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Via Email

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RE: Fall 2023 and Annual 2022-23 Enrollment Update (Updated May 2024)

This memo serves to provide a summary of the Fall 2023 (as well as an update of the annual 2022-23 headcount report provided last year) for the California Community Colleges system.¹ Building upon the improvements in headcount observed in Fall 2022, systemwide enrollment increased by over 8% from Fall 2022 to Fall 2023.

From Fall 2022 to Fall 2023, systemwide headcount increased from 1,293,025 to 1,401,851 (see Table 1). 113 colleges exhibited Fall over Fall headcount growth. Nearly all student populations exhibited increases in Fall 2023, including most notably students who identify as African American (+10%), Hispanic (+9%), and those of two or more races (+8%). Headcount also increased across age groups, particularly for students 65 years old and older (+16%). Enrollment increased by 10% among students 19 years or younger, likely driven by large increases in dual enrollment (+22%).

There were minor changes to the total 2022-2023 headcount as colleges updated submissions, but the overall picture remains the same. Systemwide headcount in 2022-23 was up by 5% compared to 2021-2022, increasing from 1,833,487 to 1,923,761 (see Table 2). Key historically marginalized student populations exhibiting meaningful increases included African Americans (+7%), Hispanics (+8%), and Native Americans (+9%). Enrollment increased for students 19 years old and younger (+11%) and for students older than 35 (between 7% and 12%). While headcount stabilized or increased for most groups, annual headcount did continue to decline for Filipino students (-5%) and Pacific Islanders (-1%).

Notably, systemwide headcount has been increasing each term consistently since Fall 2022. Fall and annual enrollments do, nonetheless, both remain below the headcount prior to the pandemic (-11% from Fall 2019 and -13% from 2018-19). However, based on the growth observed in the current Fall 2023 data, annual headcount this year (2023-2024) is projected to exceed 2 million for the first time since prior to the pandemic, setting the stage for the potential for the system to fully recover our 2018-19 headcount by the end of 2024-2025 and to exceed it by 2025-2026.²

¹ This memo was updated May 2024 to include final Fall 2023 college MIS data submissions.

² Projected values for 2023-2024 are calculated based on the rate of change from Fall 2022 to Fall 2023, applied to the annual data from 2022-2023. Additional 2023-2024 projections are included in Table 2. Perkins Economically Disadvantaged, Pell, and Community College Promise Grant projections are based on the rate of annual change from 2021-2023 to 2022-2023, because term data is not available for these items.

Table 1: Fall Systemwide Headcount, Fall 2019 to Fall 2023

Systemwide	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	% Change F19 to F20	% Change F20 to F21	% Change F21 to F22	% Change F22 to F23	Cumulative % Change F19 to F23
Headcount	1,567,787	1,347,031	1,255,522	1,293,025	1,401,851	-14%	-7%	3%	8%	-11%

Gender	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	% Change F19 to F20	% Change F20 to F21	% Change F21 to F22	% Change F22 to F23	Cumulative % Change F19 to F23
Female	853,823	768,511	696,422	700,987	745,868	-9%	-9%	1%	6%	-13%
Male	690,928	559,734	537,575	564,360	610,991	-19%	-4%	5%	8%	-12%
Nonbinary	626	1,220	3,231	5,806	13,147	95%	165%	80%	126%	2,000%
Unknown	22,410	17,566	18,294	21,872	31,845	-22%	4%	20%	46%	42%

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Race/Ethnicity	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	% Change F19 to F20	% Change F20 to F21	% Change F21 to F22	% Change F22 to F23	Cumulative % Change F19 to F23
African American	84,446	70,676	66,022	69,779	76,438	-16%	-6%	6%	10%	-9%
Asian	164,718	141,118	128,877	131,012	142,022	-14%	-9%	2%	8%	-14%
Filipino	43,729	39,000	33,787	31,876	31,778	-11%	-13%	-6%	-0%	-27%
Hispanic	746,843	644,820	604,328	640,977	698,136	-14%	-6%	6%	9%	-7%
Native American	5,595	4,506	4,089	4,327	4,605	-19%	-9%	6%	6%	-18%
Pacific Islander	6,185	5,617	5,011	4,996	5,383	-9%	-11%	-0%	8%	-13%
White Non-Hispanic	365,231	325,637	300,873	296,209	321,248	-11%	-8%	-2%	8%	-12%
Two or more races	58,427	56,944	53,048	54,594	58,969	-3%	-7%	3%	8%	1%
Other/Unknown	92,613	58,713	59,306	59,255	63,272	-37%	1%	-0%	7%	-32%

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Age	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	% Change F19 to F20	% Change F20 to F21	% Change F21 to F22	% Change F22 to F23	Cumulative % Change F19 to F23
19 and younger	470,487	430,636	405,499	445,311	488,391	-8%	-6%	10%	10%	4%
20 to 24	447,721	385,656	342,472	333,245	351,786	-14%	-11%	-3%	6%	-21%
25 to 34	319,807	284,881	258,260	249,607	263,778	-11%	-9%	-3%	6%	-18%
35 to 44	140,100	117,880	119,394	124,319	139,187	-16%	1%	4%	12%	-1%
45-54	80,855	60,694	61,676	65,593	72,877	-25%	2%	6%	11%	-10%
55-64	47,347	31,305	31,990	34,852	39,499	-34%	2%	9%	13%	-17%
65 and older	61,470	35,979	36,231	40,098	46,333	-41%	1%	11%	16%	-25%

