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ABSTRACT

This document addresses transfer destinations of CCSF students by tracking students that transferred from community colleges between the Summer 1997 and Spring 2001 terms. Overall, 72,053 students were tracked during the study. A majority (87%) of these students transferred to public schools while a minority (13%) transferred to private schools. Some of the key findings of the report are as follows: (1) 90% of transfer students remained in California; (2) the most popular public transfer institution is San Francisco State University; (3) of the students transferring to California schools, 13% transferred to a private college; (4) the most popular private California colleges are University of San Francisco, Golden Gate University, and Heald College; (5) a slightly higher proportion of African-American and White students transfer to out of state institutions than other ethnic groups; (6) a slightly higher proportion of Filipino students chose to enroll in private institutions than other ethnic groups; (7) Latino students transferred primarily to Californian schools; top out of state schools are Community College of Southern Nevada and University of Texas at El Paso; and (8) Asian/Pacific Islander students transfer to California public institutions in higher proportions than other student groups. (Contains 11 tables.) (MZ)

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Until recently, the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) provided the only source of data for City College student transfers. The CPEC data relies on CSU and UC counts of actual numbers of students transferring from community colleges to CSU and UC in the current year.

Now, City College can track student transfers to most post-secondary institutions within and outside the state, both private and public, through the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC). The NSC keeps student records from more than 80 percent of all post-secondary institutions in the nation.

There are many definitions associated with community college student transfer data. Two of the best known include:

1. **Student Right To Know (SRTK):** based on tracking a cohort of fulltime, first-time freshmen over three years past their initial entry into the college system.
2. **State Chancellor's Office:** focuses on cohorts of new students in fall semesters that subsequently completed 12 or more units and attempted either an English or mathematics transfer-level course in a six-year period following the start of their education.

These cohort definitions differ from the one used in this report. For our purposes, the students tracked are CCSF "leavers." Students' ending term, rather than their starting term, defines the cohort. In this case, we tracked leavers between Summer 1997 and Spring 2001 terms, for a total of four full academic years.

Tracking leavers in this way allows for the observation of everyone enrolled. When examining a starting cohort of students, those still enrolled are counted as unsuccessful. Even with a six-year window after the starting date of enrollment for the State's transfer report, nearly 10 percent of CCSF students remain enrolled. This 10 percent is heavily weighted to basic skills-placed students. The SRTK 3-year cohort amplifies this problem.

The timeframe for tracking students starting, rather than leaving, presents another challenge. In the State's tracking of students, it examines 1993, 1994, and 1995 starting cohorts, clearly presenting more dated information than the 1997 through 2001 leaver cohorts examined in this report. Leaver data provides more current information than when using a starter cohort.

Last, our approach examines the success of all students, not just those who have completed a certain number of units, or who have attempted math or English transfer courses (the State's approach) or are new fulltime students to the College (the SRTK approach). Our method focuses more on all students' successful attainment of their desired educational goals and less on a limited cohort, thereby providing an opportunity to identify ways to better support students' educational interests and needs.

As mentioned, this report examines a total of 72,053 CCSF student leavers from Summer 1997 through Spring 2001. Approximately 25 percent of these students already have a bachelor or

higher degree and most likely enrolled at CCSF to attain a specific skill or competency. Approximately 5 percent of leavers received either a certificate or an associate degree; and 30 percent transferred to other post-secondary institutions, both two and four-year schools. The data from the NSC does not provide us with information about the remaining 40 percent of student leavers.

After reviewing the NSC data for student leavers, we found that:

1. The great majority (90 percent) of student transfers remain in California.
2. The most popular public, post-secondary institution in California is San Francisco State University. A significant number of students transfer to California community colleges, including Skyline, Laney, Foothill, Diablo Valley College, and San Mateo.¹
3. Of the students transferring to California schools, 13 percent transferred to a private college.
4. Among the 10 most popular private California institutions are University of San Francisco, Golden Gate University, and the Heald Colleges.
5. Among the 10 most popular out-of-state schools, four are in New York and six are in the West.
6. A slightly higher proportion of African-American and White students transfer to out-of-state institutions than other ethnic groups. Top choices for African-American students are Clark Atlanta University, Howard University, and Tuskegee University.
7. A slightly higher proportion of Filipino students enrolled in private institutions than other ethnic groups.
8. Latino student transfer primarily to California schools; top out-of-state schools are Community College of Southern Nevada and University of Texas at El Paso.
9. Asian/Pacific Islander students transfer to California public institutions in higher proportions than other student groups.

