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### A STUDY OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN BUSINESS DATA PROCESSING COURSES AT LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN COLLEGE Fall, 1965

### INTRODUCTION

One of the purposes of the junior college has been to provide occupational education designed to meet the needs of students who wish to prepare for employment, upgrade their skills or be retrained in current occupational careers. In the last ten years, Metropolitan College has offered courses in Business Data Processing which were designed to meet the occupational junior college objective.

Metropolitan College initiated Business Data Processing in 1957 by the offering of one course<sup>1</sup> in the Evening Division. Course offerings were added as students became interested in this expanding occupational area. During the Fall Semester, 1965, Evening Division, 27 different courses were offered, which provided 33 class sections. Since 1962, there were 5,396 class enrollments in evening Business Data Processing courses.

### PROBLEM

Although course offerings and enrollments have increased, there was meager data concerning the characteristics of students who enrolled in BDP evening courses. It became increasingly difficult to make realistic predictions in scheduling BDP classes. Moreover, there was no formalized system of providing instructors with comparative data concerning the BDP student population.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>An evening course entitled "Punched Card Machine Accounting".

### PURPOSES

- 1. To gather data concerning BDF students including educational background, prior employment, employment objectives and educational objective.
- 2. To provide a teacher-counseling device to assist the student in planning his vocational and educational objectives.
- 3. To provide data for the instructor concerning the students so that the instructor would more effectively relate course objectives to student needs.
- 4. To provide information that would aid in more realistic scheduling of subsequent class offerings.

### LIMITATIONS OF STUDY

- 1. Students included in this study involved only those students attending one urban college (Los Angeles Metropolitan College) in the Los Angeles area.
- 2. All of the students included in this study were students enrolled in the evening program.
- 3. The study included only those students who were enrolled in the Fall Semester, 1965.
- 4. The Programmers Aptitude Test (Form MO2-6762-3) was administered only to those students who were new to the college, Fall, 1965.

### PROCEDURE

- 1. A Business Data Processing Student Information Form was designed with the following three purposes: (See Appendix A for BDP Student Information Form.)
  - a. To gather background information on each student concerning educational background, employment data, employment objectives, and educational data.
  - b. To provide a teacher-counseling device so that the teacher could help each student plan his next semester's program.
    - In cases where students had neither sufficient interest nor aptitude, they were encouraged to try other occupational fields.
  - c. To help the teacher know more about each student's background so that the teacher could do a more effective job in relating the course content to the student's needs.

lwith the exception of two classes offered in the day, all of the students included in this study were evening students.

2. The BDP Student Information Form was administered to each evening student.

In the Fall, 1965 Evening Division, there were initially 875 student class enrollments in BDP classes. However, students actually attending class the first week represented 797 student class enrollments. This was presumably due to "no shows" or students never attending.

Of those 797 student enrollments of those students attending class, 520 completed the BDP Form. On the average, then, each student was taking 1.53 classes in Business Data Processing. Therefore, to avoid the student having more than one teacher as a counselor, students were asked to fill out only one form, even though they might be taking two or three BDP classes. Generally, the student filled out the form in the BDP class having the highest course number if he were taking more than one class.

3. The Programmers Aptitude Test was administered to the BDP students at the beginning of the semester. Out of the 520 students taking courses, 270 took the PAT, or 51.9%

It was assumed that these 270 students were either: students who were new; students who had never taken the PAT; or students who wished to retake it.

- 4. The EDP Student Information forms were submitted to the Evening Division office so that:
  - a. the data could be tabulated, processed, analyzed, and
  - b. A check could be made of courses students planned to take in the Spring Semester, 1966. In this manner, it-was much easier to plan the Spring Semester Schedule of Classes. It was particularly helpful in planning the advanced BDP sections.
- 5. After duplicate office copies were made for study purposes, the original BDP Student Information Forms were returned to the teachers so that the forms were available for further counseling. It was felt that there was a closer liaison between the student and the teacher and that students were more realistically counseled in terms of their abilities, aptitudes, and interests. In some cases, students were encouraged to enter another occupational field.
- 6. Additional data were gathered from the office records relative to:
  - a. the previous units taken at Los Angeles Metropolitan College.
  - b. Other courses in which the students were enrolled for the Fall Semester, 1965.
- 7. Findings, summary, and recommendations were made. The findings are presented in tabular form.

TABLE I

HOME ADDRESS OF STUDENTS AS GIVEN BY POSTAL ZONES

Comparison of BDP Student Population with College Population

NAME OF ZONE	ZONE 3	BDP STUDENT POPULATION (Per cent) Fall, 1965	TOTAL COLLEGE POPULATION <sup>2</sup> (Per Cent) Fall, 1965
Pico Heights	6	4.1	1.6
Dockweiler	7	1.6	2.7 6.6
Rimpau	19 <b>18</b>	5.1	
Cimarron		6.0	<b>7.</b> 2
West Adams	16	4.8	<b>5.</b> 8
Crenshaw	္မ	1.3	1.3
LaTijera	<sup>1</sup> ;3	2.6	3•3
SUETOTAL		25.5	26.5
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Hancock	i, i,		
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<sup>1</sup> Analysis was made of the total EDP Student Population (N=520), Fall, 1965

<sup>2</sup>Estimated on a 20% random sample of total population LAMC, Fell, 1965 (total N=4418)

<sup>3</sup> See Apprendix B for map of Los Angeles showing locations of Zip Code, Local Zones.

