



Research

A photograph of two students walking away from the camera on a paved path. The student on the left is a young man with short brown hair, wearing a light blue polo shirt and white shorts, carrying a basketball in his right hand and a black duffel bag over his left shoulder. The student on the right is a young woman with long dark hair, wearing a red t-shirt and white shorts, carrying a large grey backpack and holding a white piece of paper. The path is lined with green trees and bushes, and the scene is brightly lit by sunlight.

# Transfer Composition of Division I Teams

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# Summary

- In Division I, baseball and men's basketball have the most two-year college transfers. The sports with the most four-year college transfers are beach volleyball, men's soccer, M/W basketball and M/W tennis.
- Over the past three years, the percentage of women who transferred into a Division I school from another four-year college has edged above the percentage of 4-4 transfers among men.
- The uptick in four-year college transfer among women is occurring across a number of sports, but is particularly visible in women's basketball.
- After a period of slight decrease, the number of 4-4 transfers on Division I men's basketball rosters increased sharply in 2017-18. Note this was the year prior to the establishment of the transfer portal.
- Graduate transfers are rolled into the totals shown in these slides. An accompanying report breaks these students out separately.

# Methodology Notes

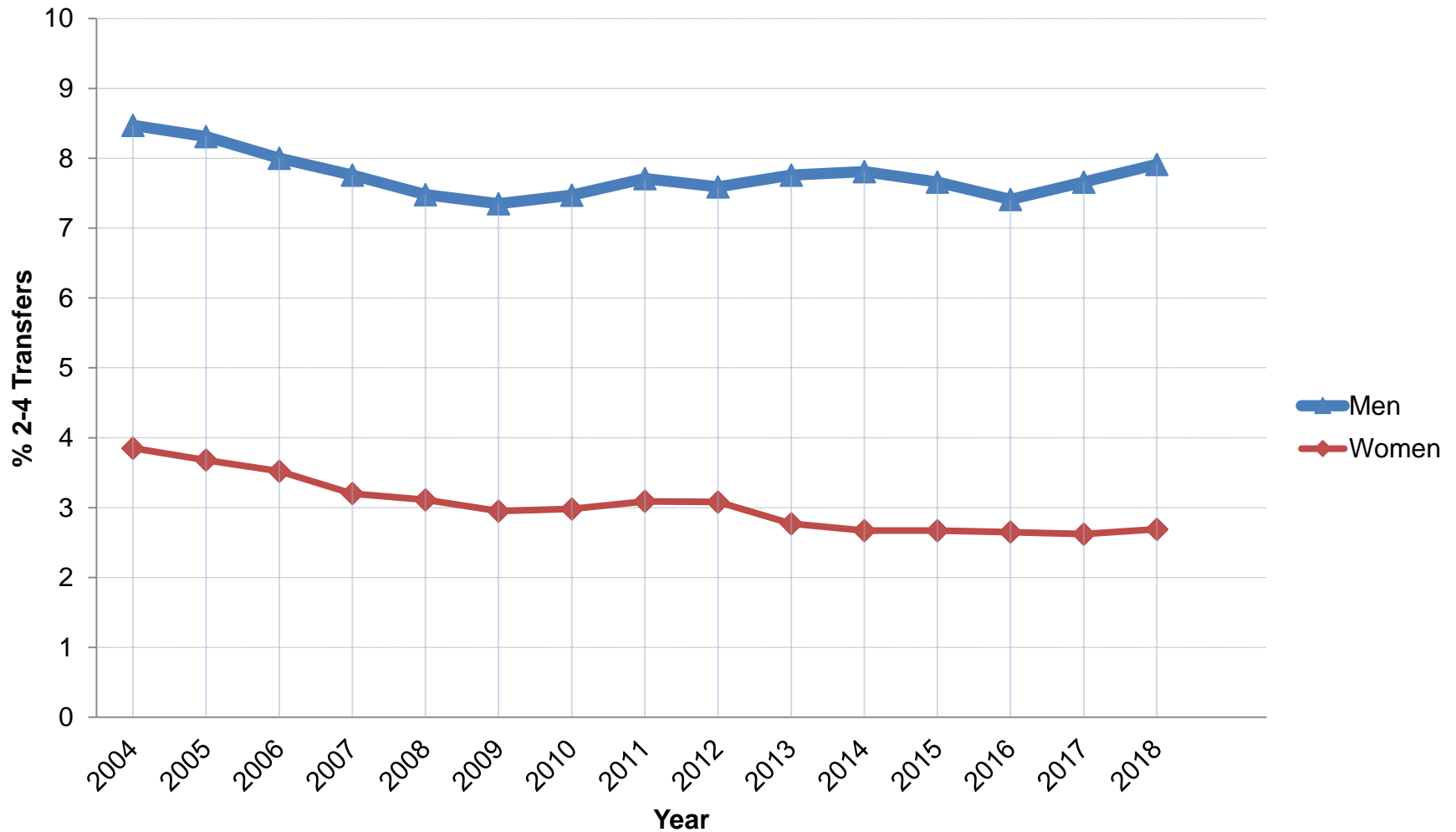
- The following slides describe whether student-athletes in recent Academic Progress Rate (APR) cohorts transferred into their current Division I school at any point. These data are for students who entered Division I prior to the creation of the NCAA transfer portal. In the future, we will be able to combine APR and portal data to get a broader picture of transfer in and out.
- These numbers should also be distinguished from lifetime transfer rates for a student-athlete, which would be higher. This is because an APR cohort snapshot includes students at various stages of their academic career including some who may transfer at a later time.
- A separate NCAA report, “Tracking transfer in Division I men’s basketball,” uses an alternate methodology to provide data on transfer-out in that sport. This report shows that more than half of transfer-out involve student-athletes leaving DI.

