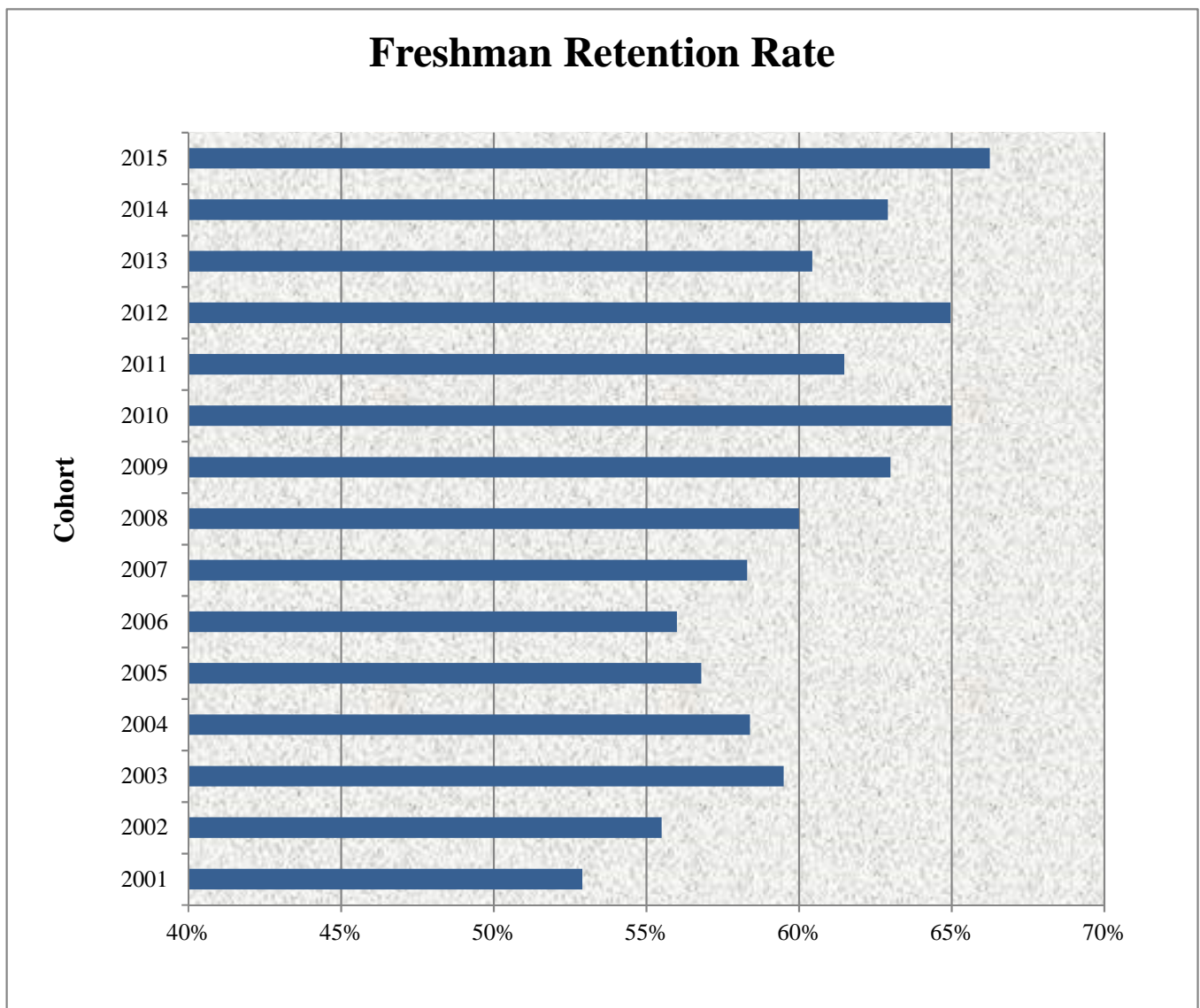


Freshman Retention Rates

The retention rate measures the percentage of freshmen who continue into their sophomore year at Fort Lewis College, by cohort. A cohort represents all first-time, full-time freshman students who started in the Fall of the year shown. Therefore, the retention rate shown represents the portion of those students that returned to school the following Fall semester.

Freshman retention rates represent a commonly accepted measure of success for first-time, full-time freshman students, and have historically been included in performance measures.



The College has invested significant resources over the past few years in developing programs to increase freshman retention. The general increase over 2002 data indicates that these efforts/programs have been effective.