TABLE I (Continued)

### HOME ADDRESS OF STUDENT SHOWN BY POSTAL ZONES

### North of Present Site

NAME OF ZONE		BDP STUDENT POPULATION <sup>1</sup> (Per cent) Fall, 1965	TOTAL COLLEGE POPULATION <sup>2</sup> (Per cent) Fall, 1965
Edendale Lincoln Heights El Sereno Boyle Griffith Eagle Rock Highland Park Glassell	26 31 32 33 39 41 42 65	1.5 0.9 0.5 0.7 1.1 0.7 0.9 1.9	2.0 0.5 1.4 0.8 0.6 0.8 0.8
SUBTOTAL  Northwest of Present Site		8.2	8.0
Los Feliz Oakwood Sanford Vermont Ave. St. Wilshire La Brea Flint	27 4 5 29(& inc. 28) 36 57	0.9 2.4 2.8 2.0 0.9 0.1	0.9 1.3 1.5 1.8 0.4 1.0
SUBTOTAL		9.1	6.9
TOTAL (North & Northweet present site)	est of	17.3	14.9
OTHERS (Los Angeles Posts	al Zone)	9.1	6.5

### Areas Cutside of Los Angeles

The home address of students enrolled in BDP courses who lived outside of the Los Angeles area comprised 30% of the population. Major areas represented were:

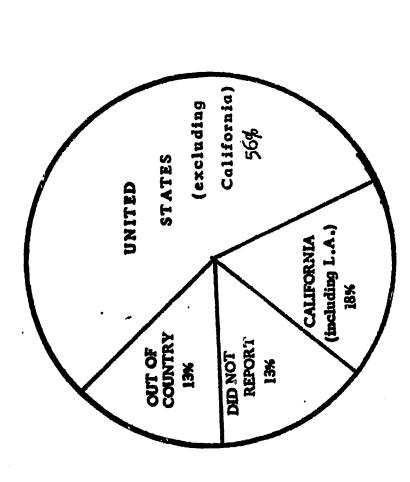
Monterey Park	1.5	1.5
Inglewood	1.7	1.4
North Hollywood	1.3	0.9
Burbank	1.1	0.9
Torrance	1.1	0.4
Alhambra Huntington Park	1.3 1.3 1.1	0.9 0.6 0.6
Van Nuys	1.3	0.9
Gardena San Gabriel Glendale	1.6 1.0	0.6 0.5
Total Major Areas Outside Los Angeles	14.3	9.2
Others	13.4	12.3
GRAND TOTAL	100.00	100.0

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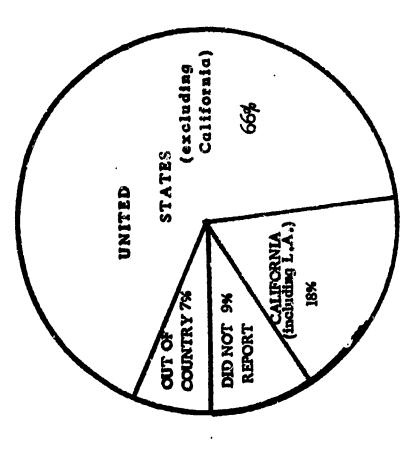


## COMPARATIVE DATA REGARDING PLACE OF BIRTH

Eve. Students Enrolled in BDP Courses Fall Semester, 1965 N=520



Total Evening College Population | Fall Semester, 1965 | Nath 18



Europe, 14; England, Ireland, Canada, Sweden 11; Mexico, Central America and Carribean 21; OUT OF COUNTRY:

South America 13; Asia 15; Egypt, Ghana 2.

UNITED STATES:

(excluding California) Hawaii 15; The Mid-West North 93; The Mid-West South 88; The East North 43; The East South 51.

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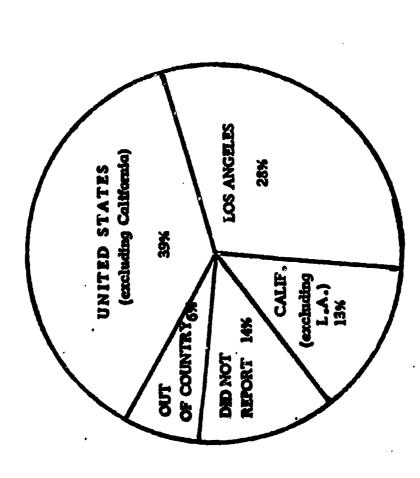
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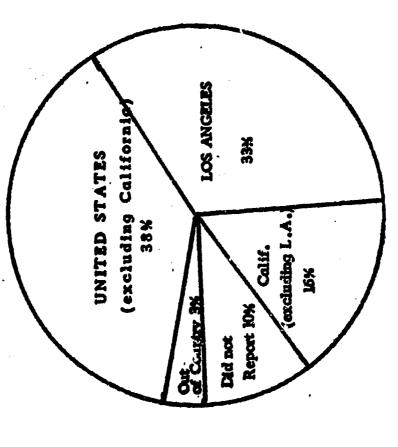
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# COMPARATIVE DATA REGAZEDING PLACE OF HICH SCHOOL CRAFUALION

