

# **Transfer and Campus Change Students**

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## INTRODUCTION

This report explores how college transitions influences students' involvement and experiences at The Ohio State University. This report compares students who transferred to Ohio State from another college, changed from one Ohio State campus to Ohio State's Columbus campus, and started their education at Ohio State. The results are from the 2015 Student Life Survey which was administered to a random sample of 5,000 undergraduate students at Ohio State in January 2015. The survey received 1,039 responses (a 20.8% response rate). Note that not all students answered each question.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- None of the students who transferred from a different campus (in this sample) are involved in any Student Life sponsored program at Ohio State.
- 72.2 percent of campus change students do not hold a leadership position in a student organization, Student Life sponsored program or social fraternity or sorority, compared to 71.8 percent of transfer students and 54.1 percent of continuing students.
- Transfer students are more likely to report they want a job in Columbus after graduation than campus change and continuing students.
- Campus change students are more likely than transfer and continuing students to join a student organization to make new friends.
- 35.8 percent of transfer students reported they are not involved in a student organization because they commute so it's not convenient.
- Continuing students are less likely to work more than 40 hours a week compared to campus change and transfer students.

## DEMOGRAPHICS

Of the 747 undergraduate students attending Ohio State who responded, 70.8% of students reported they had not transferred universities, 6.4% changed from regional campus to the Columbus campus, and 22.8% transferred to Ohio State from another college or university.

Gender	Continuing	Campus Change	Transfer	Total
Female	56.2%	47.1%	52.3%	55.0%
Male	43.8%	52.9%	47.7%	45.0%

Ethnicity	Continuing	Campus Change	Transfer	Total
White/European American	75.5%	74.0%	75.5%	75.4%
African American/Black	4.3%	8.0%	3.7%	4.4%
Asian American/Asian	13.3%	8.0%	14.6%	13.3%
Latino(a)/Hispanic	1.6%	2.0%	1.0%	1.6%
Other	5.3%	8.0%	5.2%	5.4%

Class Rank***	Continuing	Campus Change	Transfer	Total
1	17.2%	2.0%	5.9%	13.7%
3	19.6%	36.7%	22.9%	21.4%

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<b>International Student**</b>	<b>Continuing</b>	<b>Campus Change</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Total</b>
Yes	4.0%	2.1%	11.2%	5.5%
No	96.0%	97.9	88.8%	94.5%

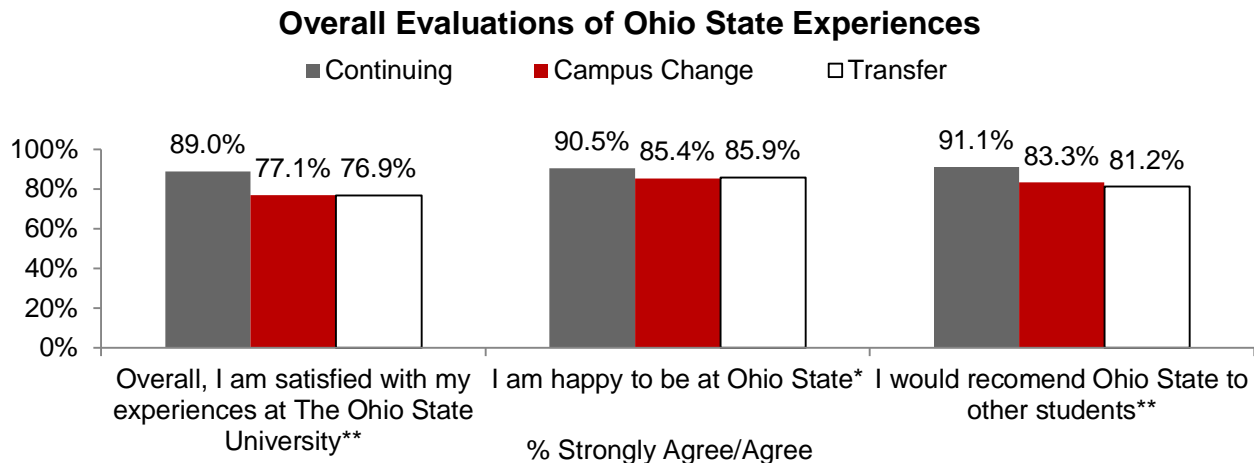
<b>Current Residence***</b>	<b>Continuing</b>	<b>Campus Change</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Total</b>
On Campus Housing	38.4%	11.1%	16.8%	31.9%
Off Campus in 43201 area	46.1%	40.0%	46.5%	45.8%
Off Campus outside 43201 area	15.4%	48.9%	36.8%	22.3%

