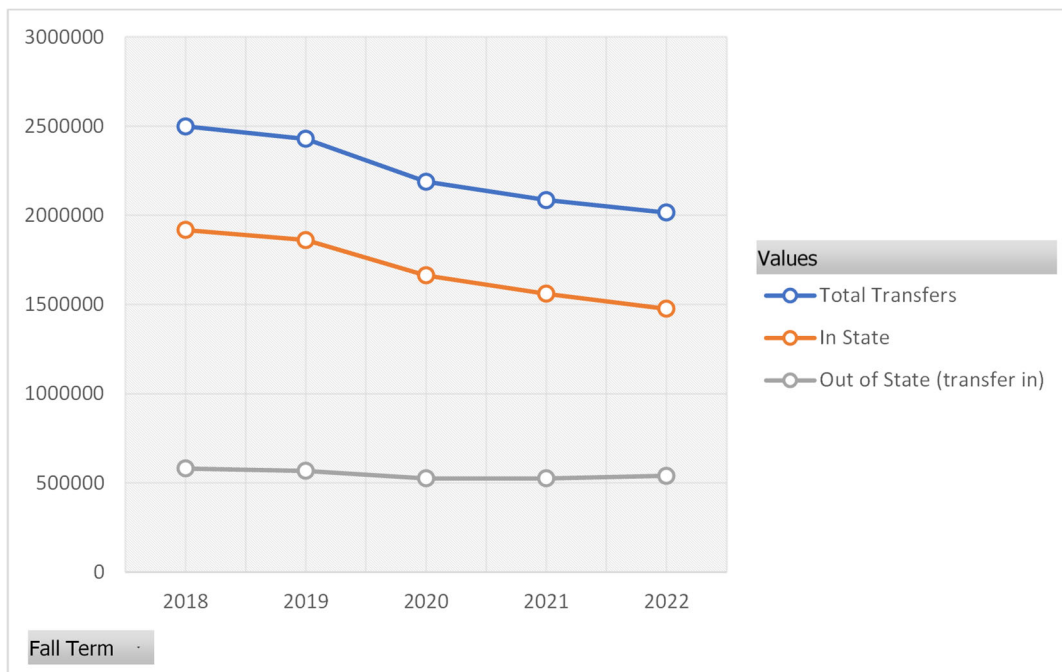


The National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) released the [Transfer and Progress, Fall 2022 Report](#) on March 9, 2023. This report provides a state-by-state analysis on students who transfer among postsecondary institutions. This report covers the fall terms 2018 through 2022, providing insight into the transfer behaviors of students attending colleges in North Dakota prior to, during, and after the pandemic.

NSC data for this report encompasses all postsecondary institutions within North Dakota, including public, private, and tribal. Data was not reported at the institutional level and thus this report reflects a statewide profile.

*Figure 1* below shows the overall national transfer trend. From 2018-2022, student transfers decreased by 19%, including a 10% drop during the 2019 to 2020 terms (pre-pandemic to pandemic). This drop in transfers was observed primarily in the group of students who transferred between two in-state institutions. Additionally, national data shows student transfers across state lines remained relatively consistent in the same period.



*Figure 1: Nation Trends for Student Transfers, 2018-2022*

In *Figure 2*, more variability is observed in the transfer data for the same 2018 through 2022 time period for North Dakota. After a 6% increase in transfers in 2019, negative drops of -13% and -6% were observed respectively in the pandemic terms 2020 and 2021, followed by a large

increase post pandemic of 36% (2022). Unlike national data, trends for in-state and out-of-state-transferring-in followed similar patterns in North Dakota.