Students Enrolled in EMP Courses Fall Semester, 1965 N=520



Total Evening College Population<sup>1</sup> Fall. Semester, 1965 N=4418



Europe 5; Gr. Br. 7; South and Central America 9; OUT OF COUNTRY:

Asta 4; Egypt, Ghana 2.

sollowing states: Texas 30; New York 20; Illinois 16; (excluding California) Greatest sumbers from the Hawaii 13; Ohio 12; Michigan 10. JUSTED STATES:

Greatest number from following schools: Fremont 17; Manual Arts 15; Dorsey 12; Jefferson II; Washington 9; Ifuncington Park 8, Roost velt 3.

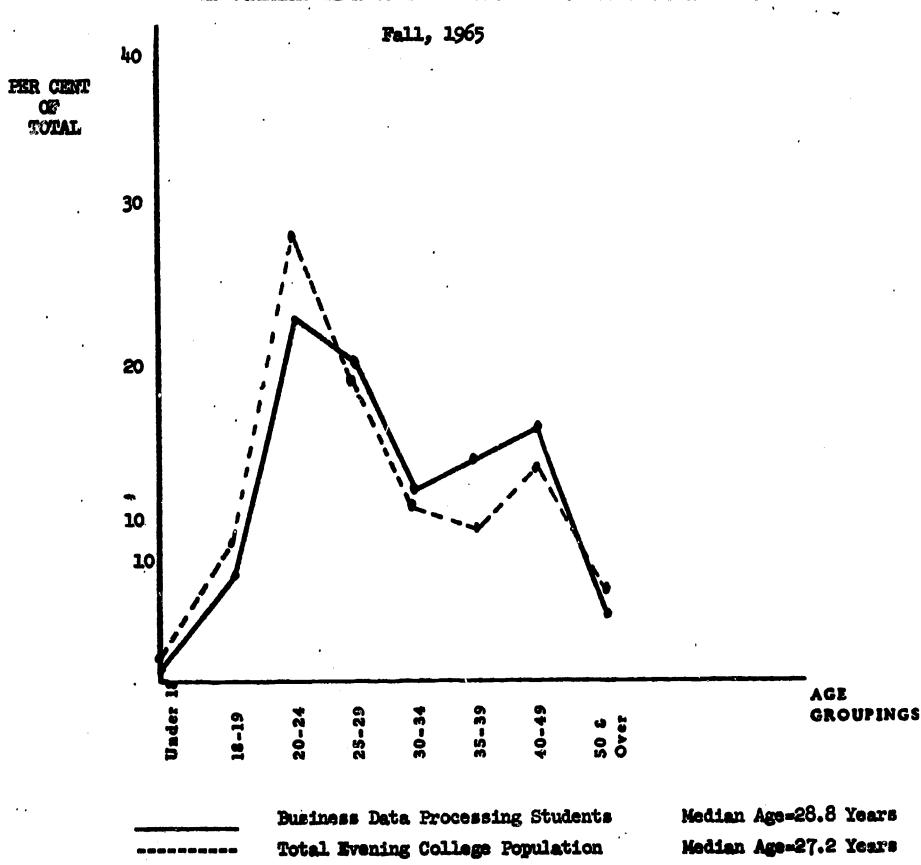
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Example on a 20% Sample

Figure 3

### AGE GROUPINGS

EVENING STUDENTS ENROLLED IN BUSINESS DATA PROCESSING<sup>1</sup>
AS COMPARED WITH TOTAL EVENING COLLEGE POPULATION

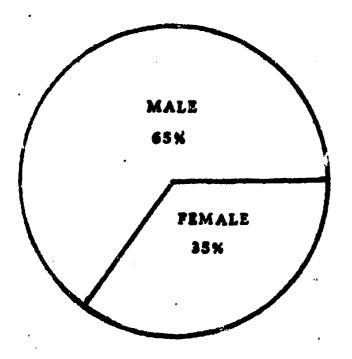


N=520 2N=4418 (ages estimated on a 20% random sample)



Figure 4

### COMPARISON OF MALE/FEMALE RATIO BETWEEN BDP EVENING STUDENT POPULATION AND TOTAL COLLEGE EVENING POPULATION



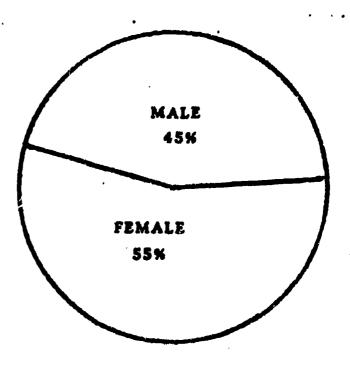
BDP EVENING STUDENT POPULATION

Fall, 1965

N=520

Mele/female ratio = 1.86

(indicates 1.86 males for each female)



