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RE: 2023-24 Four-Year Transfer Numbers

Overview

The 2023-24 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 to in-state private and out-of-state institutions.

Highlights:

- The number of Foothill transfers to the in-state public system, CSUs and UCs, remained stable between 2022-23 and 2023-24. Transfers to the CSU system increased by 4 students (1%) while transfers to the UC system decreased by 1 student (0%).
- The acceptance rate of Foothill applicants to the UC system remained at 81% in 2023-24. While there was an increase in the number of Foothill applicants to UC in 2023-24 compared to the previous year (539 vs. 520), there was a balancing decline in the percent of applicants who enrolled (71% vs. 73%).
- The number of Foothill transfers to in-state private and out-of-state institutions decreased by 56% between 2022-23 and 2023-24 (ISP: -56%; OoS: -56%). This continues a general trend of decreasing transfer to these institutions.
- The largest number of Foothill transfers to the CSU system in 2023-24 enrolled at San Jose State University (175), followed by San Francisco State (50) and Cal State East Bay (25). These were also top CSU transfer destinations for Foothill's neighboring colleges.
- The largest number of Foothill transfers to the UC system in 2023-24 enrolled at UCSD (62), UCLA (61), and UC Berkeley (58). UC Berkeley and UC Davis were the top UC transfer destinations for Foothill's neighboring colleges.
- Latinx, White, and Asian¹ students represent the majority of those transferring to the CSU and UC systems in 2023-24. For CSU, the percents were 36% Latinx, 25% White, and 18% Asian, while for UC the percents were 14% Latinx, 26% White, and 40% Asian.

¹ Includes Filipinx transfers.

- Compared to its eight neighboring community colleges, in 2023-24 Foothill had the 2nd highest total number of students transferred to the CSUs and the UC system (655), after De Anza (2,158). Foothill was also the only California community college in the area to increase their total number of transfers to CSU or UC in 2023-24 compared to the previous year.

California Public Four-Year Transfers

In the past academic year, 349 Foothill students transferred to a CSU while 306 transferred to a UC institution. This is an increase of 1% in transfers to the CSU system and a decrease of less than 1% (rounding to 0%) in transfers to the UC system between 2022-23 and 2023-24. Overall, there was a 0.5% increase in the number of annual transfer students to a CSU or UC (Table 1).

Table 1. Foothill College California State University and University of California Transfers, 2019-20 to 2023-24.

System	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	% Change 2022-23 to 2023-24
California State University	546	496	432	345	349	1%
University of California	445	443	427	307	306	0%
Total	991	939	859	652	655	0.5%

Source: CSU Analytics; UCOP Infocenter

California State University

Out of the 349 students transferring to a CSU institution, the largest segment transferred to San Jose State (175), followed by San Francisco State (50) and Cal State East Bay (25). These three institutions were also the top three CSU transfer destinations for Foothill students in 2022-23 (Table 2). San Diego State (19) was the fourth highest CSU transfer destination; it was also among the top five destinations in 2022-23. There was a tie between Cal Poly SLO (11) and Chico State (11) for the fifth-highest CSU transfer destination among Foothill students. Adding together the top five destinations (and only counting either Cal Poly SLO or Chico), the total comes to 280 students, which comprises 80% of all CSU transfers in 2023-24. The college showing the largest numerical increase from 2022-23 was San Diego State (+9 students, +90%). Cal Poly SLO had the largest percentage increase from 2022-23 (+7 students, +175%).

While overall the number of Foothill transfers to CSU increased in 2023-24, there were also some decreases in transfer to specific institutions. Compared to 2022-23, the largest numerical decreases were to Cal State East Bay (-8 students, -24%) and Humboldt State (-6 students, -60%); Humboldt had been one of the top five CSU transfer destinations in 2022-23.

Compared to 2022-23, Foothill transferred more Pacific Islander, African-American, White, Latinx (Hispanic), and international students to CSU in 2023-24 (Table 3). The largest percentage increases were for Pacific Islander students (+2 students, +100%), African-American students (+4 students, +36%), and White students (+12 students, +16%). There were decreases in transfers to CSU for American Indian students (-1 student, -100%), students of unknown ethnicity (-10 students, -48%), multi-ethnic students (-3 students, -12%), and Asian students (-7 students,

-10%). Latinx (Hispanic) students represent the largest percentage among CSU-transferring students in 2023-24 (36%), with White students at 25% and Asian (including Filipinx) students at 18%.

