

# ASSOCIATE DEGREE FOR TRANSFER (ADT)

10 YEARS OF STUDENT SUCCESS FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS TRANSFERRING TO THE CSU



Since 2010, the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) has provided an effective pathway for California Community College (CCC) students to earn a baccalaureate degree from the California State University. With two-thirds of California students beginning their higher education journey at a community college, the ADT program provides a clearer path to a four-year degree.

## A DECADE OF PROGRESS

In 2010, Senate Bill 1440 was signed into law as the Student Transfer Achievement Reform (STAR) Act, creating the ADT and providing an efficient path for CCC transfer students to earn a CSU bachelor's degree.

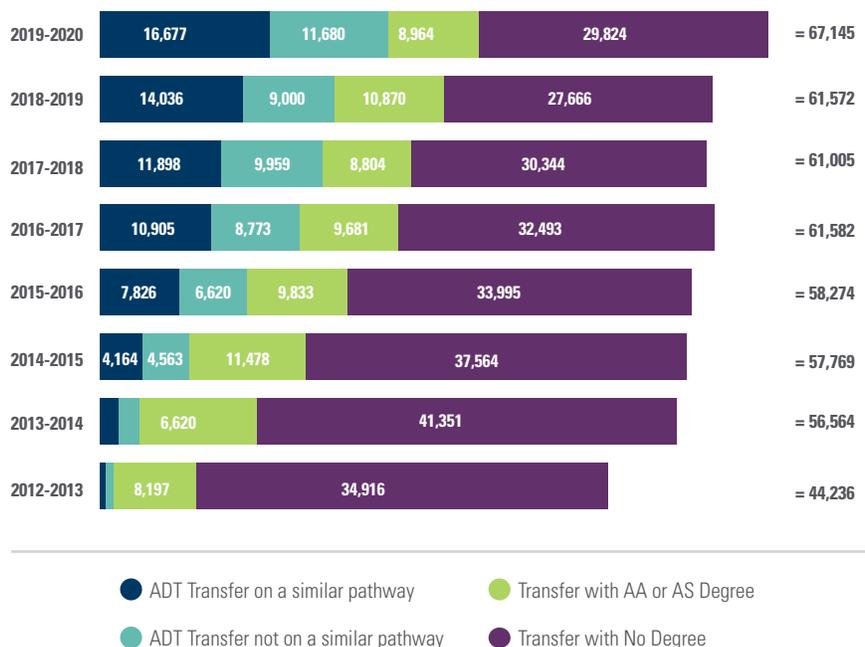
Over the past decade, the ADT has:

- Increased access to a CSU degree.
- Decreased barriers to timely graduation.
- Reduced the unnecessary accumulation of credits.
- Fostered strong intersegmental collaboration between CSU and CCC faculty.

## GROWING IN POPULARITY

Since 2012, the percent of students transferring with the ADT grew from 3% to 42%—a more than tenfold increase. In fall 2020, transfer students entering the CSU with an ADT represented nearly half of new community college transfers.

### CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER ENROLLMENT BY ACADEMIC YEAR

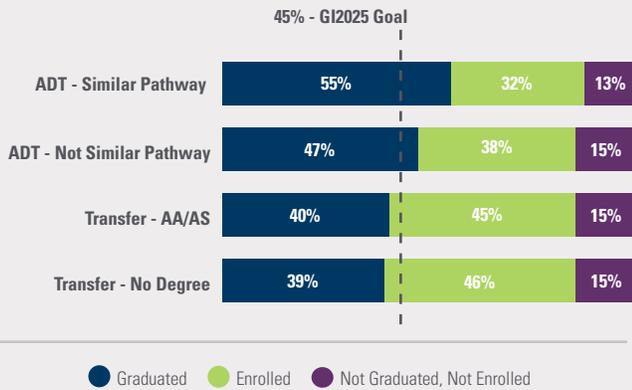


In 2019-20, more than 28,000 new transfer students enrolled with an ADT, compared to just 402 students in 2012.

## TRANSFER STUDENT SUCCESS

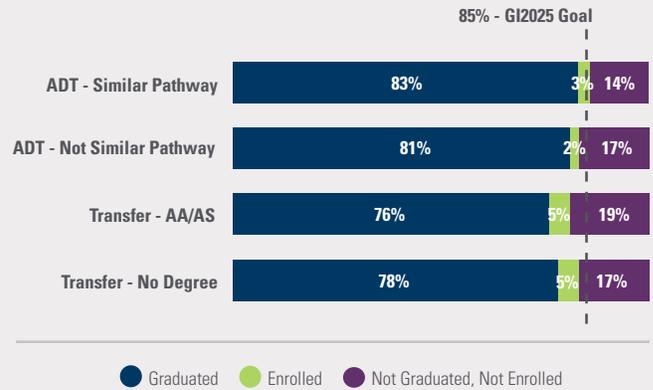
ADT transfer students continue to graduate at higher rates than their peers who transfer without an ADT.

### CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER PERSISTENCE RATES, WITHIN TWO YEARS



- More than half of ADT transfer students graduate from the CSU within two years.
- This exceeds the CSU Graduation Initiative 2025's goal of a 45 percent graduation rate.

### CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER PERSISTENCE RATES, WITHIN FOUR YEARS



- 83 percent of students who transferred with an ADT in fall 2016 (majoring on a similar pathway) graduated in four years, compared to 76 percent who transferred with a traditional associate degree.

## HOW IT WORKS

- California Community College students enrolled in the ADT program earn 60 units that meet the general education and major requirements.
- Qualified ADT transfer students are guaranteed priority admission to a CSU with junior status, but not necessarily to a particular campus or program.
- Students enrolled in a CSU program that's on a "similar pathway" as their ADT can earn their CSU degree after completing an additional 60 units.

## ADT PATHWAYS

There are currently 40 ADT pathways or majors offered across the California Community Colleges system. These majors represent the majors with the greatest number of CSU graduates annually, positioning students for success in many high-demand careers.

### TOP CSU MAJORS OF ADT TRANSFER STUDENTS