TOTAL COLLEGE EVENING POPULATION 1

Fall, 1965

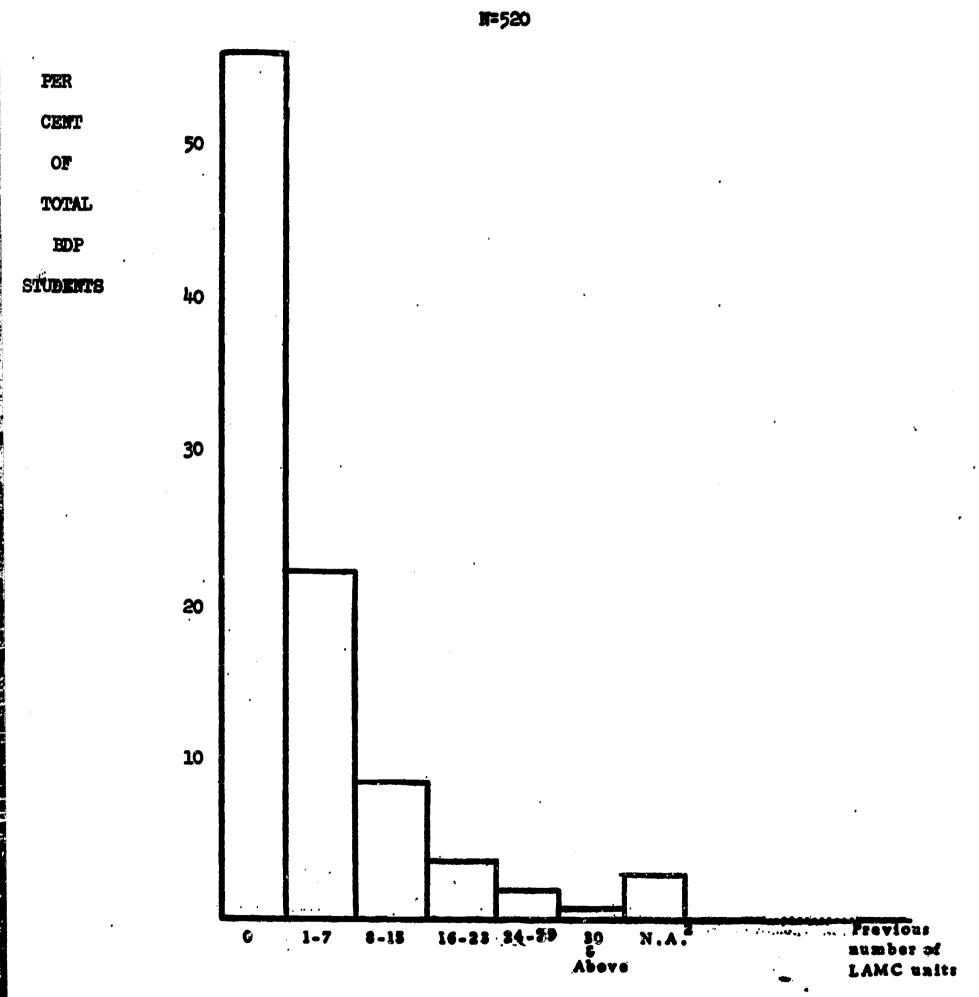
N=4418

Male/female ratio = .82

lEstimated from a 20% random sample of the total college evening population

Figure 5

PREVIOUS COLLEGE UNITS COMPLETED BY BDP EVENING STUDENTS, FALL, 1965
AT LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN COLLEGE ONLY