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Vision 2030 Target Populations	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	% Change F19 to F20	% Change F20 to F21	% Change F21 to F22	% Change F22 to F23	Cumulative % Change F19 to F23
DSPS	125,988	101,985	95,279	96,255	96,558	-19%	-7%	1%	0%	-23%
Special Admit	104,377	106,780	110,549	127,614	155,060	2%	4%	15%	22%	49%
Foster Youth	17,448	14,864	14,631	16,093	17,620	-15%	-2%	10%	9%	1
Incarcerated Students	11,165	12,142	10,383	12,444	11,996	9%	-14%	20%	-4%	7%
Formerly Incarcerated Students	3,540	2,930	3,150	3,738	5,159	-17%	8%	19%	38%	46%
Veterans	28,185	21,547	19,566	19,374	21,323	-24%	-9%	-1%	11%	-24%
Active Military	8,159	6,742	6,249	7,080	7,121	-17%	-7%	13%	1%	-13%

Table 2: Annual Systemwide Headcount, Academic Years 2018-2019 to 2022-2023

Systemwide	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024 Projected	% Change 2018-19 to 2019-20	% Change 2019-20 to 20-21	% Change 2020-21 to 21-22	% Change 2021-22 to 22-23	Cumulative % Change 2018-19 to 2022-23
Headcount	2,251,065	2,201,713	1,911,890	1,833,487	1,923,761	2,085,672	-2%	-13%	-4%	5%	-13%

Gender	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024 Projected	% Change 2018-19 to 19-20	% Change 2019-20 to 20-21	% Change 2020-21 to 21-22	% Change 2021-22 to 22-23	Cumulative % Change 2018-19 to 2022-23
Female	1,216,162	1,197,533	1,086,007	1,010,767	1,034,109	1,110,318	-2%	-9%	-7%	2%	-15%
Male	1,002,982	969,857	798,171	789,489	844,013	913,751	-3%	-18%	-1%	7%	-16%
Nonbinary	100	1,202	2,485	5,265	10,373	23,488	1102%	106%	112%	96%	10273%
Unknown	31,821	33,121	25,227	27,966	35,266	51,346	4%	-24%	11%	27%	11%

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African American	128,897	121,561	102,229	97,029	104,002	113,927	-6%	-16%	-5%	7%	-19%
Asian	247,366	240,603	209,602	200,257	206,897	224,284	-3%	-13%	-5%	4%	-16%
Filipino	62,171	59,371	52,818	47,075	44,522	44,385	-5%	-11%	-10%	-6%	-28%
Hispanic	1,031,459	1,024,902	889,468	859,967	925,569	1,008,106	-1%	-13%	-3%	8%	-10%
Native American	8,440	7,954	6,460	6,016	6,556	6,977	-6%	-19%	-7%	9%	-22%
Pacific Islander	8,685	8,826	7,778	7,292	7,217	7,776	2%	-12%	-6%	-1%	-17%
White Non-Hispanic	565,780	518,496	468,895	445,163	446,892	484,668	-8%	-10%	-5%	1%	-21%
Two or more races	84,966	81,659	80,306	76,390	79,109	85,449	-4%	-2%	-5%	3%	-7%
Other/Unknown	113,301	138,341	94,334	94,298	102,997	109,979	22%	-32%	0%	10%	-9%

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Age	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024 Projected	% Change 2018-19 to 19-20	% Change 2019-20 to 20-21	% Change 2020-21 to 21-22	% Change 2021-22 to 22-23	Cumulative % Change 2018-19 to 2022-23
19 and less	652,175	681,898	612,857	594,817	660,108	723,968	5%	-10%	-3%	11%	1%
20 to 24	619,122	589,693	515,190	465,479	459,275	484,828	-5%	-13%	-10%	-1%	-26%
25 to 34	478,501	455,969	415,982	386,053	383,035	404,781	-5%	-9%	-7%	-1%	-20%
35 to 44	213,777	204,697	180,338	186,273	199,215	223,040	-4%	-12%	3%	7%	-7%
45-54	129,171	119,820	94,482	97,778	107,776	119,744	-7%	-21%	4%	10%	-17%
55-64	73,606	68,697	46,455	50,045	56,037	63,509	-7%	-32%	8%	12%	-24%
65 and up	84,713	80,939	46,586	53,042	58,315	67,383	-4%	-42%	14%	10%	-31%

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DSPS	159,385	155,596	127,566	121,241	122,018	122,402	-3%	-21%	4%	10%	-23%
Special Admit	179,297	205,341	187,396	205,540	233,688	283,844	15%	-9%	10%	13%	30%
Foster Youth	28,602	24,626	21,234	20,650	23,605	25,568	-14%	-14%	-2%	13%	-18%
Incarcerated Students	18,833	20,756	18,072	18,303	21,006	20,250	10%	-13%	1%	15%	12%
Formerly Incarcerated Students	5,567	7,277	6,218	5,788	7,018	8,949	31%	-15%	-7%	21%	26%
Veterans	43,401	40,686	32,228	29,689	30,298	33,346	-6%	-21%	-8%	2%	-30%
Active Military	13,323	12,760	10,576	10,031	11,876	11,945	-4%	-17%	-5%	18%	-11%
Perkins Economically Disadvantaged*	1,329,348	1,292,167	1,157,783	1,070,530	1,072,103	1,073,678	-3%	-10%	-8%	0.1%	-19%
Pell Recipients*	422,521	444,144	361,838	350,126	372,438	396,172	5%	-19%	-3%	6%	-12%
CCPG Recipients*	945,191	920,441	800,125	726,571	734,423	742,360	-3%	-13%	-9%	1%	-22%

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