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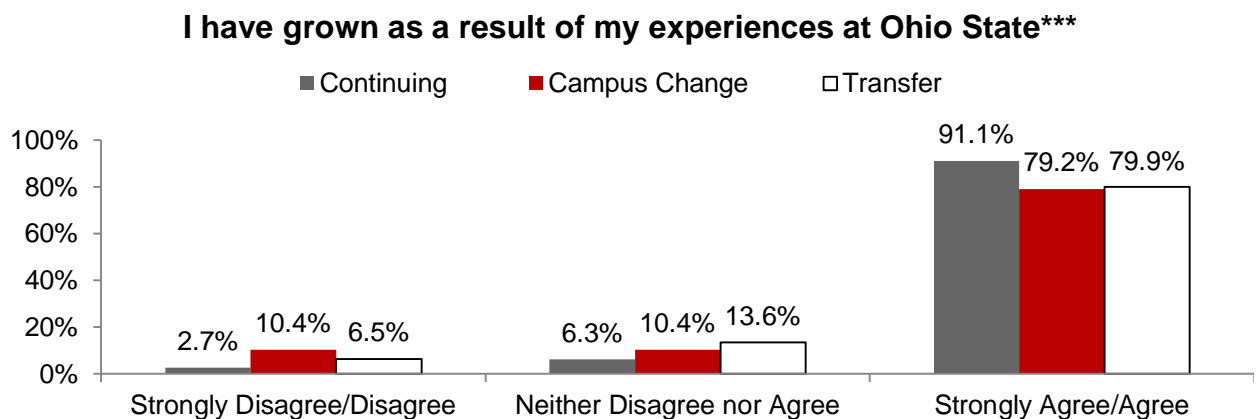
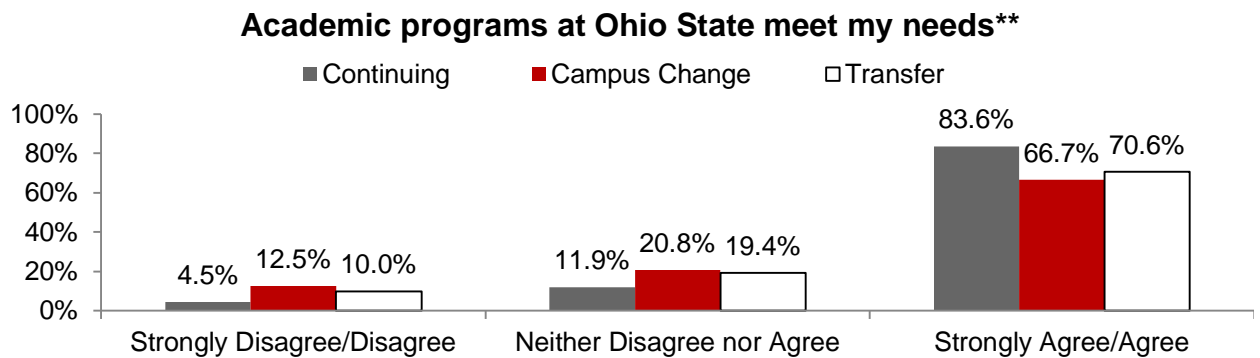
## FINDINGS

### SATISFACTION WITH OHIO STATE

There were statistically significant differences in the groups of students who report their overall evaluations of Ohio State experiences.



