

TRACKING TRANSFER

An update on the progress of statewide Associate's degree transfer pathways in Michigan.

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Analyzing Transfer Patterns in Michigan

As Michigan continues to build stronger pathways for students who wish to transfer from a community college to a four-year university, it is important to understand the transfer patterns of students in Michigan. According to data reported on [MI School Data](#), there were 19,907 instances of transfer from Michigan's public community colleges to Michigan's four-year public universities in the Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 terms.¹ The figure on the following page displays transfer destinations at four-year public universities in Michigan for students from all of Michigan's 28 public community colleges. The data illuminates several important transfer patterns:

Students enrolled in Michigan community colleges transferred to all public universities across the state of Michigan.

- 15 (54%) community colleges sent students to all 15 public universities in the 2014-15 academic year.
- 22 (79%) community colleges sent students to at least 14 of the 15 public universities in the 2014-15 academic year.
- 28 (100%) community colleges sent students to 10 or more of the 15 public universities.

Some community colleges have noteworthy transfer partner(s) to which significant percentage of students transfer.

- 20 (71%) community colleges have one or two public-four year universities to which more than 50% of students transfer.
- Only 6 (21%) community colleges send more than half of their transfer students to a single public university.

No single college or university disproportionately sends or receives transfer students.

Transfer students are distributed across all community colleges and universities in Michigan. The following table displays the percent of total students sent by the community college and the percent of total students received by four-year universities.

Community College (sending)	Percent of Total	University (receiving)	Percent of Total
Oakland Community College	12.39%	Grand Valley State University	11.1%
Macomb Community College	9.24%	Eastern Michigan University	11.0%
Grand Rapids Community College	7.22%	Wayne State University	10.8%
Washtenaw Community College	7.15%	Western Michigan University	10.2%
Lansing Community College	7.13%	Oakland University	9.7%
Schoolcraft College	6.97%	Ferris State University	9.5%
Henry Ford College	5.96%	Michigan State University	8.2%
Kalamazoo Valley Community College	5.00%	Central Michigan University	7.4%
Mott Community College	4.81%	University of Michigan-Dearborn	4.9%
Delta College	4.59%	University of Michigan-Flint	4.8%
Wayne County Community College District	4.47%	Saginaw Valley State University	4.1%
Muskegon Community College	2.60%	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	3.7%
St Clair County Community College	2.58%	Northern Michigan University	2.3%
Mid Michigan Community College	2.46%	Michigan Technological University	1.5%
Northwestern Michigan College	2.39%	Lake Superior State University	1.0%
Kellogg Community College	2.14%	Total	100%
Jackson College	1.82%		
Lake Michigan College	1.79%		
North Central Michigan College	1.43%		
Southwestern Michigan College	1.28%		
Bay De Noc Community College	1.26%		
Monroe County Community College	1.10%		
Alpena Community College	1.09%		
West Shore Community College	0.84%		
Montcalm Community College	0.81%		
Kirtland Community College	0.61%		
Glen Oaks Community College	0.53%		
Gogebic Community College	0.37%		
Total	100%		

¹ Data are duplicated. If a student attended more than one community college before transferring to a four-year institution, the student is counted as a transfer student at both community colleges.

