

## Student Mobility for Undergraduates from Campus to Campus

**Question:** Student mobility occurs when a student moves from one campus to another or enrolls at two or more campuses at the same time. What student mobility is occurring for undergraduates from campus to campus in Ohio? Does student mobility vary by type of college or by institution? Do students who move from two-year colleges to four-year universities do well academically?

**Why look at student mobility?** Many students attend college with the intent of completing a degree at that institution, but increasingly students appear to be moving from one campus to another or even registering for coursework on several campuses concurrently. Prospective students and their families should be aware of the likelihood of undergraduate students being mobile at some point in their college careers. Prospective students and their families may also want to know the ways in which colleges facilitate student mobility for both incoming and exiting students. Finally, prospective students and their families will want a sense of how their mobile students will do, academically, as they move from two-year campuses to four-year campuses.

**National Answers:** The 1990's were declared the "Age of Multi-Institutional Attendance" by the U.S. Department of Education. National data indicates that 58% of students receiving baccalaureate degrees in the 1990's were attending two or more schools in pursuit of those degrees. By 2000, the U.S. Department of Education predicts that 60% of all students will enroll in more than one school to eventually earn a college degree. Technology and web based course offerings may accelerate this trend.

Baccalaureate Degree Completions		
	% Attending One School Only	% Attending Two or More Schools
1970s-1980s	50%	50%
1980s-1990s	42%	58%
Change	-8%	+8%

\* Source: U.S. Department of Education

**Statewide Answers:** Ohio's colleges and universities began in the 1980's to make transfer between colleges easier. They did so through the development of "Transfer Modules", courses approved for transfer before students take them; and through development of the Course Applicability System (CAS) – a sophisticated academic information system to better inform students, faculty, counselors, and registrars about statewide transfer applicability of coursework. In winter 1998, the Ohio Board of Regents began to use a new information system to permit tracking of students across campuses. These data provide preliminary estimates of mobility patterns and outcomes until enough years have passed to fully track all existing students.

- In spring 2000, 22% of undergraduate students in Ohio's colleges and universities had attended more than one campus during the previous two years. Most of this mobility occurred as a result of students moving from one institution to another, whereas the remaining mobility occurred with students moving between campuses of a single institution.
- In spring 2000, 5% percent of undergraduate students in Ohio's colleges and universities were concurrently attending two or more campuses during that term.

### Mobility of Undergraduate Students Enrolled Spring 2000\*

Total Undergraduate Enrollments Being Tracked	Mobile Previous 2 Years			Concurrently Enrolled Same Term		
	Same Institution Different Campus	Different Institution	Total Mobile	Same Institution Different Campus	Different Institution	Total Concurrent
393,386	6%	15%	22%	3%	2%	5%

\*Enrollment for independent campus students is anytime academic year 1999-2000.

- The grade point average of four-year campus undergraduate fall 2000 students known to have enrolled at a two-year college are similar (though 0.2 of a grade point lower) to the grade point averages of students with no known enrollment during the previous two calendar years at two-year institutions.

### Grade Point Averages of Juniors at Universities – Fall 2000 Term

	# Students	Term GPA
Juniors with no known previous enrollment at two-year institutions	29,943	3.0
Juniors known to be enrolled at two-year institution spring 2000	1,090	2.8
Juniors known to be previously enrolled at two-year institution but prior to spring 2000	3,035	2.8

**Sector Answers:** Student mobility between campuses is evident across the sectors of Ohio’s state-supported colleges and universities. While university branch and main campuses have the highest percentage (31% and 22% respectively) of students who were enrolled elsewhere in the previous two years, a surprising 11%-14% of two-year students were enrolled at different institutions in the previous two years. Concurrent enrollment at two or more campuses was most evident for undergraduate branch students, and community college students.

