Community colleges in Idaho and elsewhere often have a difficult time following their students after they leave their institutions. This report provides information on the number of students who came to Boise State University from the College of Southern Idaho (CSI) between Fall 2000 and Fall 2005, and the number who graduated between Fall 2000 and Summer 2005. Students who had completed their core requirements were considered to have transferred with an associate’s degree. Otherwise, they were counted as transfers arriving without a degree.

Over the past five years, 17,771 students transferred to Boise State University. Figure 1 below shows the number and percent of CSI students who transferred, both with and without an associate’s degree. You will note that CSI contributed 2,314 students or 13% of the transfer population. Overall, most students (93%) transferred without an associate’s degree. Of those who did transfer with a degree, one in three (or 422 students) came from CSI. Put another way, only 18% of CSI transfers arrived with an associate’s degree.

Between Fall 2000 and Summer 2005, 6,815 students received a baccalaureate degree from Boise State University. Figure 2 illustrates the number and percentage of the graduates who were transfers along with their transfer status. A majority of baccalaureate graduates (58% or 3,976) arrived at Boise State with transfer credits. The College of Southern Idaho accounted for 394 or 10% of the transfer graduates. However, of the 590 baccalaureate graduates who arrived at Boise State University with an associate’s degree, 187 or 32% came from CSI.
Figure 2. Bachelor’s Graduates from Boise State
Fall 2000 - Summer 2005

- BSU only: 2839 (42%)
- CSI with AA: 187 (3%)
- CSI without AA: 207 (3%)
- Others with AA: 3976 (57%)
- Other without AA: 3179 (46%)