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# PROFILE OF THE COLLEGE'S COMMUNITIES AND STUDENTS OVERVIEW

This chapter provides a profile of the communities and students served by Mt. SAC. These data are the foundation for identifying implications for planning as well as forecasting the College's enrollment growth for the next decade. The four primary sections of this chapter are as follows.

- **External Environmental Scans:** An analysis of the population living in the vicinity of the College and includes the areas within Mt. SAC geographic boundaries as well as the immediately surrounding area outside of those boundaries
- **Internal Environmental Scans:** An analysis of the students enrolled at Mt. SAC, with two types of reference points where relevant and/or available: comparisons of fall 2012 with fall 2015, and comparisons of Mt. SAC students with all students attending California community colleges
- **Growth Forecast:** A projection of the College's growth in the coming decade
- **Implications for Planning:** A summary of data most relevant to long-term planning and four recommendations of issues to be considered in future planning

The data in this chapter were obtained from these resources: the Mt. SAC Office of Research and Institutional Effectiveness, the Mt. SAC Center of Excellence, the California Community College Chancellor's Office Data Mart, the California Community College Scorecard, and various State and federal agencies. Data from various sources

may differ slightly due to differences in definitions of the data elements and the timing of when in a semester the data were reported. Each data set identifies the specific source for the information presented.

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# EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS

**MT. SAC BOUNDARIES AND SERVICE AREA**

Mt. SAC's geographic boundaries encompass 189 square miles in the southeastern portion of Los Angeles County. For the purpose of this External Environmental Scans, these boundaries are defined as the following 12 cities. Data for these cities collectively are labeled as "Mt. SAC" in the data sets in this section.

- o Baldwin Park
- o City of Industry
- o Covina
- o Diamond Bar
- o Glendora
- o Irwindale
- o La Puente
- o La Verne
- o Pomona
- o San Dimas
- o Walnut
- o West Covina

In addition to these cities, Mt. SAC's boundaries encompass a number of unincorporated communities, such as Bassett and Bonita. Data Set 1 presents the cities and the communities within Mt. SAC boundaries organized by the Board of Trustees area.

**LEGEND**

- MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE
- MT. SAC COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
- INTERSTATE
- STATE HIGHWAY
- COUNTY BOUNDARIES
- CITY BOUNDARIES
- RUNWAY
- AIRPORT AREA
- BODIES OF WATER
- FORESTS AND PARKLANDS

**DATA SET 1: CITIES AND COMMUNITIES BY TRUSTEE AREAS**

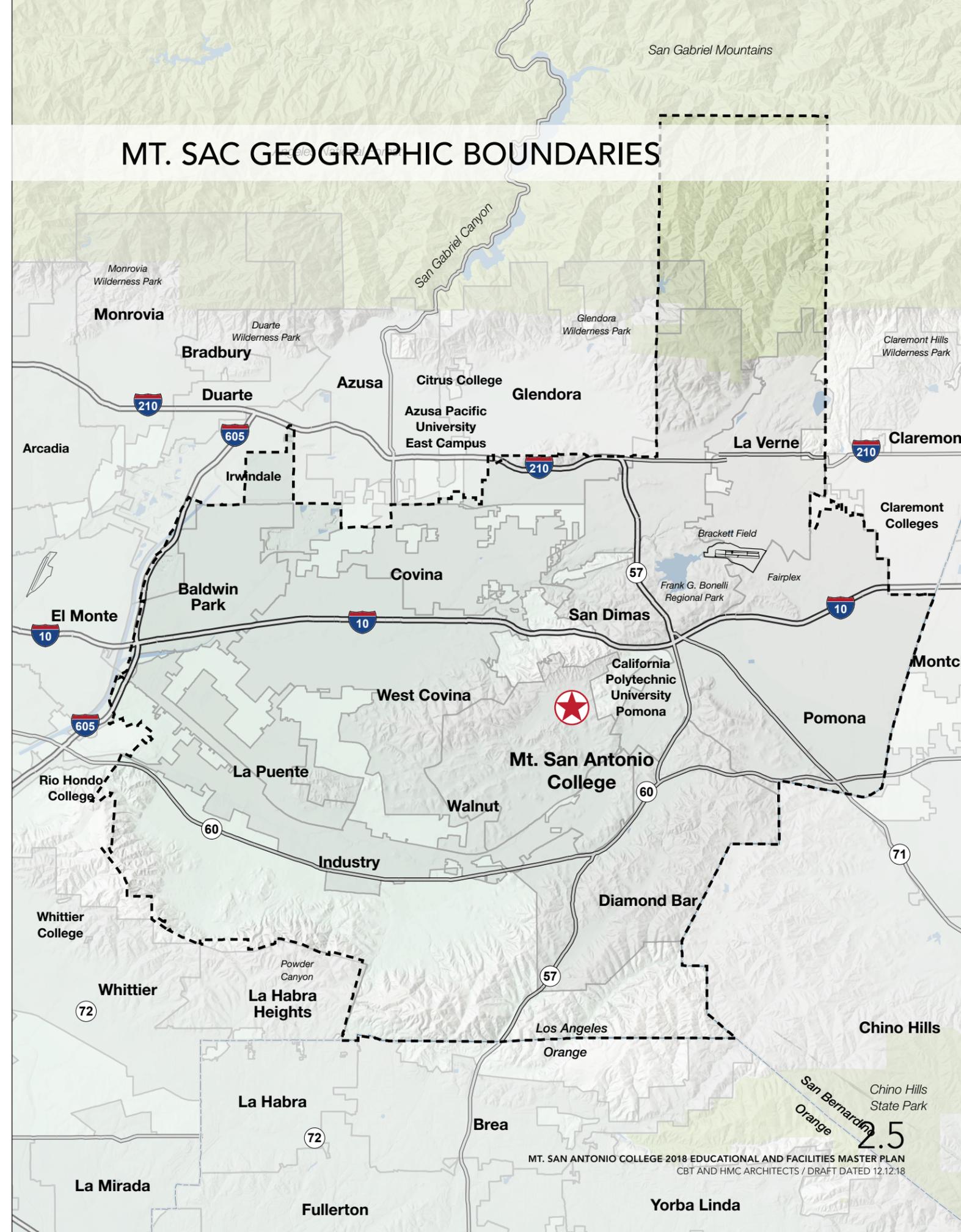
| Trustee Area | Cities                                       | Communities               |
|--------------|--|---------------------------|
| #1           | Glendora*, La Verne, Pomona*, and San Dimas* | Bonita                    |
| #2           | Covina, Walnut*, and West Covina*            | Charter Oak               |
| #3           | Baldwin Park, Irwindale, and La Puente       | Bassett*                  |
| #4           | West Covina*                                 | Valinda                   |
| #5           | City of Industry and La Puente               | Avocado Heights, Bassett* |
| #6           | Diamond Bar* and Walnut*                     | Rowland Heights           |
| #7           | Diamond Bar* and Pomona*                     |                           |

Source: Mt. SAC Website

**NOTE:**

\*Cities or communities noted with an asterisk are included in more than one Trustee Area

## MT. SAC GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES



## PROFILE OF THE COLLEGE'S COMMUNITIES AND STUDENTS EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS (cont.)

### MT. SAC BOUNDARIES AND SERVICE AREA (CONT.)

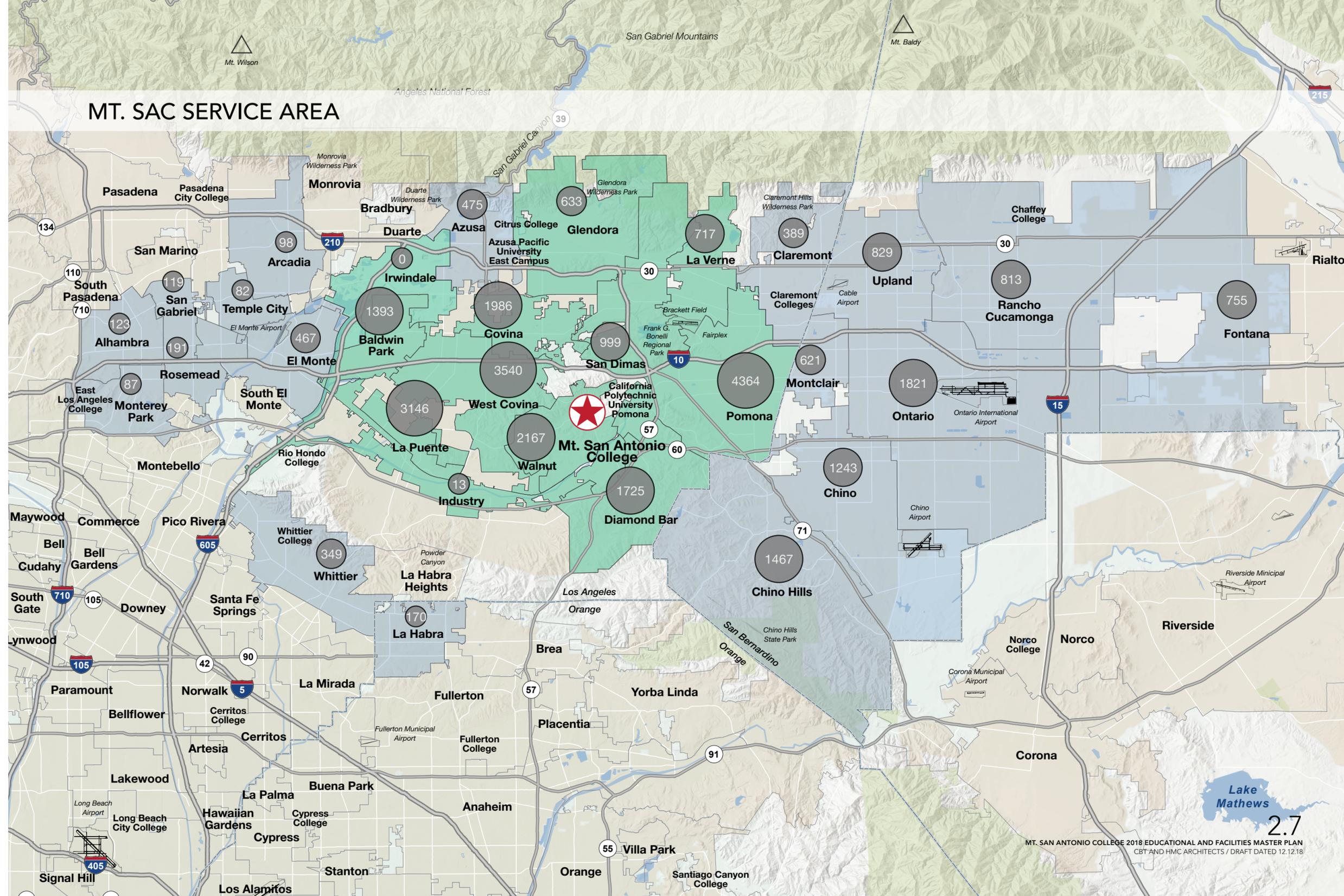
Because a little over 40 percent of Mt. SAC students reside outside of the College's geographic boundaries, data for the 18 cities that surround the College are included in this External Environment Scans. Data for these cities collectively are labeled as "Service Area."

- o Alhambra
- o Arcadia
- o Azusa
- o Chino
- o Chino Hills
- o Claremont
- o El Monte
- o Fontana
- o La Habra
- o Montclair
- o Monterey Park
- o Ontario
- o Rancho Cucamonga
- o Rosemead
- o San Gabriel
- o Temple City
- o Upland
- o Whittier

### LEGEND

- MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE
- INTERSTATE
- STATE HIGHWAY
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- CITY SERVICE AREAS
- CITY DISTRICTS
- AIRPORT RUNWAY
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- BODIES OF WATER
- FORESTS AND PARKLANDS

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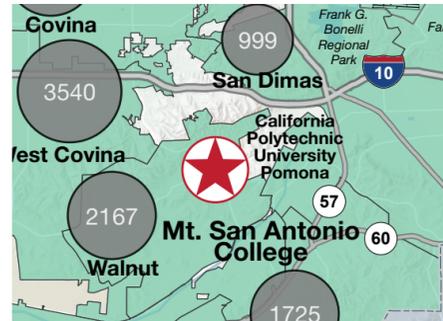
### DEMOGRAPHICS

#### Population Size

The population within Mt. SAC's geographic boundaries is projected to increase at a slow and steady rate of less than one percent per year over the next twenty years as shown in Data Sets 2 and 3.

Data 2 shows that all twelve cities within Mt. SAC's geographic boundaries are likely to grow at rates between 0.2 and 1.3 percent per year. Cities with populations over 10,000 residents within Mt. SAC's boundaries that are projected to experience the greatest annual population growth are La Puente (1.0 percent) and Pomona (1.0 percent).

Data Set 3 shows that the population in Mt. SAC's largest unincorporated communities has grown at a rate between 0.1 percent and 0.5 percent over the past decade. Based on the forecasts for the cities within Mt. SAC's boundaries, this trend is likely to continue.



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### DATA SET 2: POPULATION BY CITY IN MT. SAC BOUNDARIES

| City             | 2008           | 2016           | 2018           | 2020           | 2025           | 2030           | 2035           | Annual Growth Rate |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Baldwin Park     | 75,400         | 77,354         | 77,850         | 78,200         | 79,613         | 80,896         | 82,200         | 0.3%               |
| City of Industry | 200            | 200            | 200            | 200            | 200            | 200            | 200            | 0.0%               |
| Covina           | 47,800         | 48,499         | 48,675         | 48,700         | 49,297         | 49,747         | 50,200         | 0.2%               |
| Diamond Bar      | 55,300         | 57,559         | 58,138         | 58,700         | 60,210         | 61,736         | 63,300         | 0.5%               |
| Glendora         | 49,700         | 51,679         | 52,186         | 52,698         | 53,999         | 55,333         | 56,700         | 0.5%               |
| Irwindale        | 1,400          | 1,556          | 1,598          | 1,600          | 1,753          | 1,872          | 2,000          | 1.3%               |
| La Puente        | 39,800         | 43,204         | 44,099         | 45,000         | 47,382         | 49,875         | 52,500         | 1.0%               |
| La Verne         | 31,100         | 32,371         | 32,696         | 33,000         | 33,862         | 34,720         | 35,600         | 0.5%               |
| Pomona           | 149,100        | 162,027        | 165,430        | 168,500        | 177,914        | 187,404        | 197,400        | 1.0%               |
| San Dimas        | 33,400         | 34,037         | 34,198         | 35,000         | 34,769         | 35,182         | 35,600         | 0.2%               |
| Walnut           | 29,000         | 30,186         | 30,490         | 30,797         | 31,578         | 32,379         | 33,200         | 0.5%               |
| West Covina      | 106,100        | 110,096        | 111,118        | 112,200        | 114,772        | 117,454        | 120,200        | 0.5%               |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>618,300</b> | <b>648,767</b> | <b>656,679</b> | <b>664,594</b> | <b>685,348</b> | <b>706,798</b> | <b>729,100</b> | <b>0.6%</b>        |

Source: Southern California Association of Governments

### DATA SET 3: POPULATION BY CENSUS-DESIGNATED PLACES IN MT. SAC BOUNDARIES

| Census-Designated Places | 2000   | 2010   | Growth Rate 2000-2010 | Projected 2020 |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Avocado Heights          | 15,148 | 15,411 | 0.2%                  | 15,719         |
| Charter Oak              | 9,027  | 9,310  | 0.3%                  | 9,589          |
| Hacienda Heights         | 53,122 | 54,038 | 0.2%                  | 55,119         |
| Rowland Heights          | 48,553 | 48,993 | 0.1%                  | 49,483         |
| Valinda                  | 21,776 | 22,822 | 0.5%                  | 23,963         |

Source: Census.gov

## PROFILE OF THE COLLEGE'S COMMUNITIES AND STUDENTS EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS (cont.)

The population growth in Mt. SACT's service area is projected to slightly exceed the population growth within Mt. SAC's boundaries between 2016 and 2035. The population within Mt. SAC's geographic boundaries is projected to grow 0.6 percent annually (12.4 percent total growth over the next 20 years) compared to a 0.8 percent annual projected growth rate for the service area (17.3 percent total growth over the next 20 years). Cities with populations over 10,000 residents in the service area that are projected to experience the greatest annual growth between now and 2035 are: Ontario (2.4 percent), Chino (1.3 percent), Fontana (1.1 percent), and Monterey Park (1.0 percent).

Local patterns of slow population growth are mirrored in the actual and projected population for the State. California's annual population growth rate from 1900 to 2004 was about three percent, which was double the nationwide rate in the same period. Between 2004 and 2015, the State experienced 11 consecutive years of population growth below one percent per year. In 2015, California ranked 16th in growth rate by state.

Population forecasts are based on projected birth rate and net migration. California's birth rates and net migration are currently at historic lows. California's birth rate declined 35 percent between 1991 and 2015, bringing the State birth rate to the same level it was during the Great Depression. Net migration for this period was below 150,000 people, compared to the net migration of slightly above one million residents during the previous 11-year period. (Source: dof.ca.gov)

DATA SET 4: POPULATION BY CITY IN MT. SAC SERVICE AREA

| City             | 2008             | 2016             | 2018             | 2020             | 2025             | 2030             | 2035             | Annual Growth Rate |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Alhambra         | 83,000           | 85,681           | 86,364           | 87,000           | 88,800           | 90,582           | 92,400           | 0.4%               |
| Arcadia          | 56,200           | 58,487           | 59,074           | 59,666           | 61,172           | 62,717           | 64,300           | 0.5%               |
| Azusa            | 46,300           | 48,406           | 48,947           | 49,495           | 50,890           | 52,325           | 53,800           | 0.6%               |
| Chino            | 75,600           | 83,842           | 86,039           | 88,294           | 94,193           | 100,486          | 107,200          | 1.3%               |
| Chino Hills      | 74,600           | 75,706           | 75,985           | 76,266           | 76,971           | 77,682           | 78,400           | 0.2%               |
| Claremont        | 34,800           | 35,691           | 35,917           | 36,145           | 36,721           | 37,306           | 37,900           | 0.3%               |
| El Monte         | 113,400          | 120,731          | 122,637          | 124,573          | 129,547          | 134,720          | 140,100          | 0.8%               |
| Fontana          | 193,900          | 211,290          | 215,876          | 220,561          | 232,724          | 245,558          | 259,100          | 1.1%               |
| La Habra         | 60,100           | 60,744           | 60,906           | 61,068           | 61,476           | 61,887           | 62,300           | 0.1%               |
| Montclair        | 36,000           | 38,180           | 38,745           | 39,318           | 40,790           | 42,316           | 43,900           | 0.7%               |
| Monterey Park    | 60,100           | 64,852           | 66,098           | 67,368           | 70,649           | 74,091           | 77,700           | 1.0%               |
| Ontario          | 162,900          | 196,661          | 206,142          | 216,081          | 243,075          | 273,441          | 307,600          | 2.4%               |
| Rancho Cucamonga | 162,800          | 164,062          | 164,380          | 164,697          | 165,494          | 166,295          | 167,100          | 0.1%               |
| Rosemead         | 53,600           | 54,896           | 55,225           | 55,555           | 56,391           | 57,239           | 58,100           | 0.3%               |
| San Gabriel      | 39,700           | 41,498           | 41,960           | 42,427           | 43,617           | 44,842           | 46,100           | 0.6%               |
| Temple City      | 35,400           | 36,431           | 36,693           | 36,957           | 37,626           | 38,307           | 39,000           | 0.4%               |
| Upland           | 72,600           | 74,774           | 75,327           | 75,885           | 77,297           | 78,735           | 80,200           | 0.4%               |
| Whittier         | 85,300           | 86,809           | 87,190           | 87,573           | 88,538           | 89,514           | 90,500           | 0.2%               |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>1,446,300</b> | <b>1,538,740</b> | <b>1,563,505</b> | <b>1,588,929</b> | <b>1,655,972</b> | <b>1,728,042</b> | <b>1,805,700</b> | <b>0.8%</b>        |

Source: Southern California Association of Governments

## PROFILE OF THE COLLEGE'S COMMUNITIES AND STUDENTS EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS (cont.)

### DEMOGRAPHICS (CONT.)

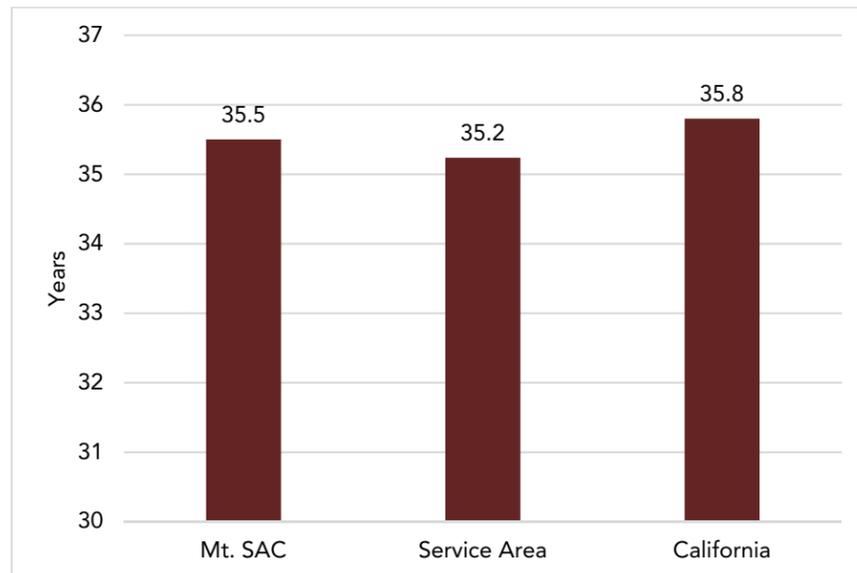
#### Population Age

As shown in Data Set 5, the median ages of the population within the Mt. SAC boundaries, service area, and the State were approximately the same in 2016, between 35–36 years old.

