**

**The Office of Admissions  
The University of Texas at Austin**

**Introduction**

One of the concerns expressed during emotional debates over the Texas Automatic Admissions Law (HB 588), otherwise called the “Top 10% Law,” was that large numbers of students were being encouraged to reach beyond their academic ability, apply to UT Austin, and be automatically admitted. This often led to predictions of lower retention and graduation rates.

At the University of Texas one-year persistence is defined as the percent of students who returned for their sophomore year and were enrolled on the 12<sup>th</sup> Class Day of the fall semester. And of course, two-year persistence is the percent of students enrolling the following fall.

This paper is designed to present simple, descriptive statistics relative to graduates of Texas high schools matriculating as entering freshmen from 2000-2009. This is not a position paper. It is not an evaluation of past or present affirmative action policies. It is not a proposed blueprint for other universities or public institutions seeking diversity. It is not representative of the higher education experience in all of Texas.

**Methodology**

The students selected for this study are the same as cohorts studied in Volume 1 of this report. This is limited to entering freshmen from Texas high schools for the summer/fall semesters from 2000 through 2009. Since the cohorts are filtered to exclude all but graduates of Texas high schools, i.e., the group eligible for the top 10% entitlement, persistence and graduation rates will not match exactly what is reported by the Office of Information Management and Analysis in its *Statistical Handbook*, which includes all entering freshmen. Table 1 below provides the n-counts used in the tables that follow. The American Indian, International, and “unknown” groups are excluded due to low n-counts. Table 2, however, illustrates whole entering classes from Texas high schools and thus includes those groups.

In Tables 2-7 a student is counted as “continuing” if he/she had courses listed in the next and following fall semesters. During these “snapshots” a check was made to determine if an individual had graduated.

**Table 1**  
**N-Counts of Cohorts**  
**Enrolled Freshmen from Texas High Schools**  
**2000-2009**

	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005		2006		2007		2008		2009	
	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%
White	1921	2529	1942	2076	2203	2188	2378	1202	2270	1384	2288	1230	2524	1113	2359	1112	2480	790	2659	614
African American	156	129	137	98	156	99	194	64	225	77	252	87	268	110	284	138	305	58	307	34
Asian American	653	606	718	607	800	562	781	299	776	388	782	350	929	327	1005	378	1025	173	1135	181
Hispanic	591	401	575	426	703	411	858	199	887	251	966	264	1049	314	1109	343	1164	158	1373	93
All Students	3346	3713	3423	3255	3932	3302	4289	1804	4241	2157	4391	1997	4902	1962	4870	2030	5114	1208	5634	946

**Table 2**  
**Continuing and Graduation Rates for First-Time Freshmen**  
**Graduates of Texas High Schools**  
**2000-2009**

	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005		2006		2007		2008		2009	
	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%
<b>Continuing</b>																				
After 1 yr	93.19	89.52	91.29	88.20	91.53	90.25	93.05	92.57	93.23	92.30	92.30	90.74	92.08	90.83	90.82	90.05	92.10	92.96	90.97	92.71
After 2 yrs	89.15	84.24	87.64	82.06	87.72	85.25	88.55	87.25	88.59	85.91	87.93	85.08	87.23	85.52	87.45	85.76	87.99	89.57		
After 3 yrs	83.20	77.86	81.60	75.55	80.98	78.10	82.16	78.94	82.13	80.76	81.21	80.32	81.78	78.80	81.91	79.46				
After 4 yrs	34.34	36.68	32.90	34.16	31.77	35.61	32.41	33.70	29.92	31.53	30.24	30.20	30.99	34.25						
After 5 yrs	7.56	8.94	7.36	7.65	6.41	8.36	5.99	6.82	6.44	6.86	6.56	7.26								
After 6 yrs	2.45	3.96	2.42	2.80	3.03	3.48	2.03	3.05	2.43	3.20										
<b>Graduated</b>																				
After 1 yr			0.03																0.02	0.00
After 2 yrs	0.09	0.08	0.18	0.34	0.10	0.18	0.07	0.28	0.07	0.19	0.07	0.30	0.04	0.36	0.08	0.20	0.08	0.41		
After 3 yrs	3.92	3.10	4.47	3.50	4.50	3.63	3.92	5.54	4.15	3.85	4.33	3.71	3.47	4.59	3.22	3.10				
After 4 yrs	51.05	39.64	51.15	40.61	51.58	42.88	51.85	47.51	53.93	48.86	53.15	49.07	52.10	45.77						
After 5 yrs	76.15	65.28	76.37	66.39	76.04	68.29	76.92	73.00	76.42	72.79	76.82	73.11								
After 6 yrs	81.41	71.86	80.81	71.34	80.44	73.50	81.04	77.33	80.50	77.61										
<b>Combined*</b>																				
After 1 yr	93.19	89.52	91.32	88.20	91.53	90.25	93.05	92.57	93.23	92.30	92.30	90.74	92.08	90.83	90.82	90.05	92.10	92.96	90.99	92.71
After 2 yrs	89.24	84.32	87.82	82.40	87.82	85.43	88.62	87.53	88.66	86.10	88.00	85.38	87.27	85.88	87.53	85.96	88.07	89.98		
After 3 yrs	87.12	80.96	86.07	79.05	85.48	81.73	86.08	84.48	86.28	84.61	85.54	84.03	85.25	83.39	85.13	82.56				
After 4 yrs	85.39	76.32	84.05	74.77	83.35	78.49	84.26	81.21	83.85	80.39	83.39	79.27	83.09	80.02						
After 5 yrs	83.71	74.22	83.73	74.04	82.45	76.65	82.91	79.82	82.86	79.65	83.38	80.37								
After 6 yrs	83.86	75.82	83.23	74.14	83.47	76.98	83.07	80.38	82.93	80.81										

