

Community College Transfers

Who transfers to CSU San Marcos?
What can we do to ease the transition?

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[Overview]

- Demographic and academic information about students who transferred successfully to CSUSM
- Perceptions of those intending to transfer
- Opinions of those students who successfully transferred

[Transfer Student Profile]

- 3,910 CSUSM students identified as transfers from Palomar and MiraCosta College
- Approximately 3,700 matched to Palomar and MiraCosta Student files
- 18% of the transfer population took classes at both community colleges

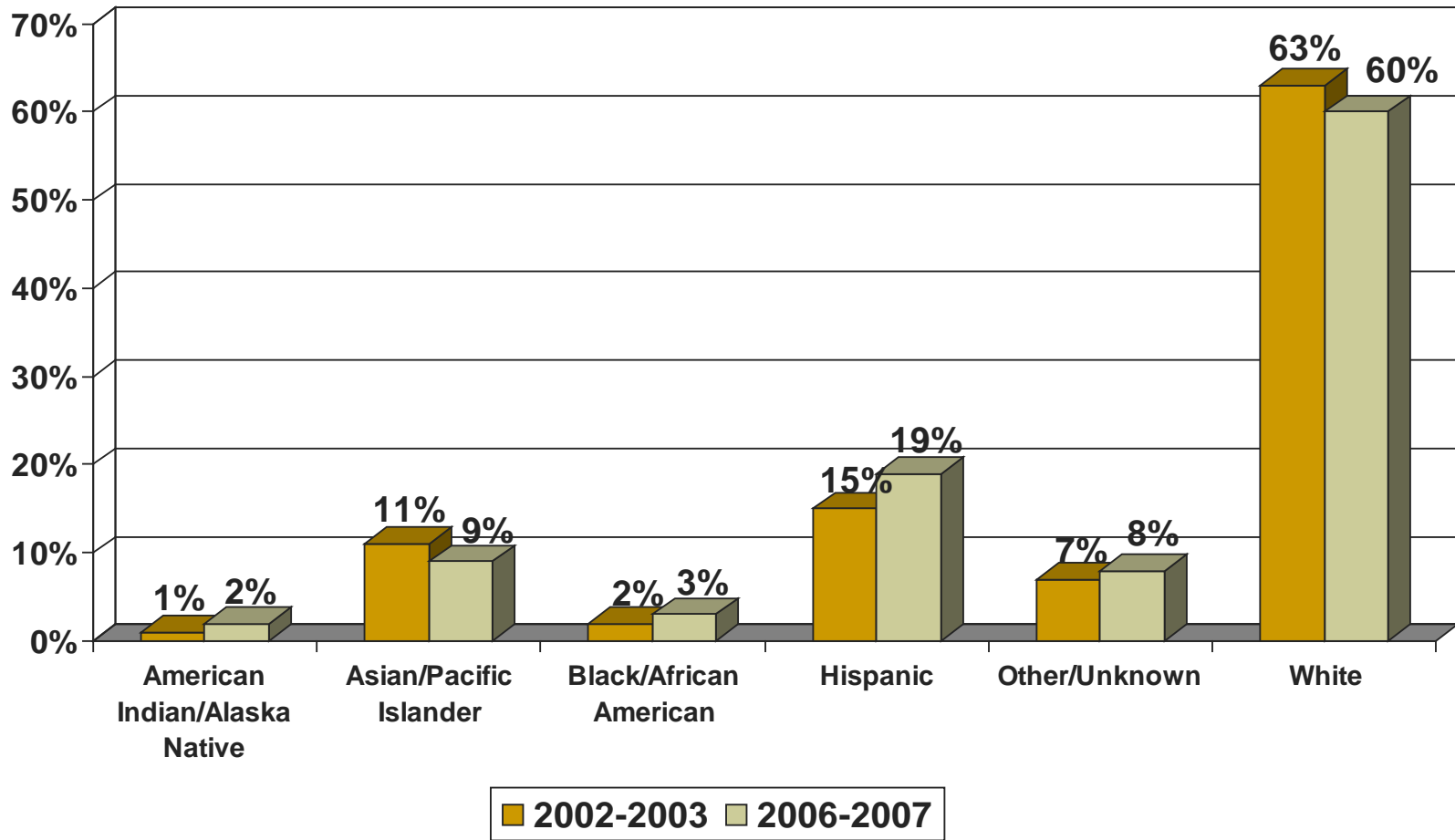
[Transfer Student Profile (Cont'd.)]

- Age at First Enrollment and Transfer

	2006-07	2005-06	2004-05	2003-04	2002-03	Grand Total
Palomar Average Age at Entry	20.7	20.6	20.9	21.6	21.2	21.0
Palomar Average Age at Exit	25.1	25.0	25.1	25.7	25.1	25.2
MiraCosta Average Age at Entry	20.7	21.3	21.5	21.0	21.3	21.2
MiraCosta Average Age at Exit	24.5	25.3	25.5	25.1	25.3	25.2

Transfer Student Profile (Cont'd.)

Transfer Student Ethnicities



[Transfer Student Profile (Cont'd.)]

