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Transfers Report

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# Introduction

The following report provides descriptive statistics for entering undergraduate transfer students in the University of Maine System (UMS). The first section of the report contains descriptive statistics about entering transfer students, including their outgoing institution, entering UMS institution, student demographics, and popular programs of study. The second section reviews transfer students’ academic history, including data related to the number of institutions attended prior to transferring, the type of first post-secondary institution attended, and academic awards earned prior to transferring. The third section contains performance metrics for transfers students and first-time undergraduates, including first-term average GPA, first year credits attempted and passed, return rates, and outcomes. The last section of the report includes data specific to first-time bachelor’s degree recipients and provides statistics specific to their academic history prior to degree completion.

**Notes:**

1. Enrollment records found in the NSC’s StudentTracker Database for students under the age of 18 at the time of enrollment (i.e., early college and other dual enrollment programs for high school students) are excluded from analyses.
2. Some totals may not appear to be summed correctly due to rounding.

**Data Sources:** PeopleSoft Database; the University of Maine System.

StudentTracker Database; National Student Clearinghouse.

# Summary

* Entering transfer students increased in Fall 2023 from last fall (+12.4%) and five years ago (+8.4%). MCCS transfers increased from last fall (+9.4%) and decreased from five years ago (-18.8%). Internal transfers decreased -12.1% from last fall and were down -18.2% from five years ago. External transfers increased by +21.3% from last fall and +37.6% compared to Fall 2019. More than half (61.0%) of all transfers in Fall 2023 came from outside of the MCCS and UMS systems. 39.7% of all MCCS transfers in Fall 2023 came from the Southern Maine Community College (SMCC) and USM received 32.8% of all MCCS transfers. UMA received the second largest proportion of MCCS transfers (28.5%) in the same semester. For MCCS transfers in Fall 2023, UMFK’s RN to BSN Nursing Program was the most popular academic plan (8.4% enrolled), followed by elementary education (6.0% enrolled), and mental health and human services (5.4% enrolled).
* Over a quarter (26.6%) of transfer students entering in Fall 2023 had attended 3 or more separate post-secondary institutions prior to transferring into the UMS (excluding early college/dual enrollment participation). This group increased +28.8% from last year and showed an increase of +36.7% from five years ago. Most entering transfers in Fall 2023 initially enrolled at a 4-year institution (50.8% of all transfers) that was publicly controlled (71.0% of all transfers) and located in the northeast (60.5% of all transfers). Most (55.2%) MCCS transfers in Fall 2023 completed some form of academic credential prior to entering the UMS, with 47.0% having completed an associate’s degree prior to entry. Overall, 37.6% of transfers in Fall 2022 had completed an academic credential prior to transferring into the UMS.
* Overall, entering transfer students in Fall 2023 had higher first term GPAs (ranging from 3.04 to 3.14 depending on transfer type) than undergraduates entering the UMS as first-time post-secondary students (2.93). Entering transfer students from the MCCS from Fall 2023 passed a higher proportion of credit hours attempted in their first academic year (86.1%) compared to internal UMS transfers (85.0%) and external transfers (83.5%), though they completed a lower rate of credits than first-time students (86.5%). In their first academic year, first-time undergraduates entering in Fall 2023 attempted and passed more credit hours on average (27.4 and 23.7 respectively) than transfer students overall (24.6 and 20.7). In Fall 2023, the overall return rate for transfer students (65.6%) was lower than the return rate for first-time students (75.2%). MCCS transfers returned at a higher rate (72.1%) than all other entering transfer student types.Both transfer and first-time undergraduates had similar outcomes after 4 and 6 years. 48.8% of all transfer students entering in Fall 2018 had completed a credential at their entering UMS institution by the end of their fourth academic year after transferring. Likewise, 47.0% of first-time undergraduates entering in the same fall term had completed a credential at their starting institution by the end of their sixth year.
* In 2023-24, 32.0% of first-time UMS bachelor’s degree recipients had prior enrollment at a 2-year public institution. Between 13.6% and 14.9% of graduates within the last five years had a prior associate degree. Over the last five academic years, most graduates had enrollment at multiple institutions prior to degree completion (between 29.4-32.2% attended 2 institutions and between 21.1-22.9% attended 3 or more institutions). Although most (83.5%) graduates in 2023-24 attended only one UMS institution prior to graduation, 16.5% attended at least two UMS institutions (excluding early college participation) prior to degree completion. Of the 2023-24 graduates, 16.3% had 1 stop out and another 17.3% had 2 or more stop outs. Those with no prior community college enrollment completed at a faster rate (between 4.8 and 5.1 calendar years on average) than those with prior enrollment at a 2-year public institution who did not earn an associate’s degree (between 7.0 and 9.1 calendar years on average). Those with a prior associate degree typically took between 10.1 and 11.5 calendar years on average to complete.

# Headcount of Entering Transfer Students by Outgoing Institution

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Outgoing Institution | Fall 2019 | Fall 2020 | Fall 2021 | Fall 2022 | Fall 2023 | % of Total | 1-Yr Change | 5-Yr Change |
| CMCC | 114 | 113 | 106 | 86 | 97 | 4.6% | 12.8% | -14.9% |
| EMCC | 87 | 85 | 67 | 58 | 92 | 4.4% | 58.6% | 5.7% |
| KVCC | 77 | 92 | 70 | 71 | 59 | 2.8% | -16.9% | -23.4% |
| NMCC | 49 | 34 | 34 | 24 | 34 | 1.6% | 41.7% | -30.6% |
| SMCC | 258 | 256 | 301 | 205 | 213 | 10.1% | 3.9% | -17.4% |
| WCCC | 17 | 15 | 7 | 14 | 13 | 0.6% | -7.1% | -23.5% |
| YCCC | 58 | 46 | 30 | 32 | 28 | 1.3% | -12.5% | -51.7% |
| MCCS Transfers | **660** | **641** | **615** | **490** | **536** | **25.5%** | **9.4%** | **-18.8%** |
| UM | 107 | 106 | 44 | 104 | 89 | 4.2% | -14.4% | -16.8% |
| UMA | 49 | 45 | 13 | 50 | 47 | 2.2% | -6.0% | -4.1% |
| UMF | 39 | 37 | 21 | 39 | 32 | 1.5% | -17.9% | -17.9% |
| UMFK | 24 | 19 | 99 | 15 | 12 | 0.6% | -20.0% | -50.0% |
| UMM | 17 | 27 | 49 | 9 | 13 | 0.6% | 44.4% | -23.5% |
| UMPI | 23 | 26 | 15 | 35 | 26 | 1.2% | -25.7% | 13.0% |
| USM | 88 | 70 | 96 | 71 | 65 | 3.1% | -8.5% | -26.1% |
| UMS Transfers | **347** | **330** | **337** | **323** | **284** | **13.5%** | **-12.1%** | **-18.2%** |
| External Transfers | **932** | **967** | **959** | **1,057** | **1,282** | **61.0%** | **21.3%** | **37.6%** |
| *Total* | ***1,939*** | ***1,938*** | ***1,911*** | ***1,870*** | ***2,102*** | ***100.0%*** | ***12.4%*** | ***8.4%*** |