### Mobility of Undergraduate Students Enrolled Spring 2000\*

	Total Undergrad Students Being Tracked	Mobile Previous 2 Years			Concurrently Enrolled Same Term		
		Same Institution Different Campus	Different Institution	Total Mobile	Same Institution Different Campus	Different Institution	Total Concurrent
Community Colleges	57,445	10%	11%	21%	7%	2%	9%
State Community Colleges	52,750	2%	14%	16%	1%	3%	4%
Technical Colleges	19,993	NA	14%	14%	NA	2%	2%
University Branches	35,406	19%	11%	31%	12%	1%	13%
University Main Campuses	177,371	6%	16%	22%	2%	1%	3%
Independent Colleges – Student Choice Grant Recipients**	50,421	NA	23%	23%	NA	4%	4%

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\*\*Students reported on independent campuses are in-state students studying full time and receiving state funded Student Choice awards.

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**Campus Answers:** Student mobility varies greatly by institution. Students who do move from two-year colleges to four-year colleges appear to be successful academically at campuses across the state.

- Mobility of undergraduate students from one campus to another among community colleges ranges from 44% to 7%, two-year mobility.
- Undergraduate students at state community colleges range in two-year mobility from 62% to 8%.
- Lower two-year undergraduate mobility rates are evident among technical colleges ranging from 20% to 10%.
- Two-year undergraduate mobility rates for students on university branch campuses vary from 46% to 17%.
- Two-year undergraduate mobility rates for students on university main campuses vary from 31% to 8%.
- Concurrent enrollment at two or more campuses for two-year colleges ranges from 36% to 1%.
- Concurrent enrollment at university branch campuses range from 33% to 3%.
- Concurrent enrollments at university main campuses range from 7% to 1%.
- Juniors who are known to have enrolled at two-year campuses and then at four year campuses had grade point averages in fall 2000 that were quite similar to their peers with no known enrollment at two-year-campuses.

**Mobility of All Enrolled Undergraduate Students at State-Supported two Year Colleges – Spring, 2000**

		Total Undergrad Students Being Tracked	Mobile Previous 2 Years			Concurrently Enrolled Same Term		
			Same Institution Different Campus	Different Institution	Total Mobile	Same Institution Different Campus	Different Institution	Total Concurrent
Community Colleges	Cuyahoga Community College, Eastern Campus	5,208	32%	12%	44%	21%	2%	23%
	Cuyahoga Community College, Metro Campus	6,697	32%	9%	42%	22%	2%	24%
	Cuyahoga Community College, Western Campus	10,645	18%	11%	29%	13%	2%	15%
	Jefferson Community College	1,376	NA	7%	7%	NA	1%	1%
	Lakeland Community College	6,776	NA	10%	10%	NA	2%	2%
	Lorain County Community College	6,555	NA	12%	12%	NA	3%	3%
	Rio Grande Community College	1,042	NA	13%	13%	NA	2%	2%
	Sinclair Community College	19,146	NA	10%	10%	NA	2%	2%
State Community Colleges	Cincinnati State Technical & Community College	6,424	NA	14%	14%	NA	2%	2%
	Clark State Community College	2,387	NA	12%	12%	NA	3%	3%
	Columbus State Community College	17,922	NA	20%	20%	NA	5%	5%
	Edison State Community College	2,675	NA	9%	9%	NA	1%	1%
	Northwest State Community College	2,212	NA	9%	9%	NA	1%	1%
	Owens State Community College, Findlay Campus	1,677	7%	12%	19%	5%	3%	9%
	Owens State Community College, Toledo Campus	13,612	2%	11%	12%	1%	1%	2%
	Southern State Community College, Central Campus	889	48%	10%	58%	30%	2%	32%
	Southern State Community College, North Campus	427	50%	9%	59%	35%	1%	36%
	Southern State Community College, South Campus	408	50%	12%	62%	33%	3%	36%
	Terra State Community College	2,272	NA	11%	11%	NA	2%	2%
	Washington State Community College	1,845	NA	8%	8%	NA	1%	1%
Technical Colleges	Belmont Technical College	1,217	NA	12%	12%	NA	2%	2%
	Central Ohio Technical College	1,555	NA	20%	20%	NA	2%	2%
	Hocking Technical College	4,499	NA	14%	14%	NA	2%	2%
	Lima Technical College	2,252	NA	15%	15%	NA	2%	2%
	Marion Technical College	1,477	NA	10%	10%	NA	1%	1%
	Muskingum Area Technical College	1,815	NA	14%	14%	NA	2%	2%
	North Central State College	2,520	NA	11%	11%	NA	1%	1%
	Stark State College of Technology	4,658	NA	13%	13%	NA	2%	2%