- 61% are female
- 5% reported having a pre-transfer disability
- 11% participated in EOPS
- 36% received financial aid – increased 10% from 2002-2003 to 2006-2007
- 55% completed an orientation at their community college – increased 12% from 2002-2003 to 2006-2007

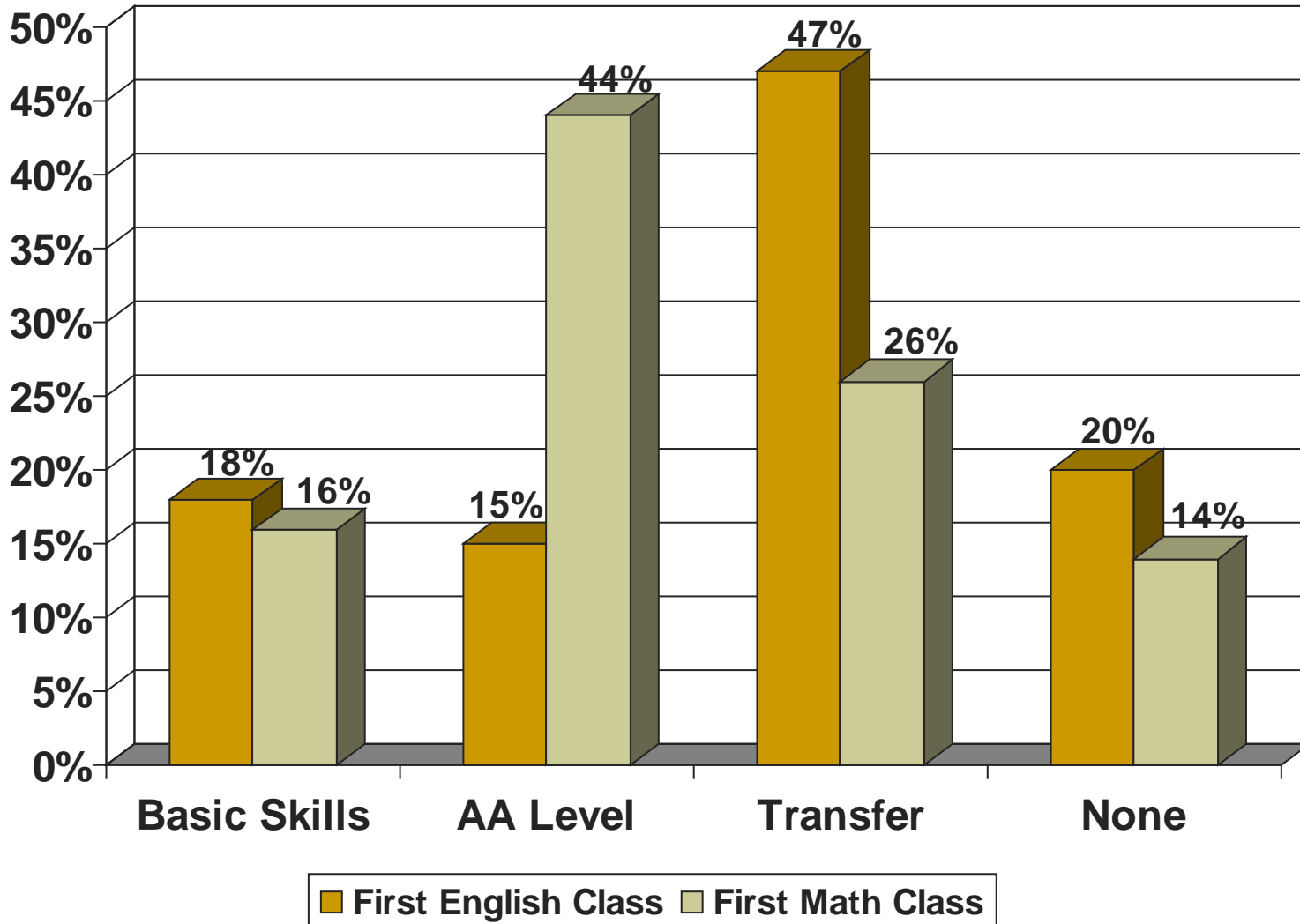
Classes Taken During/After Transfer

43% of students completed classes at Palomar or MiraCosta during or after their transfer term.

MiraCosta College		
Subject	Catalog Number	Number of Enrollments
SPAN	102	111
SPAN	201	81
SPAN	101	71
PLSC	102	37
CIS	100	31
MATH	115	27
PSYC	205	22
SOC	101	21
HIST	110	20
BIO	101L	18

Palomar College		
Subject	Catalog Number	Number of Enrollments
SPAN	201	221
SPAN	102	147
SPAN	101	75
ASL	205	66
MATH	130	63
ACCT	108	55
PE	128	50
ASL	101	43
ASL	100	38
PSYC	205	37

First English and Math Levels



Palomar College Success/Retention Data

	2006-07	2005-06	2004-05	2003-04	2002-03	Grand Total
Number of Transfers	513	507	607	472	476	2575
Average Transfer Level Success Rate	86.3%	85.2%	86.2%	86.7%	86.6%	86.2%
Average Transfer Level Retention Rate	95.8%	95.2%	95.7%	95.6%	95.3%	95.5%
Average Transfer Level Grade Point Average	2.92	2.91	2.90	2.96	2.94	2.93