# Headcount of Entering Transfer Students by Tuition Residency

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Tuition Residency | Fall 2019 | Fall 2020 | Fall 2021 | Fall 2022 | Fall 2023 | % of Total | 1-Yr Change | 5-Yr Change |
| In-State | 1,506 | 1,347 | 1,281 | 1,191 | 1,149 | 54.7% | -3.5% | -23.7% |
| Out-of-State | 271 | 280 | 256 | 207 | 183 | 8.7% | -11.6% | -32.5% |
| International | 28 | 33 | 29 | 29 | 25 | 1.2% | -13.8% | -10.7% |
| NEBHE | 40 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 17 | 0.8% | -59.5% | -57.5% |
| Canadian | 16 | 15 | 17 | 17 | 31 | 1.5% | 82.4% | 93.8% |
| Online Program | 40 | 64 | 47 | 77 | 92 | 4.4% | 19.5% | 130.0% |
| MEOnline (AP) | 38 | 159 | 240 | 307 | 605 | 28.8% | 97.1% | 1492.1% |
| *Total* | ***1,939*** | ***1,938*** | ***1,911*** | ***1,870*** | ***2,102*** | ***100.0%*** | ***12.4%*** | ***8.4%*** |

# Headcount of Entering Transfer Students by Total Credits Transferred In\*

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total Credits Transferred | Fall 2019 | Fall 2020 | Fall 2021 | Fall 2022 | Fall 2023 | % of Total | 1-Yr Change | 5-Yr Change |
| 0-29 | 442 | 434 | 428 | 411 | 435 | 20.7% | 5.8% | -1.6% |
| 30-59 | 589 | 532 | 521 | 505 | 480 | 22.8% | -5.0% | -18.5% |
| 60-89 | 527 | 516 | 506 | 489 | 572 | 27.2% | 17.0% | 8.5% |
| 90+ | 381 | 456 | 456 | 465 | 615 | 29.3% | 32.3% | 61.4% |
| *Total* | ***1,939*** | ***1,938*** | ***1,911*** | ***1,870*** | ***2,102*** | ***100.0%*** | ***12.4%*** | ***8.4%*** |
| *Average Credits* | 61.4 | 64.6 | 65.4 | 65.2 | 70.4 | -- | -- | -- |

\* Includes all credit from transfer, test, and other.

# Headcount of Entering Transfer Students by Gender

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Gender | Fall 2019 | Fall 2020 | Fall 2021 | Fall 2022 | Fall 2023 | % of Total | 1-Yr Change | 5-Yr Change |
| Women | 1,148 | 1,223 | 1,205 | 1,123 | 1,158 | 55.1% | 3.1% | 0.9% |
| Men | 784 | 710 | 698 | 727 | 916 | 43.6% | 26.0% | 16.8% |
| Not Reported | 7 | 5 | 8 | 20 | 28 | 1.3% | 40.0% | 300.0% |
| *Total* | ***1,939*** | ***1,938*** | ***1,911*** | ***1,870*** | ***2,102*** | ***100.0%*** | ***12.4%*** | ***8.4%*** |

# Headcount of Entering Transfer Students by Race/Ethnicity

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Race/Ethnicity | Fall 2019 | Fall 2020 | Fall 2021 | Fall 2022 | Fall 2023 | % of Total | 1-Yr Change | 5-Yr Change |
| White | 1,506 | 1,509 | 1,499 | 1,378 | 1,460 | 69.5% | 6.0% | -3.1% |
| Black/African American | 116 | 84 | 92 | 121 | 171 | 8.1% | 41.3% | 47.4% |
| Hispanic/Latino | 80 | 105 | 97 | 135 | 148 | 7.0% | 9.6% | 85.0% |
| Asian | 28 | 32 | 36 | 39 | 37 | 1.8% | -5.1% | 32.1% |
| American Indian/Alaska Native | 26 | 19 | 9 | 17 | 21 | 1.0% | 23.5% | -19.2% |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | 5 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0.1% | 0.0% | -40.0% |
| US Nonresident | 47 | 49 | 60 | 59 | 102 | 4.9% | 72.9% | 117.0% |
| 2 or More Races | 75 | 79 | 68 | 70 | 88 | 4.2% | 25.7% | 17.3% |
| Not Reported | 56 | 59 | 47 | 48 | 72 | 3.4% | 50.0% | 28.6% |
| *Total* | ***1,939*** | ***1,938*** | ***1,911*** | ***1,870*** | ***2,102*** | ***100.0%*** | ***12.4%*** | ***8.4%*** |

# Headcount of Entering Transfer Students by Age

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Age | Fall 2019 | Fall 2020 | Fall 2021 | Fall 2022 | Fall 2023 | % of Total | 1-Yr Change | 5-Yr Change |
| 18 - 19 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 10 | 0.5% | -16.7% | N/A |
| 20 - 21 | 1 | 10 | 231 | 440 | 358 | 17.0% | -18.6% | 35700% |
| 22 - 24 | 570 | 707 | 597 | 381 | 426 | 20.3% | 11.8% | -25.3% |
| 25 - 29 | 608 | 475 | 341 | 327 | 391 | 18.6% | 19.6% | -35.7% |
| 30 - 34 | 301 | 254 | 256 | 242 | 276 | 13.1% | 14.0% | -8.3% |
| 35 - 39 | 163 | 172 | 187 | 165 | 229 | 10.9% | 38.8% | 40.5% |
| 40 - 49 | 181 | 192 | 207 | 209 | 280 | 13.3% | 34.0% | 54.7% |
| 50 - 64 | 104 | 122 | 84 | 86 | 118 | 5.6% | 37.2% | 13.5% |
| 65 and Over | 11 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 14 | 0.7% | 75.0% | 27.3% |
| *Total* | ***1,939*** | ***1,938*** | ***1,911*** | ***1,870*** | ***2,102*** | ***100.0%*** | ***12.4%*** | ***8.4%*** |
| Average | 30.7 | 30.5 | 29.7 | 29.4 | 30.8 | -- | -- | -- |

# Fall 2023 Headcount of MCCS Transfers by Entering UMS Campus and Outgoing MCCS Campus

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Outgoing Institution | UM | UMA | UMF | UMFK | UMM | UMPI | USM | *Total* | *% of Total* |
| CMCC | 6 | 42 | 5 | 8 | 0 | 6 | 30 | ***97*** | ***18.1%*** |
| EMCC | 32 | 37 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 3 | ***92*** | ***17.2%*** |
| KVCC | 8 | 37 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | ***59*** | ***11.0%*** |
| NMCC | 2 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 17 | 2 | ***34*** | ***6.3%*** |
| SMCC | 25 | 28 | 7 | 19 | 3 | 8 | 123 | ***213*** | ***39.7%*** |
| WCCC | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | ***13*** | ***2.4%*** |
| YCCC | 3 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 14 | ***28*** | ***5.2%*** |
| *Total* | ***79*** | ***153*** | ***22*** | ***50*** | ***9*** | ***47*** | ***176*** | ***536*** | ***100.0%*** |
| *% of Total* | ***14.7%*** | ***28.5%*** | ***4.1%*** | ***9.3%*** | ***1.7%*** | ***8.8%*** | ***32.8%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***--*** |

# Fall 2023 Top Academic Plans for MCCS Transfers by Entering UMS Campus

## UM

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Plan | # | % |
| Electrical Engineering Tech | 8 | 10.1% |
| Management | 8 | 10.1% |
| Elementary Education | 8 | 10.1% |
| Marketing | 6 | 7.6% |
| Computer Science | 6 | 7.6% |
| Other Plans | 43 | 54.4% |
| *Total* | ***79*** | ***100.0%*** |

## UMA

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Plan | # | % |
| Mental Health & Human Srvcs | 29 | 19.0% |
| Elementary Education | 14 | 9.2% |
| Applied Science | 13 | 8.5% |
| Liberal Studies | 12 | 7.8% |
| Nursing | 8 | 5.2% |
| Other Plan | 77 | 50.3% |
| *Total* | ***153*** | ***100.0%*** |

