

**Mt. San Antonio College  
Transfers to Colleges and Universities  
Fall 1999 – Fall 2001**

The National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) was utilized in order to determine the transfer behaviors of students whose last term of attendance at Mt. SAC was between the semesters of Fall 1999 to Fall 2001. The NSC contains enrollment data for 91% of colleges and universities across the nation, including the vast majority of colleges and universities in the Southern California area<sup>1</sup>. Students were compared against this enrollment data in June 2003. Since some students have attended multiple colleges since attending Mt. SAC, the first college that a student attended after Mt. SAC was selected for this analysis.

**Overall Trends**

Over half of the approximately 20,000 students transferring through June 2003 transferred to another 2-year institution. For the Summer 2001 cohort, the percentage of students transferring decreased by approximately 6% from the summer before. A decrease was also seen for the most recent Fall (5%) and Spring (4%) cohorts (table 1). However, this trend may be due to incomplete enrollment data from some colleges for the most recent terms. It is also possible that there are 'lags' between subsequent enrollments that are not yet reflected in the data. Students may be taking time off from school before continuing their education.

**Table 1**

Term Last Attended	Total # of Records	Transfers		Transfer to 2-Year College		Transfer to 4-Year University	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
Fall 1999	9469	2433	25.7%	1630	67.0%	803	33.0%
Fall 2000	9499	2359	24.8%	1530	64.9%	829	35.1%
Fall 2001	15376	2961	19.3%	1965	66.4%	996	33.6%
Spring 2000	9771	2685	27.5%	1734	64.6%	951	35.4%
Spring 2001	11935	2850	23.9%	1813	63.6%	1037	36.4%
Summer 2000	8331	2851	34.2%	1004	35.2%	1847	64.8%
Summer 2001	11446	3236	28.3%	1140	35.2%	2096	64.8%
<b>Average Transfer Rate</b>				<b>56.7%</b>		<b>43.3%</b>	

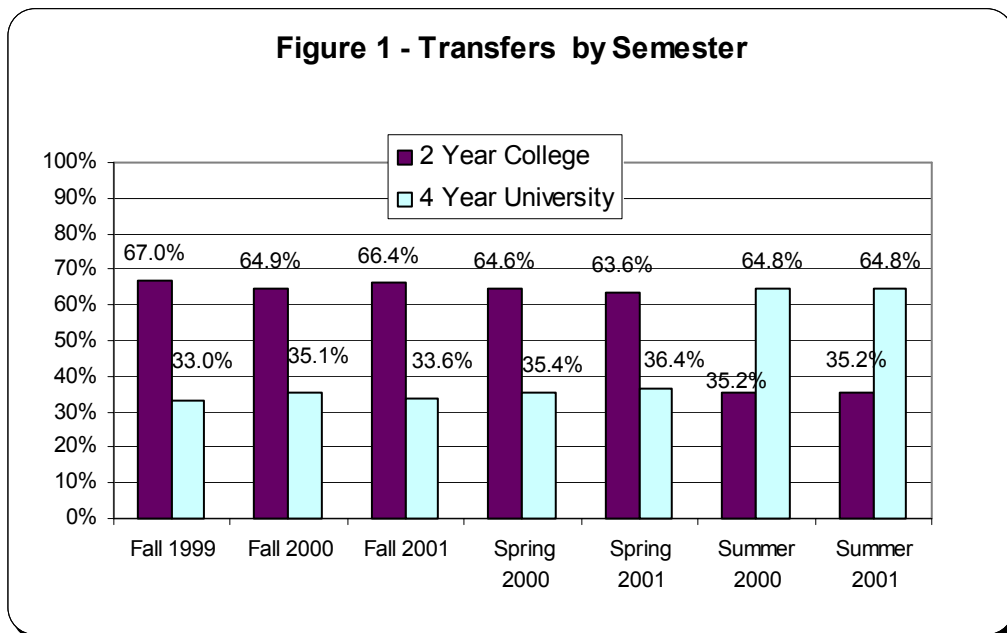
<sup>1</sup> A full listing of participating institutions in California can be obtained at [http://www.nslc.org/secure\\_area/CoreServiceParticipatingSchools.htm](http://www.nslc.org/secure_area/CoreServiceParticipatingSchools.htm)

For all terms combined, the most frequent institutions that Mt. SAC students transfer to are Citrus College, Cal Poly Pomona, and Cal State Fullerton (table 2). Appendix A shows the top ten transfer institutions by last term attended.