MiraCosta College Success/Retention Data

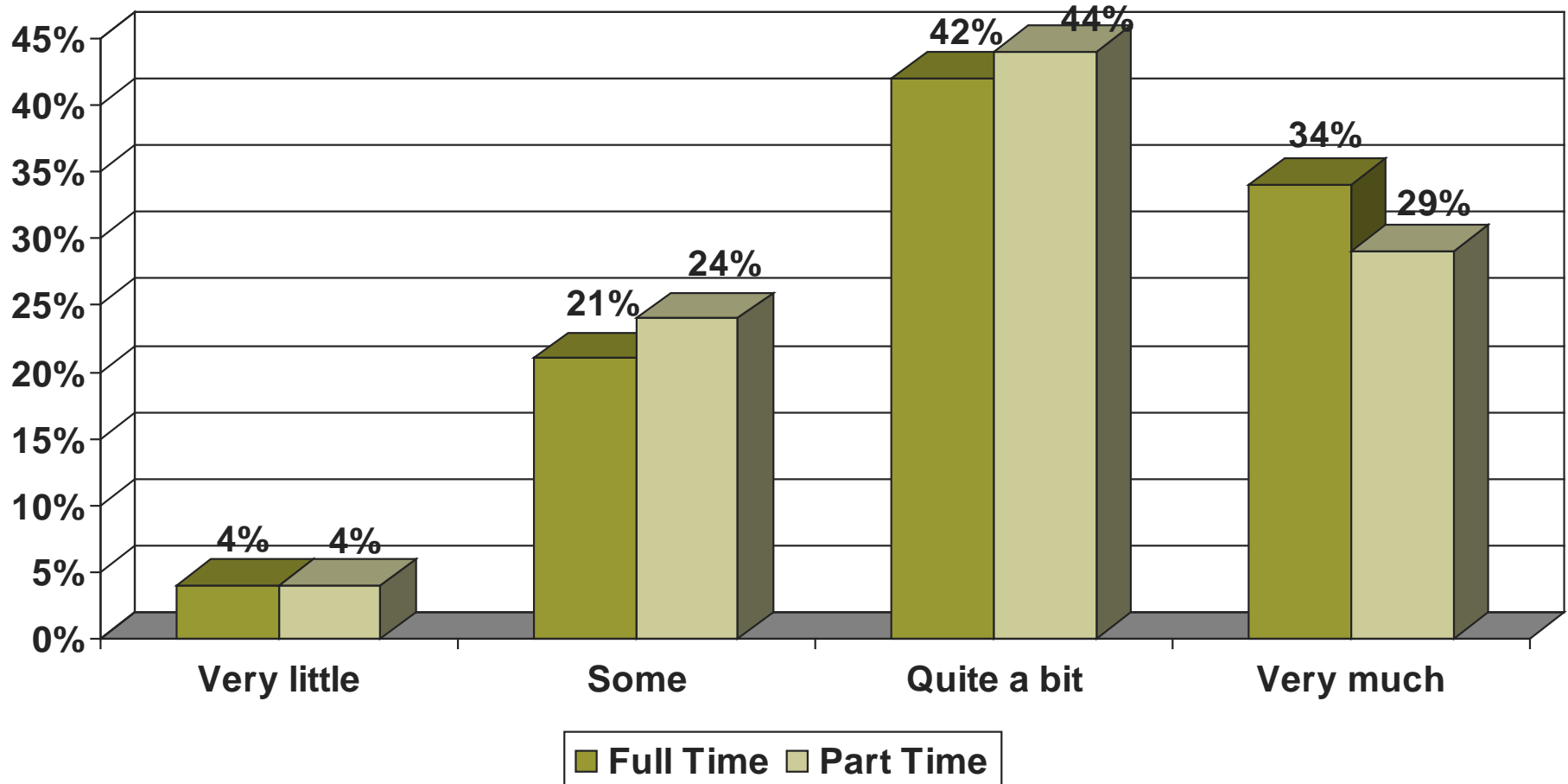
	2006-07	2005-06	2004-05	2003-04	2002-03	Grand Total
Number of Transfers	238	232	278	202	239	1189
Average Transfer Level Success Rate	83.9%	83.4%	83.6%	83.4%	83.9%	83.6%
Average Transfer Level Retention Rate	89.9%	89.1%	89.1%	89.1%	89.5%	89.3%
Average Transfer Level Grade Point Average	3.00	2.99	3.00	2.97	2.98	2.99

Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE)

- National Survey administered at both Palomar and MCC during Spring 2007 (n=1750)
- Measures student engagement and satisfaction of community college students
- Weighted totals in handouts reflect the closest approximation to college population
- Data based ONLY on those who indicated transfer as a goal
- Satisfaction data excludes those that indicated that they had never used the service

