

Santa Ana College Transfers to the Universities 2010-2011 through 2014-2015

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One of RSCCD's major missions as a community college is to transfer students to four-year universities. The RSCCD Research Department uses the National Student Clearinghouse, an electronic registry containing over 197 million student records from more than 3,600 colleges and hundreds of high school districts nationwide, to obtain these transfer data. For purposes of this factsheet, only "first time" transfers to a particular college segment (CSU, UC, Private, or out-of-state) are considered.

- In school year 2014-15, 2,597 students transferred from Santa Ana College (SAC) to both public and private universities, in and outside California.
- Overall, SAC experienced a considerable increase of 28% in transfers to four-year universities compared to the prior year.
- There is a shift in the ethnic breakdown of SAC transfer students:
 - Latino students comprise the largest group of SAC's transfers (41%) followed by White students (22%).
 - The percentage of White transfer students dropped significantly (8%) compared to the 2010-11 period; while, conversely, the percentage of Latino transfer students increased by five percentage points.
 - The percentage of Asian transfer students dropped slightly (1%).
- CSU Fullerton continues to top the list of most-popular destinations for SAC transfer students (26%). Other popular CSUs include: CSU Long Beach (7%) and CSU Dominguez Hills (5%).
- UC Irvine (5%), UC San Diego and UC Santa Barbara (each 1%) are popular choices for UC campuses.
- Columbia Southern University (4%), National University and Union Institute & University (each 3%) are the preferred private universities.
- More than one-third (933 of 2,597) of transfer students earned AA/AS degrees prior to transferring.
 - Liberal arts graduates account for the highest number of transfers followed by nursing, business, fire technology and Community Social Services.
 - On average, these graduate-transfer students completed 45 units at SAC upon transferring.

	SAC Transfers to the Universities				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
CSU	1196	1064	957	1087	1234
UC	240	173	183	195	253
Private/Out-of-State	660	695	749	741	1110
Total SAC	2096	1932	1889	2023	2597

Top Transfer-in Colleges by Segment, 2014-15		
CSU	UC	Private/Out of State
Fullerton (26%)	Irvine (6%)	Columbia Southern University (4%)
Long Beach (7%)	Los Angeles (1%)	National University (3%)
Dominguez Hills (5%)	Berkeley/San Diego (1% each)	Union State and University (3%)
Other (9%)	Other (2%)	Other (32%)

Percent Distribution of SAC Transfers to the Universities by Ethnicity							
	African-American	Asian	Caucasian	Latino	Other	Not Reported	Total
2010-11	3%	14%	30%	36%	6%	11%	2096
2014-15	3%	13%	22%	41%	2%	19%	2597
Change	-	-1%	-8%	5%	-4%	8%	501 (+24%)

Top AA/AS Degree Majors by 2014-15 Transfers (n=933)
Liberal Arts - 71%
Nursing - 4%
Business - 3%
Fire Tech/Community Social Services (2% each)
Other - 18%

(source: National Student Clearinghouse December 2015)