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ABSTRACT

Comparative financial information derived from a national sample of 427 two-year colleges is presented in this report for fiscal year 1993-94, including data for the national sample and 6 groups of peer institutions. The first section provides introductory information on the annual study, reviewing the objectives of the study and potential uses of findings, while the second describes limitations of the study with respect to data extrapolation and institutional comparability and explains calculations and definitions. The next sections provide a table of institutional participation by state and region and guidelines for developing comparative analyses regarding institutional revenues, expenditures, staffing, outcomes ratios, and student characteristics. The next two sections provide data on revenues by source and expenditures by function for the national sample, multi-campus districts, and single-college districts by peer group, presenting tables for credit full-time equivalent (FTE) students and credit and noncredit FTE students. Staffing is then addressed, presenting data on credit FTE students per FTE staff, unduplicated student headcount per FTE staff, and FTE staff and part-time staff as a percentage of FTE staff. Next, selected ratios showing staffing patterns, service areas, appropriations, space and scholarships per student, and budgetary and physical plant information are provided. Finally, data are provided on student characteristics for the national sample, multi-college districts, and the peer groups. Appendixes provide additional information on methodology, the questionnaire, a list of participating colleges/peer groups, and a user's survey for rating the report. (BCY)

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For Public Two-Year Colleges:**

FY 1994 Peer Groups Sample

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This report is the 17th in an annual series of comparative data studies of public two-year colleges. It is the result of an intensive six-month study involving three national education associations—the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO), the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCCT), and the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC)—as well as the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) and 427 community colleges. The study is intended to provide information to community college administrators, representatives of state and local agencies, and federal policy makers.

This report provides comparative information derived from a national sample of 427 public two-year colleges. It contains financial statistics for fiscal year 1993-94 and explanations derived from two surveys of public two-year colleges from across the nation. For the purpose of this study, colleges are defined at the highest district level. Included are multi-college districts and single-college districts. A single-college district may be multi-campus. (For example, Yosemite Community College is a multi-college district comprising Columbia College and Modesto College. Miami-Dade Community College, which is made up of multiple campuses, is treated as a single entity, a multi-campus single-college district.) This report includes:

- Statistics for the national sample and six peer groups
- Space for colleges to compare their institutional statistics with national and peer group medians
- Statistics presented in a variety of formats—tables, bar graphs, and pie charts

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INTRODUCTION

The following summary of important financial characteristics is based on the financial data section of the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), conducted by NCES, and a supplemental survey conducted by NACUBO. Analysis performed by NACUBO, Laura Faulk Willson, and K. Scott Hughes in 1992 provided the foundation for the FY 1991, 1992, and 1993 reports, as well as the current one.

Background. In 1977, members of NACUBO's Two-Year Colleges Committee decided to undertake a comparative data study of public community colleges. (The term "community colleges" includes all postsecondary institutions offering up to the first two years of higher education.) Members of the committee were frustrated by the lack of information available to governing boards, presidents, and taxpayers who requested comparative data. The committee members thought that these data could be an important part of the information necessary for decisions such as appropriation requests, salary increases, and proposed expenditures by function (instruction, institutional support, plant operation and maintenance). Further, "current" information, rather than historical summary, was needed. Because the committee members were also concerned about potential problems involved in trying to establish comparative data for community colleges, they approached the task cautiously.

Throughout the first 16 years of the project, comments from community college presidents and business officers were used to determine the usefulness of the data and the additional information needed, as well as to make necessary changes. Sample size doubled steadily throughout the first three years, from 97 to 184 to 403; leveled off at 420 and 442 the next two years; and increased to more than 500 since then. This year, the number of participants fell to 427.

This report reflects the assessment that occurred in 1991. A task force was formed to assess the study and to consider its restructuring to improve its utility. This group comprised business officers, an accrediting agency official, a state agency administrator, a representative from private industry, a former community college president, and higher education consultants. Through the guidance of these people, several surveys were conducted and analyzed. This report is one result of that process, which included input from more than 300 business officers and representatives of state agencies.

Objectives. One of the study's primary objectives is to learn how comparative information can be used to improve community college decision making. The project also seeks to shed light on the financial and operational aspects of community colleges. The report format is designed to facilitate comparing the operational and financial statistics of an individual community college to national medians.

National Sample. A less detailed report, *Comparative Financial Statistics for Public Two-Year Colleges: FY 1994 National Sample* is also available. Complimentary copies of this report, containing quartiles for the national sample, were distributed to the chief business officers of the participating colleges.

Special Analysis Service. A service providing analyses of special groupings of the database is available for a modest fee. Selections available include groupings on the basis of credit FTE enrollment, current fund expenditures, state, region, or special group as specified by purchaser (for example, California colleges with credit FTE enrollment greater than 10,000). Call the NACUBO Center for Institutional Accounting, Finance, and Management at (202) 861-2535 for more information (\$80, members; \$110, nonmembers).