## UMF

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Plan | # | % |
| Early Childhood Ed Off-Campus | 5 | 22.7% |
| Other Plans | 17 | 77.3% |
| *Total* | ***22*** | ***100.0%*** |

## UMFK

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Plan | # | % |
| RN to BSN Nursing Program | 45 | 90.0% |
| Other Plans | 5 | 10.0% |
| *Total* | ***50*** | ***100.0%*** |

## UMM

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Plan | # | % |
| Rural Education | 6 | 66.7% |
| Other Plans | 3 | 33.3% |
| *Total* | ***9*** | ***100.0%*** |

## UMPI

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Plan | # | % |
| Business Administration | 13 | 27.7% |
| Liberal Studies | 12 | 25.5% |
| Accounting | 6 | 12.8% |
| Other Plans | 16 | 34.0% |
| *Total* | ***47*** | ***100.0%*** |

## USM

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Plan | # | % |
| Social & Behav Sciences | 24 | 13.6% |
| Health Sciences | 16 | 9.1% |
| English | 10 | 5.7% |
| Biology | 8 | 4.5% |
| Nursing | 7 | 4.0% |
| Other Plans | 111 | 63.1% |
| *Total* | ***176*** | ***100.0%*** |

## Total

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Plan | # | % |
| RN to BSN Nursing Program | 45 | 8.4% |
| Elementary Education | 32 | 6.0% |
| Mental Health & Human Srvcs | 29 | 5.4% |
| Liberal Studies | 25 | 4.7% |
| Social & Behav Sciences | 24 | 4.5% |
| Other Plans | 381 | 71.1% |
| *Total* | ***536*** | ***100.0%*** |

*Note:* Subplans for UMA’s Liberal Studies plan are reported as separate plans (e.g., Pre-Nursing).

# Fall 2023 Top Academic Plans for MCCS Transfers by Outgoing MCCS Campus

## CMCC

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Plan | # | % |
| Mental Health & Human Srvcs | 13 | 13.4% |
| Social & Behav Sciences | 10 | 10.3% |
| RN to BSN Nursing Program | 8 | 8.2% |
| Accounting | 8 | 8.2% |
| Liberal Studies | 8 | 8.2% |
| Other Plans | 50 | 51.5% |
| *Total* | ***97*** | ***100.0%*** |

## EMCC

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Plan | # | % |
| Elementary Education | 12 | 13.0% |
| Mental Health & Human Srvcs | 8 | 8.7% |
| RN to BSN Nursing Program | 8 | 8.7% |
| Management | 7 | 7.6% |
| Liberal Studies | 6 | 6.5% |
| Other Plans | 51 | 55.4% |
| *Total* | ***92*** | ***100.0%*** |

## KVCC

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Plan | # | % |
| Mental Health & Human Srvcs | 6 | 10.2% |
| Computer Information Systems | 5 | 8.5% |
| Biology | 5 | 8.5% |
| Other Plans | 43 | 72.9% |
| *Total* | ***59*** | ***100.0%*** |

## NMCC

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Plan | # | % |
| RN to BSN Nursing Program | 8 | 23.5% |
| Business Administration | 5 | 14.7% |
| Other Plans | 21 | 61.8% |
| *Total* | ***34*** | ***100.0%*** |

## SMCC

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Plan | # | % |
| RN to BSN Nursing Program | 16 | 7.5% |
| Health Sciences | 13 | 6.1% |
| Social & Behav Sciences | 9 | 4.2% |
| Nursing | 9 | 4.2% |
| English | 9 | 4.2% |
| Other Plans | 157 | 73.7% |
| *Total* | ***213*** | ***100.0%*** |

## WCCC

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Plan | # | % |
| *Total* | ***13*** | ***100.0%*** |

## YCCC

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Plan | # | % |
| *Total* | ***28*** | ***100.0%*** |

## Total

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Plan | # | % |
| RN to BSN Nursing Program | 45 | 8.4% |
| Elementary Education | 32 | 6.0% |
| Mental Health & Human Srvcs | 29 | 5.4% |
| Liberal Studies | 25 | 4.7% |
| Social & Behav Sciences | 24 | 4.5% |
| Other Plans | 381 | 71.1% |
| *Total* | ***536*** | ***100.0%*** |

*Note:* Subplans for UMA’s Liberal Studies plan are reported as separate plans (e.g., Pre-Nursing).

# Transfer Student Mobility

## Count of Entering Transfers by Number of Institutions Attended Prior to Entering the UMS

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Institutions Attended | Fall 2019 | Fall 2020 | Fall 2021 | Fall 2022 | Fall 2023 | % of Total | 1-year Change | 5-year Change |
| Attended 1 Institution | 869 | 828 | 862 | 777 | 765 | 36.4% | -1.5% | -12.0% |
| Attended 2 Institutions | 477 | 516 | 490 | 504 | 561 | 26.7% | 11.3% | 17.6% |
| Attended 3 or More Institutions | 409 | 466 | 405 | 434 | 559 | 26.6% | 28.8% | 36.7% |
| No Record Found | 184 | 128 | 154 | 155 | 217 | 10.3% | 40.0% | 17.9% |
| *Total* | ***1,939*** | ***1,938*** | ***1,911*** | ***1,870*** | ***2,102*** | ***100.0%*** | ***12.4%*** | ***8.4%*** |

*Notes:* Excludes enrollment records for students under the age of 18 at the time of enrollment (i.e., excludes early college and other dual enrollment programs for high school students). The NSC’s StudentTracker Database is limited to participating institutions and excludes enrollment and degree records for students who have FERPA holds.

## Count of Entering Transfer Students by Type of First Post-Secondary Institution Attended

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Type of First Post-Secondary Institution Attended | Fall 2019 | Fall 2020 | Fall 2021 | Fall 2022 | Fall 2023 | % of Total | 1-year Change | 5-year Change |
| MCCS Institution | 462 | 496 | 492 | 381 | 416 | 19.8% | 9.2% | -10.0% |
| Other Public 2-Year | 241 | 257 | 266 | 284 | 394 | 18.7% | 38.7% | 63.5% |
| Private 2-Year | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 0.3% | 250.0% | 250.0% |
| 2-Year Subtotal | **705** | **754** | **761** | **667** | **817** | **38.9%** | **22.5%** | **15.9%** |
| UMS Institution | 373 | 378 | 337 | 359 | 343 | 16.3% | -4.5% | -8.0% |
| Other Public 4-Year | 253 | 266 | 272 | 305 | 339 | 16.1% | 11.1% | 34.0% |
| Private 4-Year | 424 | 412 | 387 | 384 | 386 | 18.4% | 0.5% | -9.0% |
| 4-Year Subtotal | **1,050** | **1,056** | **996** | **1,048** | **1,068** | **50.8%** | **1.9%** | **1.7%** |
| Other/Unknown | **184** | **128** | **154** | **155** | **217** | **10.3%** | **40.0%** | **17.9%** |
| *Total* | ***1,939*** | ***1,938*** | ***1,911*** | ***1,870*** | ***2,102*** | ***100.0%*** | ***12.4%*** | ***8.4%*** |

## Percentage of Entering Transfers by Type (2-/4-Year) of First Post-Secondary Institution Attended

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Type of First Post-Secondary Institution Attended | Fall 2019 | Fall 2020 | Fall 2021 | Fall 2022 | Fall 2023 |
| 2-Year | 36.4% | 38.9% | 39.8% | 35.7% | 38.9% |
| 4-Year | 54.2% | 54.5% | 52.1% | 56.0% | 50.8% |
| Other/Unknown | 9.5% | 6.6% | 8.1% | 8.3% | 10.3% |
| *Total* | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** |

## Percentage of Entering Transfers by Type (Public/Private) of First Post-Secondary Institution Attended

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Type of First Post-Secondary Institution Attended | Fall 2019 | Fall 2020 | Fall 2021 | Fall 2022 | Fall 2023 |
| Public | 68.5% | 72.1% | 71.5% | 71.1% | 71.0% |
| Private | 22.0% | 21.3% | 20.4% | 20.6% | 18.7% |
| Other/Unknown | 9.5% | 6.6% | 8.1% | 8.3% | 10.3% |
| *Total* | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** |

*Notes:* Excludes enrollment records for students under the age of 18 at the time of enrollment (i.e., excludes early college and other dual enrollment programs for high school students). The NSC’s StudentTracker Database is limited to participating institutions and excludes enrollment and degree records for students who have FERPA holds.