¹ While many CCSF students enroll in other Bay Area community colleges, approximately an equal number from those same colleges enroll at CCSF. It is part of the “free flow” system within the State’s community colleges that enables students to enroll in any college, not just the one in their service area. New studies within California suggest that students “swirl” through many colleges during their undergraduate career; the old model that envisions a student enrolling in one community college and transferring to one baccalaureate institution is now being replaced with multiple enrollments in many schools.

1. How many CCSF students transfer to California post-secondary institutions? How many transfer to out-of-state institutions?

| Academic Year | Out-of-State Transfer | | California Transfer | | Other Education Goals | |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------|---------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| 1997 | 634 | 4% | 4,898 | 30% | 10,581 | 66% |
| 1998 | 645 | 4% | 4,793 | 28% | 11,654 | 68% |
| 1999 | 519 | 3% | 4,721 | 26% | 12,958 | 71% |
| 2000 | 425 | 2% | 4,616 | 22% | 15,609 | 76% |
| Total: | 2,223 | 3% | 19,028 | 26% | 50,802 | 71% |

2. How many of the California transfer students went to public vs. private colleges?

| Academic year | Private | | Public | | Total |
|---------------|--------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | |
| 1997 | 711 | 15% | 4,187 | 85% | 4,898 |
| 1998 | 636 | 13% | 4,157 | 87% | 4,793 |
| 1999 | 571 | 12% | 4,150 | 88% | 4,721 |
| 2000 | 545 | 12% | 4,071 | 88% | 4,616 |
| Total: | 2,463 | 13% | 16,565 | 87% | 19,028 |

3. What are the top 25 public California colleges for CCSF transfer students?

| California Public College | Approximate Total ² |
|--|--------------------------------|
| 1. San Francisco State University | 8000 |
| 2. Skyline | 2200 |
| 3. University of California - Berkeley | 1200 |
| 4. College of San Mateo | 1200 |
| 5. Laney College | 700 |
| 6. San Jose State University | 700 |
| 7. Foothill College | 500 |
| 8. University of California - Davis | 500 |
| 9. Diablo Valley College | 400 |
| 10. Chabot College | 400 |
| 11. College of Marin | 400 |
| 12. Santa Rosa Junior College | 400 |
| 13. De Anza College | 300 |
| 14. University of California - Los Angeles | 300 |
| 15. Canada College | 300 |
| 16. San Francisco State Continuing Education | 300 |
| 17. Vista College | 300 |

² Approximate totals are used because some students and/or institutions can block data in the NCS system, making it difficult to determine an absolute count.

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| 18. Merritt College | 300 |
| 19. College of Alameda | 200 |
| 20. California State University - Hayward | 200 |
| 21. University of California - Santa Cruz | 200 |
| 22. Contra Costa College | 200 |
| 23. Santa Monica College | 200 |
| 24. University of California - San Francisco | 200 |
| 25. Ohlone College | 200 |

4. What are the top 10 out-of-state institutions accepting CCSF transfer students?

| Out-of-State Colleges | Approximate Total |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. Portland Community College | 100 |
| 2. New York University | 70 |
| 3. Columbia University | 60 |
| 4. Community College of Southern Nevada | 50 |
| 5. Portland State University | 40 |
| 6. Hunter College (City University of New York) | 40 |
| 7. Fashion Institute of Technology | 40 |
| 8. New School University | 30 |
| 9. University of Oregon | 25 |
| 10. Boston College | 25 |
| University of Arizona | 25 |
| Seattle Community College | 25 |
| University of Washington - Seattle | 25 |

5. What are the top 10 California private institutions accepting CCSF transfer students?

| California Private Colleges | Approximate Total |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. University of San Francisco | 700 |
| 2. Golden Gate University | 500 |
| 3. Heald Business College | 400 |
| 4. Academy of Art College | 400 |
| 5. University of Phoenix | 300 |
| 6. Heald Institute of Technology | 200 |
| 7. Mills College | 100 |
| 8. University of Southern California | 70 |
| 9. California Institute of Integral Studies | 60 |
| 10. Devry University - Fremont | 60 |
| Notre Dame De Namur University | 60 |

