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Community College Know the Odds

88% of 8th graders want to go to college.

70% of high school graduates go to college within two years of high school.

In 2000, 66% of all first-time freshmen enrolled in the community colleges.

Then what happens?

Nationwide, first year students

At community colleges, about **50% do not continue** for a second year; about 50% continue.

At four-year colleges, about **25% do not continue** for a second year; about 75% continue.

In California, first year students

At California State Universities, about 23% do not continue for a second year; about **77% continue**.

At Universities of California, about **8% do not continue** for a second year; about 92% continue.

In California Community Colleges

About 40% of community college students take courses that qualify for transfer to Cal State University or University of California schools. About 33% of those eventually transferred to four-year university. Do the math... 33% of 40% = ?

In other words, about 13% of California Community College students transfer to a 4-year university.

Information derived from

Education on the Brink, Separate and Unequal, The Oakland Tribune, June 22, 2003