Table 2. Foothill College California State University Transfer Institutions, 2019-20 to 2023-24

Campus	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	% Change 2022-23 to 2023-24
Bakersfield	1	1	0	1	1	0%
Channel Islands	2	1	3	0	0	--
Chico	14	9	9	8	11	38%
Dominguez Hills	2	4	4	1	0	-100%
East Bay	58	39	36	33	25	-24%
Fresno	0	3	3	2	2	0%
Fullerton	6	5	9	7	7	0%
Humboldt	11	10	1	10	4	-60%
Long Beach	8	11	9	4	7	75%
Los Angeles	2	5	6	6	2	-67%
Maritime	0	0	1	0	0	--
Monterey Bay	11	10	6	7	6	-14%
Northridge	4	8	4	3	4	33%
Pomona	6	3	9	6	7	17%
Sacramento	10	19	16	9	10	11%
San Bernardino	3	1	3	2	0	-100%
San Diego	12	9	15	10	19	90%
San Francisco	92	82	78	47	50	6%
San Jose	283	253	198	176	175	-1%
San Luis Obispo	6	13	12	4	11	175%
San Marcos	4	2	2	0	1	--
Sonoma	8	7	2	6	3	-50%
Stanislaus	3	1	6	3	3	0%
Intl Programs					1	--
Total	546	496	432	345	349	1%

Source: CSU Analytics

Table 3. Foothill College California State University Transfer Students by Ethnicity, 2019-20 to 2023-24.

Ethnicity	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	% Change 2022-23 to 2023-24	% of Total Transfers 2023-24
African American	15	15	22	11	15	36%	4%
American Indian	1	1	1	1	0	-100%	0%
Asian	156	122	91	70	63	-10%	18%
Hispanic	139	146	128	121	127	5%	36%
Pacific Islander	1	4	3	2	4	100%	1%
White	112	106	109	75	87	16%	25%
Multi-ethnic	28	20	27	25	22	-12%	6%
Unknown	34	22	13	21	11	-48%	3%
International	60	60	38	19	20	5%	6%
Total	546	496	432	345	349	1%	100%

Source: CSU Analytics

Note: Filipinx is included in the Asian ethnicity grouping.

University of California

The UC system releases the number of applicants and the number of students admitted in addition to the number of students enrolled from community colleges. In 2023-24, there were 539 Foothill College applicants to the UC system, with 434 applicants being admitted, yielding a final enrollment of 306 (Table 4). The acceptance rate was 81%, with 71% of admits enrolling, resulting in 57% of applicants enrolling at a UC campus.

Compared to 2022-23, the number of applicants to the UC system from Foothill increased by 19 students in 2023-24, or 4%. The acceptance rate was the same in 2023-24 (81% in both years), but because a smaller percentage of accepted students enrolled (71% vs. 73%), the overall number of transfers was similar (306 vs. 307).

Table 4. Foothill College University of California Applicants, Admits and Enrollees, 2021-22 vs. 2022-23.

Year	Applicants	Admitted	Enrolled	% of Applicants Admitted	% of Admits Enrolled	% of Applicants Enrolled
2022-23	520	419	307	81%	73%	59%
2023-24	539	434	306	81%	71%	57%

Table 5 shows the UC institutions where Foothill students transferred and enrolled over the past five years. In 2023-24, UC San Diego enrolled the greatest number (62) followed closely by UCLA (61) and UC Berkeley (58); together, these three destinations account for 59% of all UC transfer enrollments from Foothill. Compared to 2022-23, the largest increase in 2023-24 was to UC San Diego (+26 students, +72%), which made it the top UC transfer destination for 2023-24. UCLA (+7 students, +13%) and UC Berkeley (+5 students, +9%) also saw increases compared to 2022-23. Other UC institutions either remained steady compared to 2022-23 or saw decreases in student transfer. The largest decreases occurred at UC Santa Cruz (-18 students, -35%), UC Irvine (-9 students, -32%), UC Santa Barbara (-6 students, -21%), and UC Davis (-5 students, -11%).

Table 5. Foothill College University of California Transfer Institutions, 2019-20 to 2023-24.

Campus	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	% Change 2022-23 to 2023-24
Berkeley	92	64	82	53	58	9%
Davis	91	68	73	45	40	-11%
Irvine	26	35	36	28	19	-32%
Los Angeles	55	64	53	54	61	13%
Merced	3	4	4	2	2	0%
Riverside	12	11	16	10	9	-10%
San Diego	73	84	58	36	62	72%
Santa Barbara	44	36	49	28	22	-21%
Santa Cruz	49	77	56	51	33	-35%
Total	445	443	427	307	306	0%

Source: UCOP Infocenter

Students transferring to UC institutions were most likely to be Asian (including Filipinx), accounting for 40% of transfers in 2023-24 (Table 6). The next most common groups were White students (26% of transfers) and Hispanic/Latinx students (14% of transfers). Compared to 2022-23, Asian transfers increased by 12 students (+11%), and White transfers increased by 1 student (+1%). There was a decrease in African American transfers (-9 students, -45%), international student transfers (-4 students, -10%), and Hispanic/Latinx transfers (-3 students, -7%).

Table 6. Foothill College University of California Transfer Students by Ethnicity, 2019-20 to 2023-24.

Ethnicity	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	% Change 2022-23 to 2023-24	% of Total Transfers 2023-24
African American	9	6	13	20	11	-45%	4%
Asian	143	136	142	109	121	11%	40%
Hispanic/Latinx	44	48	48	46	43	-7%	14%
Native American	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
White	100	93	107	78	79	1%	26%
Unknown	11	--	16	--	16	--	5%
International	136	144	99	40	36	-10%	12%

Source: UCOP Infocenter

Notes: Numbers may not add up to the total in Tables 4 and 5 because of masking for very small enrollments. Filipinx is included in the Asian ethnicity grouping.