How to Order. Additional copies of this report or copies of the *FY 1994 National Sample* report may be obtained by calling the NACUBO Order Desk at (202) 861-2560. *FY 1994 National Sample* (NC1075) is \$25 for members; \$30 for nonmembers. *FY 1994 Peer Groups Sample* (NC1080) is \$40 for members; \$50 for nonmembers. Information from the *Peer Groups Sample* is also available on disk

in a menu-driven, Lotus spreadsheet format (NC1085, 3 1/2" disk format; NC1090, 5 1/4" disk format); \$30 for members; \$45 for nonmembers.

User Feedback. Comments from readers regarding the need for and improvements to this report are encouraged. This study contains a brief user's survey that readers are urged to complete. Without adequate feedback, NACUBO has no way of ensuring that future editions of *Comparative Financial Statistics* are as responsive as possible to the needs and wants of the community college decision makers that it seeks to serve.

Potential Uses. The primary purpose of this report is to assist a college in preparing a meaningful analysis of how its financial and operational performance relates to peer group norms. Accreditation agencies have also found this study to be a useful tool in assessing institutional effectiveness, and increased application of the study by these agencies for reaccreditation purposes is anticipated.

Unlike internal institutional analysis, where performance in terms of revenue and expenditure patterns is related to goals, this analysis compares certain data from one college with data from other colleges. Comparison is useful only to the extent that the comparison group is similar and that data on revenue and expenditure performance are based on common understandings. Comparative data may be used to define high standards for assessing institutional financial success or to justify average performance, depending on the aspirations of a college with respect to the norms of the comparison group. Both types of comparison can lead to meaningful analysis of a college's financial data; such analysis could, in turn, affect the college's financial policies in cases where a college appears significantly out of line with its peers.

The unique characteristics of a college may be revealed by comparison. A college may have relatively high- or low-cost areas, such as utilities or faculty salaries, or high- or low-quality (and cost) programs, such as instruction or student services. Unique

characteristics are reflected in the differences between the cost structure of a college and the norms for all colleges surveyed. Comparison of a college's cost structure to those of other colleges serves to highlight these differences. Depending on goals and other perceptions, comparison may reassure or cause concern to governing boards and others regarding whether or not a college is monitoring and managing itself in a fashion appropriate to its singular character.

Comparisons are useful for confirming and challenging perceptions. If a college has high cost areas, are they perceived to be of high priority? For example, if student services costs are above the median, is the institutional priority for these services the cause?

Comparisons also help a college set performance goals, which may be planned in terms of budget proportions for various functions, revenue proportions, expenditures per student by various functional categories, staff patterns, or class size distribution. In areas where a college has revised an internal priority, the median or high quartile scores might provide a reasonable goal. The soundness of a goal, an issue any board member may raise, can, at least in part, be established with reference to the performance of other colleges.

In addition to its primary purpose of providing meaningful comparisons, this report may serve as an internal management document for self-review and self-analysis. Comparisons provide a starting point for finding institutional strengths and weaknesses. For example, costs per student that are far above the median, as well as staff-to-faculty ratios that appear high when compared with others, may indicate problems in institutional management.

These comparisons may suggest new ways for a college to record data to monitor potential trouble points; they may also suggest areas in which more detailed study is required. The analysis this workbook allows can thus suggest areas where new policies or new methods of monitoring performance may be required.

LIMITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

The Myth of the "Typical" College. There is no typical college, and colleges should use this report only to find what makes them unique—not to pressure a college toward some nonexistent "median" performance. This study has found a great diversity of expenditure, revenue, and staffing patterns. Diversity is clearly a characteristic—and a great strength—of community and junior colleges.

Extrapolation. The 427 public community colleges in this study may not reflect the financial and operational patterns of their 347 sister colleges (counting systems of branch campuses as single colleges). Care was taken to include colleges that are geographically representative, as well as representative of enrollment levels. However, because of the need to use data only from those cooperating colleges that filed both timely and complete reports, the sample is not random.

No great significance is attached to any changes that occurred from year to year for any of the statistics; the survey populations differed and most changes are smaller than the confidence limits for the statistics.

Original Data. Lack of well-established definitions for such terms as "full-time-equivalent student" and lack of consistency in reporting such expenditure functions as "academic support," "institutional support," and "student services" create difficulties in generating accurate comparative data. Moreover, some survey responses are estimates because some colleges do not keep precise data in all the areas surveyed. All these factors affect the quality of the results.

Institutional Comparability. There is no way to establish truly homogeneous peer groups for community colleges. Major factors, such as mission, location, academic preparation of entering students, local area salary levels, local nonsalary costs, and methods of financing, create unique financial and operating patterns. Peer group comparisons that lead to administrative financial policy changes require sensitivity to many factors not readily apparent from the statistics.

Calculations. The statistics in this report are medians for the entire sample of 427 colleges, excluding unusable or blank responses for specific data elements. N is the number of colleges that provided the data necessary to calculate the statistic. Hence, N is the number of values computed to find the median. N varies with each statistic. The total number of usable responses for each statistic is shown in the columns labelled "N."

The median represents the value that will split the group of colleges in half for a given statistic: one-half the colleges will be above the median, while one-half will be below. For that reason, the "median college" is different for each statistic, and the proportions may not add to 100 percent.