**Mobility of All Enrolled Undergraduate Students at State-Supported Universities and Branches – Spring, 2000**

	Total Undergrad Students Being Tracked	Mobile Previous 2 Years			Concurrently Enrolled Same Term		
		Same Institution Different Campus	Different Institution	Total Mobile	Same Institution Different Campus	Different Institution	Total Concurrent
Bowling Green State University - Main Campus	14,032	2%	19%	21%	0%	1%	1%
Bowling Green State University, Firelands Campus	1,261	8%	12%	20%	3%	1%	4%
Central State University	956	NA	20%	20%	NA	3%	3%
Cleveland State University	10,285	NA	31%	31%	NA	3%	3%
Kent State University - Main Campus	15,954	13%	15%	28%	3%	1%	4%
Kent State University, Ashtabula Campus	1,062	11%	12%	23%	5%	1%	6%
Kent State University, East Liverpool Campus	616	28%	12%	40%	17%	1%	18%
Kent State University, Geauga Campus	580	21%	15%	36%	10%	2%	11%
Kent State University, Salem Campus	1,032	23%	9%	32%	14%	1%	15%
Kent State University, Stark Campus	2,707	18%	15%	33%	10%	3%	12%
Kent State University, Trumbull Campus	2,339	13%	7%	21%	7%	1%	7%
Kent State University, Tuscarawas Campus	1,582	10%	8%	17%	5%	1%	6%
Miami University - Main Campus	14,488	16%	9%	25%	7%	0%	7%
Miami University, Hamilton Campus	2,702	39%	7%	46%	32%	1%	33%
Miami University, Middletown Campus	2,521	36%	10%	46%	29%	1%	31%
Ohio State University - Main Campus	33,826	5%	23%	28%	1%	2%	3%
Ohio State University, Agricultural Technical Institute	772	5%	15%	20%	1%	2%	3%
Ohio State University, Lima Campus	1,065	7%	17%	24%	1%	4%	5%
Ohio State University, Mansfield Campus	1,258	10%	15%	25%	3%	2%	5%
Ohio State University, Marion Campus	972	15%	16%	31%	9%	2%	11%
Ohio State University, Newark Campus	1,392	14%	16%	30%	7%	2%	9%
Ohio University - Main Campus	15,437	11%	13%	24%	3%	0%	3%
Ohio University, Chillicothe Campus	1,273	21%	11%	32%	12%	1%	14%
Ohio University, Eastern Campus	787	16%	20%	36%	7%	2%	8%
Ohio University, Lancaster Campus	1,220	24%	15%	39%	18%	1%	19%
Ohio University, Southern Campus	1,427	15%	7%	22%	8%	1%	9%
Ohio University, Zanesville Campus	1,007	21%	20%	41%	13%	2%	15%
Shawnee State University	2,986	NA	15%	15%	NA	1%	1%
University of Akron - Main Campus	16,768	6%	12%	18%	2%	1%	3%
University of Akron, Wayne Campus	1,681	23%	10%	33%	16%	2%	18%
University of Cincinnati - Main Campus	18,126	9%	10%	20%	3%	1%	3%
University of Cincinnati, Clermont Campus	1,958	17%	5%	22%	8%	1%	9%
University of Cincinnati, Raymond Walters Campus	3,434	20%	10%	30%	10%	1%	11%
University of Toledo	14,877	NA	13%	13%	NA	1%	1%
Wright State University - Main Campus	9,914	2%	24%	26%	0%	3%	3%
Wright State University, Lake Campus	758	9%	15%	24%	3%	2%	6%
Youngstown State University	9,722	NA	8%	8%	NA	1%	1%

