



2019-24 REPORT

Career Development and College Preparation

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Secretary of the Senate
Erika Contreras
State Capitol, Room 305
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: 2019-2024 Report on Noncredit Career Development and College Preparation

Dear Secretary Contreras,

Pursuant to California Education Code section 84760.5, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and the Board of Governors for California Community Colleges (Board of Governors) are pleased to release the 2019-2024 Career Development and College Preparation (CDCP) Report on noncredit enhanced funding.

This report provides an overview of noncredit CDCP course offerings and funding trends across the state's community college districts. The report analyzes enrollment data, funding adjustments, and legislative impacts on noncredit programs, with a particular focus on the fluctuations caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Findings indicate a significant decline in noncredit full-time equivalent students (FTES) in 2020-21, followed by strong recovery and sustained growth through 2023-24. Projections suggest continued enrollment increases, reinforcing the vital role of noncredit CDCP courses in workforce development and higher education pathways.

For any questions regarding this report, please contact Raul Arambula, dean, at rarambula@cccco.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sonya Christian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sonya" and last name "Christian" clearly legible.

Sonya Christian, Chancellor

Enclosure: Report

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BACKGROUND

Senate Bill (SB) 361 (Scott/chapter 631, statutes of 2006) provided the community college funding for credit and noncredit full-time equivalent students (FTES), as well as the noncredit Career Development and College Preparation (CDCP) courses. The legislation was signed into law by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and filed with the secretary of state on September 29, 2006. The statewide minimum requirements that community colleges must meet to qualify for enhanced funding for Career Development and College Preparation courses are set forth in Education Code section 84760.5. The statute provides the fundamental framework for defining Career Development and College Preparation noncredit courses and classes that are eligible for the higher (“enhanced”) rate of funding.

Education Code section 84760.5 defines Career Development and College Preparation courses eligible for enhanced funding as:

- Those for which no credit is given, and that are offered in a sequence of courses leading to a certificate of completion; and
- Those that lead to improved employability or job placement opportunities; or
- Those that lead to a certificate of competency in a recognized career field by articulating with college-level course work, completion of an associate degree or transfer to a four-year degree program.

In addition, only those courses subject to subdivision (a) of 84760.5 are eligible for enhanced funding, which limits eligibility to the following:

- Classes and courses in elementary and secondary basic skills;
- Classes and courses for students eligible for educational services in workforce preparation classes in the basic skills of speaking, listening, reading, writing, mathematics, decision-making and problem-solving skills that are necessary to participate in job-specific technical training;
- Short-term vocational programs with high employment potential, as determined by the California Community Colleges Chancellor in consultation with the Employment Development Department utilizing job demand data provided by that department; and
- Classes and courses in English as a second language and vocational English as a second language.

Starting in fiscal year 2006-07, Education Code sections 84750.5(d)(3) and (d)(4), established a uniform rate for noncredit courses as well as an enhanced rate for noncredit courses in Career Development and College Preparation. Since 2006, the rates have been amended for cost-of-living adjustments as provided in the annual Budget Act. In 2014-15 the California State Legislature approved the enhanced noncredit rate to be equivalent to the credit rate beginning July 1, 2015. The approved 2015-16 California State Budget included \$49 million to fund the rate increase. The enhanced noncredit rate per FTES is \$6,788.00 for 2022-23 and \$7,346.00 for 2023-24.

METHODOLOGY

This report contains a frequency count of the Career Development and College Preparation noncredit courses and certificates for fiscal years 2019-20 through 2023-24 as required by California Education Code Section 84760.5(e).

The Chancellor's Office resources used for information include:

- California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Management Information System, which collects data from all the colleges
- Fiscal Affairs Division apportionment data

The Educational Services and Support staff analyzes and calculates data regarding the number and types of certificates, related courses, and FTES. These results are presented in tables by community college district.

NONCREDIT CDCP FTES

The table below provides a five-year comparison of noncredit CDCP FTES by community college district. The analysis is prepared in accordance with the requirement of subsection (e) (1) of Education Code statute 84760.5.

Table 1: Five-Year Comparison of Noncredit CDCP Full-Time Equivalent Students (FTES)¹

District	2019-20 FTES	2020-21 FTES	2021-22 FTES	2022-23 FTES	2023-24 FTES
Allan Hancock	159.04	101.34	305.94	336.64	391.80
Antelope Valley	72.16	40.31	40.03	54.10	50.06
Barstow	0.00	0.00	7.21	8.16	34.06
Butte	21.32	10.74	19.58	26.30	25.48
Cabrillo	58.07	58.54	107.71	120.38	190.57
Cerritos	315.10	284.66	277.00	281.88	349.77
Chabot-Las Positas	0.00	0.00	15.67	52.82	90.40
Chaffey	77.05	14.39	169.57	218.36	106.60
Citrus	83.36	68.43	59.92	91.89	110.60
Coast	478.56	267.67	276.78	353.32	505.98
Compton	0.00	0.00	0.00	33.23	40.33

1 Recalculation ("recal" or "revised annual report") is described in CCR title 5 § 58003.4 as follows: "If a district determines, after filing its annual report, that the actual full-time equivalent student in the colleges of the district for the period of time between July 1st and June 30th is greater or less than the full-time equivalent student in the colleges reported in its annual report, the district shall report the appropriate increases and decreases in attendance for that fiscal year and the appropriate increases and decreases in apportionment shall be added or withheld in the next succeeding fiscal year pursuant to section 58134. This report shall be known as the "revised annual report."

