



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA

2015 Freshman Cohort Non-returning Students: What do we know?

Executive Summary

- x Unmet financial need of \$0 (25%)
- x Attended Freshman Session 3 orientation (11%)

Where Non-returning Students Transferred

Of the 232 non-returning students who transferred, a large majority transferred to an institution with one of the following characteristics (see Table 1 and Table 2). The transfer institution was likely public (96%) and/or located in Alabama (66%). Florida (10%) and Mississippi (9%) were the next most likely state locations of the transfer institution for non-returning students. Non-returning students were also slightly more likely to attend a four-year (52%) institution.

Table 1: Control and Type of Institution Where USA Students Transferred

Public or Private Institution	Count	%	Four or Two -Year Institution	Count	%
Public Institution	222	96%	Four-Year Institution	121	52%
Private Institution	10	4%	Two-Year Institution	111	48%

Table 2: Top States Where USA Students Transferred

Rank	State	Count	%
1	Alabama	153	66%
2	Florida	23	10%
3	Mississippi	21	9%
4	Georgia	6	3%
5	Illinois	5	2%
5	Texas	5	2%

The most common four-year university transfer institutions of choice (see Table 3) were the University of Alabama at Birmingham (20), Pensacola State College (16), and the University of Alabama (12). Of the two-year institutions, Faulkner State Community College (22), Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College (13), and Jefferson State Community College (12) were the most common transfer destinations.

Table 3: Top Institutions Where USA Students Transferred

Rank	College	Count	%
1	Faulkner State Community College	22	9%
2	University of Alabama at Birmingham	20	9%
3	Pensacola State College	16	7%
4	Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College	13	6%
5	Jefferson State Community College	12	5%
5	University of Alabama	12	5%
7	Bishop State Community College	11	5%
8	Auburn University	7	3%
8	Auburn University at Montgomery	7	3%
8	Shelton State Community College	7	3%

Comparison of Non-returning Transfer Students to Students Who “Stopped Out”

Multiple characteristics of non-returning students were compared to determine what characteristics showed a large percentage based differential between 326 non-returning students who “stopped out” compared to 232 non-returning students who transferred. The following table displays characteristics with a percentage based differential of 10% or greater between students who transferred and students who “stopped out” (see Table 4 or complete data tables found in the Appendix).

Results showed the USA GPA after the end of Summer 2016 and the number of USA hours earned after the end of Summer 2016 were two of the twelve characteristics with subgroups that showed the greatest differential between non-returning students who “stopped out” and students who transferred.

- x 75% of the non-returning students who “stopped out” had a USA GPA of 2.0 or lower (228) compared to 31% of non-returning students who transferred (67), 25% of the non-returning students who transferred had a USA GPA of 2.51 to 3.0 (54) compared to 8% of non-returning students who “stopped out” (25), 17% of the non-returning students who transferred had a USA GPA of 3.01-3.5 (37) compared to 5% of the non-returning students who “stopped out” (14), and 15% of the non-returning students who transferred had a USA GPA of 3.51-4.0 (32) compared to 4% of the non-returning students who “stopped out” (12).
- x 34% of non-returning students who “stopped out” completed zero to six USA hours earned (102) compared to 9% of non-returning students who transferred (19), 27% of non-returning students who “stopped out” had 6.5 to 12 USA hours earned (81) compared to 15% of non-returning students who transferred (33), and 27% of non-returning students who transferred had 24.5 to 30 USA hours earned (60) compared to 7% of non-returning students who “stopped out” (22).

risk midterm grades in Fall 2015, 5) age, 6) Pell Grant status, 7) high school GPA, 8) number of USA Days attended, and 9) USA rank as institution of choice.

- x 53% of non-returning students who “stopped out” lived off campus (174) compared to 28% of non-returning students who transferred (66).
- x 36% of non-returning student who “stopped out” were placed on probation after Fall 2015 (116) compared to 12% of non-returning students who transferred (28).
- x 54% of non-returning students who “stopped out” were male (175) compared to 34% of non-returning students who transferred (79).
- x 40% of non-returning students who transferred had no at-risk midterm grades in Fall 2015 (92) compared to 24% of non-returning students who “stopped out” (77) and 19% ed to

