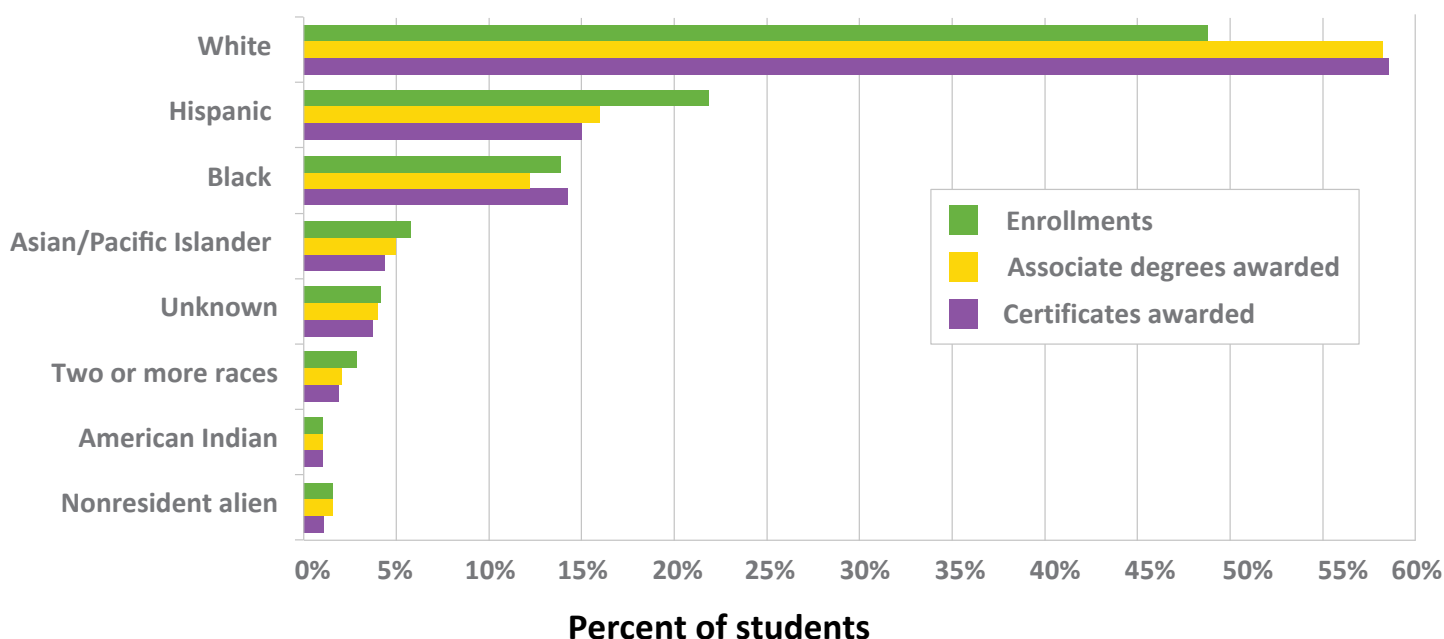


Earning credentials

Community colleges awarded 1.2 million certificates and associate degrees in 2013-14.

Distribution of enrollments and completions at community colleges: 2013-14



Source: AACC analysis of Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) 2013-14 Completions and Enrollment data file, U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics.



In 2013-14, community colleges served more than 12 million students, 60 percent of whom were enrolled in for-credit courses and another 40 percent in non-credit courses. For-credit enrollments in community colleges represent about 45 percent of all undergraduates. During the same period, community colleges awarded 1.2 million total credentials, 62 percent of which were associate degrees and 38 percent were certificates. White students represented 49 percent of community college enrollments and achieved 58 percent of completions of associate degrees and certificates. Hispanic students, who are the fast-growing student population at community colleges, comprised 22 percent of total enrollments, and their credential attainment represented 16 percent of the total awards (17 percent of associate degrees and 15 percent of certificates). Blacks or African-Americans made up 14 percent of enrollments and were awarded 12 percent of the overall credentials. Asians or Pacific Islanders represented 6 percent of enrollments and accounted for 5 percent of completions. American Indians represented 1 percent of total enrollments and 1 percent of total awards. [Read more](#) about community college student demographics.

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