

# AACT FAST FACTS 2022



**TOTAL 1,042**

## NUMBER & TYPE OF COLLEGES (2022)<sup>1</sup>

Public 935 Tribal 35 Independent 72

## DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES AWARDED (2019-2020)<sup>8</sup>

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

865,504

CERTIFICATES

599,397

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

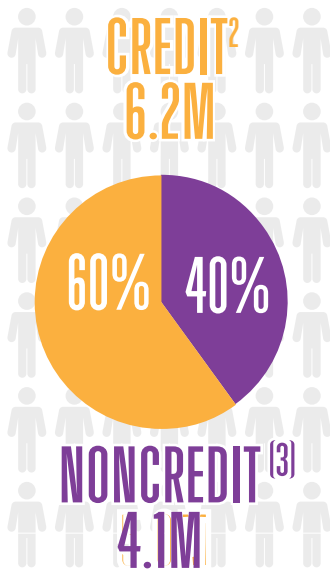
21,348

Bachelor's degrees awarded by 145 public and 46 independent colleges.<sup>1,8</sup>



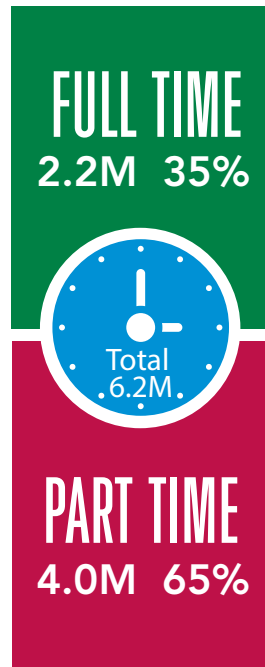
## HEADCOUNT ENROLLMENT (FALL 2019)

Estimated change  
Fall 2020- Fall 2021: -3.4% <sup>(4)</sup>



TOTAL: 10.3M

## CREDIT BY ATTENDANCE<sup>2</sup>



## GENDER<sup>2</sup>



## DEMOGRAPHICS OF STUDENTS ENROLLED FOR CREDIT<sup>2</sup>

HISPANIC.....27%  
BLACK .....12%  
WHITE.....44%  
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER.....7%  
NATIVE AMERICAN ....1%  
2 OR MORE RACES.....4%  
OTHER/UNKNOWN....4%  
NONRESIDENT ALIEN.....1%

## AGE<sup>12, 13</sup>

**AVERAGE: 27**  
**MEDIAN: 23**

**56%**

<22

**36%**

22-39

**8%**

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 DEMOGRAPHICS<sup>5, 13</sup>

First generation to attend college .....29%  
Single parents.....15%  
Non-U.S. citizens .....8%  
Veterans .....4%  
Students with disabilities...20%  
Students with prior bachelor's degree.....8%

## AVERAGE ANNUAL TUITION AND FEES (2019-2022)<sup>7</sup>



**\$3,800** **\$10,740**

Community Colleges  
(public, in district)

4-Year Colleges  
(public, in state)



**PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGES WITH ON-CAMPUS HOUSING<sup>10</sup>**



**MEDIAN EARNING OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT<sup>11</sup> (2020)**

Less than High School Diploma

**\$27,040**

High School

**\$40,612**

Associate Degree

**\$48,776**

Bachelor's Degree

**\$67,860**

## REPRESENTATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS AMONG UNDERGRADUATES (FALL 2020)<sup>2</sup>

**39%**

All U.S. undergraduate

**36%**

First-time freshmen

**53%**

Native American

**50%**

Hispanic

**40%**

Black

**36%**

Asian/Pacific Islander

## % OF FEDERAL AID RECEIVED BY COMMUNITY COLLEGES (2021-2022)<sup>6</sup>

**33%**

Pell Grants

**17%**

Federal Work-Study

**24%**

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG)

**11%**

Subsidized Federal Loans

**5%**

Unsubsidized Federal Loans



## COMMUNITY COLLEGE REVENUES BY SOURCE (2019-20)<sup>9</sup>

Tuition **\$16,632,273,397** 25.1%

Federal **\$8,622,549,014** 13.0%

State **\$22,355,501,919** 33.8%

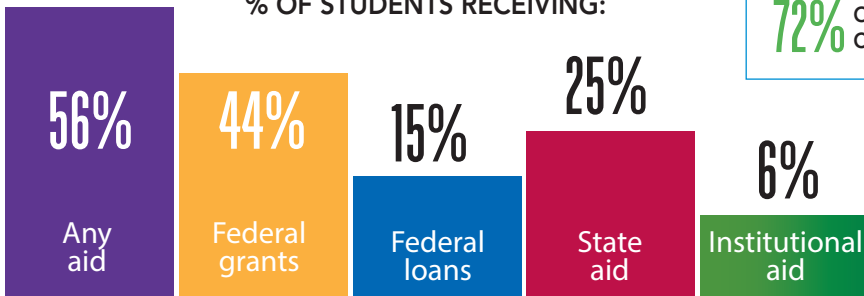
Local **\$13,924,330,204** 21.0%

Other **\$4,681,368,316** 7.1%

Total **\$66,216,022,850** 100%

## STUDENT FINANCIAL AID (2017-2018)<sup>5</sup>

% OF STUDENTS RECEIVING:



## EMPLOYMENT STATUS (2015-16)<sup>5</sup>

**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 (2017-2018)<sup>5</sup>**

Any aid 65%

Federal aid 60%

### SOURCE:

<sup>1</sup> AACC membership database, January 2022.

<sup>2</sup> NCES (2022). IPEDS Fall 2020 Enrollment Survey [AACC analysis].

<sup>3</sup> AACC membership database, 2022 [AACC analysis] & Jacoby, T.; The Indispensable Institution: Taking the Measure of Community College Workforce Education; 2021

<sup>4</sup> NSC (2022). Estimates provided on NSC (2021) Term Enrollment Estimates Fall 2021.

<sup>5</sup> NCES (2018). 2015-16 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:16) [AACC analysis].

<sup>6</sup> College Board (2021). Trends in Student Aid: 2021.

<sup>7</sup> College Board (2021). Trends in College Pricing: 2021.

<sup>8</sup> NCES (2022). IPEDS 2020 IPEDS Completions Survey [AACC analysis].

<sup>9</sup> NCES (2022). IPEDS 2019-20 Finance Survey Files [AACC analysis].

<sup>10</sup> NCES (2022). This should be IPEDS 2021 Institutional Characteristics Survey

<sup>11</sup> Bureau of Labor Statistics (2020). Median Weekly Earnings by Educational Attainment annualized.

<sup>12</sup> NCES (2021). IPEDS Fall 2019 Enrollment by age Survey [AACC analysis].

<sup>13</sup> NCES (2022). 2017-18 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study Administrative Collection (NPSAS:18 AC) [AACC analysis].



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