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Annually,
approximately
11,000 Virginia
students from 24
two-year colleges
transfer to the 60+
senior institutions in
Virginia.

Marymount University: 166 George Washington University: 89 University of Mary Washington: 363 Shenandoah University: 99 Northern Virginia Community College: 5,323 Eastern Mennonite University: 55 James Madison University: 793 Bridgewater College: 42 University of Virginia: 415 Christendom College: 1 Virginia Commonwealth University: 2,066 ■ Blue Ridge Community College: 451 Virginia Tech: 731 Germanna Community College: 696 University of Richmond: 56 Lord Fairfax Community College: 446 Randolph-Macon College: 22 Piedmont Virginia Community College: 426 Virginia Military Institute: 11 Mary Baldwin University: 206 J Sargeant Reynolds Community College: 847 Hampden-Sydney College: 3 Virginia Union University: 11 John Tyler Community College: 708 Virginia State University: 164 Richard Bland College: 186 Radford University: 715 New River Community College: 345 College of William and Mary: 111 Dabney S Lancaster Community College: 59 Virginia Western Community College: 562 Liberty University: 921 Wytheville Community College: 183 Longwood University: 221 Rappahannock Community College: 168 Roanoke College: 42 Southside Virginia Community College: 199 Sweet Briar College: 10 Hollins University: 19 Patrick Henry Community College: 183 Jefferson College of Health Sciences: 117 Danville Community College: 154 Averett University Non-Traditional: 51 Central Virginia Community College: 294 Ferrum College: 29 Thomas Nelson Community College: 719 Christopher Newport University: 120 Virginia Highlands Community College: 92 Bluefield College: 137 Southwest Virginia Community College: 127 Averett University: 61 Eastern Shore Community College: 28 Paul D Camp Community College: 57 Old Dominion University: 2,323 Tidewater Community College: 2,167 University of Lynchburg: 48 Emory and Henry College: 40 - Mountain Empire Community College: 93 Randolph College: 29 Regent University: 343 Hampton University: 34 Virginia Wesleyan University: 64 University of Virginia's College at Wise: 108

2016 2017 2 VD Transfers

George Mason University: 3.297

Norfolk State University: 380

#### WHO ARE OUR TRANSFER STUDENTS?

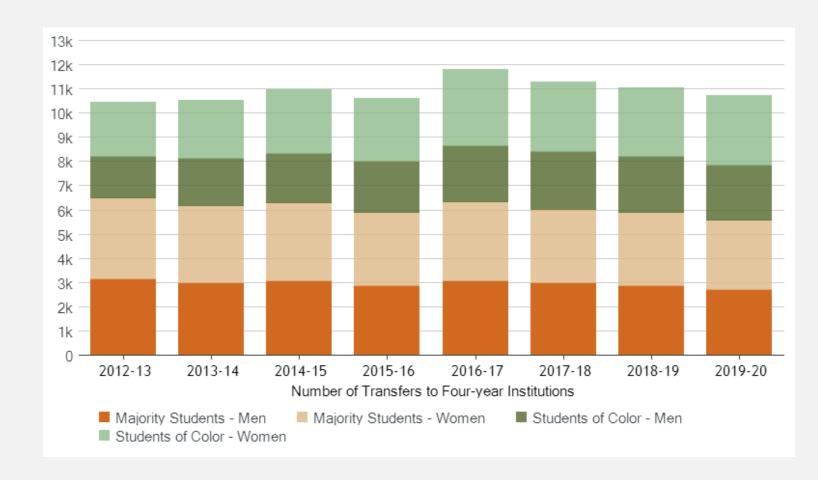
#### **Nationally**:

- Up to 80% of community college students aspire to earn a bachelor's degree
  - 31% of these students will transfer to four-year institutions, most without a credential
  - 14% will graduate with a bachelor's degree within six years of starting college
- The six-year bachelor's completion rate is higher for higher-income than for lower-income students (20% vs. 9%).
- The six-year bachelor's completion rate differs by race and ethnicity (22% for White students, I4% for Latinx students, I0% for Black students)

https://highered.aspeninstitute.org/beyond-articulation-agreements/

Students Transferring from 2-Year to 4-Year in 2018-2019			
New Transfer	11,054		
Demographics			
New Transfers, Age 17 to 19 yrs	924		
New Transfers, Age 25 yrs and Older	2,836		
New Transfers, Age 20 to 24 yrs	7,293		
Financial Aid			
New Transfer with Pell	4,443		
Student/Family Income at Entry			
New Transfer, Family Income \$0 - \$49,999	4,210		
New Transfer, Family Income \$50,000 - \$99,999	1,864		
New Transfer, Family Income \$100,000 - \$149,999	1,060		
New Transfer, Family Income \$150,000 and Greater	759		
New Transfer, Family Income Not Reported	3,161		