Data Set 6 shows the actual and projected ages of the population living within Mt. SAC's boundaries. The first bar in each pair of bars shows the percentage of the population in each of the age ranges for 2016 and the second bar in each pair shows the percentage of the population in each of the age ranges projected for 2021.

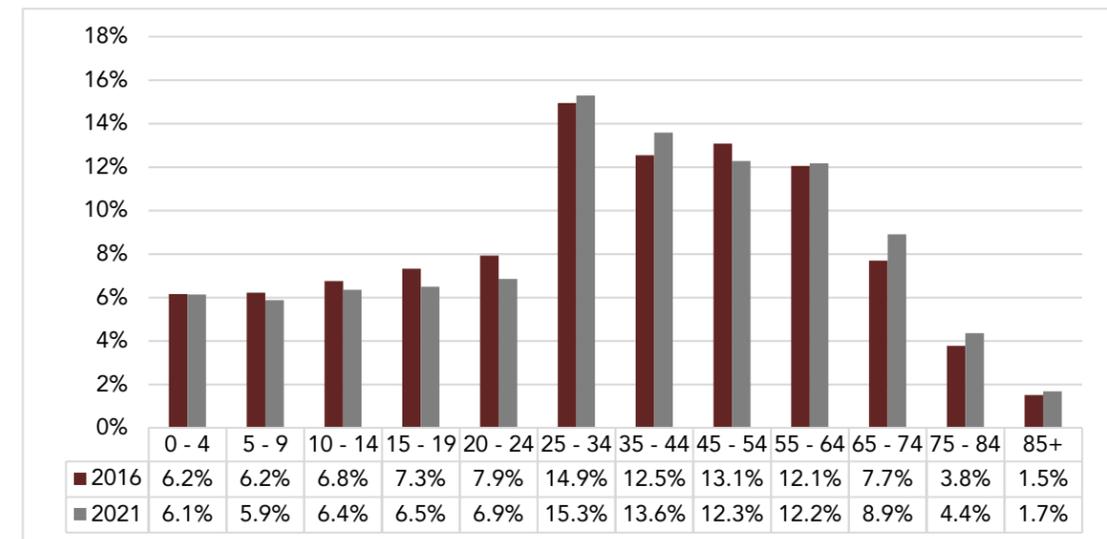
The population in the five youngest segments, ages 24 years old and under, is projected to decrease slightly between now and 2021. All age segments age 25 years and above are projected to increase over the next five years, except the 45–54 age segment.

#### DATA SET 5: POPULATION MEDIAN AGE 2016



Source: ESRI

#### DATA SET 6: ACTUAL AND PROJECTED POPULATION AGE WITHIN MT. SAC BOUNDARIES



Source: ESRI

## PROFILE OF THE COLLEGE'S COMMUNITIES AND STUDENTS EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS (cont.)

### DEMOGRAPHICS (CONT.)

#### Population Race and Ethnicity

The communities within Mt. SAC's boundaries as well as in the surrounding service area are diverse in terms of race/ethnicity. Asian and Hispanic population segments are projected to grow while the White Alone and Black Alone groups are projected to decrease slightly as a percentage of the population.

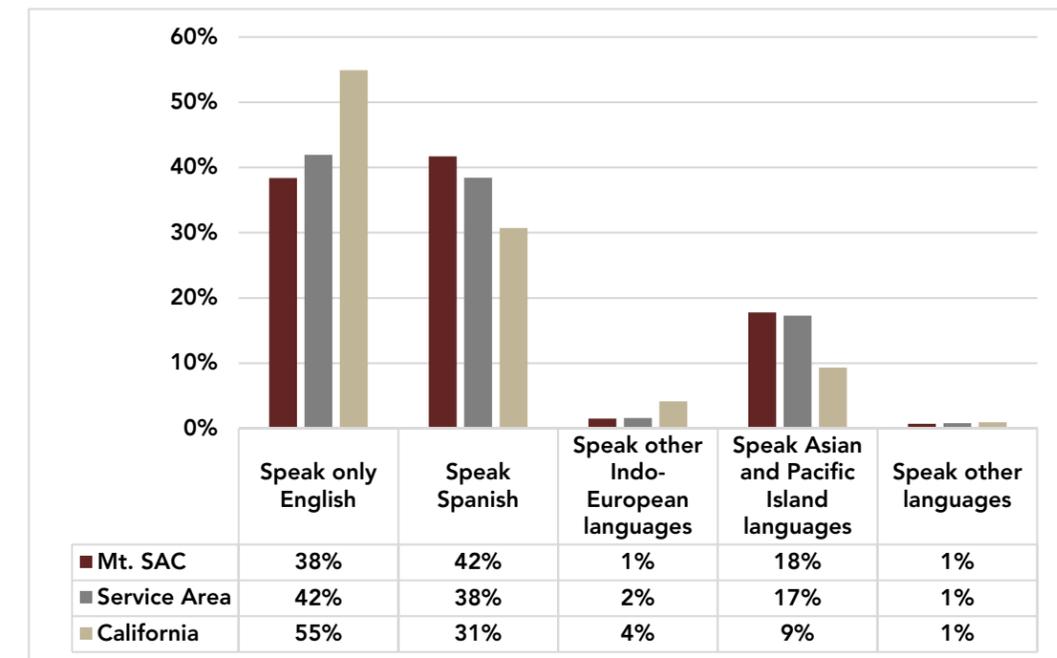
As shown in Data Set 8, compared to the State, Mt. SAC and its service area include a lower percentage of residents between the ages of 5–64 who speak only English at home and a higher percentage of people who speak Spanish or Asian and Pacific Island languages at home.

#### DATA SET 7: RACE AND ETHNICITY

| Race/Ethnicity             | Mt. SAC       |               |                            | Service Area  |               |                            |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|
|                            | 2016          | 2017          | Change (Percentage Points) | 2016          | 2021          | Change (Percentage Points) |
| White Alone                | 45.3%         | 44.9%         | -0.4%                      | 47.6%         | 46.8%         | -0.8%                      |
| Black Alone                | 3.4%          | 3.2%          | -0.2%                      | 4.1%          | 4.0%          | -0.2%                      |
| American Indian Alone      | 0.8%          | 0.8%          | 0.0%                       | 0.8%          | 0.8%          | -0.0%                      |
| Asian Alone                | 22.8%         | 23.4%         | 0.6%                       | 20.9%         | 21.6%         | 0.7%                       |
| Pacific Islander Alone     | 0.2%          | 0.2%          | 0.0%                       | 0.2%          | 0.2%          | 0.0%                       |
| Some Other Race Alone      | 23.3%         | 23.3%         | 0.0%                       | 21.9%         | 22.2%         | 0.2%                       |
| Two or More Races          | 4.2%          | 4.2%          | 0.0%                       | 4.4%          | 4.5%          | 0.1%                       |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |                            | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |                            |
| Hispanic Origin (Any Race) | 57.2%         | 58.1%         | 0.9%                       | 54.2%         | 55.8%         | 1.6%                       |

Source: ESRI

#### DATA SET 8: LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME FOR RESIDENTS AGES 5–64



Source: ESRI

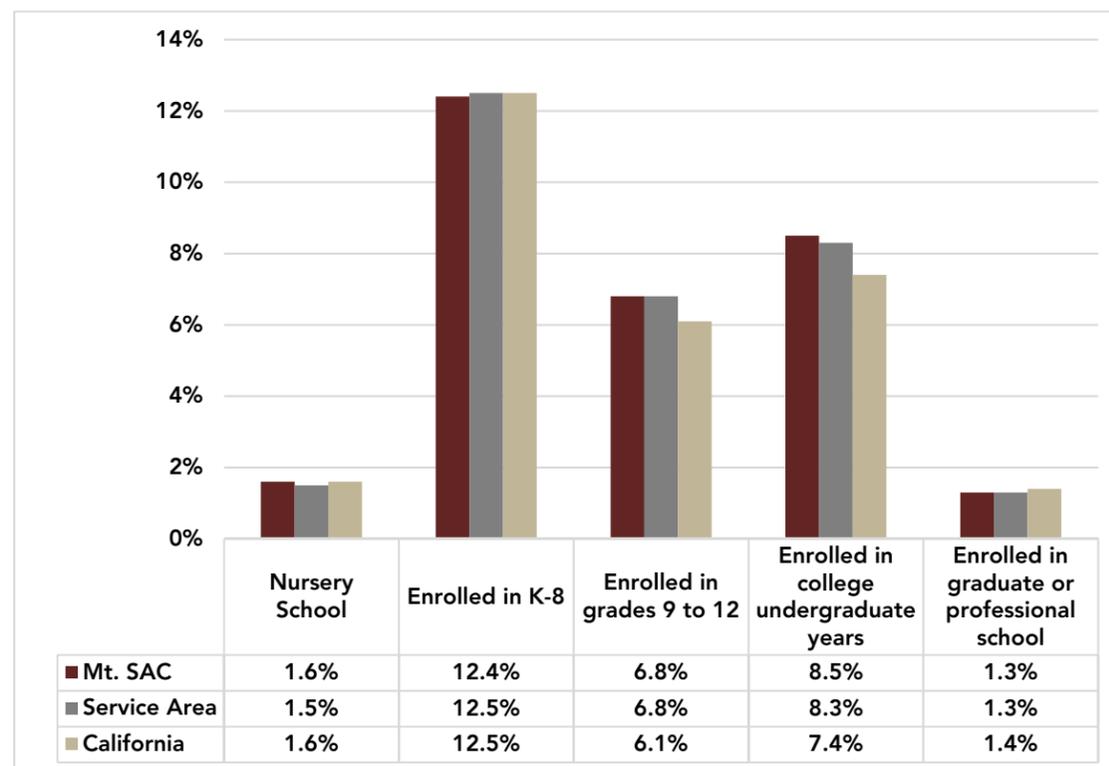
## PROFILE OF THE COLLEGE'S COMMUNITIES AND STUDENTS EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS (cont.)

### DEMOGRAPHICS (CONT.)

#### Population Education

Data Set 9 presents the current enrollment in school by all residents aged 3 years or older. Compared to the State, the percentages of residents living within Mt. SAC boundaries and the service area are higher for two school enrollment categories: the percentage of residents enrolled in 9th to 12th grades and the percentage of residents enrolled in undergraduate college.

DATA SET 9: POPULATION AGE 3+ YEARS BY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

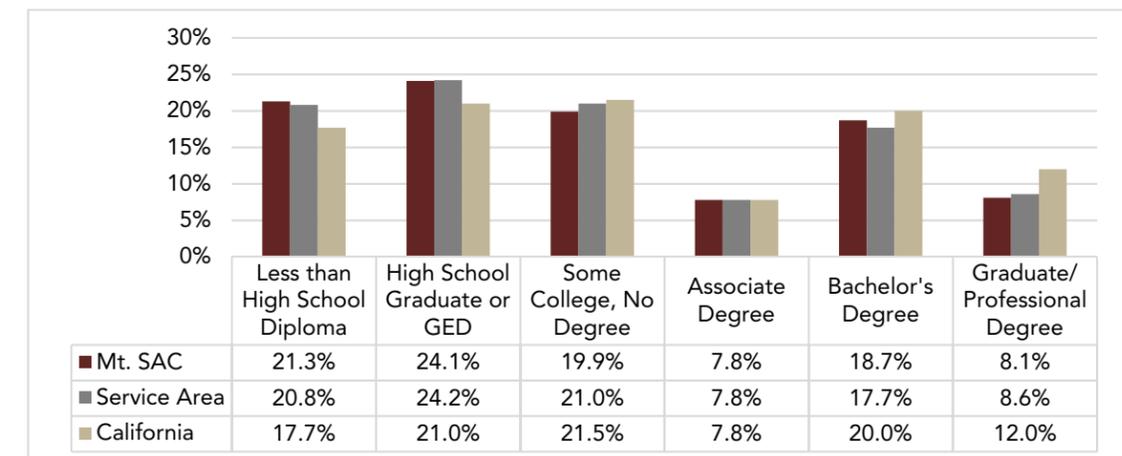


Source: ESRI

As shown in Data Set 10, a high school diploma or less is the highest educational attainment for a greater percentage of adults in the Mt. SAC and service area communities than for adults statewide. The totals are 45.4 percent for residents within Mt. SAC's geographic boundaries and 45.0 percent for residents in Mt. SAC's service area compared to 38.7 percent for all California residents.

At the other end of the educational attainment spectrum, the Mt. SAC and service area populations have a lower percentage of adults who have earned baccalaureate or graduate/professional degrees compared to the percentage of adults statewide. The totals are 26.8 percent for residents within Mt. SAC's geographic boundaries and 26.3 percent for residents in Mt. SAC's service area compared to 32.0 percent for residents statewide.

DATA SET 10: POPULATION AGE 25+ BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT



Source: ESRI

## PROFILE OF THE COLLEGE'S COMMUNITIES AND STUDENTS EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS (cont.)

### DEMOGRAPHICS (CONT.)

#### Population Income

The 2016 median household income in the Mt. SAC service area is \$66,492, which is 2.4 percent higher than the median household income within Mt. SAC's geographic boundaries and 6.3 percent higher than the median income for California.

However, both the average household income and the media per capita income are higher for the State than for residents in the Mt. SAC service area and within the Mt. SAC geographic boundaries.

The income forecast for residents living within Mt. SAC's boundaries is that between 2016 and 2021 there will be an increase in the percentage of households with incomes under \$15,000 and with incomes above \$75,000, with a proportional decrease in the percentage of households with incomes between \$15,000 and \$74,999.

### DATA SET 11: INCOME PROFILE

|                          | Mt. SAC  | Service Area | California |
|--------------------------|----------|--------------|------------|
| Median Household Income  | \$64,917 | \$66,492     | \$62,554   |
| Average Household Income | \$84,932 | \$86,193     | \$90,812   |
| Median Per Capita Income | \$24,001 | \$25,175     | \$30,905   |

Source: ESRI

### DATA SET 12: PROJECTED INCOME

| Household Income    | 2016          | 2021          | Change<br>(Percentage Points) |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| <\$15,000           | 8.0%          | 8.2%          | 0.2%                          |
| \$15,000–\$24,999   | 7.9%          | 7.4%          | -0.5%                         |
| \$25,000–\$34,999   | 8.4%          | 7.9%          | -0.6%                         |
| \$35,000–\$49,999   | 12.8%         | 10.9%         | -1.9%                         |
| \$50,000–\$74,999   | 18.8%         | 16.4%         | -2.4%                         |
| \$75,000–\$99,999   | 14.3%         | 14.8%         | 0.5%                          |
| \$100,000–\$149,999 | 16.9%         | 19.6%         | 2.7%                          |
| \$150,000–\$199,999 | 7.2%          | 8.6%          | 1.5%                          |
| \$200,000+          | 5.6%          | 6.2%          | .6%                           |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |                               |

Source: ESRI

## PROFILE OF THE COLLEGE'S COMMUNITIES AND STUDENTS EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS (cont.)

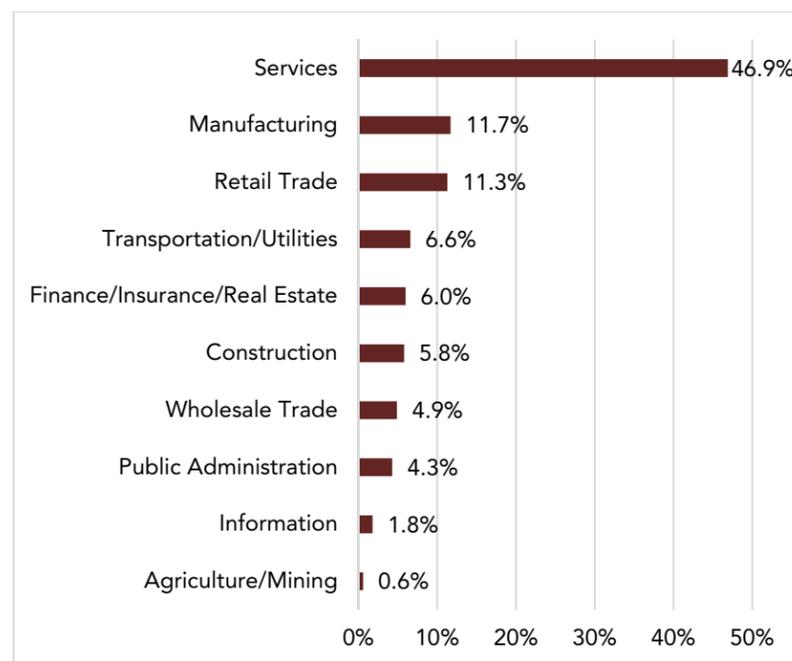
### LOCAL EMPLOYMENT

#### Employment Status

Nearly half of the employed population who are age 16 years and older and live in the Mt. SAC boundaries and the surrounding service area are employed in some type of service industry, which includes those employed by public and private educational institutions. The next largest portions of the population are employed in manufacturing (11.7 percent) and retail trade (11.3 percent).

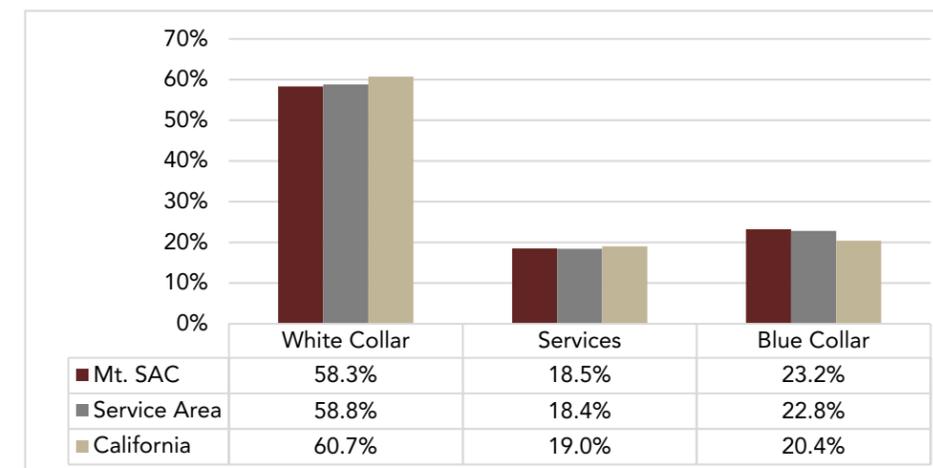
Compared to the State, residents in Mt. SAC and its service area have a slightly lower percentage of residents employed in white-collar jobs and a slightly higher percentage of residents working in blue-collar jobs in 2016.

