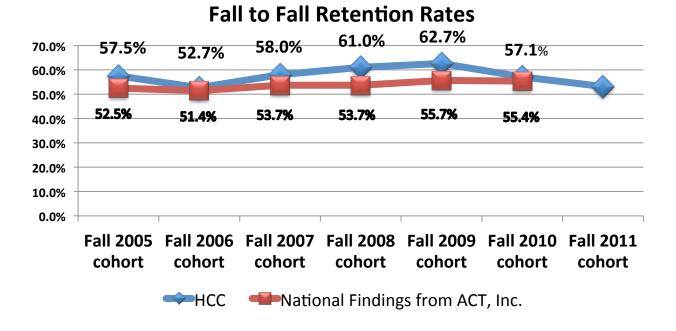
## HCC FAST FACTS

Housatonic Community College is exceeding the average retention rates found for two-year colleges. In an article recently published in the Community College Iournal (April/May 2011 issue), *Making Progress? Retention Rates on the Rise*, it was proudly reported that retention rates at two year colleges reached fifty-six percent (55.7%), the highest in twentyseven years of research. This information resulted in a longitudinal research study conducted by ACT, Inc.

Housatonic Community College, however, has exceeded the average retention rate for public two-year colleges in the U.S. and is at sixty-three percent (62.7%) for fall 2009 to fall 2010 retention for its first time full time degree seeking students.

Read the full report from ACT, Inc. To find the national average retention rates for 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 & 2010 cohorts from ACT, Inc please click here.



\*Retention rate calculated as the number of first time/full time degree seeking students entering in the fall cohort and registered the following fall semester. Fall semester dates 9/12/05, 9/12/06, 9/13/07, 9/16/08, 9/8/09, 9/13/10, 9/12/11