\* The "Combined" value is the sum of the "Continuing" and "Graduated" values.

**Table 3**  
**Continuing and Graduation Rates for First-Time Freshmen**  
**White Graduates of Texas High Schools**  
**2000-2009**

	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		
	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	
<b>Continuing</b>																					
After 1 yr	93.91	88.61	91.66	87.52	91.74	90.08	93.31	92.51	94.14	92.34	92.79	91.30	92.87	91.92	93.01	92.18	93.71	93.80	92.89	93.32	
After 2 yrs	89.22	83.43	87.49	81.79	87.61	85.88	89.66	86.61	89.91	86.69	88.85	86.02	88.31	86.76	90.00	88.04	89.44	90.38			
After 3 yrs	83.55	77.82	81.67	75.92	80.44	78.93	83.68	78.20	83.79	81.79	83.35	82.68	82.81	81.60	84.44	82.46					
After 4 yrs	31.44	34.80	30.33	32.56	29.19	33.59	29.02	31.03	25.90	30.42	26.70	27.80	27.54	32.85							
After 5 yrs	6.45	8.07	6.39	7.37	5.31	7.45	4.84	6.82	5.02	6.21	5.16	5.77									
After 6 yrs	1.98	3.32	1.60	2.36	2.27	2.97	1.30	3.58	2.25	3.18											
<b>Graduated</b>																					
After 1 yr																					
After 2 yrs	0.16	0.04	0.21	0.24	0.18	0.14	0.13	0.25	0.09	0.22	0.09	0.33	0.08	0.17	0.17	0.18	0.16	0.38			
After 3 yrs	4.84	2.93	4.79	2.84	5.76	3.70	4.08	5.41	4.76	3.83	4.41	3.33	4.04	4.39	3.98	2.88					
After 4 yrs	55.28	41.48	53.76	42.10	55.20	46.07	57.86	49.92	60.57	50.43	59.62	53.25	57.88	49.27							
After 5 yrs	79.13	66.59	77.91	67.34	78.35	71.07	81.20	73.21	80.84	73.92	80.99	76.59									
After 6 yrs	83.76	72.52	82.60	72.11	82.71	76.28	84.74	77.12	84.19	79.19											
<b>Combined*</b>																					
After 1 yr	93.91	88.61	91.66	87.52	91.74	90.08	93.31	92.51	94.14	92.34	92.79	91.30	92.87	91.92	93.01	92.18	93.71	93.80	92.89	93.32	
After 2 yrs	89.38	83.47	87.70	82.03	87.79	86.02	89.79	86.86	90.00	86.91	88.94	86.35	88.39	86.93	90.17	88.22	89.60	90.76			
After 3 yrs	88.39	80.75	86.46	78.76	86.20	82.63	87.76	83.61	88.55	85.62	87.76	86.01	86.85	85.99	88.42	85.34					
After 4 yrs	86.72	76.28	84.09	74.66	84.39	79.66	86.88	80.95	86.47	80.85	86.32	81.05	85.42	82.12							
After 5 yrs	85.58	74.66	84.30	74.71	83.66	78.52	86.04	80.03	85.86	80.13	86.15	82.36									
After 6 yrs	85.74	75.84	84.20	74.47	84.98	79.25	86.04	80.70	86.44	82.37											

\* The "Combined" value is the sum of the "Continuing" and "Graduated" values.

