Transfers a game changer in higher education

In time past the vast majority of college students stayed in the school they initially entered. However, that trend is changing. In recent years transfers have become a more common occurrence, especially for low-income students.

According to a study titled “Transfer and Mobility,” published by the National Center for Education Statistics on May 20, about 3.6 million students entered college in 2014 as transfers. Although this is a decrease from the previous year, more than 58 percent of the students transferred to another public institution. This can be attributed to factors such as cost, location, and program offerings.

The study also found that transfer students are more likely to be older, nontraditional, and from underrepresented groups. In addition, transfer students are more likely to be enrolled in part-time studies and to receive financial aid.

The trend toward increased transfer rates is not surprising. In recent years, many colleges and universities have expanded their transfer programs to make it easier for students to transfer. Some of the benefits of transfer programs include:

1. Increased access to a wide range of courses and programs
2. Opportunities to complete coursework in a shorter time frame
3. Access to financial aid and scholarships
4. Increased flexibility in coursework and program requirements

Despite these benefits, there are also some challenges associated with transfer programs. For example, students who transfer may experience a culture shock and face difficulties in adjusting to a new environment.

Despite these challenges, the trend toward increased transfer rates is expected to continue. The National Center for Education Statistics predicts that the number of transfers will continue to increase in the coming years, with a particular focus on low-income and minority students.

As the trend toward increased transfer rates continues, it is important for institutions to develop effective transfer programs that meet the needs of their students. This may include providing support services such as academic advising, counseling, and mentoring to help students make a successful transition to a new institution.

In conclusion, the trend toward increased transfer rates is a positive development for students and institutions alike. By expanding transfer programs, institutions can increase access to higher education and improve outcomes for students. However, it is important to address the challenges associated with transfer programs to ensure that all students have the opportunity to succeed.