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College Students Still on the Move in 2012-13

Number of Students Enrolled in More than One Institution Remains at High Water-Mark Set During 2011-12 School Year, Reports National Student Clearinghouse™ Research Center®

Herndon, Virginia, May 6, 2014 – The [National Student Clearinghouse Research Center](#) reports that just over 9 percent of all students attended more than one institution during the 2012-2013 academic year.

In its latest [Snapshot Report™ on student mobility rates](#) the Research Center shows that, overall, student mobility increased from 2010-11 to 2011-2012, and then stabilized in 2012-13.

The report is based on student-level data made available to the Clearinghouse by its more than 3,600 participating colleges and universities, including 98 percent of students attending public and private nonprofit postsecondary institutions. [Snapshot Reports](#), released throughout the year, provide a look in time at emerging college enrollment patterns and student pathways.

During the last several years, the Research Center has continued to focus on student mobility, both institutional and interstate. Community colleges have consistently played an important role, with nearly three-fourths of all mobile students having at least one enrollment at a 2-year public institution in each year studied. Among all students whose first 2012-13 enrollment occurred at a community college, 11.5% had also enrolled somewhere else by the end of the academic year. That figure includes all forms of student mobility from July 1 to June 30, including transfer, swirl, concurrent enrollment, online and summer courses.

“While traditional student transfer occurs between academic years, this report shows the importance of student mobility within a single year, revealing yet more variation among students whose postsecondary education pathways span multiple institutions,” stated Dr. Doug Shapiro, Executive Research Director of the Research Center. “Our continuing research in this area helps students, educators and policymakers to understand the many pathways to postsecondary success.”

About the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center

The National Student Clearinghouse Research Center is the research arm of the National Student Clearinghouse. The Research Center collaborates with higher education institutions, states, school districts, high schools, and educational organizations as part of a national effort to better inform education leaders and policymakers. Through accurate longitudinal data outcomes reporting, the Research Center enables better educational policy decisions leading to improved student outcomes.

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