



## Fall 2011 Freshman Cohort Nonreturning Students: What do we know?

### Executive Summary

The following report provides an analysis of 624 first-time full-time degree seeking freshmen in the University of South Alabama (USA) Fall 2011 freshman cohort who did not return to USA in Fall 2012. Of these non-returning students, 238 (38%) transferred to another institution prior to Fall 2012 and 386 (62%) “stopped out” or did not enroll in another college or university.

Results indicated a large majority of transfer students transferred to another institution with one or more of the following characteristics: public, a two year institution, and/or located in Alabama, with the majority (65%) transferring to a community college.

Findings showed a large percentage based differential between students who “stopped out” with less than six hours earned at USA (27%) or students with a USA GPA of 2.0 or lower (23%) and students who transferred and had a similar number of USA earned hours or a similar USA GPA.

Indicators for students at greater risk to “stop out” instead of transferring to another

Freshman Session 6,  
August session, or an Adult or Transfer

Fall 2011 freshman

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to another institution prior to Fall 2012 and 386 non-returning students who “stopped out” and did not enroll at another college or university.

#### Profile of Non-returning Student Who “Stopped Out”

- No other scholarship<sup>2</sup> (88%)
- Not in a learning community (82%)
- USA GPA of 2.0 or lower (75%)
- 18 years old (74%)
- No freshman scholarship<sup>3</sup> (72%)
- From Mobile or Baldwin County (61%)
- Male (60%)
- Took Freshman Seminar (60%)
- Lived off-campus (54%)
- White (54%)
- Earned zero to six USA credit hours (41%)
- High school GPA between 2.51-3.0 (34%)
- Attended Freshman Session 6 new student orientation session (28%)
- ACT Composite score of 19-20 (25%)

#### Profile of Non-returning Student Who Transferred

- No other scholarship (85%)
- 18 years old (81%)
- Not in a learning community (76%)
- Lived on-campus (71%)
- No freshman scholarship (66%)
- Female (58%)
- Took Freshman Seminar (54%)
- White (54%)
- USA GPA of 2.0 or lower (52%)
- From rest of Alabama (38%)
- High school GPA between 3.51-4.0 (35%)
- ACT Composite score of 21-23 (28%)
- Earned 6.5-12 USA credit hours (24%)
- Attended the Freshman Session 4 or F



Table 4: Greatest Differentials Between Non-Returner Transfers and Stop Outs

Top within Group Characteristics	Transferred (n=238)	% Transferred	Stopped Out (n=386)	% Stopped Out	% Difference Between Transferred & Stopped Out
<b>Region</b>					
Mobile/ Baldwin County	79	33%	235	61%	-28%
Rest of Alabama	90	38%	95	25%	+13%
<b># USA Earned Hours (Note: n=361 Stopped Out; 228 Transferred)</b>					
0-6 hours	31	14%	147	41%	-27%
<b>Housing</b>					
Off-Campus	69	29%	207	54%	-25%
<b>USA GPA (Note: n=361 Stopped Out; 228 Transferred)</b>					
2.0 or lower	118	52%	271	75%	-23%
<b>Gender</b>					
Male	100	42%	232	60%	-18%
<b>Orientation Session</b>					
August/ Adult/ Transfer	18	8%	83	22%	-14%
Freshman Session 6	38	16%	109	28%	-12%
<b>High School GPA (Note: n=362 Stopped Out; 235 Transferred)</b>					
3.51-4.0	83	35%	82	23%	+12%
Note: Cells are shaded in yellow where % transferred compared to % stopped out was positive and greater or equal to 10% while cells are shaded in red where % transferred compared to % stopped out was negative and greater than or equal to 10%.					

The number of USA earned hours (second) and USA GPA (fourth) were the other two of the four characteristics with subgroups that showed the greatest differential between non-returning students who “stopped out” and students who transferred.

