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TRANSFER REPORT FALL 2007 TO FALL 2008

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Introduction

Each year, the Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE) reports on the numbers of students who transfer from two-year colleges to public four-year colleges. The data is limited to Colorado public colleges. Additionally, students who transfer to four-year colleges are determined based on the transfer status of those students provided by the transfer college, so many students who transfer may be missed. The reported result for CDHE for CCCS students transferring in 2007-08 was 4,529 students with most students transferring to Metropolitan State College of Denver. The CDHE report is available online at

http://highered.colorado.gov/Publications/Reports/Enrollment/FY2008/2008_Transfer_Summary_rel061209.pdf

Because CCCS wanted information on all of the colleges to which students transfer, both public and private, and information regarding the status and intent of students who transferred, the CCCS Research Office matched students with the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) to get more comprehensive information.

Based on the National Student Clearinghouse data, 10,407 students were found to be attending or transferred to another college in Fall 2008. This is a much larger number of students than CDHE was able to find because it includes private colleges as well.

AY2007 Transfers

10,407 students attending a Colorado Community College System (CCCS) college in Fall 2007 transferred to another institution of higher education in Fall 2008. This amounts to 15.1% of the 68,980 students sampled. Of the transfers, 1,244 were attending a CCCS college at the same time.

Table 1. CCCS Fall Students Transferred to Other Institutions In Following Fall

	Fall 2007 to Fall 2008		Fall 2006 to Fall 2007	
	Headcount	Percent of Cohort	Headcount	Percent of Cohort
Original Cohort*	68,980	100.0%	66,975	100.0%
Transfers**	10,407	15.1%	10,134	15.1%
Concurrent Transfers***	1,244	1.8%	NA	NA

*The original cohort includes all countable undergraduates selected from the Fall 2007 Demographic file in the Student Tracking System, duplicated across CCCS colleges.

**Transfers are students who attended or graduated from another institution in Fall 2008, according to the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC). Transfers do not include those who withdrew from the transfer institution that term. A student's enrollment status before or after that term is not included in the analysis. NSC matching was performed on student name and date of birth, and resulted in a 97% match rate. Not all institutions participate in NSC. Data include all instances of a student's attendance at multiple CCCS and non-CCCS institutions.

*** Concurrent transfers are those who were attending a CCCS college as well as another institution in Fall 2008. They are included in the transfer headcount and percentage.

The majority, 91.8 percent, of transfer students attended a four-year institution (Table 2) with 86.8 percent of the students attending a public institution (Table 3). Of those at public colleges, 90.6 percent were at a public, four-year college.

Table 2. Two-Year and Four-Year Transfer Colleges Compared to Public and Private Transfer Colleges

	Total	Public	Private	All
Four-Year	91.8%	8,188	1,361	9,549
Two-Year	8.2%	850	8	858
Total	100.0%	9,038	1,369	10,407

Table 3. Type of Transfer Institution

	Colorado	All
Public	74.0%	86.8%
Private	7.2%	13.2%
Total	81.2%	100.0%

In Fall 2007, 64.7 percent of those who eventually transferred were attending part-time (Table 4). This is very similar to the percentage of part-time students in the overall fall 2007 population for CCCS, 66.7 percent. As well, 64 percent had attended college before. 12.9 percent of students who transferred in fall 2008 were new to college in fall 2007 compared to 22 percent of the overall population being new to college.

Table 4. Enrollment Status in Fall 2007

	Transfers	All Students
Part-Time	64.7%	66.7%
Full-Time	35.3%	33.3%
Continuing Student	64.0%	63.0%
New First Time Anywhere	12.9%	22.0%
Transfer Student	12.0%	9.0%
Unknown ¹	5.5%	NA
Readmit	4.0%	NA
High School Student	1.6%	6.0%

Note 1: Unknown includes CCD Consortium Students.

Table 5 displays the student's intended credential before transferring, represented here by the degree or certificate program declared in Fall 2007. About one-third of all students who transferred had declared they wanted an AA or AS degree. Another one-third identified themselves as non-degree seeking or undeclared before transferring a year later. This suggests these students planned on attending another institution after they attended a CCCS college. Although they planned on transferring, they elected to take some classes at CCCS rather than pursue a full associate's degree program.

Table 5. Student Intent Prior To Transfer

AA/AS Degree	34.4%
Non-Degree Seeking	20.9%
Undeclared	14.8%
AAS Degree	12.3%
AGS Degree	11.7%
Certificate	5.0%
Unknown	0.8%

About five percent of transfers obtained a credential at CCCS the Fall term before transferring. The majority, about 60 percent, of these were AA and AS degrees. Approximately one quarter of completers obtained a certificate instead (Table 6).

Table 6. Transfers Who Completed Credential at CCCS Institution in Fall 2007

AA/AS Degree	59.8%	302
Certificate	23.4%	118
AAS Degree	8.5%	43
AGS Degree	8.3%	42
	100.0%	505

The most common transfer destination overall was Metropolitan State College of Denver, claiming 26.4 percent of all transfers. Colorado State University drew the next largest number, at 10.8 percent. All of the top five destinations were public institutions (Table 7). The top private institution was Regis University, drawing 4.5 percent of transfer students.

Table 7. Top Five Transfer Destinations

Metropolitan State	2,747	26.4%
CSU	1,123	10.8%
UCD	754	7.2%
UCCS	599	5.8%
UCB	561	5.4%



Table 8 identifies, for each CCCS college, the number of transfers and their top destinations. CCD had the highest percentage of their students transfer (23.8%). The lowest percentage of students, 9.7 percent, transferred from PCC. Colorado State University (CSU), including CSU’s Pueblo campus, was the top destination for six of the 13 community colleges. Metropolitan State College of Denver was the top destination for four.

Table 8. Transfers by Originating College

Originating College	Transfer to 2 yr	Transfer to 4 yr	Total	Transfers As Percent of Total Students	Top Transfer Destination
ACC	58	824	882	13.5%	Metropolitan State
CCA	29	616	645	13.2%	Metropolitan State
CCD	82	1,913	1,995	23.8%	Metropolitan State
CNCC	46	203	249	17.4%	Mesa State
FRCC	239	2,342	2,581	16.9%	CSU
LCC	30	141	171	15.0%	CSU
MCC	31	254	285	16.3%	CSU
NJC	36	322	358	13.1%	CSU
OJC	17	195	212	13.7%	CSU Pueblo
PCC	42	448	490	9.7%	CSU Pueblo
PPCC	160	1,156	1,316	11.5%	UCCS
RRCC	72	963	1,035	14.6%	Metropolitan State
TSJC	16	172	188	10.9%	Adams State
Total	858	9,549	10,407	15.1%	Metropolitan State



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In Colorado, the following institutions with enrollment of 1,000 or more do not participate in the National Student Clearinghouse:

- Colorado Technical University
- Westwood College
- United States Air Force Academy
- The Art Institute of Colorado
- Parks College
- Colorado College
- Denver Automotive & Diesel