

## *Degrees and Certificates*

Over the last six academic years, the number of associate degrees awarded at Santa Monica College increased by 57.7 percent, from 1,409 in 2009-2010 to 2,222 in 2014-2015. The increase in degrees awarded in 2014-2015 can be directly attributed to the successful implementation of the Auto-Award Degree Initiative that was implemented during the 2014-2015 academic year. The initiative involved a regressive degree audit for all former students who stopped attending the College during the 2013-2014 academic year, identifying potential candidates for graduate based on coursework completed at the College. Evaluators then reviewed student transcripts to verify that the potential candidates were indeed qualified to receive a degree/certificate, and contacted these students to inform them of the award they earned. In 2014-2015, a total of 791 degrees (or 35.6 percent of total degrees awarded) were auto-awarded.

The number of transfer associate degrees has increased in recent years:

Associate Degrees Awarded, 2009-2010 to 2014-2015

	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
Associate in Science for Transfer (A.S.-T) Degree	0	0	3	54	84	176
Associate in Arts for Transfer (A.A.-T) Degree	0	0	0	23	26	111
Associate of Science (A.S.) Degree	0	0	1	52	331	362
Associate of Arts (A.A.) Degree	1,409	1,243	1,225	1,078	993	1,573
Total	1,409	1,243	1,229	1,207	1,434	2,222

*Source: Management Information System*