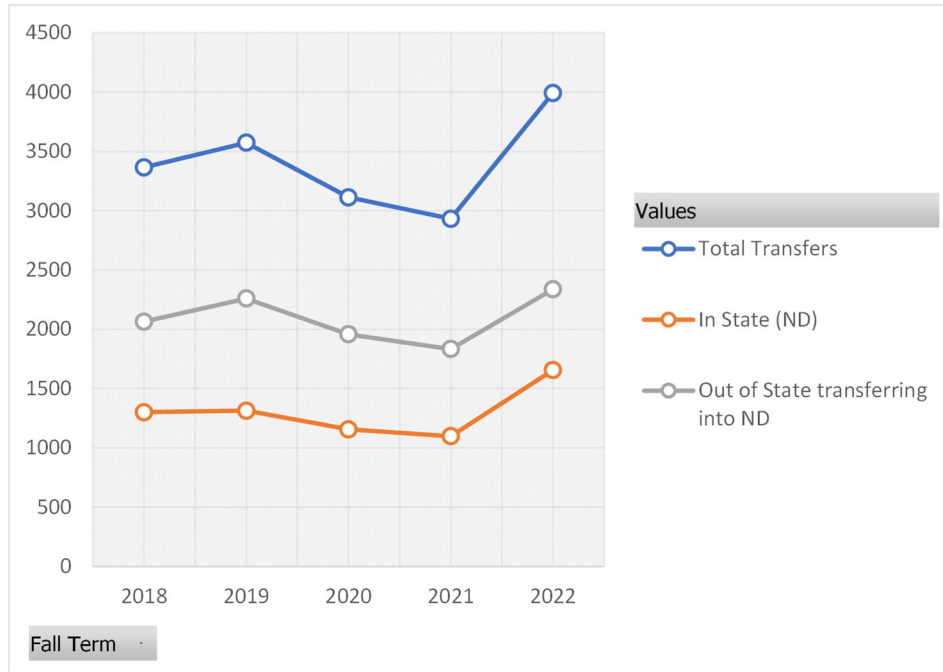


Figure 2: North Dakota Trends for Student Transfers, 2018-2022

Of particular interest is the cohort of students transferring into North Dakota from another state. While students transferring among North Dakota institutions provide a measure of mobility, students who transfer from an out-of-state institution to a North Dakota institution help grow post-secondary enrollment and, if they remain in state, grow the North Dakota work force.

Figure 3 (next page) shows a regional analysis of trends for these out-of-state students transferring into the states of North Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. All these regional states show some degree of decrease over time for this cohort. The largest numerical and percentage declines in out-of-state students transferring in-state are seen in the states with the largest population of college students (Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa).

Figure 4 (next page) provides a single year look at post-pandemic (2021 to 2022) transfer cohort growth. As shown, the larger numerical single year growth is observed in Wisconsin, South Dakota, and North Dakota. Worthy of note is that **among these regional states, North Dakota has one of the smallest post-secondary populations, yet leads the region in out-of-state to in-state cohort growth for the post-pandemic term of 2022.**

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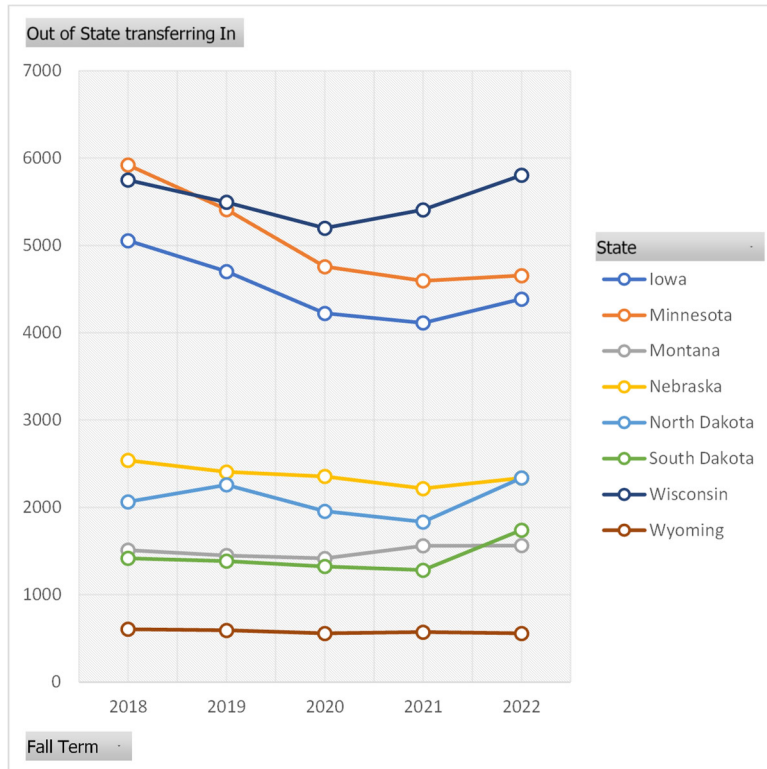


Figure 3: Out of State Transfer Trends for Regional States. Values shown here are for the headcount of students transferring into each state from another state.

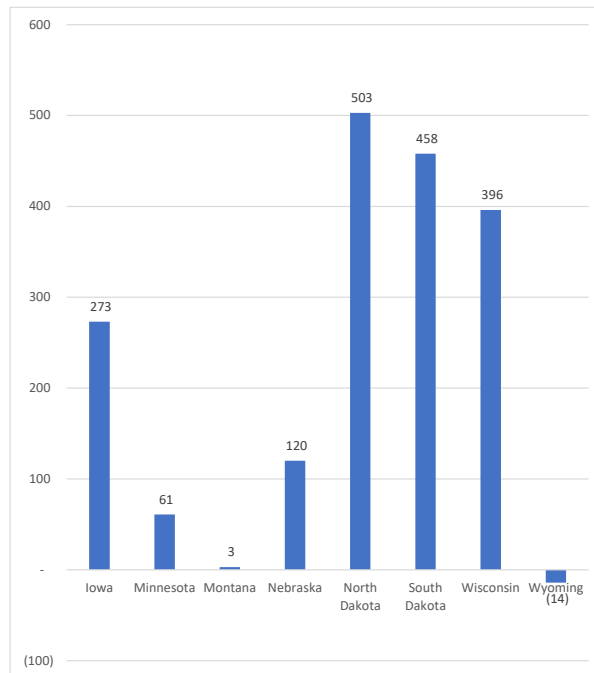


Figure 4: One Year Post Pandemic Changes in Out of State Cohort Size, 2021 to 2022.