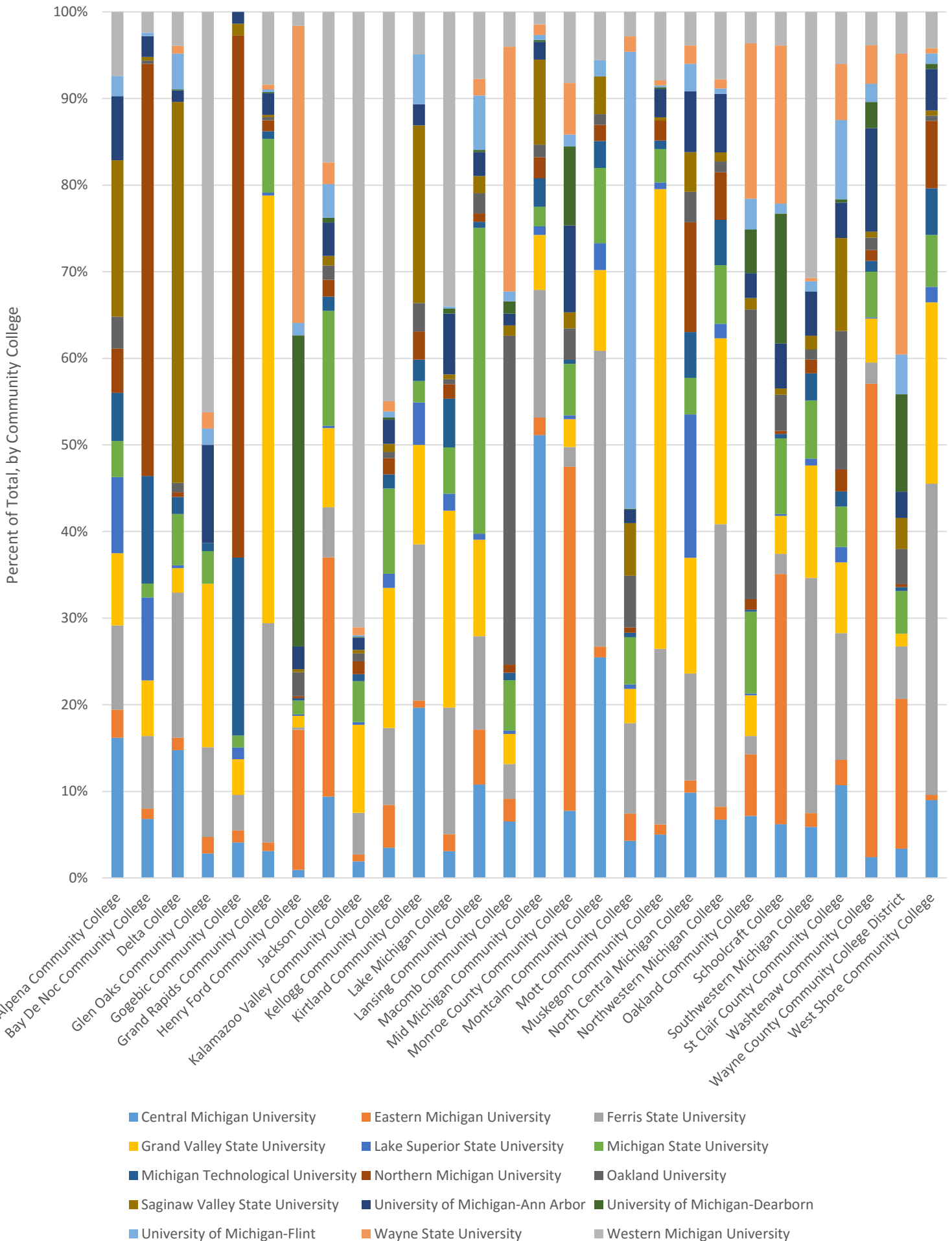
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Michigan community colleges and universities continue to work together to build transfer pathways that make completing an associate's and bachelor's degree a reality for all students. In the last few years, Michigan has made significant progress toward improving associate's and bachelor's degree completion, including an emphasis on transfer. Michigan community colleges and universities have worked together to create the [Michigan Transfer Agreement \(MTA\)](#) which guarantees that 30 credit hours of general education completed at a Michigan community college will transfer to a four-year institution. Michigan colleges and universities will continue to work together to create a [steering committee](#) that works collaboratively toward developing statewide associate's degree transfer pathways which will allow students to transfer an associate's degree from a community college to a participating Michigan public university to complete a bachelor's degree.

Michigan Community College to University Transfer, 2014-15



Source: mischooldata.org

Notes: Represents data submitted by Michigan community colleges and universities to the Center for Educational Performance and Information through the STARR data collection process. Students may enroll in community college through Fall 2014 and in university in Fall 2014 and Spring 2015. Summer term or other irregular terms are not included in this report. 95% of enrollment data is reported from the 2000-2001 academic year through 2014-2015. Data are duplicated – a student who enrolled in more than one community college is counted as a transfer student at each community college.