

FALL-TO-FALL

FIRST-YEAR RETENTION

Share of first-time, first-year students who returned to Hope College for their second fall, for the ten entering cohorts from Fall 2016 through Fall 2025.

90.6%

FALL 2025 COHORT

789 of 871 students returned for Fall 2026

+0.9 pts

CHANGE VS. 2024

Up from 89.6% for the Fall 2024 cohort

89.4%

10-YEAR RATE

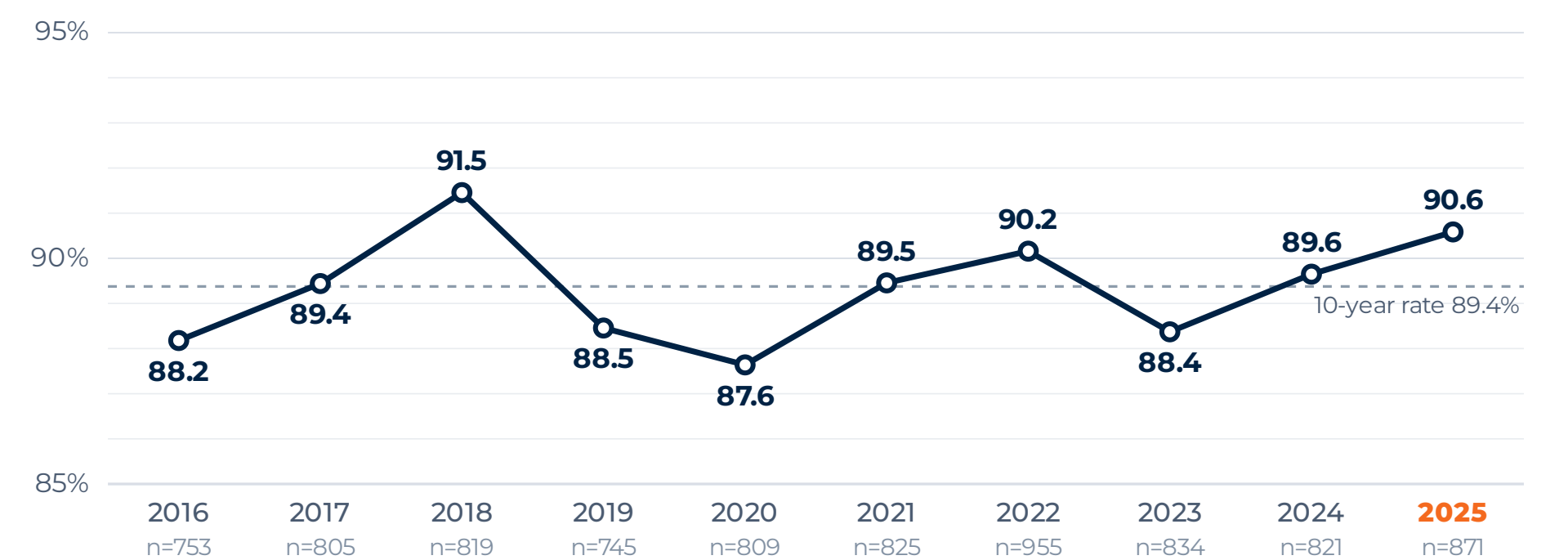
7,362 of 8,237 students across all ten cohorts

AT A GLANCE

The Fall 2025 cohort posted a 90.6% retention rate, the highest since 2018 (91.5%) and 1.2 points above the ten-year rate. First-generation students led the gains, rising 5.8 points to 88.5%, their best mark in the series, and White students reached a ten-year high of 92.5%. Rates for Pell recipients and male students slipped from 2024.

OVERALL RETENTION TREND

Percent of each entering cohort retained to the following fall. Dashed line shows the pooled ten-year rate.