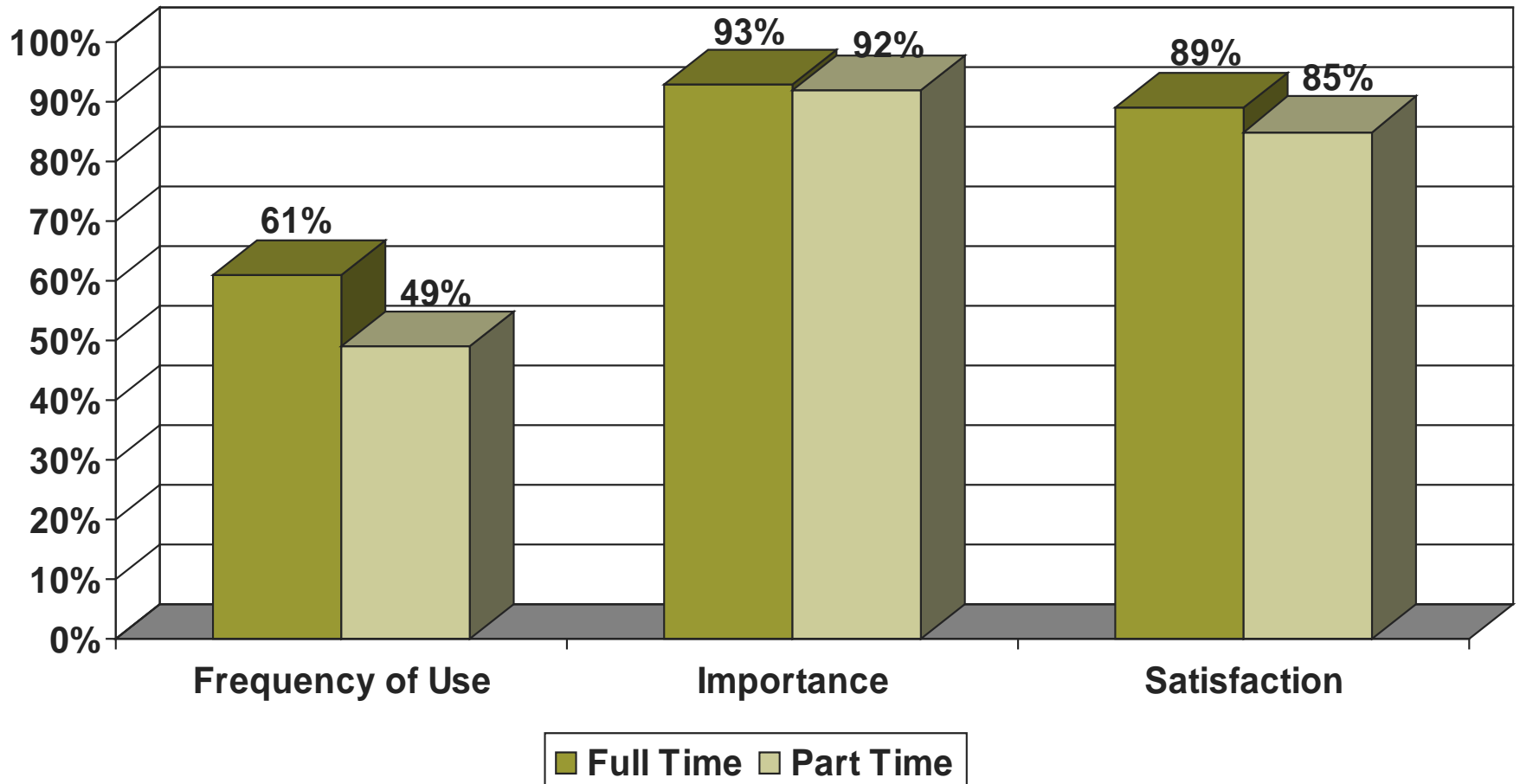
Community College Survey of Student Engagement (2007)

How much does this college emphasize providing the support you need to help you succeed at this college?



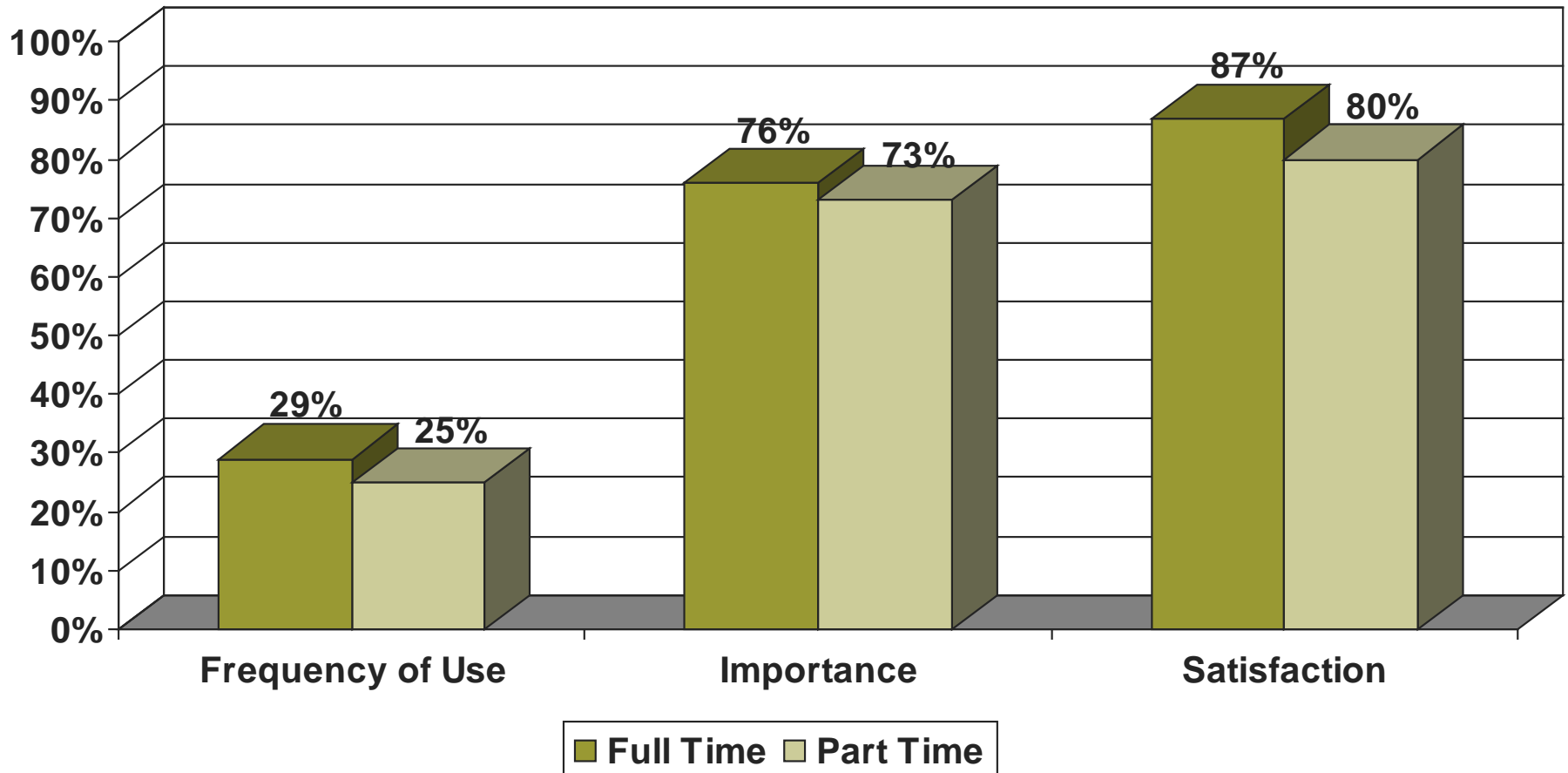
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Academic Advising/Planning



