

Front Range Community College Office of Institutional Research
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Collecting, analyzing, interpreting, and delivering institutional information.

Do FRCC Students in the College Now Program Enroll as Undergraduates at FRCC or Transfer to Four-Year Institutions?

And,

How do College Now Students Compare to Other First Term Students in Success Measures?

At Front Range Community College we call the high school college Concurrent Enrollment program College Now. The college classes may be taught at the student's high school, or the student may take classes at an FRCC campus among our regular college students. With the Concurrent Enrollment legislation and the Accelerating Students Through Concurrent Enrollment (ASCENT) legislation it is possible for a high school student to earn both an Associates Degree and High School Diploma at the same time. Prior to the 2012-13 school year students could take classes through the previous legislation called Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO). Concurrent Enrollment legislation started with the 2009-10 school year and depending on our partnering school districts timing with switching to the new legislation, we had students attending through either PSEO or Concurrent Enrollment during this time. The data in this report treats students enrolled as Concurrent Enrollment and ASCENT as the same.

The Office of Institutional Research tracked College Now students to answer two questions:

- 1) Find out how many enroll at FRCC as an undergraduate student or transfer to a four-year institution;
- 2) Compare their rates of graduating, transferring, or retaining to the entire first time cohort.

Enroll as Undergraduate at FRCC or Transfer to Another Institution

IR created cohorts consisting of all students during their first term as a College Now student at FRCC. If they enrolled as an undergraduate in any subsequent year, they were counted as a FRCC undergraduate and not tracked any further. If they had not enrolled at FRCC after one year, their names were submitted to the National Student Clearing House to see if they transferred to another institution. Those who neither enrolled at FRCC nor transferred are "unaccounted for".

The chart below appears to indicate that later College Now cohorts do not enroll or transfer as often as earlier cohorts. This is due to the later cohorts not yet having enough time to 1) finish their College Now courses, 2) enroll as an undergraduate, or, 3) transfer to some other institution.

Since some of these unaccounted for students may later enroll at FRCC or elsewhere, the percentages of transfer or FRCC undergraduates will continue to rise as we persist in our efforts to track these students.

College Now First Term Cohort -- FRCC Enrollment or Transfer



Roughly 40% of College Now students enroll at FRCC as undergraduates. More than 30% enroll at a four-year institution. Over the years, about 20% of PSEO students have been “unaccounted for”.

First Term as College Now	# in Cohort	Enrolled at FRCC as Undergraduate		Never Enrolled at FRCC as UG				Unaccounted For	
		#	%	Transferred to Two-Year		Transferred to Four-Year		#	%
				#	%	#	%		
2002	319	167	52%	6	2%	88	28%	58	18%
2003	188	91	48%	6	3%	64	34%	27	14%
2004	191	94	49%	6	3%	56	29%	35	18%
2005	227	106	47%	7	3%	62	27%	52	23%
2006	268	119	44%	6	2%	81	30%	62	23%
2007	382	133	35%	13	3%	132	35%	104	27%
2008	402	144	36%	15	4%	142	35%	101	25%
2009	419	161	38%	10	2%	157	37%	91	22%
2010	483	181	37%	19	4%	189	39%	94	19%
2011	942	327	35%	38	4%	276	29%	301	32%
2012	1299	230	18%	23	2%	300	23%	746	57%

Over the years, the most popular four-year institution College Now students transfer into was Colorado State University, followed by University of Colorado at Boulder and University of Northern Colorado.

