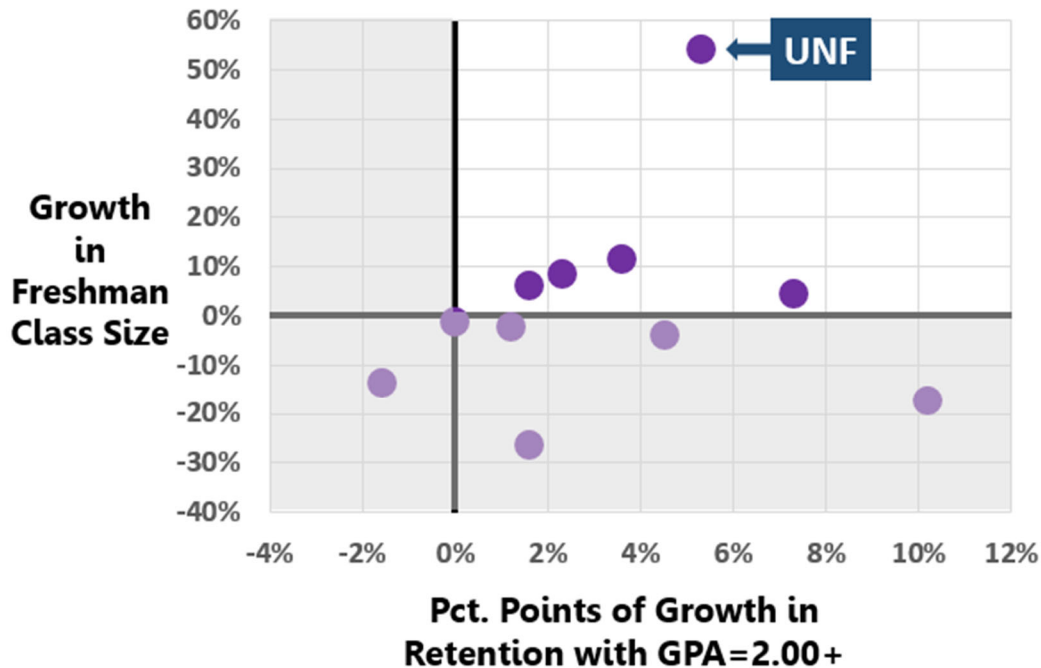




Growing with Quality

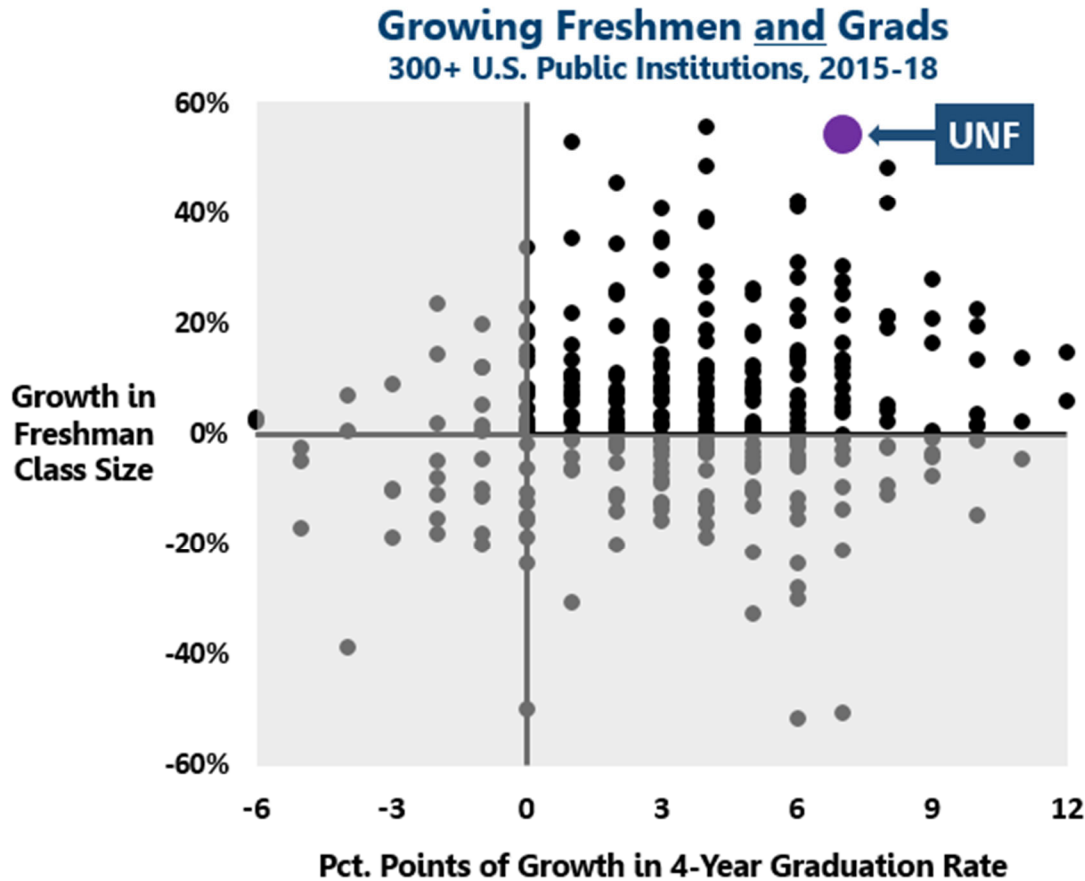
SUS Freshman Classes (Summer & Fall), 2015-18



Highlights:

- **We're #1 in the SUS!** As shown above, nobody in the SUS has had a better combination of growth in the size *and* quality of their freshman class! It's not even close.
- In fact, **we're #1 in the United States!** No comparable institution in the United States has had a better combination of freshman class size and quality increases!