Includes total day and/or evening units

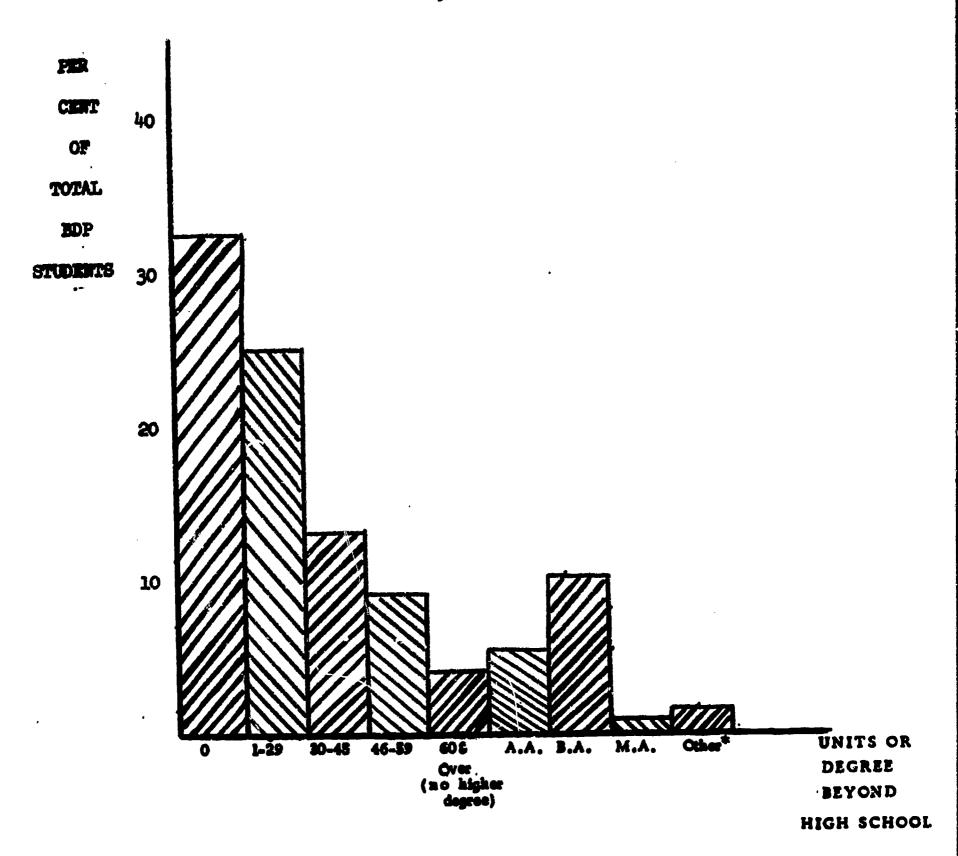
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Figure 6

### PREVIOUS EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN METROPOLITAN COLLEGE EDP COURSES

PALL STATESTER, 1965

N=520



\* Other category includes LLD & DD & DDS

### TABLE II

### TYPE OF BUSINESS IN WHICH BUSINESS DATA PROCESSING STUDENT,

### FALL, 1965 WAS EMPLOYED

### N=520

Type of Business	Per	<u>Cent</u>
Private Business		58.8
Technical (Oil Co., Cement, Machinery Co., Electronics)	20.2	
Mon-technical large (Sears, May Co., Markets)	12.5	
Non-technical small (small stores)	11.3	
Insurance	7.5	
Banks	7.3	
Governmental Agencies		28.8
City	12.3	
County	11.7	
State	.4	
Federal	4.4	
Utility Companies		6.7
Other (professional, student)		2.5
Service Industries (CTA, Calif. Auto Club, Hospital, Salv. Army)		.1.4
Self Employed		•9
Did Not Answer		•9
	TOTAL	100.0



### TABLE III

### EMPLOYMENT TITLE OF OCCUPATION FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN

### BUSINESS DATA PROCESSING, FALL, 1965

### N-520

Employment Title Classification	Percent
Clerical (typist clerk, checker, storekeeper, bookkeeping, etc.)	51.3
Technical (Draftsmen, Engineer)	15.7
Managerial (Supervisor, personnel analyst)	9.6
Professional Artistic (Librarian, artist)	5.6
Manual Work (Truck driver, stock boy, sanitation collector)	4.2
Service Work (telephone lineman, cook, guard)	3.8
Mechanical (assembler)	2.7
Sales and Customer Service	2.3
Other (unemployed, student, housewife)	1.4
Self-employer	•7
Outdoor	·· .2
Did Not Answer	2.5
TOTAL	100.0



lemployment titles were classified roughly according to D.O.T., Pt. IV. Modifications were employed to make more meaningful categories.

STATED EMPLOYMENT OBJECTIVE FOR NEXT THREE TO FIVE YEARS OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN BUSINESS DATA PROCESSING CLASSES, FALL, 1965

### N=520

Employment Objective		Per Cent
Programmer		48.1
Business Data Processing (General Area)	,	19.8
Administrative (Incl. Supervisorial, Managerial)		9.6
Analyst (Personnel, Systems)		9.4
Improve Education (Better self, better job)		7.4
Technical Work (Engr., Design & Application)		2.4
Professional (Teacher, Librarian)		1.5
Secretary, Stenographer		.6
Research		.6
Service		.4
Sales		.2
P•		-
	TOTAL	100.0



### TABLE V

### STATED EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVE OF EDP EVENING

### STUDENTS, FALL, 1965

### N=520

The following data was given in response to the question: "What college degree, if any, do you intend to pursue in the next three to five years and in what major subject field?"

