



Honors Report 2024-2025

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Context

The Honors Program is available to students at San Diego City, Mesa, and Miramar Colleges. In the Honors Program, students explore course topics in greater depth and breadth than in regular courses. Students can participate in the Honors Program through either **Honors Contracts** or **Honors Courses**:

- **Honors Contract:** A student enters into a mutual agreement with the professor of a regular course; the student completes the regular coursework in addition to additional objectives, readings, and assignments.
- **Honors Course:** A course in which all enrolled students receive Honors credit. Honors courses vary by discipline, but all increase the range and depth of the learning experience by stimulating strong critical thinking skills, generating lively discussion, facilitating student collaboration, and teaching advanced research and writing skills.

Students may enroll in Honors Contracts, Honors Courses, or both types of courses; similarly, faculty may teach one or both types of courses.

This report includes Honors Program headcount, enrollment, faculty, and section counts, in addition to outcomes (Completion, Success, and GPA), and transfers for 2024-25, with some comparisons made to historical data as far back as 2019-20.

Dashboard

This static version of the report provides a snapshot of the Honors Program. For deeper insights, visit the interactive [Honors Report Dashboard](#) where you can explore the data further and drill down by subject, course, and more.

Definitions

- **Headcount:** Unduplicated count of students. One student in two classes counts once.
- **Enrollments:** Duplicated count of students taking classes. One student in two classes counts twice.
- **Completion Rate:** Count of all students who receive any grade (A, B, C, D, F, P, NP, I, W, or EW) out of all students enrolled in the course as of census.
- **Success Rate:** Count of all students who receive a passing grade (A, B, C, P) out of all students enrolled in the course as of census.
- **Honors-engaged Course:** A course (e.g. Math 150) that had at least one Honors enrollment that academic year.
- **Participation Rate:** Count of Honors enrollments out of all Honors-eligible enrollments (enrollments within Honors-engaged courses in 8-week or longer sections during Fall or Spring terms).
- **80% Rule:** A group rate below 80% of the highest group's rate (reference group) suggests disproportionate impact. Only groups with at least 200 Honors-eligible enrollments are considered.

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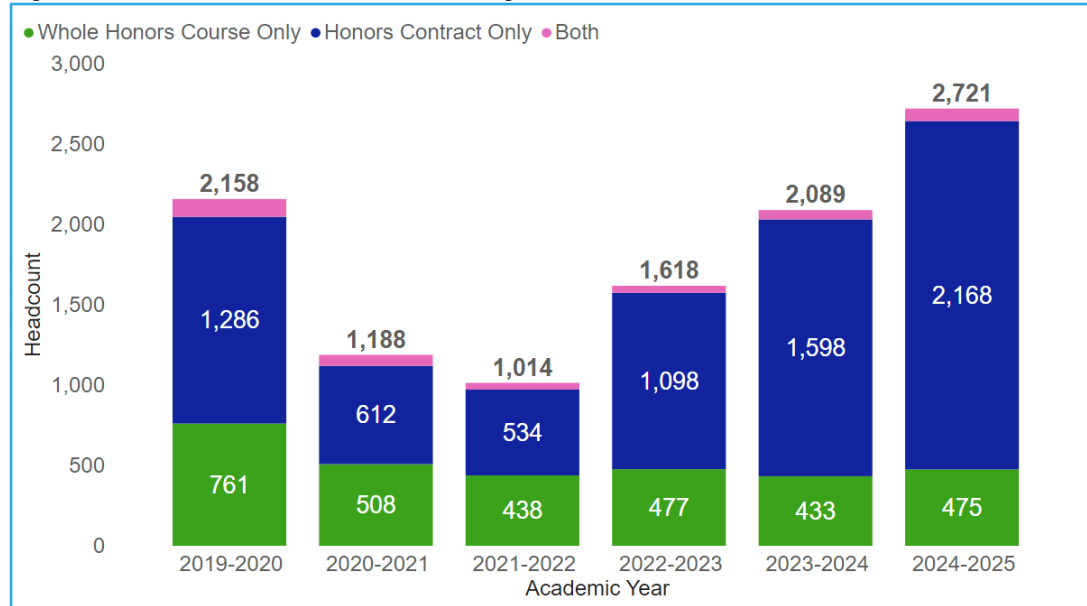
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Key Findings

1. Headcount: More students are engaging with Honors.

There were 2,721 Honors students in 2024-25, an increase of 632 students (+30%) from 2023-24. This significant growth continues a previous increase from 2023-24 to 2022-23, which saw an increase of 471 students (+29%).