DATA SET 13: EMPLOYED POPULATION AGE 16+ BY INDUSTRY



Source: ESRI

DATA SET 14: EMPLOYED POPULATION 16+ BY OCCUPATION TYPE



Source: ESRI

#### NOTE: AS DEFINED BY THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

- White-collar workers: office, clerical, administrative, sales, professional, and technical employees
- Service worker: worker in a protective service, food service, health service (health and dental aides), cleaning and building service, or personal service occupation
- Blue collar and service occupations: includes precision production, craft, and repair occupations; machine operators and inspectors; transportation and moving occupations; handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers; and service occupations

## PROFILE OF THE COLLEGE'S COMMUNITIES AND STUDENTS EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS (cont.)

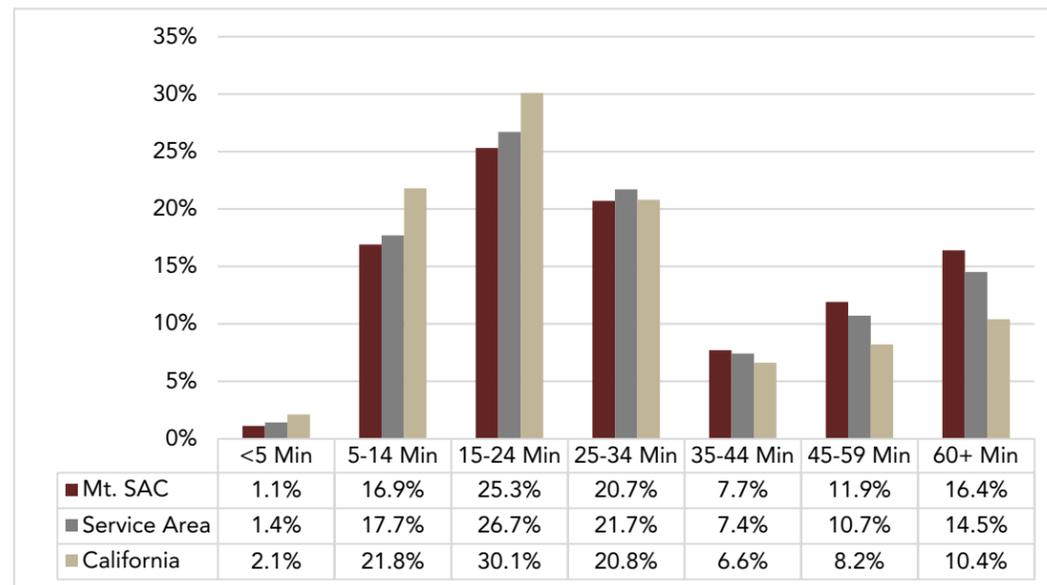
### LOCAL EMPLOYMENT (CONT.)

#### Employment Status (cont.)

Data Set 15 shows the amount of time that residents who live within the Mt. SAC boundaries and service area spend commuting to work. Compared to workers across the State, there is a higher proportion of residents in these communities who spend 35 minutes or longer commuting to work.

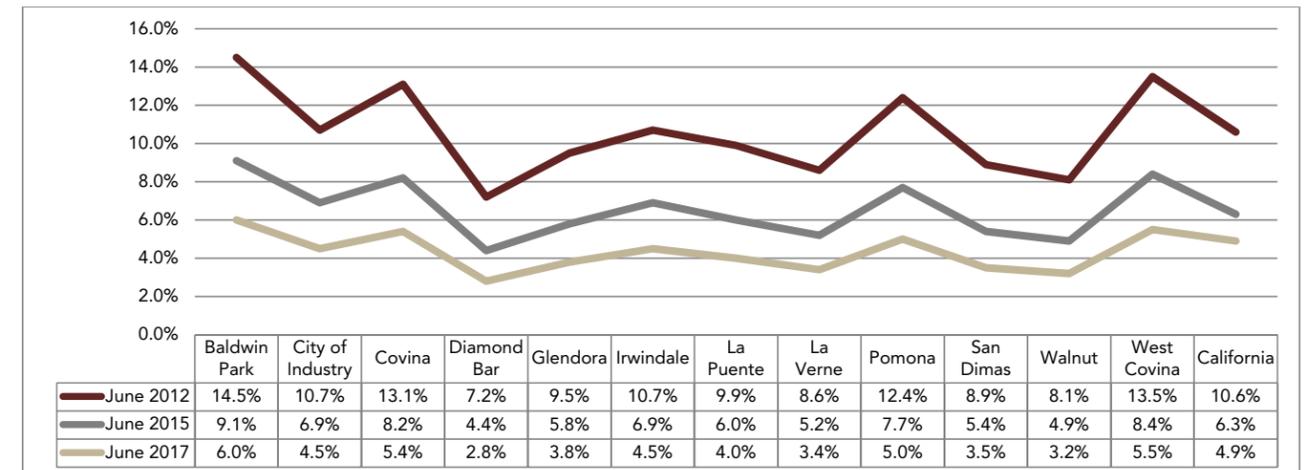
Unemployment rates across the nation and the state are slowly returning to pre-recession levels. The same pattern is true for cities surrounding Mt. SAC as shown in Data Set 16. In June 2017 unemployment rates in Mt. SAC cities were highest in Baldwin Park, Covina, Pomona, and West Covina.

DATA SET 15: EMPLOYED POPULATION AGE 16+ BY TRAVEL TIME TO WORK



Source: ESRI

DATA SET 16: UNEMPLOYMENT RATES FOR MT. SAC CITIES



Source: homefacts.com

## PROFILE OF THE COLLEGE'S COMMUNITIES AND STUDENTS

### EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS (cont.)

#### LOCAL EMPLOYMENT (CONT.)

##### Employment Opportunities

As shown in Data Set 17, the occupations projected to grow the fastest in Los Angeles County between now and 2024 are in health care (personal care aides, nurse practitioners, home health aides, and occupational therapy assistants), construction (ironworkers, brick masons and helpers, and floor layers), business (statisticians, web developers, and operations research analysts), and hospitality (restaurant cooks).

Many of the fastest growth occupations noted in Data Set 17 require postsecondary education. Refer to Chapter 3: *Instructional Programs* for descriptions of the Mt. SAC career technical education programs designed to prepare students for the occupations projected to grow fastest in the next decade, such as health care professions, Construction Technology, Business Management, and Hospitality and Restaurant Management. The benefits of postsecondary education include expanded job opportunities, lower likelihood of unemployment, and increased earnings. As shown in Data Set 18, higher levels of educational attainment are associated with higher median weekly earnings and lower unemployment rates. Refer to Data Sets 47 and 48 for data on the impact of community college education, and specifically education at Mt. SAC, on earnings. Whether students earn a number of units or complete a degree or certificate, students who attended Mt. SAC had a higher median change in earnings compared to the median change for students who attended community colleges in Los Angeles County or any California community college.

#### DATA SET 17: FASTEST GROWING OCCUPATIONS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY 2014–2024

| Occupational Title   | Estimated Employment 2014 | Projected Employment 2024 | Percent Change |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Personal Care Aides  | 186,830                   | 283,730                   | 51.90%         |
| Statisticians  | 700                       | 1,010                     | 44.30%         |
| Reinforcing Iron and Rebar Workers                                       | 610                       | 880                       | 44.30%         |
| Brick masons and Block masons  | 930                       | 1,310                     | 40.90%         |
| Helpers--Brick masons, Block masons, masons, and Tile and Marble Setters | 560                       | 780                       | 39.30%         |
| Cooks, Restaurant  | 31,770                    | 43,630                    | 37.30%         |
| Nurse Practitioners  | 2,390                     | 3,270                     | 36.80%         |
| Floor Layers, Except Carpet, Wood, and Hard Tiles                        | 490                       | 670                       | 36.70%         |
| Home Health Aides  | 7,750                     | 10,570                    | 36.40%         |
| Web Developers   | 6,020                     | 8,190                     | 36.00%         |
| Operations Research Analysts   | 2,180                     | 2,940                     | 34.90%         |
| Occupational Therapy Assistants  | 500                       | 670                       | 34.00%         |
| Law Teachers, Postsecondary  | 570                       | 760                       | 33.30%         |
| Massage Therapists   | 7,510                     | 9,880                     | 31.60%         |
| Roofers  | 2,350                     | 3,090                     | 31.50%         |
| Physical Therapist Aides   | 1,240                     | 1,630                     | 31.50%         |
| Biomedical Engineers   | 610                       | 800                       | 31.10%         |

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics March 2015 benchmark, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Industry Employment, and Occupational Employment Statistics

## PROFILE OF THE COLLEGE'S COMMUNITIES AND STUDENTS EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS (cont.)

DATA SET 17: FASTEST GROWING OCCUPATIONS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY 2014–2024 (CONT.)

| Occupational Title   | Estimated Employment 2014 | Projected Employment 2024 | Percent Change |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Helpers--Painters, Paperhangers, Plasterers, and Stucco Masons     | 580                       | 760                       | 31.00%         |
| Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food | 85,100                    | 111,150                   | 30.60%         |
| Marriage and Family Therapists                                     | 2,980                     | 3,890                     | 30.50%         |
| Commercial Pilots  | 760                       | 990                       | 30.30%         |
| Physician Assistants   | 2,610                     | 3,390                     | 29.90%         |
| Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary                         | 5,310                     | 6,890                     | 29.80%         |
| Social and Human Service Assistants                                | 14,390                    | 18,650                    | 29.60%         |
| Agents and Business Managers of Artists, Performers, and Athletes  | 6,850                     | 8,870                     | 29.50%         |
| Physical Therapist Assistants                                      | 1,290                     | 1,670                     | 29.50%         |
| Forensic Science Technicians                                       | 680                       | 880                       | 29.40%         |
| First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers     | 24,360                    | 31,500                    | 29.30%         |
| Tapers, plaster board, and drywall installers                      | 660                       | 850                       | 28.80%         |
| Self-Enrichment Education Teachers                                 | 9,380                     | 12,070                    | 28.70%         |
| Captains, Mates, and Pilots of Water Vessels                       | 650                       | 830                       | 27.70%         |
| Drywall and Ceiling Tile Installers                                | 3,540                     | 4,520                     | 27.70%         |
| Diagnostic Medical Sonographers                                    | 1,200                     | 1,530                     | 27.50%         |
| Chefs and Head Cooks   | 5,390                     | 6,870                     | 27.50%         |

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics March 2015 benchmark, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Industry Employment, and Occupational Employment Statistics

**NOTE**

- o Occupational employment projections include self-employed, private household workers, farm, and nonfarm employment.

DATA SET 18: NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATES AND EARNINGS BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

| Education attained              | Unemployment rate 2015 | Median weekly earnings 2015 |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Doctoral degree                 | 1.7%                   | \$1,623                     |
| Professional degree             | 1.5%                   | \$1,730                     |
| Master's degree                 | 2.4%                   | \$1,341                     |
| Bachelor's degree               | 2.8%                   | \$1,137                     |
| Associate's degree              | 3.8%                   | \$798                       |
| Some college, no degree         | 5.0%                   | \$738                       |
| High school diploma             | 5.4%                   | \$678                       |
| Less than a high school diploma | 8.0%                   | \$493                       |
| All workers                     | 4.3%                   | \$860                       |

Source: Current Population Survey, U.S. Department of Labor census.gov

**NOTE**

- o Data are for adults age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers

# INTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS

## ENROLLEMNT TRENDS

### Headcount and FTES

A college's enrollment is most often described with the following two types of data.

- o Unduplicated student headcount: The total of unique individuals who enrolled in the college in a given period. Each student is counted once; the number of units in which they are enrolled is not relevant to this count.
- o Full-Time Equivalent Student (FTES): The total hours attended by one or more students, divided by 525. One FTES is equal to one student taking a course load of 15 units for two semesters.

Both measures show growth at Mt. SAC between 2012–2013 and 2015–2016. Mt. SAC's unduplicated headcount grew 10.2 percent while its FTES grew 5.3 percent. The common wisdom is that when unemployment increases, as it did during the recession, community college enrollment increases because people seek degrees and certificates to qualify them for employment. As expected, Mt. SAC enrollment increased during the recession. Following the logic of this common wisdom, community college enrollment can be expected to decline as the economy recovers. However, during these years of recent economic recovery Mt. SAC enrollment continued to grow in both credit and noncredit enrollment, while enrollment at many other colleges remained stable or declined.

For planning purposes, note that the headcount data in Data Set 19 are for the entire year and should not be interpreted as the number of students on campus at any one time or day because the schedule of classes and extracurricular activities vary throughout an academic year.

Although both Mt. SAC's unduplicated student headcount and FTES increased, they did not increase proportionately. Between 2012–2013 and 2015–2016, student headcount increased twice as much as FTES. Unduplicated student headcount increased 10.2 percent compared to a 5.3 percent increase in FTES. As shown in Data Set 20, this disparity indicates a decline in the average FTES per student, or student unit load. Refer to Data Set 31 for details on student unit load.

## DATA SET 19: STUDENT HEADCOUNT AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENTS (FTES)

|           | Mt. SAC Unduplicated Headcount | % Change From Prior Year | % Change 2012-2013 to 2015-2016 | Mt. SAC Total FTES | % Change From Prior Year | % Change 2012-2013 to 2015-2016 |
|-----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2012–2013 | 53,828                         |                          |                                 | 30,531             |                          |                                 |
| 2013–2014 | 54,357                         | 1.0%                     |                                 | 30,859             | 0.2%                     |                                 |
| 2014–2015 | 57,473                         | 5.7%                     |                                 | 31,837             | 4.1%                     |                                 |
| 2015–2016 | 59,343                         | 3.3%                     | 10.2%                           | 32,154             | 1.0%                     | 5.3%                            |

Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Data Mart [datamart.cccco.edu](http://datamart.cccco.edu)

## DATA SET 20: AVERAGE FTES PER STUDENT

|           | Mt. SAC Unduplicated Headcount | Mt. SAC Total FTES | Average Total FTES Per Student |
|-----------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2012–2013 | 53,828                         | 30,531             | 0.57                           |
| 2013–2014 | 54,357                         | 30,859             | 0.57                           |
| 2014–2015 | 57,473                         | 31,837             | 0.55                           |
| 2015–2016 | 59,343                         | 32,154             | 0.54                           |

Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Data Mart [datamart.cccco.edu](http://datamart.cccco.edu)

## PROFILE OF THE COLLEGE'S COMMUNITIES AND STUDENTS INTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS (cont.)

### ENROLLEMNT TRENDS (CONT.)

#### Headcount and FTES (cont.)

As shown in Data Set 21, the growth rate for noncredit FTES was higher than the growth rate for credit FTES between 2012–2013 and 2015–2016. The amount of noncredit FTES increased 14.4 percent while the amount of credit FTES increased 3.3 percent. Mt. SAC's total FTES for 2015–2016 was 32,154. Of that total, 80.5 percent was credit FTES and 19.4 percent was noncredit FTES.

#### Enrollment by City

In fall 2012, 56 percent of students attending Mt. SAC lived within its official geographic boundaries. In fall 2015, an additional 1,670 students who live within Mt. SAC boundaries enrolled and this percentage increased to 58 percent.

Data Set 23 presents the enrollments for fall 2012 and fall 2015 disaggregated by credit status and students' city of residence. The cities included in this analysis are those within Mt. SAC's boundaries as well as the 18 cities defined as the College's service area. Together, these two groups of cities account for 86 percent of the College's total enrollment in fall 2015.

The unduplicated student headcount for the cities included in this snapshot increased 5.9 percent (from 29,069–30,782) over this period. The increase in Mt. SAC's unduplicated student headcount is largely accounted for by an increase in enrollment from students who live within Mt. SAC's boundaries (Data Sets 22 and 23). In fall 2015, 1,670 more students who live within Mt. SAC boundaries enrolled at the College compared to an increase of 43 students who live outside of Mt. SAC

boundaries. The unduplicated student headcount increased from students living in all cities within Mt. SAC's boundaries with the exceptions of slight decreases in the number of students who live in La Verne and San Dimas. Refer to Data Set 24 for details on the increase in students who enrolled in the fall semester following graduation from a local high school.

Data Set 24 documents an impressive 26.5 percent increase between fall 2012 and fall 2015 in the number of in-district high school graduates who enrolled at Mt. SAC in the fall semester following graduation.

### DATA SET 21: CREDIT AND NONCREDIT FTES

|             | Mt. SAC<br>Credit<br>FTES | % Change<br>From Prior<br>Year | % Change<br>2012-2013 to<br>2015-2016 | Mt. SAC<br>Noncredit<br>FTES | % Change<br>From Prior<br>Year | % Change<br>2012-2013 to<br>2015-2016 |
|-------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2012 - 2013 | 25,063                    |                                |                                       | 5,468                        |                                |                                       |
| 2013 - 2014 | 25,303                    | 1.0%                           |                                       | 5,556                        | 1.6%                           |                                       |
| 2014 - 2015 | 25,889                    | 2.3%                           |                                       | 5,948                        | 7.1%                           |                                       |
| 2015 - 2016 | 25,900                    | 0.0%                           | 3.3%                                  | 6,254                        | 5.1%                           | 14.4%                                 |

Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Data Mart [datamart.cccco.edu](http://datamart.cccco.edu)

### DATA SET 22: UNDUPLICATED STUDENT HEADCOUNT WITHIN MT. SAC BOUNDARIES

|   | Fall 2012 | Fall 2015 | % Change |
|---|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Students who live within Mt. SAC Boundaries         | 19,013    | 20,683    | 8.8%     |
| Total Mt. SAC Students                              | 34,017    | 35,606    | 4.6%     |
| % Total Students who live within Mt. SAC Boundaries | 55.9%     | 58.0%     | 2.1%     |

Sources: Mt. SAC Office of Research and Institutional Effectiveness and California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Data Mart [datamart.cccco.edu](http://datamart.cccco.edu)

## PROFILE OF THE COLLEGE'S COMMUNITIES AND STUDENTS INTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS (cont.)

DATA SET 23: UNDUPLICATED STUDENT HEADCOUNT BY CITY

| City                                   | Fall 2012     |               |              |               | Fall 2015     |               |              |               |
|--|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
|  | Credit        | Noncredit     | Both         | Total         | Credit        | Noncredit     | Both         | Total         |
| <b>12 Cities in Mt. SAC Boundaries</b> |               |               |              |               |               |               |              |               |
| Baldwin Park                           | 954           | 752           | 601          | 1,105         | 1,214         | 767           | 588          | 1,393         |
| City of Industry                       | 12            | 11            | 9            | 14            | 12            | 8             | 7            | 13            |
| Covina                                 | 1,235         | 1,174         | 664          | 1,745         | 1,499         | 1,185         | 698          | 1,986         |
| Diamond Bar                            | 1,022         | 1,235         | 583          | 1,674         | 1,004         | 1,173         | 452          | 1,725         |
| Glendora                               | 432           | 364           | 206          | 590           | 460           | 368           | 195          | 633           |
| Irwindale                              | -             | -             | -            | -             | -             | -             | -            | -             |
| La Puente                              | 2,217         | 1,912         | 1,389        | 2,740         | 2,651         | 1,830         | 1,335        | 3,146         |
| La Verne                               | 434           | 588           | 219          | 803           | 401           | 474           | 158          | 717           |
| Pomona                                 | 3,057         | 2,650         | 1,768        | 3,939         | 3,467         | 2,656         | 1,759        | 4,364         |
| San Dimas                              | 498           | 855           | 241          | 1,112         | 470           | 717           | 188          | 999           |
| Walnut                                 | 1,179         | 1,470         | 631          | 2,018         | 1,220         | 1,578         | 631          | 2,167         |
| West Covina                            | 2,361         | 2,253         | 1,341        | 3,273         | 2,625         | 2,241         | 1,326        | 3,540         |
| <b>Mt. SAC Total</b>                   | <b>13,401</b> | <b>13,264</b> | <b>7,652</b> | <b>19,013</b> | <b>15,023</b> | <b>12,997</b> | <b>7,337</b> | <b>20,683</b> |

Source: Mt. SAC Office of Research and Institutional Effectiveness

DATA SET 23: UNDUPLICATED STUDENT HEADCOUNT BY CITY (CONT.)