6. How many students by ethnic group transfer to California vs. out-of-state colleges?

| Ethnic Group | Out-of-State | | California | | Other Education Goals | | Total |
|-------------------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|---------------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | |
| African American | 233 | 4% | 1,238 | 20% | 4,810 | 77% | 6,281 |
| American Indian/Alaskan | 15 | 3% | 100 | 21% | 357 | 76% | 472 |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 313 | 2% | 5,804 | 31% | 12,337 | 67% | 18,454 |
| Filipino | 76 | 1% | 1,584 | 30% | 3,557 | 68% | 5,217 |
| Hispanic/Latino | 208 | 2% | 2,348 | 24% | 7,068 | 73% | 9,624 |
| Other Non White | 30 | 3% | 343 | 29% | 814 | 69% | 1,187 |
| White Non Hispanic | 1,184 | 4% | 6,443 | 24% | 18,947 | 71% | 26,574 |
| Unknown/No Response | 164 | 4% | 1,168 | 28% | 2,912 | 69% | 4,244 |
| Total: | 2,223 | 3% | 19,028 | 26% | 50,802 | 71% | 72,053 |

7. How many students by ethnic group transfer to CSU, UC, or other community colleges?

| Ethnic Group | CCC | | CSU Campuses | | Other Education Goal | | UC Campuses | | Total |
|---------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|----------------------|------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | |
| African American | 529 | 9% | 446 | 7% | 4,810 | 77% | 45 | 1% | 6,281 |
| American Indian | 46 | 10% | 24 | 5% | 357 | 76% | 10 | 2% | 472 |
| Asian | 1,789 | 9% | 2,694 | 15% | 12,337 | 67% | 685 | 4% | 18,454 |
| Filipino | 747 | 14% | 462 | 9% | 3,557 | 68% | 54 | 1% | 5,217 |
| Hispanic/Latino | 1,080 | 11% | 803 | 8% | 7,068 | 73% | 139 | 1% | 9,624 |
| Other Non White | 126 | 10% | 135 | 11% | 814 | 69% | 37 | 3% | 1,187 |
| White Non Hispanic | 2,285 | 8% | 2,612 | 10% | 18,947 | 71% | 640 | 2% | 26,574 |
| Unknown/No Response | 350 | 8% | 544 | 13% | 2,912 | 69% | 125 | 3% | 4,244 |
| Total: | 6,952 | 10% | 7,720 | 11% | 50,802 | 71% | 1,735 | 2% | 72,053 |

8. How many students by ethnic group transfer to private vs. public colleges?

| Ethnic Group | Private | | Public | | Other Education Goals | | Total |
|-------------------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|---------------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | |
| African American | 236 | 4% | 1,235 | 20% | 4,810 | 77% | 6,281 |
| American Indian/Alaskan | 19 | 4% | 96 | 20% | 357 | 76% | 472 |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 657 | 4% | 5,460 | 30% | 12,337 | 67% | 18,454 |
| Filipino | 324 | 6% | 1,336 | 26% | 3,557 | 68% | 5,217 |
| Hispanic/Latino | 335 | 3% | 2,221 | 23% | 7,068 | 73% | 9,624 |
| Other Non White | 49 | 4% | 324 | 27% | 814 | 69% | 1,187 |
| White Non Hispanic | 983 | 4% | 6,644 | 25% | 18,947 | 71% | 26,574 |
| Unknown/No Response | 163 | 4% | 1,169 | 28% | 2,912 | 69% | 4,244 |
| Total: | 2,766 | 4% | 18,485 | 26% | 50,802 | 71% | 72,053 |

9. What institutions do African-American students transfer to?³

| College | Total |
|---|-------|
| San Francisco State University | 386 |
| Skyline College | 97 |
| College of San Mateo | 59 |
| University of Phoenix | 54 |
| Chabot College | 51 |
| University of San Francisco | 34 |
| Heald Business College | 30 |
| University of California - Berkeley | 27 |
| Contra Costa College | 25 |
| Golden Gate University | 25 |
| Foothill College | 22 |
| Los Medanos College | 22 |
| Sacramento City College | 22 |
| Diablo Valley College | 20 |
| San Jose State University | 20 |
| American River College | 16 |
| College of Marin | 16 |
| Solano County Community College | 16 |
| Academy of Art College | 15 |
| Cosumnes River College | 15 |
| Canada College | 13 |
| San Joaquin Delta College | 13 |
| California State University - Sacramento | 12 |
| Santa Rosa Junior College | 11 |
| Napa Valley College | 10 |
| Fresno City College | 9 |
| Clark Atlanta University | 8 |
| Heald Institute of Technology | 8 |
| Howard University | 8 |
| Ohlone College | 8 |
| Santa Monica College | 8 |
| San Francisco State University Continuing Education | 7 |
| Hartnell Community College | 6 |
| Las Positas College | 6 |
| San Diego City College | 6 |
| St Mary's College of California | 6 |
| Tuskegee University | 6 |
| Washington State University | 6 |