Students Transferring from 2-Year to 4-Year in 2018-2019			
Transfer-Specific Characteristics			
CC Transfer Students with 15 CC credits or fewer	1,698		
CC Transfer Students with between 16 and 30 CC credits	1,826		
CC Transfer Students with 31 CC credits or greater (No AA)	421		
AA/AS awarded prior to transfer	6,400		
AA/AS awarded prior to transfer, 2 or fewer years prior to transfer	5,954		
AA/AS awarded prior to transfer, 2.01 to 5 years prior to transfer	346		
AA/AS awarded prior to transfer, 5 or more years prior to transfer	100		
AAS awarded prior to transfer (occ/technical)	671		



## Bachelor's Completion for Students Transferring from 2-Year to 4-Year; 2013-2014 Transfer Cohort

Receive bachelor's degree within 3 yrs	Within 4 yrs	Within 5 yrs	Within 6 yrs
52.3%	69.2%	75.5%	78.1%

## WHAT ARE OUR TRANSFER STUDENTS THINKING ABOUT?

- "As I am an adult learner, I set a goal for myself to get my degree while staying debt free. I knew that I would be able to make that goal a reality by choosing a community college."
- "I am a first-generation student, which is why my friends ended up being my main guidance when it came to understanding what opportunities are out there...I have switched my major three times, so it was not an easy straightforward path..."
- "Basically, when I started this journey, I didn't really know all of the steps I would need to take. All I knew then was the dream I had driving it, that dream is to work in a skilled field that allows me to live the life I have always wanted. At first, I thought I might be done after two years, but now that I'm in it, I'm actually really excited to have two more years after community college. I've come to really enjoy school, learning, and pushing myself to do more than what I was previously comfortable with. I'm growing, and I think that becoming a transfer student has helped me to really see evidence of that in myself."

### TRANSFER VIRGINIA: BACKGROUND

- 2018 Transfer Legislation
  - Four new transfer policies
  - Statewide Transfer Portal
  - Common course learning outcomes
- Collaboration among SCHEV, the VCCS, Richard Bland College, fourteen public four-year institutions, many private four-year institutions, and the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program

### TRANSFER VIRGINIA GOALS

- Gateway barriers: Increase the number of students successfully completing math and English in the first year of community college enrollment.
- Mobility and timeliness: Improve time to transfer without reducing the number of students who complete an associate degree before transfer.
- **Degree attainment**: Increase the two- and three-year baccalaureate completion rate for transfer students.
- Credit efficiency: Reduce the average number of degree credits earned by transfer students to be comparable to those earned by native students in the same program.

## TRANSFER VIRGINIA BUILDING BLOCKS

Online Virginia **Dual Enrollment** Portal Network Guaranteed Transfer Guides Advising Agreements Uniform Certificate Course Common Curricula of General Studies Development / Passport

#### PRESIDENTS' VISION

(Facilitated by the Aspen Institute)

- I. Pursue **common course numbering** to build on the Transfer Virginia pathways development work.
- 2. Fund **robust need-based financial aid** inclusive of tuition and non-tuition costs for transfer students from low-income backgrounds and seek innovative ways to make transfer pathways affordable to chronically underserved populations.
- 3. At the state and institutional levels, systematically identify, measure, report, and eliminate barriers to transfer success and equity for chronically underserved populations, including Black, Brown, Indigenous, rural, adult, and lower-income learners.
- 4. Advance more **transfer pathways from applied associate degrees** to make the most of Virginia's talent.
- 5. Champion and fund cross-sector collaborations on advising and programmatic supports tailored to transfer students.

### AREAS OF FOCUS IN 2023

- Continued improvements to portal to boost features and improve navigability
- Expansion and enhancement of common curricula and transfer courses
- Development of transfer guides and Guaranteed Program Admission Agreements for 4-year colleges
- Collaboration with Online Virginia Network to provide more Transfer Virginia pathways online
- Improved outreach, collaboration, and training with community college advisors and high school counselors



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