

El Camino College
Transfer Velocity Report
Entering Cohort 2004-05

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 in 2004-05. During this six-year period, students who exhibit “behavioral intent to transfer” are placed into the Transfer Velocity Cohort. More specifically, students must complete twelve 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.

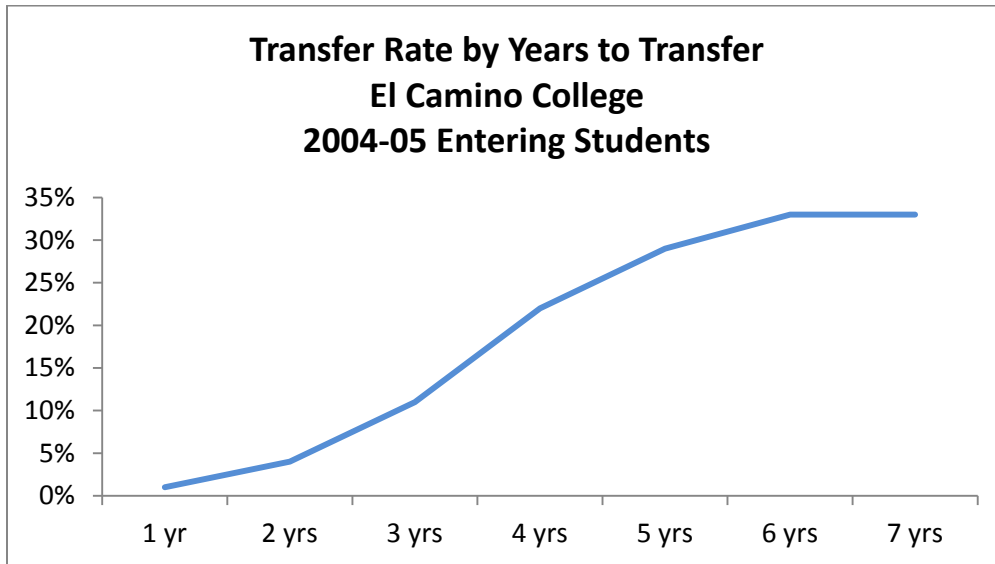
Figure 1, which is a graphical presentation of the transfer rates outlined in Table 1, reveals that transfer rates increased most between the second and fifth year. During these years, transfer rates increased by 7 to 11 points. By the sixth year, transfer rates began to taper and eventually plateau at a rate of 33%.

Table 1. Transfer Rate by Years to Transfer, 2004-05 (N=2257)

Time Window	Transferred Student	Transfer Rate
1 yr	30	1%
2 yrs	99	4%
3 yrs	255	11%
4 yrs	501	22%
5 yrs	653	29%
6 yrs	741	33%
7 yrs	749	33%

Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Data Mart.

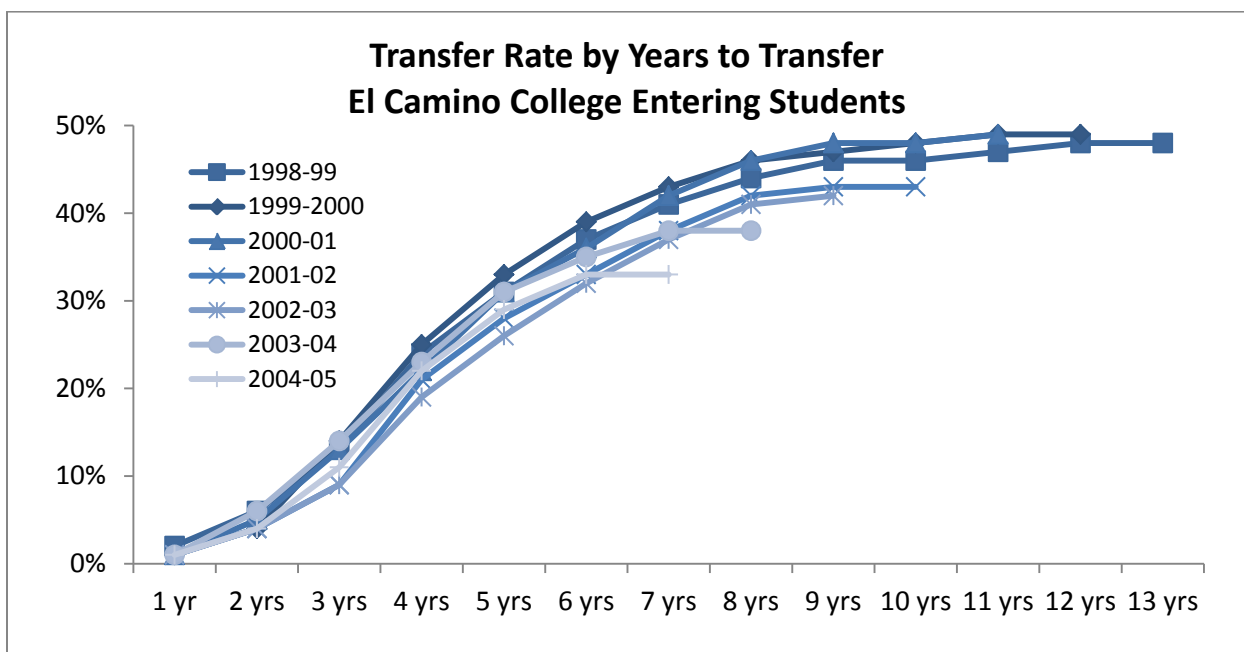
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Figure 2 is a graph of transfer rates by years after initial enrollment for seven different cohorts. The chart indicates that more recent cohorts have lower transfer rates, particularly after the six-year time window, compared to the 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-01 cohorts. This may be a result of budget cuts and enrollment restrictions at the UCs and CSUs.

Figure 2. Transfer Rate by Years to Transfer, 1998-99 to 2004-05



Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Data Mart.

Overall, a higher rate of students transfers to a four-year institution prior to the sixth year following initial enrollment. After six years, transfer rates tend to decrease and eventually reach a plateau.

For a detailed definition of Transfer Velocity Cohort, please click [here](#) or visit www.ccctransfer.org.

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