# 2017-18 Transfer Composition of Division I Student-Athlete Population

	Overall		Men	Women
<b>Non-Transfers</b>	87.6%		85.1%	90.3%
<b>2-year Transfers</b>	5.4%		7.9%	2.7%
<b>4-year Transfers</b>	7.0%		6.9%	7.0%

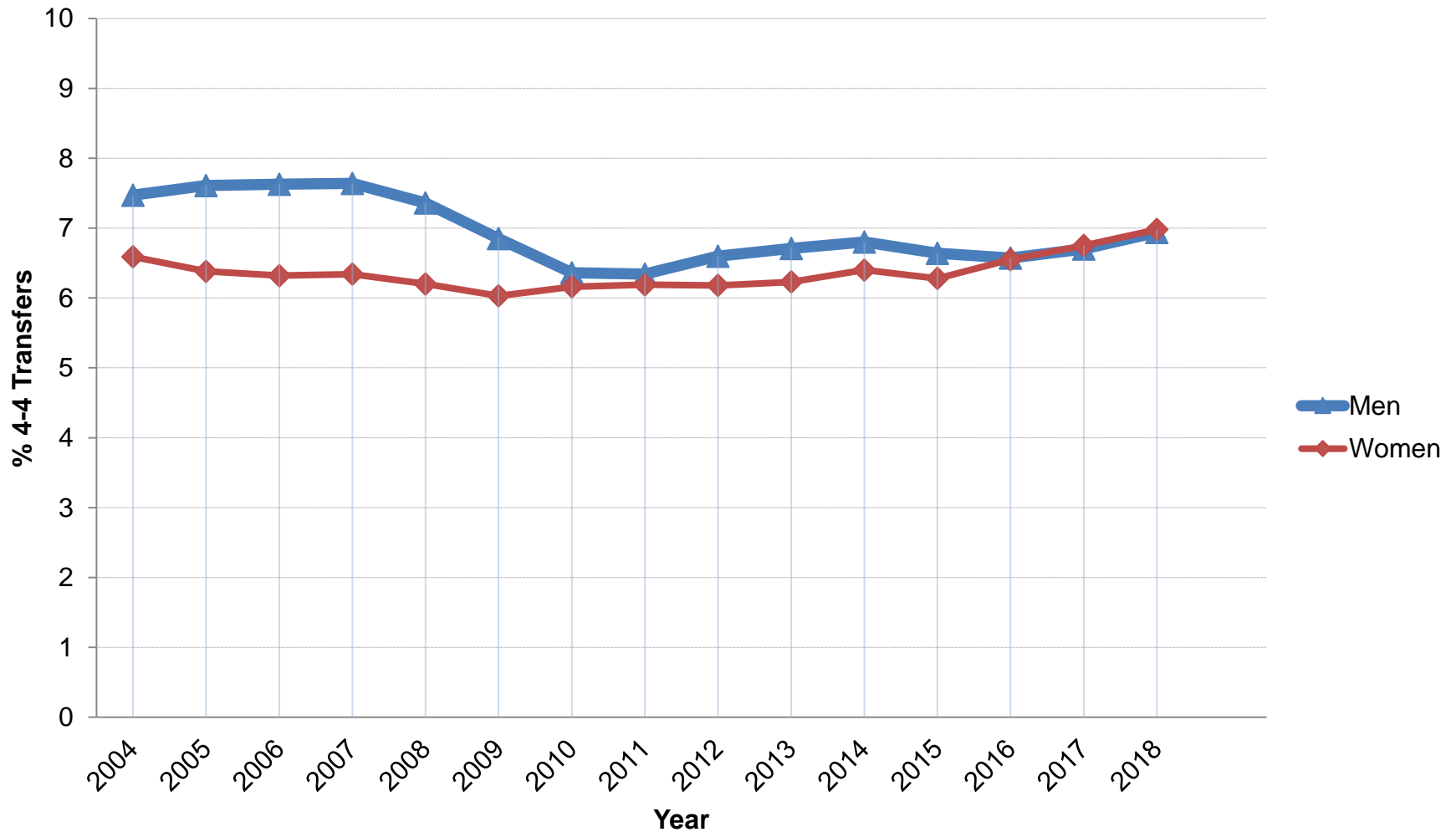
Note: Percentages represent transfer status (whether student-athlete entered current Division I school from high school, a 2-year college or another 4-year college) within the 2017-18 APR cohort. Lifetime transfer rates will be higher (for example, some of the student-athletes in the APR cohort are first-year college students who may eventually transfer).

# Trends in the Proportion of Two-Year College Transfers in APR Cohorts



Notes: Percentages based on the 2018 APR data (released in May 2019).