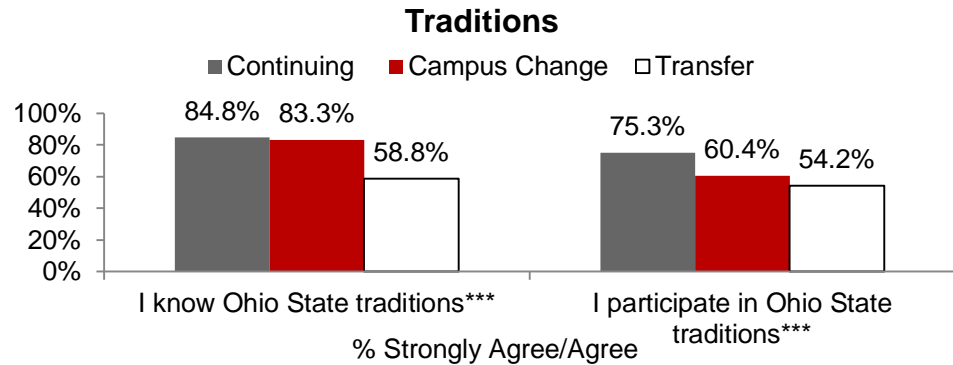
Although 79.5% of students believe that Ohio State's academic programs meet their needs, there are significant differences based on the student's transfer status. Furthermore, there is a significant difference in the average cumulative GPA of students who transferred, changed campus, or continued at Ohio State.



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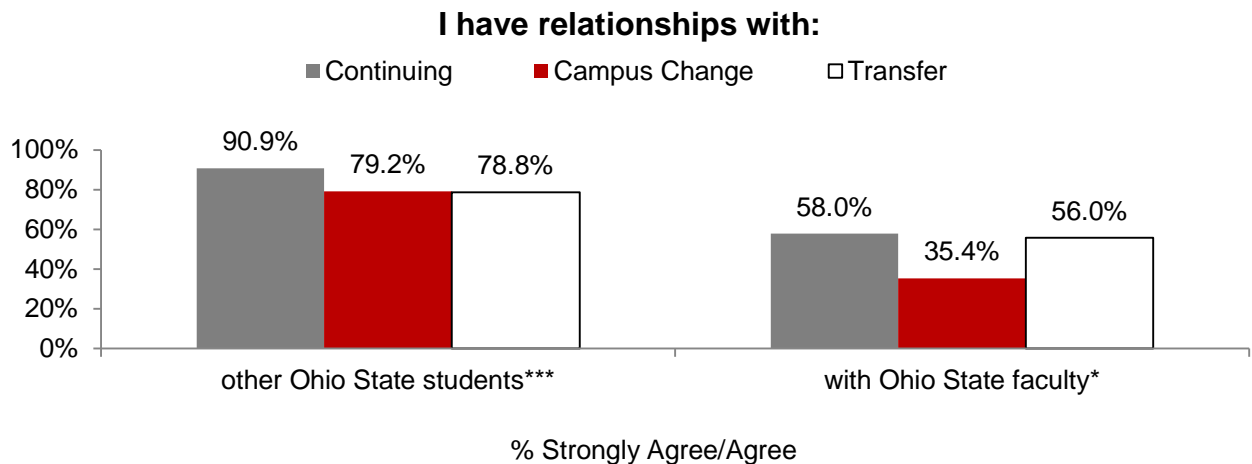
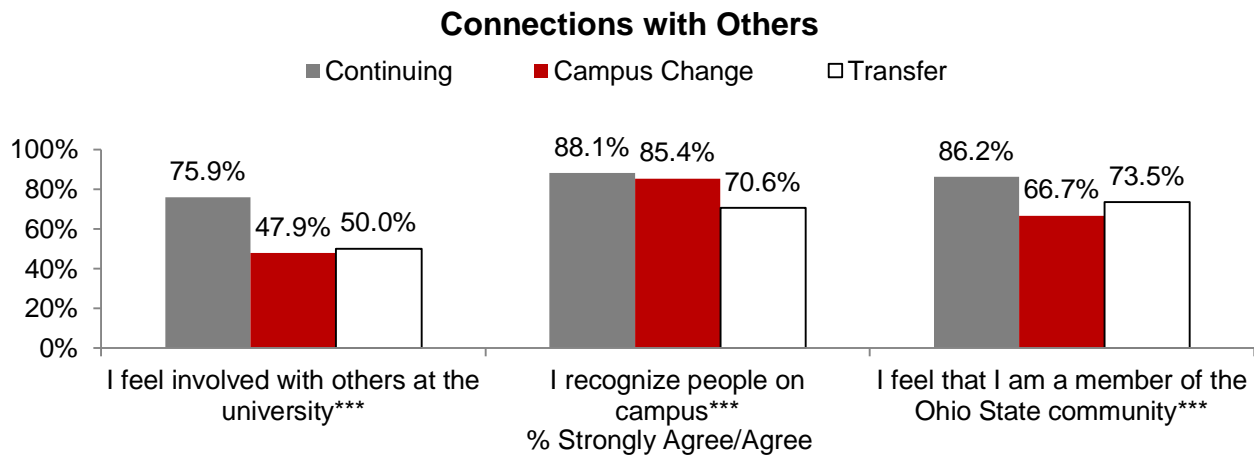
## OHIO STATE TRADITIONS