| City  | Fall 2012     |               |               |               | Fall 2015     |               |               |               |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|   | Credit        | Noncredit     | Both          | Total         | Credit        | Noncredit     | Both          | Total         |
| <b>18 Cities in Service Area</b>            |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Alhambra                                    | 123           | 96            | 79            | 140           | 93            | 77            | 47            | 123           |
| Arcadia                                     | 92            | 58            | 41            | 109           | 81            | 56            | 39            | 98            |
| Azusa                                       | 377           | 298           | 211           | 464           | 377           | 267           | 169           | 475           |
| Chino                                       | 1,122         | 698           | 583           | 1,237         | 1,113         | 606           | 476           | 1,243         |
| Chino Hills                                 | 1,196         | 797           | 580           | 1,413         | 1,206         | 769           | 508           | 1,467         |
| Claremont                                   | 261           | 251           | 132           | 380           | 282           | 221           | 114           | 389           |
| El Monte                                    | 415           | 299           | 243           | 471           | 424           | 241           | 198           | 467           |
| Fontana                                     | 665           | 413           | 362           | 716           | 705           | 346           | 296           | 755           |
| La Habra                                    | 157           | 100           | 84            | 173           | 146           | 72            | 48            | 170           |
| Montclair                                   | 481           | 388           | 282           | 587           | 528           | 345           | 252           | 621           |
| Monterey Park                               | 61            | 56            | 38            | 79            | 68            | 62            | 43            | 87            |
| Ontario                                     | 1,607         | 1,074         | 886           | 1,795         | 1,647         | 922           | 748           | 1,821         |
| Rancho Cucamonga                            | 800           | 477           | 395           | 882           | 741           | 390           | 318           | 813           |
| Rosemead                                    | 176           | 131           | 108           | 199           | 168           | 108           | 85            | 191           |
| San Gabriel                                 | 115           | 86            | 67            | 134           | 90            | 68            | 39            | 119           |
| Temple City                                 | 81            | 59            | 48            | 92            | 71            | 47            | 36            | 82            |
| Upland                                      | 786           | 486           | 394           | 878           | 728           | 391           | 290           | 829           |
| Whittier                                    | 283           | 164           | 140           | 307           | 328           | 154           | 133           | 349           |
| <b>Service Area Total</b>                   | <b>8,798</b>  | <b>5,931</b>  | <b>4,673</b>  | <b>10,056</b> | <b>8,796</b>  | <b>5,142</b>  | <b>3,839</b>  | <b>10,099</b> |
| <b>Sub-total: Mt. SAC plus Service Area</b> | <b>22,199</b> | <b>19,195</b> | <b>12,325</b> | <b>29,069</b> | <b>23,819</b> | <b>18,139</b> | <b>11,176</b> | <b>30,782</b> |
| <b>Total Mt. SAC Students</b>               |               |               |               | <b>34,017</b> |               |               |               | <b>35,606</b> |

Source: Mt. SAC Office of Research and Institutional Effectiveness

## PROFILE OF THE COLLEGE'S COMMUNITIES AND STUDENTS INTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS (cont.)

DATA SET 24: IN-DISTRICT FEEDER HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

| High School Name                   | K-12 District          | Fall 2012 Enrolled Count | Fall 2015 Enrolled Count | Change |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------|
| Arrow High (Continuation HS)       | Charter Oak USD        | 5                        | 1                        | -80%   |
| Baldwin Park High                  | Baldwin Park USD       | 81                       | 92                       | 14%    |
| Bassett Adult                      | Bassett USD            | 1                        | -                        | -100%  |
| Bassett High                       | Bassett USD            | 36                       | 43                       | 19%    |
| Bonita High                        | Bonita USD             | 84                       | 63                       | -25%   |
| Chaparral High (Continuation HS)   | Bonita USD             | -                        | 3                        | -      |
| Charter Oak High                   | Charter Oak USD        | 67                       | 68                       | 1%     |
| Coronado Alternative               | West Covina USD        | 8                        | 9                        | 13%    |
| Covina High                        | Covina Valley USD      | 67                       | 76                       | 13%    |
| Del Paso High (Continuation HS)    | Walnut Valley USD      | 3                        | -                        | -100%  |
| Diamond Bar High                   | Walnut Valley USD      | 113                      | 147                      | 30%    |
| Diamond Ranch High                 | Pomona USD             | 89                       | 121                      | 36%    |
| Edgewood High                      | West Covina USD        | -                        | 42                       | -      |
| Fair Valley High (Continuation HS) | Covina Valley USD      | 4                        | 2                        | -50%   |
| Fremont Academy of Engineering     | Pomona USD             | -                        | 29                       | -      |
| Ganesha High                       | Pomona USD             | 52                       | 59                       | 13%    |
| Garey High                         | Pomona USD             | 86                       | 93                       | 8%     |
| La Puente High                     | Hacienda/La Puente USD | 64                       | 85                       | 33%    |
| Los Altos High                     | Hacienda/La Puente USD | 121                      | 88                       | -27%   |
| Nogales High                       | Rowland USD            | 130                      | 118                      | -9%    |
| North Park (Continuation HS)       | Baldwin Park USD       | 3                        | 18                       | 500%   |
| Northview High                     | Covina Valley USD      | 34                       | 62                       | 82%    |
| Nueva Vista (Continuation HS)      | Bassett USD            | -                        | 2                        | -      |

Source: Mt. SAC Office of Research and Institutional Effectiveness

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DATA SET 24: IN-DISTRICT FEEDER HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT (CONT.)

| High School Name   | K-12 District          | Fall 2012 Enrolled Count | Fall 2015 Enrolled Count | Change       |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Oak Knoll Alternative  | Charter Oak USD        | -                        | 1                        | -            |
| Opportunities for Learning - B   | Baldwin Park USD       | -                        | 5                        | -            |
| Opportunities for Learning-Hac   | Hacienda/La Puente USD | -                        | 1                        | -            |
| Palomares Academy  | Pomona USD             | -                        | 9                        | -            |
| Park West (Continuation HS)  | Pomona USD             | 4                        | 10                       | 150%         |
| Pomona Alternative (Pas)   | Pomona USD             | -                        | -                        | -            |
| Pomona High  | Pomona USD             | 43                       | 84                       | 95%          |
| Rowland (John A.) High   | Rowland USD            | 143                      | 147                      | 3%           |
| San Dimas High   | Bonita USD             | 50                       | 47                       | -6%          |
| Santana High (Continuation HS)   | Rowland USD            | 2                        | 13                       | 550%         |
| School for Extended Ed. Option   | Pomona USD             | -                        | 9                        | -            |
| Sierra Vista High  | Baldwin Park USD       | 45                       | 69                       | 53%          |
| South Hills High   | Covina Valley USD      | 127                      | 155                      | 22%          |
| Valley Alternative (Continuation HS)   | Hacienda/La Puente USD | 3                        | 2                        | -33%         |
| Village Academy High School  | Pomona USD             | 13                       | 27                       | 108%         |
| Vista (Alternative)  | Bonita USD             | 1                        | -                        | -100%        |
| Walnut High  | Walnut Valley USD      | 142                      | 189                      | 33%          |
| West Covina High   | West Covina USD        | 124                      | 190                      | 53%          |
| Wilson (Glen A.) High  | Hacienda/La Puente USD | 63                       | 97                       | 54%          |
| Workman (William) High   | Hacienda/La Puente USD | 59                       | 87                       | 47%          |
| <b>Total Incoming Feeder HS Graduates who enrolled right after HS in immediate fall term</b> |                        | <b>1,867</b>             | <b>2,363</b>             | <b>26.5%</b> |

Source: Mt. SAC Office of Research and Institutional Effectiveness

### NOTES

- o Feeder high schools are K-12 district high schools within the Mt. SAC geographic boundaries.
- o Students' high school data and graduation year are based on self-reported information from CCCApply forms.

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## PROFILE OF THE COLLEGE'S COMMUNITIES AND STUDENTS INTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS (cont.)

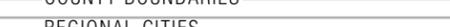
### ENROLLEMNT TRENDS (CONT.)

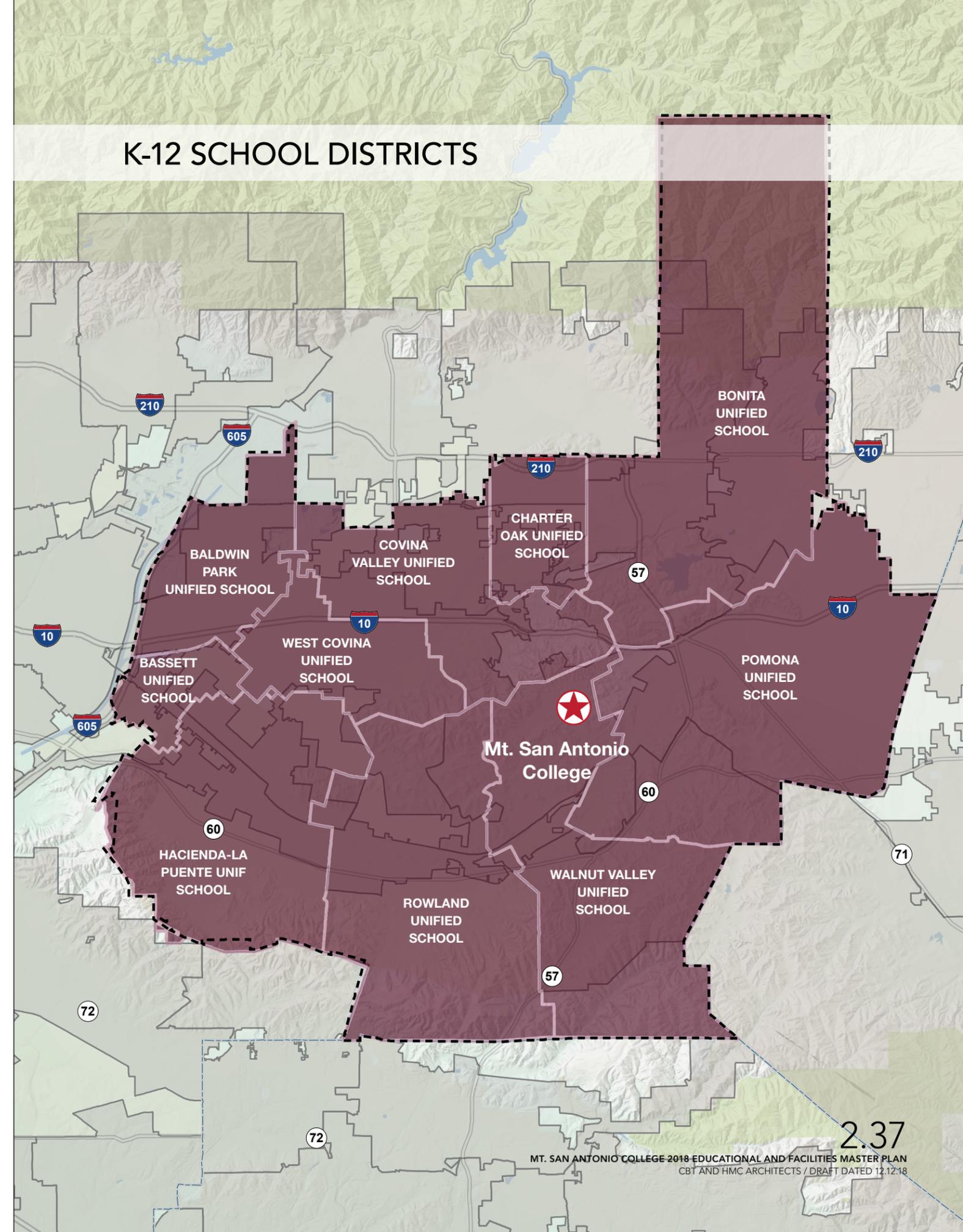
#### Enrollment by City (cont.)

Student participation rate (SPR) depicts how many students attend classes at Mt. SAC as a proportion of the adult population. This rate is calculated for each city by dividing the total number of students who live in that city (including enrollment in both credit and noncredit courses/programs) by the adult population (age 18 and older) for that city. To show the participation rate per 1,000 adult residents, multiply that number by 1,000. For example, the fall 2015 student participation rate for Baldwin Park was 26. This means that 26 of every 1,000 adult residents of this city (2.6 percent) attended at least one course at the College.

As shown in Data Sets 25 and 26, the cities with the highest rates of participation were La Puente and Walnut. Between fall 2012 and fall 2015, the participation rate increased in every city except La Verne (-4) and San Dimas (-5). The greatest gains in participation rates were in La Puente (+9) and Covina (+7). Over the same period, the total participation rate for students living within the District geographic boundaries increased from 41 to 43.

#### LEGEND

-  MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE
-  MT. SAC COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
-  K-12 SCHOOL DISTRICT
-  INTERSTATES
-  STATE HIGHWAYS
-  COUNTY BOUNDARIES
-  REGIONAL CITIES
-  REGIONAL CITIES
-  BODIES OF WATER
-  FORESTS AND PARKLANDS



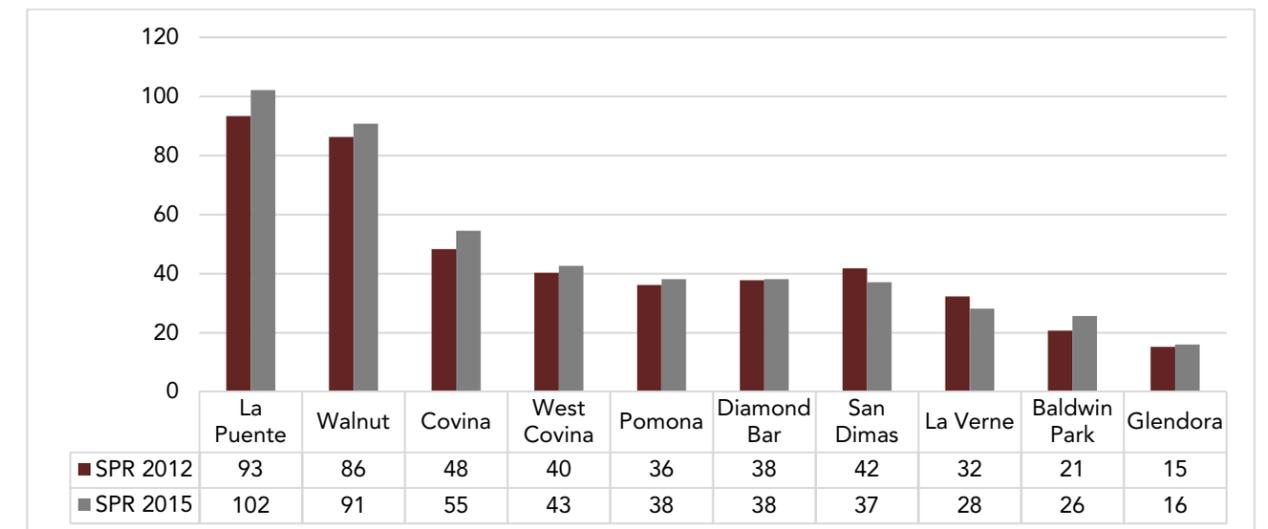
## PROFILE OF THE COLLEGE'S COMMUNITIES AND STUDENTS INTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS (cont.)

DATA SET 25: STUDENT PARTICIPATION RATE BY CITY—TABLE

| City                                   | Fall 2012     |                     |           | Fall 2015     |                     |           | SPR Change<br>2012 to 2015 |
|--|---------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------|---------------------|-----------|----------------------------|
|  | Enrollments   | Adult<br>Population | SPR       | Enrollments   | Adult<br>Population | SPR       |                            |
| <b>12 Cities in Mt. SAC Boundaries</b> |               |                     |           |               |                     |           |                            |
| Baldwin Park                           | 1,105         | 53,399              | 21        | 1,393         | 54,225              | 26        | +5                         |
| City of Industry                       | 14            | n/a                 | -         | 13            | n/a                 | -         | -                          |
| Covina                                 | 1,745         | 36,104              | 48        | 1,986         | 36,423              | 55        | +7                         |
| Diamond Bar                            | 1,674         | 44,295              | 38        | 1,725         | 45,241              | 38        | 0                          |
| Glendora                               | 590           | 38,794              | 15        | 633           | 39,534              | 16        | +1                         |
| Irwindale                              | 0             | -                   | 0         | 0             | -                   | 0         | -                          |
| La Puente                              | 2,740         | 29,355              | 93        | 3,146         | 30,804              | 102       | +9                         |
| La Verne                               | 803           | 24,858              | 32        | 717           | 25,476              | 28        | -4                         |
| Pomona                                 | 3,939         | 108,886             | 36        | 4,364         | 114,391             | 38        | +2                         |
| San Dimas                              | 1,112         | 26,609              | 42        | 999           | 26,923              | 37        | -5                         |
| Walnut                                 | 2,018         | 23,396              | 86        | 2,167         | 23,877              | 91        | +5                         |
| West Covina                            | 3,273         | 81,216              | 40        | 3,540         | 83,012              | 43        | +3                         |
| <b>District Total</b>                  | <b>19,013</b> | <b>466,911</b>      | <b>41</b> | <b>20,683</b> | <b>479,908</b>      | <b>43</b> | <b>+2</b>                  |

Source: Mt. SAC Office of Research and Institutional Effectiveness

DATA SET 26: STUDENT PARTICIPATION RATE BY CITY—GRAPH



Source: Mt. SAC Office of Research and Institutional Effectiveness

## PROFILE OF THE COLLEGE'S COMMUNITIES AND STUDENTS INTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS (cont.)

### ENROLLMENT TRENDS (CONT.)

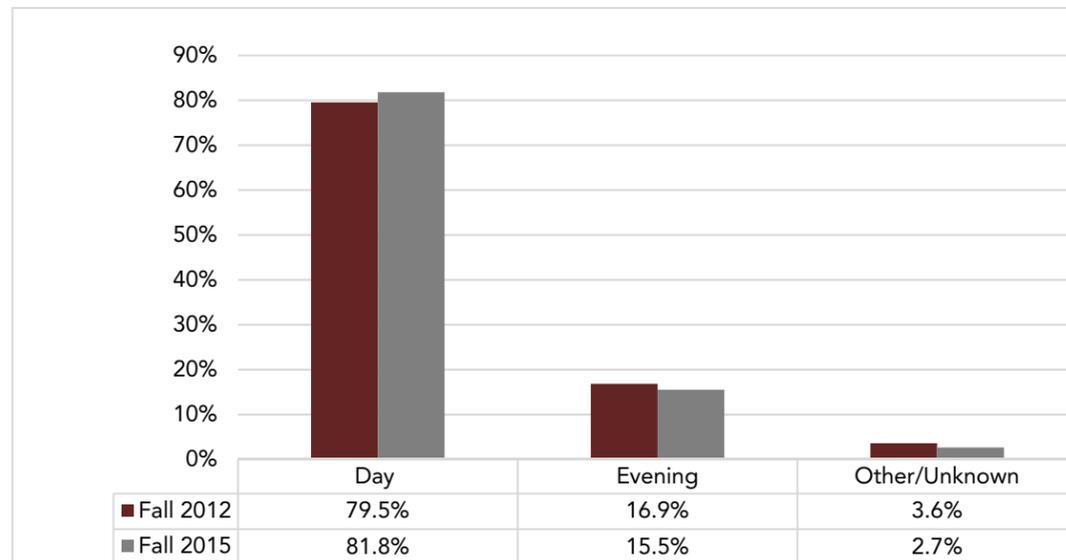
#### Enrollment by Time of Day

The percent of students who attended classes at Mt. SAC during the day increased from 79.5 percent in fall 2012 to 81.8 percent in fall 2015.

In fall 2015, 74.4 percent of California community college students attended classes in the daytime and 17.7 percent in the evening. Mt. SAC had a higher percentage of daytime students and a lower percentage of evening students than the statewide averages.

