

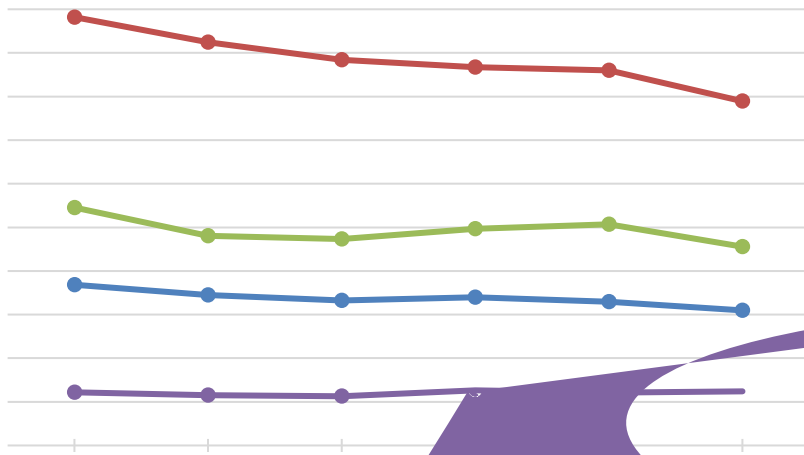
# Research and Policy Brief

Georgia Military College Transfers to USG

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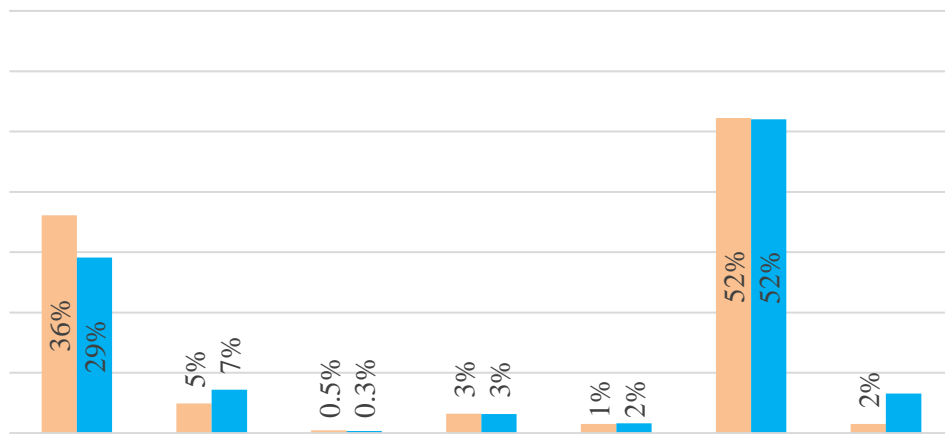
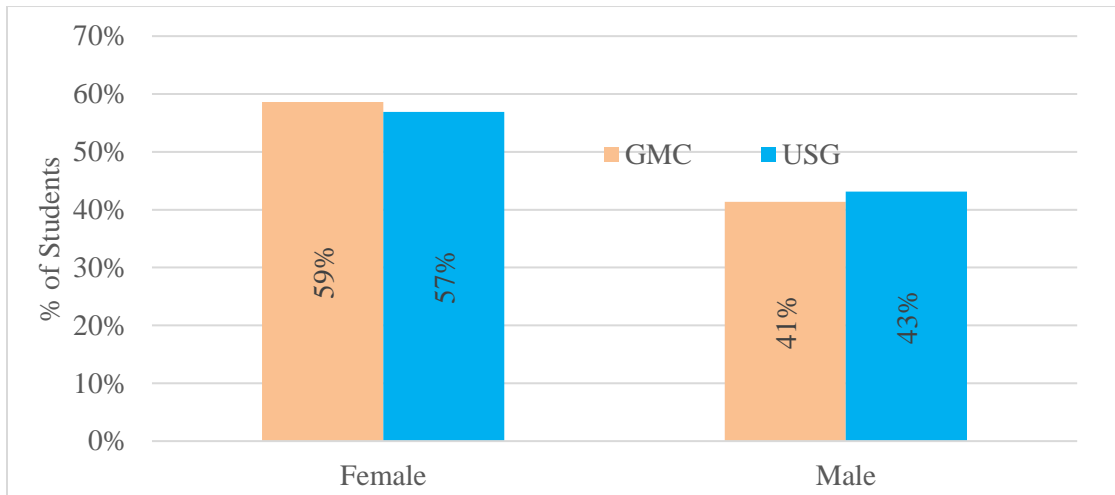
Overview:



For GMC transfers only, Chart 2 details which US transfers enroll in State Universities, followed by Table 1 details the number of GMC transfers over this period are Valdosta State University, Georgia College & State University, and Georgia

Chart 3 details the composition of GMC transfers by gender, race, and degree level being sought upon transfer to USG. For comparison purposes, the same information is displayed for all undergraduates at USG.<sup>2</sup> For this chart students from FY12-17 were pooled together (a year-by-year analysis does not reveal any meaningful changes over time). Looking just at GMC transfers, a larger percentage are female, seeking a bachelor's degree upon transfer, and are White. Comparing these transfers to the general USG undergraduate population, we observe that both groups are similar in terms of gender representation, percentage of bachelor's degree seekers, and White students. However, a larger percentage of GMC transfers are pursuing a career associates, and are Black. A smaller percentage are Hispanic or Asian.

Chart 3: Demographic Characteristics and Degree Level Pursued by GMC Transfers and USG Undergrads, FY12-FY17



<sup>2</sup> Undergraduates from USG were chosen for the comparison as opposed to both undergraduates and graduates since those transferring to USG are seeking undergraduate level degrees.



Chart 4 details the average GPA and credit hours earned at USG (does not include transfer hours) through the last term of the fiscal year in which students transferred, for the four transfer groups.<sup>3</sup> The average GPA of GMC transfers has remained relatively steady between 2.6 and 2.7, and is consistently lower than the other transfer groups by 0.1 to 0.2 grade points. In terms of hours earned, GMC transfers earn an average of 15 to 16 hours which is equal to or slightly smaller than what transfers from Other GA schools and Out of State schools earn, but is larger than that of TCSG transfers (approximately 14 hours earned). In general, the average GPA and credit hours earned by all these transfer groups has remained steady over time.

Sending Institution	FY of Transfer to USG	Number of Transfers	Average GPA	Average Hours
Other GA		3,684	2.66	16
Out of State		9,820	2.79	15
TCSG		5,455	2.71	13
GMC				

<sup>3</sup> Depending on transfer term and subsequent enrollment, this could be as little as one semester after transfer or as much as three.

Chart 5 details system-wide one-year retention and four-year graduation rates for transfers into the USG. For simplicity, we focus just on those transfers that entered USG in a fall semester. Focusing first on retention, GMC transfers have the highest retention rate (between 70 and 76%), and the lowest is shared by Out of State and TCSG transfers. In terms of graduation rates, again GMC transfers have the highest, and it has grown over time from 41% among the Fall 2011 transfers to 50% among the Fall 2013 transfers. Further future data is required to determine whether this increase continues among later cohorts.



## Appendix