District	2019-20 FTES	2020-21 FTES	2021-22 FTES	2022-23 FTES	2023-24 FTES
Contra Costa	14.00	40.53	90.27	127.61	215.04
Copper Mountain	3.92	0.00	0.00	2.61	38.03
Desert	1,771.10	773.20	609.60	1,058.00	781.94
El Camino	6.08	7.30	2.25	3.85	13.51
Feather River	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Foothill-De Anza	125.07	90.27	142.31	310.09	386.20
Gavilan	153.84	95.41	112.65	257.11	273.08
Glendale	1,967.79	1,425.04	1,834.84	2,022.02	2,991.68
Grossmont-Cuyamaca	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.86	20.51
Hartnell	23.87	32.49	40.43	46.87	44.76
Imperial	38.98	31.05	87.61	132.18	91.40
Kern	38.61	69.94	72.22	159.48	199.41
Lake Tahoe	7.36	6.26	8.21	11.27	31.23
Lassen	3.80	22.41	11.73	14.13	7.59
Long Beach	393.94	154.23	212.48	337.77	442.51
Los Angeles	4,806.42	4,971.36	3,984.17	5,054.82	5,791.44
Los Rios	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Marin	0.00	0.00	110.80	244.64	330.85
Mendocino	55.67	60.96	53.42	6.45	59.68
Merced	475.28	457.14	524.28	465.69	411.50
Mira Costa	0.00	0.00	501.07	552.61	575.75
Monterey	59.98	13.49	17.49	36.16	50.38
Mt. San Antonio	7,043.77	5,961.60	6,925.98	7,368.07	8,452.99
Mt. San Jacinto	259.60	241.43	233.82	300.33	303.13
Napa Valley	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.00	0.00
North Orange	2,292.71	1,920.48	1,042.55	1,876.44	2,569.88
Ohlone	17.65	72.40	64.62	94.04	152.06
Palo Verde	9.30	1.65	7.53	5.21	17.40
Palomar	360.00	294.78	341.30	348.22	335.50
Pasadena	665.88	340.25	479.83	766.55	917.64
Peralta	246.36	137.32	90.84	207.54	196.64

District	2019-20 FTES	2020-21 FTES	2021-22 FTES	2022-23 FTES	2023-24 FTES
Rancho Santiago	4,618.42	5,341.22	5,636.03	6,216.00	6,970.39
Redwoods	65.65	30.13	25.05	31.37	36.23
Rio Hondo	40.36	44.47	73.01	393.11	743.02
Riverside	8.60	27.39	37.91	84.48	96.82
San Bernardino	126.25	16.34	20.88	47.36	45.40
San Diego	5,026.90	6,788.89	6,828.89	7,890.96	7,834.28
San Francisco	3,611.87	1,045.15	2,570.50	2,650.76	2,491.98
San Joaquin Delta	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.92
San Jose-Evergreen	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
San Luis Obispo	221.43	167.46	230.37	273.70	203.68
San Mateo	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Santa Barbara	432.76	378.91	414.59	390.51	492.56
Santa Clarita	86.13	133.03	154.01	170.83	273.74
Santa Monica	121.43	136.68	134.14	226.55	246.22
Sequoias	160.87	127.36	169.73	148.16	139.08
Shasta-Tehama-Trinity	29.52	18.29	28.30	31.80	33.71
Sierra	8.06	62.94	84.32	106.00	162.52
Siskiyou	391.53	117.61	100.77	79.37	98.91
Solano	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sonoma	499.21	367.98	410.62	568.47	704.41
South Orange County	1,074.75	1,295.00	1,208.84	1,307.04	2,185.31
Southwestern	35.24	30.54	28.41	34.27	67.15
State Center	154.39	67.75	142.67	1384.62	157.38
Ventura	8.39	63.43	64.04	100.33	102.55
Victor Valley	0.00	0.00	26.19	84.13	293.54
West Hills	3.70	6.29	3.29	5.04	9.02
West Kern	0.00	0.00	0.00		
West Valley-Mission	48.06	140.66	208.81	261.93	421.85
Yosemite	218.96	151.93	167.06	290.49	275.29
Yuba	31.32	13.70	19.35	21.17	19.11
Total	39,129.44	34,640.22	37,669.69	44,950.15	51,702.45

CDCP PROGRAM ANALYSIS

The following is a brief analysis of the report on noncredit career development and college preparation enhanced funding for 2019-2024. The analysis hopes to capture the noncredit FTES data over the period tracked and provide references for data volatility. Management has requested further study to understand data implications.

