

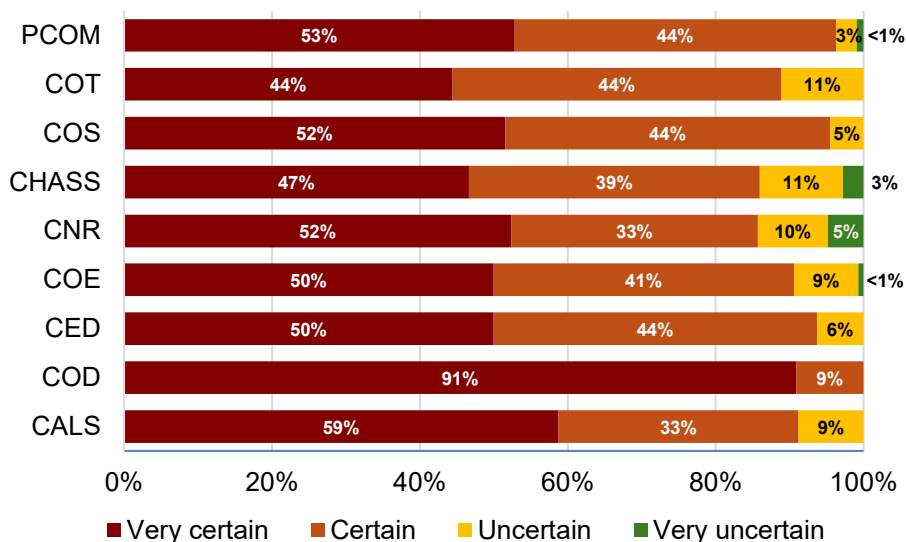
2025 Incoming Transfer Student Survey: Fast Facts

Applying to NC State



- 3 in 4 transfers attended only one college/university before enrolling at NC State
- 87% reported NC State was their top choice for continuing college
- 86% said NC State's *academic reputation* was a "very strong" (43%) or "strong" (43%) influence on their decision to attend
- 95% reported they were "very satisfied" (56%) or "moderately satisfied" (39%) with NC State's admission process

Certainty of Academic Major, by College



Background Characteristics

- Was "well prepared" for college/NC State by:
 - Their high school: 33%
 - Themselves: 56%
 - Their last institution: 64%
- One-third are from a rural/small town
- 11% are first generation college students



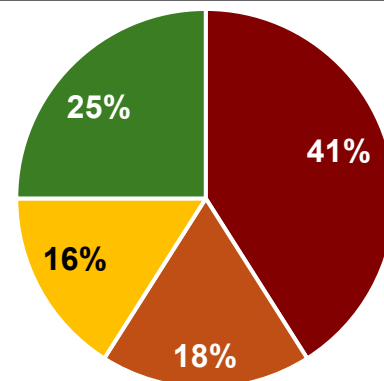
Finances

- 46% come from a family with combined income of \$100,000 or less
- 16% are responsible for providing daily caregiving to at least one person (e.g., child, parent)
- 77% are using their own money to help with their AY25-26 college expenses, with 11% using more than \$6,000 to do so
- 33% are taking out loans



Employment Plans

- Only off-campus
- On- and off-campus
- Only on-campus
- Not employed



Skill Development & Importance

When asked about 33 different skills, students gave high ratings to the importance, but relatively low ratings to their current development of the following, demonstrating the areas in which students seek to grow:

- Time management
- Ability to manage ongoing stressors
- Developing and sustaining an active and healthy lifestyle



Future Plans

27% said they will “probably” or “definitely” participate in a Study Abroad program

53% reported that they plan on pursuing a graduate or professional degree

30% intend to seek post-graduation employment only in North Carolina



What Students Say They are Most Excited About in Coming to NC State

Incoming transfer students were asked to describe, in their own words, what they are most excited about in coming to NC State. Of those 415 responses, the topics mentioned most were *community and belonging* ($n = 202$), *coursework and instruction* ($n = 167$), *campus life and activities* ($n = 130$), and *career planning* ($n = 106$). Selected responses can be seen below:

- “I’m most excited about meeting different types of people within my major and also discovering other careers out there. I’m also excited to start becoming more involved with extracurricular activities the school has to offer.”
- “I’m most excited with the learning environment at NC State. The ability to connect with other pupils with varying experiences. High Impact Experience that would allow me to grow as an individual with greater career prospect.”
- “I’m excited about officially taking classes that pertain to my major, as well as joining organizations so that I can make friends and other connections”

Survey Methodology

The Incoming Transfer Student Survey is administered every fall semester after incoming transfer students attend New Student Orientation. In 2025, of the 1,661 transfer students invited to participate in the survey, 715 students did so, for a response rate of 43%. Reports associated with the 2025 Incoming Transfer Survey are available on the University Data and Analytics [website](#). For more information, contact University Data and Analytics at studentsurveys@ncsu.edu.

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