

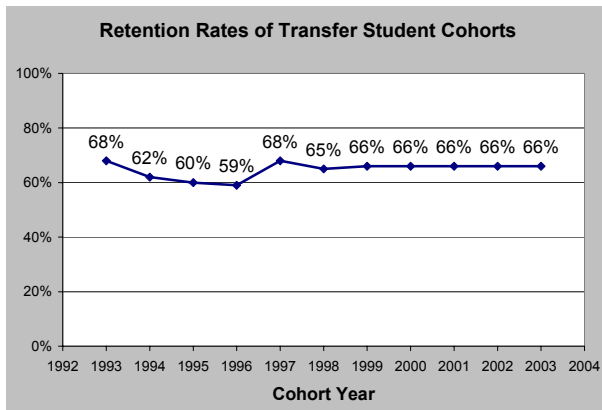


University of Colorado at Colorado Springs

2003 Transfer Student Retention Rates Research Brief No. 13

Overview

In the Summer and Fall of 2003, more than 750 students transferred to the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. Sixty-six percent of these transfer students enrolled in the Fall semester of 2004. Their retention rate is consistent with the retention rates of previous cohorts of transfer students, which have remained steady for the past 5 years.



The transfer students gained college experience from different types of institutions before enrolling at UCCS. The table below shows that 35% of transfers came from one institution, Pikes Peak Community College.

Type	% of transfers	% retained
Pikes Peak CC	35%	74%
CO 4-YR	21%	68%
Out-of-State 4-YR	19%	56%
Out-of-State CC	14%	57%
Other CO CC	9%	66%
All others	2%	57%
Total	100%	66%

Approximately three-fourths of the 2003 transfer students entered UCCS at the sophomore level or higher, as indicated in the table below.

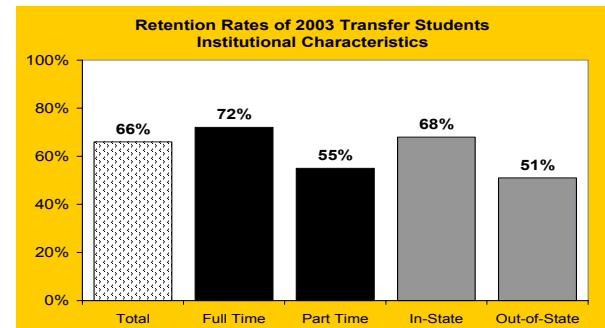
	% of transfers
Freshman	27%
Sophomore	41%
Junior	23%
Senior	7%
Fifth-Year Senior	2%

Institutional Characteristics

Transfer student retention rates differ according to the college offering undergraduate majors. Retention is highest in the College of Business and lowest in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences. The College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences has a retention rate of 64%.

College or Major	% retained
Business	75%
Engineering & Applied Sciences	61%
Letters, Arts, & Sciences	64%
Nursing & Health Sciences	70%
Decided Majors	66%
Undecided Majors	64%

Retention rates are higher among transfers who start full-time than part-time and higher among in-state than out-of-state transfer students.



Gender and Ethnicity

There are minimal differences in the retention rates of transfers according to their gender and ethnicity. Although women make up two-thirds of the transfer students, their retention rate is the same as the men. Likewise, the retention rate of white students is similar to students of color.