**Mobility of Students Receiving Student Choice Grants: Enrolled Full-Time, In-State, Degree-Seeking Undergraduate Students at Independent Colleges and Universities– Academic Year 2000**

Institution	Total Undergrad Students Being Tracked *	Total Mobile Previous 2 Years	Total Concurrent Same Term
Antioch University	137	31%	4%
Art Academy of Cincinnati	134	23%	0%
Ashland University	1,974	27%	5%
Baldwin-Wallace College	2,592	27%	3%
Bluffton College	763	20%	5%
Capital University	1,784	24%	5%
Case Western Reserve University	1,827	17%	2%
Cedarville University	799	24%	3%
Cincinnati Bible College	271	23%	4%
Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science	87	85%	6%
Circleville Bible College	185	17%	2%
Cleveland Institute of Art	312	24%	1%
Cleveland Institute of Music	34	24%	0%
College of Mount Saint Joseph	1,191	20%	4%
College of Wooster	920	13%	1%
Columbus College of Art and Design	842	18%	2%
Myers University	557	20%	2%
Defiance College	521	22%	4%
Denison University	866	16%	3%
Franciscan University of Steubenville	301	35%	4%
Franklin University	767	46%	4%
God's Bible School and College	33	3%	0%
Heidelberg College	979	18%	4%
Hiram College	760	17%	3%
John Carroll University	2,583	25%	3%
Kenyon College	340	10%	2%
Kettering College of Medical Arts	26	31%	4%
Lake Erie College	283	43%	8%
Lourdes College	402	35%	4%
Malone College	1,522	21%	3%
Marietta College	631	24%	3%
McGregor School	58	33%	2%
Mount Carmel College of Nursing	240	70%	13%
Mount Union College	1,817	18%	3%
Mount Vernon Nazarene College	1,483	22%	4%
Muskingum College	1,302	19%	3%
University of Northwestern Ohio	110	16%	2%
Notre Dame College of Ohio	212	46%	8%
Oberlin College	263	25%	0%
Ohio Dominican College	1,336	27%	3%
Ohio Northern University	2,357	23%	2%
Ohio Wesleyan University	980	18%	3%
Otterbein College	1,629	25%	4%
Pontifical College Josephinum	19	37%	0%
Temple Baptist College	63	8%	0%
Tiffin University	741	29%	11%
Union Institute	60	20%	0%
University of Dayton	4,023	20%	3%
University of Findlay	1,890	24%	7%
University of Rio Grande	501	82%	1%
Urbana University	504	32%	5%
Ursuline College	486	43%	7%
Walsh University	975	26%	4%
Wilberforce University	458	38%	9%
Wilmington College	1,111	20%	2%
Wittenberg University	1,369	13%	2%
Xavier University	2,011	15%	2%

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### Term Grade Point Averages of Juniors at State-Supported Universities\* – Fall 2000 Term

Institution	GPA not mobile	GPA enrolled at two-year campus Spring 2000	GPA enrolled at two-year campus before Spring 2000	Juniors not mobile	Juniors enrolled at two-year campus Spring 2000	Juniors enrolled at two-year campus before Spring 2000
Bowling Green State University	3.1	2.9	3.0	2,677	109	312
Central State University	2.5	NA	2.6	113	<5	14
Kent State University	2.9	2.9	2.8	2,863	89	266
Miami University	3.1	3.0	3.0	3,273	14	119
Ohio State University	2.9	2.7	2.7	6,284	386	914
Ohio University	2.8	2.7	2.7	3,219	63	324
Shawnee State University	2.9	3.0	2.9	261	13	37
University of Akron	3.0	2.8	3.0	2,696	77	226
University of Cincinnati	3.0	3.0	2.9	3,212	39	206
University of Toledo	3.0	2.9	3.0	2,131	91	234
Wright State University	2.9	2.9	2.9	1,573	186	318
Youngstown State University	3.1	3.0	3.1	1,641	21	65
State Total	3.0	2.8	2.8	29,943	1,090	3,035

\*Due to data anomalies associated with grade points for fall 2000, no data are reported for Cleveland State University.