Figure 1. Honors Student Headcount, All Colleges



Across colleges students engaged with Honors mostly through Honors Contracts only (City: 92%, Mesa: 67%, Miramar: 83%) and the percentage of Contract-only students is increasing at all three colleges.

Figure 2. 2024-25 Honors Student Type, by College

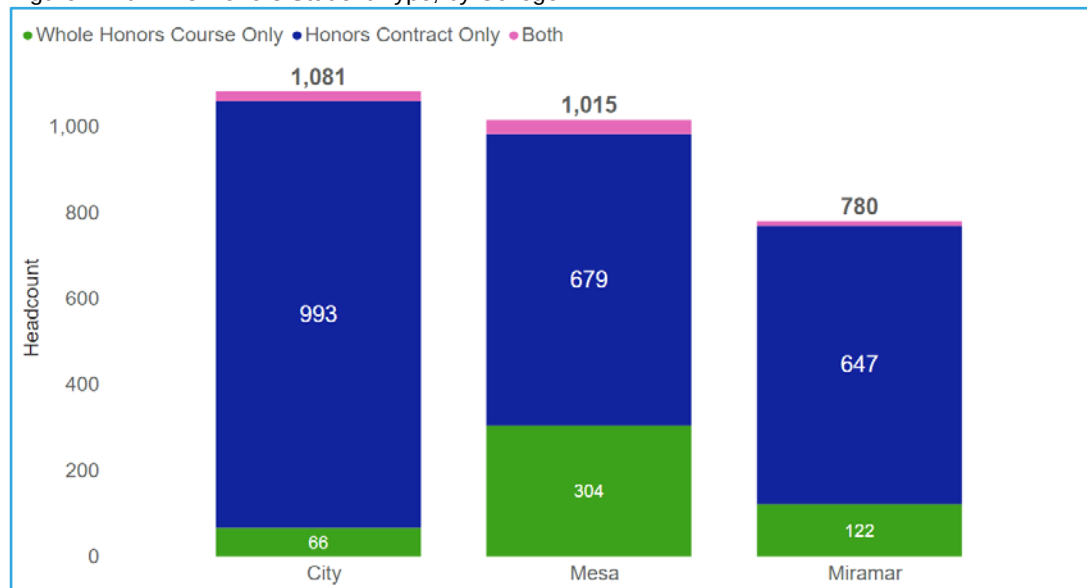


Table 1. Honors Student Headcount, by College and Student Type

Honors Type	Institution	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Contract Only	City	683 (86%)	374 (84%)	272 (82%)	558 (89%)	774 (91%)	993 (92%)
	Mesa	322 (34%)	128 (23%)	113 (26%)	286 (46%)	453 (59%)	679 (67%)
	Miramar	339 (71%)	171 (64%)	191 (62%)	334 (75%)	502 (82%)	647 (83%)
	All Colleges	1,286 (60%)	612 (52%)	534 (53%)	1,098 (68%)	1,598 (76%)	2,168 (80%)
Course Only	City	75 (9%)	54 (12%)	52 (16%)	58 (9%)	61 (7%)	66 (6%)
	Mesa	593 (63%)	395 (72%)	308 (71%)	330 (53%)	298 (39%)	304 (30%)
	Miramar	115 (24%)	82 (31%)	107 (35%)	104 (23%)	89 (15%)	122 (16%)
	All Colleges	761 (35%)	508 (43%)	438 (43%)	477 (29%)	433 (21%)	475 (17%)
Both	City	40 (5%)	15 (3%)	7 (2%)	14 (2%)	12 (1%)	22 (2%)
	Mesa	29 (3%)	23 (4%)	14 (3%)	11 (2%)	15 (2%)	32 (3%)
	Miramar	24 (5%)	14 (5%)	9 (3%)	10 (2%)	21 (3%)	11 (1%)
	All Colleges	111 (5%)	68 (6%)	42 (4%)	43 (3%)	58 (3%)	78 (3%)
All	City	798	443	331	630	847	1,081
	Mesa	944	546	435	627	766	1,015
	Miramar	478	267	307	448	612	780
	All Colleges	2,158	1,188	1,014	1,618	2,089	2,721

2. Honors Student Demographics: Most groups participate in Honors at similar rates.

In 2024-25 the overall Honors participation rate was 4%. Rates were similar across ethnicities (3-4%) districtwide. At the college level, some groups fell below 80% of the reference group, meeting the threshold for disproportionate impact (see Definitions: 80% Rule):

