

Student Outcomes

Student Right-to-Know Completion Rates

The federal Student Right-To-Know (SRTK) and Campus Security Act of 1990 requires all institutions of higher education to disclose information about program completion. The information presented here shows the three year academic outcomes for all first-time, full-time students who were first enrolled at Hartnell College in fall 2001 with educational goals of earning a degree, a certificate, or transferring to a four-year institution. Please note that this cohort represents only 1% of all students enrolled at Hartnell College during the fall 2001 semester. Under SRTK criteria, program completion is defined as earning a degree, a certificate or completing 56 transferable units with a

grade point average of 2.0 or higher within the three years (fall 2001 through spring 2004). It excludes all part-time students and those students who have one of the following educational goals: improving basic skills, upgrading job skills, maintaining licenses or personal enrichment. The table below provides the completion and transfer rates for Hartnell College and also includes the averages of all California community colleges for comparison.

Table 36 shows that Hartnell College’s official SRTK completion rate for the 2001 cohort is 41%. The statewide average for completion is 35%.

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Graph 36
Hartnell College 2001 SRTK Cohort Outcomes

Group¹	SRTK Completion Rate (Including Transfers)²	SRTK Transfer Rate (Excluding Completers)³	Combined Completion and Transfer Rate⁴
Hartnell College	41%	16%	47%
California Community College Average	35%	21%	43%

¹ The cohort follows first-time, full-time students who first enrolled in fall 2001, for three years (through spring 2004).

² SRTK Completion is defined as earning a degree, certificate, or completing 56 transferable units with a grade-point-average of 2.0 or higher within three years.

³ SRTK Transfer is defined as any student who transferred to another two-year or four-year institution, without completing a degree, certificate, or becoming transfer prepared within three years.

⁴ The Combined Rate refers to the percent of students in the SRTK cohort who either completed a degree, certificate, became transfer prepared, or transferred to a UC or CSU within three years.

Sources: California Community College Chancellor's Office, Student Right-to-Know Rates and Analysis for the 2001 Cohort.

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The official SRTK transfer rate for Hartnell is 16% and the state average is 21%. However, this figure substantially underrepresents the success of Hartnell College in preparing its students for transfer to four-year institutions. The SRTK methodology only allows each student to be counted once, even though a student can complete both a degree and transfer to a four-year institution. Students who complete both a degree and also transfer are counted only in the completion category but are not counted in the transfer category.

The SRTK process tracks other student outcomes besides completion and transfer. At the end of the three

year tracking period, each student is placed in one of five categories: completion, transfer, still enrolled, left in good standing, or other leavers. The distribution of Hartnell College student outcomes for each of the aforementioned categories is presented in Graph 36. In addition to the completing and transferring, which account for 57% of the students in the SRTK cohort, another 8% left in good standing and 20% are still enrolled. Only 14% of the students left under other circumstances. This means that 86% of the students in this cohort have achieved some degree of academic success while at Hartnell College.

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