2024-25 FIVE YEAR REPORT SUMMARY

The increase of FTES in 2021-2022 in Chart A below, from the previous academic year may relate specifically to the post pandemic effect. The transition from academic year 2020-21 to 2021-22 showed progress with a sharp increase in noncredit CDCP FTES of 8.75%. In comparison, academic year 2020-2021, at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in a massive drop of 11.47%.

The Legislative Analyst's Office highlighted in their February 11, 2022, report that California Community Colleges enrollment dipped significantly since the start of the pandemic by 10% or 115,000 Full-Time Equivalent Students from 2.1 million to 1.8 million. This information falls in line with the 11.47% drop in noncredit CDCP FTES during the same period, as shown in Table 2 below.

According to Table 2, recent academic year data illustrates an impressive, combined growth of 34% during 2022-2024, which echoes the increased student enrollment at 116 community colleges statewide of 2.1 million.

ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

The California Community Colleges' 2024-25 Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan projects an approximate 1.66% growth in enrollment and a 5.89% increase in weekly student enrollment contact hours (WSCH) over the Five-Year Plan period of 2024-2029. The enrollment projection model forecasts enrollment for each district based on student participation rates, current enrollment, weekly student contact hours to enrollment ratios, and adult population projections based on Geographic Information Systems zip code data. Future students will continue to seek knowledge and training vital to compete in today's economy through the utilization of noncredit courses and programs, and the California Community Colleges stands to deliver.

Chart A: Five Year Data on Noncredit Full-time Equivalent Students

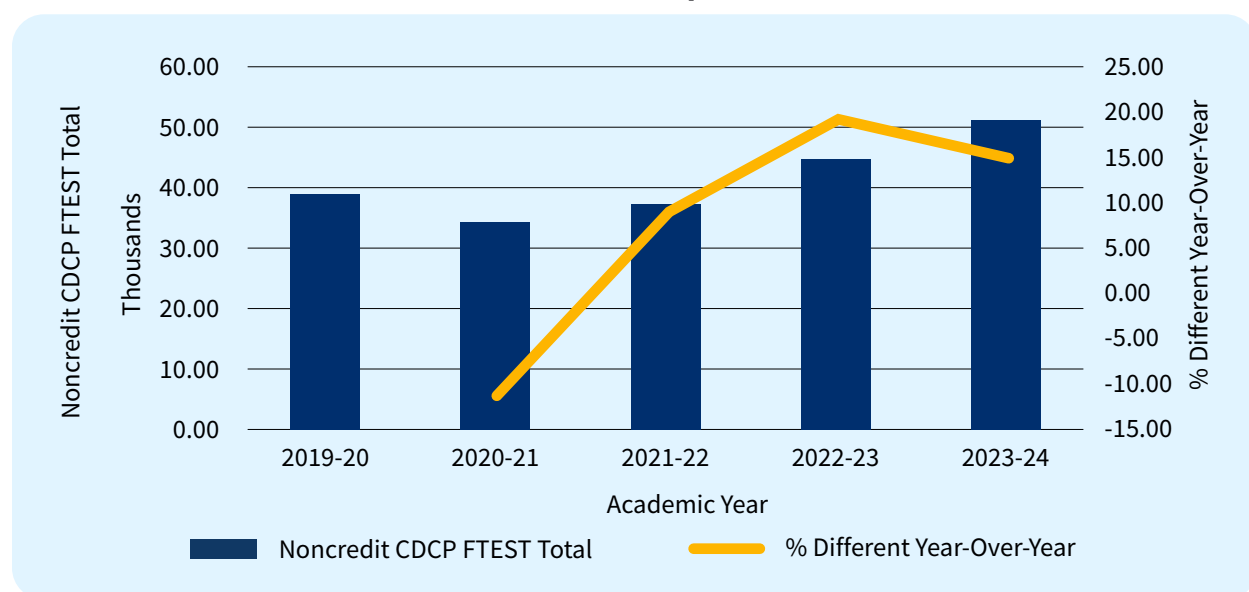


Table 2: Five Year Data on Noncredit Full-time Equivalent Students (Same information as in Chart A, but in a table format)

Academic Year	Noncredit CDCP FTES Totals	% Difference
2019-2020	39,129.44	
2020-2021	34,640.22	-11.47
2021-2022	37,669.69	8.75
2022-2023	44,950.15	19.33
2023-2024	51,702.45	15.02

RESOURCES

- California Education Code
 - [84750.5](#), Program-Based Funding (Article 2), Funding Provisions
 - [84760.5](#), Program-Based Funding (Article 2), Career Development and College Preparation
- California Code of Regulations title 5
 - [55002](#), Standards and Criteria of for Courses
 - [55150](#), Approval of Noncredit Courses and Programs
 - [55151](#), Career Development and College Preparation
 - [58160](#), Noncredit Funding
- California Community Colleges [Program and Course Approval Handbook](#) (PCH), 8th edition
 - Noncredit Curriculum, see Part III

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