City College:

- Asian (3.73%) and Multi-ethnic (4.00%) compared to reference Latinx (5.49%)

Mesa College:

- Latinx (2.26%) and Pacific Islander (1.95%) compared to reference Asian (2.90%)

Miramar College:

- African American (2.65%) compared to reference Asian (4.15%)

Non-binary students had the highest participation rate of 7% (City: 11%, Mesa: 4%, Miramar: 8%), compared to 4% participation by female students (City: 5%, Mesa: 3%, Miramar: 4%) and 3% participation by male students (City: 4%, Mesa: 2%, Miramar: 3%). Both female and male participation rates were below 80% of Non-binary participation rates across colleges. View these participation rates by specific programs and colleges in the [Honors Report Dashboard](#).

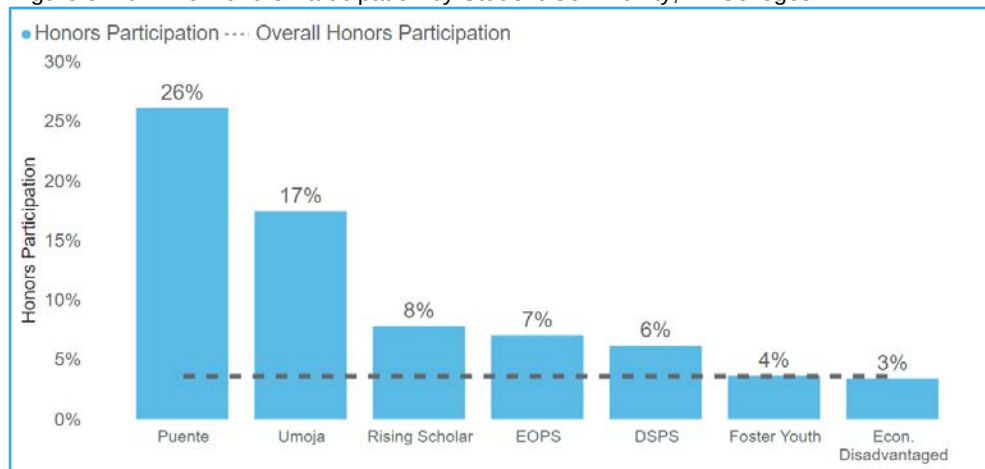
Table 2. Honors Students by Ethnicity, All Colleges

	Academic Year	2022-2023		2023-2024		2024-2025	
		Headcount	Participation Rate	Headcount	Participation Rate	Headcount	Participation Rate
Ethnicity	African American	100	2% (140/5,641)	152	3% (219/7,245)	195	4% (310/8,281)
	Asian	221	3% (333/12,404)	309	3% (488/14,846)	407	4% (604/16,866)
	Latinx	697	3% (971/32,814)	883	3% (1,293/40,889)	1,156	4% (1,779/48,528)
	Multiple Ethnicities	122	3% (179/6,528)	177	3% (265/7,933)	227	3% (311/9,081)
	Native American	2	3% (4/133)	5	4% (7/184)	10	4% (10/265)
	Pacific Islander	5	2% (6/287)	7	2% (8/419)	11	4% (20/509)
	Unknown	14	2% (16/810)	16	2% (21/853)	25	4% (30/742)
	Unreported	0	0% (0/10)	2	4% (2/55)	4	4% (7/191)
	White	455	3% (611/21,459)	537	3% (767/25,311)	686	3% (1,018/29,247)
Gender	Female	896	3% (1,261/41,498)	1,167	4% (1,769/48,611)	1,463	4% (2,184/56,846)
	Male	668	3% (931/37,193)	847	3% (1,193/46,991)	1,146	3% (1,728/54,224)
	Non-Binary	34	6% (42/682)	36	5% (51/1,062)	57	7% (88/1,181)
	Unknown	18	4% (26/713)	38	5% (57/1,071)	55	6% (89/1,459)
Total		1,616	3% (2,260/80,086)	2,088	3% (3,070/97,735)	2,721	4% (4,089/113,710)

3. Honors Participation by Student Communities: Learning Communities Drive Honors Participation.

Participation rates of students in learning communities (Puente: 26%, Umoja: 17%) and student support services (Rising Scholars: 8%, EOPS: 7%, DSPS: 6%) were higher than the overall participation rate in classes with Honors engagement (4%). Students self-reporting as coming from foster youth (4%) or an economically disadvantaged status (3%) had similar participation as the general student population (4%).