There are significant differences in a student's knowledge of and participation in Ohio State traditions, based on where a student started school.



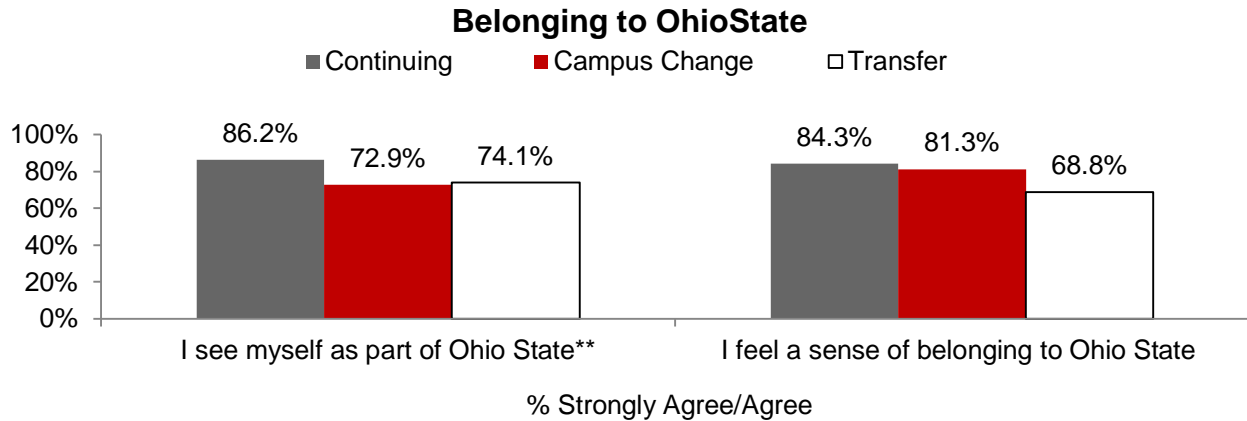
## CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS AT OHIO STATE

Transfer students were least likely to report that they recognized people on campus while continuing students were the most likely to report this. Across all of these measures, continuing students show a high level of connectivity with others on campus.