The values in the pie charts and bar graphs depict student population characteristics and are **means** rather than medians. Pell Grants are excluded from both the revenue and the expenditure bases, including federal restricted grants and restricted scholarships. All revenue and expenditure figures exclude auxiliaries unless specifically noted.

Interpretation of Proportions. Careful interpretation of expenditure and revenue proportions is urged. High costs in any area, such as utilities, will naturally push the expenditure proportion for other areas, such as instruction, below the sample median—even if the budget support for instruction is adequate.

Important Note. Because each statistic has a different college at its median value, proportions will not add to 100 percent. A college with a low instructional budget proportion has a high administrative budget proportion.

Definitions. For the purposes of this study, the following terms are defined as follows.

Single-college district: A community/junior college district organized as a single college with one or more campuses and/or satellite locations.

Multi-college district: A community/junior college district organized as two or more separate colleges, each of which may have one or more campuses and/or satellite locations.

Full-time-equivalent (FTE) enrollment: Survey respondents were urged to report figures that accurately represent their colleges. For those colleges that required a formula, the following were recommended. Credit FTE enrollment is annual credit hours divided by 30 if a college is on a semester basis; divided by 45 if a college is on a quarter basis. Noncredit FTE enrollment is annual noncredit course hours divided by 60.

Instructional expenditures: Expenditures for credit and noncredit courses; academic, occupational, and technical instruction; remedial and tutorial instruction; and regular, special, and extension sessions.

Service area population: The population included in the area the district is mandated to serve (i.e., as designated by ZIP codes, county boundaries, political boundaries).

Credit units enrolled: Includes three categories (under 6 credit units, 6-11.9 credit units, and 12 or more credit units) as of the official fall reporting date (the date in the fall on which a college must report fall enrollment data to the state, its board of trustees, or an external governing board; e.g., census date, mid-term as assigned by state).

Hours enrolled: The percentage of credit students that attended classes during four categories of time periods: day only, evening only, weekend only, and day/evening/weekend (a combination of classes). Classification is according to the published starting time, as defined by the college.

Class level: Defined in three categories, this includes freshman (less than 30 units), sophomore (30 units or more), or AA/AS or higher degree.

Staffing: Includes regular, temporary, and part-time staff. Excludes student assistants, both regular and work-study. See *Financial Accounting and Reporting Manual for Higher Education* ([332-338] (NACUBO) for definitions of categories.

Total educational and general expenditures: Excludes E&G mandatory transfers, E&G nonmandatory transfers, auxiliary enterprises, hospitals, and independent operations.

Total revenues: Excludes sales and services of auxiliary enterprises, sales and services of hospitals, and independent operations.

Other income: Includes endowment income, sales and services of educational activities, and other sources.

Academic expenditures: Includes instruction (and research), public service, and academic support.

Support expenditures: Includes student services, institutional support, and plant operation and maintenance.

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Participation by State and Region

N = 427

T = Total in Region or State R = Responses

Regional Summary		
Region	T	R
Central	199	129
Eastern	128	76
Southern	278	147
Western	169	75
Total	774	427
Percent of Total		55%

Western		
ST	T	R
AK	N/A	N/A
AZ	10	7
CA	71	18
CO	15	10
HI	N/A	N/A
ID	3	1
MT	8	4
NV	4	3
NM	8	4
OR	13	8
UT	5	5
WA	25	11
WY	7	4
	169	75
		44%

Southern		
ST	T	R
AL	35	15
AR	8	3
FL	28	19
GA	23	9
KY	1	1
LA	2	0
MS	15	3
NC	58	19
SC	16	13
TN	14	9
TX	50	33
VA	24	22
WV	4	1
	278	147
		53%

Eastern		
ST	T	R
CT	12	2
DE	1	0
ME	6	2
MD	18	16
MA	15	11
NH	2	0
NJ	19	11
NY	38	22
PA	14	10
RI	1	1
VT	2	1
	128	76
		59%

Central		
ST	T	R
IL	40	21
IN	2	2
IA	15	8
KS	19	8
MI	29	28
MN	23	18
MO	12	6
NE	6	6
ND	2	1
OH	22	14
OK	13	7
SD	N/A	N/A
WI	16	10
	199	129
		65%

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

Possible Interpretations

Revenues

Meaning and Explanations

Total revenues exclude sales and services of auxiliary enterprises, hospitals, and independent operations as defined on the IPEDS finance form for lines A-12, A-13, and A-15. Pell Grants are also excluded. All revenue sources include both restricted and unrestricted funds.

Each revenue source is shown three ways: as the ratio of the revenue to credit FTE students, as the ratio of the revenue to credit and noncredit FTE students, and as a proportion of total revenues (as defined above).

Tuition and fees were split into credit and noncredit portions using the estimated percentage breakdown given by each survey respondent.

Appropriations (all government) include federal, state, and local appropriations. State and local appropriations combined are shown to improve state-by-state comparisons where the only variance in funding is the state or local portion provided.