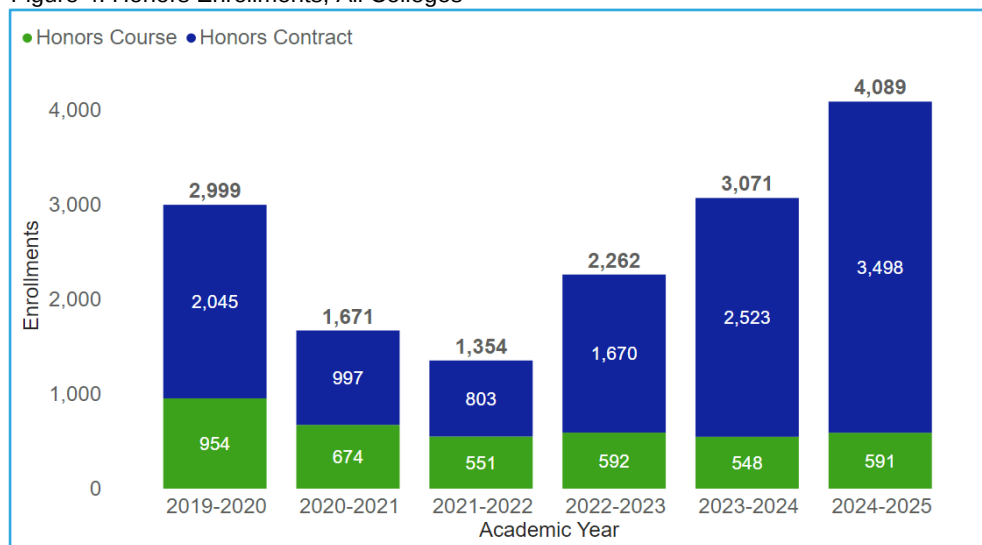
Figure 3. 2024-25 Honors Participation by Student Community, All Colleges



4. Enrollment: Districtwide Honors enrollment is growing, driven by Honors contracts.

There were 1,018 more Honors enrollments (+33%) in 2024-25 than in 2023-24 (City: +38%, Mesa: +35%, Miramar: +24%). Honors Contract enrollments accounted for 97% (984/1,018) of this growth, and increased by 39% (City: +42%, Mesa: +49%, Miramar: +25%). As in prior years, Honors Contracts made up the vast majority of Honors enrollments (86%, 3,498/4,089) in 2024-25.

Figure 4. Honors Enrollments, All Colleges



View Honors enrollments by specific colleges, subjects, and courses in the [Honors Report Dashboard](#).

5. Honors Offerings: The number of Honors-engaged courses is expanding via Honors contracts.

There were 316 Honors-engaged courses in 2024-25, which was 32 more (+11%) than in 2023-24 (City: +9%, Mesa: +26%, Miramar: +9%). Honors contract engagement accounted for all but 2 of these courses, with the exception of Geography 104 and Sociology 125. Five courses (English C1000 and C1001, Statistics C1000, Anthropology 103, and Sociology 101) accounted for 27% of Honors enrollments in 2024-2025.

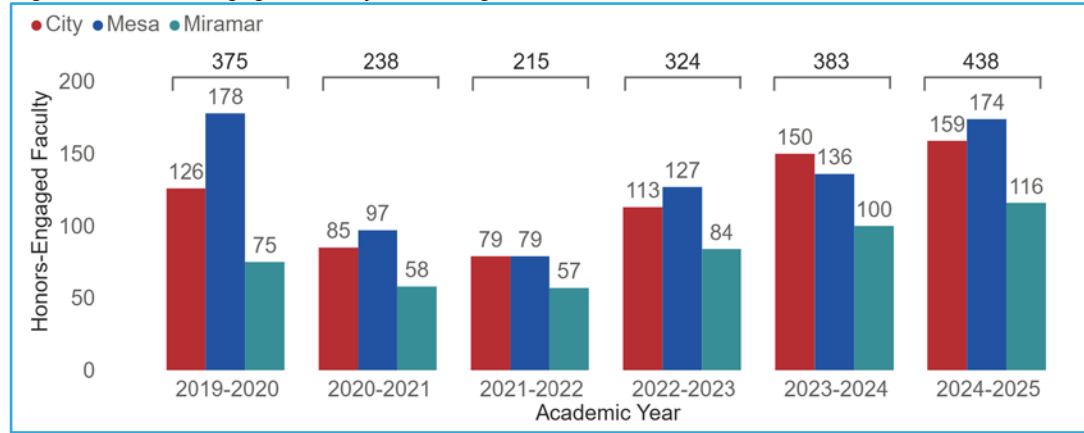
The number of sections with Honors contracts continues to increase. In 2024-25 there were 1,192 sections with Honors contracts (City: 428, Mesa: 417, Miramar: 347), compared to 952 sections in 2023-24 (City: 368, Mesa: 296, Miramar: 288).

