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SBCCD Associate Degrees for Transfer: 2012-2013 to 2018-2019

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BACKGROUND

California Community Colleges are the largest system of higher education in the nation, with over 2.3 million students attending 115 colleges. Through the community college structure, the system is able to serve every individual by offering educational choices in a wide range of areas, which include workforce training, basic courses in English and math, certificate and degree programs and preparation for transfer to four-year institutions.

In 2010, Senate Bill 1440 (Padilla) established the Student Transfer Achievement Reform (STAR) Act. The primary focus of the legislation was to significantly increase the rate of transfer of community college students to the California State University (CSU) system by creating a more seamless pathway for students. The legislation required that commencing in the 2011-12 academic year, students who earned an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) would be guaranteed transfer to the CSU system baccalaureate program. This “Degree with a Guarantee” ensures California community college students will:

- Graduate from the community college system with an associate degree having to earn no more than 60 semester/90 quarter units;
- Have a clear transfer pathway to the California State University system by eliminating the repetition of similar courses at the upper-division level;
- Start at CSU with Junior status.

The Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) or the Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor’s degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing these degrees are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major.

ASSOCIATE DEGREES FOR TRANSFER AT SBCCD

In academic year 2012-2013, Crafton Hills College (CHC) and San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) awarded a combined total of 87 ADTs. As can be seen in Table 1, the quantity on ADTs awarded has increased steadily in each subsequent academic year, with 2018-2019 seeing 654 ADTs awarded.

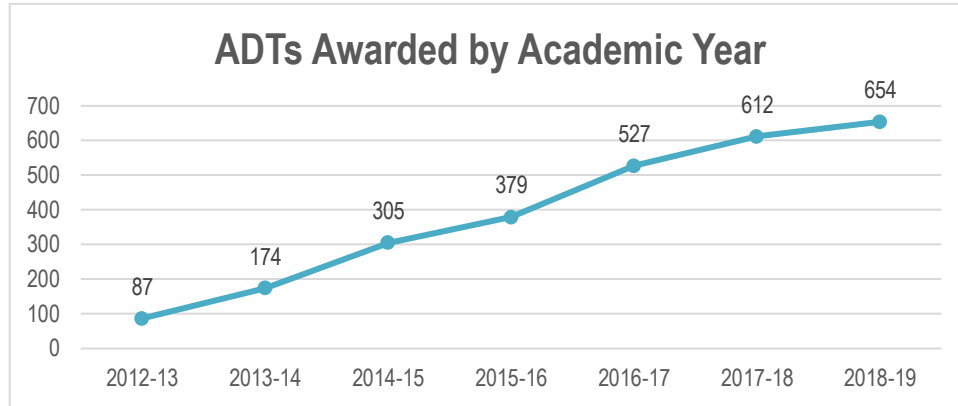
Table 1 – ADTs Awarded by Academic Year

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Associate of Arts	39	99	131	190	249	305	324
Associate of Science	48	75	174	189	278	306	330
TOTAL	87	174	305	379	527	612	654

Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office MIS Data Mart



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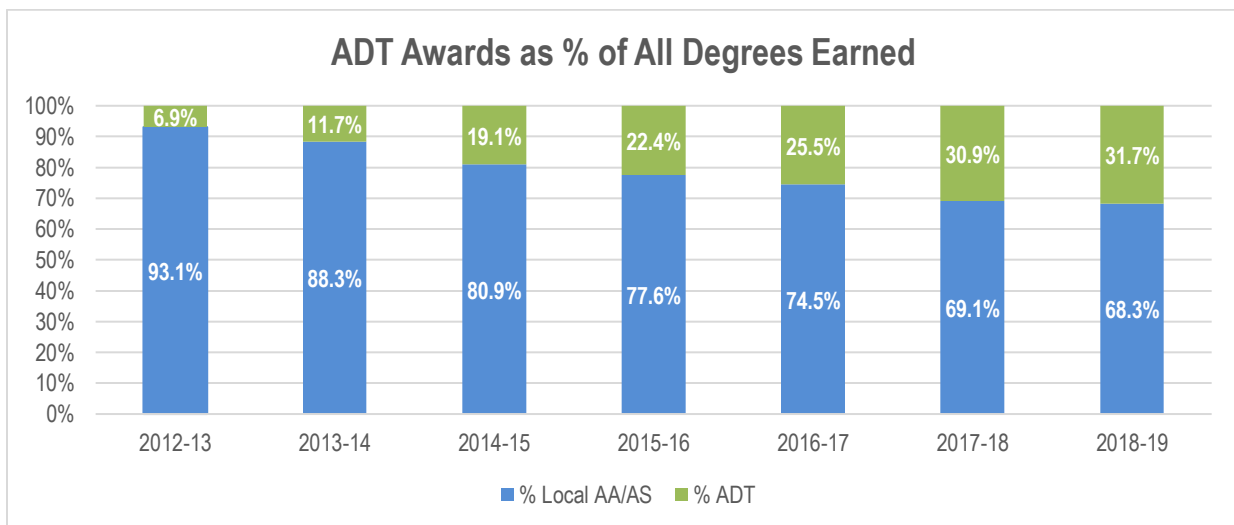
ADT AWARDS AS PERCENT OF ALL ASSOCIATE DEGREES EARNED