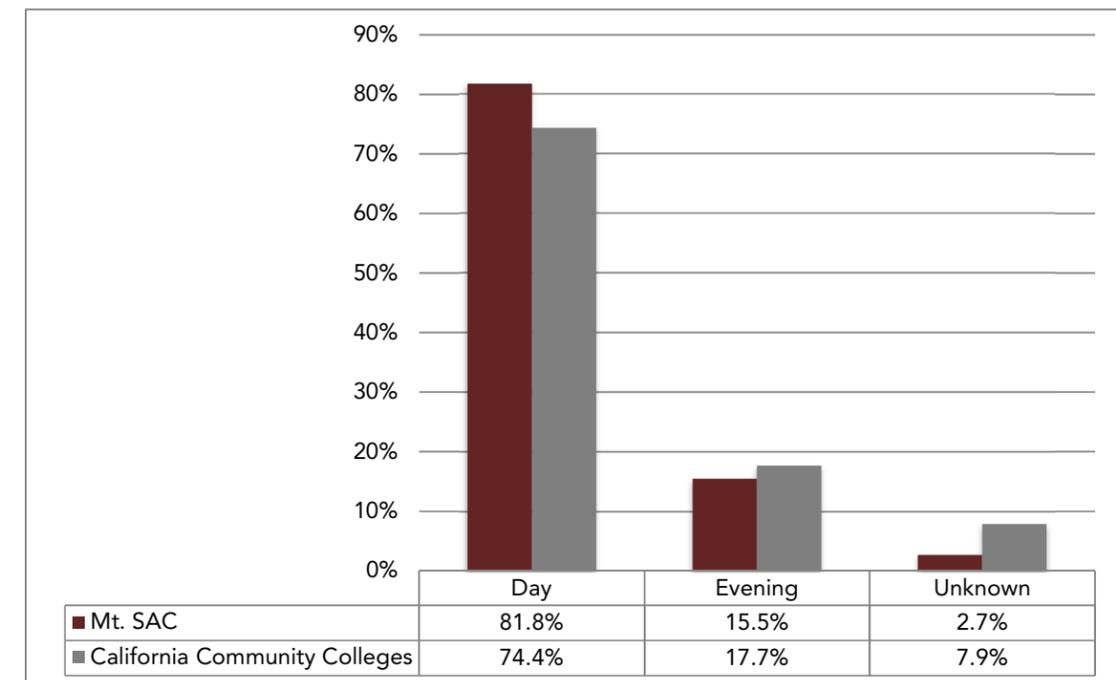
In fall 2015, Mt. SAC generated 2.8 percent of its FTES in credit classes taught via distance learning. This was a decrease from 3.4 percent FTES generated in distance learning classes in fall 2012. The California community college average was 9.5 percent of FTES earned through distance learning in fall 2012 and 11.4 percent in fall 2015. Mt. SAC offers students significantly fewer distance learning options than other California community colleges.

DATA SET 27: MT. SAC STUDENT HEADCOUNT BY TIME OF DAY



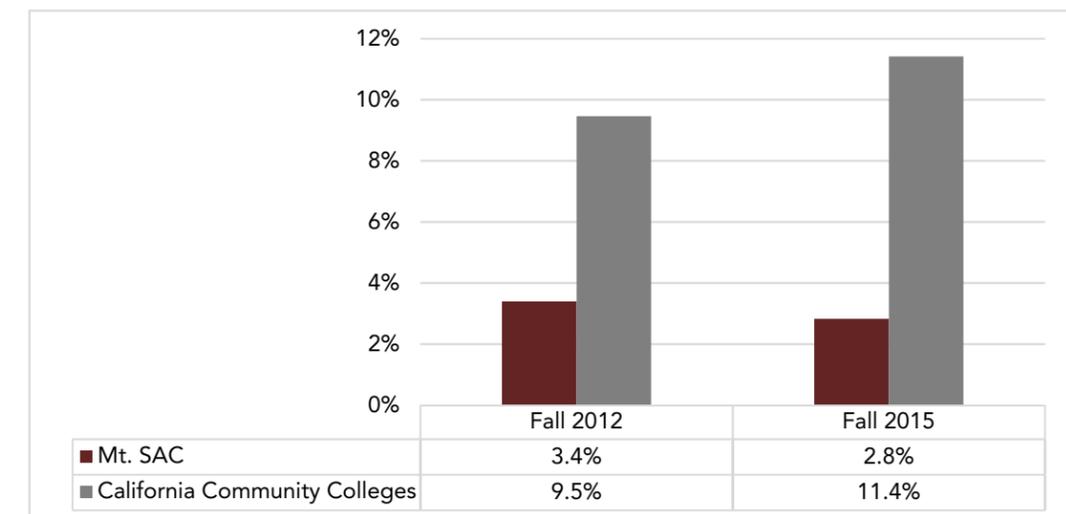
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DATA SET 28: MT. SAC AND CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES STUDENT HEADCOUNT BY TIME OF DAY



Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Data Mart [datamart.cccco.edu](http://datamart.cccco.edu)

DATA SET 29: MT. SAC AND CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES FTES FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION



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## PROFILE OF THE COLLEGE'S COMMUNITIES AND STUDENTS INTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS (cont.)

### ENROLLMENT TRENDS (CONT.)

#### Enrollment by Course Load

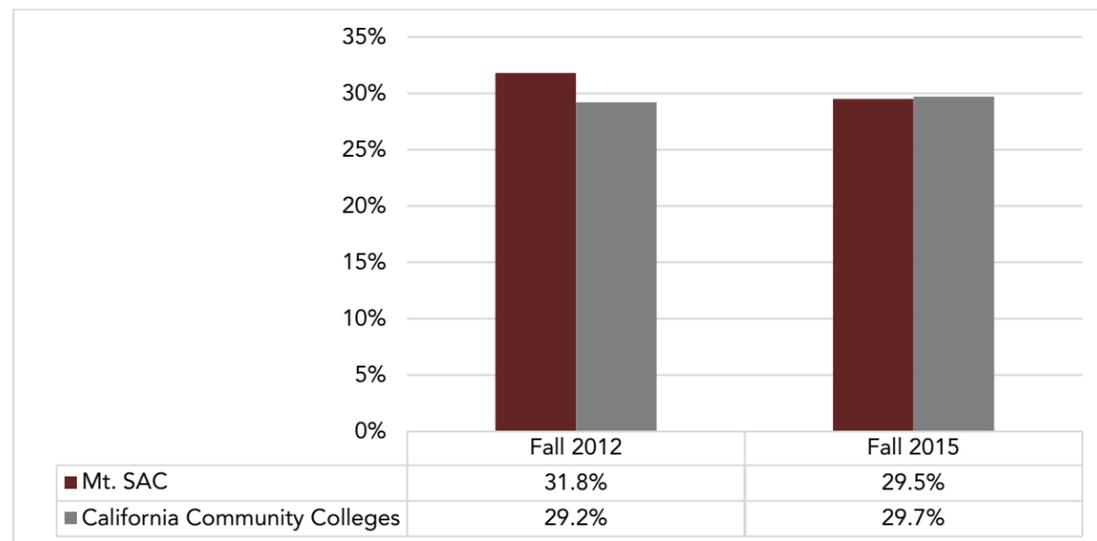
Between fall 2012 and fall 2015 the College's proportion of full-time credit students decreased from 31.8 percent to 29.5 percent. In fall 2012, the College had a higher percentage of students enrolled on a full-time basis (12+ units) than community colleges statewide (31.8 percent versus 29.2 percent). In fall 2015, the percentage of Mt. SAC students enrolled full-time was slightly below the percentage for students statewide.

About one third of Mt. SAC credit students enroll in 6.0 to 11.9 units. The largest shift in student

unit load between fall 2012 to fall 2015 was an increase in students taking 6.0–11.9 units, from 32.4 percent in fall 2012 to 35.2 percent in fall 2015. There was a greater proportion of Mt. SAC students enrolled in 6.0–11.9 units in fall 2012 (35.2 percent) than in other California community colleges (33.4 percent).

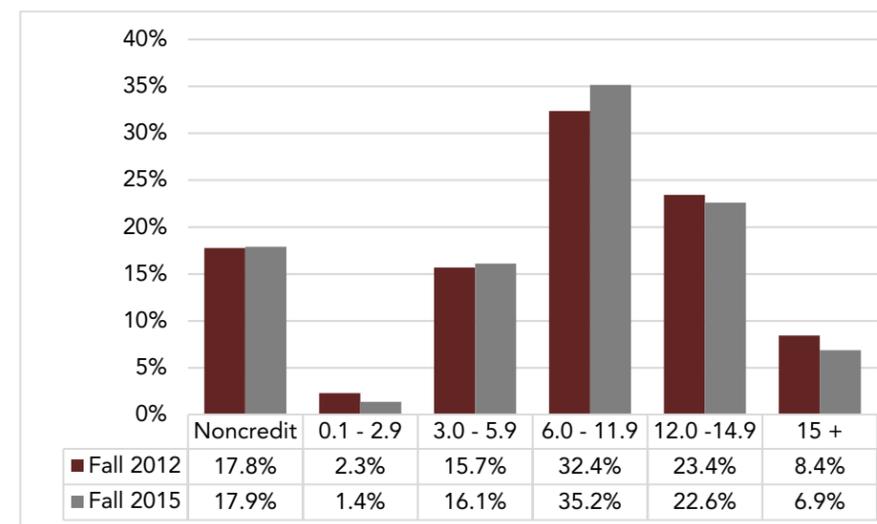
The percentage of students taking noncredit courses is comparable in fall 2012 and 2015. In fall 2015 the percentages of Mt. SAC students enrolled in noncredit offerings, 6.0–11.9 units, and 12.0–14.9 units were higher than the California community colleges percentages.

### DATA SET 30: MT. SAC AND CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES STUDENTS FULL-TIME STATUS



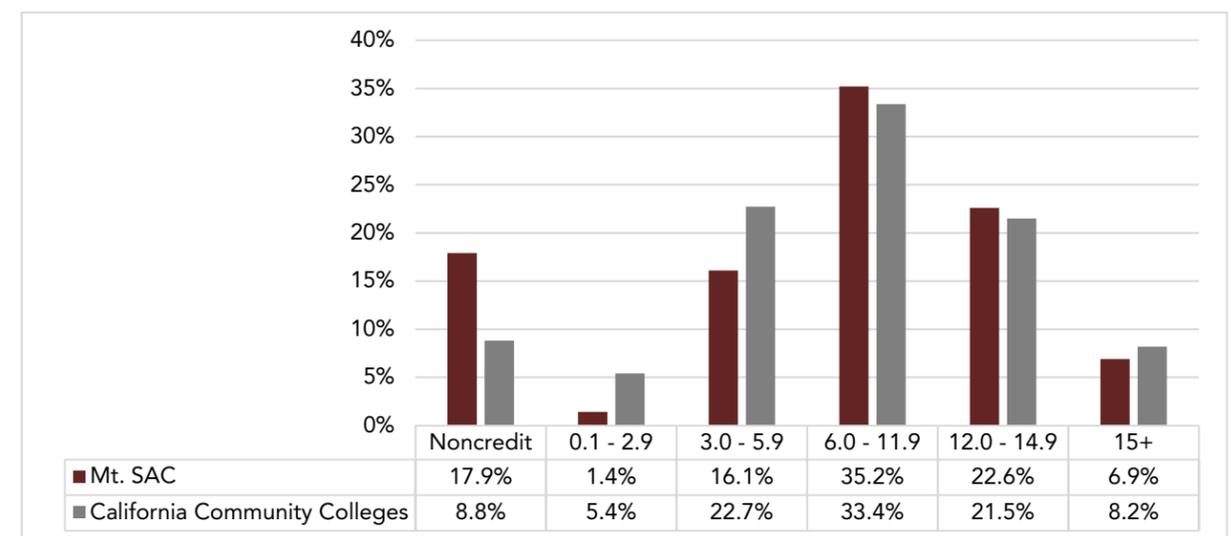
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### DATA SET 31: MT. SAC STUDENT UNIT LOAD



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### DATA SET 32: MT. SAC AND CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES STUDENT UNIT LOAD



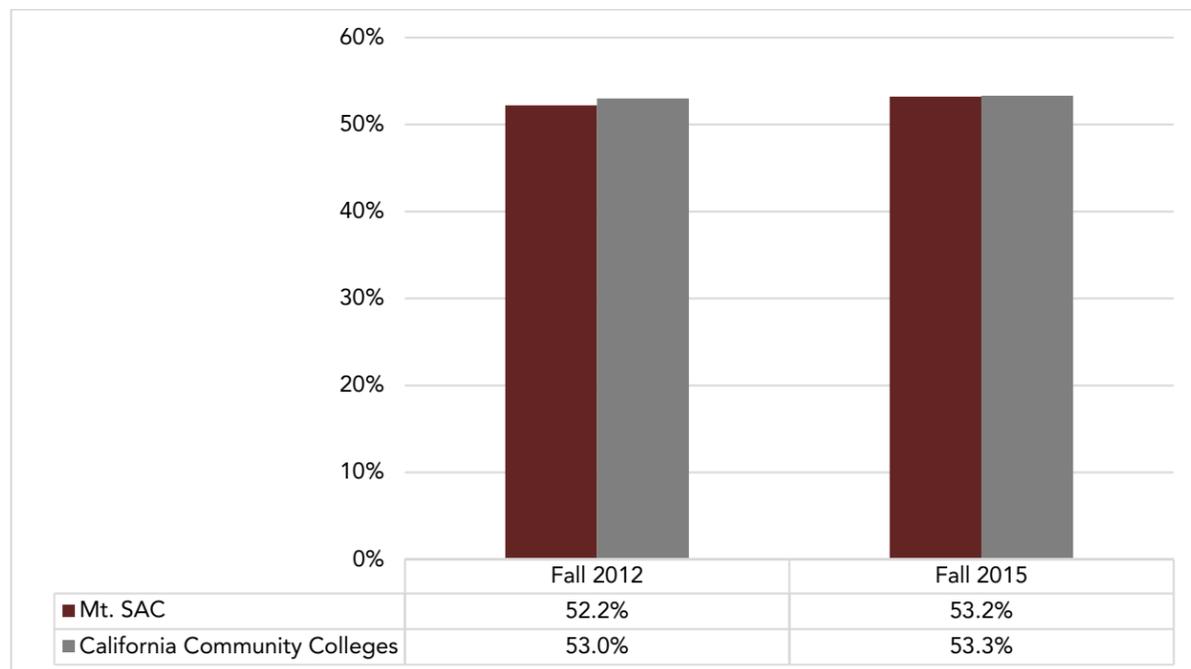
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## PROFILE OF THE COLLEGE'S COMMUNITIES AND STUDENTS INTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS (cont.)

### STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Female students account for slightly over half of the student population at Mt. SAC as well as at California community colleges as a whole. In the fall 2015 semester, 53.2 percent of Mt. SAC students were female, up from 52.2 percent in fall 2012.

DATA SET 33: PROPORTION OF FEMALE STUDENTS AT MT. SAC AND CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES



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## PROFILE OF THE COLLEGE'S COMMUNITIES AND STUDENTS INTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS (cont.)

### STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS (CONT.)

The total number of Mt. SAC students increased between fall 2012 and fall 2015. The two age groups that increased the most in total numbers were students age 19 and younger (increased 560 students) and those between 25 and 29 (increased 527 students). There were relatively minor decreases in the total numbers of students in these two age ranges: 20–24 and 40–49.

From the perspective of proportions of each age range in the Mt. SAC student population, the age profile shifted slightly between fall 2012 and fall 2015, with the greatest proportionate decrease in the age segment of students between the ages of 20–24. Although the absolute number of students in this age range only decreased by 12 students, since the numbers of students in other age segments increased, this age segment accounted

for a smaller proportion of the total Mt. SAC student population.

In summary, Mt. SAC students represent a wide range of ages. A little over 60 percent of Mt. SAC students were age 24 or younger in both fall 2012 and fall 2015. There was a greater increase in the number of students age 25 and above compared to the increase in the number of students age 24 and younger.

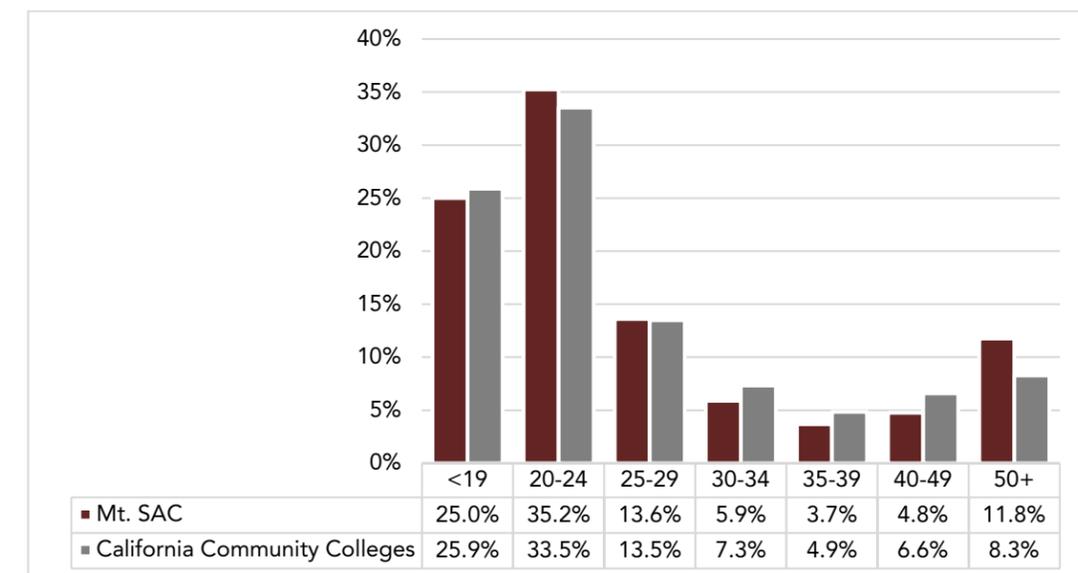
The age distribution of students at Mt. SAC in fall 2015 matched the age distribution of students at all California community colleges, with one exception: a significantly higher percentage of Mt. SAC students were age 50 or above compared to students at all California community colleges.

DATA SET 34: MT. SAC STUDENT AGE DISTRIBUTION

| Age Range      | Fall 2012     |               | Fall 2015     |               | Change       |             |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
|                | Number        | % of Total    | Number        | % of Total    | Number       | % of Total  |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>34,017</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>35,606</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>1,589</b> | <b>0.0%</b> |
| 19 or less     | 8,346         | 24.5%         | 8,906         | 25.0%         | 560          | 0.5%        |
| 20 to 24       | 12,562        | 36.9%         | 12,550        | 35.2%         | -12          | -1.7%       |
| 25 to 29       | 4,318         | 12.7%         | 4,845         | 13.6%         | 527          | 0.9%        |
| 30 to 34       | 1,824         | 5.4%          | 2,096         | 5.9%          | 272          | 0.5%        |
| 35 to 39       | 1,185         | 3.5%          | 1,313         | 3.7%          | 128          | 0.2%        |
| 40 to 49       | 1,751         | 5.1%          | 1,697         | 4.8%          | -54          | -0.4%       |
| 50 and Above   | 4,007         | 11.8%         | 4,189         | 11.8%         | 182          | 0.0%        |
| Unknown        | 24            | <0.1%         | 10            | <0.1%         | -14          | <0.0%       |
| <b>Summary</b> |               |               |               |               |              |             |
| 24 and Younger | 20,908        | 61.4%         | 21,456        | 60.2%         | 548          | -1.2%       |
| 25 and Above   | 13,109        | 38.5%         | 14,150        | 39.8%         | 1,041        | 1.3%        |

Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Data Mart [datamart.cccco.edu](http://datamart.cccco.edu)

DATA SET 35: MT. SAC AND CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES STUDENT AGE DISTRIBUTION FALL 2015



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## PROFILE OF THE COLLEGE'S COMMUNITIES AND STUDENTS INTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS (cont.)

### STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS (CONT.)

#### Student Diversity

Most students attending Mt. SAC identify as Hispanic. The percentage of Hispanic students rose from 51.0 percent in fall 2012 to 54.6 percent in fall 2015. The next largest race/ethnicity groups are Asian and White Non-Hispanic. The percentage of students who identify as Asian rose from 17.6 percent in fall 2012 to 18.6 percent in fall 2015. The percentage of students identifying as White Non-Hispanic fell from 13.9 percent in fall 2012 to 11.5 percent in fall 2015.

