

Section 4

Overall Persistence and Attainment Including Transfer Status

Table 4.1—Percentage distribution of 1989–90 beginning postsecondary students according to overall persistence and attainment as of spring 1994, including transfer status, by first institution attended, first degree working toward, and first degree attained

	Did not transfer			Transferred from first institution ¹		
	Attained degree at first institution	No degree, enrolled at first institution	No degree, left PSE ² from first institution	Attained degree elsewhere	No degree, enrolled elsewhere	No degree, left PSE ² after transfer
Total	36.9	6.4	27.9	13.0	6.8	8.9
Level and control of first institution						
4-year						
Public	41.8	11.6	18.9	13.1	6.8	7.9
Private, not-for-profit	57.7	2.3	11.2	14.2	6.2	8.4
Private, for-profit	—	—	—	—	—	—
2-year						
Public	22.2	6.4	38.7	14.5	8.3	9.9
Private, not-for-profit	41.3	0.3	16.3	10.9	12.2	19.0
Private, for-profit	41.2	0.5	35.3	10.9	1.0	11.1
Less-than-2-year						
Public	44.7	0	35.4	10.2	1.6	8.1
Private, not-for-profit	59.4	0	17.0	3.4	14.9	5.4
Private, for-profit	60.0	0	28.9	4.0	2.1	5.1
Level of first institution						
4-year	47.0	8.6	16.4	13.4	6.6	8.0
2-year	24.3	5.7	37.7	14.1	7.9	10.3
Less-than-2-year	56.7	0	29.8	5.3	2.5	5.7
Control of first institution						
Public	30.3	8.2	31.0	13.9	7.6	9.1
Private, not-for-profit	56.0	2.1	11.9	13.6	7.1	9.4
Private, for-profit	53.0	0.2	31.2	6.5	1.7	7.3
Degree working toward at first institution						
None	3.2	2.0	56.3	14.0	11.2	13.3
Certificate	47.0	1.8	36.9	7.7	2.1	4.5
Associate's degree	29.0	5.2	34.9	14.1	6.9	9.9
Bachelor's degree	42.8	9.2	16.8	14.0	7.8	9.4
First type of degree attained						
None	†	12.8	55.7	†	13.7	17.8
Certificate	60.8	†	†	39.2	†	†
Associate's degree	75.4	†	†	24.6	†	†
Bachelor's degree	80.7	†	†	19.3	†	†

—Too few cases for a reliable estimate.

†Not applicable.

¹Students who attained at first institution and transferred after degree not classified as transfers.

²Postsecondary education.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 1990 Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study—Second Follow-up (BPS:90/94), Data Analysis System.

Table 4.2—Percentage distribution of 1989–90 beginning postsecondary students according to overall persistence and attainment as of spring 1994, including transfer status, by attendance patterns through first degree attained (if any) or last enrollment

	Did not transfer			Transferred from first institution ¹		
	Attained degree at first institution	No degree, enrolled at first institution	No degree, left PSE ² from first institution	Attained degree elsewhere	No degree, enrolled elsewhere	No degree, left PSE ² after transfer
Total	36.9	6.4	27.9	13.0	6.8	8.9
Number of months enrolled through first degree*						
Less than 12 months	20.5	0	66.3	7.0	0.6	5.7
12–24 months	32.3	3.4	27.4	13.9	4.8	18.1
25–36 months	43.5	4.6	16.9	16.8	5.9	12.4
37–48 months	53.1	12.3	5.1	15.7	10.3	3.6
More than 48 months	37.5	21.4	1.7	12.8	24.1	2.5
Intensity of enrollment through first degree*						
Exclusively part time	15.4	4.2	67.7	3.3	2.3	7.1
Mixed	35.6	9.1	13.9	18.0	11.6	11.8
Exclusively full time	48.9	4.5	23.9	12.3	3.8	6.6
Number of institutions attended through first degree*						
One	49.2	8.3	42.5	†	†	†
More than one	18.2	3.5	5.4	33.0	17.4	22.5
Enrollment continuity through first degree*						
Continuously enrolled	45.3	4.4	31.4	10.9	4.1	4.0
Not continuously enrolled	17.0	11.3	19.5	18.1	13.5	20.6
Transfer status through first degree*						
Did not transfer	51.8	9.0	39.2	†	†	†
Transferred	†	†	†	45.3	23.8	30.9
Academic year of last enrollment						
1989–90	14.9	†	83.7	0.5	†	0.9
1990–91	36.1	†	44.2	7.4	†	12.3
1991–92	27.9	†	32.2	15.1	†	24.8
1992–93	67.4	†	10.4	13.5	†	8.7
1993–94	37.2	15.3	6.0	18.8	16.4	6.4
Transfer status and enrollment continuity through first degree*						
Did not transfer, continuously enrolled	55.8	5.4	38.8	†	†	†
Did not transfer, not continuously enrolled	35.6	23.6	40.8	†	†	†
Transferred, continuously enrolled	†	†	†	57.4	21.4	21.1
Transferred, not continuously enrolled	†	†	†	34.7	25.9	39.4