**Table 4**  
**Continuing and Graduation Rates for First-Time Freshmen**  
**African American Graduates of Texas High Schools**  
**2000-2009**

	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		
	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	
<b>Continuing</b>																					
After 1 yr	92.95	94.57	90.51	91.84	89.10	92.93	89.69	92.19	87.56	92.21	89.68	88.51	89.18	92.73	89.79	90.58	85.90	89.66	86.64	82.35	
After 2 yrs	90.38	87.60	80.29	83.67	86.54	79.80	82.47	82.81	84.00	84.42	81.75	77.01	83.58	82.73	86.27	83.33	81.64	82.76			
After 3 yrs	83.33	79.84	81.75	77.55	81.41	73.74	77.84	75.00	80.44	80.52	74.21	74.71	78.73	75.45	79.23	76.09					
After 4 yrs	43.59	41.09	41.61	39.80	39.74	44.44	43.30	42.19	36.89	37.66	42.86	36.78	38.81	40.91							
After 5 yrs	12.18	13.18	11.68	9.18	7.69	9.09	9.79	9.38	10.67	11.69	11.11	12.64									
After 6 yrs	3.85	3.88	6.57	7.14	1.92	5.05	4.12	1.56	4.00	6.49											
<b>Graduated</b>																					
After 1 yr																					
After 2 yrs												1.15		0.91							
After 3 yrs	2.56	3.10	1.46	3.06	1.28	2.02	1.55	3.13	0.89		2.78	1.15	2.24	2.73	1.41	0.72					
After 4 yrs	38.46	32.56	37.96	33.67	37.82	25.25	32.99	21.88	39.11	35.06	31.35	31.03	39.18	34.55							
After 5 yrs	67.95	58.14	66.42	61.22	66.03	54.55	61.34	54.69	62.22	59.74	62.30	54.02									
After 6 yrs	76.92	67.44	71.53	66.33	73.72	59.60	67.01	64.06	66.22	61.04											
<b>Combined*</b>																					
After 1 yr	92.95	94.57	90.51	91.84	89.10	92.93	89.69	92.19	87.56	92.21	89.68	88.51	89.18	92.73	89.79	90.58	85.90	89.66	86.64	82.35	
After 2 yrs	90.38	87.60	80.29	83.67	86.54	79.80	82.47	82.81	84.00	84.42	81.75	78.16	83.58	83.64	86.27	83.33	81.64	82.76			
After 3 yrs	85.89	82.94	83.21	80.61	82.69	75.76	79.39	78.13	81.33	80.52	76.99	75.86	80.97	78.18	80.64	76.81					
After 4 yrs	82.05	73.65	79.57	73.47	77.56	69.69	76.29	64.07	76.00	72.72	74.21	67.81	77.99	75.46							
After 5 yrs	80.13	71.32	78.10	70.40	73.72	63.64	71.13	64.07	72.89	71.43	73.41	66.66									
After 6 yrs	80.77	71.32	78.10	73.47	75.64	64.65	71.13	65.62	70.22	67.53											

\* The "Combined" value is the sum of the "Continuing" and "Graduated" values.

**Table 5**  
**Continuing and Graduation Rates for First-Time Freshmen**  
**Asian American Graduates of Texas High Schools**  
**2000-2009**

	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		
	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	
<b>Continuing</b>																					
After 1 yr	96.32	94.55	94.01	91.93	93.88	92.17	97.31	94.98	96.13	95.88	95.40	93.43	95.16	92.35	94.13	92.86	94.93	97.11	94.89	92.82	
After 2 yrs	94.03	89.27	92.90	85.34	91.63	86.83	92.06	89.97	93.04	90.72	91.82	88.86	90.85	88.07	90.75	89.15	93.07	94.80			
After 3 yrs	87.29	79.54	85.38	76.94	84.88	79.72	85.02	83.95	85.31	80.67	85.81	78.86	86.76	76.15	86.77	83.33					
After 4 yrs	34.76	42.08	36.07	38.06	30.75	37.54	31.75	38.80	31.06	30.93	32.61	33.71	32.83	34.86							
After 5 yrs	4.90	8.42	7.10	6.92	6.13	9.25	5.76	6.02	6.83	7.73	6.52	7.71									
After 6 yrs	1.68	4.79	3.48	2.31	2.50	3.38	1.41	1.00	2.06	3.09											
<b>Graduated</b>																					
After 1 yr			0.14																		
After 2 yrs		0.17	0.14	0.99		0.36		0.67		0.26		0.29		0.92		0.53	0.00	1.16			
After 3 yrs	2.60	3.96	4.04	5.60	3.50	3.20	3.97	6.69	3.87	5.93	3.96	6.57	2.58	7.65	2.19	5.03					
After 4 yrs	54.36	38.12	52.79	40.53	55.75	41.28	56.21	48.83	55.93	56.61	55.37	49.71	54.68	47.71							
After 5 yrs	81.62	67.99	80.92	70.51	80.50	68.68	81.43	79.93	81.44	77.32	81.71	74.00									
After 6 yrs	85.45	74.75	84.12	74.79	84.00	73.84	85.15	82.27	85.44	80.41											
<b>Combined*</b>																					
After 1 yr	96.32	94.55	94.15	91.93	93.88	92.17	97.31	94.98	96.13	95.88	95.40	93.43	95.16	92.35	94.13	92.86	94.93	97.11	94.89	92.82	
After 2 yrs	94.03	89.44	93.04	86.33	91.63	87.19	83.68	90.64	93.04	90.98	91.82	89.15	90.85	88.99	90.75	89.68	93.07	95.96			
After 3 yrs	89.89	83.50	89.42	82.54	88.38	82.92	88.99	90.64	89.18	86.60	89.77	85.43	89.34	83.80	88.96	88.36					
After 4 yrs	89.12	80.20	88.86	78.59	86.50	78.82	87.96	87.63	86.99	87.54	87.98	83.42	87.51	82.57							
After 5 yrs	86.52	76.41	88.02	77.43	86.63	77.93	87.19	85.95	88.27	85.05	88.23	81.71									
After 6 yrs	87.13	79.54	87.60	77.10	86.50	77.22	86.56	83.27	87.50	83.50											

