The New Transfer Marketplace
Student Mobility and Transfer
*Patterns and Success Outcomes*

Transfer Solutions through
Cross-Organization Alignment
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Outline

1. What transfer looks like in the NSC data
2. Scale and patterns of transfer
   • Pathways
   • Timing
3. Completion rates for two-year starters & transfers from two-year to four-year institutions
   • Student enrollment behaviors
4. Summary
What transfer looks like in the NSC data

• Anytime, anywhere, any institution type, any state
• Timing, duration, outcomes
  – Origin and destination institutions
  – Enrollment terms, dates, intensity
  – Graduation dates and (most of time) degree type and major
• Academic progress
  – No data on credits or remediation
• May be just swirl
  – Mobility or Change of institution
One-Third of Students Enroll in a Different Institution within the First 5 Years

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Five-Year Mobility & Transfer Rates by Sector & Level of Origin Institution

- Public
- Private Nonprofit
- Private For-Profit
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- Private For-Profit

% of Students Who Initially Enrolled

- Two-Year
- Four-Year

Origin Institution
Timing of First Mobility or Transfer, For 2006 Cohort

Year 1 (2006-07) - 15.5%
Year 2 (2007-08) - 37.1%
Year 3 (2008-09) - 25.2%
Year 4 (2009-10) - 13.3%
Year 5 (2010-11) - 8.9%
Mobility & Transfer Rates by Level of Origin and Destination Institution

- Two-Year: 13.0%
- Four-Year: 20.1%

- Two-Year: 16.4%
- Four-Year: 16.7%
27 Percent of All Students Who Changed Institutions Also Crossed a State Line

Institutional Origins of Transfer Students

- Public
- Private Nonprofit
- Private For-Profit
- Transferred Out of State
- Transferred Within State

Two-Year

Four-Year
Six-Year Completions at Four-Year Institutions for Fall 2007
Two-Year Starters (N=857,600)

- Overall (N=857,607)
  - With Degree or Cert from 2-Yr: 10.0%
  - Without Degree or Cert from 2-Yr: 7.1%

- Exclusively Full-Time (N=200,039)
  - With Degree or Cert from 2-Yr: 17.2%
  - Without Degree or Cert from 2-Yr: 11.8%

- Exclusively Part-Time (N=78,883)
  - With Degree or Cert from 2-Yr: 1.9%
  - Without Degree or Cert from 2-Yr: 0.7%

- Mixed Enrollment (N=578,686)
  - With Degree or Cert from 2-Yr: 4.4%
  - Without Degree or Cert from 2-Yr: 10.7%
Six-Year Completions at Four-Year Institutions for Fall 2007 Two-Year Starters (N=851,600)

- **20 or Younger (N=618,785)**
  - With Degree or Cert from 2-Yr: 8.3%
  - Without Degree or Cert from 2-Yr: 12.1%

- **>20–24 (N=74,504)**
  - With Degree or Cert from 2-Yr: 4.0%
  - Without Degree or Cert from 2-Yr: 5.5%

- **Over Age 24 (N=158,294)**
  - With Degree or Cert from 2-Yr: 3.8%
  - Without Degree or Cert from 2-Yr: 4.5%
Community College Transfer

- 17% of students who start at a two-year institution complete at a four-year within six years.
- This report looks at the completion rates for a transfer cohort.
- What percent of those who transfer complete a four-year degree?
- What enrollment behaviors correspond to success?
Type of Four-Year Destination Institution
2005-'06 Transfer Cohort (N=356,842)

- Public: 68.6%
- Private Non-Profit: 20.8%
- Private For-Profit: 10.6%
Exclusively Full-Time: 37.0%

Exclusively Part-Time: 8.4%

Mixed Enrollment: 54.7%

Post-Transfer Enrollment Intensity
2005–'06 Transfer Cohort
Outcomes of Students who Transferred from Two-Year to Four-Year Institutions in 2005/06, 6 years after transfer

- Not Enrolled (At Any Institution): 26.6%
- Completion or Still Enrolled in Two-Year Sector: 4.0%
- Still Enrolled at Four-Year Institution: 7.8%
- Completion at Four-Year Institution: 61.6%

N=320,911
Six-Year Outcomes by Enrollment Intensity

- **Exclusively Full-Time (n=118,058)**: Not Enrolled 18.0%, Still Enrolled 80.2%
- **Exclusively Part-Time (n=26,787)**: Not Enrolled 24.5%, Still Enrolled 66.7%
- **Mixed (n=174,570)**: Not Enrolled 11.7%, Still Enrolled 33.2%, Completion at Four-Year Institution 55.0%
Six-Year Outcomes by Associate’s Degree Status

Transfer With 2-yr Degree/Cert. (n=115,769)

- Still Enrolled at a 4-yr Institution: 5.6%
- Degree from a 4-yr Institution: 71.6%

Transfer Without 2-yr Degree/Cert. (n=205,141)

- Still Enrolled at a 4-yr Institution: 9.0%
- Degree from a 4-yr Institution: 55.9%
Six-Year Outcomes by Type of Destination Institution

- Public (n=232,542):
  - Still Enrolled at a 4-yr Institution: 7.1%
  - Degree from a 4-yr Institution: 64.8%

- Private Nonprofit (n=63,162):
  - Still Enrolled at a 4-yr Institution: 8.0%
  - Degree from a 4-yr Institution: 60.2%

- Private For-Profit (n=25,170):
  - Still Enrolled at a 4-yr Institution: 13.5%
  - Degree from a 4-yr Institution: 35.1%
# Outcomes by Institution Type and Enrollment Intensity

## Transfers to Four-Year Public Institutions

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## Transfers to Four-Year Private Nonprofit Institutions

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- **Not Enrolled (at any 4-Yr)**
- **Still enrolled at 4-Yr**
- **Completion at 4-Yr**
Six-Year Outcomes by Timing of Transfer, Since Last 2-year Enrollment

Timing of transfer, from last 2-yr enrollment

- Within One Year (n=263,587)
  - 66.3%
  - Still Enrolled at a 4-yr Institution
- More Than One Year (n=57,324)
  - 12.3%
  - Degree from a 4-yr Institution
Six-Year Outcomes by Number of Terms Enrolled Before Transfer

**Students With Pre-transfer Degree**

- One to Three (n=6,649): 62.2%
- Four to Six (n=40,421): 75.9%
- More Than Six (n=68,700): 69.9%

**Students Without Pre-transfer Degree**

- One to Three (n=76,768): 48.6%
- Four to Six (n=69,316): 59.6%
- More Than Six (n=59,058): 61.1%
Key Numbers

- **Mobility & Transfer**
  - 1/3 of all students transfer or enroll elsewhere.

- **Completion**
  - 17% of 2-year starters complete a 4-year degree within 6 years of starting.
  - 61% of 2-to-4 transfer students complete degree within 6 years of transfer.
Student behaviors matter

- 2-yr to 4-yr Transfer Behaviors
  - Higher completion with Full-Time enrollment
  - Higher completion with Associate’s degree
  - Higher completion at Public 4-years
  - Higher completion with 4 to 6 terms at 2-year institution
  - Higher completion with immediate transfer
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