¹Students who attained at first institution and transferred after degree not classified as transfers.

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*Through first degree (if any) or last enrollment.

†Not applicable.

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Table 4.3—Percentage distribution of 1989–90 beginning postsecondary students according to overall persistence and attainment as of spring 1994, including transfer status, by demographic characteristics

	Did not transfer			Transferred from first institution ¹		
	Attained degree at first institution	No degree, enrolled at first institution	No degree, left PSE ² from first institution	Attained degree elsewhere	No degree, enrolled elsewhere	No degree, left PSE ² after transfer
Total	36.9	6.4	27.9	13.0	6.8	8.9
Gender						
Male	32.8	7.9	28.3	13.2	7.7	10.1
Female	40.5	5.1	27.5	12.9	6.1	7.9
Age when began at first institution						
18 years or younger	43.0	6.5	18.8	14.9	8.1	8.8
19 years	28.4	5.3	33.9	12.4	10.3	9.6
20–29 years	28.6	7.6	42.5	9.1	2.7	9.6
30 years or older	24.2	5.2	52.6	8.8	2.0	7.1
Socioeconomic status						
Lowest quartile	30.2	6.2	45.7	7.7	2.8	7.4
Middle quartiles	33.2	7.1	30.9	12.2	7.3	9.3
Highest quartile	43.7	5.6	17.9	15.9	7.9	9.0
Race-ethnicity of student						
American Indian/Alaskan Native	40.5	21.5	15.7	10.0	0	12.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	44.8	10.6	14.9	9.8	9.2	10.7
Black, non-Hispanic	29.1	7.3	33.1	12.7	6.2	11.6
Hispanic	28.6	11.8	25.5	16.4	6.8	10.8
White, non-Hispanic	38.3	5.4	28.3	12.9	6.9	8.2
Marital status when began at first institution						
Not married	38.8	6.6	23.8	14.3	7.5	9.0
Married	28.0	5.9	52.2	7.2	1.8	5.1
Separated	28.8	0.7	52.9	12.2	0.5	4.8
Parental education						
Less than high school diploma	29.8	4.9	41.8	10.8	4.3	8.5
High school diploma	33.2	5.9	33.6	12.1	5.3	9.9
Some postsecondary	39.8	7.1	25.5	10.8	7.4	9.4
Bachelor's or higher	42.7	7.2	16.0	16.1	9.7	8.3
Dependency status in 1989–90						
Dependent	40.1	6.6	21.5	14.7	7.8	9.3
Independent	27.8	6.0	46.5	8.1	4.0	7.7
Income and dependency status in 1989–90						
Dependent						
Less than \$20,000	33.5	7.8	29.0	14.0	6.8	8.9
\$20,000–39,999	36.5	5.7	23.6	14.7	8.5	11.1
\$40,000–59,999	44.7	7.6	18.9	12.5	6.1	10.1
\$60,000 or more	46.4	5.2	13.8	18.4	10.0	6.2
Independent						
Less than \$10,000	31.0	5.4	37.3	12.0	4.0	10.4
\$10,000–19,999	31.8	5.4	50.6	1.6	5.6	5.0
\$20,000 or more	20.1	7.4	55.1	8.3	2.8	6.4

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