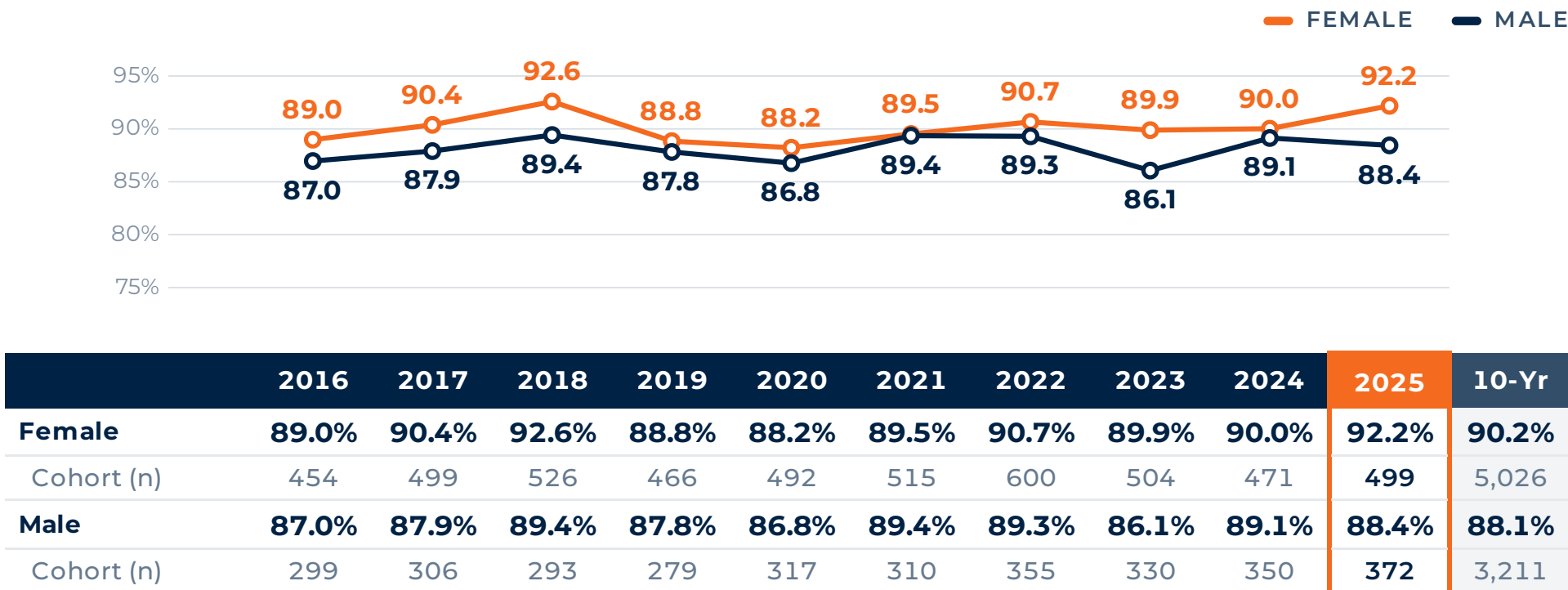
COHORT DETAIL

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	10-Yr
Cohort size	753	805	819	745	809	825	955	834	821	871	8,237
Retained	664	720	749	659	709	738	861	737	736	789	7,362
Not retained	89	85	70	86	100	87	94	97	85	82	875
Retention rate	88.2%	89.4%	91.5%	88.5%	87.6%	89.5%	90.2%	88.4%	89.6%	90.6%	89.4%

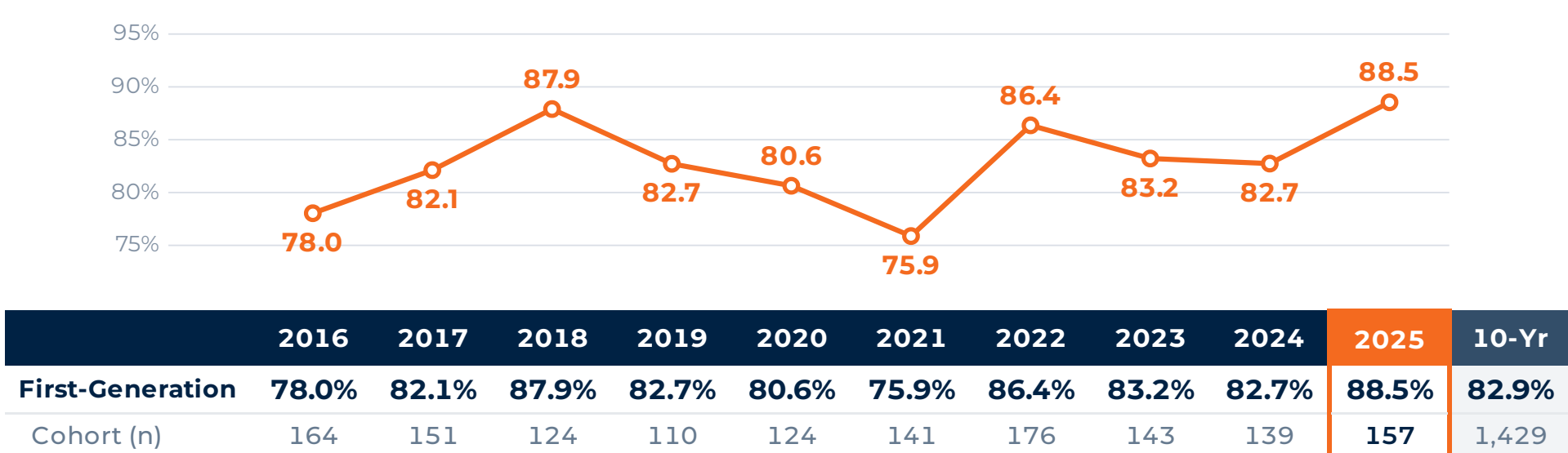
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RETENTION BY STUDENT GROUP