View Honors-engaged courses and sections by specific colleges and subjects in the [Courses](#) and [Section Count](#) pages of the Honors Report Dashboard.

6. Faculty: Faculty engagement in Honors instruction continues to expand.

There were 55 more Honors-engaged faculty (+14%) in 2024-2025 than in 2023-2024 (City: +6%, Mesa: +28%, Miramar: +16%).

Figure 5. Honors-Engaged Faculty, All Colleges



7. Outcomes: Honors contracts have higher outcomes than non-Honors.

In 2024-25 Honors students had a completion rate of 97%, a success rate of 90%, and an average GPA of 3.50. As in prior years, Honors success rates were higher than non-Honors success rates both across colleges (+17%) and at each college (City: +19%, Mesa: +16%, Miramar: +18%). Compared to 2023-24, success rates increased 2% in all Honors programs (City: +2%, Mesa: +3%, Miramar: +1%).

Across academic years, success rates in Honors contracts were higher than in Honors course or non-Honors enrollments, with Honors contract enrollments receiving an average GPA of 3.61, compared to 2.79 for Honors course enrollments and 2.85 for non-Honors enrollments.

Figure 6. Success by Honors Type, All Colleges

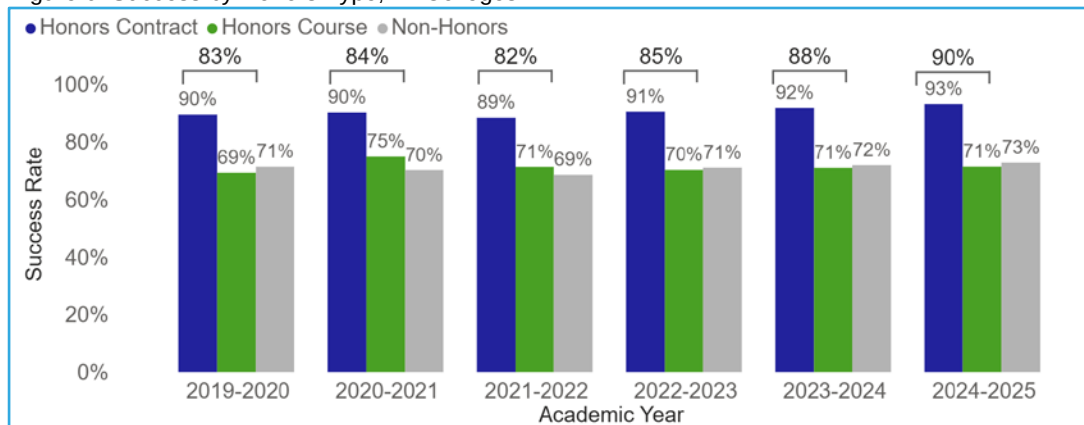


Table 3. Outcomes by College, All Honors Enrollments

	2023-2024				2024-2025			
	Enrollments	Completion	Success	GPA	Enrollments	Completion	Success	GPA
City	1,230	95%	86%	3.39	1,702	97%	88%	3.41
Mesa	996	95%	87%	3.45	1,340	98%	90%	3.44
Miramar	845	96%	93%	3.68	1,047	97%	94%	3.71
Total	3,071	96%	88%	3.49	4,089	97%	90%	3.50

Table 4. Outcomes by College, Non-Honors Enrollments

	2023-2024				2024-2025			
	Enrollments	Completion	Success	GPA	Enrollments	Completion	Success	GPA
City	28,840	87%	68%	2.73	31,921	87%	69%	2.77
Mesa	42,791	89%	72%	2.82	50,464	90%	74%	2.86
Miramar	23,457	91%	76%	2.95	27,481	91%	76%	2.95
Total	95,088	89%	72%	2.83	109,866	89%	73%	2.85