In academic year 2012-2013, ADTs accounted for only 6.9% of all associate degrees earned at both Crafton Hills College and San Bernardino Valley College. As can be seen in Table 2, this figure has grown to 31.7% by academic year 2018-2019. System-wide, 31.5% of all associate degrees earned in 2018-2019 were ADTs.

Table 2 – ADT Awards as % of All Associate Degrees Earned

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Local AA/AS	1169	1317	1296	1314	1536	1366	1407
ADT	87	174	305	379	527	612	654
ADT as % of All	6.9%	11.7%	19.1%	22.4%	25.6%	30.9%	31.7%

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SBCCD DISCIPLINES THAT HAVE AN ADT

In academic year 2012-2013, Crafton Hills College had 10 disciplines that offered an ADT, while SBVC offered 2 ADTs (an AS-T in Mathematics and an AA-T in Sociology).¹ Going into academic year 2019-2020, the list of disciplines has grown to 27 disciplines at CHC and 20 disciplines at SBVC.² Table 3 provides a list of all disciplines that offer an ADT at CHC or SBVC as of academic year 2019-2020. As of Fall 2019, more than 40 disciplines have ADTs system-wide.³

Table 3 – SBCCD Disciplines with an ADT

Administration of Justice (SBVC)	History (CHC)
Anthropology (CHC, SBVC)	Kinesiology (CHC, SBVC)
Art History (CHC)	Mathematics (CHC, SBVC)
Biology (CHC, SBVC)	Music (CHC, SBVC)
Business Administration (CHC, SBVC)	Nutrition and Dietetics (CHC)
Chemistry (CHC)	Philosophy (CHC, SBVC)
Communication Studies (CHC, SBVC)	Physics (CHC, SBVC)
Computer Science (CHC)	Political Science (CHC, SBVC)
Early Childhood Education (CHC, SBVC)	Psychology (CHC, SBVC)
Economics (CHC)	Public Health Science (CHC)
Elementary Teacher Education (CHC)	Sociology (CHC, SBVC)
English (CHC, SBVC)	Spanish (CHC, SBVC)
Film, Television, and Electronic Media (SBVC)	Studio Arts (CHC)
Geography (CHC, SBVC)	Theatre Arts (CHC, SBVC)
Geology (CHC, SBVC)	

¹ Source: 2012-2013 Crafton Hills College Catalog & San Bernardino Valley College Catalog

² Source: 2019-2020 Crafton Hills College Catalog & San Bernardino Valley College Catalog

³ Source: <https://adegreewithaguarantee.com/en-us/Find-Your-Path>



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PERCENT OF ADT AWARDS AT OTHER DISTRICTS

Table 4 shows ADT awards as percent of all Associate degrees earned in academic year 2017-18 and Table 5 shows the same for 2018-19 for a selection of community college districts and for the state.

Table 4 – ADT Awards as % of All Associate Degrees Earned Select Districts (2017-18)

Degree	Chaffey	Mt SAC	Mt San Jacinto	RCCD	Victor Valley	State
AS-T	452	240	311	450	52	22,925
AA-T	535	611	185	470	125	26,817
AS	466	773	448	1,555	694	35,795
AA	1,675	1,010	1,479	3,490	300	75,168
% ADT	31.6%	32.3%	20.5%	15.4%	15.1%	31.0%

Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office MIS Data Mart

Table 5 – ADT Awards as % of All Associate Degrees Earned Select Districts (2018-19)

Degree	Chaffey	Mt SAC	Mt San Jacinto	RCCD	Victor Valley	State
AS-T	496	405	328	520	83	26,278
AA-T	541	842	270	643	179	32,017
AS	485	1,007	524	1,740	766	38,346
AA	1,585	1,456	1,835	4,676	353	88,476
% ADT	33.4%	33.6%	20.2%	15.3%	19.0%	31.5%

Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office MIS Data Mart