#### DATA SET 36: MT. SAC STUDENT RACE/ETHNICITY

|                                 | Fall 2012 | Fall 2015 | Change<br>(Percentage Points) |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| African-American                | 4.4%      | 3.6%      | -0.7%                         |
| American Indian/ Alaskan Native | 0.2%      | 0.2%      | 0.0%                          |
| Asian                           | 17.6%     | 18.6%     | 1.0%                          |
| Filipino                        | 3.6%      | 3.3%      | -0.3%                         |
| Hispanic                        | 51.0%     | 54.6%     | 3.6%                          |
| Multi-Ethnicity                 | 2.2%      | 2.4%      | 0.2%                          |
| Pacific Islander                | 0.3%      | 0.2%      | -0.1%                         |
| Unknown                         | 6.8%      | 5.5%      | -1.3%                         |
| White Non-Hispanic              | 13.9%     | 11.5%     | -2.4%                         |

Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Data Mart [datamart.cccco.edu](http://datamart.cccco.edu)



## PROFILE OF THE COLLEGE'S COMMUNITIES AND STUDENTS INTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS (cont.)

### STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS (CONT.)

#### Student Diversity (cont.)

Mt. SAC's student population is a mosaic made up of unique populations. For example, as shown in Data Set 37, between fall 2012 and fall 2015 there were notable increases in the number of first

generation students and foster youth attending Mt. SAC. Of the special populations defined by the State Chancellor's Office, first generation college students accounted for 29.5 percent of the total Mt. SAC student population in fall 2015.

#### DATA SET 37: MT. SAC SPECIAL POPULATIONS

| Special Populations | Fall 2012 | Fall 2015 | % of Students in Fall 2015<br>(n = 35,606) |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|--|
| CalWORKs            | 364       | 384       | <1.0%                                      |
| CARE                | 68        | 70        | <1.0%                                      |
| DSPS                | 1,520     | 1,636     | 4.6%                                       |
| EOPS                | 753       | 887       | 2.5%                                       |
| First Generation    | 4,051     | 10,498    | 29.5%                                      |
| Foster Youth        | 49        | 465       | 1.3%                                       |
| Military            | 29        | 44        | <1.0%                                      |
| Special Admit       | 58        | 40        | <1.0%                                      |
| Veteran             | 220       | 180       | 1.0%                                       |

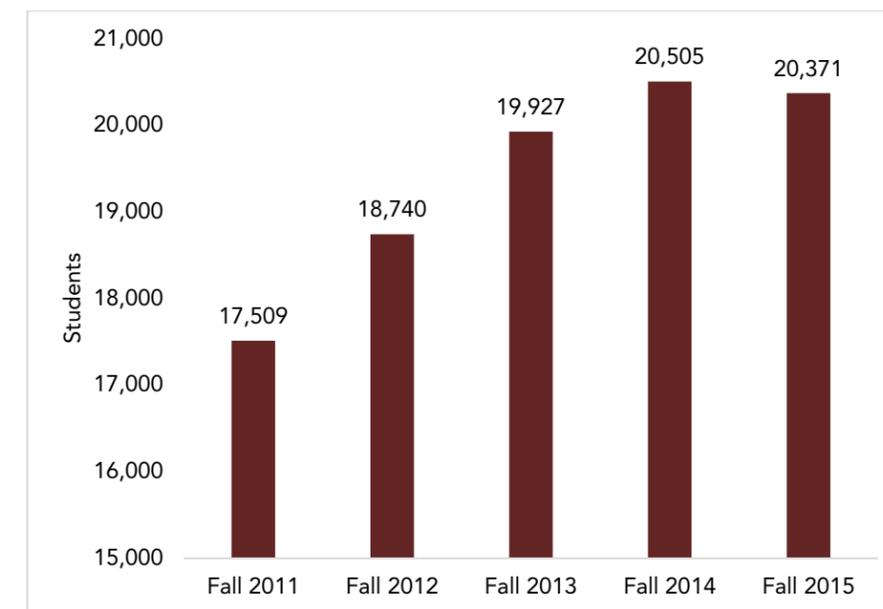
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#### NOTES: DEFINITIONS OF MT. SAC SPECIAL POPULATIONS (REFER TO CHAPTER 4: STUDENT SERVICES FOR MORE DETAILS ON CALWORKS, CARE, DSPS, AND EOPS)

- o CalWORKs = California Work Opportunity & Responsibility to Kids
- o CARE = Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education
- o DSPS = Disabled Students Programs & Services
- o EOPS = Extended Opportunity Programs & Services
- o First Generation = Students are the first in their family to attend higher education
- o Foster Youth = Students currently in foster youth care and former or emancipated foster youth up to age 24
- o Military = Students who are Active Duty, Active Reserve, or National Guard
- o Special Admit = Current high school students
- o Veteran = Students who served in the active military, naval, or air service and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

The number of Mt. SAC students who received financial aid increased steadily from fall 2011 through fall 2014, but dropped slightly in fall 2015.

#### DATA SET 38: SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS: CREDIT STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED FINANCIAL AID



Source: Mt. SAC Banner System Data Warehouse

## PROFILE OF THE COLLEGE'S COMMUNITIES AND STUDENTS INTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS (cont.)

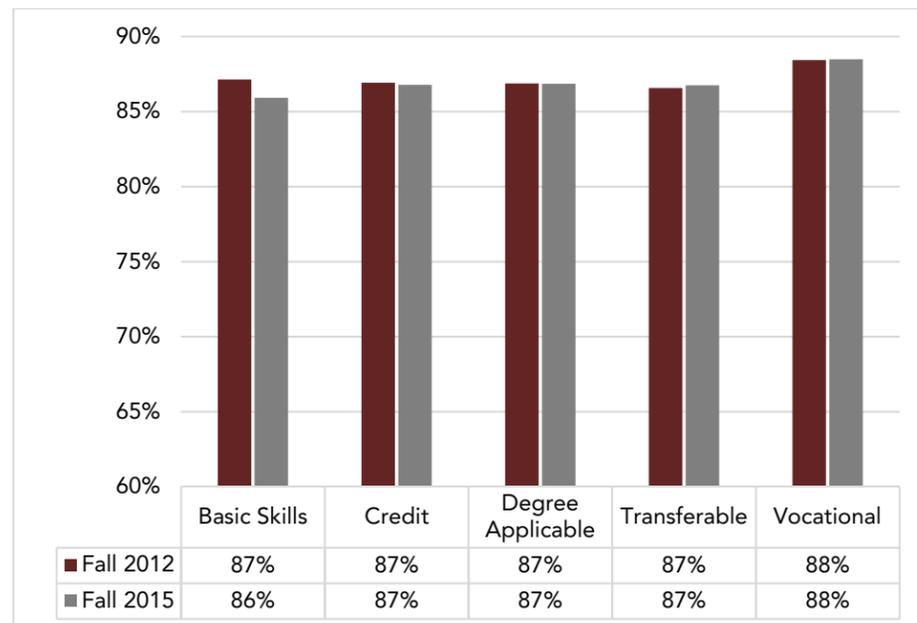
### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Retention

Retention rates compare the number of students enrolled in a course at census with the number of students who completed the course with any grade. Between fall 2012 to fall 2015 the College's retention rates remained strong, from 86 percent to 88 percent for all types of courses. The highest retention rates in both semesters were in career technical education programs.

Although Mt. SAC's student retention rates are strong overall, the rates are not similarly strong across students' race/ethnicity. Student retention is higher for Asian and White Non-Hispanic students and lower for Hispanic and African-American students, as seen in Data Set 40, which compares retention in credit courses in two fall semesters. Refer to the College's Student Equity Plan for additional current data on student achievement by race/ethnicity.

#### DATA SET 39: MT. SAC STUDENT RETENTION RATES BY COURSE TYPE

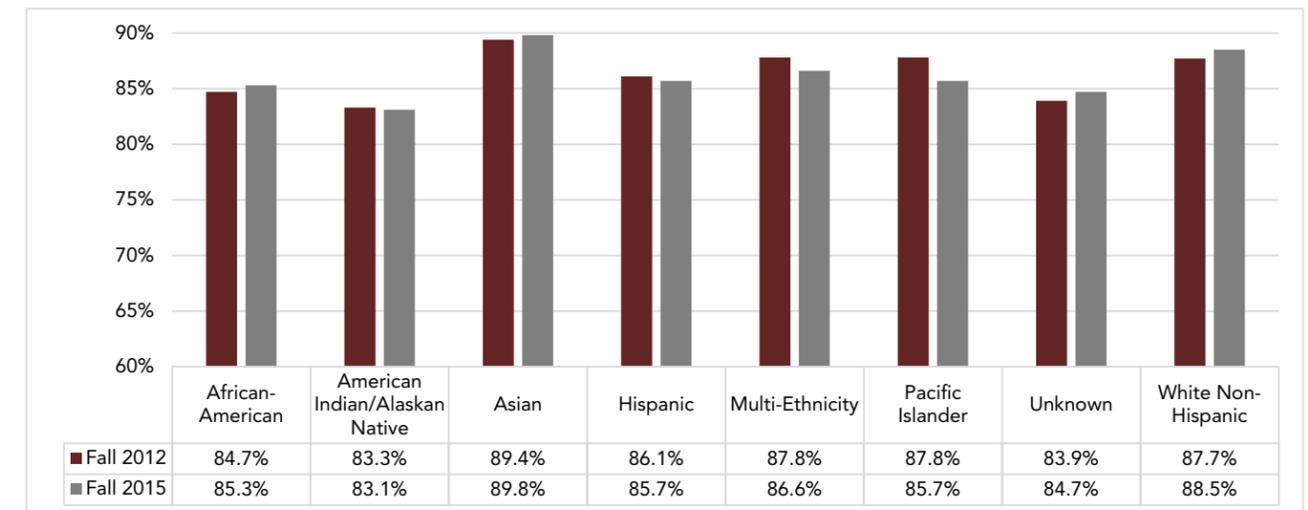


Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Data Mart [datamart.cccco.edu](http://datamart.cccco.edu)

#### NOTE

- Course completion is measured by final grades of A,B,C,D,F,P,NP,I\*,IPP,INP,FW.

#### DATA SET 40: MT. SAC STUDENT RETENTION RATES BY RACE/ETHNICITY



Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Data Mart [datamart.cccco.edu](http://datamart.cccco.edu)

#### NOTE

- Retention rate is a ratio of the number of students enrolled in a course at census to the number of students who completed the course with any grade.

## PROFILE OF THE COLLEGE'S COMMUNITIES AND STUDENTS INTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS (cont.)

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS (CONT.)

#### Successful Course Completion

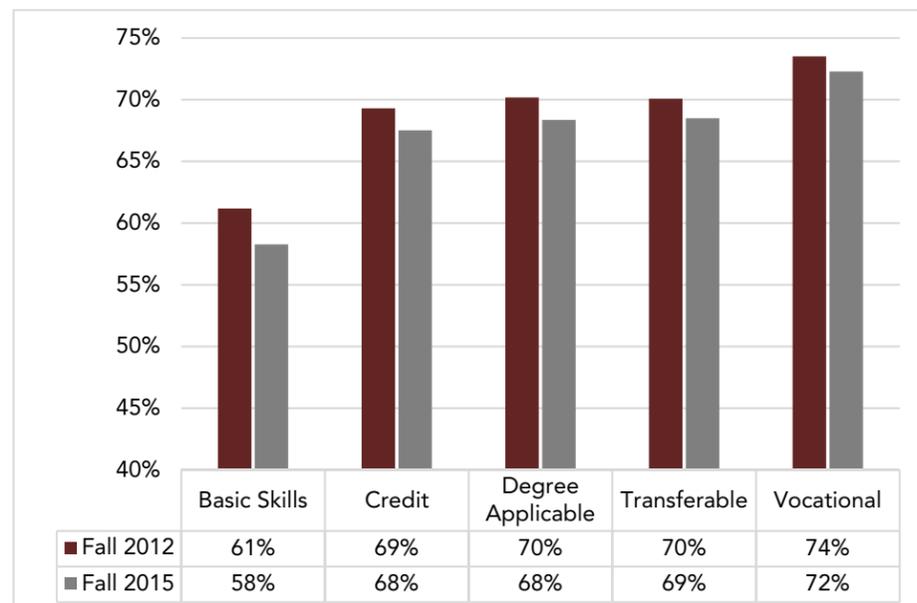
Successful course completion rates compare the number of students enrolled in a course at census with the number of students who completed the course with a grade of C or better. Student successful course completion rates fell slightly between fall 2012 and fall 2015. As shown in Data Set 41, in both semesters the highest successful course completion rates were in career technical education programs and the lowest rates were in basic skills classes.

Students' successful course completion rates vary by the mode of instruction. Students in face-to-face courses successfully complete the courses

at higher rates than those in online-only courses and hybrid courses. However, students' successful course completion rates in online-only courses improved significantly between fall 2012 and fall 2015 and were close to the completion rates in face-to-face instruction in fall 2015.

Similar to retention rates, students' successful course completion rates for credit courses vary by students' race/ethnicity. For example, in fall 2015, the two student groups with the highest successful course completion rates are Asian and White Non-Hispanic, while African-American students had the lowest rates. Refer to the College's Student Equity Plan for additional current data on student achievement by race/ethnicity.

DATA SET 41: MT. SAC SUCCESSFUL COURSE COMPLETION BY COURSE TYPE

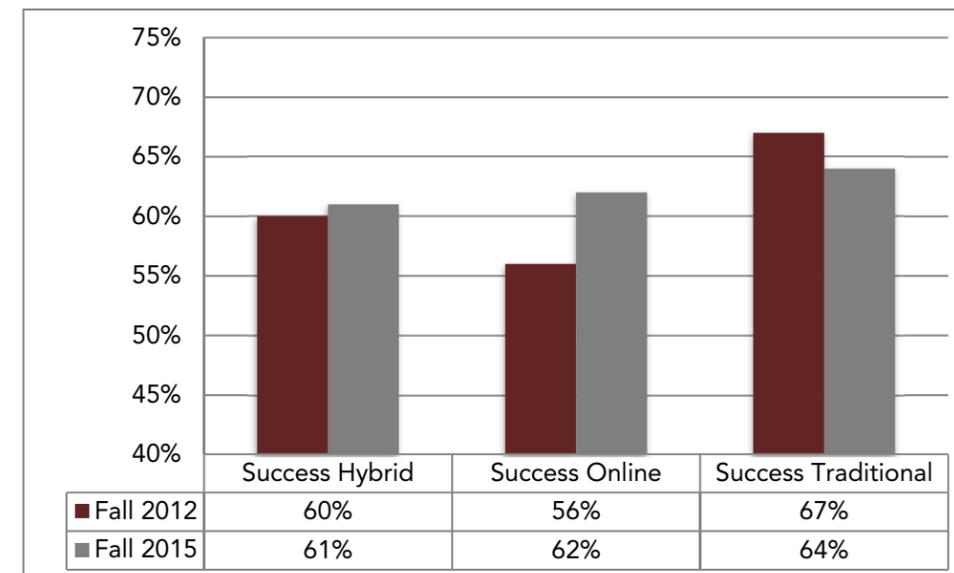


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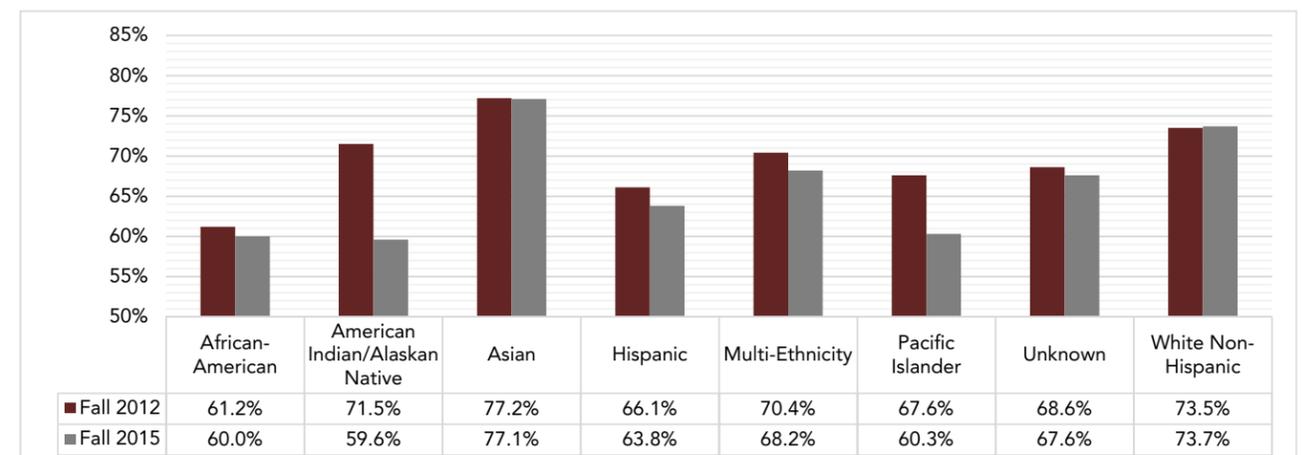
- o Successful course completion is measured by final grades of a C or better.

DATA SET 42: MT. SAC SUCCESSFUL COURSE COMPLETION BY MODE OF INSTRUCTION



Source: Mt. SAC Office of Research and Institutional Effectiveness, Argos Report

DATA SET 43: MT. SAC SUCCESSFUL COURSE COMPLETION BY RACE/ETHNICITY



Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Data Mart [datamart.cccco.edu](http://datamart.cccco.edu)

#### NOTE

- o Successful course completion is measured by final grades of a C or better.

## PROFILE OF THE COLLEGE'S COMMUNITIES AND STUDENTS INTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS (cont.)

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS (CONT.)

#### **Successful Course Completion (cont.)**

One metric of student success included the Chancellor's Office Scorecard is the remedial progress rate, defined as the percentage of credit students who attempted for the first time a course below transfer level and, within six years after that attempt, successfully completed a college-level course in the same discipline. The percentage of credit students who took remedial English and subsequently completed a college-level English course increased slightly over the periods studied, from 50.4 percent to 53.2 percent.

The percentages of credit students who initially took ESL or remedial Mathematics courses and subsequently completed a college-level course in those same disciplines decreased, in ESL from 50.9 percent to 44.2 percent and in Mathematics from 36.7 percent to 34.7 percent.

### DATA SET 44: MT. SAC STUDENT REMEDIAL PROGRESS RATE

|                      | % Credit Students Who Attempted Courses Below Transfer Level and Completed College-level Course in the Same Discipline within Six Years |   |
|----------------------|---|---|
|                      | Entered 2007–2008<br>Outcome by 2012–2013   | Entered 2010–2011<br>Outcome by 2015–2016 |
| Remedial English     | 50.4%   | 53.2%                                     |
| ESL                  | 50.9%   | 44.2%                                     |
| Remedial Mathematics | 36.7%   | 34.7%                                     |

Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Data Mart [datamart.cccco.edu](http://datamart.cccco.edu)

## PROFILE OF THE COLLEGE'S COMMUNITIES AND STUDENTS INTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS (cont.)

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS (CONT.)

#### Successful Course Completion (cont.)

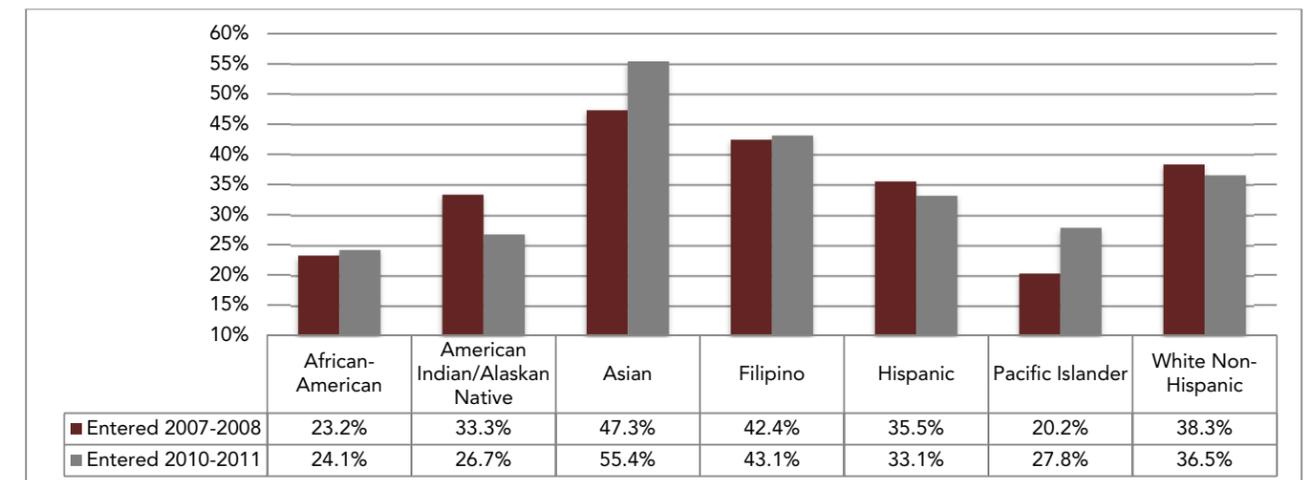
Consistent with the achievement gap described in Chapter 1: *Background*, students' progress from remedial courses into college-level courses varies by students' race/ethnicity. As shown in Data Set 45 for example, the equity breakdown of those from this Mathematics cohort indicates a wide outcome disparity with African American students having the lowest achievement (24.1 percent) compared to 34.7 percent for the group as a whole. Refer to the College's Student Equity Plan for additional data on student achievement by race/ethnicity.