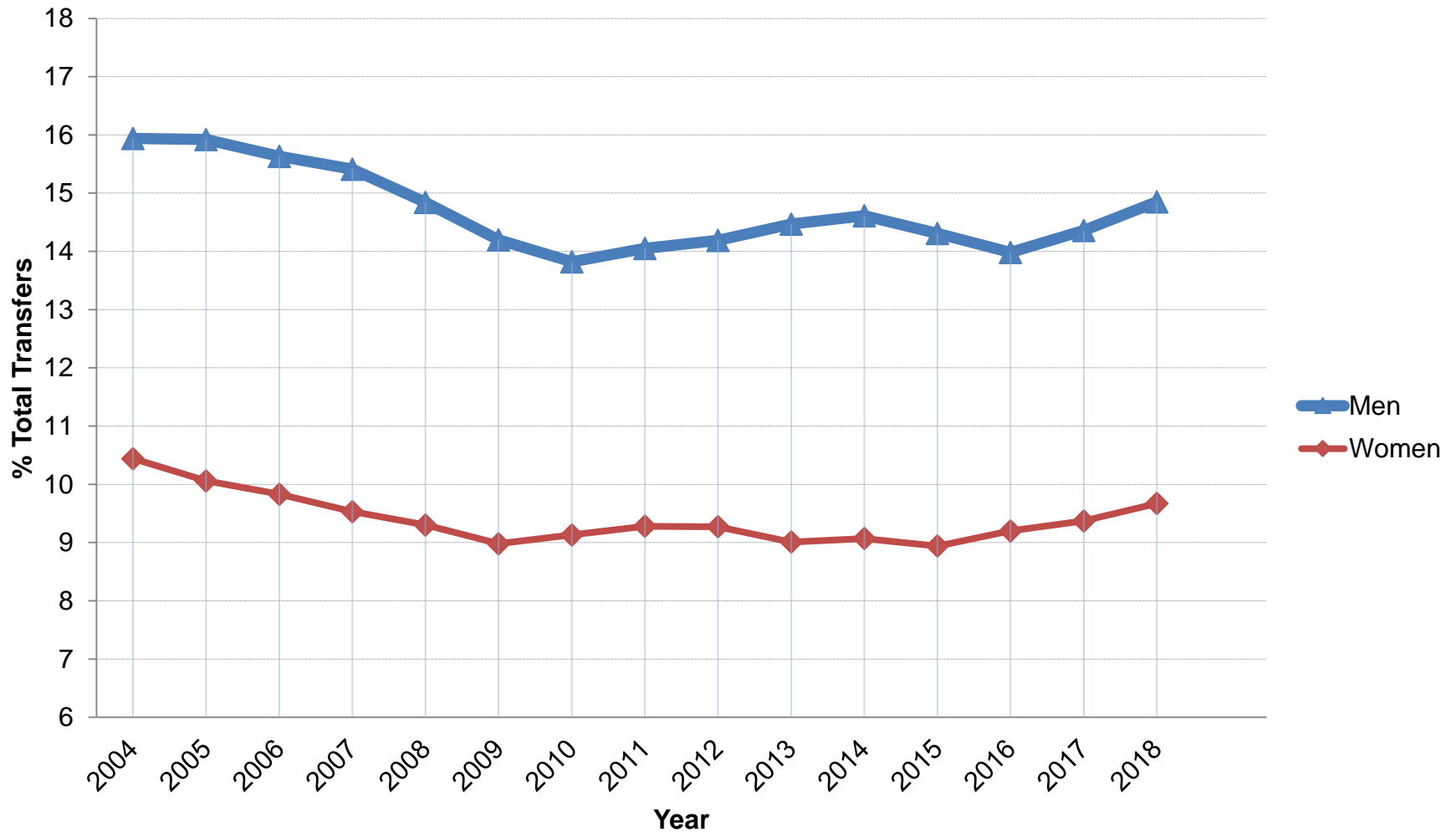
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# Trends in the Proportion of Total Transfers in APR Cohorts



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# 2017-18 Percentage of Two-Year College Transfers among Division I Student-Athletes

Men's Sport	2-year
Baseball	20.8%
Basketball	14.8%
Football (FBS)	9.4%
Football (FCS)	7.7%
Track and Field	4.1%
Soccer	4.0%
Golf	3.5%
Ice Hockey	3.4%
Water Polo	2.9%
Tennis	2.3%
Cross Country	2.1%
Volleyball	1.8%
Wrestling	1.5%
Rifle (co-ed)	1.4%
Swimming	0.9%
Lacrosse	0.8%
Fencing	0.6%
Gymnastics	0.5%
Skiing	0.0%

Women's Sport	2-year
Basketball	7.8%
Softball	5.7%
Volleyball	4.4%
Beach Volleyball	3.1%
Track and Field	2.8%
Water Polo	2.7%
Bowling	1.9%
Golf	1.8%
Soccer	1.7%
Cross Country	1.6%
Tennis	1.4%
Rowing	0.6%
Swimming	0.5%
Lacrosse	0.3%
Skiing	0.0%
Gymnastics	0.0%
Fencing	0.0%
Ice Hockey	0.0%
Field Hockey	0.0%

# **2017-18 Percentage of Four-Year College Transfers among Division I Student-Athletes**

<b>Men's Sport</b>	<b>4-year</b>
Soccer	<b>16.1%</b>
Basketball	<b>14.3%</b>
Tennis	<b>13.1%</b>
Golf	<b>8.9%</b>
Skiing	<b>8.3%</b>
Track and Field	<b>7.5%</b>
Cross Country	<b>6.8%</b>
Football (FCS)	<b>6.7%</b>
Volleyball	<b>6.5%</b>
Ice Hockey	<b>6.2%</b>
Wrestling	<b>5.6%</b>
Swimming	<b>4.8%</b>
Football (FBS)	<b>4.1%</b>
Lacrosse	<b>3.4%</b>
Rifle (co-ed)	<b>3.3%</b>
Water Polo	<b>3.2%</b>
Fencing	<b>2.8%</b>
Baseball	<b>2.2%</b>
Gymnastics	<b>1.5%</b>