**Table 2 – Fall 1999-Fall 2001**

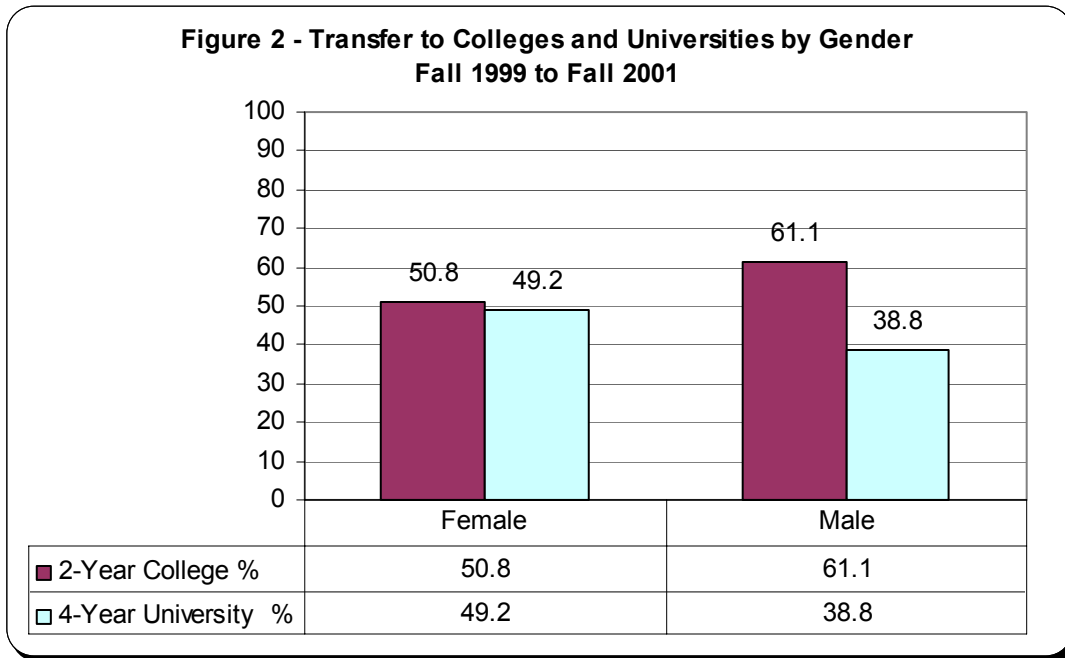
College	# of Transfers
Citrus College	2039
Cal Poly Pomona	1859
Cal State Fullerton	1493
Rio Hondo College	1453
Fullerton College	707
Pasadena College	639
Santa Ana College	617
East Los Angeles College	612
UCLA	459
UC Irvine	409

Figure 1 illustrates that while over 60% of students transfer to another 2-year institution after fall and spring semesters, the opposite is true during the summer semesters. Students attending courses in the summer are more likely to subsequently attend a 4-year university perhaps because fall is typically when students start at a new school. It also could be that they already attend these universities during the fall and spring semesters.



## Gender

Overall, females are equally likely to transfer to a 2-year college or 4-year university, while their male counterparts are more likely to transfer to a 2-year college (figure 2). Breakdowns by last term attended can be found in Appendix B.