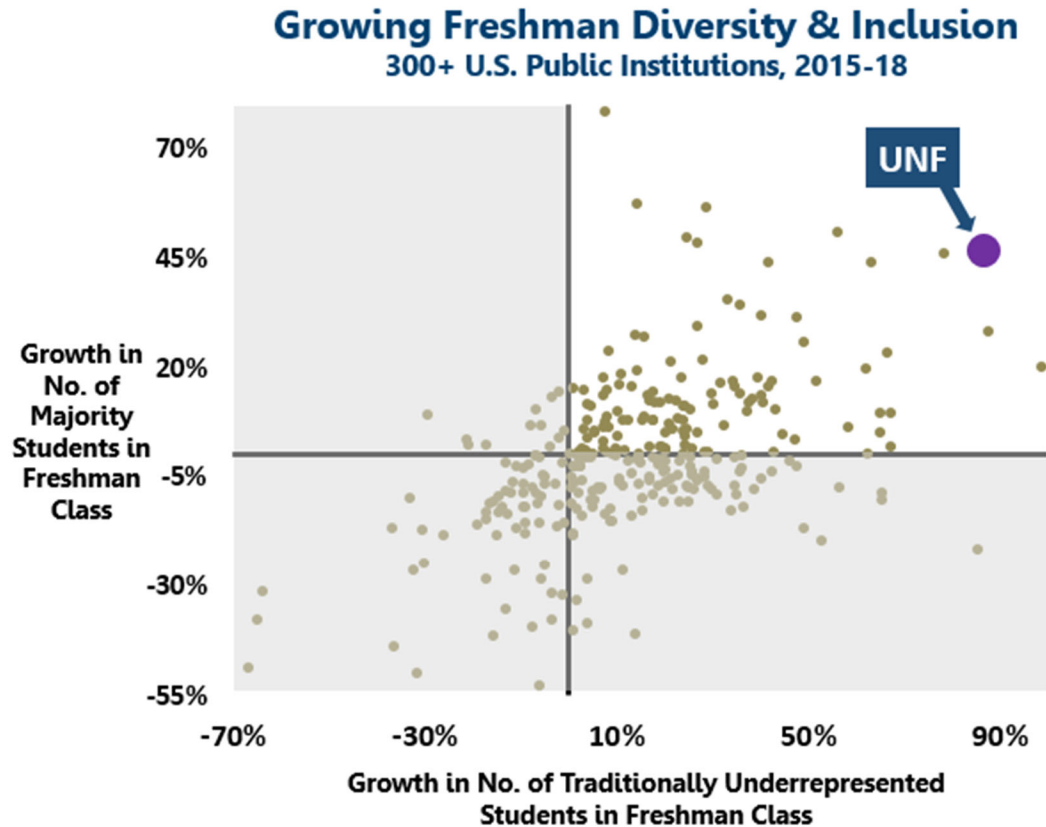
Source: Retention with GPA=2.00+ data are from SUS Board of Governors performance-based funding results for metric #5. Freshman class sizes and the national comparison group are from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) data on 303 public doctoral & master's large institutions with 2015 freshman cohort size of at least 1000.



UNF is a national leader on growth with quality!

- Not only are our larger freshman groups retaining better (see the previous Data Byte), but our freshmen from four years prior are also graduating at a much higher rate.
- As shown above, no comparable school in the U.S. has been better at simultaneously growing its freshman class size and its four-year graduation rate.
- Our freshman class size grew by the **second-highest amount in the United States**, and our grad rate improvement was in the **top 25** among all growing schools.

Source: Freshman class sizes and four-year graduation rates for the national comparison group are Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) data for 2015 and 2018 on 303 public doctoral & master's large institutions with 2015 freshman cohort size of at least 1000. One school was omitted due to a suspected data error.



We still have miles to go, but UNF has been a national leader in growing freshman diversity, inclusion, and opportunity:

- The number of traditionally underrepresented students in our freshman class grew by **180%** from 2015 to 2019.
- As shown above, the growth from 2015 to 2018 – the most recent year for which data is available for all schools – was **87%**, the **third-highest growth rate in the U.S.**
- The 2015-18 growth was **41 percentage points** higher than the growth in majority students, which was itself the **eighth-highest in the U.S.**
- UNF accounted for **45% of the SUS's system-wide growth** in freshmen from underrepresented populations from 2015 to 2018, despite having only about 5% of the system's total enrollment.

We are committed to enhancing resources to support our students and intentionally working towards inclusive excellence. Please be sure your students are aware of the resources and events that the [Department of Diversity Initiatives](#) hosts weekly. For resources and ways to get involved for staff and faculty please visit the [Commission of Diversity and Inclusion](#) and the [Office of Equal Opportunity and Inclusion](#) websites.

Source: Freshman class sizes and diversity numbers for the national comparison group are Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) data on new First-Time-in-College students for 2015 and 2018 on 301 public doctoral & master's large institutions with 2015 freshman cohort size of at least 1000. Traditionally underrepresented students include Black or African-American, Hispanic, Native American, Native Alaskan, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, and multiracial students. Two schools were omitted due to missing data.