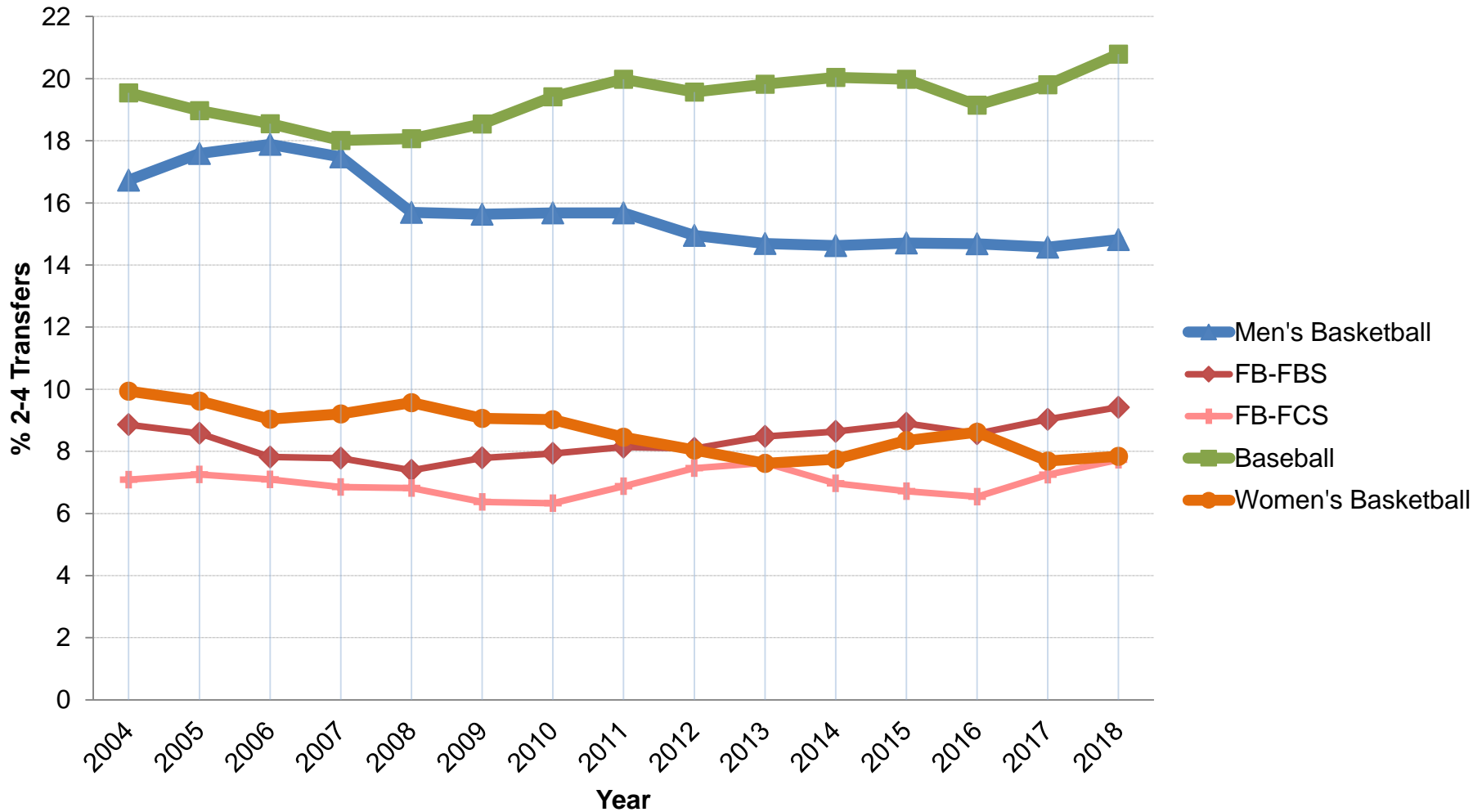
<b>Women's Sport</b>	<b>4-year</b>
Beach Volleyball	<b>19.1%</b>
Tennis	<b>13.0%</b>
Basketball	<b>11.7%</b>
Volleyball	<b>8.8%</b>
Golf	<b>8.6%</b>
Soccer	<b>7.0%</b>
Softball	<b>6.8%</b>
Track and Field	<b>6.7%</b>
Skiing	<b>6.6%</b>
Cross Country	<b>6.2%</b>
Bowling	<b>4.9%</b>
Fencing	<b>4.8%</b>
Swimming	<b>4.5%</b>
Water Polo	<b>4.0%</b>
Ice Hockey	<b>3.8%</b>
Field Hockey	<b>3.7%</b>
Rowing	<b>3.2%</b>
Lacrosse	<b>3.2%</b>
Gymnastics	<b>2.6%</b>