³ Omitted from this list are colleges that block all student data in the NCS. Local colleges include CSU-Hayward, Laney, Merritt, Vista, and Alameda Colleges where a significant number of CCSF students go.

10. What institutions do Latino students transfer to?⁴

| College | Total |
|---|--------------|
| San Francisco State University | 709 |
| Skyline College | 318 |
| College of San Mateo | 136 |
| University of California - Berkeley | 88 |
| Heald Business College | 86 |
| Diablo Valley College | 61 |
| University of San Francisco | 49 |
| Chabot College | 46 |
| Foothill College | 43 |
| San Jose State University | 43 |
| Academy of Art College | 41 |
| College of Marin | 36 |
| Contra Costa College | 35 |
| Canada College | 34 |
| De Anza College | 33 |
| Los Medanos College | 33 |
| Golden Gate University | 31 |
| University of Phoenix | 26 |
| Heald Institute of Technology | 20 |
| Sacramento City College | 19 |
| Santa Monica College | 18 |
| Hartnell Community College | 17 |
| American River College | 15 |
| San Francisco State University Continuing Education | 15 |
| Napa Valley College | 14 |
| Santa Rosa Junior College | 14 |
| University of California - Davis | 14 |
| Ohlone College | 13 |
| Cosumnes River College | 12 |
| San Diego Mesa College | 12 |
| University of California - Los Angeles | 12 |
| Las Positas College | 11 |
| San Diego City College | 10 |
| Santa Ana College | 10 |
| University of California - Santa Cruz | 10 |
| Community College of Southern Nevada | 9 |
| San Joaquin Delta College | 9 |
| Devry University - Fremont | 8 |
| Fresno City College | 8 |
| Los Angeles City College | 8 |
| Modesto Junior College | 8 |
| Notre Dame De Namur University | 8 |
| Los Angeles Valley College | 7 |
| University of Texas at El Paso | 7 |

⁴ Omitted from this list are colleges that block all student data in the NSC. Local colleges include CSU-Hayward, Laney, Merritt, Vista, and Alameda Colleges where a significant number of CCSF students go.

11. What institutions do Asian/Pacific Island students transfer to?⁵

| College | Total |
|---|--------------|
| San Francisco State University | 2,246 |
| Skyline College | 699 |
| University of California - Berkeley | 371 |
| San Jose State University | 313 |
| College of San Mateo | 282 |
| Golden Gate University | 155 |
| University of California – Davis | 127 |
| Foothill College | 126 |
| DeAnza College | 115 |
| Heald Buiness College | 93 |
| Academic of Art College | 90 |
| Chabot College | 81 |
| University of San Francisco | 79 |
| University of California - Los Angeles | 65 |
| Diablo Valley College | 60 |
| Ohlone College | 54 |
| Cal Polytechnic State University | 52 |
| University of California - San Diego | 49 |
| University of Phoenix | 46 |
| Heald Institute of Technology | 40 |
| Sacramento City College | 40 |
| Canada College | 39 |
| San Francisco State University Continuing Education | 36 |
| University of California - Santa Cruz | 31 |
| Santa Monica College | 29 |
| College of Marin | 28 |
| Devry University - Fremont | 23 |
| Pasadena City College | 22 |
| University of Southern California | 19 |
| New York University | 15 |
| University of California - Santa Barbara | 15 |
| Hartnell Community College | 14 |
| American River College - Los Rios District | 12 |
| Contra Costa College | 12 |
| Mount San Antonio College | 12 |
| University of California - Irvine | 12 |
| California State University - Long Beach | 11 |
| Mission College | 11 |
| Notre Dame De Namur University | 10 |
| Samuel Merritt College | 10 |
| Santa Clara University | 10 |
| University of California - Extension | 10 |
| California State Polytechnic | 9 |
| Cosumnes River College - Los Rios District | 9 |

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