\* The "Combined" value is the sum of the "Continuing" and "Graduated" values.

**Table 6**  
**Continuing and Graduation Rates for First-Time Freshmen**  
**Hispanic Graduates of Texas High Schools**  
**2000-2009**

	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		
	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	Top 10%	Non-Top 10%	
<b>Continuing</b>																					
After 1 yr	87.99	86.53	86.61	84.74	88.19	87.10	89.04	88.94	89.74	85.66	89.13	87.88	88.47	85.67	83.41	79.88	87.63	84.18	84.92	92.47	
After 2 yrs	83.76	80.80	82.43	77.70	83.64	80.78	83.68	86.93	82.41	78.09	84.16	80.30	82.36	79.94	79.17	75.51	81.70	81.01			
After 3 yrs	77.83	75.31	76.87	70.19	77.81	72.99	76.34	77.39	75.65	73.31	74.33	75.00	75.79	72.61	72.95	67.93					
After 4 yrs	40.27	38.65	36.17	35.68	38.41	42.34	38.69	40.20	36.53	33.07	33.33	30.68	34.89	34.08							
After 5 yrs	12.35	13.22	10.09	9.86	9.82	11.19	7.93	7.04	8.34	5.58	8.90	9.47									
After 6 yrs	4.23	6.48	3.50	3.99	6.12	5.35	3.50	3.52	2.93	1.59											
<b>Graduated</b>																					
After 1 yr																			0.07	0.00	
After 2 yrs		0.25	0.17			0.24					0.10			0.32							
After 3 yrs	2.88	2.74	3.83	4.23	2.56	3.65	3.96	5.53	3.49	2.39	4.87	2.65	3.34	3.50	2.98	2.62					
After 4 yrs	37.90	32.67	42.26	34.27	39.54	32.12	36.83	37.19	39.57	39.44	42.24	40.15	40.71	36.94							
After 5 yrs	63.28	55.61	66.96	56.57	66.00	57.42	65.15	67.84	64.60	63.75	66.67	65.53									
After 6 yrs	71.07	64.84	72.17	63.15	70.70	62.53	71.10	74.37	70.46	69.72											
<b>Combined*</b>																					
After 1 yr	87.99	86.53	86.61	84.74	88.19	87.10	89.04	88.94	89.74	85.66	89.13	87.88	88.47	85.67	83.41	79.88	87.63	84.18	84.99	92.47	
After 2 yrs	83.76	81.05	82.60	77.70	83.64	81.02	83.68	86.93	82.41	78.09	84.26	80.30	82.36	80.26	79.17	75.51	81.70	81.01			
After 3 yrs	80.71	78.05	80.70	74.42	80.37	76.64	80.30	82.92	79.14	75.70	79.20	77.65	79.13	76.11	75.93	70.55					
After 4 yrs	78.17	71.32	78.43	69.95	77.95	74.46	75.52	77.39	76.10	72.51	75.57	70.83	75.60	71.02							
After 5 yrs	75.63	68.83	77.05	66.43	75.82	68.61	73.08	74.88	72.94	69.33	75.57	75.00									
After 6 yrs	75.30	71.32	75.67	67.14	76.82	67.88	74.60	77.89	73.39	71.31											

\* The "Combined" value is the sum of the "Continuing" and "Graduated" values.