# **2017-18 Percentage of Total Transfers (Two-Year and Four-Year) among Division I Student-Athletes**

Men's Sport	Total
Basketball	<b>29.1%</b>
Baseball	<b>23.0%</b>
Soccer	<b>20.2%</b>
Tennis	<b>15.5%</b>
Football (FCS)	<b>14.4%</b>
Football (FBS)	<b>13.6%</b>
Golf	<b>12.4%</b>
Track and Field	<b>11.6%</b>
Ice Hockey	<b>9.5%</b>
Cross Country	<b>8.9%</b>
Volleyball	<b>8.4%</b>
Skiing	<b>8.3%</b>
Wrestling	<b>7.1%</b>
Water Polo	<b>6.2%</b>
Swimming	<b>5.7%</b>
Rifle (co-ed)	<b>4.7%</b>
Lacrosse	<b>4.2%</b>
Fencing	<b>3.4%</b>
Gymnastics	<b>2.0%</b>

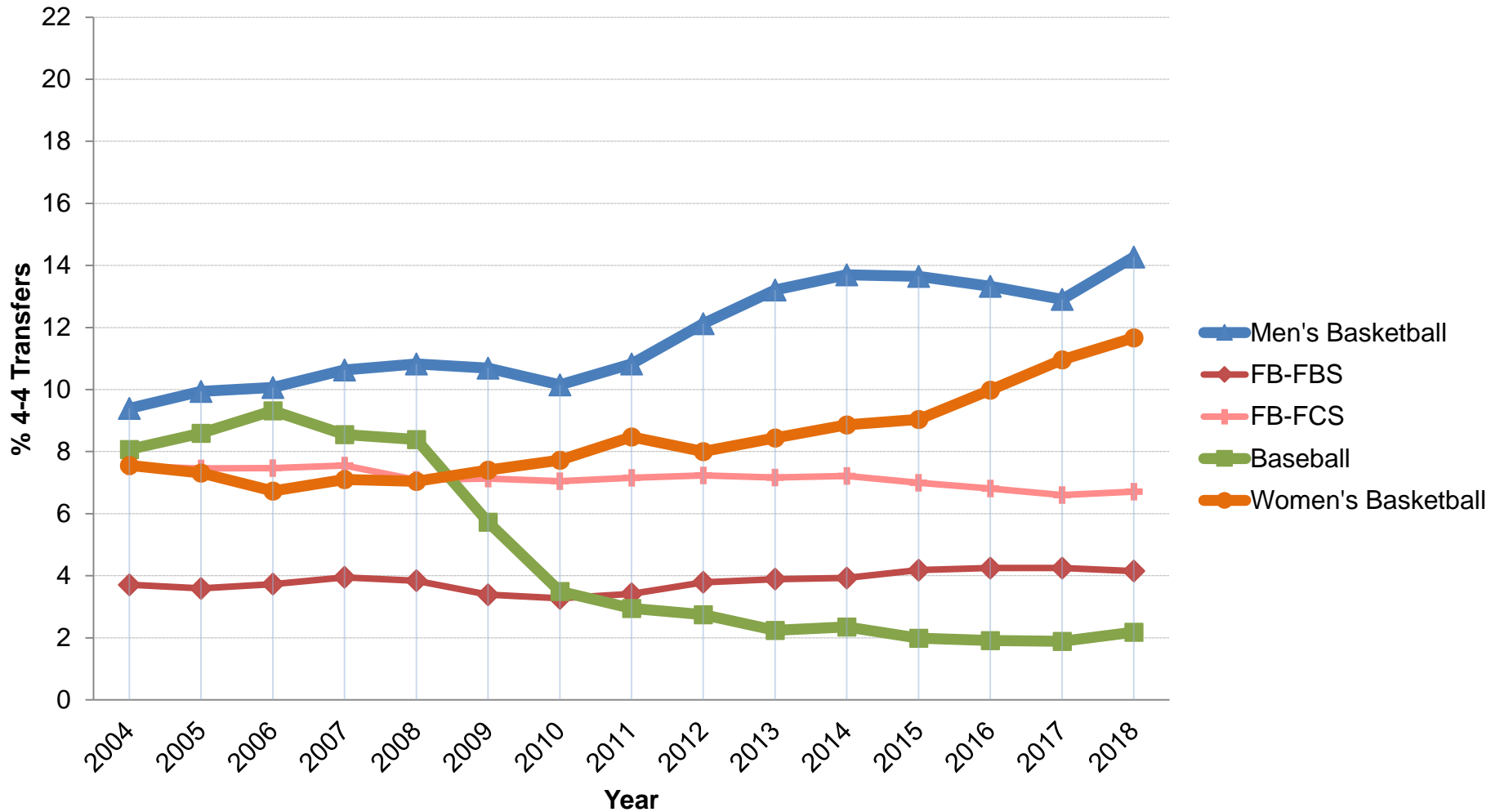
Women's Sport	Total
Beach Volleyball	<b>22.0%</b>
Basketball	<b>19.5%</b>
Tennis	<b>14.4%</b>
Volleyball	<b>13.1%</b>
Softball	<b>12.5%</b>
Golf	<b>10.4%</b>
Track and Field	<b>9.5%</b>
Soccer	<b>8.7%</b>
Cross Country	<b>7.8%</b>
Bowling	<b>6.8%</b>
Water Polo	<b>6.7%</b>
Skiing	<b>6.6%</b>
Swimming	<b>5.0%</b>
Fencing	<b>4.8%</b>
Ice Hockey	<b>3.8%</b>
Rowing	<b>3.8%</b>
Field Hockey	<b>3.7%</b>
Lacrosse	<b>3.5%</b>
Gymnastics	<b>2.6%</b>

