



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

**ENHANCING THE
TRANSFER STUDENT
FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE**

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WHO WE ARE



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WHO YOU ARE



Student
Support
Office



Academic
Advisor



Faculty



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AGENDA

Who are Ohio State Transfer Students?

The Survey

Collaborative Efforts



Who Are Ohio State Transfer Students?



TRANSFER PROFILE

Retention
Rate: 82.1%*

Total #
Sending
Institutions:
90

Average Age:
22.1

Top Program:
Arts &
Sciences,
Exploration,
Business

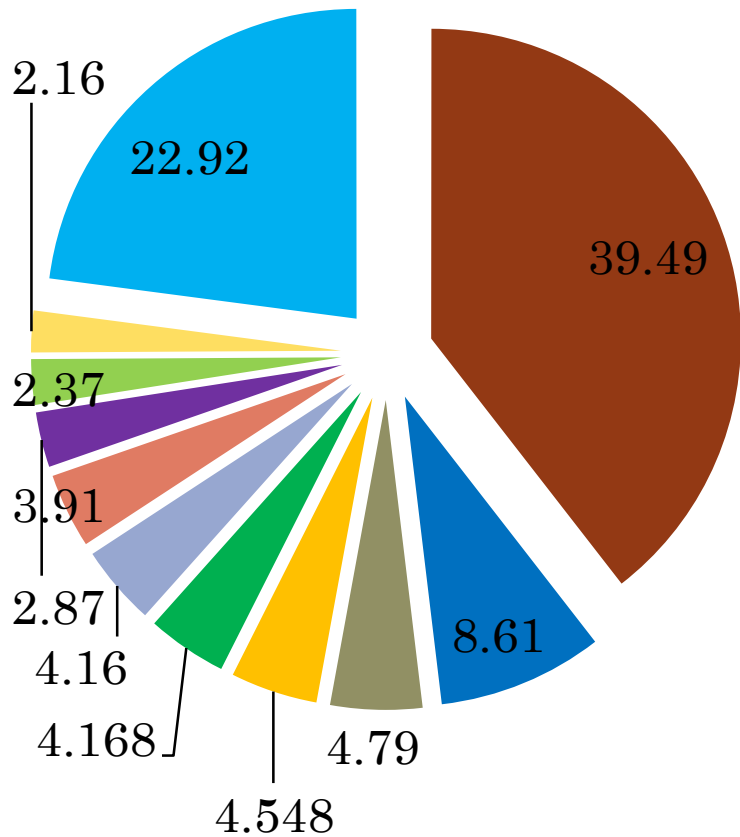
Average
Transfer
Hours of
Enrolled
Student: 52.2

Living on
Campus: 470

Applied as
NFYS: 576

Average GPA:
3.10

Type of School Transferring From



- Columbus State
- Ohio Univ
- Kent State
- Miami Univ
- Sinclair
- Cincinnati
- Wright State
- Tri-C
- COTC
- North Central
- Other

SUMMER 2012, AUTUMN 2012, SPRING 2013

Largest 4 Year Schools

- Ohio University (8.61%)
- Kent State (4.79%)
- Miami (4.54%)
- Cincinnati (4.16%)
- Wright State (3.91%)

Largest 2 Year Schools

- Columbus State (39.49%)
- Sinclair (4.16%)
- Cuyahoga (2.87%)
- COTC (2.37%)
- North Central State (2.16%)





CONDUCTED AUTUMN 2013 MID-SEMESTER

First-Year Transfer Survey

Sample: 368
students in
their first-
semester at
Ohio State



WHY ARE STUDENTS TRANSFERRING TO OHIO STATE?

Academic
Programs

62.4%

Reputation/
National
Rankings

53.3%

Personal Life
Circumstances
*(finances,
family, health,
etc.)*

51.8%

Location

45.6%

Attended
another
institution b/c
lower cost

38.5%

Cost of
Attendance

28.7%

Chosen
major/career
available
here

20.7%

WHAT HAS BEEN SURPRISING FOR THE BETTER?

Overall positive campus community (peers)
22.59%

Helpful faculty/ staff members
16.53%

Number of Supportive Resources
13.22%

Campus feels small
10.19%

Amount of activities, events, and opportunities to get involved
9.37%

Other responses included the themes of:

Increased academic rigor (and being successful)

The large campus

Small class sizes despite such a large student population

Overall ease of transition, and the diversity of the campus



WHAT HAS BEEN DISAPPOINTING IN THEIR FIRST SEMESTER?