Table 5. Outcomes by College, Honors Contract Enrollments

	2023-2024				2024-2025			
	Enrollments	Completion	Success	GPA	Enrollments	Completion	Success	GPA
City	1,133	96%	88%	3.44	1,605	98%	89%	3.46
Mesa	662	99%	95%	3.69	985	100%	97%	3.70
Miramar	728	98%	96%	3.73	908	99%	97%	3.75
Total	2,523	98%	92%	3.59	3,498	98%	93%	3.61

Table 6. Outcomes by College, Honors Course Enrollments

	2023-2024				2024-2025			
	Enrollments	Completion	Success	GPA	Enrollments	Completion	Success	GPA
City	97	84%	63%	2.73	97	88%	64%	2.49
Mesa	334	88%	72%	2.93	355	94%	72%	2.67
Miramar	117	84%	75%	3.35	139	81%	74%	3.34
Total	548	86%	71%	2.98	591	90%	71%	2.79

This pattern holds under more controlled comparisons, where Honors contract enrollments had higher success rates than Non-Honors *within the same sections* (see dashboard: [Comparing Honors Contracts to Non-Honors](#)), as well as higher success rates than Honors course enrollments *within the same courses* (see dashboard: [Whole Honors Course Outcomes](#)).

8. Outcomes by Demographics

Compared to the overall success rate of 90% and GPA of 3.50, African American and Latinx students had lower outcomes, with success rates of 84% and 88% and GPAs of 3.28 and 3.34, respectively. To interactively drill down by multiple demographic categories including age group, visit the [Honors Report Dashboard](#).

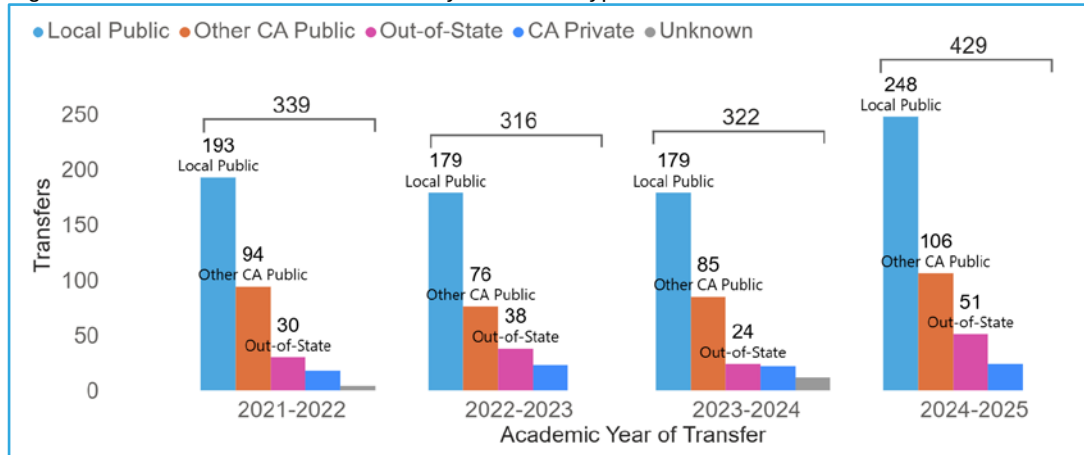
Table 7. Outcomes by Ethnicity, Gender

		Enrollments	Completion	Success	GPA
Ethnicity	African American	310	96%	84%	3.28
	Asian	604	98%	94%	3.72
	Latinx	1,779	97%	88%	3.34
	Multiple Ethnicities	311	98%	91%	3.51
	Native American	10	90%	70%	2.89
	Pacific Islander	20	100%	90%	3.30
	Unknown	30	100%	100%	3.73
	Unreported	7	100%	100%	3.71
	White	1,018	98%	93%	3.69
Gender	Female	2,184	97%	90%	3.50
	Male	1,728	98%	90%	3.49
	Non-Binary	88	98%	90%	3.58
	Unknown	89	99%	91%	3.39
Total		4,089	97%	90%	3.50

9. Transfers: 429 Honors students transferred to a four-year institution in 2024-2025.

Transfer lists were created using the Student Centered Funding Formula's successful transfer to a four-year institution. 429 Honors students transferred to a four-year institution in 2024-25, which is 91 more students (+33%) than in 2023-24. 58% of transferring Honors students went to local universities SDSU (152 students), UCSD (76 students), and CSUSM (20 students).

Figure 7. 2021-22 to 2024-25 Transfers by Institution Type



Honors students transferred to over 72 different four-year institutions across the state and country in 2024-25. A complete list of transfer destinations and majors can be viewed in the [Honors Report Dashboard](#).