

SMCCCD Academic Success Rates

Student Right-to-Know (SRTK), 2019 – 2024

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

College	SRTK Term				
	2016-2019	2017-2020	2018-2021	2019-2022	2021-2024
Cañada	40.6%	46.9%	43.9%	46.1%	59.1%
San Mateo	51.6%	54.0%	53.1%	57.1%	69.6%
Skyline ¹	43.2%	44.4%	49.0%	50.7%	51.5% ¹
Statewide	42.7%	43.4%	43.7%	42.9%	48.2%

¹ Because Skyline began offering 4-year degrees in 2018, the tracking period was extended to 6 years starting with the 2018 cohort (tracking fall 2018 through spring 2024).

Source: CCCC SRTK website (<https://srtk.cccco.edu>) 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-, certificate-, or transfer-seeking. Their outcomes are measured over a period of time. The outcomes that the two SRTK rates measure are Completion and Transfer.

For institutions offering 2-year degrees, Completion is measured as the total number of students in the cohort who earn either a degree, a certificate, or who successfully complete 60 transferable units with a gpa of 2.0 or better. Transfer is measured as the total number of cohort *non-completers* who are 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.

For institutions offering 4-year degrees, Completion is measured as the total number of students in the cohort who earn either a degree, a certificate, or are "transfer prepared," defined as having completed 60 transferable units with a gpa of 2.0 or better. Transfer is measured as the total number of student who transfer to another post-secondary institution prior to attaining a degree, certificate, or becoming "transfer prepared." The tracking period of the cohorts is six (6) years. For Skyline College, the fall 2018 cohort is the first to be measured under the 4-year methodology.

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. The metrics also do not account for student outcomes occurring after the tracking period.

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, 2017 – 2024

SRTK Term	College	SRTK Degree/ Certificate Rate	SRTK Transfer Rate	Academic Success Rate (Degree/Certificate+ Transfer Rates)
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%
2021-2024	Cañada	46.8%	12.3%	59.1%
2021-2024	San Mateo	60.8%	8.8%	69.6%
2018-2024 ¹	Skyline	44.0%	7.5%	51.5%
2021-2024	Statewide	38.7%	9.5%	48.2%

¹ Note six (6) year tracking period.

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