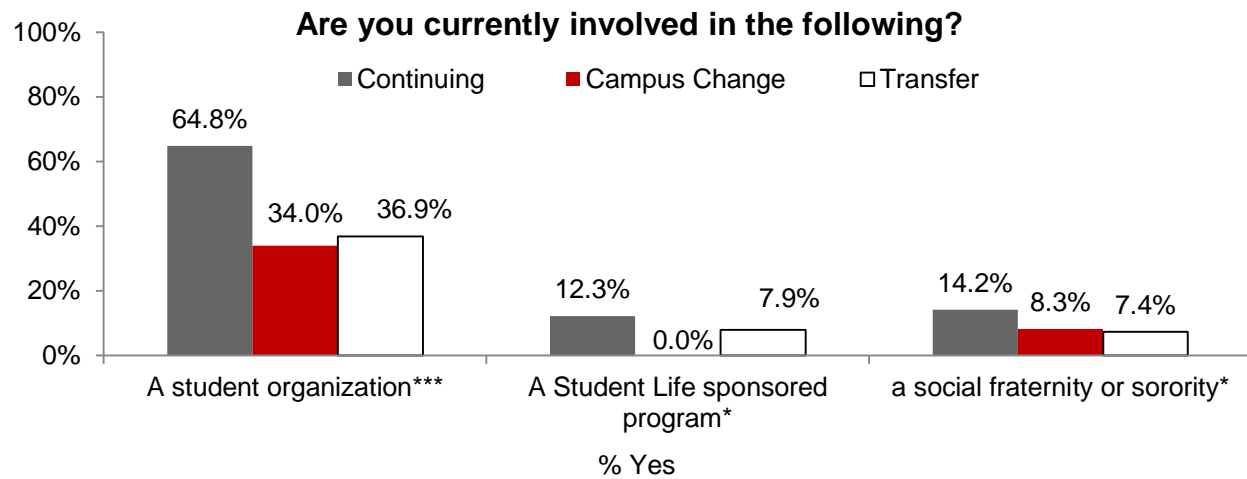
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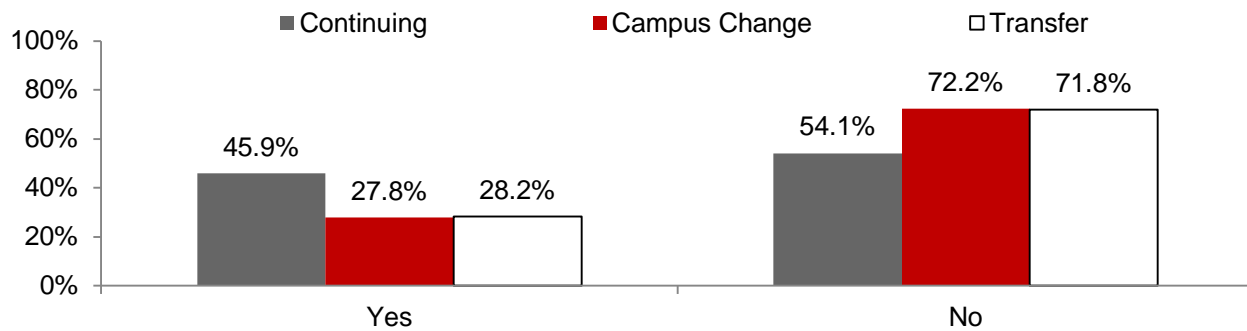


## STUDENT ORGANIZATION INVOLVEMENT

Overall, 60.6% of students are involved in a student organization, Student Life-sponsored program (for example, Buck-i-SERV, Wellness Ambassador) or social fraternity or sorority.



**Do you hold a leadership position in a student organization, Student Life sponsored program or social fraternity or sorority?\***



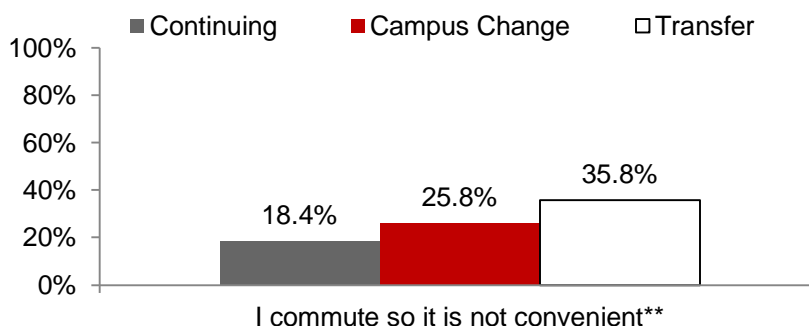
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Why have you chosen to join a student organization?			
To make Ohio State seem smaller**	49.1%	18.8%	32.3%
To gain leadership skills and abilities*	67.5%	50.0%	53.2%
It matched my interests**	90.1%	68.8%	79.0%

