

## **Student Right-to-Know**

### **What is Student Right-to-Know?**

Student Right-To-Know (SRTK) refers to a federally mandated public disclosure of a college's Completion Rate and Transfer Rate. The intent of SRTK is to provide consumers with a standardized statistic that can assist in choosing a college. Colleges are required to report SRTK Completion and Transfer Rates annually.

SRTK is a "cohort" study. The SRTK cohort consists of first-time freshmen who are enrolled full-time and are degree-seeking students. These students are identified in a fall term and their outcomes are measured over a period of time. The SRTK cohort produces two measures. The first measure is the Completion Rate (the total number of students in the cohort who earn either a degree, a certificate, or who successfully completed a two-year-equivalent transfer-preparatory program). The second measure is the Transfer Rate (the total number of cohort non-completers who were identified as having enrolled in another institution). The tracking period of the cohorts is three years, at which time the SRTK rates are calculated and made public.

SRTK has its merits in that it attempts to provide a standardized measure of college effectiveness nationwide. However, in order to fully understand what SRTK rates mean for a college, one should also know its limitations. First, the cohort group can be quite small compared to the entire community college population, and is therefore not fully representative of all educational activities at a college. Second, many community colleges do not have the primary mission of producing only transferable students. Third, there can be data collection issues involved in the acquisition of valid numbers used in deriving SRTK rates. Fourth, the federal methodology lowers the transfer rate for community colleges, because transfer students who are considered completers are excluded from the calculation of the transfer rate.

SRTK rates are derived and reported yearly on the IPEDS-GRS (Integrated Postsecondary Educational Data System-Graduation Rate Survey). The IPEDS-GRS also tracks part-time student cohorts over a six (6)-year period; however, full-time cohort status after 3 years is the only basis for calculating SRTK rates.

**Los Angeles Harbor College and State-wide Student Right-To-Know Rates**

Figure 5. 1 LAHC and Statewide SRTK Transfer Rates, 2019 to 2024

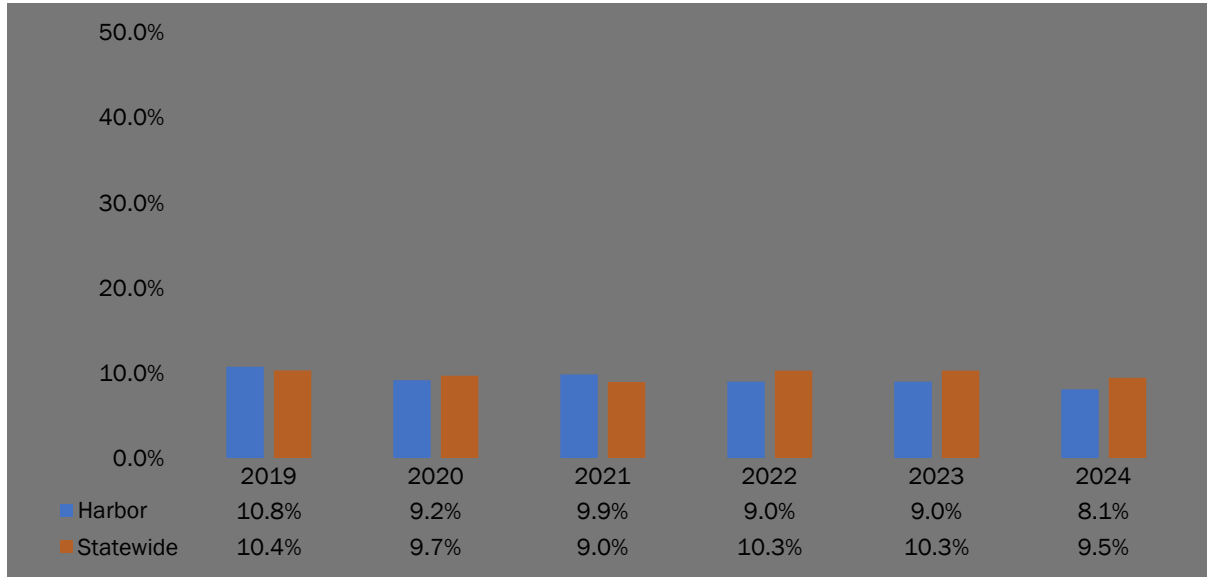
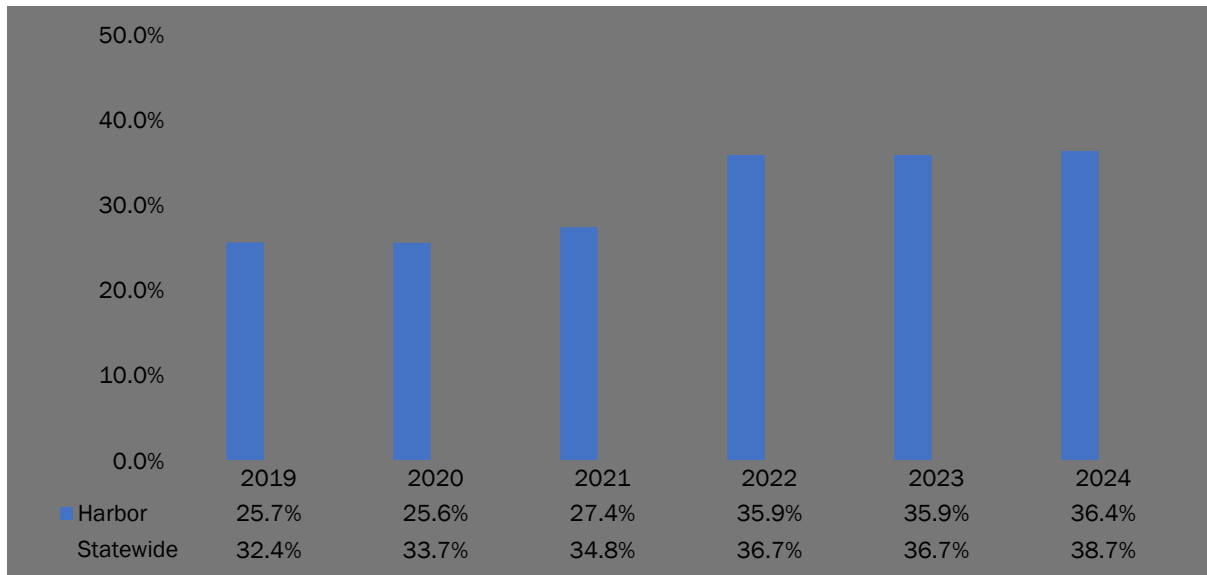


