

# RESEARCH BRIEF

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## Transfers from NOVA to Four-Year Institutions: 2011-12 and 2012-13

Community colleges serve students with a variety of interests and goals, such as earning a degree, developing job related skills, personal enrichment, or transferring to a four-year institution. Thus, transfer is one of the core functions of community college. At Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA), students enrolled in transfer programs make up the majority of the student population.

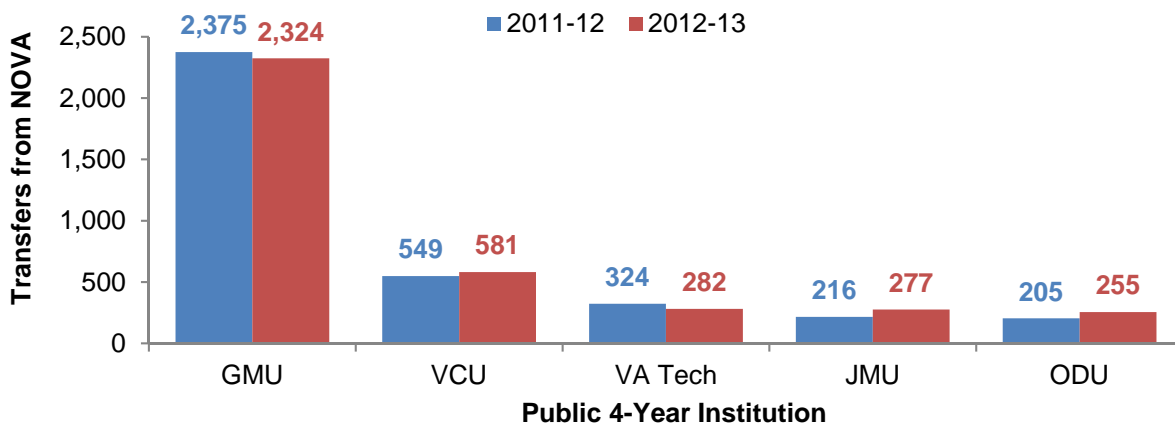
This research brief presents data on students transferring from NOVA into four-year institutions in the Fall and Spring semesters of 2011-12 and 2012-13. For example, the 2012-13 transfer data presents the number of students who enrolled in a four-year institution in Fall 2012 or Spring 2013 after attending NOVA at some point within the previous eight years (2005-06 through 2012-13).

The transfer numbers are based on National Student Clearing House (NSC) data that were provided by the Virginia Community College System (VCCS). The data are presented separately for public and private four-year institutions.

**Table 1. NOVA Transfers into Public and Private Four-Year Institutions: 2011-12 and 2012-13**

Institution Type	2011-12	2012-13
Public 4-Year Institutions	5,594	5,785
Private 4-Year Institutions	2,354	2,558
<b>Total Transfers</b>	<b>7,948</b>	<b>8,343</b>

**Figure 1. Top 5 Public Four-Year Institutions by Number of Transfers in 2012-13**



The top 50 public four-year institutions and the top 50 private four-year institutions are presented in Tables 2 and 3 (below and on the following pages). Where appropriate, multiple campuses and/or schools (e.g., school of business, school of education, etc.) were combined into one record for the larger institution.

It should be noted that NSC includes data from institutions across the nation. Although these data encompass most of the institutions nationwide, some institutions may not have opted to share their data with NSC, and such institutions are not represented here.