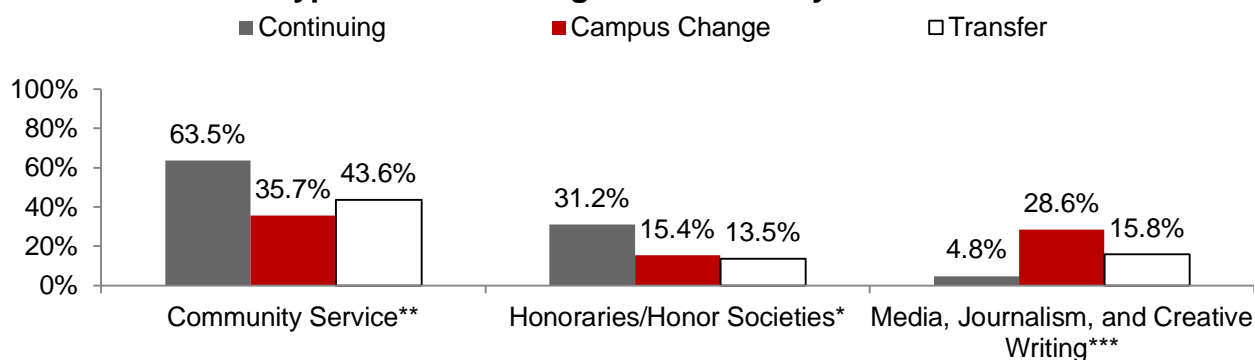
Continuing and transfer students were more likely to report they chose to join a student organization because it matched their interests, where campus change students reported they joined a student organization to make new friends.

When asked *why have you chosen not to join a student organization?* The only statically significant reason as to why students were not involved in a student organization was *I commute so it's not convenient.*

### Reason for not joining a student organization



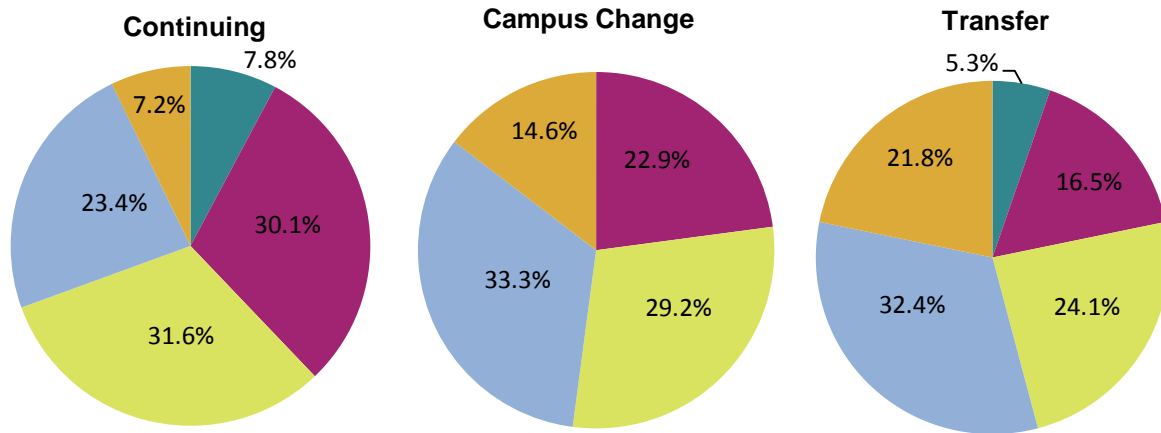
### What types of student organizations are you involved in?



