Crossing State Lines to Graduate

On average, 15.1 percent of all U.S. postsecondary students who received undergraduate degrees in 2010-11 had previously attended college in at least one other state or territory. As shown in the map at right, for each state and territory, the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center has identified the percentage of undergraduate degree completers in the 2010-11 academic year who had prior enrollments in at least one other state or territory. The median per state/territory was 18.4 percent.

The 2010-11 Undergraduate Interstate Mobility Index with individual state and territory information is available at www.studentclearinghouse.org/snapshot.

Interstate Mobility of Students Awarded an Undergraduate Degree in 2010-11*

*Students were counted once in each state where they earned a degree between July 1, 2010, and June 30, 2011. Students with any enrollments or degrees from single institutions that span multiple states were excluded from this analysis.

†Includes any enrollment status or degree completion that occurred on or before the 2010-11 graduation date.

Note: Data for this report came from student-level college enrollment and degree data provided to the National Student Clearinghouse by its participating institutions and reflect national coverage of 93 percent of student enrollments and 80 percent of degrees.