Course difficulties (frustration with instructors, rigor, results): 17.45%

Lack of community/ friends: 10.53%

Impersonal Interactions (instructors and advisors): 7.2%

Hard to connect with involvement opportunities (lack of communication, not enough time, finding appropriate programs, football tickets): 5.54%

Impact of being a non-traditional student (age, parents, military experience, coming from work force) on being engaged in the student life: 3.88%

Other responses included the themes of:

Campus dining and food

Survey course

Feeling treated like a freshman

Lack of communication about program deadlines

Transfer credit

Campus safety

WHAT DO TRANSFERS KNOW THAT THEY WISH THEY WOULD HAVE KNOWN PRIOR TO ENROLLING?

Academic Expectations (time management skills, balancing a more rigorous course load, study skills) 13.24%

Majors (how to apply for direct admittance, degree track, requirements prior to transferring, GE requirements, transfer credit evaluation sooner) 12.39%

Scheduling and Course Selection 8.45%

To take advantage of campus resources for success (tutoring) 3.99%

Other responses included the themes of:

Understanding financial aid (internal and external)

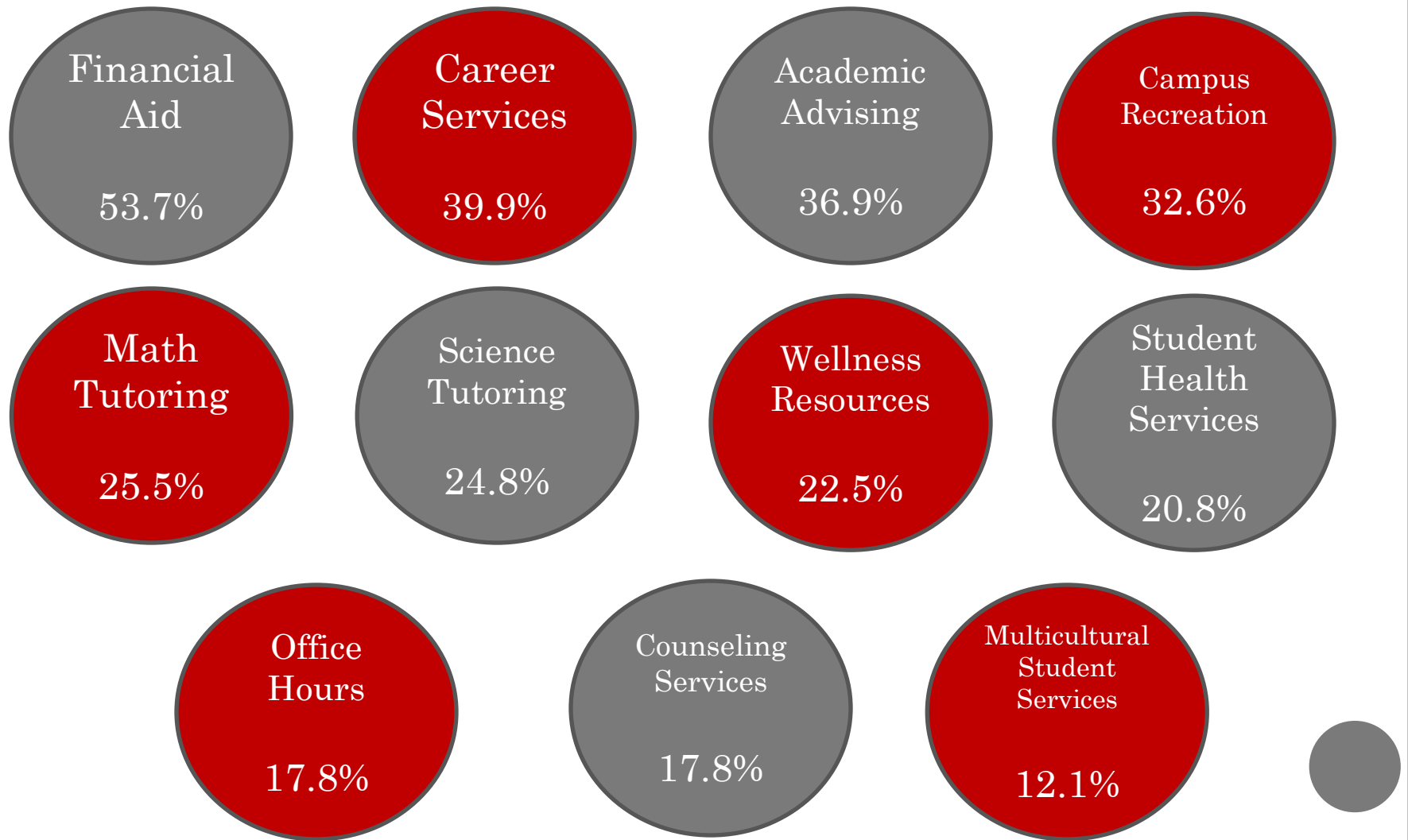
The limitations to student experience as a non-traditional student