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## Count of Entering Transfers by Location (District/Region) of First Post-Secondary Institution Attended

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Location | Fall 2019 | Fall 2020 | Fall 2021 | Fall 2022 | Fall 2023 | % of Total | 1-year Change | 5-year Change |
| Maine | 1,001 | 1,021 | 959 | 855 | 863 | 41.1% | 0.9% | -13.8% |
| Other New England | 270 | 279 | 309 | 291 | 265 | 12.6% | -8.9% | -1.9% |
| Middle Atlantic | 118 | 124 | 126 | 146 | 143 | 6.8% | -2.1% | 21.2% |
| Northeast Subtotal | **1,389** | **1,424** | **1,394** | **1,292** | **1,271** | **60.5%** | **-1.6%** | **-8.5%** |
| East South Central | 14 | 22 | 21 | 24 | 32 | 1.5% | 33.3% | 128.6% |
| South Atlantic | 118 | 138 | 111 | 127 | 180 | 8.6% | 41.7% | 52.5% |
| West South Central | 29 | 33 | 30 | 34 | 67 | 3.2% | 97.1% | 131.0% |
| South Subtotal | **161** | **193** | **162** | **185** | **279** | **13.3%** | **50.8%** | **73.3%** |
| East North Central | 55 | 52 | 59 | 66 | 93 | 4.4% | 40.9% | 69.1% |
| West North Central | 24 | 40 | 29 | 27 | 43 | 2.0% | 59.3% | 79.2% |
| Midwest Subtotal | **79** | **92** | **88** | **93** | **136** | **6.5%** | **46.2%** | **72.2%** |
| Mountain | 49 | 38 | 51 | 71 | 85 | 4.0% | 19.7% | 73.5% |
| Pacific | 77 | 62 | 62 | 74 | 114 | 5.4% | 54.1% | 48.1% |
| West Subtotal | **126** | **100** | **113** | **145** | **199** | **9.5%** | **37.2%** | **57.9%** |
| Other/Unknown | **184** | **129** | **154** | **155** | **217** | **10.3%** | **40.0%** | **17.9%** |
| *Total* | ***1,939*** | ***1,938*** | ***1,911*** | ***1,870*** | ***2,102*** | ***100.0%*** | ***12.4%*** | ***8.4%*** |

*Notes:* Excludes enrollment records for students under the age of 18 at the time of enrollment (i.e., excludes early college and other dual enrollment programs for high school students). The NSC’s StudentTracker Database is limited to participating institutions and excludes enrollment and degree records for students who have FERPA holds.

# Highest Earned Academic Award Prior to Entering the UMS

## MCCS Transfers

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Highest Award | Fall 2019 | Fall 2020 | Fall 2021 | Fall 2022 | Fall 2023 | % of Total | 1-Yr Change | 5-Yr Change |
| Associate’s | 267 | 303 | 269 | 227 | 252 | 47.0% | 11.0% | -5.6% |
| Bachelor’s | 18 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 18 | 3.4% | 20.0% | 0.0% |
| Master’s | 4 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0.0% | -100.0% | -100.0% |
| Doctorate | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0% | -100.0% | -100.0% |
| Certificate | 5 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 14 | 2.6% | 133.3% | 180.0% |
| Unknown Award | 14 | 18 | 22 | 17 | 12 | 2.2% | -29.4% | -14.3% |
| Total Completers | **309** | **347** | **311** | **269** | **296** | **55.2%** | **10.0%** | **-4.2%** |
| No Award Found | **351** | **294** | **304** | **221** | **240** | **44.8%** | **8.6%** | **-31.6%** |
| *Total* | ***660*** | ***641*** | ***615*** | ***490*** | ***536*** | ***100.0%*** | ***9.4%*** | ***-18.8%*** |

## UMS Transfers

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Highest Award | Fall 2019 | Fall 2020 | Fall 2021 | Fall 2022 | Fall 2023 | % of Total | 1-Yr Change | 5-Yr Change |
| Associate’s | 20 | 25 | 28 | 26 | 34 | 12.0% | 30.8% | 70.0% |
| Bachelor’s | 36 | 48 | 42 | 46 | 39 | 13.7% | -15.2% | 8.3% |
| Master’s | 5 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 0.7% | -60.0% | -60.0% |
| Doctorate | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0.0% | -100.0% | -- |
| Certificate | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 1.8% | 0.0% | -- |
| Unknown Award | 5 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 0.7% | -60.0% | -60.0% |
| Total Completers | **66** | **86** | **84** | **88** | **82** | **28.9%** | **-6.8%** | **24.2%** |
| No Award Found | **281** | **244** | **253** | **235** | **202** | **71.1%** | **-14.0%** | **-28.1%** |
| *Total* | ***347*** | ***330*** | ***337*** | ***323*** | ***284*** | ***100.0%*** | ***-12.1%*** | ***-18.2%*** |

## External Transfers

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Highest Award | Fall 2019 | Fall 2020 | Fall 2021 | Fall 2022 | Fall 2023 | % of Total | 1-Yr Change | 5-Yr Change |
| Associate’s | 142 | 151 | 138 | 155 | 235 | 18.3% | 51.6% | 65.5% |
| Bachelor’s | 81 | 95 | 78 | 97 | 104 | 8.1% | 7.2% | 28.4% |
| Master’s | 11 | 22 | 24 | 23 | 24 | 1.9% | 4.3% | 118.2% |
| Doctorate | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0.1% | -66.7% | 0.0% |
| Certificate | 12 | 8 | 12 | 9 | 21 | 1.6% | 133.3% | 75.0% |
| Unknown Award | 23 | 25 | 26 | 22 | 27 | 2.1% | 22.7% | 17.4% |
| Total Completers | **270** | **305** | **280** | **309** | **412** | **32.1%** | **33.3%** | **52.6%** |
| No Award Found | **662** | **662** | **679** | **748** | **870** | **67.9%** | **16.3%** | **31.4%** |
| *Total* | ***932*** | ***967*** | ***959*** | ***1,057*** | ***1,282*** | ***100.0%*** | ***21.3%*** | ***37.6%*** |

## All Transfers

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Highest Award | Fall 2019 | Fall 2020 | Fall 2021 | Fall 2022 | Fall 2023 | % of Total | 1-Yr Change | 5-Yr Change |
| Associate’s | 429 | 479 | 435 | 408 | 521 | 24.8% | 27.7% | 21.4% |
| Bachelor’s | 135 | 158 | 135 | 158 | 161 | 7.7% | 1.9% | 19.3% |
| Master’s | 20 | 31 | 33 | 31 | 26 | 1.2% | -16.1% | 30.0% |
| Doctorate | 2 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 0.0% | -80.0% | -50.0% |
| Certificate | 17 | 14 | 18 | 20 | 40 | 1.9% | 100.0% | 135.3% |
| Unknown Award | 42 | 51 | 51 | 44 | 41 | 2.0% | -6.8% | -2.4% |
| Total Completers | **645** | **738** | **675** | **666** | **790** | **37.6%** | **18.6%** | **22.5%** |
| No Award Found | **1,294** | **1,200** | **1,236** | **1,204** | **1,312** | **62.4%** | **9.0%** | **1.4%** |
| *Total* | ***1,939*** | ***1,938*** | ***1,911*** | ***1,870*** | ***2,102*** | ***100.0%*** | ***12.4%*** | ***8.4%*** |

*Note:* The NSC’s StudentTracker Database is limited to participating institutions and excludes enrollment and degree records for students who have FERPA holds.