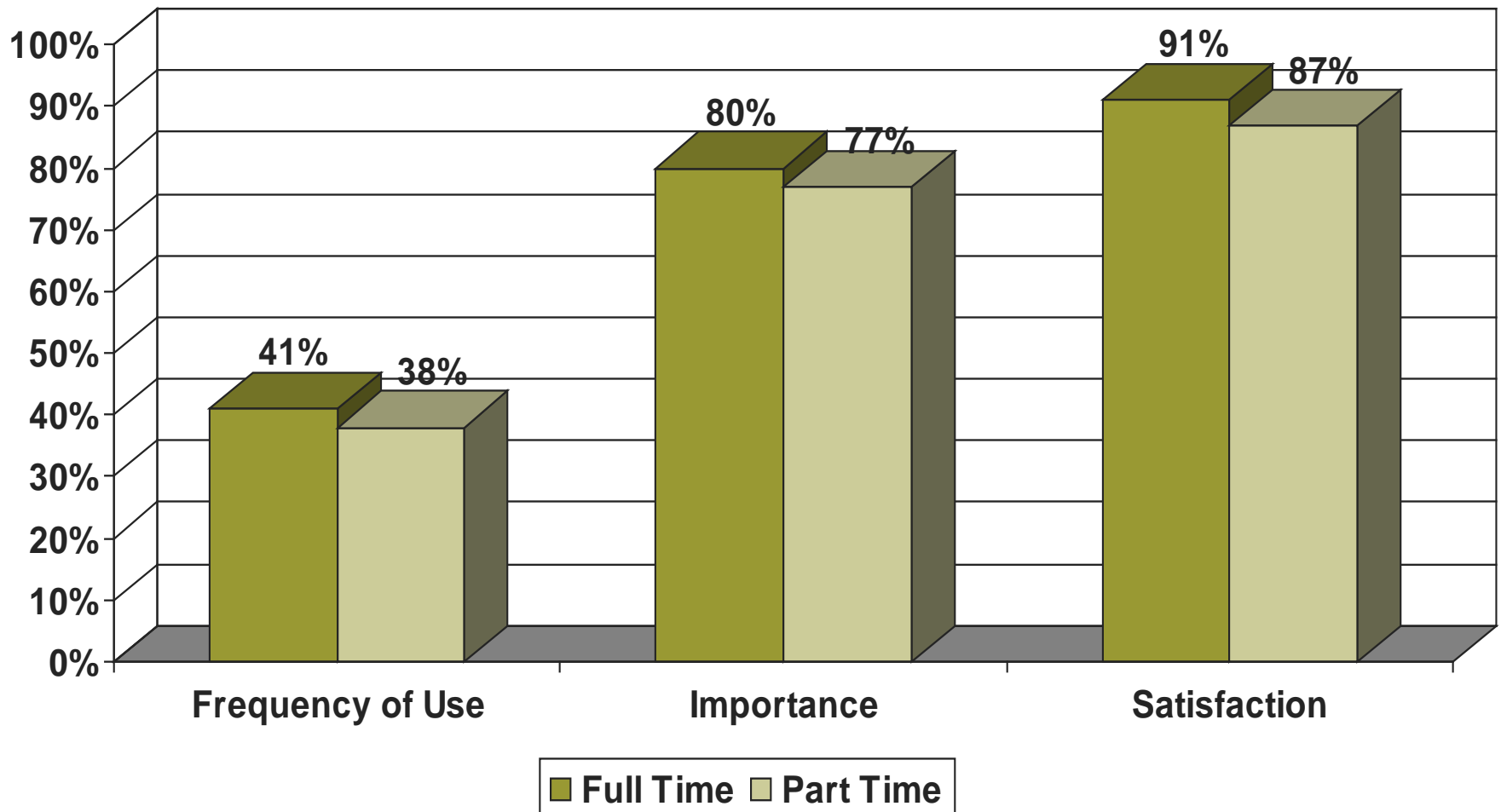
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Peer or Other Tutoring



