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RE: 2020-21 Four-Year Transfer Numbers

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### Overview

The 2020-21 transfer data, identified from the California State University Chancellor's Office, University of California Office of the President, and California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, are analyzed to present a report about the transfer rate and patterns to the CSU and UC systems as well as the in-state private and out-of-state institutions.

### *Highlights:*

- The number of transfers to the in-state public system, CSUs and UCs, decreased by 5% from 2019-20 to 2020-21. This decrease was driven by a 9% decrease in CSU transfers; the number of transfers to UCs remained stable (443 vs. 445).
- The number of transfers to in-state private and out-of-state institutions increased by 5% between 2019-20 and 2020-21 (ISP: 6%; OoS: 4%).
- The largest number of CSU transfers enrolled at San Jose State University (253), followed by San Francisco State (82) and Cal State East Bay (39).
- Latinx (29%) and Asian<sup>1</sup> (25%) students represent the majority of those transferring to the CSU system in 2020-21, while White students represent roughly one-fifth of all CSU transfer students (21%).
- The acceptance rate to the UC system in 2020-21 was 77%, with 73% of those admitted going on to enroll.
- The largest number of UC transfers in 2020-21 enrolled at UC San Diego (84), UC Santa Cruz (77), and UC Davis (68).
- Compared to its eight neighboring community colleges, Foothill had the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest total number of students transferred to the CSUs and the UC system (after De Anza).

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<sup>1</sup> Includes Filipinx transfers.

### California Public Four-Year Transfers

In the past academic year, 496 Foothill students transferred to a CSU while 443 transferred to an UC institution. While transfers remained stable to the UC system, transfers to the CSU system decreased from 2019-20 to 2020-21 by 9%. Overall, there was a 5% decrease in the number of annual transfer students to a UC or CSU (Table 1).

Table 1. Foothill College California State University and University of California Transfers, 2016-17 to 2020-21.

System	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	% Change 2019-20 to 2020-21
California State University	397	508	407	546	496	-9%
University of California	519	488	483	445	443	0%
Total	916	996	890	991	939	-5%

Source: CSU Analytics; UCOP Infocenter

### *California State University*

Out of the 496 students transferring to a CSU institution, the largest representation was at San Jose State University (253), followed by San Francisco State (82) and Cal State East Bay (39). Sacramento State (19) and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo (13) represent the remaining top five CSU transfer destinations among Foothill students (Table 2). Compared to 2019-20, the number of transfer students to these five institutions decreased from 449 students to 406 (-10%). These five institutions also represent 82% of all CSU transfers in 2020-21. The count decrease is due to a decrease in the number of transfer students enrolling at San Jose State (-30), and Cal State East Bay (-19), and San Francisco State (-10). Increased student transfers occurred at Sacramento State (+9) and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo (+7). There was also a decrease in the number of transfer students enrolling at Chico State (-5) and San Diego State (-3), which were among the top five CSU transfer destinations in 2019-20.

Compared to 2019-20, Foothill transferred more Latinx (Hispanic) and Pacific Islander students to the CSU system in 2020-21, and fewer Asian, White, Multi-ethnic, and students of unknown ethnicity (Table 3). Latinx (Hispanic) students represent the largest percentage among transferring students (29%), with Asian (including Filipinx) students at 25%, White students at 21%, and Non-resident Aliens (e.g. international students) at 12%.

Table 2. Foothill College California State University Transfer Institutions, 2016-17 to 2020-21.

Campus	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	% Change 2019-20 to 2020-21
Bakersfield	1	0	0	1	1	0%
Channel Islands	2	2	2	2	1	-50%
Chico	17	8	14	14	9	-36%
Dominguez Hills	4	3	1	2	4	100%
East Bay	48	55	32	58	39	-33%
Fresno	4	3	0	0	3	--
Fullerton	2	4	2	6	5	-17%
Humboldt	6	8	6	11	10	-9%
Long Beach	13	10	7	8	11	38%
Los Angeles	3	2	0	2	5	150%
Maritime	0	0	0	0	0	--
Monterey Bay	7	7	9	11	10	-9%
Northridge	2	5	1	4	8	100%
Pomona	12	7	11	6	3	-50%
Sacramento	17	17	8	10	19	90%
San Bernardino	0	0	0	3	1	-67%
San Diego	6	9	8	12	9	-25%
San Francisco	70	81	81	92	82	-11%
San Jose	168	274	213	283	253	-11%
San Luis Obispo	8	4	5	6	13	117%
San Marcos	0	0	0	4	2	-50%
Sonoma	7	6	6	8	7	-13%
Stanislaus	0	3	1	3	1	-67%
<b>Total</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>-9%</b>

