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Pandemic Impact on Community College Students and Their Pathways to a Baccalaureate: Latest Updates for Fall 2022

Transfer and Progress Report Data Dashboard Guiding Questions

These guiding questions facilitate an exploration of the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center's [Transfer and Progress report data dashboard](#), which details the latest transfer enrollment and pathways data by student demographics and institutional characteristics, in addition to early outcomes for pandemic-impacted community college entering cohorts. For more information, visit the [ARCC Network website](#) and watch a [video of the webinar](#).

How did six-year completion rates differ by race/ethnicity for upward transfer students in the fall 2014, fall 2015, and fall 2016 community college entering cohorts?

Completion rates for Black students by year 6 were 4.1 percentage points higher for the 2016 cohort than for the 2014 cohort. Six-year completion rates for White, Latinx, and Asian upward transfer students were about 2 percentage points higher for the 2016 cohort than the 2014 cohort.

How to navigate the dashboard:

1. Go to dashboard Tab 5: Progress of Community College Entering Cohorts.
2. See Figure 29a. Cumulative Outcome as a Share for Community College Entering Cohorts.
3. On the right side of the figure, you can find filters for Transfer Pathway, Outcome Year, Race/Ethnicity, Gender, and Age.
4. To display six-year completion rates for upward transfer students, select Upward Transfer as the Transfer Pathway filter.
5. Then select a race/ethnicity category in the Race/Ethnicity filter.

Is the share of in-state versus out-of-state transfer students in my state different now than it was before the pandemic?

In California, for example, the share of transfer enrollment from out of state increased from 7.2% in fall 2019 (pre-pandemic) to 8.2% in fall 2022. In Wisconsin, the out-of-state share of transfer enrollment increased from 22.9% in fall 2019 to 33.6% in fall 2022. Although out-of-state shares increased in most states from 2019 to 2022, actual counts of transfer students are smaller in 2022 due to an overall decline in the size of transfer enrollment in most states.

How to navigate the dashboard:

1. Go to dashboard Tab 2: Transfer Enrollment by Community College Type, Major, and State.
2. See Figure 12. In-State and Out-of-State Origins as a Share of Statewide Transfer Enrollment and scroll down to find your state.

Outside of students enrolled in broad liberal arts programs, are upward transfer students more likely to change their major after transferring than students who transfer to another two-year institution?

Outside of students enrolled in liberal arts programs, upward transfer students are more likely to maintain their major after transferring than lateral transfer students from community colleges. In fall 2022, about half (49.2%) of non-liberal arts majors at a community college changed their major upon transferring to a four-year institution (upward transfer). This share is even higher among those transferring between community colleges (lateral two-year transfer), with about 60% of these non-liberal arts majors changing major upon transferring.

How to navigate the dashboard:

1. Go to dashboard Tab 2: Transfer Enrollment by Community College Type, Major, and State.
2. See Figure 11. Change of Major across Transfer Pathways.
3. Compare the shares for Upward Transfer and Lateral 2YR Transfer rows in the Non-Liberal Arts Majors column.