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## PARTICIPATION IN CAMPUS EVENTS

How often do you participate in campus events?\*\*\*

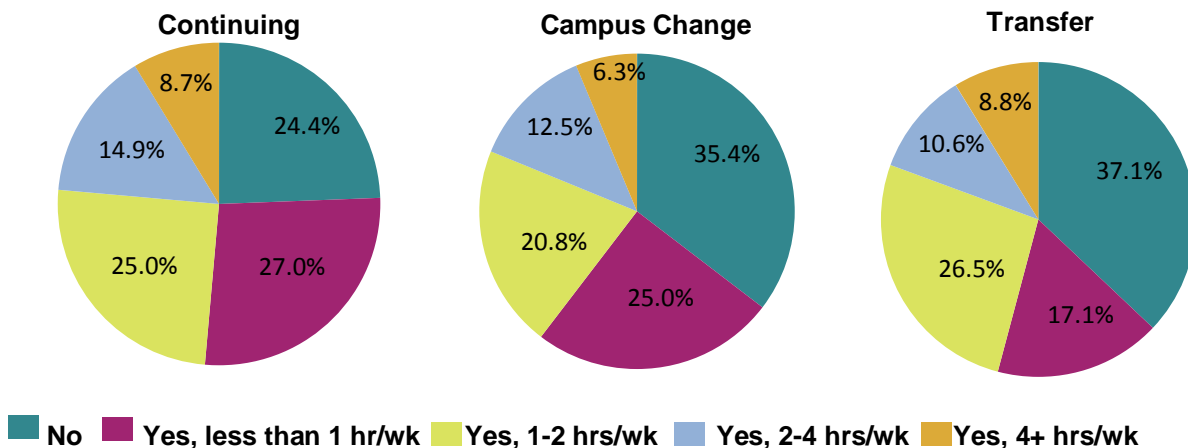


Once a week 2-3 times a month Once a month Less than once a month Never

## PHILANTHROPIC PARTICIPATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Which of the following do you or have you participated in during the last year? Please check all that apply.	Continuing	Campus Change	Transfer
Donated money to a charity or nonprofit organization***	18.4%	13.0%	32.9%
Volunteered one-time for a charity or nonprofit organization**	59.6%	39.1%	47.4%
Volunteered regularly for a charity or nonprofit organization*	32.4%	17.4%	24.3%
Helped raise money for a charitable cause**	46.3%	50.0%	30.9%

In the next six months, do you anticipate participating in community service?\*



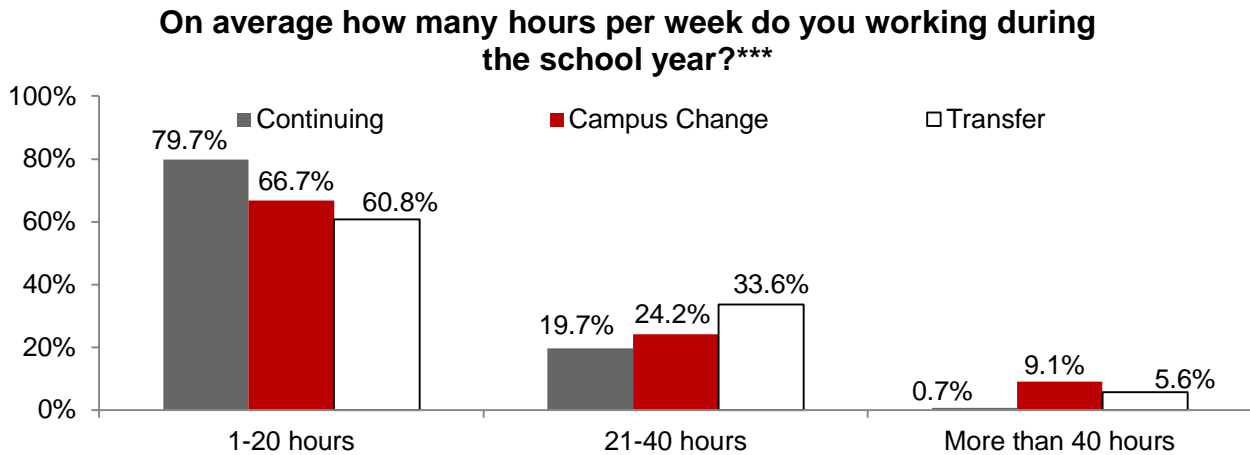
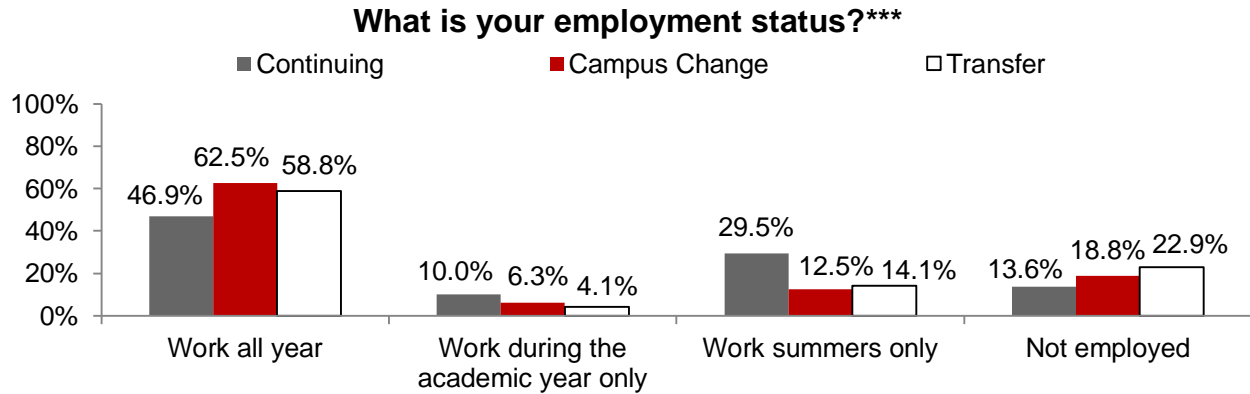
No Yes, less than 1 hr/wk Yes, 1-2 hrs/wk Yes, 2-4 hrs/wk Yes, 4+ hrs/wk