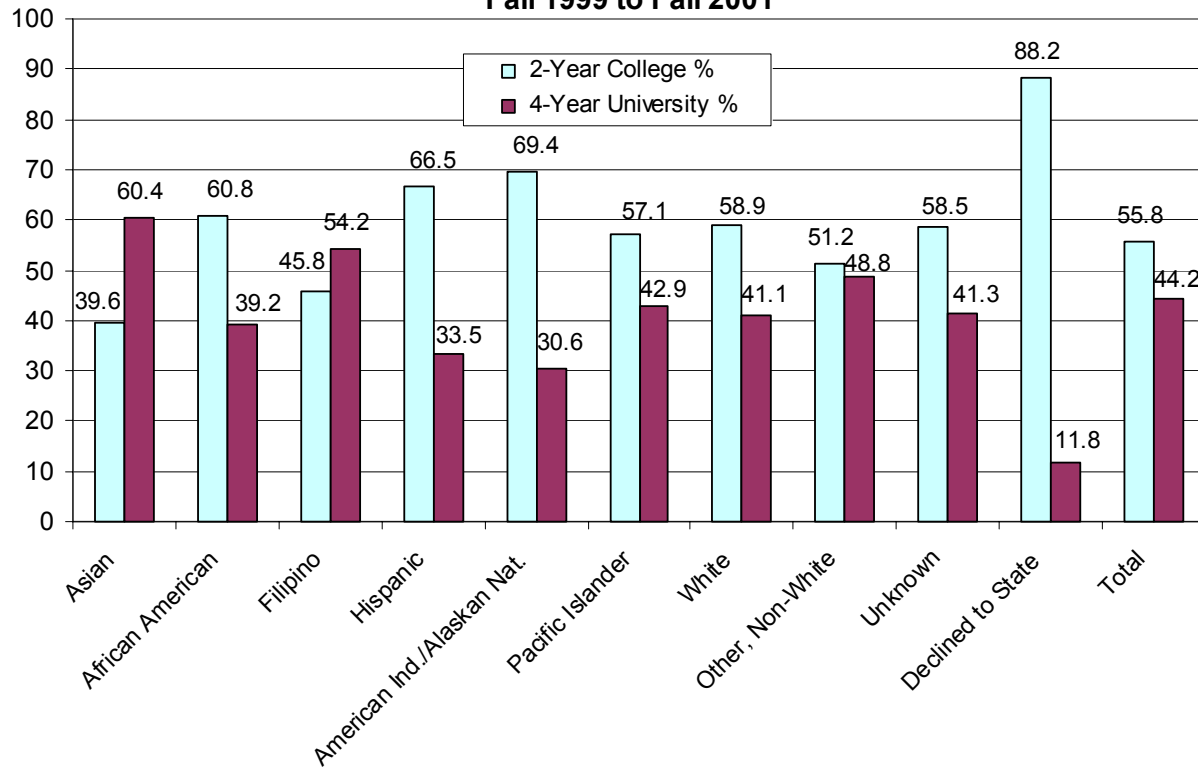


## Ethnicity

In terms of ethnicity, over half of Asians and Filipinos transfer to 4-year universities. The other ethnicities are more likely to transfer to a 2-year college, with American Indians, Hispanics, and those who declined to state their ethnicity as having the highest percentages transferring to a 2-year college (table 3, figure 3). Breakdowns by last term attended can be found in Appendix C.

	<b>All Terms</b>					
	<b>2-Year College</b>		<b>4-Year University</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Asian</b>	1,859	39.6	2,834	60.4	4,693	100.0
<b>African American</b>	865	60.8	558	39.2	1,423	100.0
<b>Filipino</b>	557	45.8	659	54.2	1,216	100.0
<b>Hispanic</b>	4,077	66.5	2,050	33.5	6,127	100.0
<b>American Ind./Alaskan Nat.</b>	75	69.4	33	30.6	108	100.0
<b>Pacific Islander</b>	52	57.1	39	42.9	91	100.0
<b>White</b>	2,703	58.9	1,883	41.1	4,586	100.0
<b>Other, Non-White</b>	314	51.2	299	48.8	613	100.0
<b>Unknown</b>	284	58.7	200	41.3	484	100.0
<b>Declined to State</b>	30	88.2	4	11.8	34	100.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,816</b>	<b>55.8</b>	<b>8,559</b>	<b>44.2</b>	<b>19,375</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Figure 3 - Transfers to Colleges and Universities - By Ethnicity  
Fall 1999 to Fall 2001**



### Conclusions

Based on the data presented, students attending Mt. SAC are more likely to continue their studies at another community college rather than transferring to a 4-year university. Summer semesters are the exception, perhaps because many students from 4-year universities take transferable courses at a community college during the summer or it is the last semester before a typical time to start at a 4-year institution. Breakdowns by gender and ethnicity show that males more frequently transfer to a 2-year college and that Asians are more likely to transfer to a 4-year university.