## Percentage of Entering Transfers who Completed an Academic Award Prior to Transferring

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Highest Award | Fall 2019 | Fall 2020 | Fall 2021 | Fall 2022 | Fall 2023 |
| MCCS Transfers | 46.8% | 54.1% | 50.6% | 54.9% | 55.2% |
| UMS Transfers | 19.0% | 26.1% | 24.9% | 27.2% | 28.9% |
| External Transfers | 29.0% | 31.5% | 29.2% | 29.2% | 32.1% |
| *All Transfers* | ***33.3%*** | ***38.1%*** | ***35.3%*** | ***35.6%*** | ***37.6%*** |

*Note:* The NSC’s StudentTracker Database is limited to participating institutions and excludes enrollment and degree records for students who have FERPA holds.

# Average First Term GPA

## Fall 2023 Average First Term GPA by Campus and Entering Cohort Type

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Campus | MCCS Transfers | UMS Transfers | External Transfers | *All Transfers* | First-Time |
| UM | 3.17 | 3.12 | 3.08 | ***3.10*** | 3.02 |
| UMA | 2.99 | 3.04 | 3.10 | ***3.05*** | 2.69 |
| UMF | 3.37 | 3.04 | 3.12 | ***3.17*** | 2.89 |
| UMFK | 3.49 | 3.61 | 3.36 | ***3.44*** | 2.68 |
| UMM | 3.61 | 3.73 | 3.07 | ***3.41*** | 3.08 |
| UMPI | 2.83 | 2.77 | 3.04 | ***3.01*** | 2.75 |
| USM | 3.18 | 2.88 | 3.16 | ***3.12*** | 2.84 |
| *Total* | ***3.14*** | ***3.04*** | ***3.10*** | ***3.10*** | ***2.93*** |

## Average First Term GPA by Entering Cohort Type and Fall Term

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Entering Cohort Type | Fall 2019 | Fall 2020 | Fall 2021 | Fall 2022 | Fall 2023 |
| MCCS Transfers | 2.90 | 3.02 | 3.15 | 3.13 | 3.14 |
| UMS Transfers | 2.89 | 3.01 | 2.95 | 2.91 | 3.04 |
| External Transfers | 3.04 | 3.14 | 3.11 | 3.09 | 3.10 |
| *All Transfers* | ***2.96*** | ***3.07*** | ***3.10*** | ***3.07*** | ***3.10*** |
| First-Time | 2.83 | 2.81 | 2.78 | 2.82 | 2.93 |

# Average First Year Credit Hours Taken and Passed

## Fall 2023 Average First Year Credit Hours Taken by Entering Cohort Type

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Campus | MCCS Transfers | UMS Transfers | External Transfers | *All Transfers* | First-Time |
| UM | 26.3 | 24.8 | 22.4 | ***23.3*** | 28.9 |
| UMA | 19.9 | 18.7 | 19.6 | ***19.5*** | 20.8 |
| UMF | 23.7 | 22.8 | 24.9 | ***23.7*** | 27.4 |
| UMFK | 16.7 | 23.7 | 20.7 | ***19.9*** | 26.0 |
| UMM | 23.3 | 22.9 | 18.2 | ***21.0*** | 26.1 |
| UMPI | 25.0 | 23.8 | 30.7 | ***29.9*** | 26.4 |
| USM | 24.1 | 25.0 | 26.5 | ***25.3*** | 26.6 |
| *Total* | ***22.6*** | ***22.6*** | ***25.9*** | ***24.6*** | ***27.4*** |

## Fall 2023 Average First Year Credit Hours Passed by Entering Cohort Type

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Campus | MCCS Transfers | UMS Transfers | External Transfers | *All Transfers* | First-Time |
| UM | 23.5 | 22.9 | 20.1 | ***21.0*** | 26.0 |
| UMA | 16.3 | 15.6 | 17.1 | ***16.5*** | 16.1 |
| UMF | 21.9 | 20.1 | 22.1 | ***21.3*** | 23.9 |
| UMFK | 15.4 | 22.2 | 18.3 | ***18.0*** | 21.8 |
| UMM | 23.3 | 22.9 | 17.1 | ***20.5*** | 22.9 |
| UMPI | 18.3 | 16.5 | 24.0 | ***23.2*** | 20.0 |
| USM | 21.2 | 21.0 | 22.8 | ***21.9*** | 21.8 |
| *Total* | ***19.4*** | ***19.2*** | ***21.6*** | ***20.7*** | ***23.7*** |

## Fall 2023 Percentage of Credit Hours Passed by Entering Cohort Type

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Campus | MCCS Transfers | UMS Transfers | External Transfers | *All Transfers* | First-Time |
| UM | 89.5% | 92.6% | 89.8% | ***90.0%*** | 89.9% |
| UMA | 82.3% | 83.5% | 87.3% | ***84.5%*** | 77.3% |
| UMF | 92.3% | 88.3% | 88.8% | ***89.8%*** | 87.1% |
| UMFK | 92.3% | 93.5% | 88.5% | ***90.4%*** | 83.7% |
| UMM | 100.0% | 100.0% | 94.0% | ***97.8%*** | 87.7% |
| UMPI | 73.5% | 69.3% | 78.2% | ***77.5%*** | 76.0% |
| USM | 87.9% | 83.9% | 86.0% | ***86.4%*** | 81.9% |
| *Total* | ***86.1%*** | ***85.0%*** | ***83.5%*** | ***84.3%*** | ***86.5%*** |

## Average First Year Credit Hours Taken by Entering Cohort Type and Fall Term

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Cohort Type | Fall 2019 | Fall 2020 | Fall 2021 | Fall 2022 | Fall 2023 |
| MCCS Transfers | 22.7 | 23.8 | 24.3 | 23.1 | 22.6 |
| UMS Transfers | 23.6 | 24.6 | 23.8 | 23.4 | 22.6 |
| External Transfers | 24.7 | 25.1 | 25.5 | 25.7 | 25.9 |
| *All Transfers* | ***23.8*** | ***24.6*** | ***24.8*** | ***24.6*** | ***24.6*** |
| First-Time | 28.0 | 28.0 | 28.5 | 27.4 | 27.4 |

## Average First Year Credit Hours Passed by Entering Cohort Type and Fall Term

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Cohort Type | Fall 2019 | Fall 2020 | Fall 2021 | Fall 2022 | Fall 2023 |
| MCCS Transfers | 19.2 | 20.3 | 21.4 | 20.4 | 19.4 |
| UMS Transfers | 20.1 | 20.9 | 20.4 | 19.4 | 19.2 |
| External Transfers | 21.9 | 21.9 | 22.5 | 22.5 | 21.6 |
| *All Transfers* | ***20.6*** | ***21.2*** | ***21.8*** | ***21.4*** | ***20.7*** |
| First-Time | 24.2 | 23.0 | 23.9 | 23.4 | 23.7 |