Gifts, grants, and contracts (all sources) include restricted and unrestricted revenues from federal, state, local, and private sources. Federal grants and contracts exclude Pell Grants.

Other revenues include unrestricted and restricted endowment income, sales and services of educational activities, and "other sources" as defined on the IPEDS finance form for lines A-10, A-11, and A-14.

Interinstitutional revenue mix comparisons are difficult to make and have limited uses. States and localities finance their colleges in many ways. Grants may be for student aid or for special programs, such as Title III. These variations make comparison difficult.

Of interest to some analysts is the range of tuition and fee revenues per noncredit headcount student discovered by this survey. Being lower than the median, for example, may indicate a preponderance of inexpensive courses, subsidized noncredit courses, or a hasty estimate of the split between credit and noncredit tuition revenue.

Most of the other figures can be useful for pinpointing how differently the college is financed compared to national sample medians. Given the lack of control most administrators have over setting tuition and appropriation levels, this is more "interesting" than useful for making policy.

State and local appropriation statistics are derived from financing characteristics and vary greatly from state to state.

Limitations

In some states colleges charge no tuition; revenues come from state and local sources only. This explains the great variability of these statistics.

Most revenue analyses would best be done on a state-by-state basis. Comparison is easiest among colleges within the same state or among colleges within states having similar financing for community colleges. Many colleges will want to rely on special home-state revenue analyses.

The large range of financing strategies makes median and quartiles of dubious statistical value.

Comparisons among colleges of budget proportions or revenues per student are more useful when data for a number of previous years are also examined.

The median for state and local appropriation financing is based on a large range of financing strategies and may be of limited analytical value.

Expenditures

Meaning and Explanations

Total expenditures include only current fund activities and exclude auxiliaries and transfers. Pell Grants are also excluded. Both restricted and unrestricted expenditures are shown. Each expenditure is shown three ways: as the ratio of the expenditure to credit FTE students; as the ratio of the expenditure to credit and noncredit FTE students; and as a proportion of total expenditures (as defined above).

Academic expenditures include instructional expenditures (for both credit and noncredit courses), research expenditures, public service expenditures, and academic support expenditures (including libraries, audiovisual centers, academic computing, and academic administration).

Support expenditures include student services, institutional support, and plant operation and maintenance.

Scholarships and fellowships include both restricted and unrestricted funds. Pell Grants are excluded.

Research and public service expenditures have been included with instruction because they constitute such a small percentage of total expenditures.

Two important breakdowns are given. Instructional expenditures are split into credit and noncredit categories, and plant operation and maintenance is broken into utilities and nonutilities maintenance costs. Utility expenditures include electricity, gas, oil, coal, steam, water, and waste disposal. Noncredit instruction costs per student are calculated by dividing the expenditures by noncredit headcount only. The breakdown between credit and noncredit is based on a percentage split estimated by each college.

Possible Interpretations

Colleges above the median on the proportion of expenditures devoted to instruction may rate themselves as more efficient than other colleges. On the other hand, some colleges may have achieved this "efficiency" by deferring administrative costs (especially some building maintenance) that will inevitably have to be paid. Moreover, some colleges, especially those serving disadvantaged populations, must fund higher student support expenditures. To remain consistent with their goals and mission, this pushes down the instructional cost proportion.

Colleges that are above the median on costs per student may find several interpretations possible: higher regional costs, a concentration of higher cost programs, and an attempt to provide a higher level of service. Higher instructional costs per student are almost always the direct result of higher faculty salaries than the median, lower ratios of students to faculty (see staffing distributions), or both.

In this display, academic expenditures are split into two categories: instruction (and research and public service) and academic support. Support expenditures are broken down into student services, institutional support, and plant operation and maintenance.

Governing boards will be most interested in these deviations from the norm and how accurately they correlate with their own perceptions of institutional quality, program efficiency, and overall level of program cost.

Scholarship funds per student give a measure of students' financial need plus the effort expended by students and the institutional financial aid office in securing grants. It also reflects the college's commitment to serve lower income students.

Budget proportion statistics may clarify factors making a college different from other colleges. A college's unique qualities may stem from a strong commitment to instruction, with student services perhaps sacrificed somewhat to maintain the academic program. Alternately, a high plant maintenance commitment or a strong concern for academic support may serve to differentiate the college from national norms. Analysts should examine data carefully to see if the unique characteristics revealed in the statistics are at variance with commonly held perceptions about the college on campus. For example, if the college prefers a low commitment to student services, while data reveal that the college is far above the norm, a case exists for reexamining the current efficiency of the delivery of student services.

Examining costs on a per-student basis adds another dimension to the analysis. Higher costs per student may be due to relatively higher costs in a geographic location, to falling enrollment, or to an inefficient educational delivery system—or to an institutional mission of providing high-quality services. At community colleges, fixed costs may be more predominant in administrative areas than in instructional areas because many colleges use varying proportions of part-time faculty to reduce instructional costs and to increase flexibility in adapting program costs to instructional needs. Colleges with enrollments below their physical capacity may have above-median costs per student in administrative areas because of fixed costs, coupled with median costs in the instructional areas.