Source: CSU Analytics

Table 3. Foothill College California State University Transfer Students by Ethnicity, 2016-17 to 2020-21.

Ethnicity	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	% Change 2019-20 to 2020-21	% of Total Transfers 2020-21
African American	11	16	12	15	15	0%	3%
American Indian	1	0	0	1	1	0%	0%
Asian	83	114	105	156	122	-22%	25%
Latinx	79	131	109	139	146	5%	29%
Pacific Islander	1	5	7	1	4	300%	1%
White	110	108	71	112	106	-5%	21%
Multi-ethnic	22	32	15	28	20	-29%	4%
Unknown	17	18	16	34	22	-35%	4%
Non-Res Alien	73	84	72	60	60	0%	12%
Total	397	508	407	546	496	-9%	100%

Source: CSU Analytics

Note: Filipinx is included in the Asian ethnicity grouping. Latinx students were labeled as Hispanic by CSU Analytics.

### *University of California*

In 2020-21, there were 780 Foothill College applicants to the UC system, with 603 applicants being admitted, yielding a final enrollment of 443 (Table 4). There was a 77% acceptance rate with just over half of those admits enrolling at an UC campus. The number of applications increased slightly from 2019-20 (763 to 780) and the admission rate decreased slightly (79% to 77%), resulting in a similar number of students admitted across the two years (600 vs. 603).

Table 4. Foothill College University of California Applicants, Admits and Enrollees, 2020-21.

Applicants	Admitted	Enrolled	% of Applicants Admitted	% of Admits Enrolled	% of Applicants Enrolled
780	603	443	77%	73%	57%

Source: UCOP Infocenter

Table 5 shows the UC institutions where Foothill students transferred and enrolled over the past five years. In 2020-21, UC San Diego enrolled the greatest number (84), comprising 19% of all Foothill students transferring to the UC system. The other campuses among the top three UC transfer destinations were UC Santa Cruz (77) and UC Davis (68); together, these top three destinations account for 52% of all UC transfer enrollments from Foothill. Increased student transfer occurred at UC Santa Cruz (+28), UC San Diego (+11), UC Irvine (+9) and UCLA (+9). UC Berkeley and UC Davis, which were among the top transfer institutions in 2019-20, both saw a decrease in student transfer in 2020-21: -30% for UC Berkeley (-28 students) and -25% for UC Davis (-23 students).

Table 5. Foothill College University of California Transfer Institutions, 2016-17 to 2020-21.

Campus	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	% Change 2019-20 to 2020-21
Berkeley	93	69	63	92	64	-30%
Davis	146	113	95	91	68	-25%
Irvine	26	51	34	26	35	35%
Los Angeles	77	53	67	55	64	16%
Merced	1	2	2	3	4	33%
Riverside	9	19	27	12	11	-8%
San Diego	93	84	76	73	84	15%
Santa Barbara	38	51	56	44	36	-18%
Santa Cruz	36	46	63	49	77	57%
Total	519	488	483	445	443	0%

Source: UCOP Infocenter

Table 6 shows that students transferring to the UC institutions are more likely to be International and Asian, with International students comprising 33% of transfers in 2020-21 and Asian students comprising 31%. African American transfers decreased by 3 students, and this population continues to represent a very small percentage of UC transfers from Foothill. Latinx (Hispanic/Latino) transfers increased by 4 students to a total of 48 in 2020-21.

Table 6. Foothill College University of California Transfer Students by Ethnicity, 2016-17 to 2020-21.