## Percentage of First Year Credit Hours Passed by Entering Cohort Type and Fall Term

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Student Type | Fall 2019 | Fall 2020 | Fall 2021 | Fall 2022 | Fall 2023 |
| MCCS Transfers | 84.6% | 85.5% | 88.0% | 88.5% | 86.1% |
| UMS Transfers | 85.0% | 84.9% | 85.6% | 83.0% | 85.0% |
| External Transfers | 88.7% | 87.4% | 88.3% | 87.5% | 83.5% |
| *All Transfers* | ***86.7%*** | ***86.4%*** | ***87.7%*** | ***87.0%*** | ***84.3%*** |
| First-Time | 86.3% | 82.3% | 84.1% | 85.3% | 86.5% |

# Return Rates

The following section includes fall-to-fall return rates for degree/certificate-seeking undergraduates who entered the UMS as transfer students. Fall-to-fall return rates show the proportion of degree/certificate-seeking undergraduates enrolled as of census (e.g., October 15, 2023) in each fall term who were subsequently enrolled at the same UMS institution as of the following fall term’s census date (e.g., October 15, 2024).

## Fall 2023 Adjusted Headcount\* by Entering Cohort Type

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Campus | MCCS Transfers | UMS Transfers | External Transfers | *All Transfers* | First-Time |
| UM | 79 | 34 | 302 | ***415*** | 1,797 |
| UMA | 150 | 80 | 146 | ***376*** | 271 |
| UMF | 22 | 24 | 20 | ***66*** | 227 |
| UMFK | 42 | 25 | 80 | ***147*** | 71 |
| UMM | 9 | 5 | 12 | ***26*** | 55 |
| UMPI | 45 | 30 | 316 | ***391*** | 124 |
| USM | 166 | 69 | 182 | ***417*** | 718 |
| *Total* | ***513*** | ***267*** | ***1,058*** | ***1,838*** | ***3,263*** |

## Count of Those who Returned to Same UMS Institution in Fall 2024 by Entering Cohort Type

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Campus | MCCS Transfers | UMS Transfers | External Transfers | *All Transfers* | First-Time |
| UM | 72 | 27 | 237 | ***336*** | 1,460 |
| UMA | 96 | 55 | 89 | ***240*** | 149 |
| UMF | 16 | 17 | 14 | ***47*** | 164 |
| UMFK | 23 | 19 | 53 | ***95*** | 54 |
| UMM | 8 | 3 | 5 | ***16*** | 32 |
| UMPI | 26 | 10 | 134 | ***170*** | 68 |
| USM | 129 | 46 | 127 | ***302*** | 527 |
| *Total* | ***370*** | ***177*** | ***659*** | ***1,206*** | ***2,454*** |

## Overall Return Rates for Fall 2023 Entering Cohorts by Cohort Type

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Campus | MCCS Transfers | UMS Transfers | External Transfers | *All Transfers* | First-Time |
| UM | 91.1% | 79.4% | 78.5% | ***81.0%*** | 81.2% |
| UMA | 64.0% | 68.8% | 61.0% | ***63.8%*** | 55.0% |
| UMF | 72.7% | 70.8% | 70.0% | ***71.2%*** | 72.2% |
| UMFK | 54.8% | 76.0% | 66.3% | ***64.6%*** | 76.1% |
| UMM | 88.9% | 60.0% | 41.7% | ***61.5%*** | 58.2% |
| UMPI | 57.8% | 33.3% | 42.4% | ***43.5%*** | 54.8% |
| USM | 77.7% | 66.7% | 69.8% | ***72.4%*** | 73.4% |
| *Total* | ***72.1%*** | ***66.3%*** | ***62.3%*** | ***65.6%*** | ***75.2%*** |

\* The adjusted headcount is the headcount less those who completed the credential sought (certificate, associate’s degree, bachelor’s degree) prior to the following fall term.

## Adjusted Headcount\* by Entering Cohort Type and Fall Term

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Cohort Type | Fall 2019 | Fall 2020 | Fall 2021 | Fall 2022 | Fall 2023 |
| MCCS Transfers | 638 | 617 | 596 | 472 | 513 |
| UMS Transfers | 329 | 308 | 319 | 301 | 267 |
| External Transfers | 881 | 923 | 858 | 940 | 1,058 |
| *All Transfers* | ***1,848*** | ***1,848*** | ***1,773*** | ***1,713*** | ***1,838*** |
| First-Time | 4,190 | 3,935 | 4,077 | 3,436 | 3,262 |

## Count of Those who Returned to Same UMS Institution in Following Fall Term by Entering Cohort Type and Fall Term

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Cohort Type | Fall 2019 | Fall 2020 | Fall 2021 | Fall 2022 | Fall 2023 |
| MCCS Transfers | 448 | 431 | 429 | 345 | 370 |
| UMS Transfers | 233 | 203 | 212 | 194 | 177 |
| External Transfers | 612 | 614 | 591 | 647 | 659 |
| *All Transfers* | ***1,293*** | ***1,248*** | ***1,232*** | ***1,186*** | ***1,206*** |
| First-Time | 3,003 | 2,734 | 2,810 | 2,489 | 2,454 |

## Return Rate by Entering Cohort Type and Fall Term

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Cohort Type | Fall 2019 | Fall 2020 | Fall 2021 | Fall 2022 | Fall 2023 |
| MCCS Transfers | 70.2% | 69.9% | 72.0% | 73.1% | 72.1% |
| UMS Transfers | 70.8% | 65.9% | 66.5% | 64.5% | 66.3% |
| External Transfers | 69.5% | 66.5% | 68.9% | 68.8% | 62.3% |
| *All Transfers* | ***70.0%*** | ***67.5%*** | ***69.5%*** | ***69.2%*** | ***65.6%*** |
| First-Time | 71.7% | 69.5% | 68.9% | 72.4% | 75.2% |

\* The adjusted headcount is the headcount less those who completed the credential sought (certificate, associate’s degree, bachelor’s degree) prior to the following fall term.

# Year 4 and 6 Outcomes

Tables in the following section include academic year 4 and 6 outcomes for entering transfer and first-time, degree/certificate-seeking undergraduates.

## General Notes

An academic year includes summer, fall, and spring terms (e.g., Summer 2023, Fall 2023, and Spring 2024 comprise the 2023-24 academic year). Entering first-time cohorts exclude non-degree and early college undergraduates. Students are counted once each year (i.e., the categories are mutually exclusive). Students are classified based on a hierarchical order of outcomes. For example, if a UM student completes a credential from UM, they are counted in the “Graduated: Same UMS Institution” category even if they were still enrolled in that same academic year. Students participating in study abroad programs within the UMS are counted as enrolled.

## Definitions

**Graduated: Same UMS Institution:**Students completed a credential (certificate or degree) from the same UMS institution they enrolled as an entering first-time or transfer student. Once a student completes a credential at their starting institution, that student is counted in this category in subsequent outcome years regardless of whether they were enrolled or completed elsewhere.

**Graduated: Other UMS Institution:**Students completed a credential at a different UMS institution than the one they enrolled in as an entering first-time or transfer student. Once a student completes a credential at a different UMS institution, they are counted in this category in subsequent outcome years unless they complete a credential at their original starting institution (in which case, they are counted in the "Graduated: Same UMS Institution" category).

**Graduated: Other Institution:**Students completed a credential at an institution outside of the UMS. Once a student completes a credential at an institution outside of the UMS, they are counted in this category in subsequent outcome years unless they complete a credential within the UMS (in which case they are counted in the "Graduated: Same UMS Institution" or "Graduated: Other UMS Institution" depending on if they completed the credential at their original starting UMS institution or a different UMS institution).