Comparisons with Other Community Colleges

Table 7 shows the 2023-24 California State University and University of California transfer numbers from Foothill College along with neighboring colleges. Foothill transferred the second highest number of students to the CSU and UC systems (655 students), while De Anza transferred the highest number (2,158 students). The same pattern held when looking solely at transfers to the UC system; Foothill transferred the second highest number (306 students) and De Anza transferred the highest number (880 students). When looking solely at transfers

to the CSU system, Foothill transferred fewer students than five of its neighbors: De Anza (1,278 students), Evergreen (460 students), West Valley (435 students), Skyline (390 students), and College of San Mateo (376 students). However, Foothill was one of only two California community colleges in the area to increase their number of transfers to CSU in 2023-24 compared to the previous year. Foothill was also the only one to increase their total number of transfers to CSU or UC compared to the previous year.

In 2023-24, San Jose State and San Francisco State were top CSU transfer destinations for Foothill and for its neighboring institutions. While Foothill's top UC transfer destinations in 2023-24 were UC San Diego and UCLA, the top UC destinations from neighboring institutions were predominantly UC Berkeley and UC Davis. Foothill and De Anza together transferred over 1,600 students to the CSU system and close to 1,200 students to the UC system in 2023-24.

Table 7. California State University and University of California Transfers by Community College, 2023-24 and Change from 2022-23.

System	'23-'24 Count and Change	Foothill	Cañada	College of San Mateo	De Anza	Evergreen	Mission	San Jose City	Skyline	West Valley
CSU	'23-'24 Count	349	149	376	1,278	460	292	285	390	435
	Change from '22-'23	+4	-5	-28	-55	-122	-31	-38	+2	-36
UC	'23-'24 Count	306	63	227	880	77	61	50	100	177
	Change from '22-'23	-1	-14	-17	-66	+4	-21	-1	-25	+25
Total	'23-'24 Count	655	212	603	2,158	537	353	335	490	612
	Change from '22-'23	+3	-19	-45	-121	-118	-52	-39	-23	-11

Source: CSU Analytics; UCOP Infocenter

In-State Private and Out-of-State Transfers

Table 8 provides information regarding students who transferred to in-state private and out-of-state colleges and universities. There is a continuing trend of decreasing transfers to these institutions, although transfers briefly increased in 2020-21. Between 2022-23 and 2023-24, transfers to these institutions decreased by 56% for both in-state private institutions (-10 students) and out-of-state institutions (-58 students).

Table 8. Foothill College In-State Private and Out-of-State Transfers, 2019-20 to 2023-24.

Institution Type	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	% Change 2022-23 and 2023-24
In-State Private (ISP)	48	51	37	18	8	-56%
Out-of-State (OOS)	168	175	140	103	45	-56%
Total	216	226	177	121	53	-56%

Source: CCCCO Data Mart

In 2023-24, the 8 Foothill students who transferred to an in-state private institution each had a different transfer destination. The 8 in-state private institutions who enrolled Foothill transfer students were Ashford University, California Lutheran University, Chapman University, Claremont McKenna College, Saint Mary’s College of California, Santa Clara University, University of the Pacific, and West Coast University-Los Angeles. Table 9 lists transfers over the past five years for Santa Clara University and the University of San Francisco, which were the two in-state private institutions enrolling the highest number of Foothill transfers a year ago, in 2022-23. Within these two institutions, the number of transfers decreased by -83% (-5 students) between 2022-23 and 2023-24.

Table 9. Foothill College Top 2 In-State Private Transfers from 2022-23, 5-Year Trend, 2019-20 to 2023-24.

Institution	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	% Change 2022-23 and 2023- 24
Santa Clara University	1	6	6	3	1	-67%
University Of San Francisco	4	3	2	3	0	-100%
Total	5	9	8	6	1	-83%

Source: CCCCO Data Mart. Numbers reflect most recent data available.

In 2023-24, the top out-of-state destination for Foothill students was Western Governors University (5 students), followed by Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2 students), Nightingale College (2 students), Southern New Hampshire University (2 students), University of Nevada-Reno (2 students), and University of Washington-Seattle (2 students). All other out-of-state destinations saw either 1 or 0 Foothill students transferring.

Table 10 lists transfers over the past five years for Western Governors University, Arizona State University, and Southern New Hampshire University, which were the three out-of-state institutions enrolling the highest number of Foothill transfers a year ago, in 2022-23. Within these three institutions, the number of transfers decreased by -68% (-15 students) between 2022-23 and 2023-24.

Table 10. Foothill College Top 3 Out-of-State Transfers from 2022-23, 5-Year Trend, 2019-20 to 2023-24.

Institution	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	% Change 2022-23 and 2023-24
Western Governors University	6	4	7	8	5	-38%
Arizona State University	13	9	12	8	0	-100%
Southern New Hampshire University	7	10	9	6	2	-67%
Total	26	23	28	22	7	-68%

Source: CCCC Data Mart. Numbers reflect most recent data available.

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)

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