There are, however, limitations to the data that must be taken into account. First, the National Student Clearinghouse only has enrollment information for 91% of college and universities across the United States. Although the majority of colleges and universities in the Mt. SAC area are represented in the data, it is possible that the percentage of students transferring is underestimated. Another concern is that enrollment data submitted to the NSC from other colleges and universities may not be complete for the most recent terms. Thus, it may appear that transfer rates for Mt. SAC are going down, even though in reality they may not be.

## Appendix A

### Fall 1999

College	# of Transfers
Citrus College	242
Cal Poly Pomona	174
Rio Hondo College	167
Santa Ana College	134
Cal State Fullerton	128
Chaffey College	120
Fullerton College	118
Pasadena City College	109
East Los Angeles College	91
University of Phoenix	61

### Spring 2000

College	# of Transfers
Citrus College	310
Rio Hondo College	211
Cal Poly Pomona	201
Cal State Fullerton	148
Chaffey College	122
Fullerton College	114
Santa Ana College	98
Pasadena City College	86
East Los Angeles College	84
Devry University - Pomona	73

### Fall 2000

College	# of Transfers
Citrus College	304
Cal Poly Pomona	216
Rio Hondo College	214
Cal State Fullerton	149
Chaffey College	116
East Los Angeles College	97
Fullerton College	87
Pasadena City College	86
Santa Ana College	82
University of Phoenix	67

### Spring 2001

College	# of Transfers
Citrus College	362
Rio Hondo College	290
Cal Poly Pomona	236
Cal State Fullerton	174
Chaffey College	125
East Los Angeles College	114
Fullerton College	112
Pasadena City College	91
Devry University - Pomona	84
Santa Ana College	77

### Fall 2001

College	# of Transfers
Citrus College	482
Rio Hondo College	277
Cal Poly Pomona	245
Cal State Fullerton	194
Chaffey College	143
Fullerton College	117
East Los Angeles College	116
Pasadena City College	111
Santa Ana College	105
El Camino	59

**Appendix A (con't)**

**Summer 2000**

<b>College</b>	<b># of Transfers</b>
Cal Poly Pomona	369
Cal State Fullerton	317
Citrus College	176
UCLA	143
UC Irvine	116
Rio Hondo College	98
UC San Diego	93
USC	91
Cal State Long Beach	89
Fullerton College	87

**Summer 2001**

<b>College</b>	<b># of Transfers</b>
Cal Poly Pomona	418
Cal State Fullerton	383
Rio Hondo College	196
Citrus College	163
UC Irvine	142
UCLA	126
UC Berkeley	116
UC San Diego	97
USC	93
Santa Ana College	89

## Appendix B

	Fall 1999				Fall 2000				Fall 2001			
	2-Year College		4-Year University		2-Year College		4-Year University		2-Year College		4-Year University	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Female</b>	763	64.2	426	35.8	760	61.3	479	38.7	902	61.6	563	38.4
<b>Male</b>	867	69.8	376	30.2	768	68.7	350	31.3	1,062	71.0	433	29.0
<b>Unknown</b>	0	0.0	1	100.0	2	100.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	1,630	67.0	803	33.0	1,530	64.9	829	35.1	1,965	66.4	996	33.6

	Spring 2000				Spring 2001			
	2-Year College		4-Year University		2-Year College		4-Year University	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Female</b>	786	60.4	515	39.6	853	59.5	580	40.5
<b>Male</b>	948	68.5	436	31.5	960	67.7	457	32.3
<b>Unknown</b>	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	1,734	64.5	951	35.4	1,813	63.6	1,037	36.4

