

**SECTION 4: UNIVERSITY DATA: ATTRITION AND GRADUATION RATES**

Table 4.6: Comparisons of Selected College/University Average Retention Rates 2008 – 2010

	Average Retention from Previous Four Years		
	2008	2009	2010
<b>Creighton University</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>88%</b>
Boston College	96%	95%	96%
Iowa State University	85%	84%	85%
Loyola University - Chicago	84%	84%	85%
Marquette University	90%	90%	89%
Saint Louis University	84%	84%	84%
University of Iowa	84%	83%	84%
University of Nebraska – Lincoln	84%	84%	84%
University of Nebraska – Omaha	72%	72%	72%
University of Notre Dame	98%	98%	98%
Valparaiso University	84%	84%	84%
Xavier University	88%	87%	86%

Source: *U.S. News & World Report, America's Best Colleges*

N.B. In Table 4.6, the average freshman retention rate is based on a four-year average as reported in *U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Colleges*. For example, the Fall 2010 rate is based on the average return rate of freshmen starting in Fall 2006 through Fall 2009 who returned the following fall.