



FOOTHILL COLLEGE
Institutional Research and Planning

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 RE: Adult Learners Fall 2012

Overview

Students enrolled in Fall 2012 who were age 25 or older were identified to determine the characteristics of this “adult learner” group. Table 1 shows a comparison between the adult learners and all students enrolled. Adult learners composed 44.3% of the overall student population in Fall 2012. When compared to all students, a higher percentage among adult learners are female, White, part-timers, and have earned a bachelor’s degree or higher.

Table 1. Students Age 25 or Older Compared to Overall Student Population, Fall 2012.

Fall 2012 Students	Age 25 or older	All Ages*
Headcount	6,308	14,228
Female	59.2%	54.5%
Part-Time	80.3%	63.8%
New (first-time or transfer) Student	16.8%	24.8%
BA/BS or higher	43.9%	22.1%
Undecided/Unrecorded Educational Goal	19.7%	21.5%
Transfer with or without earning a degree/certificate	27.3%	46.2%
Earn an AA/AS or certificate	15.9%	10.3%
Average Age	39.8	29.0
Modal Age	25.0	19.0
Average units earned	5.33	6.97
White	44.9%	36.1%
Asian	20.7%	26.0%
Latino	16.1%	20.0%
African American	6.0%	5.3%
Filipino/Pacific Islander	4.7%	5.8%

*All students include those age 25 or older.

Methodology

Students age 25 or older who enrolled in Fall 2012 and received a final grade were included in this analysis.

Source

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