

Top Associate Degree Producers for 2000 to 2001

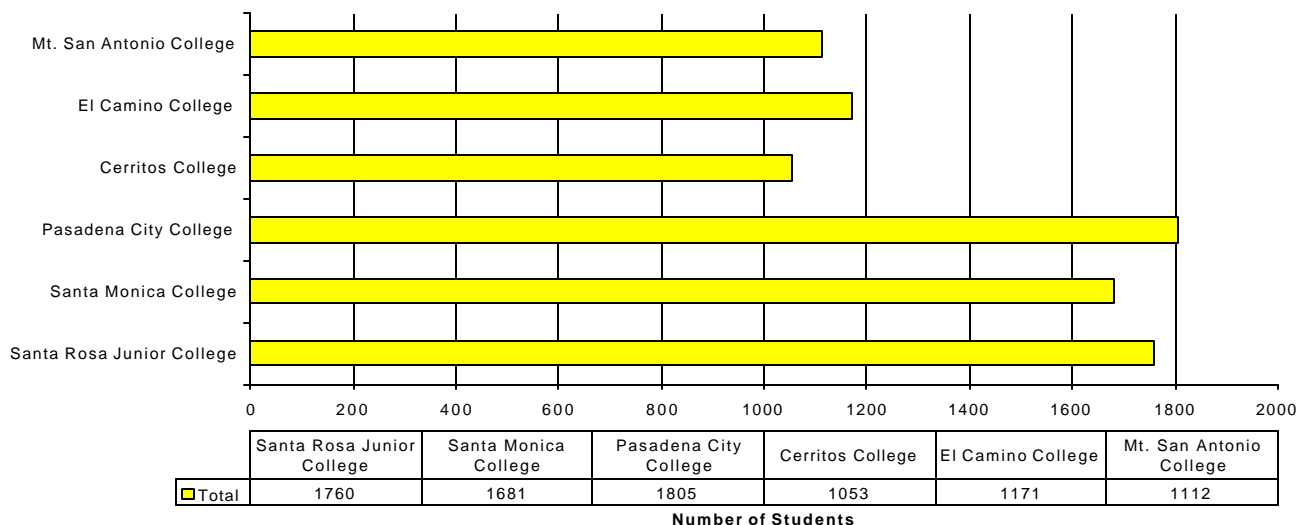
Across the Nation, Mt. San Antonio College (Mt. SAC) is one of the 100 top associate degree producers, as noted by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (Community College Weekly June 24, 2002). Institutions included in the study were Title IV eligible for financial aid.

“Mt. SAC ranks 14th among institutions awarding associate degrees to Asian American students, 15th among institutions awarding associate degrees to Hispanic students, 21st among colleges awarding associate degrees to minorities, and 59th in awarding associate degrees overall.” (Mt. SAC Board of Trustees Board Briefs, July 2002, p. 2)

The following figure compares Mt. SAC's associate degree numbers with five currently used benchmark colleges: El Camino, Cerritos, Pasadena, Santa Monica, and Santa Rosa Junior College. Data for Long Beach are not available.

Mt. SAC issued over 1,000 associate degrees in 2000-2001(see *Figure 1.*). Pasadena City College conferred the most degrees at over 1,800 for that year.

FIGURE 1. BENCHMARK COLLEGE COMPARISON OF 100 TOP ASSOCIATES DEGREE PRODUCERS ALL DISCIPLINES, BY ENROLLMENT, 2000-2001



NOTE: Long Beach City College data were not available.

Source: Border, V. M. H. (2002, June 24). 100 Top Associate's Degree Producers. *Community College Week*, p. 7. Figure by Alida McGee, Office of Research and Institutional Effectiveness. July 19, 2002

Table 1 compares the ethnicity and non-resident alien status of the benchmark colleges. For each category (column), the highest percentage is highlighted. Interestingly, each benchmarked school has one category that is in the majority: Santa Rosa 75.8% (White), Santa Monica 25.8% (Non-Resident Alien), Pasadena 35.7% (Asian American), Cerritos 41.0% (Hispanic), and El Camino 17.0% (African-American).

TABLE 1 BENCHMARK COLLEGE COMPARISON OF 100 TOP ASSOCIATES DEGREE PRODUCERS ALL DISCIPLINES, PERCENTAGE BY ETHNICITY (2000-2001)

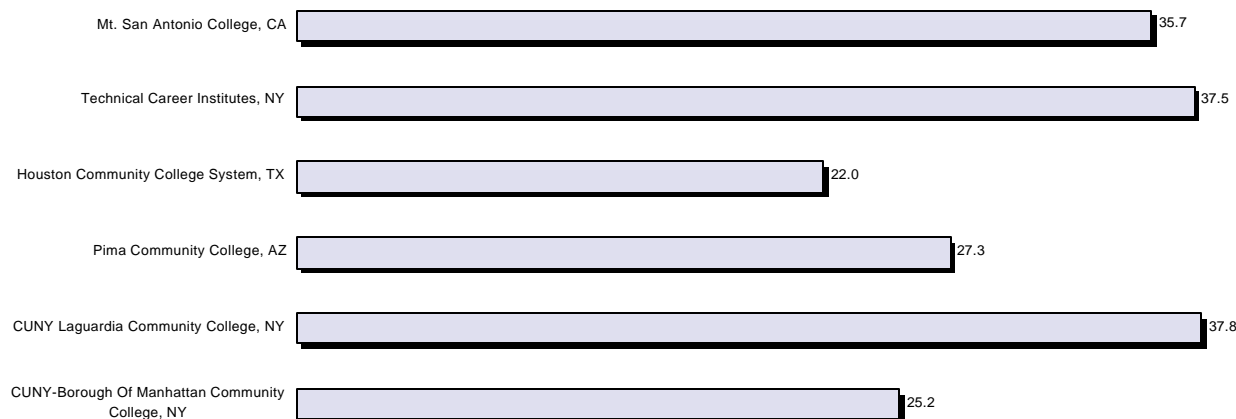
Institution	White	Non-R Alien	Unknown	African American	Asian	Native American	Hispanic
Santa Rosa	75.8	1.1	3.5	2.5	7.2	0.9	9.1
Santa Monica	28.9	25.8	6.2	7.4	12.8	0.5	18.5
Pasadena	18.3	0.0	14.9	4.9	35.7	0.9	25.3
Cerritos	16.0	1.8	17.1	9.5	13.7	0.9	41.0
El Camino	27.3	6.2	5.6	17.0	17.8	0.9	25.3
Mt. San Antonio	31.3	2.4	3.6	5.7	20.9	0.4	35.7

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Looking at data beyond Mt. SAC's benchmark colleges and beyond California, five other colleges had a similar percentage of Hispanic graduates as Mt. SAC (see *Figure 2*). Three of these five colleges are from the New York area. CUNY Laguardia Community College in New York had the highest percentage of Hispanics.

FIGURE 2. COLLEGE COMPARISON OF 100 TOP ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE PRODUCERS ALL DISCIPLINES, WITH SIMILAR PERCENTAGE HISPANIC (2000-2001)



Source: Border, V. M. H. (2002, June 24). 100 Top Associate's Degree Producers. *Community College Week*, p. 7.
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For the second year in a row, Mt. SAC is in the top 100 degree producers across the nation with 1,112 graduates. Mt. SAC will continue to strive to be one of the top 100 degree producers in the United States.

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