

## FIRST-TIME TRANSFER STUDENTS HIGHLIGHTS

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Enrollment and academic trends of first-time transfer students show the following.

- The number of students who transferred to Coastal Carolina in 2006 increased by 4% since 2005. Transfer students who came to Coastal from other South Carolina higher education institutions comprised approximately 41% of the total transfer student population in 2006. The majority of these in-state transfer students (approximately 50%) having enrolled from Horry-Georgetown Technical College.
- The first year student retention rate for 2006 transfer students was 71.7%, the highest since 2002.
- There were a total of 583 First-Time Full-Time Transfer students enrolled at Coastal between Fall 2006 and Fall 2007. Among this group, there were approximately 410 (70.3%) students continuing their studies at Coastal Carolina University. In geographic origin, 209 (51.0%) of continuing students were native to South Carolina and 201 (49.0%) consisted of students from other U.S. states or countries. Among the academic colleges, the continuation of First-Time Full-Time Transfer students, for this period, is as follows: Wall College of Business Administration (68.2%), College of Education (72.9%), College of Humanities and Fine Arts (69.3%), the College of Natural and Applied Sciences (70.7%) and undeclared majors (80.0%).

### **Demographics - First-Time Full-Time Transfers - Fall 2007**

- The most prominent ethnic group among the Fall 2007 First-Time Full-Time Transfers were Caucasians (81.7%) with African Americans consisting of 9.7%, Asian/Pacific Islanders at 2.1% and Hispanics encompassing 1.5% of this group. Non-Resident Aliens comprised 2.8% of the Fall 2006 First-Time Full-Time Transfer students at Coastal.
- The number of males and female First-Time Full-Time Transfers to Coastal Carolina University were nearly equal with males out numbering females by one, and consisting of 50.1% of the group.
- First-Time Full-Time Transfers, during this period, consisted mostly of students between the ages of 20 and 22, which was 59.2% of this group and an additional 20.6% consisted of students less than 20 years of age.
- Among the Full-Time First-Time Transfers, during Fall 2007, there were more in-state students enrolled (50.2%) than out-of-state students (47.0%) and international students consisted of 2.8% of this group.
- In Fall 2007, approximately thirty-three percent (32.7%) of the in-state First-Time Full-Time Transfer students at Coastal originated from the immediate Five-County Service Area of Dillon, Georgetown, Horry, Marion, and Williamsburg counties. Approximately eighteen percent (17.5%) originated from other South Carolina counties.

- Of the 611 First-Time Full-Time Transfers to Coastal Carolina, sixty-eight percent (68.1%) transferred more than thirty credit hours, three percent (3.3%) transferred with 30 hours, and a hundred and seventy five (28.6%) transferred to Coastal with less than 30 hours during Fall 2007.
- For the Full-Time, First-Time Transfers, during Fall 2007, approximately three percent (3.3%) had not declared a major and some of the most popular majors for transfers to Coastal Carolina included: Management (11.1%), Marketing (8.0%), Marine Science (7.2%), Psychology (6.4%), Biology (5.6%), Elementary Education (5.6%), Resort Tourism Management (5.4%), and Recreation Sport Management (5.2%).