Credit instruction costs per student reveal differences among colleges with regard to class size and faculty compensation. Interpretations of these costs should acknowledge differences in faculty ratios and pay levels.

Limitations

Certain differential practices make the comparability of these statistics somewhat limited. Colleges where certain costs, such as fringe benefits, are paid directly by the state and are not included in institutional figures will show an "incorrect" low cost level.

In comparing expenditures per student for scholarships, numbers of needy students could justify above-median expenditures.

It must be emphasized that being above or below the median is not necessarily good or bad unless such information conflicts with the stated goals of the college.

In making comparisons, careful attention should be given to the college's special situation. Well-paid faculty, cold climates, age of buildings, and preventive maintenance plans could easily justify above-median expenditures.

Comparison among colleges on these ratios for a single year yields only an idea of the variety of budget structures. Some colleges depend more heavily on personnel; others have high nonpersonnel costs.

Staffing

Meaning and Explanations

Colleges provided FTE staff counts according to the NACUBO functional categories. Instructional staff were further categorized as credit instruction and all other staff instruction. The final category was used for noncredit faculty as well as clerical, laboratory, or administrative staff (all nonteaching) who may be classified in the instruction function but not as faculty.

FTE staff statistics are calculated in four ways: median ratio of FTE staff in each category to FTE credit students; median ratio of FTE staff in each staff category to number of unduplicated credit headcount students (an estimate of all those enrolled as credit students during the year); proportion of staff in each category for the median college; and part-time FTE staff as a percentage of total FTE staff per each specific staffing category only.

Academic support is further split between staff for academic administration and staff for all other academic support. Student services is split three ways: student services administration, counseling and career guidance, and all other student services staff.

Possible Interpretations

These ratios may provide a starting point for a college to judge whether it has too many or too few faculty or other staff. Comparison of administrative staffing must be made with care because of the wide range of administrative services provided by colleges; the median college may be providing a very different level of administrative support and services than any other college.

A college may want to use comparative data as a rough guide to "standard behavior in the industry," but alert management also requires careful year-to-year monitoring of trends in its own staffing patterns.

Limitations

Some colleges could not provide staffing ratios by functional categories because they maintained only exempt, nonexempt, and faculty breakdowns.

Many respondents had difficulty in determining whether an employee who did not teach but who worked exclusively in the instructional area was instructional or academic support. There is probably considerable overlap between these two categories. Some

confusion may also exist over the difference between noncredit instructional faculty and public service personnel.

Some colleges also had difficulty converting part-time noncredit instructional faculty to FTE. Although class-hour conversions were suggested, some difficulty must be expected when the noncredit offerings might be for such extremes as one weekend or six months on an irregular schedule.

Selected Ratios

Ratio 1. The numerator is composed of credit faculty staff as well as counseling staff. The denominator is composed of staff for academic administration, student services administration, and institutional support.

Ratio 2. All other FTE staff includes the sum of all staff categories except credit instructional faculty. Dividing this figure by credit FTE faculty can lead to a comparison of administration staffing with faculty staffing.

Ratio 3. This ratio is calculated by dividing unduplicated credit student headcount by total FTE staff.

Ratio 4. Service area population per unduplicated credit student headcount is derived from the NACUBO survey responses. In previous years, this study made use of an unduplicated headcount figure that included both credit and noncredit students.

Service area population per unduplicated credit headcount gives the "market penetration" of the college. Being below the median may indicate good reception of the college's programs within the community. The statistic is also affected by the number and size of competing colleges and reflects the competitive strength of the college.

Unduplicated headcounts are not monitored by all colleges; thus, these figures are often estimates and may be in error.

Service area populations may vary in the proportion of people who are generally eligible for college, i.e., 18 years and over. This somewhat limits the comparability of the statistic among colleges. In addition, many of the students counted in the headcount may be drawn from outside the service area, weakening the "market penetration" interpretation of the statistic.

Ratio 5. Total appropriations per unduplicated credit student headcount adds federal, state, and local appropriations to arrive at the numerator.

Total appropriations per unduplicated headcount gives the dollar amount provided by appropriations per student served. The more a college is above the median, the more appropriation support the college receives per student served.

Ratio 6. Gross square feet of building space per unduplicated credit student headcount gives an indication of how much space has been "built" per student. This figure may reflect declining or rising student enrollment, availability of funding for this purpose, or both.

Ratio 7. The numerator includes Pell Grants and is divided by credit FTE students.

More Selected Ratios

Ratio 1. Salary ratios show the proportion of institutional expenditures composed of salaries and wages. The ratio of E&G salaries and wages is not a compensation figure; benefits are excluded.

Salary ratios are most useful when figures that show changes over time are examined. For individual colleges an increase in this ratio

may reflect the preliminary stages of budget stringency. Travel, supplies, telephone, and equipment budgets are often the first to be cut in anticipation of revenue shortfalls.