41% of non-returning students who “stopped out” had zero to six USA earned hours (147) compared to 14% of non-returning students who transferred (31).

75% of the non-returning students who “stopped out” had a USA GPA of 2.0 or lower (271) compared to 52% of non-returning students who transferred (118).

Three other comparison groups showed percentage based differentials greater than or equal to 10% between students who “stopped out” and students who transferred. These other three comparison groups were: 1) gender, 2) orientation session, and 3) high school GPA.

60% of non-returning students who “stopped out” were male (232) compared to 42% of non-returning students who transferred (100).

22% of non-returning students who “stopped out” attended the August or an Adult or Transfer new student orientation session (83) compared to 8% of non-returning students who transferred (18).

28% of non-returning students who “stopped out” attended the -



## APPENDIX

## Crosstabs of Fall 2011 Freshman Cohort Non-returning Students

	Stopped Out	Transferred	
Count	154	138	292
% within Transferred from USA	40%	58%	47%
Count	232	100	332
% within Transferred from USA	60%	42%	53%
Count	386	238	624
% within Transferred from USA	100%	100%	100%

### Race \* Transferred from USA Crosstabulation

			Transferred from USA		
			Stopped Out	Transferred	Total
Race	White	Count	209	129	338
		% within Transferred from USA	54%	54%	54%
		Count	119	78	197
		% within Transferred from USA	31%	33%	32%
		Count	6	5	11
		% within Transferred from USA	2%	2%	2%
		Count	7	8	15
		% within Transferred from USA	2%	3%	2%
		Count	10	0	10
		% within Transferred from USA	3%	0%	2%
	Other	Count	35	18	53
	% within Transferred from USA	9%	8%	8%	
Total		Count	386	238	624
		% within Transferred from USA	100%	100%	100%

### Age \* Transferred from USA Crosstabulation

			Transferred from USA		
			Stopped Out	Transferred	Total
Age	20 years or older	Count	37	3	40
		% within Transferred from USA	10%	1%	6%
	17 years or younger	Count	16	17	33
		% within Transferred from USA	4%	7%	5%
	18 years old	Count	284	193	477
		% within Transferred from USA	74%	81%	76%
19 years old	Count	49	25	74	
	% within Transferred from USA	13%	11%	12%	
Total		Count	386	238	624
		% within Transferred from USA	100%	100%	100%

Region	Mobile or Baldwin Countyregion		Stopped Out	Transferred	Total
		Count	235	79	314
		% within Transferred from USA	61%	33%	50%
		Count	95	90	185
		% within Transferred from USA	25%	38%	30%
		Count	18	30	48
		% within Transferred from USA	5%	13%	8%
		Count	15	21	36
		% within Transferred from USA	4%	9%	6%
		Count	13	18	31
		% within Transferred from USA	3%	8%	5%
		Count	10	0	10
		% within Transferred from USA	3%	0%	2%
Total		Count	386	238	624
		% within Transferred from USA	100%	100%	100%

HS GPA \* Transferred from USA Crosstabulation

		Transferred from USA			
		Stopped Out	Transferred	Total	
		Count	42	14	56
		% within Transferred from USA	12%	6%	9%
		Count	123	68	191
		% within Transferred from USA	34%	29%	32%
	3.01-3.5	Count	115	70	185
		% within Transferred from USA	32%	30%	31%
	3.51-4.0	Count	82	83	165
		% within Transferred from USA	23%	35%	28%
Total		Count	362	235	597
		% within Transferred from USA	100%	100%	100%



ACT Composite \* Transferred from USA Crosstabulation

			Transferred from USA		Total
			Stopped Out	Transferred	
ACT	18 or lower	Count	78	46	124
		% within Transferred from USA	23%	21%	22%
	19-20	Count	85	50	135
		% within Transferred from USA	25%	23%	24%
	21-23	Count	80	62	142
		% within Transferred from USA	24%	28%	25%
	24-26	Count	56	47	103
		% within Transferred from USA	17%	21%	18%
	27-29	Count	33	11	44
		% within Transferred from USA	10%	5%	8%
	30 or higher	Count	5	6	11
		% within Transferred from USA	1%	3%	2%
Total		Count	337	222	559
		% within Transferred from USA	100%	100%	100%