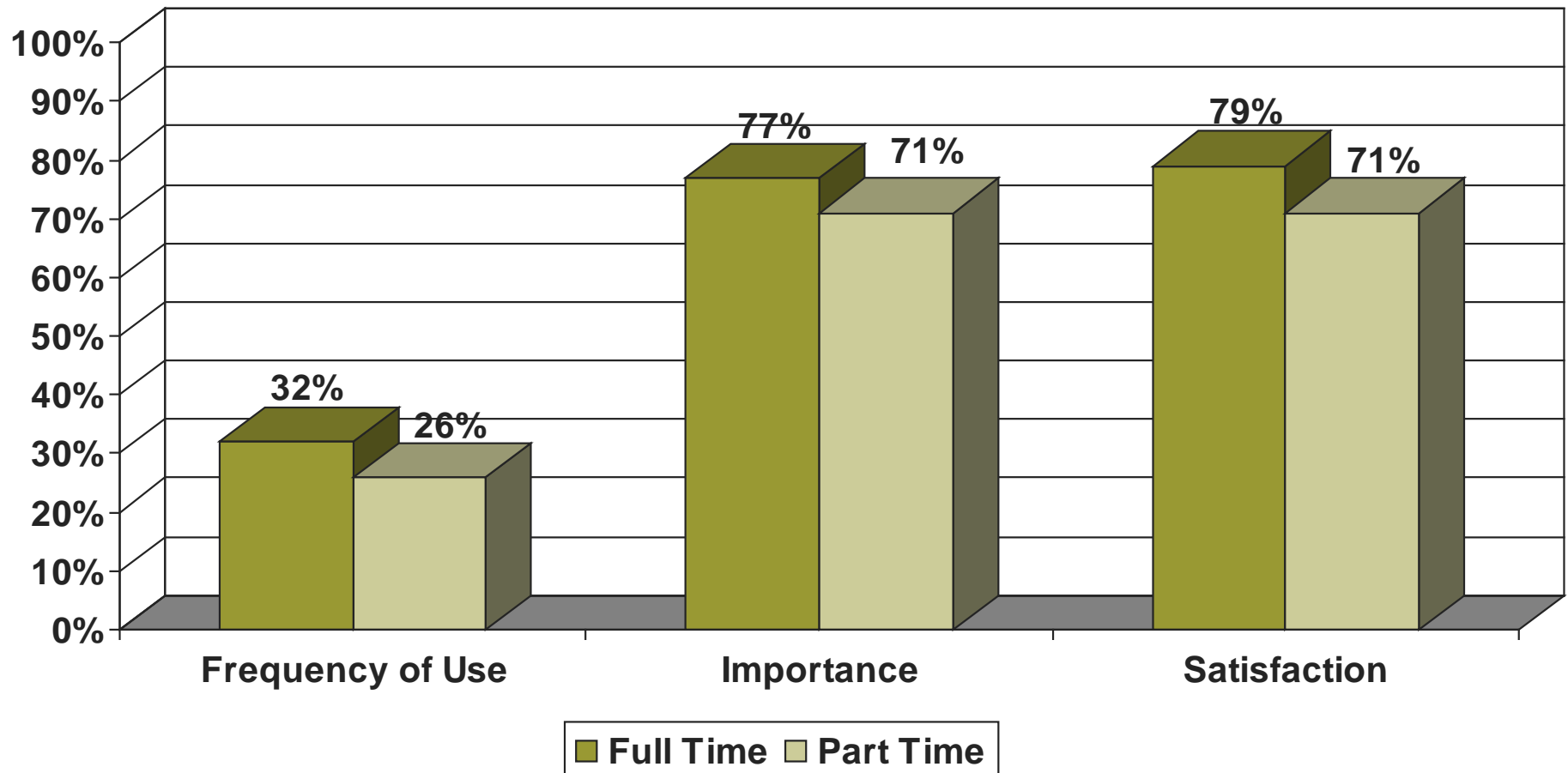
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Skill Labs (writing, math, etc.)