Another metric of student success included the Chancellor's Office Scorecard is the transfer level achievement rate, defined as percentage of first-time students who complete six units and attempted any English or Mathematics course in their first year and subsequently completed a college-level English or Mathematics course in their first or second year. As shown in Data Set 46, the percentages of students who achieved this transfer milestone almost doubled in this comparison of first-time students in 2012–2013 and 2014–2015 for both English and Mathematics.

Although these percentages indicate improvement, the percentages also indicate that more attention should be given to first-time students. Fewer than half of the first-time students completed transfer-level English courses in their first or second years and only about a quarter of first-time students completed transfer-level

Mathematics courses in their first or second years. Mt. SAC Transfer Achievement Rates are lower than the statewide rates for both cohorts of students in English and Mathematics.

DATA SET 45: MT. SAC STUDENT REMEDIAL PROGRESS RATE IN MATHEMATICS BY RACE/ETHNICITY



Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Data Mart [datamart.cccco.edu](http://datamart.cccco.edu)

#### NOTE

- Remedial progress rate is the percentage of credit students who first attempted courses below transfer level and completed college-level course in the same discipline within six years.

DATA SET 46: MT. SAC STUDENT TRANSFER LEVEL ACHIEVEMENT IN ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS

|                                      | % That Completed English Course |          | % That Completed Math Course |          |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|------------------------------|----------|
|                                      | 1st Year                        | 2nd Year | 1st Year                     | 2nd Year |
| <b>Mt. SAC Students</b>              |                                 |          |                              |          |
| First-time students in 2012–2013     | 18.6%                           | 41.3%    | 11.6%                        | 20.2%    |
| First-time students in 2014–2015     | 27.7%                           | 47.0%    | 12.6%                        | 23.4%    |
| <b>California Community Colleges</b> |                                 |          |                              |          |
| First-time students in 2012–2013     | 33.4%                           | 52.9%    | 15.2%                        | 26.7%    |
| First-time students in 2014–2015     | 37.9%                           | 56.3%    | 17.0%                        | 28.6%    |

Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Data Mart [datamart.cccco.edu](http://datamart.cccco.edu)

## PROFILE OF THE COLLEGE'S COMMUNITIES AND STUDENTS INTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS (cont.)

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS (CONT.)

#### Degree, Certificate, and Transfer Completion

There was an increase of almost 200 more associate degrees awarded in 2015–2016 compared to 2012–2013. Although the number of Associate Degrees for Transfer increased and the number of local Associate Degrees decreased, the total number of local Associate Degrees awarded was approximately three times greater than the number of Associate Degrees for Transfer awarded.

For certificates, almost 250 fewer certificates that require 18 or more units were awarded in 2015–2016 compared to those awarded in 2012–2013. The number of certificates requiring between 6 and 18 units are referred to as local certificates and are not subject to approval by the Chancellor's Office. There was an increase of 108 of these local certificates awarded in 2015–2016 compared to 2012–2013.

A 2012–2013 to 2015–2016 comparison of the number of noncredit awards shows a slight decrease in the total number of awards, with the greatest increase in the noncredit awards requiring 96 to <144 hours (121 more awards) and the greatest decrease in the noncredit awards requiring 48 to <96 hours (124 fewer awards).

There was a net increase of 97 more awards in 2015–2016 than in 2012–2013, but this net increase was due to the addition of 53 other credit awards requiring 6 units that were awarded in 2015–2016 but not in 2012–2013. Without this additional new award category, the net change in Mt. SAC program awards would be an increase of 44 awards.

### DATA SET 47: MT. SAC PROGRAM AWARDS

|   | 2012–2013    | 2015–2016    | Change      |
|---|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Associate in Science for Transfer           | 1            | 61           | 60          |
| Associate in Arts for Transfer              | 133          | 366          | 233         |
| Associate of Science                        | 782          | 762          | -20         |
| Associate of Arts                           | 1,110        | 1,030        | -80         |
| <b>Total Degrees</b>                        | <b>2,026</b> | <b>2,219</b> | <b>193</b>  |
| Certificate requiring 30 to <60 units       | 460          | 295          | -165        |
| Certificate requiring 18 to <30 units       | 385          | 308          | -77         |
| Certificate requiring 6 to <18 units        | 515          | 623          | 108         |
| <b>Total Certificates</b>                   | <b>1,360</b> | <b>1,226</b> | <b>-134</b> |
| Other credit awards requiring 6 units       | 0            | 53           | 53          |
| Noncredit award requiring 480 to <960 hours | 434          | 359          | -75         |
| Noncredit award requiring 288 to <480 hours | 687          | 740          | 53          |
| Noncredit award requiring 192 to <288 hours | 15           | 11           | -4          |
| Noncredit award requiring 96 to <144 hours  | 14           | 135          | 121         |
| Noncredit award requiring 48 to <96 hours   | 162          | 38           | -124        |
| Noncredit award requiring <48 hours         | 64           | 25           | -39         |
| <b>Total Noncredit Awards</b>               | <b>1,376</b> | <b>1,361</b> | <b>-15</b>  |
| <b>Total – All Awards</b>                   | <b>4,762</b> | <b>4,806</b> | <b>97</b>   |

Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Data Mart [datamart.cccco.edu](http://datamart.cccco.edu) and Mt. SAC Office of Research and Institutional Effectiveness

#### NOTE

- o Other credit awards requiring 6 units were not offered in 2012–2013

## PROFILE OF THE COLLEGE'S COMMUNITIES AND STUDENTS INTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS (cont.)

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS (CONT.)

#### **Degree, Certificate, and Transfer Completion (cont.)**

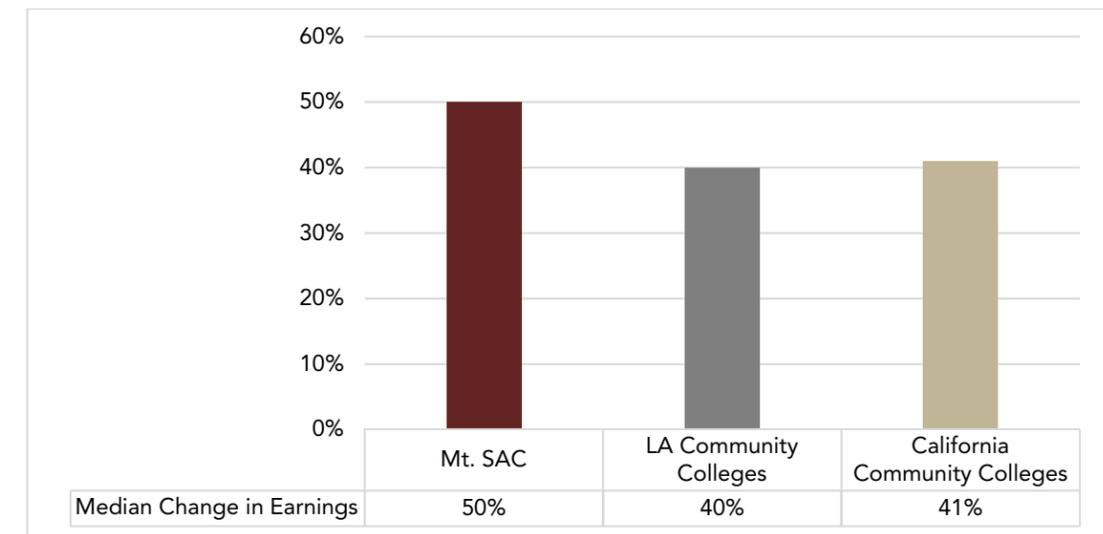
There is a well-established link between level of educational attainment and earnings. (Refer to Data Set 18.) Data Set 48 compares the percentage change in earnings one year before and one year after exiting the California community college system. Whether students earn a number of units or complete a degree or certificate, students who attended Mt. SAC had a higher median change in earnings compared to the median change for students who attended community colleges in Los Angeles County or any California community college.

A subset of the group of students whose earnings are described in the previous data set are students who use the opportunities at Mt. SAC to maintain and add skill sets required for ongoing employment and career advancement. The educational goal for these students is referred to as skill building because students' goals are to successfully complete a limited number of courses, rather than to complete the requirements for a certificate, degree, or transfer to a four-year institution.

Data Set 49 depicts the median inflation-adjusted wages before and after the year of enrollment for students who completed higher level CTE coursework in 2013–2014 and left the system without receiving any type of traditional outcome, such as transfer to a four-year institution or completion of a degree or certificate.

The median earnings for Mt. SAC students increased almost twice as much as students at community colleges statewide.

DATA SET 48: IMPACT OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE EDUCATION ON EARNINGS



Source: [calpassplus.org/launchboard](http://calpassplus.org/launchboard)

## PROFILE OF THE COLLEGE'S COMMUNITIES AND STUDENTS INTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS (cont.)

DATA SET 49: SKILLS BUILDER DATA: MEDIAN EARNINGS CHANGE

|  | Median % Change<br>in Earnings | Number of Students |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Accounting                                 | 29.7%                          | 74                 |
| Administration of Justice                  | 86.4%                          | 31                 |
| Air Traffic Control                        | 101.5                          | 20                 |
| Alcohol and Controlled Substances          | 17.7                           | 18                 |
| Animation                                  | 82.0                           | 11                 |
| Applied Photography                        | 72.7                           | 13                 |
| Architecture and Architectural Technology  | 22.0                           | 11                 |
| Banking and Finance                        | 53.8                           | 25                 |
| Business and Commerce                      | 36.7                           | 22                 |
| Business Management                        | 42.1%                          | 113                |
| Child Development/Early Care and Education | 16.1%                          | 67                 |
| Computer Information Systems               | 40.3                           | 23                 |
| Computer Networking                        | 27.2                           | 16                 |
| Computer Programming                       | 17.0%                          | 37                 |
| Drafting Technology                        | 69.5                           | 21                 |
| Electronics and Electric Technology        | 128.5                          | 21                 |
| Environmental Control Technology           | 30.1                           | 16                 |
| Family and Consumer Sciences               | 93.7                           | 10                 |
| Fashion Design                             | 59.9                           | 15                 |
| Fire Technology                            | 86.8%                          | 28                 |
| Graphic Art and Design                     | 52.0%                          | 16                 |
| Horticulture                               | 33.0%                          | 10                 |
| Hospitality                                | 74.2%                          | 15                 |

DATA SET 49: SKILLS BUILDER DATA: MEDIAN EARNINGS CHANGE (CONT.)

|   | Median % Change<br>in Earnings | Number of Students |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Information Technology, General             | 31.7%                          | 42                 |
| Landscape Design and Maintenance            | -3.0%                          | 13                 |
| Marketing and Distribution                  | 66.1%                          | 12                 |
| Nutrition, Foods, and Culinary Arts         | 21.3%                          | 40                 |
| Paralegal                                   | 5.0%                           | 27                 |
| Piloting                                    | 51.3%                          | 16                 |
| Psychiatric Technician                      | 54.2%                          | 25                 |
| Real Estate                                 | 11.5%                          | 47                 |
| Sign Language Interpreting                  | 25.6%                          | 13                 |
| Software Applications                       | 6.8%                           | 10                 |
| Special Education                           | 32.2%                          | 11                 |
| Veterinary Technician (Licensed)            | 84.4%                          | 20                 |
| Welding Technology                          | 36.5%                          | 39                 |
|   |                                |                    |
| <b>Mt. SAC Median</b>                       | <b>43.0%</b>                   |                    |
| <b>California Community Colleges Median</b> | <b>22.6%</b>                   |                    |

Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Data Mart [datamart.cccco.edu](http://datamart.cccco.edu)

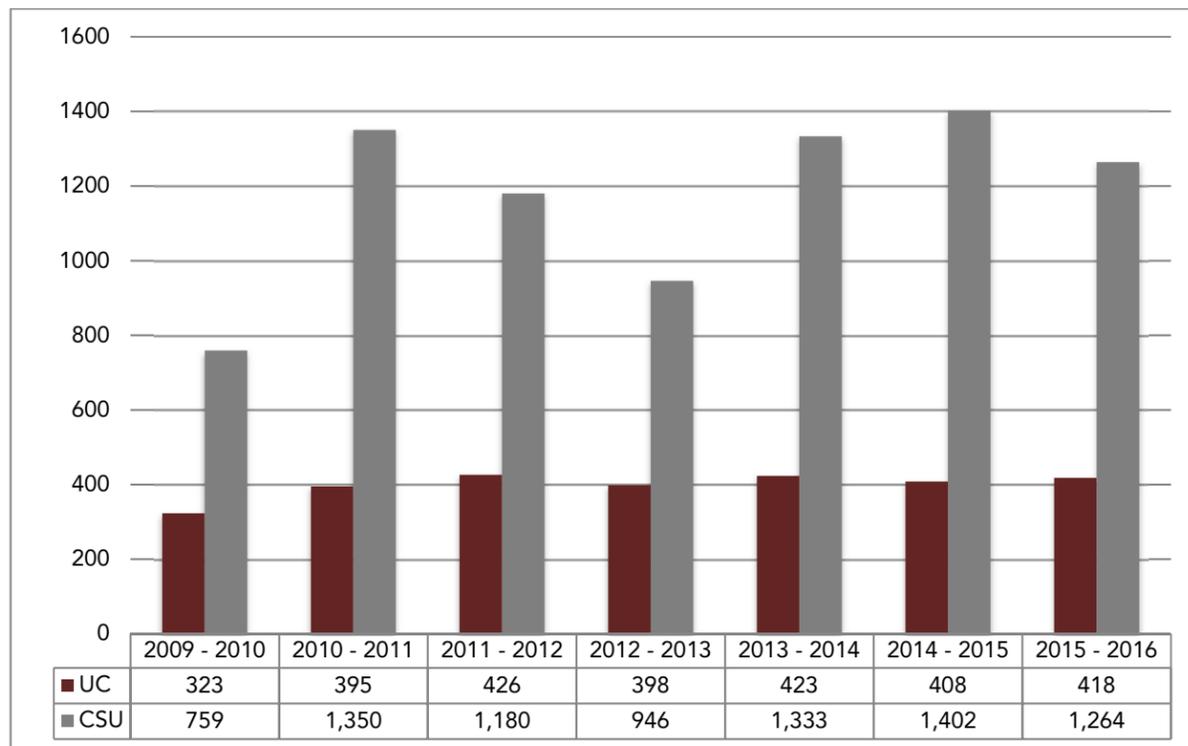
## PROFILE OF THE COLLEGE'S COMMUNITIES AND STUDENTS INTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS (cont.)

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS (CONT.)

#### Degree, Certificate, and Transfer Completion (cont.)

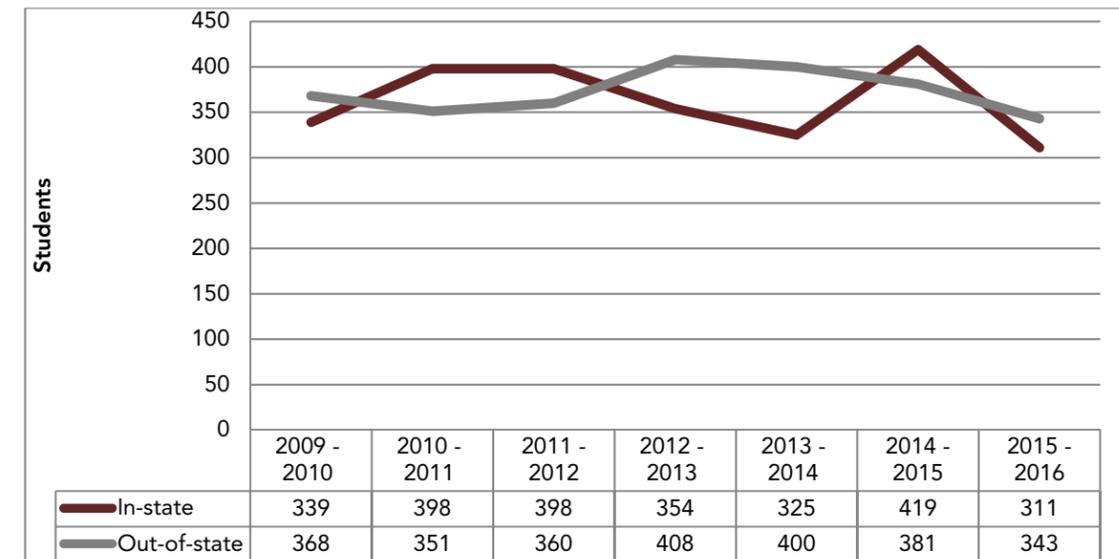
The number of Mt. SAC students who transferred to a CSU, UC, or private four-year institution peaked in 2014–2015 and declined in the following academic year. Overall, the numbers of students transferring to CSU, UC, or private four-year institutions have been relatively unchanged over the past seven years.

DATA SET 50: MT. SAC TRANSFERS TO UC AND CSU



Sources: [universityofcalifornia.edu](http://universityofcalifornia.edu) and [calstate.edu](http://calstate.edu)

DATA SET 51: TRANSFERS TO IN-STATE PRIVATE AND OUT-OF-STATE INSTITUTIONS



Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Data Mart [datamart.cccco.edu](http://datamart.cccco.edu)

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# GROWTH FORECAST

The data portfolio in this *Educational and Facilities Master Plan* culminates in a projection of the College's growth for the coming decade. The College's vision for expanding and improving its facilities in the coming decade are informed in part by this long-range growth forecast. Facilities planning is based on several factors, including the unique space needs of the programs that are most likely to grow in the next decade, an analysis of current facilities' conditions, and State guidelines for College facilities. These factors are described in subsequent chapters of this document.

The growth forecast is based on the data included in this chapter, such as population size and age projections, the economic status of the local region, and enrollment trends. Considering these data, the College projects that its annual growth rate in weekly student contact hours will range between 0.18 and 1.22 percent, with a mid-point of 0.75 percent. Using this mid-point of 0.75 percent, the College's projected growth rate is 8.6 percent over the next ten years.

DATA SET 52: ENROLLMENT GROWTH FORECAST

| Mt. SAC Enrollment Growth Forecast (Fall Semesters) |                                      |              |              |                                     |              |              |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Fall  | Full-time Equivalent Students (FTES) |              |              | Weekly Student Contact Hours (WSCH) |              |              |
|   | Low                                  | Medium       | High         | Low                                 | Medium       | High         |
| 2015  | 13,016                               | 13,016       | 13,016       | 436,835                             | 436,835      | 436,835      |
| 2016  | 13,040                               | 13,114       | 13,175       | 437,628                             | 440,111      | 442,167      |
| 2017  | 13,063                               | 13,212       | 13,336       | 438,422                             | 443,412      | 447,563      |
| 2018  | 13,087                               | 13,311       | 13,498       | 439,217                             | 446,738      | 453,026      |
| 2019  | 13,111                               | 13,411       | 13,663       | 440,014                             | 450,088      | 458,555      |
| 2020  | 13,135                               | 13,511       | 13,830       | 440,813                             | 453,464      | 464,152      |
| 2021  | 13,158                               | 13,613       | 13,999       | 441,613                             | 456,865      | 469,817      |
| 2022  | 13,182                               | 13,715       | 14,170       | 442,414                             | 460,291      | 475,551      |
| 2023  | 13,206                               | 13,818       | 14,343       | 443,217                             | 463,744      | 481,355      |
| 2024  | 13,230                               | 13,921       | 14,518       | 444,021                             | 467,222      | 487,230      |
| 2025  | 13,254                               | 14,026       | 14,695       | 444,827                             | 470,726      | 493,177      |
| 2026  | 13,278                               | 14,131       | 14,874       | 445,634                             | 474,256      | 499,196      |
| 2027  | 13,302                               | 14,237       | 15,055       | 446,436                             | 477,813      | 505,286      |
| <b>Annual Growth Rate</b>                           | <b>0.18%</b>                         | <b>0.75%</b> | <b>1.22%</b> | <b>0.18%</b>                        | <b>0.75%</b> | <b>1.22%</b> |

Source: CBT

# IMPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING

## DATA MOST RELEVANT TO LONG-TERM PLANNING

### External Environmental Scans

Mt. SAC's mission articulates a commitment to provide higher education opportunities for residents who live in the communities served by the College. Therefore, the first step in the development of Mt. SAC's data-informed long-term plan is to identify the changes that these communities expect in the next decade.

