SMCCCD Academic Success Rates

Student Right-to-Know (SRTK), 2018 – 2022

SMCCCD Academic Success Rate (SRTK Degree/Certificate + Transfer Rates)

	SRTK Term					
College	2015-2018	2016-2019	2017-2020	2018-2021	2019-2022	
Cañada	40.3%	40.6%	46.9%	43.9%	46.1%	
San Mateo	48.4%	51.6%	54.0%	53.1%	57.1%	
Skyline	42.5%	43.2%	44.4%	49.0%	50.7%	
Statewide	42.0%	42.7%	43.4%	43.7%	42.9%	

Source: Federal Student Right-to-Know. Academic Success Rate is a local (SMCCCD) measure only which combines the SRTK Degree/Certificate and Transfer Rates and is not an official SRTK metric.

Note: SRTK, or Student Right-to-Know, is a "cohort" study; that is, a group of students who are first-time freshmen, who are enrolled full-time in a fall term, and are degree-seeking. Their outcomes are measured over a period of time. The outcomes that the two SRTK rates measure are Completion (the total number of students in the cohort who earn either a degree, a certificate, or who successfully completed a two-year-equivalent transfer-preparatory program) and Transfer (the total number of cohort non-completers who were identified as having enrolled in another institution). The tracking period of the cohorts is three (3) years, at which time the SRTK rates are calculated and made public.

SRTK has its merits in that it attempts to provide a standardized measure of college effectiveness nationwide. However, in order to fully understand what SRTK rates mean for a college, one should also know its limitations. First, the cohort group can be quite small compared to the entire community college population, and is therefore not fully representative of all educational activities at a college. Many community colleges do not have the primary mission of producing only transferable students. There can also be data collection issues involved in the acquisition of valid numbers used in deriving SRTK rates; since there is no central nationwide "clearinghouse" of transfer data, it is impossible to generate accurate transfer-out rates.

SRTK Rates are derived and reported yearly on the IPEDS-GRS, Integrated Postsecondary Educational Data System-Graduation Rate Survey). The IPEDS-GRS also tracks part-time student cohorts over a six (6) year period; however, full-time cohort status after 3 years is the only basis for calculating SRTK rates.

SMCCCD SRTK and Academic Success* Rates, 2015 – 2022

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		SRTK Degree/ Certificate	SRTK Transfer	Academic Success Rate (Degree/Certificate+
SRTK Term	College	Rate	Rate	Transfer Rates)
2012-2015	Cañada	16.2%	9.1%	25.3%
2012-2015	San Mateo	21.4%	10.4%	31.8%
2012-2015	Skyline	21.2%	8.3%	29.5%
2012-2015	Statewide	29.5%	10.9%	40.4%
2013-2016	Cañada	26.0%	6.1%	32.1%
2013-2016	San Mateo	37.7%	5.6%	43.3%
2013-2016	Skyline	23.6%	16.9%	40.5%
2013-2016	Statewide	29.3%	10.3%	39.6%
2014-2017	Cañada	26.3%	6.6%	32.9%
2014-2017	San Mateo	39.1%	5.2%	44.3%
2014-2017	Skyline	35.4%	6.9%	42.4%
2014-2017	Statewide	30.4%	9.5%	39.8%
2015-2018	Cañada	34.0%	6.4%	40.3%
2015-2018	San Mateo	41.9%	6.5%	48.4%
2015-2018	Skyline	35.2%	7.3%	42.5%
2015-2018	Statewide	31.2%	10.9%	42.0%
2016-2019	Cañada	32.1%	8.4%	40.6%
2016-2019	San Mateo	42.3%	9.2%	51.6%
2016-2019	Skyline	35.7%	7.5%	43.2%
2016-2019	Statewide	32.4%	10.4%	42.7%
2017-2020	Cañada	34.4%	12.5%	46.9%
2017-2020	San Mateo	44.1%	9.9%	54.0%
2017-2020	Skyline	35.2%	9.2%	44.4%
2017-2020	Statewide	33.7%	9.7%	43.4%
2018-2021	Cañada	35.3%	8.7%	43.9%
2018-2021	San Mateo	41.1%	12.0%	53.1%
2018-2021	Skyline	40.8%	8.2%	49.0%
2018-2021	Statewide	34.8%	9.0%	43.7%
2019-2022	Cañada	35.5%	10.6%	46.1%
2019-2022	San Mateo	47.1%	10.1%	57.1%
2019-2022	Skyline	40.1%	10.6%	50.7%
2019-2022	Statewide	34.3%	8.6%	42.9%

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