Freshman Scholarship \* Transferred from USA Crosstabulation

			Transferred from USA		Total
			Stopped Out	Transferred	
Freshman Scholarship	No	Count	276	157	433
		% within Transferred from USA	72%	66%	69%
	Yes	Count	110	81	191
		% within Transferred from USA	28%	34%	31%
Total		Count	386	238	624
		% within Transferred from USA	100%	100%	100%

Other Scholarship \* Transferred from USA Crosstabulation

			Transferred from USA		Total
			Stopped Out	Transferred	
Other Scholarship	No	Count	339	203	542
		% within Transferred from USA	88%	85%	87%
	Yes	Count	47	35	82
		% within Transferred from USA	12%	15%	13%
Total		Count	386	238	624
		% within Transferred from USA	100%	100%	100%

	Stopped Out	Transferred	
Count	207	69	276
% within Transferred from USA	54%	29%	44%
Count	179	169	348
% within Transferred from USA	46%	71%	56%
Count	386	238	624
% within Transferred from USA	100%	100%	100%

	Stopped Out	Transferred	
Count	315	182	497
% within Transferred from USA	82%	76%	80%
Count	71	56	127
% within Transferred from USA	18%	24%	20%
Count	386	238	624
% within Transferred from USA	100%	100%	100%

	Stopped Out	Transferred	
Count	156	110	266
% within Transferred from USA	40%	46%	43%
Count	230	128	

College \* Transferred from USA Crosstabulation

			Transferred from USA		Total
			Stopped Out	Transferred	
College	AH	Count	59	46	105
		% within Transferred from USA	15%	19%	17%
	AS	Count	161	81	242
		% within Transferred from USA	42%	34%	39%
	BU	Count	29	27	56
		% within Transferred from USA	8%	11%	9%
	CS	Count	22	3	25
		% within Transferred from USA	6%	1%	4%
	ED	Count	23	17	40
		% within Transferred from USA	6%	7%	6%
	EG	Count	48	22	70
		% within Transferred from USA	12%	9%	11%
	NU	Count	44	42	86
		% within Transferred from USA	11%	18%	14%
Total		Count	386	238	624
		% within Transferred from USA	100%	100%	100%

Orientation \* Transferred from USA Crosstabulation

			Transferred from USA		Total
			Stopped Out	Transferred	
Orientation	August/Adult/Transfer Orientation	Count	83	18	101
		% within Transferred from USA	22%	8%	16%
	May Orientation	Count	14	10	24
		% within Transferred from USA	4%	4%	4%
	Freshman Session 1	Count	27	22	49
		% within Transferred from USA	7%	9%	8%
	Freshman Session 2	Count	27	29	56
		% within Transferred from USA	7%	12%	9%
	Freshman Session 3	Count	31	36	67
		% within Transferred from USA	8%	15%	11%
	Freshman Session 4	Count	37	43	80
		% within Transferred from USA	10%	18%	13%
	Freshman Session 5	Count	58	42	100
		% within Transferred from USA	15%	18%	16%
	Freshman Session 6	Count	109	38	147
		% within Transferred from USA	28%	16%	24%
Total		Count	386	238	624
		% within Transferred from USA	100%	100%	100%

	Stopped Out	Transferred	
Count	147	31	178
% within Transferred from USA	41%	14%	30%
Count	79	54	133
% within Transferred from USA	22%	24%	23%
Count	69	53	122
% within Transferred from USA	19%	23%	21%
Count	30	31	61
% within Transferred from USA	8%	14%	10%
Count	21	34	55
% within Transferred from USA	6%		