Ratios 2 through 4. Plant operation and maintenance less utilities per square foot (gross area of building) is the cost of maintaining buildings, not including heating, cooling, and lighting per square foot of space. Utilities per square foot (gross area of building) includes the cost of heating, lighting, and cooling per gross square foot of space. Plant operation and maintenance, excluding utilities, per estimated building replacement value is the cost of maintaining the plant in terms of its replacement value.

These statistics expand the analysis of plant operation and maintenance expenditures. A variance from the national sample median in overall costs may be due to high utility costs or to high energy consumption per square foot and may be driven by low space-to-student ratios.

Ratio 5. This ratio is the unrestricted current fund balance divided by total E&G expenditures. Unrestricted current funds are those funds that the college's management may use for any purpose it deems necessary. Included are unrestricted funds that are designated by the college's governing board for a specific use.

Ratio 6. The amount of budget used to support debt service reduces funds for academic purposes. Debt service is usually regarded as a fixed cost. The higher the proportion of budget dedicated to debt service, the less flexibility the college may have to respond to financial changes.

The numerator for this ratio is composed of mandatory transfers for debt service and interest payments listed as current fund expenditures. The denominator is unrestricted current fund revenues. Some portion of mandatory transfers may not be for debt service. (Loan fund matching payments are an example.)

Debt service ratios are seldom above 5 percent. Higher ratios decrease flexibility and may put the college at a competitive disadvantage with colleges that have an expenditure distribution favoring instructional expenditures.

While flexibility may be decreased, colleges that have borrowed to build or to improve facilities usually do so from a position of strength. These colleges are optimistic about the future and usually have some basis for taking slightly greater risks.

Many public colleges have plant expenditures funded by specific, designated appropriations. In such cases increasing debt service may not indicate decreasing flexibility.

Ratio 7. This ratio is calculated by dividing total E&G benefits by total E&G salaries and wages. Employee fringe benefits are all benefits paid, whether from institutional accounts or from noninstitutional accounts. E&G salaries and wages include those of all personnel, full- and part-time, paid through each functional account. Expenditures for college work-study or for employee fringe benefits are **not** included in salaries and wages.

Ratio 8. This is calculated by dividing instructional salaries – without benefits–by total E&G expenditures. Instructional salaries typically comprise a large proportion of a college's operating budget.

Student Characteristics

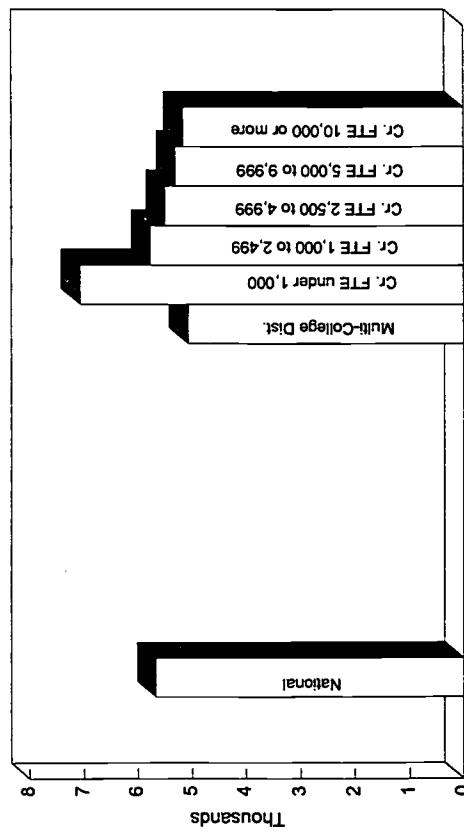
The figures presented in this section are means rather than medians. Each is calculated by dividing the sum of the figures reported by each college by the sum of the totals reported by each college. As such, they are indicative of the student population as a whole rather than for a mean college.

Course enrollment distributions are given for credit courses. Colleges that find their instructional costs per student above the

median may wish to examine the course size distribution to see if high costs are a result of their class size distribution. A large proportion of small classes is costly. Some colleges may find that they have a predominance of very large and very small classes, with few in the mid-range when compared with the national sample. They may wish to reevaluate methods of delivering instruction.

Revenues per Credit FTE Student (in \$\$\$)	Multi-College Districts		Single-College Districts by Credit FTE Students				Your College	
	National	Median N	Under 1,000	1,000 - 2,499	2,500 - 4,999	5,000 - 9,999	10,000 or more	Median N
Revenues by Source								
Total revenues	\$5,666	427	\$5,071	13	\$7,074	46	\$5,767	154
Tuition and fees	1,412	427	1,060	13	1,466	46	1,327	154
Credit tuition & fees	1,336	427	876	13	1,423	46	1,206	154
Noncredit tuition & fees	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Appropriations	3,361	427	3,005	13	4,592	46	3,408	154
Federal	0	427	0	13	0	46	0	154
State	2,390	427	2,301	13	3,659	46	2,544	154
Local	634	427	1,165	13	158	46	608	154
State & local combined	3,332	427	2,881	13	4,592	46	3,354	154
Gifts, grants, & contracts	510	427	439	13	692	46	644	154
Federal	282	427	258	13	453	46	345	154
State & local	130	427	110	13	142	46	148	154
Private	22	427	4	13	19	46	23	154
Other revenues	144	427	140	13	150	46	149	154