Knowledge of the honors program

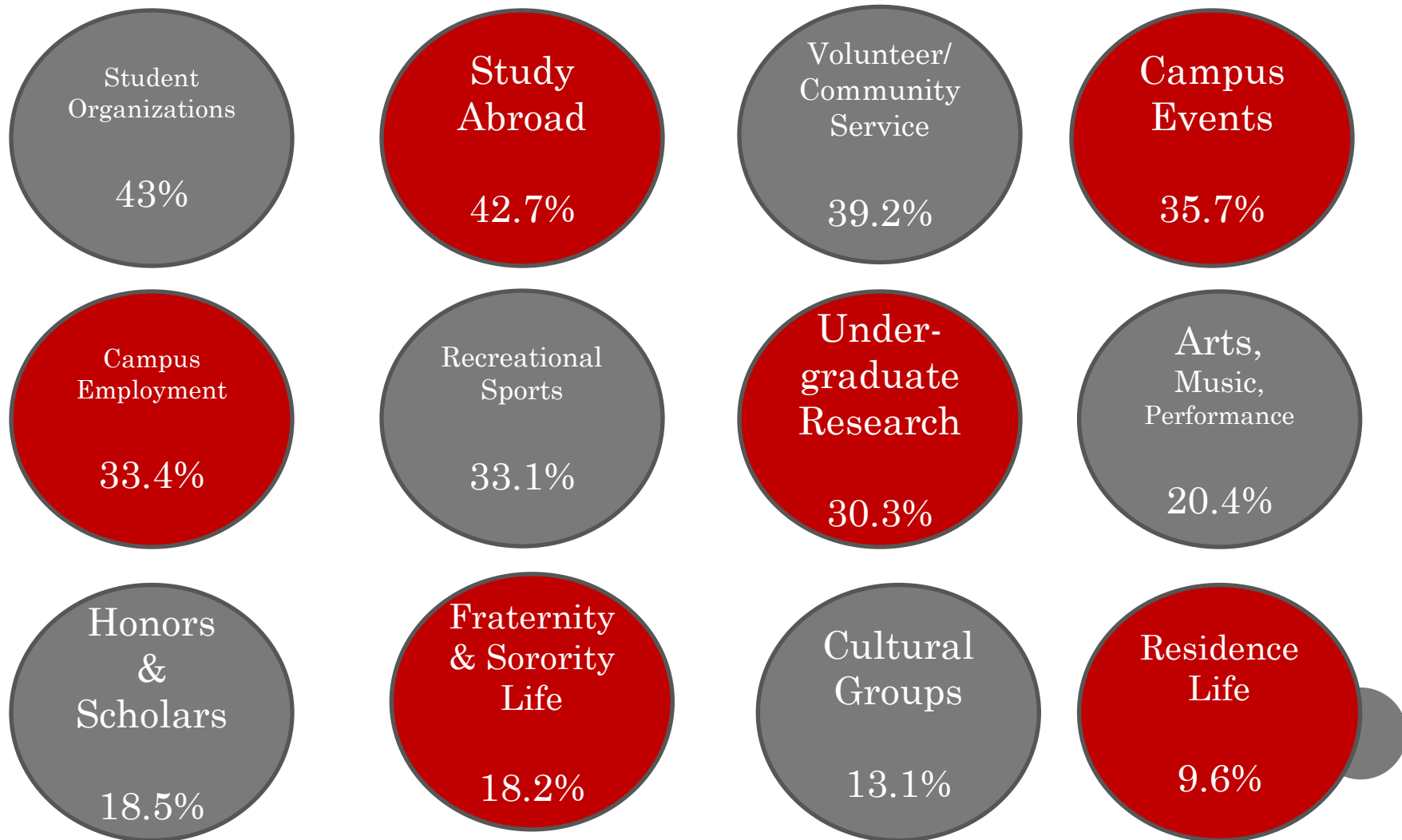
To get involved early

To attend Ohio State sooner

WHAT TYPES OF RESOURCES ARE TRANSFERS INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT AT OHIO STATE?



WHAT TYPES OF ACTIVITIES ARE TRANSFERS INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT AT OHIO STATE?





Bringing
our efforts
together



QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

What are you currently doing to better serve first year transfer students?

What can you do to better serve first-year transfer students?

How can your office/department collaborate with other campus partners to enhance the transfer student experience?



Let's hear from you!

What are you doing? What can you do? How can you collaborate?

What we're doing:

- Undergraduate Admissions?
 - Enhanced OV/Tour
 - Updated Guidebook
 - With UEXP, advising appointments
 - Email campaigns
- University Orientation and First Year Experience
 - Assessing the first-year experience of transfer students
 - Transfer Conversations: Orientation and beyond
 - Transfer Student Activities Board/ Peer Mentoring Program

How can we collaborate with you?



We



Transfer Students!



**Continue the conversation in your
office and with us!**

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