

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.

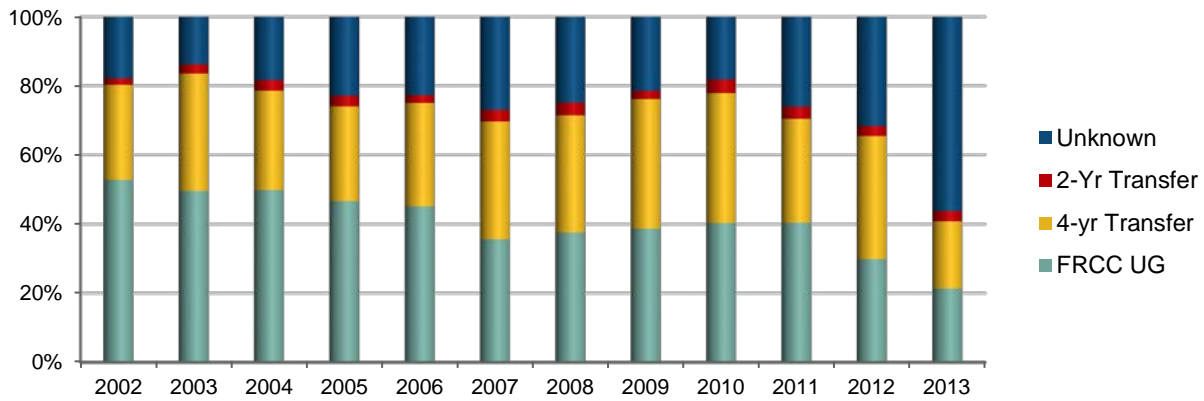
**Enroll as Undergraduate at FRCC or Transfer to Another Institution**

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 Cohorts -- FRCC Matriculation or Transfer



Almost 35% of College Now students enroll at FRCC as undergraduates and 30% enroll at a four-year institution. Over the years, about 33% of College Now 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	168	53%	6	2%	88	28%	57	18%
2003	188	93	49%	5	3%	64	34%	26	14%
2004	191	95	50%	6	3%	55	29%	35	18%
2005	227	106	47%	7	3%	62	27%	52	23%
2006	268	121	45%	6	2%	80	30%	61	23%
2007	382	136	36%	13	3%	130	34%	103	27%
2008	402	151	38%	15	4%	136	34%	100	25%
2009	419	162	39%	10	2%	157	37%	90	21%
2010	483	195	40%	19	4%	181	37%	88	18%
2011	942	381	40%	33	4%	282	30%	246	26%
2012	1,323	395	30%	39	3%	470	36%	419	32%
2013	1,774	379	21%	53	3%	345	19%	997	56%
2014	1,919	247	13%						

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.

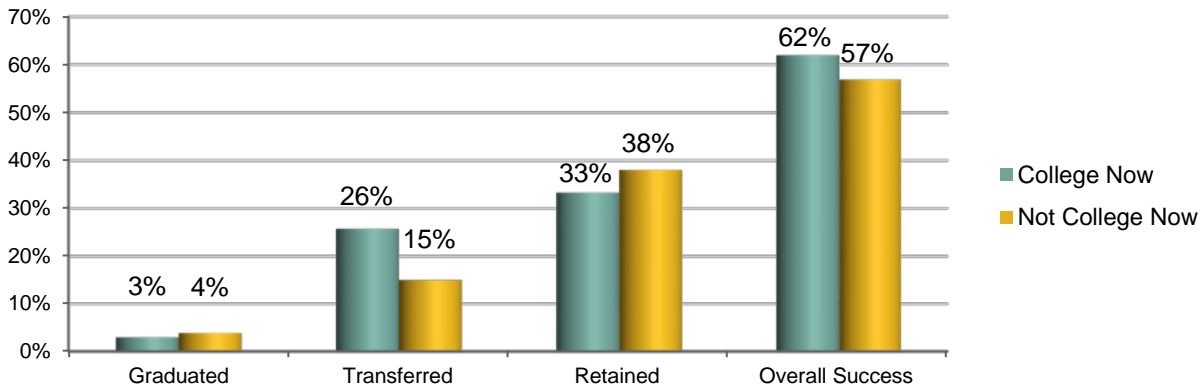
Colorado State University	364
University of Colorado at Boulder	260
University of Northern Colorado	223
Metropolitan State College of Denver	185
University of Colorado At Denver Health Sciences	172
Colorado School of Mines	70
University of Denver - Colorado	52

### 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 9% better rate of one-year success (graduating, transferring, or retaining) than their non-College Now classmates. Breaking down the types of success shows that College Now students were 5% less likely to be retained but 11% more likely to transfer.

One-Year Success Rates Comparison



First Term	College Now Status	# in Cohort	Graduated		Transferred		Retained		Overall Success		% Difference
			#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Fall 2001	College Now	281	13	5%	81	29%	83	30%	177	63%	27%
	Not College Now	5,168	138	3%	733	14%	1,702	33%	2,573	50%	
Fall 2002	College Now	118	0	0%	30	25%	35	30%	65	55%	9%
	Not College Now	5,557	141	3%	734	13%	1,933	35%	2,808	51%	
Fall 2003	College Now	112	1	1%	18	16%	48	43%	67	60%	12%
	Not College Now	5,165	149	3%	755	15%	1,862	36%	2,766	54%	
Fall 2004	College Now	161	20	12%	21	13%	61	38%	102	63%	17%
	Not College Now	5,115	237	5%	774	15%	1,753	34%	2,764	54%	
Fall 2005	College Now	145	0	0%	36	25%	44	30%	80	55%	1%
	Not College Now	4,677	251	5%	687	15%	1,629	35%	2,567	55%	
Fall 2006	College Now	169	4	2%	51	30%	49	29%	104	62%	6%
	Not College Now	4,805	192	4%	741	15%	1,857	39%	2,790	58%	
Fall 2007	College Now	258	6	2%	86	33%	76	29%	168	65%	11%
	Not College Now	5,005	224	4%	807	16%	1,895	38%	2,926	58%	
Fall 2008	College Now	313	9	3%	112	36%	114	36%	235	75%	20%
	Not College Now	5,011	204	4%	874	17%	2,050	41%	3,128	62%	
Fall 2009	College Now	351	10	3%	100	28%	137	39%	247	70%	15%
	Not College Now	6,274	301	5%	952	15%	2,596	41%	3,849	61%	
Fall 2010	College Now	688	18	3%	151	22%	229	33%	398	58%	-5%
	Not College Now	5,690	201	4%	833	15%	2,423	43%	3,457	61%	
Fall 2011	College Now	734	20	3%	178	24%	235	32%	433	59%	-1%
	Not College Now	5,612	188	3%	830	15%	2,322	41%	3,340	60%	
Fall 2012	College Now	1,228	32	3%	310	25%	407	33%	749	61%	5%
	Not College Now	5,185	198	4%	780	15%	2,046	39%	3,024	58%	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>College Now</b>	<b>4,558</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>1,174</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>1,518</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>2,825</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>9%</b>
	<b>Not College Now</b>	<b>63,264</b>	<b>2,424</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>24,068</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>35,992</b>	<b>57%</b>	