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### Appendix

*Table 1: Total Transfer Headcounts by State, with Annual % Differences, 2018-2022*

State	2018 Transfers	2019 Transfers	18-19 Difference	2020 Transfers	19-20 Difference	2021 Transfers	20-21 Difference	2022 Transfers	21-22 Difference	18-22 Difference
National	1,249,325	1,214,391	-3%	1,094,176	-10%	1,042,921	-5%	1,007,799	-3%	-19%
Iowa	15,311	14,381	-6%	12,753	-11%	11,891	-7%	13,289	12%	-13%
Minnesota	21,630	20,345	-6%	18,392	-10%	17,208	-6%	17,903	4%	-17%
Montana	3,084	3,103	1%	2,876	-7%	3,117	8%	2,935	-6%	-5%
Nebraska	8,647	8,227	-5%	7,714	-6%	7,301	-5%	7,922	9%	-8%
North Dakota	3,365	3,573	6%	3,113	-13%	2,932	-6%	3,992	36%	19%
South Dakota	2,586	2,453	-5%	2,277	-7%	2,209	-3%	3,167	43%	22%
Wisconsin	21,305	24,004	13%	18,142	-24%	17,788	-2%	17,288	-3%	-19%
Wyoming	1,350	1,282	-5%	1,373	7%	1,222	-11%	1,102	-10%	-18%

*Table 2: Total In-State Transfer Headcounts by State, with Annual % Differences, 2018-2022*

State	2018 Transfers	2019 Transfers	18-19 Difference	2020 Transfers	19-20 Difference	2021 Transfers	20-21 Difference	2022 Transfers	21-22 Difference	18-22 Difference
National	958,698	930,660	-3%	831,623	-11%	780,244	-6%	738,077	-5%	-23%
Iowa	10,256	9,679	-6%	8,530	-12%	7,777	-9%	8,902	14%	-13%
Minnesota	15,708	14,933	-5%	13,634	-9%	12,613	-7%	13,247	5%	-16%
Montana	1,573	1,653	5%	1,460	-12%	1,556	7%	1,371	-12%	-13%
Nebraska	6,108	5,821	-5%	5,359	-8%	5,084	-5%	5,585	10%	-9%
North Dakota	1,300	1,314	1%	1,156	-12%	1,098	-5%	1,655	51%	27%
South Dakota	1,169	1,068	-9%	953	-11%	927	-3%	1,427	54%	22%
Wisconsin	15,556	18,509	19%	12,944	-30%	12,379	-4%	11,483	-7%	-26%
Wyoming	745	690	-7%	816	18%	650	-20%	544	-16%	-27%

*Table 3: Total Out-of-State Transfer Headcounts by State, with Annual % Differences, 2018-2022*

State	2018 Transfers	2019 Transfers	18-19 Difference	2020 Transfers	19-20 Difference	2021 Transfers	20-21 Difference	2022 Transfers	21-22 Difference	18-22 Difference
National	290,627	283,731	-2%	262,553	-7%	262,677	0%	269,722	3%	-7%
Iowa	5,055	4,702	-7%	4,223	-10%	4,114	-3%	4,387	7%	-13%
Minnesota	5,922	5,412	-9%	4,758	-12%	4,595	-3%	4,656	1%	-21%
Montana	1,511	1,450	-4%	1,416	-2%	1,561	10%	1,564	0%	4%
Nebraska	2,539	2,406	-5%	2,355	-2%	2,217	-6%	2,337	5%	-8%
North Dakota	2,065	2,259	9%	1,957	-13%	1,834	-6%	2,337	27%	13%
South Dakota	1,417	1,385	-2%	1,324	-4%	1,282	-3%	1,740	36%	23%
Wisconsin	5,749	5,495	-4%	5,198	-5%	5,409	4%	5,805	7%	1%
Wyoming	605	592	-2%	557	-6%	572	3%	558	-2%	-8%

### Relevant Links:

Source: <https://nscresearchcenter.org/transfer-and-progress/>

Full Report: <https://nscresearchcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/TransferProgressFall22.pdf>

Full Data: <https://nscresearchcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/TransferProgressFall22Appendix.xlsx>

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