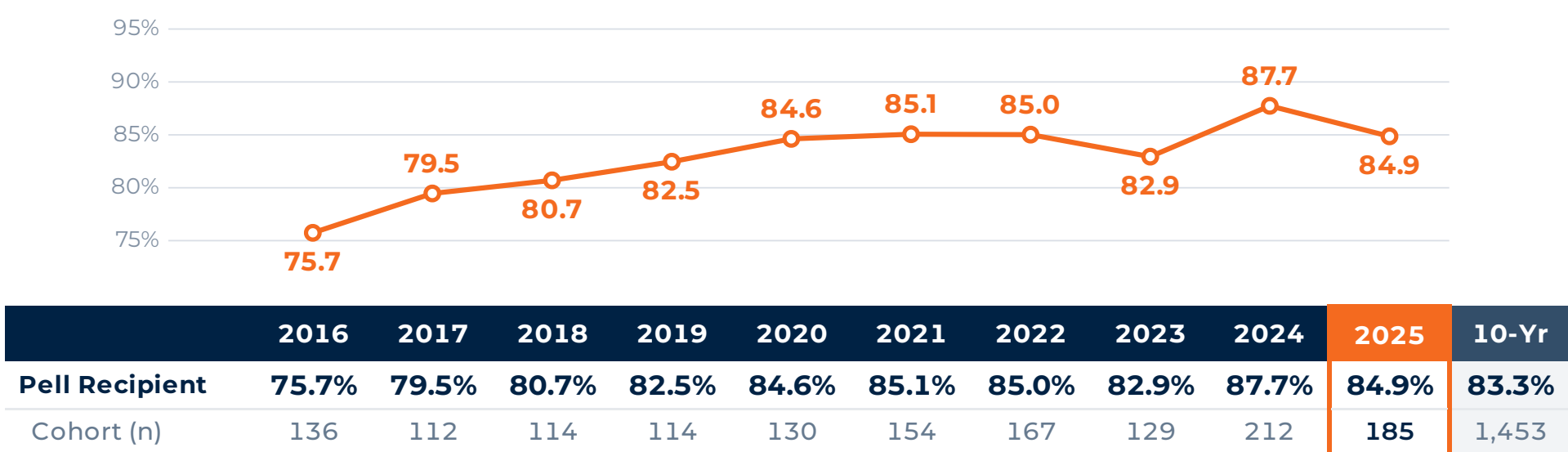
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FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS



PELL RECIPIENTS



RACE AND ETHNICITY

Race / Ethnicity	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	10-Yr
Asian	93.3% n=15	80.0% n=10	90.5% n=21	89.5% n=19	86.7% n=15	81.0% n=21	92.9% n=28	100.0% n=22	90.9% n=22	84.2% n=19	89.6% n=192
Black or African American	75.0% n=20	93.1% n=29	100.0% n=17	100.0% n=18	82.6% n=23	82.4% n=34	77.1% n=35	78.1% n=32	81.8% n=44	76.7% n=30	83.3% n=282
Hispanic	76.6% n=77	81.0% n=58	87.9% n=58	78.3% n=60	87.1% n=70	91.5% n=71	86.7% n=75	80.8% n=73	89.2% n=93	87.2% n=94	84.9% n=729
Two or More Races	77.8% n=18	85.7% n=28	89.2% n=37	80.8% n=26	86.7% n=30	82.8% n=29	86.1% n=36	82.4% n=34	100.0% n=29	88.6% n=35	86.4% n=302
White	90.2% n=600	89.8% n=650	91.6% n=651	89.5% n=600	87.8% n=650	90.3% n=660	91.2% n=737	89.3% n=645	89.6% n=613	92.5% n=651	90.2% n=6,457
International	94.4% n=18	100.0% n=17	89.5% n=19	78.6% n=14	88.9% n=18	82.4% n=17	92.9% n=28	92.9% n=14	96.0% n=25	86.2% n=29	90.5% n=199
Unknown	80.0% n=5	100.0% n=13	100.0% n=16	100.0% n=7	n<5	–	93.3% n=15	100.0% n=13	94.1% n=17	72.7% n=11	93.9% n=99

Cells with fewer than 5 students are suppressed. American Indian/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander students are included in overall totals but not shown separately.