Total Revenues per Credit FTE Student (in \$\$\$)

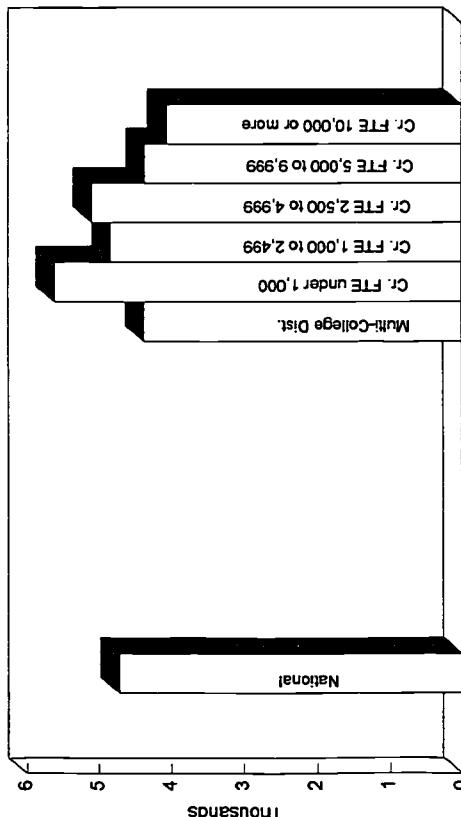


Within single-college districts, there is an inverse relationship between size of institution and revenues per student. Of single-college districts, those with fewer than 1,000 students reported the highest median revenues per student in almost all major categories; those with 10,000 or more students had the lowest median revenues per student in most major categories. Total revenues as well as tuition and fee revenue were lowest for the multi-college districts.

Revenues per Credit Plus Noncredit FTE Student (in \$\$\$)	Multi-College Districts		Single-College Districts by Credit FTE Students							
	National		Under 1,000		2,500 - 4,999		5,000 - 9,999		10,000 or more	
	Median	N	Median	N	Median	N	Median	N	Median	N
Revenues by Source										
Total revenues	\$4,724	333	\$4,376	12	\$5,612	33	\$4,838	124	\$5,105	75
Tuition and fees	1,126	333	768	12	1,004	33	1,092	124	1,155	75
Credit tuition & fees	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Noncredit tuition & fees **	37	295	106	8	17	26	29	111	37	68
Appropriations	2,823	333	2,736	12	3,591	33	2,858	124	2,939	75
Federal	0	333	0	12	0	33	0	124	0	75
State	1,852	333	1,400	12	2,661	33	2,042	124	1,857	75
Local	507	333	1,114	12	196	33	418	124	479	75
State & local combined	2,823	333	2,736	12	3,496	33	2,858	124	2,939	75
Gifts, grants, & contracts	422	333	371	12	616	33	465	124	457	75
Federal	228	333	244	12	381	33	282	124	204	75
State & local	95	333	89	12	54	33	102	124	100	75
Private	18	333	4	12	16	33	16	124	27	75
Other revenues	121	333	154	12	79	33	111	124	134	75

** No credit FTE students included in denominator; only noncredit headcount enrollment used.

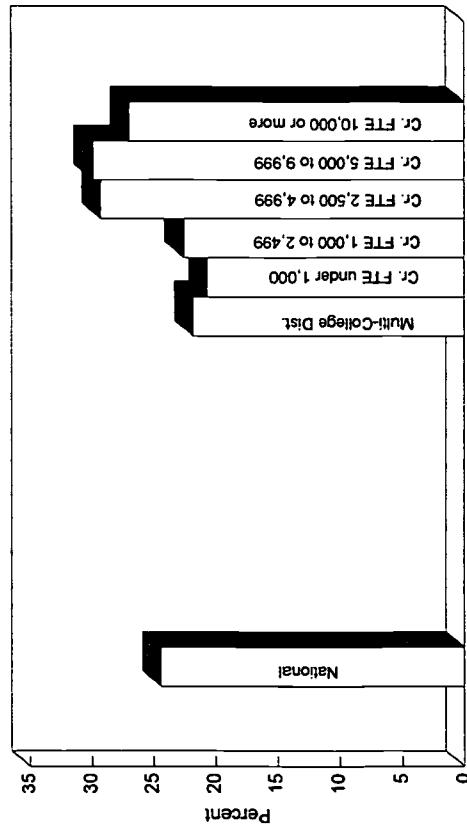
Total Revenues per Credit Plus Noncredit FTE Student (in \$\$\$)



When noncredit students were included as the basis for calculating revenues per FTE, total revenues generally had the same relationship to size of institution as did credit FTE. Multi-college districts had the lowest median value for tuition and fees.

