

AACT FAST FACTS 2021



TOTAL 1,044

NUMBER & TYPE OF COLLEGES (2021)¹

Public 936 Tribal 35 Independent 73

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES AWARDED (2018-2019)⁸

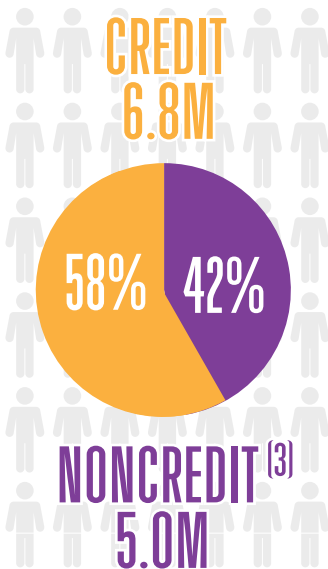
ASSOCIATE DEGREES 878,900
 CERTIFICATES 619,711
 BACCALAUREATE DEGREES 20,700

Bachelor's degrees awarded by 145 public and 46 independent colleges [*1, *8].



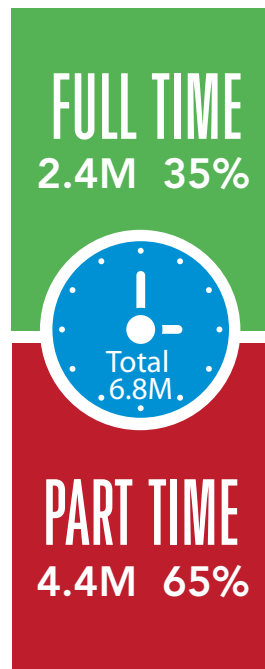
HEADCOUNT ENROLLMENT (FALL 2019)²

Estimated change
 Fall 2019 - Fall 2020: -10.1%⁽⁴⁾



TOTAL: 11.8M

CREDIT BY ATTENDANCE²



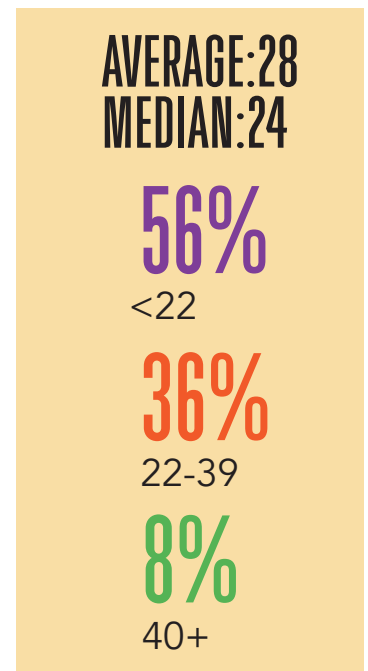
GENDER²



DEMOGRAPHICS OF STUDENTS ENROLLED FOR CREDIT²

HISPANIC.....27%
 BLACK13%
 WHITE.....44%
 ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER.....6%
 NATIVE AMERICAN1%
 2 OR MORE RACES.....4%
 OTHER/UNKNOWN....4%
 NONRESIDENT ALIEN.....2%

AGE⁵



A BETTER MEASURE OF SUCCESS

Fall 2010 Cohort

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



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 (2020-2021)⁷



\$3,770

Community Colleges
(public, in district)

\$10,560

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

\$30,784

High School

\$38,792

Associate Degree

\$46,124

Bachelor's Degree

\$64,896

REPRESENTATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS AMONG UNDERGRADUATES (FALL 2019)²

41%

All U.S. undergraduates

39%

First-time freshmen

56%

Native Americans

53%

Hispanics

43%

Blacks

38%

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 (2018-19)⁹

Tuition **\$16,863,533,084** 26.5%

Federal **\$6,987,675,779** 11.0%

State **\$21,494,782,787** 33.7%

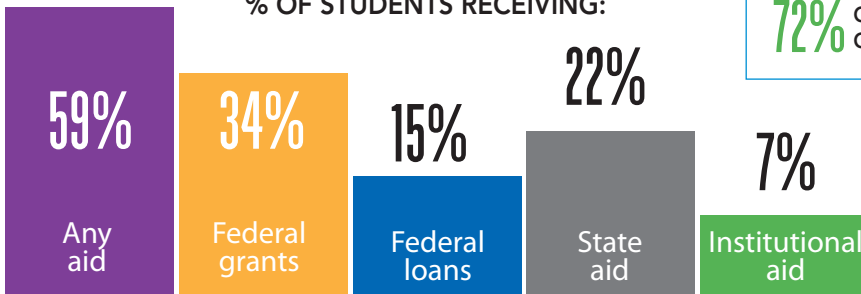
Local **\$13,197,586,266** 20.7%

Other **\$5,195,223,888** 8.2%

Total **\$63,738,801,805** 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:

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