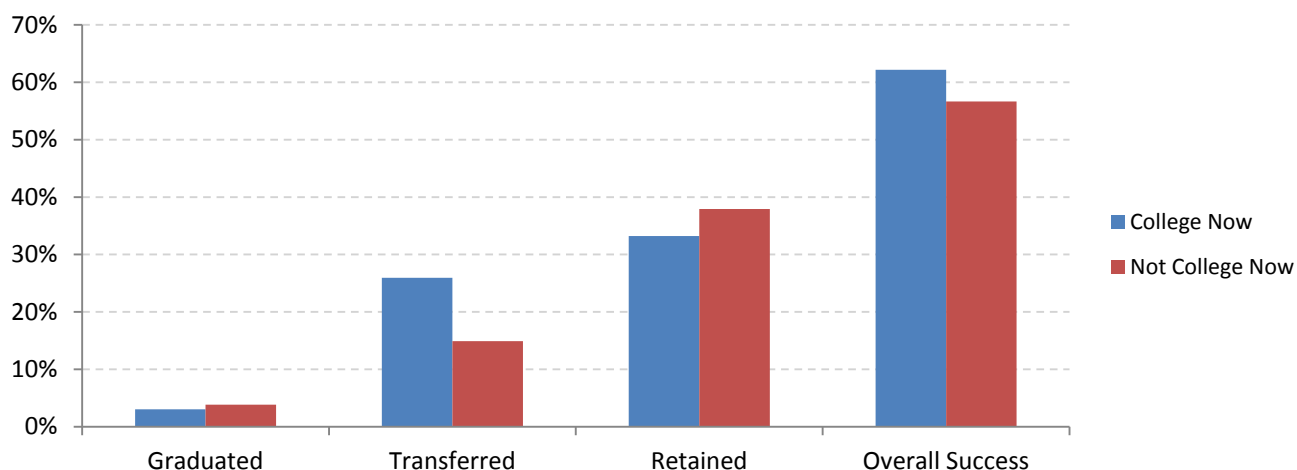
Colorado State University	271
University of Colorado at Boulder	203
University of Northern Colorado	178
Metropolitan State College of Denver	140
University of Colorado At Denver Health Sciences	104
Colorado School of Mines	60
University of Denver - Colorado	45
Mesa State College	39

Compare College Now and Non-College Now One-Year Success Rates

Students were placed in cohorts based on their first term at FRCC. Those who were College Now students were compared to non-College Now students to see their rates of graduation, transferring, or retaining at FRCC one year later.

College Now students had an overall 10% better rate of one-year success (graduating, transferring, or retaining) than their non-College Now classmates. Breaking down the types of success shows that PSEO students were less likely to be retained but significantly more likely to transfer.

One Year Success Rates for College Now and non-College Now Students



Success Status of First Term Students after one Year

First Term	College Now Status	# in Cohort	Graduated		Transferred		Retained		Overall Success		% Difference
			#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Fall 2001	College Now Not College Now	281 5,168	13 138	5% 3%	81 732	29% 14%	83 1,702	30% 33%	177 2,572	63% 50%	27%
Fall 2002	College Now Not College Now	118 5,557	0 141	0% 3%	30 733	25% 13%	35 1,933	30% 35%	65 2,807	55% 51%	9%
Fall 2003	College Now Not College Now	112 5,165	1 149	1% 3%	18 755	16% 15%	48 1,862	43% 36%	67 2,766	60% 54%	12%
Fall 2004	College Now Not College Now	161 5,115	20 237	12% 5%	21 774	13% 15%	61 1,753	38% 34%	102 2,764	63% 54%	17%
Fall 2005	College Now Not College Now	145 4,676	0 251	0% 5%	36 685	25% 15%	44 1,629	30% 35%	80 2,565	55% 55%	1%
Fall 2006	College Now Not College Now	169 4,805	4 192	2% 4%	51 741	30% 15%	49 1,857	29% 39%	104 2,790	62% 58%	6%
Fall 2007	College Now Not College Now	258 5,005	6 224	2% 4%	86 807	33% 16%	76 1,895	29% 38%	168 2,926	65% 58%	11%
Fall 2008	College Now Not College Now	313 5,011	9 204	3% 4%	112 874	36% 17%	114 2,050	36% 41%	235 3,128	75% 62%	20%
Fall 2009	College Now Not College Now	351 6,274	10 301	3% 5%	100 952	28% 15%	137 2,596	39% 41%	247 3,849	70% 61%	15%
Fall 2010	College Now Not College Now	688 5,690	18 201	3% 4%	151 833	22% 15%	229 2,423	33% 43%	398 3,457	58% 61%	-5%
Fall 2011	College Now Not College Now	712 5,634	19 188	3% 3%	172 777	24% 14%	223 2,334	31% 41%	414 3,299	58% 59%	-1%
Average	College Now Not College Now	3,308 58,100	100 2,226	3% 4%	858 8,663	26% 15%	1,099 22,034	33% 38%	2,057 32,923	62% 57%	10%