This analysis identified five projections that are most relevant to long-term planning at Mt. SAC.

- Projected slow population growth
- Projected decline in college-age population
- Projected continuation of community diversity
- Projected increased need for opportunities provided by Mt. SAC
- Projected stability and growth in local economy

Data describing these projections and the implications of each for Mt. SAC's future are summarized in the following section.

- **Projected slow population growth**
  - Data summary: Populations for the cities in Mt. SAC's geographic boundaries as well as in Mt. SAC's larger service area are projected to see an annual compounded growth rate of 0.8 percent per year over the next 20 years. The statewide population is growing at only a slightly greater rate (0.9 percent per year).
  - Implications for Mt. SAC: Relying on population growth alone to maintain or

increase student enrollment is likely to result in student enrollment growth of less than one percent per year. Refer to Recommendation 1 in the next section.

- **Projected decline in college-age population**
  - Data summary: The portion of the total population in the typical college-going ages (15–24 years old) is projected to decrease. The population aged 15–24 currently comprises 15.2 percent of the total population. This proportion is projected to decline to 13.4 percent of the population by 2021 while the proportion of the population over 25 years of age is projected to increase.
  - Implications for Mt. SAC: In order to better serve its communities in the next decade the College should plan on continuing and expanding higher education options tailored to a variety of student ages, such as increasing evening offerings of career technical education programs and the programs offered by the School of Continuing Education. Refer to Recommendation 4 in the next section.
- **Projected continuation of community diversity**
  - Data summary: The communities surrounding Mt. SAC are quite diverse in terms of race/ethnicity. One indicator of this diversity is that compared to the state, Mt. SAC and its service area include a lower percentage of residents who speak only English at home and a higher percentage of people who speak Spanish

or Asian and Pacific Island languages at home. This broad diversity is projected to continue. The percentages of the population that are Asian and Hispanic are likely to increase in the next five years while the White Alone and Black Alone groups are projected to decrease slightly as a percentage of the population.

- Implications for Mt. SAC: In order to serve its communities, in the next decade the College should plan on continuing and expanding higher education options tailored to a wide range of racial/ethnic groups, such as the variety of Specialized/Caseload Management-Based Student Services described in Chapter 4: *Student Services*. Refer to Recommendation 4 in the next section.
- **Projected increased need for opportunities provided by Mt. SAC**
  - Data summary: The levels of educational attainment are lower for adults living in the communities surrounding Mt. SAC than for adults in the State. About 45 percent of residents near Mt. SAC have a high school diploma or less compared to 38.7 percent for adults in California. Similarly, a little over 26.0 percent of the residents near Mt. SAC have earned a baccalaureate degree or higher compared to 32.0 percent for adults in California. A second factor in the communities' need for Mt. SAC services is the national trend for the average person to make several career changes during their working lifetime (Source: bls.gov). Career technical

education programs are needed to provide training to prepare residents for career changes as well as career entry.

- Implications for Mt. SAC: There is need for the services provided by Mt. SAC both in terms of basic skills education as well as postsecondary credentials for job entry, career change, and transfer to four-year institutions. Refer to Recommendation 3 in the next section.
- **Projected stability and growth in local economy**
  - Data summary: The cities surrounding Mt. SAC are recovering from the recession and show signs of recovery. For example, thanks to increases in local job opportunities, the local median household income is slightly higher than the state, and unemployment rates are returning to pre-recession levels. The industry sectors projected to grow fastest in Los Angeles County over the next decade are health care, construction, business, and hospitality.
  - Implications for Mt. SAC: Mt. SAC has numerous career technical programs in place that would prepare students for the industries projected to grow over the next decade. These programs could be expanded to serve a greater number of students and/or provide a variety of credentials for the industry sectors projected to grow. Refer to Recommendation 3 in the next section.

## PROFILE OF THE COLLEGE'S COMMUNITIES AND STUDENTS IMPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING (cont.)

### DATA MOST RELEVANT TO LONG-TERM PLANNING (CONT.)

#### **Internal Environmental Scans**

A second step in the development of Mt. SAC's data-informed long-term plan is to identify the College's current performance on various data elements. In this analysis, Mt. SAC was compared to its prior performance (comparing fall 2012 and fall 2015 data) and/or Mt. SAC was compared to other California college colleges. This analysis identified the following strengths.

- o Increased student headcount and FTES
- o Increased noncredit FTES
- o Increased enrollment from students living within Mt. SAC boundaries
- o Increased diversity in Mt. SAC student demographics
- o Increased student achievement on some benchmarks
- o Increased median earnings after completion of courses and program

This analysis also identified the following patterns in student achievement that are worthy of attention in the College's upcoming plans.

- o Decreased student unit load
- o Disparities in retention, successful course completion, and remedial progress rates based on students' race/ethnicity
- o Lower successful course completion rates
- o Lower remedial progress and transfer level achievement rates

Data describing the details of this Internal Environmental Scans and implications for future planning at Mt. SAC are summarized in the following section.

- o **Increased student headcount and FTES**
  - Data summary: Mt. SAC's unduplicated student headcount grew 10.2 percent between 2012–2013 and 2015–2016 while FTES, or the number of full-time equivalent students, increased 5.3 percent. These increases exceed the enrollment patterns experienced by most California community colleges. (Note: FTES is the state metric for measuring workload and is the basis for state apportionment to the College.)
  - Implications for Mt. SAC: Continuing growth or maintaining enrollment stability will require a continuation or expansion of outreach efforts. Refer to Recommendation 1 in the next section.
- o **Increased noncredit FTES**
  - Data summary: Noncredit FTES recently grew at a significantly higher rate than credit FTES. Between 2012–2013 and 2015–2016, the amount of noncredit FTES increased 14.4 percent while the amount of credit FTES increased 3.3 percent. Mt. SAC's total FTES for 2015–2016 was 32,154, of which 80.5 percent was credit FTES and 19.4 percent was noncredit FTES.
  - Implications for Mt. SAC: Programs offered by School for Continuing Education appear to be meeting

community needs, as evidenced by this increase in noncredit FTES. Given the age shifts projected for the local population, such offerings have the potential to contribute to the College's stability in enrollment. Refer to Recommendation 1 in the next section.

- o **Increased enrollment from students living within Mt. SAC boundaries**
  - Data summary: Credit and noncredit student headcount increased between fall 2012 and fall 2015, the majority of which was due to an increase in students who live within Mt. SAC boundaries. Fall 2015 saw an increase of 1,670 more students who live within Mt. SAC boundaries enrolled at the College compared to an increase of 43 students who live outside of Mt. SAC boundaries. About 30 percent of this increase is due to a reinvigorated high school outreach program. Between fall 2012 and fall 2015 there was an increase of 496 in-district high school graduates who enrolled at Mt. SAC in the fall semester following graduation.
  - Implications for Mt. SAC: Recent high school graduates provide a rich pool of potential new students for Mt. SAC to offset the projected decrease in typical college-age residents. The impressive 26.5 percent increase of in-district high school graduates who enrolled at Mt. SAC between fall 2012 and fall 2015 can be just the beginning. For example, although the number of Pomona High School graduates who enrolled at Mt. SAC in fall

2015 was almost double the number of those who enrolled in fall 2012, the 2015 total of 84 students is less than one-third of the high school's total graduating class for 2014–2015. Refer to Recommendation 1 in the next section.

- o **Increased diversity in Mt. SAC student demographics**
  - Data summary: Mt. SAC's student population is a mosaic of different ages, races/ethnicities, and other factors that define special populations.
    - » Age: Although a little over 60 percent of Mt. SAC students were age 24 or younger in fall 2012 and fall 2015, there was a greater increase in the number of students age 25 and above compared to the increase in the number of students age 24 and younger. Compared to community colleges across the State, Mt. SAC has a higher proportion of students who are between the ages of 20 and 24 as well as students age 50 and above.
    - » Race/ethnicity: In fall 2015, 84.7 percent of Mt. SAC's students identify as members of one of three groups based on race/ethnicity: Hispanic (54.6 percent), Asian (18.6 percent), and White Non-Hispanic (11.5 percent). Between fall 2012 and fall 2015, the percentage of Hispanic and Asian students increased while the percentage of White Non-Hispanic students decreased.

## PROFILE OF THE COLLEGE'S COMMUNITIES AND STUDENTS IMPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING (cont.)

- » Special populations: First-generation college students, who are the first in their families to attend higher education, accounted for 29.5 percent of the total Mt. SAC student population in fall 2015.
- Implications for Mt. SAC: To better serve its communities, in the next decade the College should plan on continuing and expanding higher education options tailored to a wide range of ages, racial/ethnic groups, and special populations, such as increasing evening offerings of career technical education programs, the diverse programs offered by the School of Continuing Education, and the variety of Specialized/Caseload Management-Based Student Services described in Chapter 4: *Student Services*. Refer to Recommendation 4 in the next section.
- **Increased student achievement on some benchmarks**
  - Data summary: Mt. SAC's student population has demonstrated significant improvements in recent years on a number of key measures of student success.
    - » Retention in a course: Between fall 2012 to fall 2015, the College's retention rate (a ratio of the number of students enrolled in a course at census to the number of students who completed the course with any grade) remained strong, from 86 percent to 88 percent for all types of courses.
- » Successful course completion rates in online courses: Student's successful course completion rates in online-only courses improved significantly between fall 2012 and fall 2015 and were close to student successful course completion rates in face-to-face instruction in fall 2015 (64 percent for online courses and 67 percent for traditional courses).
- » Remedial Progress Rates in English: The percentage of credit students who took remedial English and subsequently completed a college-level English course increased slightly, from 50.4 percent to 53.2 percent, in a comparison of students who entered in 2007–2008 with those who entered in 2010–2011.
- » Number of Program Awards: Mt. SAC recently increased the number of Associate Degrees for Transfer awarded, from 134 of these associate degrees in 2012–2013 to 427 in 2015 - 2016. Although the number of local Associate Degrees decreased over the same period, from 1,892 in 2012–2013 to 1,792 in 2015–2016, the total number of local Associate Degrees awarded was approximately three times larger than the total number of Associate Degrees for Transfer awarded.
- Implications for Mt. SAC: In the next decade the College should plan on continuing and expanding the programs that were instrumental in supporting and producing these upswings in measures of students' achievement. The College's Student Equity Plan provides data on the current status of equity across five metrics and populations to be assisted, such as African American Males and Latinos, as well as programs to help these populations. Refer to Recommendation 3 in the next section.
- **Increased median earnings after completion of courses and programs**
  - Data Summary: Comparing the percentage change in earnings one year before and one year after exiting the California community college system in 2013–2014, students who attended Mt. SAC had a 43.0 percent median change in earnings compared to a 22.6 percent median change in earnings for students who attended community colleges throughout California.
  - Implications for Mt. SAC: In the next decade the College should plan on maintaining and expanding career technical education programs that match needs within the local communities. For example, the fastest growing occupations in Los Angeles County between now and 2024 are projected to be in health care (personal care aides, nurse practitioners, home health aides, and occupational therapy assistants), construction (ironworkers, brick masons and helpers, and floor layers), business (statisticians, web developers, and operations research analysts), and hospitality (restaurant cooks). Since Mt. SAC currently offers career technical education programs to prepare students for most of these occupations, the future focus should be on maintaining the caliber of these programs and expanding course offerings into evening hours. Refer to Recommendation 3 in the next section.
- **Decrease in average unit load per student**
  - Data summary: Mt. SAC's FTES and student headcount have not grown proportionately. Between 2012–2013 and 2015–2016, student headcount increased almost twice as much as FTES, which indicates that the average amount of FTES earned per student declined. Although there are more students, they are taking fewer units.
  - Implications for Mt. SAC: Students who take fewer than 12 units per semester are less likely to complete degrees, certificates, and transfer requirements. In order to make significant progress on Mt. SAC's Completion Agenda, efforts must be developed and/or expanded to ensure an increase in students' unit load each semester. Refer to Recommendation 2 in the next section.
- **Disparities in retention, successful course completion, and remedial progress rates based on students' race/ethnicity**
  - Data Summary:
    - » Retention in a course: Although Mt. SAC's retention rates were strong in both fall 2012 and fall 2015, there

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were disparities in retention rates by students' race/ethnicity, with higher rates for Asian and White Non-Hispanic students and lower rates for Hispanic and African-American students.

- » Successful course completion rates: In fall 2015, the student race/ethnicity groups with the highest successful course completion rates were Asian and White Non-Hispanic and the lowest successful course completion rates were African-American.
- » Remedial progress rates: In a comparison of all students who initially took remedial Mathematics courses and subsequently completed a college-level course in the same discipline, there was a disparity of outcomes based on students' race/ethnicity. African American students had the lowest achievement rate of 24.1 percent compared to 34.7 percent for the group as a whole.
- Implications for Mt. SAC: The College is currently focused on Achievement Gap issues, as seen in the current Student Equity Plan, which provides data on the current status of equity across five metrics and populations to be assisted and identifies programs to help these populations. Refer to Recommendation 3 in the next section.
- o **Lower successful course completion rates**
  - Data Summary:
    - » Analysis of course type: Students' successful course completion rates fell slightly in all course types between fall 2012 and fall 2015. In both semesters, there were disparities in student successful course completion rates by course type, with the highest completion rates in career technical education programs and the lowest rates in basic skills classes.
    - » Analysis of disciplines: Chapter 3: *Instructional Programs* compares Mt. SAC's rates of student successful course completion rates to the statewide rates for the same instructional discipline in the same semester. In fall 2015 Mt. SAC's students' successful course completion rates were two or more percentage points below the statewide rates in 45 of the College's 85 disciplines.
  - Implications for Mt. SAC: In the next decade the College should plan on developing and expanding programs that have been proven to be instrumental in increasing student successful course completion, such as intrusive counseling and tutoring. Refer to Recommendation 3 in the next section.
- o **Lower remedial progress and transfer level achievement rates**
  - Data Summary:
    - » Analysis of transition from basic skills to college-level: In a comparison of students who entered in 2007–

2008 with those who entered in 2010–2011, the percentages of credit students who initially took ESL or remedial Mathematics courses and subsequently completed a college-level course in the same discipline decreased. Successful transition to college-level courses decreased in ESL from 50.9 percent to 44.2 percent and decreased in Mathematics from 36.7 percent to 34.7 percent.

- » Analysis of transfer achievement milestones: Fewer than half of the first-time students who entered the College in 2014–2015 completed transfer-level English courses in their first or second years and only about a quarter of first-time students completed transfer-level Mathematics courses in their first or second years. Mt. SAC Transfer Achievement Rates are lower than the statewide rates for students in English and Mathematics.
- Implications for Mt. SAC: In the next decade the College should plan on developing and expanding programs that have been proven to be instrumental in increasing student completion of degree and transfer requirements, such as Guided Pathways, intrusive counseling and tutoring, and multiple measures for placement. Refer to Recommendation 3 in the next section.

### PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON DATA

Given the diversity of community population characteristics, future enrollment stability and growth require the College to support a broad range of community needs in order to maintain its legacy of success and innovation.

#### **1. Support innovations that are likely to maintain patterns of moderate enrollment growth.**

The College has a proven track record of taking advantage of opportunities to reach out to students and grow enrollment. It is essential to continue—and expand—this impressive array of programs and services to maintain fiscal stability. For example, the outreach to recent high school graduates has been successful. The College may consider building on this success by developing additional opportunities to connect with high school seniors, such as expanding dual enrollment programs or establishing other partnerships with K–12 districts and faculty. Similarly, the College's recent expansion of its noncredit programs has been well received by the communities. Expansion of these programs, especially the Adult Basic Education and Short-term Vocational programs, would provide support for continued enrollment growth as well as meet community needs.

#### **2. Support innovations that been proven to increase the rates of degree, certificate, and transfer completion and narrow the Achievement Gap.**

The College's track record related to the Completion Agenda and the Achievement Gap described in Chapter 1: *Background* is mixed. Along with the many significant successes

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described in this Internal Environmental Scans, there are also multiple specific areas in need of attention as highlighted by the following data.

- Mt. SAC students are diverse in many ways, such as age, race/ethnicity, and life experiences. Since this diversity is projected to increase over the next decade, closing the Achievement Gap will require College-wide efforts to maintain and expand initiatives tailored to a broad array of students' educational needs. For examples of current projects, refer to the College's Guided Pathways as well the initiatives described in the Mt. SAC Student Equity Plan.
- Successful course completion rates fell slightly in all course types between fall 2012 and fall 2015. Students' successful course completion rates for each discipline are included in Chapter 3: *Instructional Programs* of this document.
- The percentages of credit students who initially took ESL or remedial Mathematics courses and subsequently completed a college-level course in the same discipline decreased, in ESL from 50.9 percent to 44.2 percent and in Mathematics from 36.7 percent to 34.7 percent, in a comparison of students who entered in 2007–2008 with those who entered in 2010–2011.
- Fewer than half of the first-time students who entered the College in 2014–2015 completed transfer-level English courses in their first or second years and only about a quarter of first-time students completed transfer-level Mathematics courses in their first or second years.

### **3. Align programs, practices, and policies with current community needs.**

This obvious recommendation is to use the information in this document to identify segments of Mt. SAC's heterogeneous communities that currently may be underserved. Working adults are one example of a segment of the population that may be currently underserved due to program scheduling and/or program branding.

Mt. SAC's communities rightly boast of residents' high levels of employment. However, coupled with higher-than-average commute times, working adults in Mt. SAC's communities have busy daily schedules, which limit their access to higher education.

- **Schedule:** There are limited opportunities to enroll in evening classes; only 15.5 percent of Mt. SAC students took evening classes in fall 2015. Further study is needed to determine if this is due to the lack of student interest, the lack of classes scheduled during the evenings, or the types of courses offered in the evenings. There is also limited access to distance learning, which reduces students' access to schedule flexibility. Mt. SAC's course delivery by distance education and hybrid models is far below that for all California community colleges combined, accounting for only 2.8 percent of FTES at Mt. SAC compared to 11.4 percent and growing for all community colleges.
- **Program branding:** Career trends indicate that the average person will make several career changes during their working lifetime,

so the concept of "career preparation" could be expanded to include models of "career transitioning" and "career positioning."

The two most sizeable age groupings in Mt. SAC's population are those in the millennial generation (between 21 and 36 years of age) and the Gen Xers (between 37 and 51 years of age). Outreach to these populations with programs and schedules that accommodate the work, family responsibilities, and learning preferences of these age groups would be pacesetting.

### **4. Adjust programs, practices, and policies to accommodate projected demographic shifts.**

For Mt. SAC, the population is projected to grow at a slow and steady rate. The population surrounding the College, as well as across the country, is aging. The typical 18–22-year-old, college-age segment is declining and the population age 25 and over is increasing. To accommodate these shifts in the age demographics, the College may consider how to craft outreach, student recruitment and support, types of programs, and schedules to meet the new population age distributions.

For example, older-age segments of the population include populations with vastly different educational attainment levels and with different educational needs than those starting college as new high school graduates. Examples of populations that could benefit from targeted outreach and program development are the over-25-years-of age residents in the College's communities, 21% of whom do not have a high

school diploma. Further development of the targeted programs initiated by the College's School of Continuing Education are likely to benefit the communities and the College.



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