

El Camino College

Transfer Velocity Report

Entering Cohort 2008-09



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 2008-09. 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.

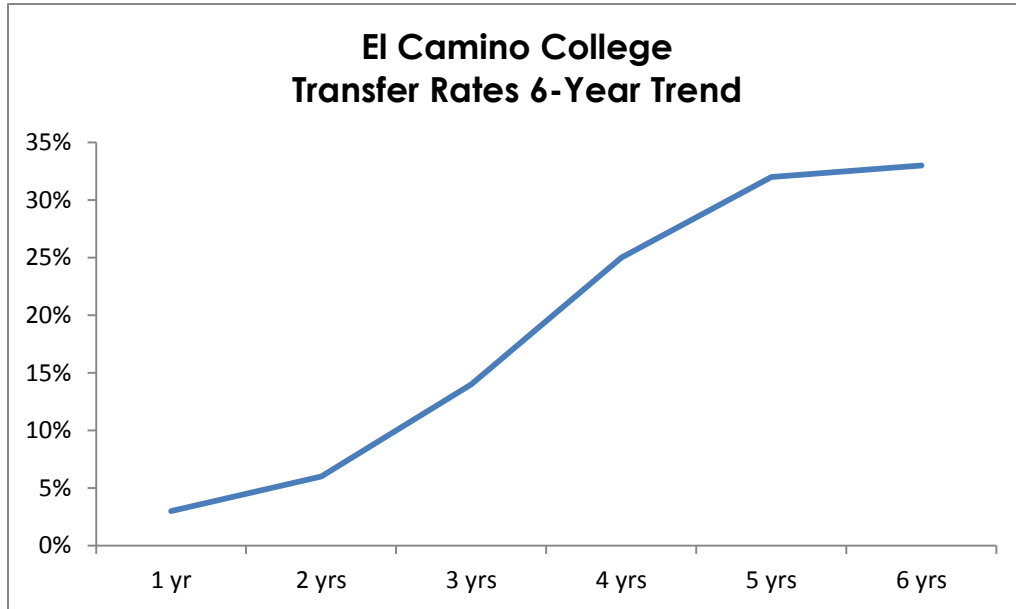
Figure 1, which is a graphical presentation of the transfer rates outlined in Table 1, reveals that transfer rates increased most between the second and fifth year. During these years, transfer rates increased by 7 to 11 points. By the sixth year, transfer rates reached a high of 33%.

Table 1. Transfer Rate by Years to Transfer, 2008-09 (N=2,773)

Time Window	Transferred Student	Transfer Rate
1 yr	91	3%
2 yrs	161	6%
3 yrs	396	14%
4 yrs	699	25%
5 yrs	899	32%
6 yrs	903	33%

Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Data Mart

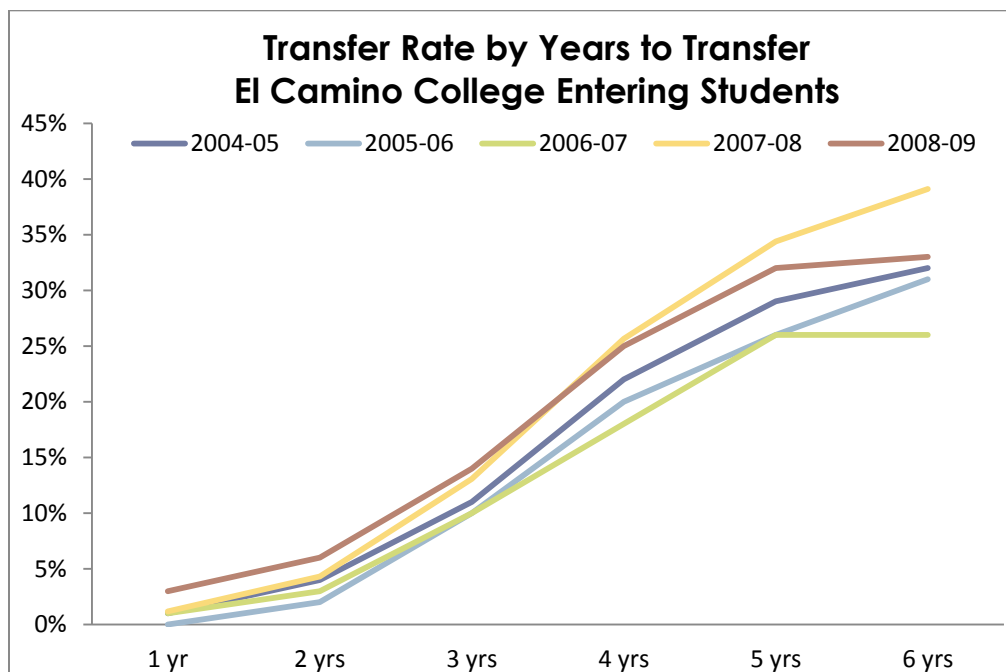
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Figure 2 is a graph of transfer rates by years after initial enrollment for five different cohorts. The chart indicates that the earlier cohorts, 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, had lower transfer rates, compared to the recent 2008-09 cohort. The 2007-08 cohort had the highest transfer rates compared to the reported cohorts.

Figure 2. Transfer Rate by Years to Transfer, 2004-05 to 2008-09



Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Data Mart

Overall, the rate of student transfers to a four-year institution steadily increases over the six year period following initial enrollment. After six years, transfer rates tend to reach a plateau.

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

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