# Trends in the Proportion of Two-Year College Transfers in APR Cohorts



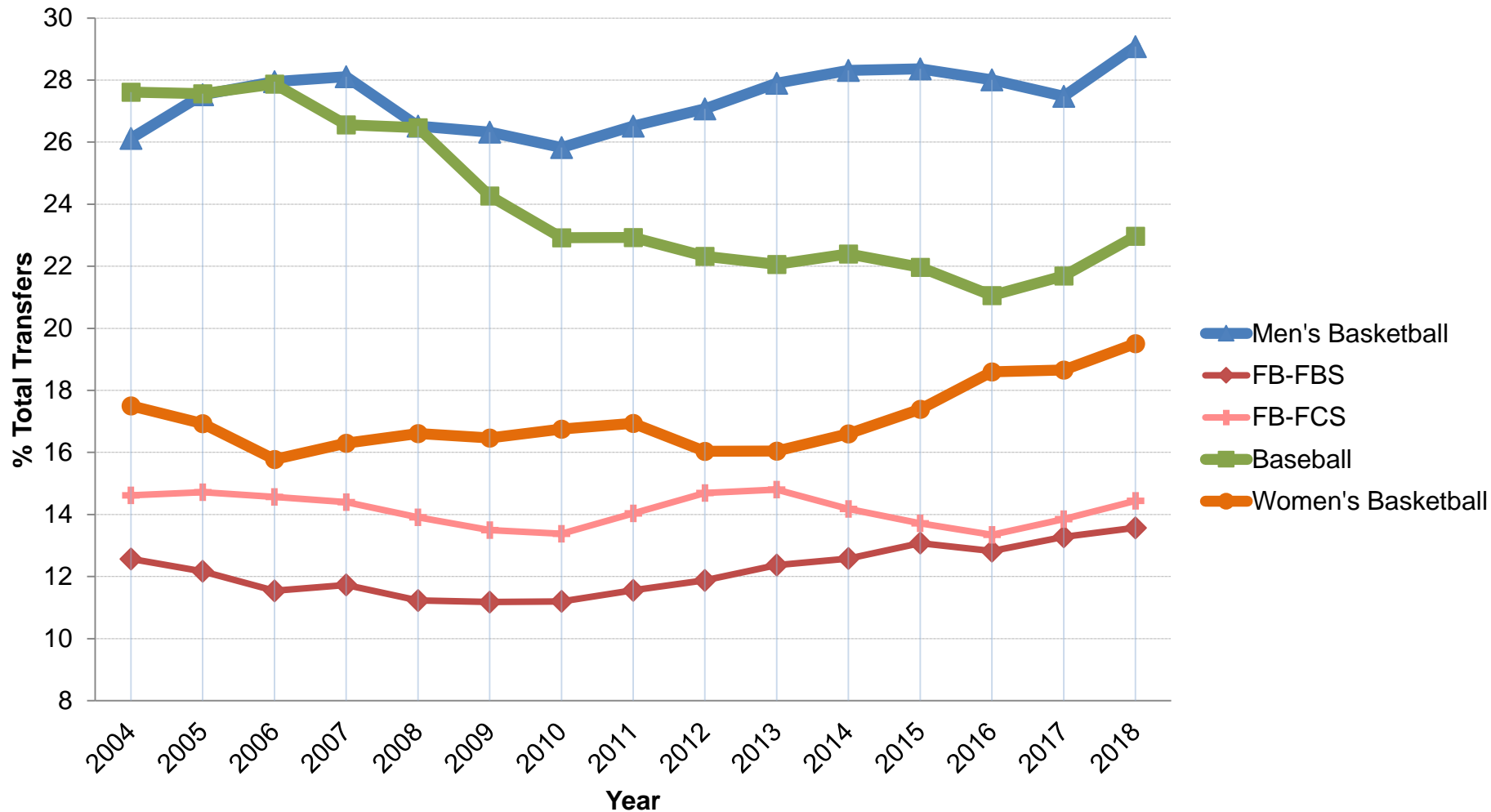
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# Trends in the Proportion of Four-Year College Transfers in APR Cohorts



