The vast majority of community college students want a bachelor’s degree. Unfortunately, few will successfully transfer and earn that degree.

Millions of students attend community colleges each year. Up to 80% of these students aspire to earn a bachelor’s degree. But few of these students’ transfer dreams will come true:

- 31% of these students will transfer to four-year institutions.
- 14% will graduate with a bachelor’s degree within six years of starting college.

Looking to learn more about transfer students and ways to support their success? Learn more at highered.aspeninstitute.org/community-college-transfer

About the data: Based on the National Student Clearinghouse’s Tracking Transfer 2020 data update, which includes outcomes for the fall 2013 cohort of first-time degree-seeking students who started at a two-year institution.