Ethnicity	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	% Change 2019-20 to 2020-21	% of Total Transfers 2019-20
African American	9	9	16	9	6	-33%	1%
Asian	128	146	141	144	136	-6%	31%
Hispanic/Latino	38	59	60	44	48	9%	11%
Native American	4	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
White	109	96	106	100	93	-7%	21%
Unknown	17	16	13	12	16	33%	4%
International	214	162	147	136	144	6%	33%
Total	519	488	483	445	443	0%	100%

Source: UCOP Infocenter

### *Comparisons with Other Community Colleges*

Below are the 2020-21 California State University and University of California transfer numbers from Foothill College along with some neighboring colleges. With the exception of De Anza College, Foothill had the largest total number of students transferred to the CSU and UC systems (Table 7).

In 2020-21, Foothill's neighboring institutions sent the majority of their CSU transfer students to San Jose State University and San Francisco State University (as did Foothill), while the top UC destinations were UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Santa Cruz, and UC San Diego (similar to

Foothill, although Foothill also sent 14% of their transfers to UCLA). Foothill and De Anza together transferred over 2,000 students to the CSU system and over 1,400 students to the UC system in 2020-21.

Table 7. California State University and University of California Transfers by Community College, 2020-21.

System	Foothill	Cañada	College of San Mateo	De Anza	Evergreen	Mission	San Jose City	Skyline	West Valley
California State University	496	180	447	1,612	658	399	332	589	469
University of California	443	83	284	978	89	73	62	140	159
Total	939	263	731	2,590	747	472	394	729	628

Source: CSU Analytics; UCOP Infocenter

### In-State Private and Out-of-State Transfers

Table 8 provides information regarding students who transferred to in-state privates and out-of-state colleges and universities. While there was a decreasing trend in attendance at in-state private and out-of-state institutions between 2016-17 and 2019-20, these transfers increased in 2020-21. Between 2019-20 and 2020-21, there was a 5% total increase; the number transferring to an in-state private institution increased by 6% (3 students) and the number transferring to an out-of-state institution increased by 4% (7 students).

Table 8. Foothill College In-State Private and Out-of-State Transfers, 2016-17 to 2020-21.

Institution Type	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	% Change 2019-20 and 2020-21
In-State Private (ISP)	87	79	65	48	51	6%
Out-of-State (OOS)	190	203	177	168	175	4%
Total	277	282	242	216	226	5%

Source: CCCCCO Data Mart

Table 9 lists the top five in-state private universities and colleges enrolling the highest numbers of Foothill transfers in 2020-21. For the first time in the past five years, Santa Clara University was the top in-state private destination.

Table 9. Foothill College Top 5 In-State Private Transfers 5-Year Trend, 2016-17 to 2020-21.

Institution	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	% Change 2019-20 and 2020-21
Santa Clara University	9	5	8	1	7	600%
Stanford University	5	4	6	4	5	25%
University Of Southern California	11	14	12	11	4	-64%
Loyola Marymount University	3	2	1	1	3	200%
National University	3	1	2	5	3	-40%
Total	31	26	29	22	22	0%

Source: CCCCCO Data Mart

Table 10 lists the top five out-of-state universities and colleges enrolling the largest Foothill transfers in 2020-21. For the first time in the past five years, Southern New Hampshire University was the top out-of-state destination.

Table 10. Foothill College Top 5 Out-of-State Transfers 5-Year Trend, 2016-17 to 2020-21.

Institution	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	% Change 2019-20 and 2020- 21
Southern New Hampshire University	3	1	3	7	10	43%
Arizona State University	13	9	12	13	9	-31%
Massachusetts Institute Of Technology	3	3	3	2	9	350%
University Of Illinois At Urbana-Champaign	7	4	3	1	8	700%
University Of Michigan-Ann Arbor	8	1	2	0	6	600%
Total	34	18	23	23	42	83%

Source: CCCCCO Data Mart

### Methodology

The transfer rates reported are for the full academic year.

### Sources

CSU Chancellor's Office (CSU Analytics)

UC Office of the President (UC Infocenter)

CCCCCO Data Mart, Transfer Volume to In-State Private and Out-of-State Baccalaureate Granting Institutions Report