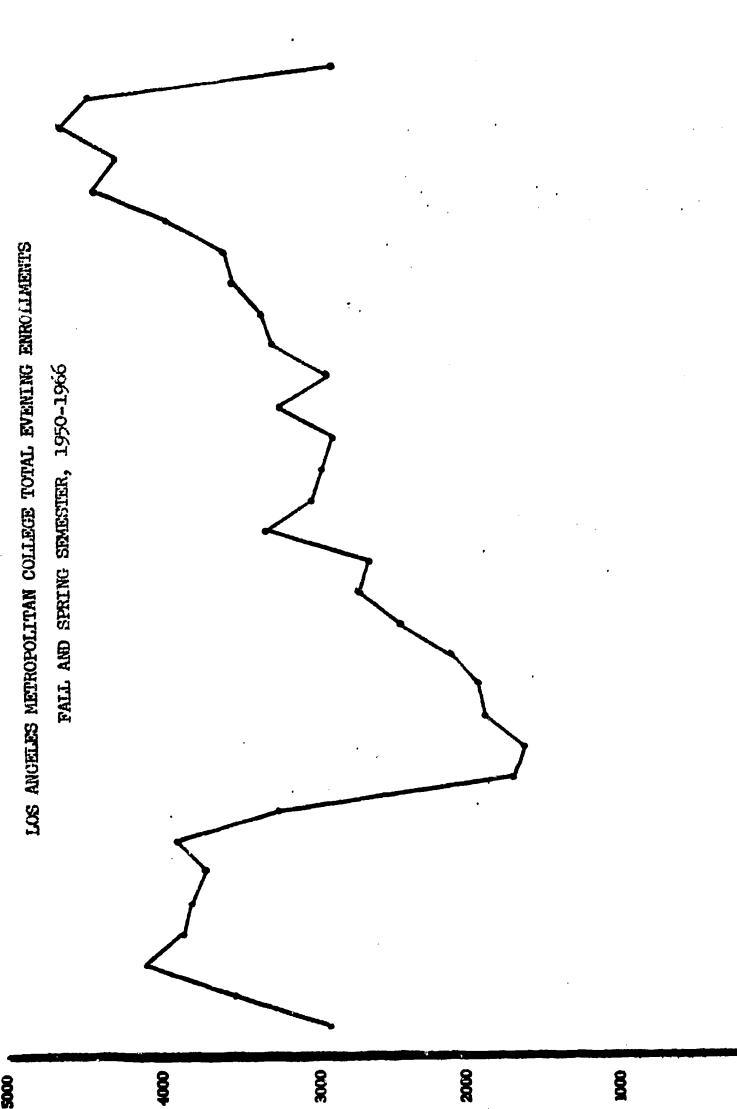
STATED DEGREE OBJECTIVE		PER CENT
Associate in Arts Degree		38
Bachelor's Degree		23
Master's Degree		7
Objective not stated		18
Other 1		14
	TOTAL	100
· _		
MAJOR FIELDS OF INTEREST STATED		PER CENT
MAJOR FIELDS OF INTEREST STATED  Business Administration (including Accounting)		PER CENT 20
Business Administration		-
Business Administration (including Accounting)	· .	20
Business Administration (including Accounting) Business Data Processing	• .	<b>20</b> <b>39</b>
Business Administration (including Accounting)  Business Data Processing  Mathématics	• ,	20 39 3

Included: MBA; Ph.D.; L.L.B.; Programmer; Business Data Processing;

better position; upgrading; information; commercial diploma.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Included: Sociology 6; Education 6; Law, Political Science, Psychology, Economics





NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

Semester	College veer	
	83	99
F	\$	. 65
S.	63.	<b>6</b> 7
S	62	63
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Ip through Spring 1954, enrollment is for adult education. No junior college classes were offered until Fall 1954, in the evening. Duta taken from Office of the President 3-11-65) Data were extended for 1963-66. The sharp drop in college enrollment for pring, 1966, is the to transfir of former LAWC-spow med Civic Center Classes to East Les Andeles College (Fl. 10)

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SELECTED CLASS ENROLLMENNS (TOTAL NUMBERS)
EVENING DIVISION.
1962 -1966

