The Institutional Research Bulletin will provide brief research reports on a variety of topics to the Cypress College community. Your suggestions for topics and questions about reports are welcome.

Cypress College Students – Spring 2011

- More than 68% of Cypress College students are from traditionally under-represented ethnic groups, and the proportion of African Americans and Asian/Pacific Islander/Filipinos at Cypress College are much higher than the proportion in Orange County (2009 U.S. Census/American Community Survey). Our Hispanic student population continues to grow.

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<th>Ethnicity</th>
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<tr>
<td>Hispanic</td>
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<td>White</td>
<td>27%</td>
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<td>Asian/Pacific Islander</td>
<td>20%</td>
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<td>Filipino</td>
<td>7%</td>
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<td>African American</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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- Most students are U.S. citizens (87%) or permanent residents (8%).

- The majority of students enrolled at Cypress College are women (55%).

- Two-thirds of students enroll in less than 12 units at Cypress College, making them part-time students.

- The average Cypress student is 25 years old, yet more students are younger than 25 years. The median age is 22 years, representing the age at which half of the students are older and half are younger. Our youngest student was 14 years old and our oldest was 83!

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<td>19 &amp; younger</td>
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<td>20-24</td>
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<td>25-29</td>
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<td>30-39</td>
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<td>40-49</td>
<td>6%</td>
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<td>50 &amp; older</td>
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- Based on student responses indicating the highest level of education achieved by their parent(s), an increasing number of students (41%) are among the first generation of their family to attend college. Over a quarter of our students had a parent attend college but never receive a diploma, and a quarter came from a family in which one or both parents have at least a Bachelor’s degree.

Accreditation

Cypress College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community Colleges (ACCJC). As part of WASC (Western Association of Schools and College), ACCJC accredits associate degree granting institutions in the Western region of the U.S. The accreditation process involves preparing a self-evaluation of systems and processes at the college (Self-Study). Cypress College prepared its self-study over the past two years; the extensive process engaged over 80 faculty, staff, administrators, and students. The accreditation process culminates in a team of higher education professionals visiting the campus. The visit is scheduled for March 14th-17, 2011. Save the date! For more information and documents, see http://www.cypresscollege.edu/about/InstitutionalResearch or watch for the Q&A in @Cypress every week.
Most students come from cities within our service area, such as:
- Anaheim (2,985)
- Buena Park (1,676)
- Cypress (1,429)
- Garden Grove (956)
- Stanton (409)

Although many students also come from outside our service area, including:
- Long Beach (783)
- Fullerton (665)
- Cerritos (569)
- La Mirada (472)
- Lakewood (433)

Cypress College students hold a variety of goals, but the majority of our students (61%) want to transfer (with or without an associate degree).
- Transfer with degree: 44%
- Transfer without degree: 17%
- Degree without transfer: 11%
- Prepare for new career: 5%
- Vocational degree/certificate: 4%
- Other: 12%
- Undecided: 11%

Cypress College students are studying over 350 different majors; the top majors this spring are:
- General Studies (2,873)
- Registered Nursing (1,414)
- Liberal Arts/Studies (1,053)
- Business Administration (764)
- Radiological Technology (539)

Most students come to Cypress College from local public high schools. Our top feeder high schools include:
- Kennedy (786)
- Western (617)
- Los Alamitos (487)
- Cerritos (484)
- Cypress (460)

- Savanna (390)
- Loara (358)
- Buena Park (345)
- Pacifica (331)
- Magnolia (330)

Compared to Spring 2010, 300 fewer students attended from Cypress High this spring. Attendance from private high schools, such as St. Joseph (78) or St. John Bosco (63), also decreased this spring. Students at Cypress College matriculate from high schools in foreign countries, such as Vietnam (50) and South Korea (41), as well.

Our students have a wide range of educational backgrounds. Almost 250 colleges or universities were identified as the last college of attendance for our students. The colleges and universities include many California community colleges, with Fullerton, Cerritos, Long Beach, Golden West, and Orange Coast accounting for over 2,300 of our students. Almost 800 students previously attended a California State University, and almost 300 Cypress students have attended a UC. The growing international student program has over 300 with experience from 15 foreign countries.

Did you know?
The Cypress College Institutional Research and Planning Office’s website provides reports on student and staff demographics, planning, institutional effectiveness and program review, accreditation, and other helpful links. **This is great information for the accreditation site visit!**

[http://www.cypresscollege.edu/about/InstitutionalResearch](http://www.cypresscollege.edu/about/InstitutionalResearch)

About us…
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**Institutional Research and Planning serves Cypress College** by providing sound, action-oriented research in order to support institutional assessment, decision-making, and strategic planning. The research office strives to provide consistent and accurate information that will help decision-makers to act on behalf of students and the community to foster student success and institutional effectiveness.