**Enrolled: Same UMS Institution:**Students who have not yet completed a credential but are still enrolled at the same UMS institution they enrolled as an entering first-time or transfer student. If the student is enrolled at multiple institutions within an academic year - including their starting UMS institution - they are counted only once under "Enrolled: Same UMS Institution." Students are counted as enrolled so long as they were enrolled at some point during the academic year.

**Enrolled: Other UMS Institution:**Students who have not yet completed a credential but are still enrolled at a different UMS institution than the one they enrolled as an entering first-time or transfer student. If the student is enrolled at multiple institutions within an academic year - excluding their starting UMS institution - they are counted only once under "Enrolled: Other UMS Institution." Students are counted as enrolled so long as they were enrolled at some point during the academic year.

**Enrolled: Other Institution:** Students who have not yet completed a credential but are still enrolled at an institution outside of the UMS. Students are counted as enrolled so long as they were enrolled at some point during the academic year.

**Not Enrolled; Did Not Complete:** Students who were not enrolled during the academic year and had not completed a credential.

## Percentage of MCCS Transfers by Year 4 Outcome and Fall Term

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Year 4 Outcome | Fall 2016 | Fall 2017 | Fall 2018 | Fall 2019 | Fall 2020 |
| Graduated: Same UMS Institution | 48.1% | 50.8% | 49.0% | 48.4% | 50.7% |
| Graduated: Other UMS Institution | 1.7% | 2.0% | 2.2% | 0.9% | 1.1% |
| Graduated: Other Institution | 5.4% | 3.6% | 4.7% | 2.5% | 4.6% |
| Enrolled: Same UMS Institution | 11.4% | 11.6% | 12.5% | 12.4% | 9.4% |
| Enrolled: Other UMS Institution | 2.9% | 0.7% | 1.3% | 0.6% | 1.6% |
| Enrolled: Other Institution | 4.3% | 2.9% | 2.5% | 4.6% | 4.7% |
| Not Enrolled; Did Not Complete | 26.2% | 28.2% | 27.7% | 30.6% | 27.9% |
| *Total* | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** |

*Note:* The NSC’s StudentTracker Database is limited to participating institutions and excludes enrollment and degree records for students who have FERPA holds.

## Percentage of UMS Transfers by Year 4 Outcome and Fall Term

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Year 4 Outcome | Fall 2016 | Fall 2017 | Fall 2018 | Fall 2019 | Fall 2020 |
| Graduated: Same UMS Institution | 44.9% | 47.3% | 52.1% | 47.7% | 46.0% |
| Graduated: Other UMS Institution | 4.9% | 4.3% | 2.8% | 1.7% | 4.3% |
| Graduated: Other Institution | 1.5% | 2.9% | 1.7% | 1.2% | 2.2% |
| Enrolled: Same UMS Institution | 14.5% | 13.2% | 10.0% | 10.2% | 10.2% |
| Enrolled: Other UMS Institution | 3.9% | 2.7% | 2.5% | 2.3% | 1.9% |
| Enrolled: Other Institution | 3.9% | 2.5% | 4.2% | 3.2% | 6.2% |
| Not Enrolled; Did Not Complete | 26.5% | 27.1% | 26.7% | 33.7% | 29.3% |
| *Total* | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** |

*Note:* The NSC’s StudentTracker Database is limited to participating institutions and excludes enrollment and degree records for students who have FERPA holds.

## Percentage of External Transfers by Year 4 Outcome and Fall Term

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Year 4 Outcome | Fall 2016 | Fall 2017 | Fall 2018 | Fall 2019 | Fall 2020 |
| Graduated: Same UMS Institution | 49.3% | 52.2% | 47.4% | 49.8% | 51.5% |
| Graduated: Other UMS Institution | 1.4% | 0.7% | 0.5% | 0.9% | 0.9% |
| Graduated: Other Institution | 5.0% | 5.9% | 4.0% | 3.8% | 6.6% |
| Enrolled: Same UMS Institution | 12.2% | 10.6% | 13.3% | 12.3% | 8.8% |
| Enrolled: Other UMS Institution | 1.1% | 1.5% | 0.9% | 0.4% | 0.6% |
| Enrolled: Other Institution | 6.3% | 5.7% | 5.1% | 5.1% | 4.6% |
| Not Enrolled; Did Not Complete | 24.7% | 23.4% | 28.8% | 27.7% | 26.8% |
| *Total* | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** |

*Note:* The NSC’s StudentTracker Database is limited to participating institutions and excludes enrollment and degree records for students who have FERPA holds.

## Percentage of All Transfers by Year 4 Outcome and Fall Term

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Year 4 Outcome | Fall 2016 | Fall 2017 | Fall 2018 | Fall 2019 | Fall 2020 |
| Graduated: Same UMS Institution | 48.0% | 50.6% | 48.8% | 49.0% | 50.3% |
| Graduated: Other UMS Institution | 2.2% | 2.0% | 1.5% | 1.0% | 1.6% |
| Graduated: Other Institution | 4.4% | 4.4% | 3.8% | 2.9% | 5.2% |
| Enrolled: Same UMS Institution | 12.4% | 11.6% | 12.4% | 11.9% | 9.3% |
| Enrolled: Other UMS Institution | 2.3% | 1.5% | 1.4% | 0.8% | 1.2% |
| Enrolled: Other Institution | 5.1% | 4.0% | 4.0% | 4.6% | 4.9% |
| Not Enrolled; Did Not Complete | 25.6% | 26.0% | 28.0% | 29.8% | 27.6% |
| *Total* | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** |

*Note:* The NSC’s StudentTracker Database is limited to participating institutions and excludes enrollment and degree records for students who have FERPA holds.

## Percentage of First-Time Undergraduates by Year 6 Outcome and Fall Term

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Year 6 Outcome | Fall 2014 | Fall 2015 | Fall 2016 | Fall 2017 | Fall 2018 |
| Graduated: Same UMS Institution | 46.5% | 46.5% | 47.7% | 49.6% | 47.0% |
| Graduated: Other UMS Institution | 3.2% | 3.2% | 3.0% | 2.0% | 2.2% |
| Graduated: Other Institution | 8.4% | 8.1% | 8.9% | 8.1% | 7.2% |
| Enrolled: Same UMS Institution | 3.8% | 3.7% | 3.1% | 2.9% | 3.3% |
| Enrolled: Other UMS Institution | 1.4% | 1.2% | 1.0% | 0.6% | 1.1% |
| Enrolled: Other Institution | 4.9% | 4.0% | 4.7% | 4.3% | 4.2% |
| Not Enrolled; Did Not Complete | 31.7% | 33.2% | 31.6% | 32.6% | 35.0% |
| *Total* | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** |

*Note:* The NSC’s StudentTracker Database is limited to participating institutions and excludes enrollment and degree records for students who have FERPA holds.

# First-Time Bachelor’s Degree Recipients

The following section provides descriptive statistics for first-time UMS bachelor’s degree recipients by academic year. Graduates with a prior earned bachelor’s degree – as identified using National Student Clearinghouse data and internal UMS data – are excluded.