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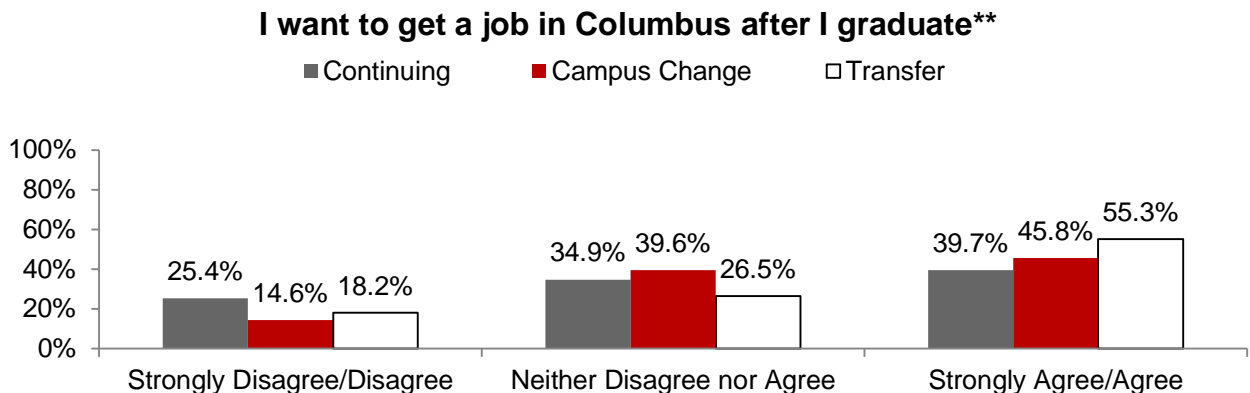


## WORK AND EDUCATION

More than half (50.6%) of the students are employed throughout the entire year. The chart below displays the average reported hours worked per week.



## POST-GRADUATION



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## SUMMARY

Transfer and campus change students are significantly less happy and satisfied with their experience at Ohio State than students who started and continued their education at Ohio State. Transfer and campus change students are also less likely to recommend Ohio State to friends. Campus and Transfer students are less likely to become involved on campus. They are also less likely to anticipate doing any service in the next six months. Transfer and campus change students are less likely to agree that academic programs meet their needs. Transfer and campus change students are more likely to seek employment in Columbus, following graduation.