**Table 2. Top 50 Public Four-Year Institutions by Number of Transfers in 2012-13**

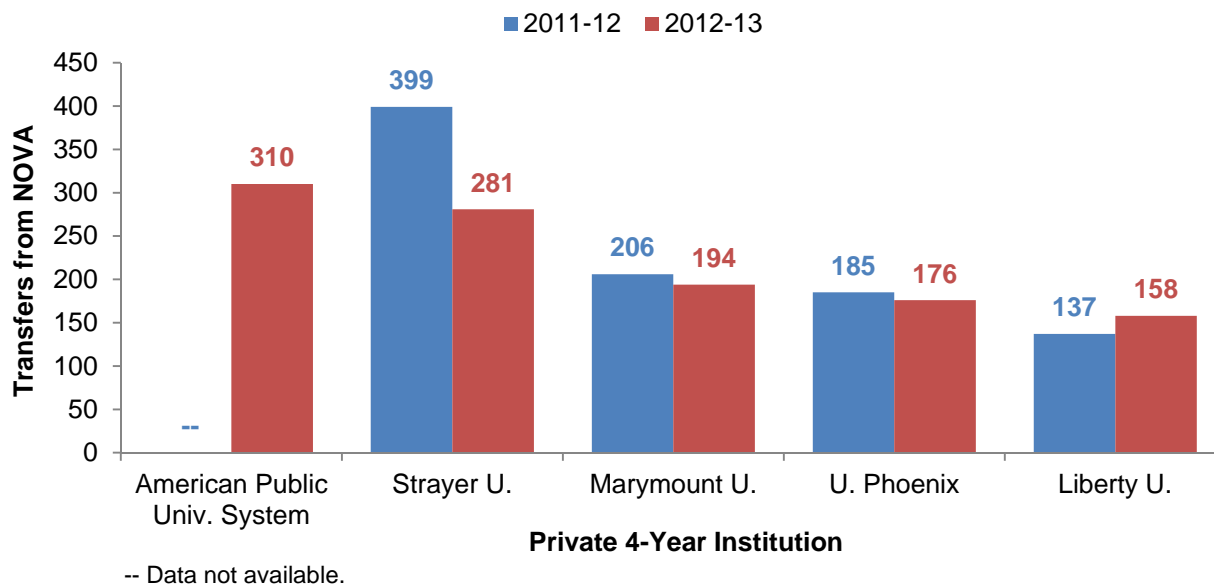
<b>Transfer Institution</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>
<b>Public 4-Year Institutions</b>		
George Mason University	2,375	2,324
Virginia Commonwealth University	549	581
Virginia Polytechnic and State University	324	282
James Madison University	216	277
Old Dominion University	205	255
University of Virginia	204	228
University of Maryland – University College	218	192
Radford University	159	166
University of Mary Washington	124	104
University of the District of Columbia	38	58
West Virginia University	49	52
Longwood University	33	51
Christopher Newport University	49	47
University of Maryland – College Park	46	47
College of William & Mary	54	44
Virginia State University	20	39
Shepherd University	21	29
Pennsylvania State University	37	24
University of Alabama	5	19
University of Texas Arlington	8	17
Coastal Carolina University	11	16
Arizona State University	17	15
Georgia Institute of Technology	3	13
East Carolina University	17	11
University of Maryland – Baltimore County	10	11
Towson University	9	11
University of Maryland – Baltimore	6	11
University of Texas at Austin	1	11
Indiana University of Pennsylvania	13	10
Temple University*	8	10
University of Cincinnati	7	10
University of Colorado – Colorado Springs	3	10
University of South Carolina	17	9
University of Pittsburgh	8	9
Ohio University	3	9
University of Baltimore	2	9

Transfer Institution	2011-12	2012-13
Louisiana State University	1	9
North Carolina State University	9	8
College of Southern Nevada	7	8
University of Central Florida	7	8
Palm Beach State College	6	8
Texas State University – San Marcos	4	8
University of Nevada Las Vegas	4	8
Glenville State College	0	8
University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill	10	7
The Ohio State University	7	7
University of Maryland Eastern Shore	7	7
Miami Dade College	6	7
Clemson University	5	7
University of North Carolina – Charlotte	5	7
<i>All Other Public 4-Year Institutions</i>	647	667
<b>Total Public 4-Year Institutions</b>	<b>5,594</b>	<b>5,785</b>

\*Multiple campuses/schools were combined when all were a part of one larger institution.

Note: Numbers represent NOVA students transferring into four-year institutions in the Fall and Spring semesters of designated year.

**Figure 2. Top 5 Private Four-Year Institutions by Number of Transfers in 2012-13**



**Table 3. Top 50 Private Four-Year Institutions by Number of Transfers in 2012-13**

Transfer Institution	2011-12	2012-13
<b>Private 4-Year Institutions</b>		
American Public University System	--	310
Strayer University – Washington	399	281
Marymount University	206	194
University of Phoenix	185	176
Liberty University	137	158
ITT Technical Institute	123	88
George Washington University	88	87

<b>Transfer Institution</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>
Shenandoah University	60	75
American University	36	61
Kaplan University	--	48
Chamberlain College of Nursing	44	40
Howard University	39	34
Ashford University	67	32
Southern New Hampshire University*	9	26
The Catholic University of America	29	26
Park University	14	22
Georgetown University*	31	21
DeVry University*	44	20
Hawaii Pacific University	--	17
Walden University	16	16
Drexel University	12	15
Everest University*	13	15
Ferrum College	22	15
Grand Canyon University*	8	15
Bridgewater College	9	14
Rochester Institute of Technology	6	14
Virginia Wesleyan College	9	14
Brigham Young University – Idaho*	11	13
Regent University	14	13
Excelsior College	16	12
National University	7	12
Trinity Washington University	23	12
Johnson & Wales University	7	11
Cornell University	6	10
Lynchburg College	14	10
Savannah College of Art & Design	13	10
Capella University	8	9
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University*	10	9
Harvard University*	9	9
Argosy University*	11	8
Saint Leo University	28	8
Academy of Art University	5	7
St Johns University	6	7
University of Southern California	1	7
Randolph-Macon College	11	6
Bellevue University	10	6
Columbia College	6	6
Keller Graduate School of Management	6	6
Virginia Union University	5	6
Webster University	4	6
<i>All Other Private 4-Year Institutions</i>	<i>517</i>	<i>521</i>
<b>Total Private 4-Year Institutions</b>	<b>2,354</b>	<b>2,558</b>

\*Multiple campuses/schools were combined when all were a part of one larger institution.

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-- Data not available.