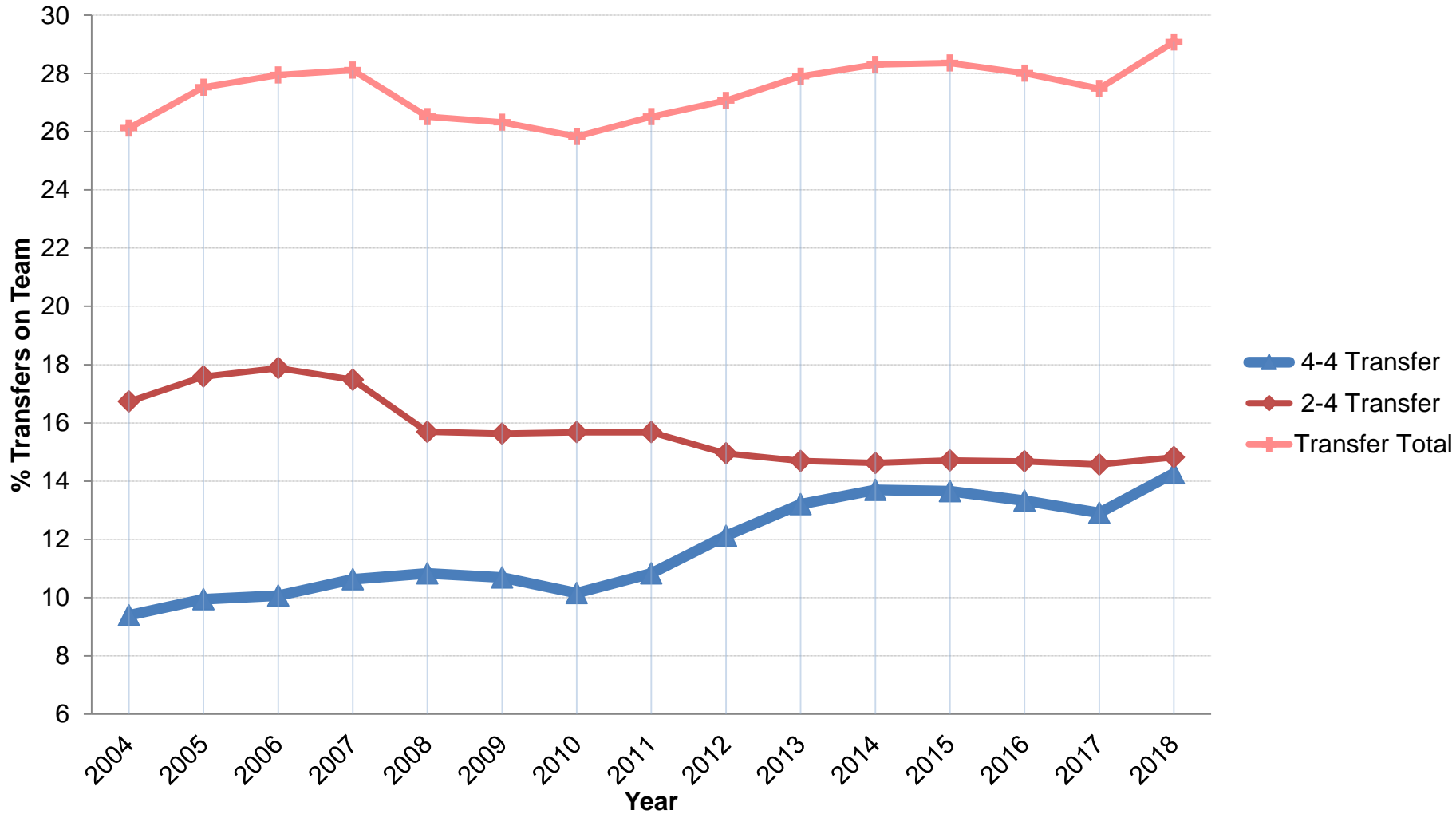
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# Trends in the Proportion of Total Transfers in APR Cohorts



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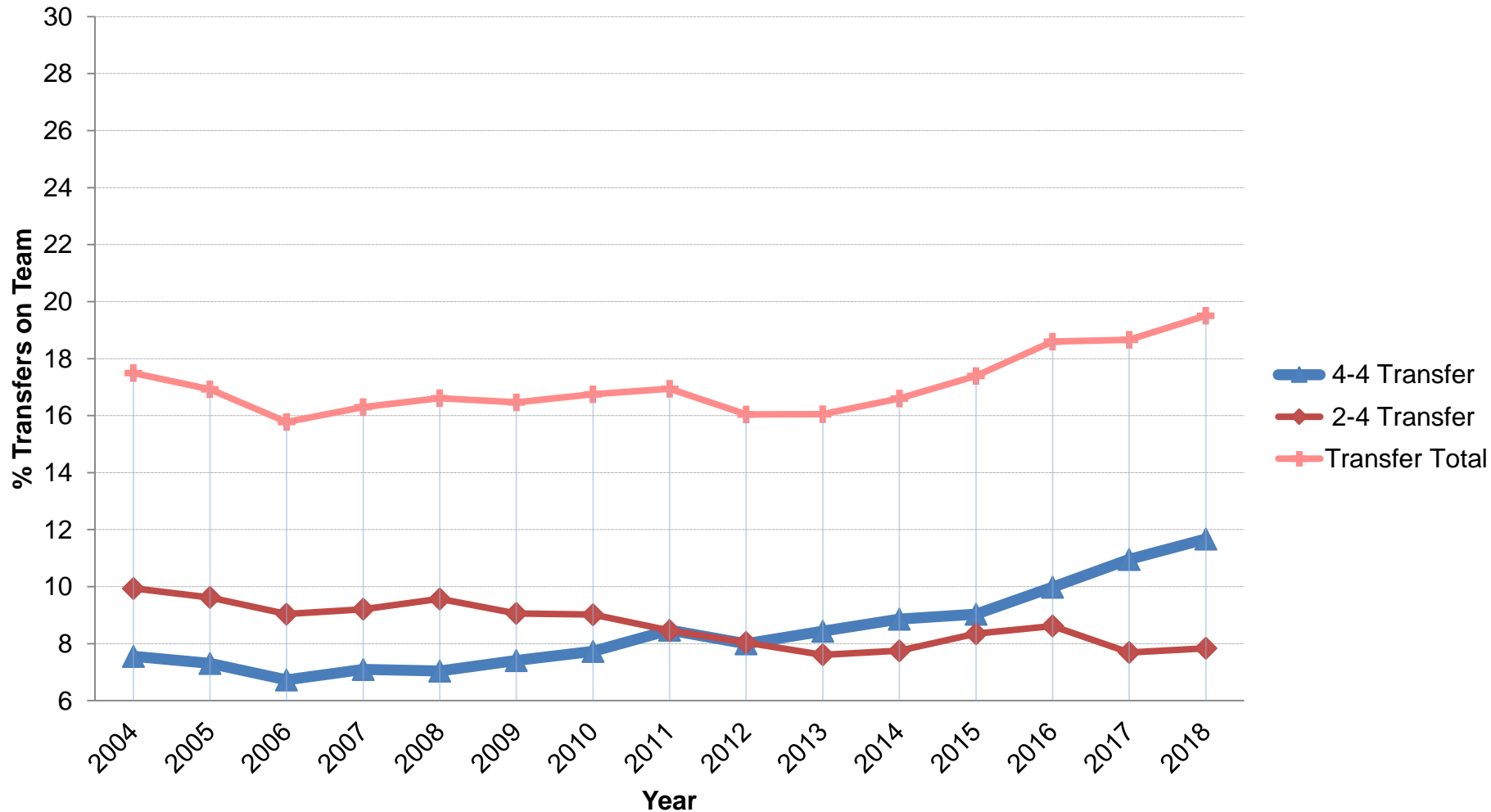
# Trends in the Proportion of Men's Basketball Transfers in Division I APR Cohorts



