

2013 Community College Fast Facts

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Number and type of colleges¹

Public—986 Tribal—31
 Independent—115 Total—1,132

Headcount Enrollment (fall 2011)

Program type	#	%	Attendance	#	%
Credit ²	8 M	62%	Part-time* ²	4.76 M	59%
Noncredit ³	5 M	38%	Full-time* ²	3.27 M	41%
Total	13 M				

Estimated increase fall 2011–fall 2012: -3.1%*⁴

Student Demographics

Age ⁵		Gender ²		Ethnicity ²	
Average	28	Women	57%	White	52%
Median	23	Men	43%	Hispanic	18%
≤ 21	39%			Black	15%
22–39	45%			Asian/Pacific Islander	6%
40+	15%			Native American	1%
				Other/unknown	9%

Other significant demographics:⁵

First generation to attend college—40%
 Single parents—16%
 Non-U.S. citizens—7%
 Veterans—3%
 Students with disabilities—12%

Representation of Community College Students Among Undergraduates (fall 2012)²

% who are CC students	Undergraduate segment
45%	All U.S. undergraduates
45%	First-time freshmen
56%	Hispanic
49%	Black
44%	Asian/Pacific Islander
42%	Native American

Employment status (2007–2008)⁵

Full-time students employed full time—21%
 Full-time students employed part time—59%
 Part-time students employed full time—40%
 Part-time students employed part time—47%

Student financial aid (2007–2008)⁵

% of students applying:	% of students receiving:
Any aid—59%	Any aid—46%
Federal aid—42%	Federal grants—21%
	Federal loans—10%
	State aid—13%
	Institutional aid—11%

% of federal aid received by community colleges (2011–2012)⁶

Pell Grants—34%
 Federal Work Study—16%
 Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants—20%

Average Annual Tuition and Fees (2012–2013)⁷

Community colleges (public, in district)—\$3,130
 4-year colleges (public, in state)—\$8,660

Degrees and Certificates Awarded (2010–2011)⁸

Associate degrees—734,154
 Certificates—429,676
 Bachelor's degrees—awarded by 48 public and 82 Independent colleges^{1,8}

Public Community College Revenue by Source: FY 2011

Source ⁹	Revenue	%
Tuition and fees	\$16,577,852,062	27.7%
Federal	\$9,933,201,827	16.6%
State	\$17,467,744,070	29.2%
Local	\$9,760,973,280	16.3%
Other	\$6,078,602,892	10.2%
Total	\$59,818,374,130	100.0%

Note. Tuition and fees revenue estimate is for federal, state, and local grant aid applied to tuition and fees. Federal, state, and local revenue includes estimated grant aid provided to cover students' living expenses outside the college as well as appropriations, grants, and contracts. Data pertain only to public colleges using GASB accounting standards.

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