APPENDIX

2015 Cohort * ACT * Transferred from USA Crosstabulation

			Transferred from USA		Total
			Stopped Out	Transferred	
ACT	19 or lower	Count	92	55	147
		% within Transferred from USA	32.1%	25.46%	29.2%
	20-21	Count	66	61	127
		% within Transferred from USA	23.0%	28.2%	25.2%
	22-23	Count	50	38	88
		% within Transferred from USA	17.4%	17.6%	17.50%
	24-25	Count	37	40	77
		% within Transferred from USA	12.9%	18.52%	15.3%
	26-27	Count	14	13	27
		% within Transferred from USA	4.9%	6.0%	5.4%
	28-29	Count	19	7	26
		% within Transferred from USA	6.6%	3.2%	5.2%
	30 or higher	Count	9	2	11
		% within Transferred from USA	3.1%	.9%	2.2%
Total		Count	287	216	503
		% within Transferred from USA	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

2015 Cohort * First Generation * Transferred from USA Crosstabulation

			Transferred from USA		Total
			Stopped Out	Transferred	
First Generation	No	Count	188	143	331
		% within Transferred from USA	57.7%	61.6%	59.3%
	Yes	Count	99	57	156
		% within Transferred from USA	30.4%	24.6%	28.0%
	Unknown	Count	39	32	71
		% within Transferred from USA	12.0%	13.8%	12.7%
Total		Count	326	232	558
		% within Transferred from USA	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

2015 Cohort * USA as Institution of Choice * Transferred from USA Crosstabulation

			Transferred from USA		Total
			Stopped Out	Transferred	
USA as Institution of Choice	1st choice	Count	76	66	142
		% within Transferred from USA	69.1%	64.7%	67.0%
	2nd choice	Count	23	32	55
		% within Transferred from USA	20.9%	31.4%	25.9%
	3rd choice	Count	7	4	11
		% within Transferred from USA	6.4%	3.9%	5.2%
	4th choice	Count	2	0	2
		% within Transferred from USA	1.8%	0.0%	.9%
	5th choice or lower	Count	2	0	2
		% within Transferred from USA	1.8%	0.0%	.9%
Total		Count	110	102	212
		% within Transferred from USA	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

2015 Cohort * Expectation to Graduate From USA * Transferred from USA Crosstabulation

			Transferred from USA		Total
			Stopped Out	Transferred	
Expectation to Graduate From USA	No	Count	2	1	3
		% within Transferred from USA	1.8%	1.0%	1.4%
	Yes	Count	94	95	189
		% within Transferred from USA	83.9%	91.3%	87.50%
	Uncertain	Count	16	8	24
		% within Transferred from USA	14.3%	7.7%	11.1%
Total	Count	112	104	216	
	% within Transferred from USA	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

2015 Cohort * Number USA Days Attended * Transferred from USA Crosstabulation

			Transferred from USA		Total
			Stopped Out	Transferred	
Number USA Days Attended	Did Not Attend	Count	246	152	398
		% within Transferred from USA	75.46%	65.52%	71.3%
	Attended 1 USA Day	Count	73	75	148
		% within Transferred from USA	22.4%	32.3%	26.52%
	Attended Multiple USA Days	Count	7	5	12
		% within Transferred from USA	2.1%	2.2%	2.2%
Total	Count	326	232	558	
	% within Transferred from USA	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

2015 Cohort * Pell Grant * Transferred from USA Crosstabulation

			Transferred from USA		Total
			Stopped Out	Transferred	
Pell Grant	No	Count	150	133	283
		% within Transferred from USA	46.0%	57.3%	50.7%
	Yes	Count	176	99	275
		% within Transferred from USA	54.0%	42.7%	49.3%
Total		Count	326	232	558
		% within Transferred from USA	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

2015 Cohort * Expected Family Contribution (EFC) * Transferred from USA Crosstabulation

			Transferred from USA		Total
			Stopped Out	Transferred	
Expected Family Contribution (EFC)	\$0	Count	143	82	225
		% within Transferred from USA	46.9%	37.6%	43.0%
	\$1 to \$3,750	Count	59	43	102
		% within Transferred from USA	19.3%	19.7%	19.50%
	\$3,751 to \$7,500	Count	36	16	52
		% within Transferred from USA	11.8%	7.3%	9.9%
	\$7,501 to \$15,000	Count	29	34	63
		% within Transferred from USA	9.5%	15.6%	12.0%
	\$15,001 to \$25,000	Count	17	23	40
		% within Transferred from USA	5.6%	10.6%	7.6%
	\$25,001 or higher	Count	21	20	41
		% within Transferred from USA	6.9%	9.2%	7.8%
Total		Count	305	218	523
		% within Transferred from USA	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