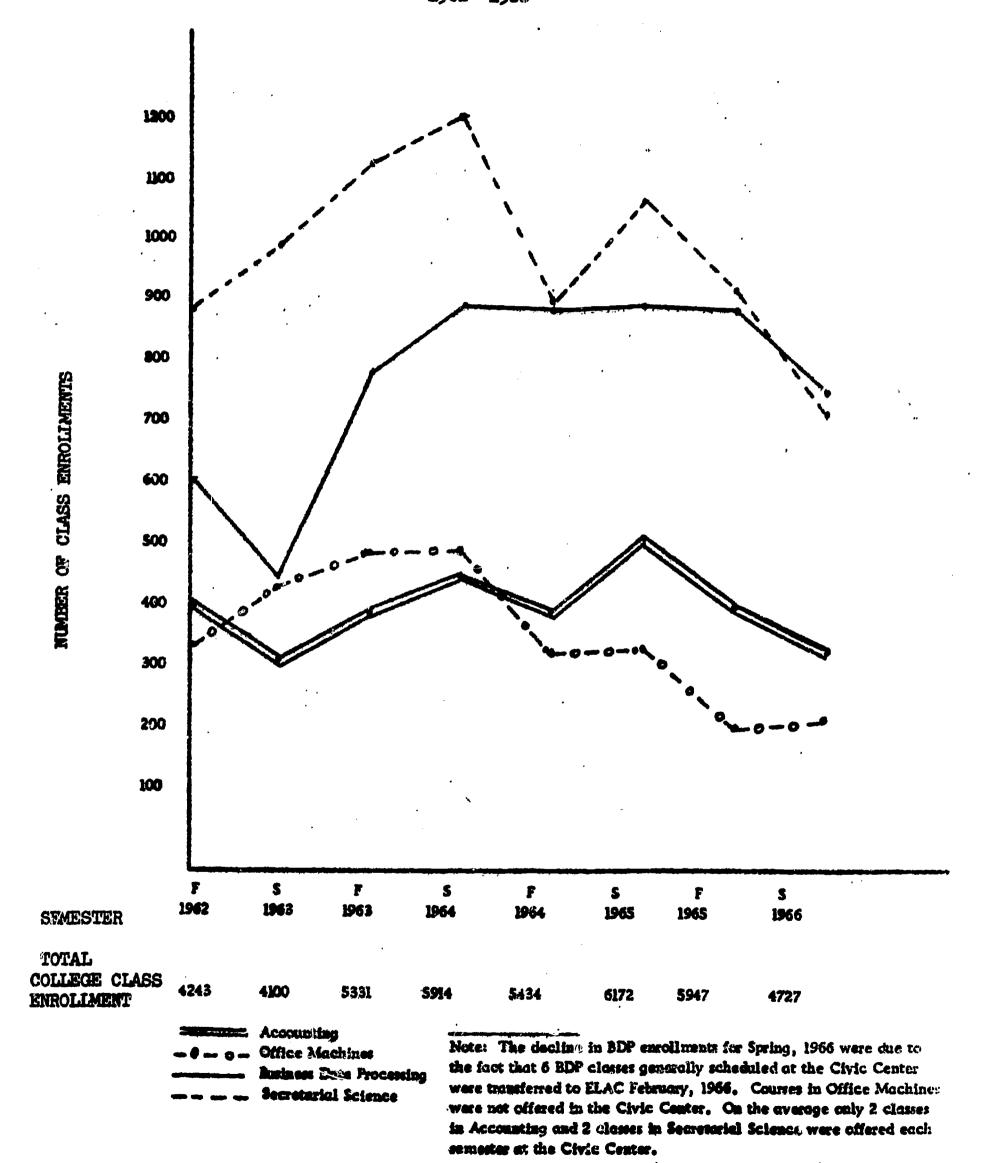




TABLE VI

SELECTED CLASS ENROLLMENTS (percent of total enrollment)

Los Angeles Metropolitan College

1962 - 1966

(Semester)	Fall	Spring 1063	Fa11	Spring	Fa11	Spring	Fall	Spring
(Total college classemollment)	N=4243	N=4100	1×5331	N=5914	N=5434	N=6172	75447 N=5447	N=4727
SUBJECT								
Accounting. % of Total Enrollment	9.6	7.5	7.2	7.9	7.2	& 8.	7.3	6.8
Total Accounting Enrollment	(604)	(318)	(388)	(450)	(390)	(505)	(004)	(323)
Processing  % of Total Earoll ment	14.3	10.9	14.4	16.8	16.2	14.3	16.1	15.7
Total BDF Enrollment	(607)	(244)	(169)	( 468)	(878)	(188)	(875)	(743)
Office Machines % of Total Enrollment	7.8	9.01	9.0	9.1	5.9	5.4	3.7	<b>₹</b> *†
Total Office Mach.	(330)	(435)	(480)	( †8†)	(323)	(331)	(2C1)	(210)
Secretarial Science								<u> </u>
% of Total Enrollment	20.6	23.7	20.9	<b>8.</b> 22	16.5	14.5	16.6	15.8
Total Secretarial Science Enrollment	(875)	(976)	(11174)	(1183)	(894)	(1055)	(906)	(748)
~~ <b>*</b>	-							

### TABLE VII

### GRADES ACHIEVED BY 270 STUDENTS IN BUSINESS DATA PROCESSING CLASSES FALL, 1965

The following table summarizes programmer aptitude test scores and subsequent Business Data Processing grades of a group of 270 students who took Business Data Processing courses Fall, 1965. Within the limits of reliability and a validity of the Programmer Aptitude Test, this table provides a basis for predicting the chances of success of the entering student taking Business Data Processing courses.

### GRADES IN BDF CLASSES

RES		A, B, C	D, F	INC, W, WU	(Total)
EST SCORES	A	2	0	0	2
PROGRAMMERS APTITUDE TEST	В	18	1	4	23
AMMERS A	C	38	0	5	43
PROGR	D	121*	43.	40	202
,	<u>Total</u>	179	42	49	<u> 270</u>



<sup>\*</sup> For example out of the 202 students scoring a D on the PAT, 121 received grades of A, B, or C on BDP Classes.