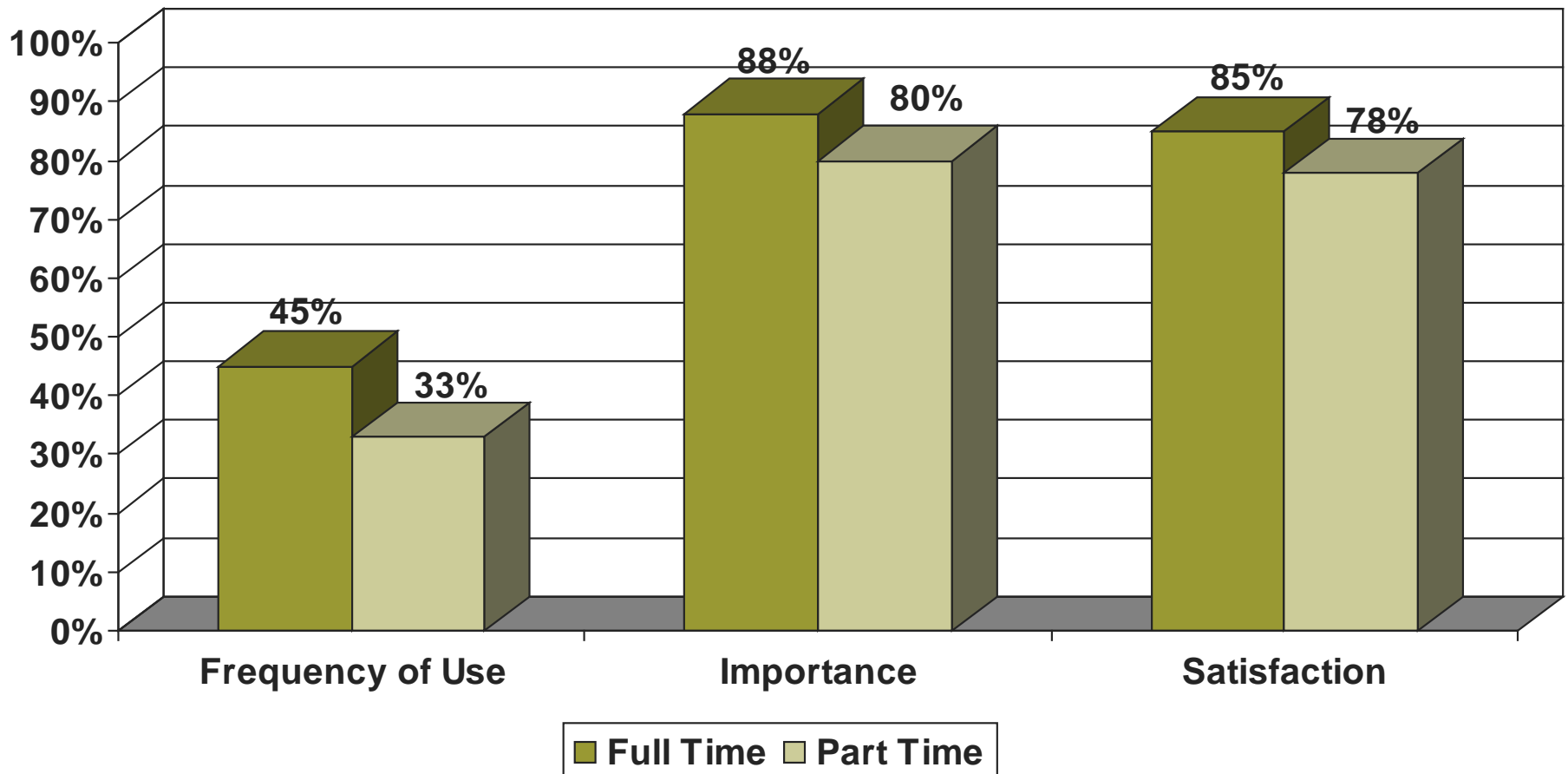
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Financial Aid Advising



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Transfer Credit Assistance





Post-Transfer Information

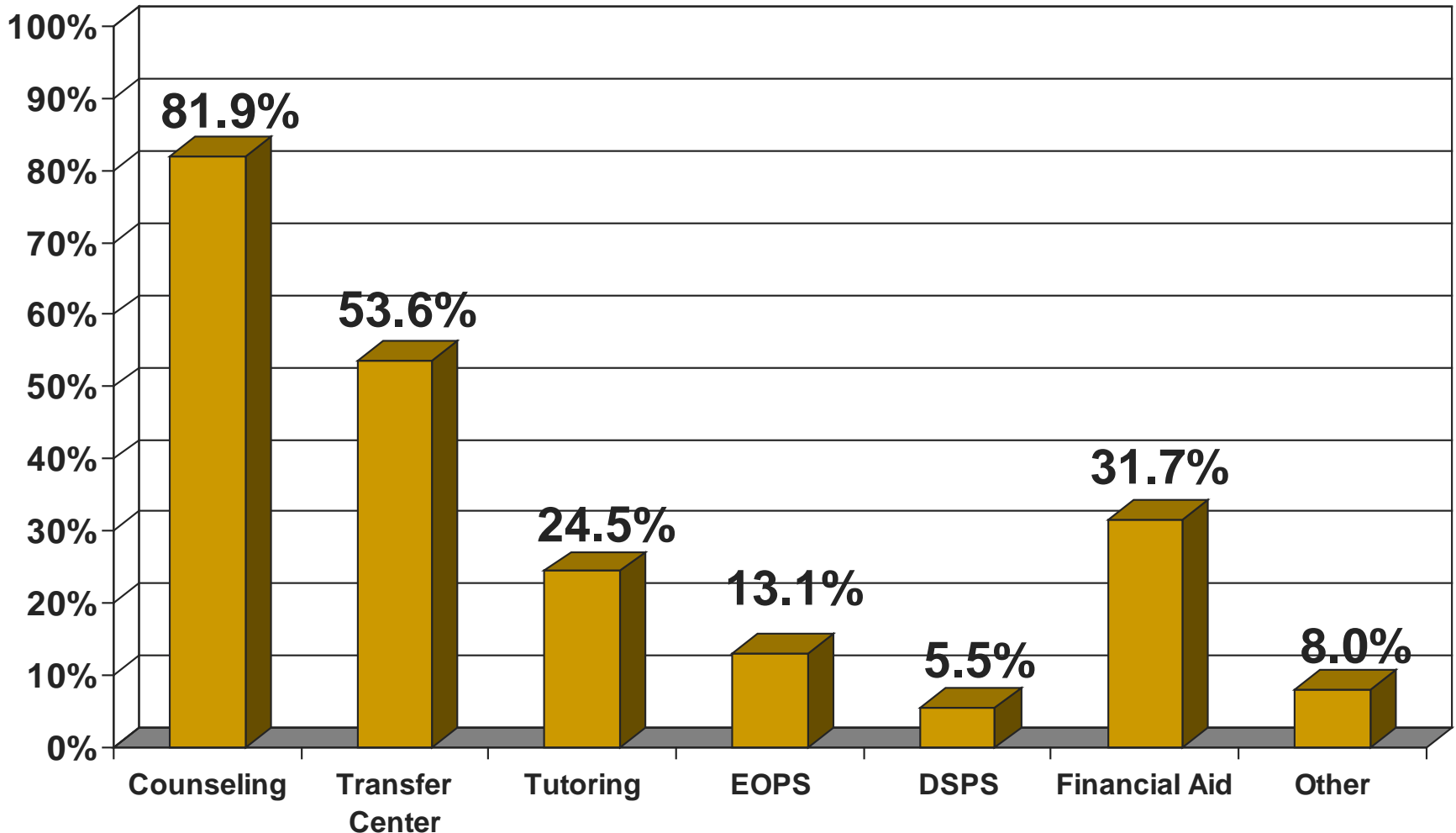
How do students rate their transfer experience?