Figure 5. 2 LAHC and Statewide SRTK Completion Rates, 2019 to 2024



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**Los Angeles Community College Student Right-To-Know Rates**

Figure 5. 3 LACCD SRTK Transfer Rates, 2024

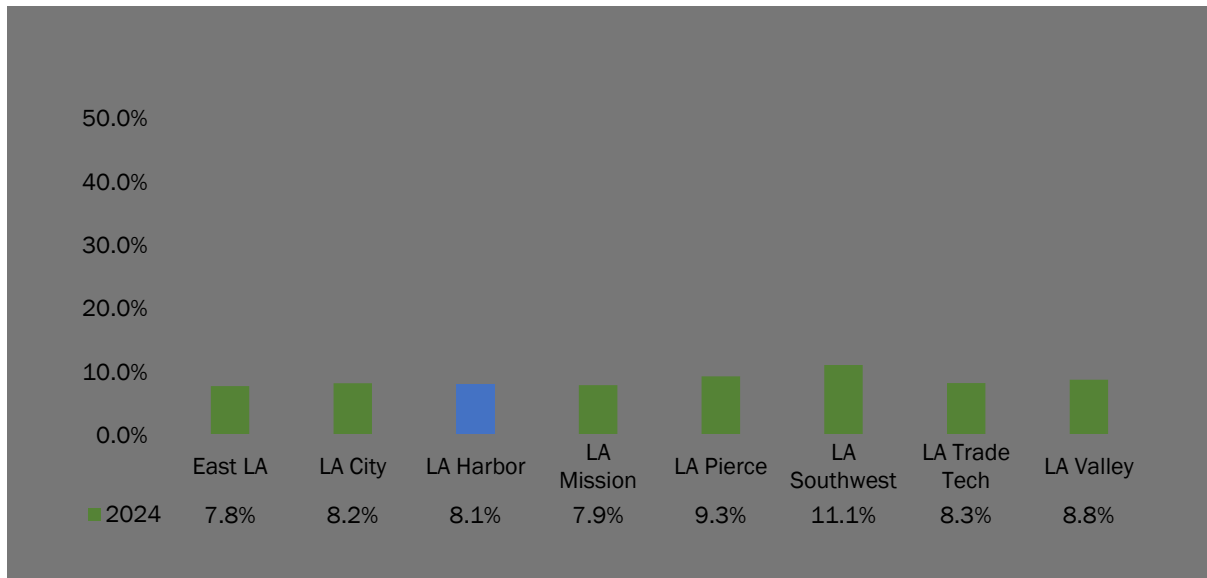
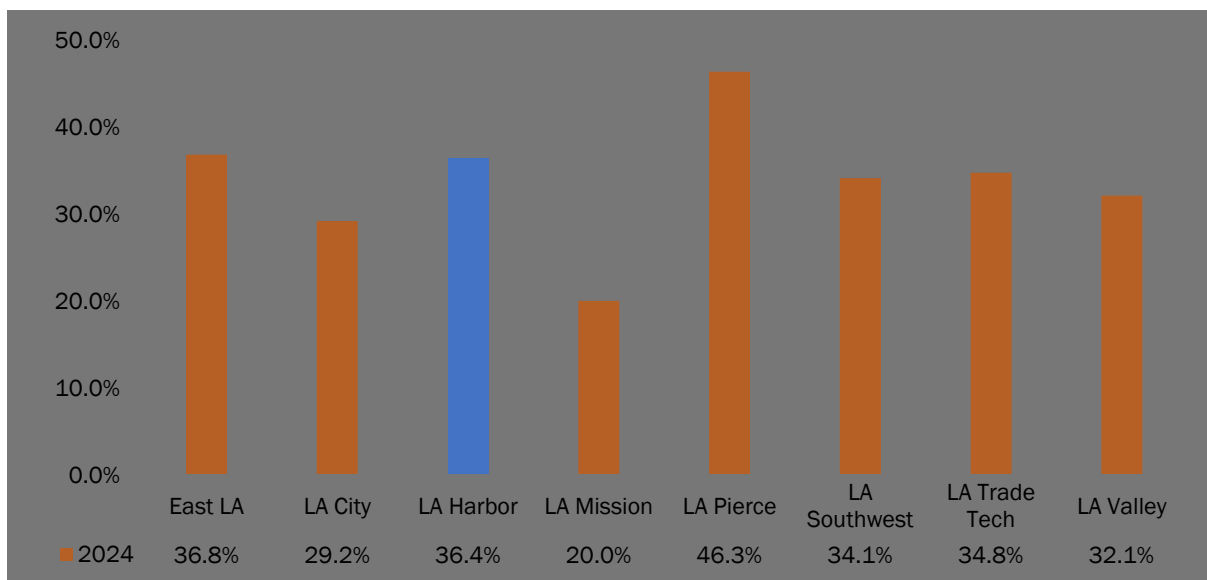


Figure 5. 4 LACCD SRTK Completion Rates, 2024



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