2015 Cohort * Unmet Financial Need * Transferred from USA Crosstabulation

			Transferred from USA		Total
			Stopped Out	Transferred	
Unmet Financial Need	-\$5,001 or lower	Count	11	11	22
		% within Transferred from USA	3.6%	5.0%	4.2%
	-\$1 to -\$5,000	Count	29	24	53
		% within Transferred from USA	9.51%	11.0%	10.1%
	\$0	Count	59	55	114
		% within Transferred from USA	19.3%	25.2%	21.8%
	\$1 to \$5,000	Count	28	29	57
		% within Transferred from USA	9.2%	13.3%	10.9%
	\$5,001 to \$10,000	Count	65	48	113
		% within Transferred from USA	21.3%	22.0%	21.6%
	\$10,001 to \$15,000	Count	61	23	84
		% within Transferred from USA	20.0%	10.6%	16.1%
	\$15,001 or higher	Count	52	28	80
		% within Transferred from USA	17.0%	12.8%	15.3%
Total		Count	305	218	523
		% within Transferred from USA	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

2015 Cohort * Housing * Transferred from USA Crosstabulation

			Transferred from USA		Total
			Stopped Out	Transferred	
Housing	Off Campus	Count	174	66	240
		% within Transferred from USA	53.4%	28.4%	43.0%
	On Campus	Count	152	166	318
		% within Transferred from USA	46.6%	71.6%	57.0%
Total		Count	326	232	558
		% within Transferred from USA	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

2015 Cohort * Learning Community * Transferred from USA Crosstabulation

			Transferred from USA		Total
			Stopped Out	Transferred	
Learning Community	No	Count	233	150	383
		% within Transferred from USA	71.47%	64.7%	68.6%
	Yes	Count	93	82	175
		% within Transferred from USA	28.53%	35.3%	31.4%
Total		Count	326	232	558
		% within Transferred from USA	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

2015 Cohort * Took Freshman Seminar * Transferred from USA Crosstabulation

			Transferred from USA		Total
			Stopped Out	Transferred	
Took Freshman Seminar	No	Count	69	51	120
		% within Transferred from USA	21.2%	22.0%	21.51%
	Yes	Count	257	181	438
		% within Transferred from USA	78.8%	78.0%	78.49%
Total		Count	326	232	558
		% within Transferred from USA	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

2015 Cohort * Greek Life Participation * Transferred from USA Crosstabulation

			Transferred from USA		Total
			Stopped Out	Transferred	
Greek Life Participation	No	Count	310	211	521
		% within Transferred from USA	95.1%	90.9%	93.4%
	Yes	Count	16	21	37
		% within Transferred from USA	4.9%	9.1%	6.6%
Total		Count	326	232	558
		% within Transferred from USA	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

2015 Cohort * Number At Risk Midterm Grades in Fall 2015 * Transferred from USA Crosstabulation

			Transferred from USA		Total
			Stopped Out	Transferred	
Number At Risk Midterm Grades in Fall 2015	No At Risk MT Grades	Count	77	92	169
		% within Transferred from USA	23.6%	39.7%	30.3%
	1 At Risk MT Grade	Count	66	65	131
		% within Transferred from USA	20.2%	28.0%	23.48%
	2 At Risk MT Grades	Count	67	36	103
		% within Transferred from USA	20.6%	15.52%	18.46%
	3 At Risk MT Grades	Count	53	25	78
		% within Transferred from USA	16.3%	10.8%	14.0%
	4 or More At Risk MT Grades	Count	63	14	77
		% within Transferred from USA	19.3%	6.0%	13.8%
Total		Count	326	232	558
		% within Transferred from USA	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

2015 Cohort * Probation After Fall 2015 * Transferred from USA Crosstabulation

			Transferred from USA		Total
			Stopped Out	Transferred	
Probation After Fall 2015	No	Count	210	204	414
		% within Transferred from USA	64.4%	87.9%	74.2%
	Yes	Count	116	28	144
		% within Transferred from USA	35.6%	12.1%	25.8%
Total		Count	326	232	558
		% within Transferred from USA	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

2015 Cohort * Immunization Hold in Fall 2015 * Transferred from USA Crosstabulation

			Transferred from USA		Total
			Stopped Out	Transferred	
Immunization Hold in Fall 2015	No	Count	250	191	441
		% within Transferred from USA	76.7%	82.3%	79.0%
	Yes	Count	76	41	117
		% within Transferred from USA	23.3%	17.7%	21.0%
Total		Count	326	232	558
		% within Transferred from USA	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