Were they adequately prepared?

Survey of Community College Transfers

- Online survey for students who transferred from Palomar or MiraCosta
- 1754 survey invitations were distributed to Fall 2007 students, generating 258 responses

Services Utilized while at the Community College



Student Opinions on Support

	N	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A	% Agreement
Transfer information provided by my community college was easy to understand.	257	25%	48%	17%	9%	2%	73%
My counselors were helpful in guiding me through the transfer process.	257	23%	36%	20%	13%	8%	59%
Community college faculty supported me in the transfer process.	255	25%	39%	15%	9%	12%	64%
My immediate family supported my decision to transfer to a 4-year university.	257	74%	17%	1%	1%	7%	91%

[Opinions on Transfer Services]

	N	Very Helpful	Somewhat Helpful	Unhelpful	Not at all Helpful	N/A	% Helpful
The staff at my community college transfer office was	258	28%	33%	8%	5%	26%	61%
The written material I received from my community college transfer office was	258	30%	37%	5%	5%	24%	67%
Overall, the assistance I received from my community college transfer center was	257	28%	32%	11%	7%	23%	60%

Opinions on Academic Preparation

Please rate the adequacy of the academic preparation you received from your community college prior to transferring to CSU San Marcos in each of the following areas:

	N	Very Adequate	Adequate	Inadequate	Very Inadequate	N/A	% Adequate
Reading Preparation	257	55%	35%	5%	1%	4%	90%
Writing Preparation	257	52%	39%	5%	1%	3%	91%
Mathematics Preparation	257	49%	39%	4%	2%	5%	89%
Overall Preparation	257	51%	43%	4%	0%	2%	94%

What Was the Most Helpful Assistance You Received During Your Transfer Process?

Category	Count	Percentage
Counseling	69	41%
Written Transfer information	24	14%
Nothing	12	7%
Self-Reliance	12	7%
Advice from friends	11	7%

What Was the Biggest Barrier You Encountered During the Transfer Process?

Category	Count	Percentage
Inaccurate Transfer Information	63	34%
CSUSM - Generic	32	17%
Nothing	29	16%
Access to Information	7	4%
Personal Issues	7	4%

Most Popular Majors for Transfers

MiraCosta College	
Initial Major	Percentage
Business*	26.4%
Liberal Studies	13.9%
Psychology	7.7%
Communication	7.3%
Human Development	5.4%

Palomar College	
Initial Major	Percentage
Business*	26.5%
Liberal Studies	15.2%
Psychology	8.0%
Communication	6.5%
Human Development	5.8%

* Includes Pre-Business

Transfer Student Three Year Continuation Rate

	Fall 2002 Entrants	Fall 2003 Entrants	Fall 2004 Entrants
MiraCosta and Palomar	70.0%	81.1%	73.9%
Overall CSUSM Transfer Students	54.6%	72.2%	68.9%
MiraCosta and Palomar Transfers			
Graduated	154	185	207
Enrolled	201	162	204
Not Enrolled	152	81	145
Total	507	428	556

* A three-year retention rate shows the percentage of an entry cohort that is enrolled or graduated at the beginning of the seventh term after entry.

Source: IP&A Retention Files.

Transfer Student One Year Continuation Rate

	Fall 2002 Entrants	Fall 2003 Entrants	Fall 2004 Entrants	Fall 2005 Entrants	Fall 2006 Entrants
MiraCosta and Palomar	84.4%	85.5%	85.6%	88.0%	85.5%
Overall CSUSM Transfer Students	79.5%	80.6%	85.1%	83.6%	82.1%

* A one-year continuation rate shows the percentage of an entry cohort that is enrolled at the beginning of the third term after entry.

Source: IP&A Retention Files.

[Issues for the future...]

- The number of Palomar transfers to CSUSM has increased over the last 5 years while MiraCosta has not changed
- Students from MiraCosta and Palomar feel that they have been adequately prepared for CSUSM
- Visibility and contacts with Counseling could be improved
- Transfer students from MiraCosta and Palomar have higher 1 and 3-year continuation rates than other transfer students

[Questions?]

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