## Count of First-Time Bachelor’s Degree Recipients by Prior Enrollment at 2-Year Public Institution

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Prior 2-Year Enrollment | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 1-year Change | 5-year Change |
| Previous 2-Year Enrollment | 1,188 | 1,254 | 1,149 | 1,082 | 1,274 | 17.7% | 7.2% |
| No Previous 2-Year Enrollment | 2,618 | 2,742 | 2,756 | 2,674 | 2,706 | 1.2% | 3.4% |
| *Total* | ***3,806*** | ***3,996*** | ***3,905*** | ***3,756*** | ***3,980*** | ***6.0%*** | ***4.6%*** |

## Percentage of First-Time Bachelor’s Degree Recipients by Prior Enrollment at 2-Year Public Institution

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Prior 2-Year Enrollment | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
| Previous 2-Year Enrollment | 31.2% | 31.4% | 29.4% | 28.8% | 32.0% |
| No Previous 2-Year Enrollment | 68.8% | 68.6% | 70.6% | 71.2% | 68.0% |
| *Total* | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** |

*Notes:* Excludes enrollment records for students under the age of 18 at the time of enrollment (i.e., excludes early college and other dual enrollment programs for high school students). The NSC’s StudentTracker Database is limited to participating institutions and excludes enrollment and degree records for students who have FERPA holds.

## Count of First-Time Bachelor’s Degree Recipients by Prior Associate Degree

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Prior Associate Degree | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 1-year Change | 5-year Change |
| Prior Associate Degree | 516 | 571 | 553 | 556 | 595 | 7.0% | 15.3% |
| No Prior Associate Degree | 3,290 | 3,425 | 3,352 | 3,200 | 3,385 | 5.8% | 2.9% |
| *Total* | ***3,806*** | ***3,996*** | ***3,905*** | ***3,756*** | ***3,980*** | ***6.0%*** | ***4.6%*** |

## Percentage of First-Time Bachelor’s Degree Recipients by Prior Associate Degree

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Prior Associate Degree | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
| Prior Associate Degree | 13.6% | 14.3% | 14.2% | 14.8% | 14.9% |
| No Prior Associate Degree | 86.4% | 85.7% | 85.8% | 85.2% | 85.1% |
| *Total* | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** |

*Note:* The NSC’s StudentTracker Database is limited to participating institutions and excludes enrollment and degree records for students who have FERPA holds.

## Count of First-Time Bachelor’s Degree Recipients by Number of Institutions Attended

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Number of Institutions Attended | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 1-year Change | 5-year Change |
| 1 | 1,734 | 1,831 | 1,873 | 1,822 | 1,879 | 3.1% | 8.4% |
| 2 | 1,225 | 1,250 | 1,149 | 1,142 | 1,190 | 4.2% | -2.9% |
| 3 or More | 847 | 915 | 883 | 792 | 911 | 15.0% | 7.6% |
| *Total* | ***3,806*** | ***3,996*** | ***3,905*** | ***3,756*** | ***3,980*** | ***6.0%*** | ***4.6%*** |

## Percentage of First-Time Bachelor’s Degree Recipients by Number of Institutions Attended

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Number of Institutions Attended | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
| 1 | 45.6% | 45.8% | 48.0% | 48.5% | 47.2% |
| 2 | 32.2% | 31.3% | 29.4% | 30.4% | 29.9% |
| 3 or More | 22.3% | 22.9% | 22.6% | 21.1% | 22.9% |
| *Total* | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** |

*Notes:* Excludes enrollment records for students under the age of 18 at the time of enrollment (i.e., excludes early college and other dual enrollment programs for high school students). The NSC’s StudentTracker Database is limited to participating institutions and excludes enrollment and degree records for students who have FERPA holds.

## Count of First-Time Bachelor’s Degree Recipients by Number of UMS Institutions Attended

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Number of UMS Institutions Attended | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 1-year Change | 5-year Change |
| 1 | 2,979 | 3,221 | 3,154 | 3,097 | 3,325 | 7.4% | 11.6% |
| 2 | 653 | 619 | 602 | 517 | 525 | 1.5% | -19.6% |
| 3 or More | 174 | 156 | 149 | 142 | 130 | -8.5% | -25.3% |
| *Total* | ***3,806*** | ***3,996*** | ***3,905*** | ***3,756*** | ***3,980*** | ***6.0%*** | ***4.6%*** |

## Percentage of First-Time Bachelor’s Degree Recipients by Number of UMS Institutions Attended

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Number of UMS Institutions Attended | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
| 1 | 78.3% | 80.6% | 80.8% | 82.5% | 83.5% |
| 2 | 17.2% | 15.5% | 15.4% | 13.8% | 13.2% |
| 3 or More | 4.6% | 3.9% | 3.8% | 3.8% | 3.3% |
| *Total* | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** |

*Note:* Excludes enrollment records for students under the age of 18 at the time of enrollment (i.e., excludes early college and other dual enrollment programs for high school students).

## Count of First-Time Bachelor’s Degree Recipients by Number of Stop Outs

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Number of Stop Outs | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 1-year Change | 5-year Change |
| 0 | 2,627 | 2,747 | 2,680 | 2,606 | 2,642 | 1.4% | 0.6% |
| 1 | 622 | 655 | 629 | 596 | 649 | 8.9% | 4.3% |
| 2+ | 557 | 594 | 596 | 554 | 689 | 24.4% | 23.7% |
| *Total* | ***3,806*** | ***3,996*** | ***3,905*** | ***3,756*** | ***3,980*** | ***6.0%*** | ***4.6%*** |

## Percentage of First-Time Bachelor’s Degree Recipients by Number of Stop Outs

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Number of Stop Outs | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
| 0 | 69.0% | 68.7% | 68.6% | 69.4% | 66.4% |
| 1 | 16.3% | 16.4% | 16.1% | 15.9% | 16.3% |
| 2+ | 14.6% | 14.9% | 15.3% | 14.7% | 17.3% |
| *Total* | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** | ***100.0%*** |

*Notes:* A stop out is defined as an absence in enrollment lasting more than 123 days. Excludes enrollment records for students under the age of 18 at the time of enrollment (i.e., excludes early college and other dual enrollment programs for high school students). The NSC’s StudentTracker Database is limited to participating institutions and excludes enrollment and degree records for students who have FERPA holds.

## Count of First-Time Bachelor’s Degree Recipients by Student Type

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Student Type | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | % of Total | 1-year Change | 5-year Change |
| No 2 Year Enrollment, No Associates | 2,523 | 2,640 | 2,655 | 2,595 | 2,604 | 65.4% | 0.3% | 3.2% |
| Prior 2 Year Enrollment, No Associates | 767 | 785 | 697 | 605 | 781 | 19.6% | 29.1% | 1.8% |
| Prior Associates | 516 | 571 | 553 | 556 | 595 | 14.9% | 7.0% | 15.3% |
| *Total* | ***3,806*** | ***3,996*** | ***3,905*** | ***3,756*** | ***3,980*** | ***100.0%*** | ***6.0%*** | ***4.6%*** |

## Average Time to Degree (Calendar Years) for First-Time Bachelor’s Degree Recipients by Category

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Student Type | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 1-year Change | 5-year Change |
| No 2 Year Enrollment, No Associates | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 6.1% | 0.7% |
| Prior 2 Year Enrollment, No Associates | 7.0 | 7.4 | 7.7 | 8.1 | 9.1 | 12.7% | 29.1% |
| Prior Associates | 10.1 | 10.4 | 10.8 | 10.7 | 11.5 | 7.7% | 13.7% |
| *Total* | ***6.1*** | ***6.2*** | ***6.2*** | ***6.2*** | ***6.9*** | ***10.9%*** | ***11.9%*** |

*Notes:* Excludes enrollment records for students under the age of 18 at the time of enrollment (i.e., excludes early college and other dual enrollment programs for high school students). The NSC’s StudentTracker Database is limited to participating institutions and excludes enrollment and degree records for students who have FERPA holds.