This report outlines transfer data collected by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. The methodology used involves tracking all first time freshmen six years after their initial enrollment at El Camino College Compton Center in 2007-08. During this six-year period, students who exhibit "behavioral intent to transfer" are placed into the Transfer Velocity Cohort. More specifically, students must complete 12 credit units and attempt a transfer level math or English course within six years following initial enrollment to be included in the Transfer Cohort. Because the Transfer Cohort is not finalized until the sixth year, transfer rates for preceding years are retroactively calculated. Students with multiple college enrollments are reported as members of the Transfer Velocity Cohort for each college attended.

To calculate the transfer rate, Transfer Cohort data is matched with data from California State University (CSU), University of California (UC), and the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC). This reveals students' enrollment status at a four-year institution. Dividing the number of enrolled students at a four-year institution by the total cohort size yields the transfer rate, as highlighted in Table 1.

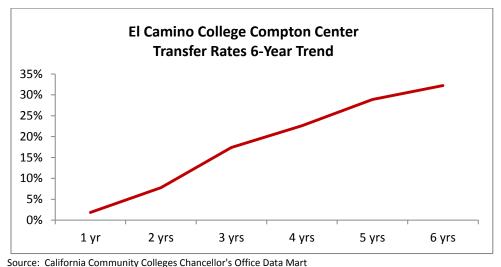
Figure 1, which is a graphical presentation of the transfer rates outlined in Table 1, reveals that transfer rates increased the most between the first and fifth year. During these years, transfer rates increased by 6 to 9 points. By the sixth year, transfer rates reached a high of 32%.

Time Window	Transferred Student	Transfer Rate
1 yr	5	2%
2 yrs	21	8%
3 yrs	47	17%
4 yrs	61	23%
5 yrs	78	29%
6 yrs	87	32%

Table 1. Transfer Rate by Years to Transfer, 2007-08 (N=270)

Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Data Mart





Since the Transfer Cohort is finalized six years after initial enrollment, this report is the first to provide Transfer Velocity data since the partnership between El Camino College and the Compton Center. Figure 2 is a graph of transfer rates by years after initial enrollment for the two cohorts since the partnership.

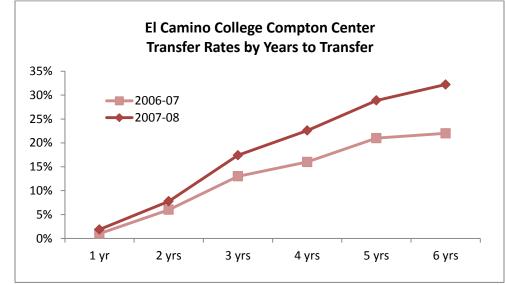


Figure 2. Transfer Rate by Years to Transfer, 2006-07 to 2007-08

Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Data Mart

Overall, the 2007-08 cohort had a higher transfer rate than the initial 2006-07 cohort. This may be a result of the end of the recession and enrollment restrictions at the UCs and CSUs.

For a detailed definition of Transfer Velocity Cohort, please click <u>here</u> or visit <u>www.ccctransfer.org</u>.

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