



Transfers to In-State 4-year Institutions by Ethnicity El Camino College, Fall 2005

The California Post-Secondary Education Commission (CPEC) publishes annual data on community college transfers to California 4-year institutions of higher education. CPEC data was used for this brief to provide a summary of the latest transfer information with a breakdown by ethnicity.

Ethnic breakdowns are available by system or institution type (table below). The n column represents the number of El Camino College (ECC) students who transferred to each institution type. The % column reflects the percentage of each ethnic group that transferred to each institution type.

Total Transfers by System and Ethnicity

System	Asian/PI		Black		Filipino		Latino		White		Other		Total	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
UC	86	<i>39.4</i>	14	<i>10.1</i>	13	31.0	47	<i>15.9</i>	65	25.6	54	25.6	279	24.1
CSU	115	<i>52.8</i>	97	70.3	28	66.7	219	<i>74.0</i>	163	64.2	139	65.9	761	65.7
Private	17	7.8	27	<i>19.6</i>	1	2.4	30	10.1	26	10.2	18	8.5	119	10.3
Total	218		138		42		296		254		211		1159	

Notable differences in transfer patterns were found between ethnic groups.¹ Percentages in italics represent differences larger than 8 or 9 points. While Asian-American and Pacific Island (PI) students were more likely to enroll at a UC, they were less likely to enroll at a CSU. African-American and Latino students enrolled at UCs in smaller percentages, but were more likely to enroll in CSUs. African-Americans also were more likely to enroll at private institutions.

The data in the table above should be used to indicate general trends rather than to measure transfer rates due to limitations of the CPEC data source. For example, a statewide report (see IR Brief #1) indicates that the University of Phoenix is the top receiving institution. However, University of Phoenix does not report transfer data to CPEC.

Another limitation is the lack of out of state information. A previous report found that a sizeable number of ECC students transferred to institutions outside California in 2005, including 14 headed for Historically Black Colleges and Universities. All told, several hundred El Camino College students transfer to in-state privates and out of state institutions each year.

¹ Please note that the "Other" category as reported by CPEC is unusually large. Conclusions about transfer rates for each ethnic group should be drawn with caution.