### FINDINGS

- 1. Postal Zone data in Table I indicate that 45.9% of the BDP population and that 57.1% of the total college population reside in areas south and west of the college; whereas, 17.3% and 14.9% respectively of the BDP and the total college population reside north and north-west of the college. It appears that the postal zone area of the BDP students is representative of the total college population.
- 2. It appears that evening students enrolled in Business Data Processing courses for the Fall Semester 1965, are fairly representative of the total evening college population for the same semester, relative to place of birth and place of high school graduation as shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2.
  - It may be noted that 41% of the Business Data Processing students indicated that they graduated from California high schools while only 18% were born in California.
- 3. In general, the age distribution of Business Data Processing Students, as shown in Figure 3, follows that of the total population with slightly fewer students in the age range up to 29 years of age and slightly more students in the age category of 30 and above.
- 4. In Figure 4, it appears that there is a higher male-to-female ratio for the Business Data Processing student population, Fall, 1965, than for the total college population.
- 5. Figure 5 shows that the majority of Business Data Processing students had completed no college units at Metropolitan College as of the Fall Semester, 1965.
- 6. Although 32% of the Business Data Processing students, as shown in Figure 6, indicated that they had completed no previous college units, over 15% had earned an A.A., B.A., or higher degree.
- 7. TABLE II shows that approximately 60% of the Business Data Processing students were employed in private firms, while about 29% were employed by governmental agencies.
- 8. TABLE III shows that over 50% of the Business Data Processing students, Fall Semester 1965, were engaged in occupations of a clerical nature.
- 9. TABLE IV shows that approximately 50% of the Business Data Processing students indicated Business Data Processing Programmer as an employment objective in the next three to five years. More than 75% of the students hoped to be in the field of Business Data Processing, including supervisorial and managerial aspirations.
- 10. TABLE V shows that 68% of the Business Data Processing students stated a degree objective of A.A., B.A., or M.A., while 18% did not state a degree objective.
  - TABLE V also shows that 59% of the Business Data Processing population indicated either Business Administration or Business Data Processing as their major field of interest.



- 11. Figure 7 shows a gradual increase in total evening enrollment since Spring, 1954. Prior to that time the evening program was defined as adult education. The sharp drop in college enrollment for Spring, 1966, is due to the transfer of former Los Angeles Metropolitan College sponsored Civic Center classes to East Los Angeles College.
- 12. In Figure 8, the downward trend of student enrollment noted in Accounting, Office Machines, Secretarial Science, and Business Data Processing classes, Spring Semester, 1966, can be attributed to the deletion of Business Data Processing classes formerly offered in the Civic Center. These classes were transferred from Los Angeles Metropolitan College to East Los Angeles College at the end of the Fall Semester, 1965.
- 13. It may be noted from TABLE VI that of the four subject areas shown, all areas have dropped in percentage enrollment except Business Data Processing.
- 14. TABLE VII summarizes PAT scores and subsequent Business Data Processing grades of a group of 270 students. Hence, it may be predicted, on the basis of this group, that:
  - a) A student scoring A, B, or C on the Programmers Aptitude test has approximately a 58/68 (85%) chance of obtaining an C or above grade in a Business Data Processing class.
  - b) A student scoring a D on the PAT has approximately a 121/202 (60%) chance of obtaining a C or better grade.
  - c) All students taking Business Data Processing courses had about a 67% chance of success as measured in terms of a C or better grade.

It might be noted that a C or better on the PAT almost assured the student of a C grade or better, while a D on the PAT still allowed a 60% chance of an A, B, or C.

### SUMMARY

This study has attempted to gather information about the Business Data Processing students enrolled at Los Angeles Metropolitan College, Fall, 1965. Such descriptive information as place of birth, high school attended, age, occupational and educational goals, area of residence have been tabulated. Trends in class enrollments, previous college units, and previous educational background were also noted.

### It was found:

that a large percentage of students resided south and west of the college;

that 6% of the BDP students stated they were born outside the state;

that 41% of the BDP student population were graduated from California high schools;

that the median age of the typical BDP student was 29 years;

that there was a larger percentage of males in the BDP evening student population than was representative of the total college evening population;

that the typical BDP student was enrolled at LAMC for his first posthigh school educational experience;

that the majority of BDP students were new to LAMC, however, over 15% had earned an A.A. degree or higher;

that a majority of BDP students were employed in private firms while about one-half this number were employed by governmental agencies;

that one-half of the BDP students were engaged in clerical occupations;

that approximately one-half of the BDP students indicated "BDP programmer" as their employment objective while three-fourths of these students hoped to be in the field of BDP;

that more than two-thirds of the BDP population stated a degree objective of A.A., or higher;

that BDP class enrollments were fairly stable in the last three to four years, discounting the transfer of a few classes to ELAC, Spring, 1966;

that students scoring a C or better grade on the PAT would appear to have an excellent chance of obtaining a C or above grade in BDP courses, although students scoring a D on the PAT had about a 60% chance of obtaining a C or better grade in BDP classes.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

### It is recommended:

that a continuing study be made of Business Data Processing students at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College so that more information may be provided for the BDP instructors,

that the BDP Student Information Form be revised and continue to be used in all BDP classes as a practical guidance instrument, and

that further study be given to the Programmers Aptitude Test to determine its value as an instrument for predicting success in BDP classes. It might be advisable to consider other prognostic devices if such devices are deemed desirable.



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### APPENDIX A

### LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN COLLEGE

### STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET Business Data Processing Spring, 1965

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