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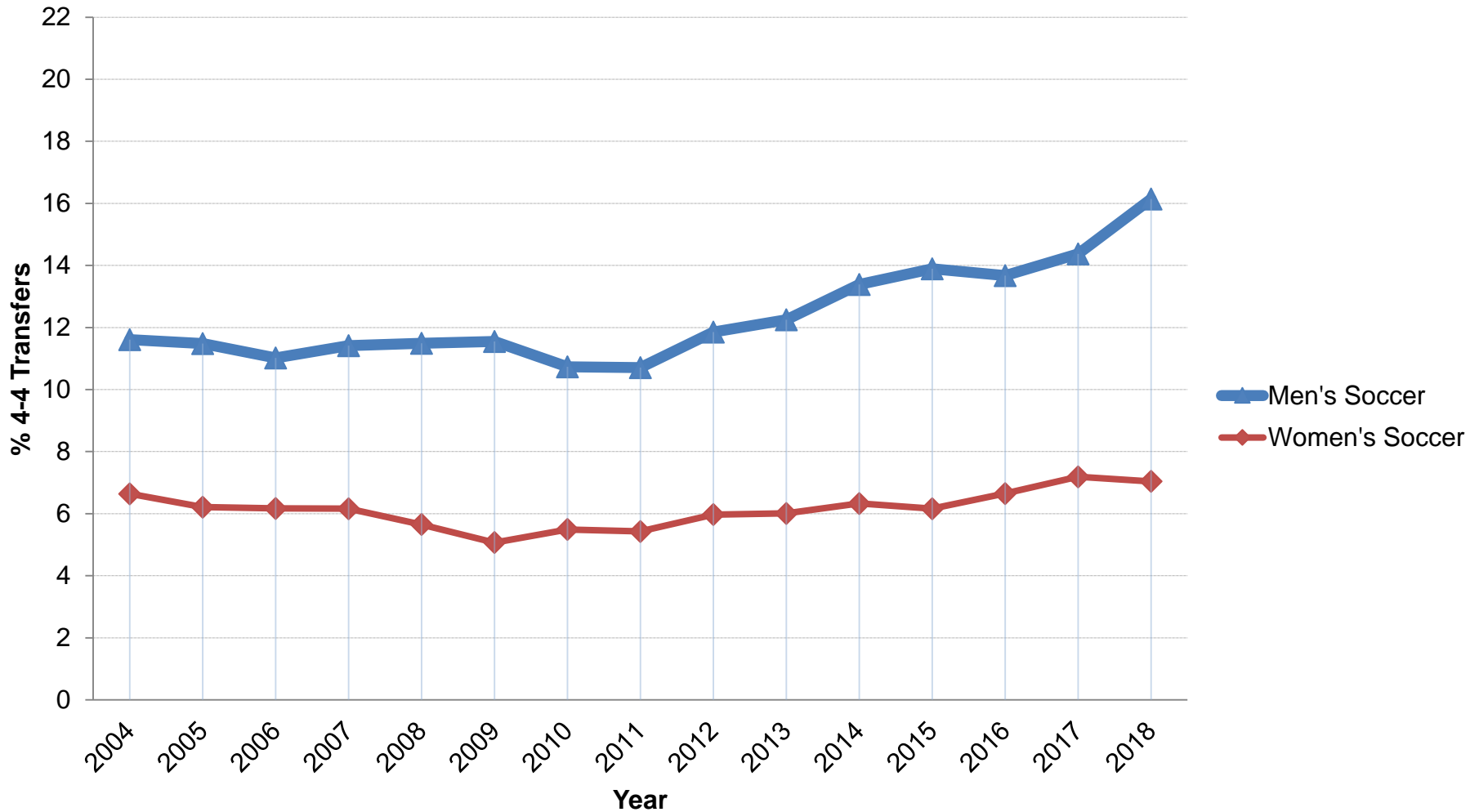


# Trends in the Proportion of Women's Basketball Transfers in Division I APR Cohorts



Notes: Percentages based on the 2018 APR data (released in May 2019).

# Trends in the Proportion of Four-Year College Transfers in Soccer Cohorts



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