

AACT FAST FACTS 2020



TOTAL 1,050

NUMBER & TYPE OF COLLEGES (2020)¹

Public 942 Tribal 35 Independent 73

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES AWARDED (2017-2018)⁸

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

852,504

CERTIFICATES

579,822

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

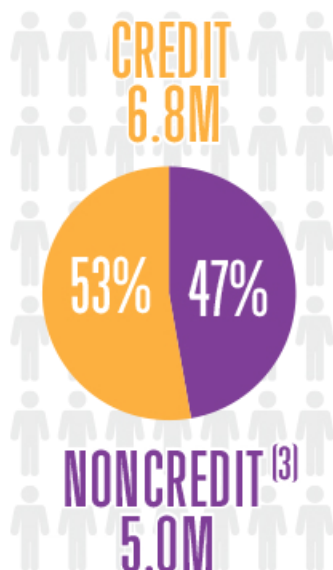
19,083

Bachelor's degrees awarded by 133 public and 53 independent colleges [*1, *8].



HEADCOUNT ENROLLMENT (FALL 2018)²

Estimated change
Fall 2018 - Fall 2019: -1.7% ⁽⁴⁾



TOTAL: 11.8M

CREDIT BY ATTENDANCE²



GENDER²



DEMOGRAPHICS OF STUDENTS ENROLLED FOR CREDIT²

HISPANIC.....26%
BLACK13%
WHITE.....45%
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER.....6%
NATIVE AMERICAN1%
2 OR MORE RACES....4%
OTHER/UNKNOWN....4%
NONRESIDENT ALIEN.....2%

AGE⁵

AVERAGE:28
MEDIAN:24

54%

<22

38%

22-39

9%

40+



A BETTER MEASURE OF SUCCESS

Fall 2010 Cohort

VFA metrics are a better measure of community college student success than traditional IPEDS metrics.

VFA
59%

VS.

IPEDS
25%

VFA measures:

- All entering students
- 6 years to complete
- 9 separate outcomes

Traditional IPEDS measures:

- First time, Full time
- 3 years to complete
- Only graduates

OTHER SIGNIFICANT DEMOGRAPHICS⁵

First generation to attend college29%
Single parents.....15%
Non-U.S. citizens9%
Veterans5%
Students with disabilities...20%
Students with prior bachelor's degree.....8%

AVERAGE ANNUAL TUITION AND FEES (2019-2020)⁷



\$3,730

Community Colleges
(public, in district)

\$10,440

4-Year Colleges
(public, in state)



**PUBLIC COMMUNITY
COLLEGES WITH ON-
CAMPUS HOUSING¹⁰**



**MEDIAN EARNING OF
FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES
BY EDUCATIONAL
ATTAINMENT¹¹**

Less than High
School Diploma

\$31,315

High School

\$40,510

Associate Degree

\$50,079

Bachelor's Degree

\$65,374

REPRESENTATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS AMONG UNDERGRADUATES (FALL 2018)²

41%

All U.S.
undergraduates

39%

First-time
freshmen

57%

Native
Americans

52%

Hispanics

42%

Blacks

39%

Asian/Pacific
Islanders

% OF FEDERAL AID RECEIVED BY COMMUNITY COLLEGES (2017-2018)⁶

33%

Pell Grants

17%

Federal
Work-Study

24%

Federal Supplemental
Educational Opportunity
Grants (FSEOG)

12%

Subsidized
Federal Loans

6%

Unsubsidized
Federal Loans



COMMUNITY COLLEGE REVENUES BY SOURCE (2017-18)⁹

Tuition **\$16,844,757,988** 27.1%

Federal **\$7,093,790,929** 11.4%

State **\$20,739,717,563** 33.3%

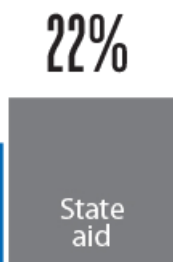
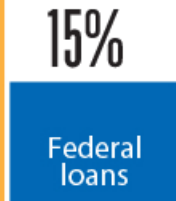
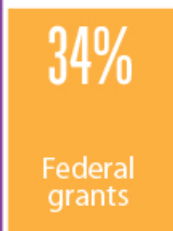
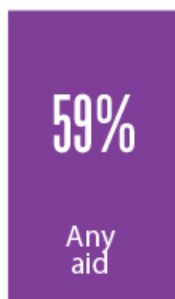
Local **\$12,650,010,927** 20.3%

Other **\$4,924,368,430** 7.9%

Total **\$62,252,645,837** 100%

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID (2015-2016)⁵

% OF STUDENTS RECEIVING:



EMPLOYMENT STATUS (2015-16)

62% OF ALL FULL-TIME STUDENTS AT
COMMUNITY COLLEGES WORK (21% full-time,
41% part-time)

72% OF ALL PART-TIME STUDENTS AT
COMMUNITY COLLEGES WORK (38% full-time,
34% part-time)



**% OF STUDENTS
APPLYING (2015-2016)⁵**

Any aid 73%

Federal aid 62%

SOURCE:

¹AACC membership database, January 2020.

²NCES (2020). IPEDS Fall 2018 Enrollment Survey [AACC analysis].

³AACC membership database, 2020 [AACC analysis].

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⁹NCES (2019). IPEDS 2017-18 Finance Survey Files [AACC analysis].

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