	Summer 2000				Summer 2001			
	2-Year College		4-Year University		2-Year College		4-Year University	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Female</b>	518	32.1	1,095	67.9	493	28.2	1,256	71.8
<b>Male</b>	486	39.3	750	60.7	647	43.5	840	56.5
<b>Unknown</b>	0	0.0	2	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	1,004	35.2	1,847	64.8	1,140	35.2	2,096	64.8

## Appendix C

	Fall 1999				Fall 2000				Fall 2001			
	2-Year College		4-Year University		2-Year College		4-Year University		2-Year College		4-Year University	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Asian</b>	260	53.6	225	46.4	266	52.9	237	47.1	331	51.8	308	48.2
<b>African American</b>	135	69.2	60	30.8	134	70.2	57	29.8	148	72.9	55	27.1
<b>Filipino</b>	65	51.2	62	48.8	74	57.8	54	42.2	105	61.8	65	38.2
<b>Hispanic</b>	612	74.9	205	25.1	616	72.8	230	27.2	784	74.3	271	25.7
<b>American Ind./Alaskan Nat.</b>	19	86.4	3	13.6	9	81.8	2	18.2	14	66.7	7	33.3
<b>Pacific Islander</b>	11	73.3	4	26.7	5	62.5	3	37.5	8	66.7	4	33.3
<b>White</b>	448	68.6	205	31.4	357	63.9	202	36.1	460	66.2	235	33.8
<b>Other, Non-White</b>	41	68.3	19	31.7	42	56.8	32	43.2	57	64.8	31	35.2
<b>Unknown</b>	39	66.1	20	33.9	27	69.2	12	30.8	42	70.0	18	30.0
<b>Declined to State</b>	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	16	88.9	2	11.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,630</b>	<b>67.0</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>1,530</b>	<b>64.9</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>35.1</b>	<b>1,965</b>	<b>66.4</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>33.6</b>

	Spring 2000				Spring 2001			
	2-Year College		4-Year University		2-Year College		4-Year University	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Asian</b>	287	53.7	247	46.3	284	49.6	289	50.4
<b>African American</b>	125	68.3	58	31.7	159	69.7	69	30.3
<b>Filipino</b>	100	57.5	74	42.5	100	60.2	66	39.8
<b>Hispanic</b>	638	72.8	238	27.2	686	70.8	283	29.2
<b>American Ind./Alaskan Nat.</b>	12	60.0	8	40.0	11	68.8	5	31.3
<b>Pacific Islander</b>	11	84.6	2	15.4	9	60.0	6	40.0
<b>White</b>	481	63.8	273	36.2	460	63.8	261	36.2
<b>Other, Non-White</b>	42	58.3	30	41.7	48	54.5	40	45.5
<b>Unknown</b>	36	64.3	20	35.7	55	75.3	18	24.7
<b>Declined to State</b>	2	66.7	1	33.3	1	100.0	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,734</b>	<b>64.5</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>35.4</b>	<b>1,813</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<b>1,037</b>	<b>36.4</b>

## Appendix C (con't)

	Summer 2000				Summer 2001			
	2-Year College		4-Year University		2-Year College		4-Year University	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Asian</b>	209	22.7	712	77.3	222	21.4	816	78.6
<b>African American</b>	86	40.6	126	59.4	78	37.0	133	63.0
<b>Filipino</b>	57	25.8	164	74.2	56	24.3	174	75.7
<b>Hispanic</b>	353	50.1	351	49.9	388	45.1	472	54.9
<b>American Ind./Alaskan Nat.</b>	5	55.6	4	44.4	5	55.6	4	44.4
<b>Pacific Islander</b>	4	26.7	11	73.3	4	30.8	9	69.2
<b>White</b>	208	37.8	342	62.2	289	44.2	365	55.8
<b>Other, Non-White</b>	47	37.9	77	62.1	37	34.6	70	65.4
<b>Unknown</b>	32	34.8	60	65.2	53	50.5	52	49.5
<b>Declined to State</b>	3	100.0	0	0.0	8	88.9	1	11.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,004</b>	<b>35.2</b>	<b>1,847</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>1,140</b>	<b>35.2</b>	<b>2,096</b>	<b>64.8</b>