Revenues as a Percentage of Total Revenues	Single-College Districts by Credit FTE Students										Your College			
	Under 1,000			2,000 - 2,499			2,500 - 4,999			5,000 - 9,999			10,000 or more	
National	Multi-College Districts	Median N	Median N	Median N	Median N	Median N	Median N	Median N	Median N	Median N	Median N	Median N	Median N	Median N
Revenues by Source														
Total revenues	100.0%	427	100.0%	13	100.0%	46	100.0%	154	100.0%	107	100.0%	73	100.0%	34
Tuition and fees	24.4	427	21.8	13	20.7	46	22.6	154	29.3	107	29.9	73	27.0	34
Credit tuition & fees	23.0	427	17.1	13	18.9	46	21.0	154	28.4	107	27.3	73	24.8	34
Noncredit tuition & fees	0.2	427	0.9	13	0.0	46	0.2	154	0.2	107	1.0	73	0.0	34
Appropriations	58.5	427	64.3	13	62.2	46	58.8	154	55.6	107	57.5	73	58.7	34
Federal	0.0	427	0.0	13	0.0	46	0.0	154	0.0	107	0.0	73	0.0	34
State	44.3	427	39.8	13	54.0	46	46.9	154	41.6	107	35.9	73	38.8	34
Local	12.2	427	23.9	13	2.5	46	11.3	154	9.8	107	20.2	73	24.7	34
State & local combined	58.1	427	64.3	13	62.1	46	58.7	154	55.4	107	57.2	73	58.7	34
Gifts, grants, & contracts														
Federal	8.8	427	9.7	13	9.8	46	11.3	154	8.4	107	7.6	73	7.4	34
State & local	2.4	427	2.0	13	1.8	46	2.6	154	2.0	107	2.3	73	3.2	34
Private	0.4	427	0.1	13	0.3	46	0.4	154	0.5	107	0.4	73	0.5	34
Other revenues	2.7	427	3.0	13	2.4	46	2.6	154	2.6	107	2.9	73	2.8	34

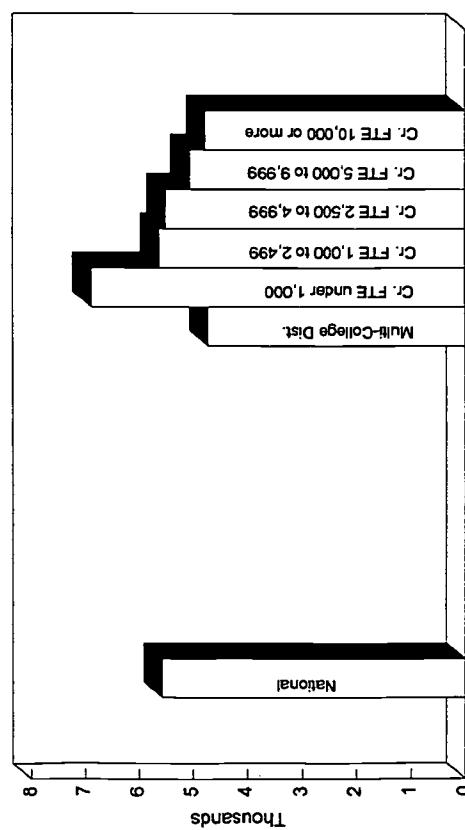
Tuition and Fees as a Percent of Total Revenues



State and local appropriations represented the major source of revenues for colleges of any size and structure. Multi-college districts reported the highest proportion of revenues from this source. In addition, this peer group reported a median percentage for tuition and fees revenue that was lower than the median percentage for most of the other groups.

Expenditures per Credit FTE Student (in \$\$\$)	Single-College Districts by Credit FTE Students										Your College			
	Multi-College Districts			Under 1,000			2,500 - 4,999			5,000 - 9,999			10,000 or more	
	National	Median	N	Median	N	Median	N	Median	N	Median	N	Median	N	
Expenditures by Function														
Total E&G expenditures	\$5,560	427	\$4,723	13	\$6,882	46	\$5,621	154	\$5,497	107	\$5,065	73	\$4,777	34
Academic expenditures	3,328	427	2,964	13	4,065	46	3,357	154	3,278	107	3,184	73	3,004	34
Instruction (incl research, pub serv)	2,837	427	2,562	13	3,442	46	2,814	154	2,852	107	2,730	73	2,582	34
Credit instruction	2,620	427	2,319	13	3,121	46	2,643	154	2,665	107	2,350	73	2,353	34
Noncredit instruction	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Academic support	460	427	411	13	676	46	460	154	397	107	420	73	380	34
Support expenditures	1,975	427	1,637	13	2,614	46	2,119	154	1,871	107	1,796	73	1,711	34
Student services	549	427	444	13	783	46	568	154	522	107	497	73	512	34
Institutional support	833	427	702	13	1,116	46	913	154	751	107	728	73	701	34
Plant operation & maintenance	560	427	426	13	726	46	568	154	517	107	501	73	540	34
Utilities expenditures	151	426	113	13	203	45	164	154	138	107	137	73	123	34
Plant O&M without utilities	398	426	297	13	507	45	409	154	382	107	374	73	401	34
Scholarships & fellowships	143	427	111	13	194	46	171	154	162	107	121	73	86	34

Expenditures per Credit FTE Student (in \$\$\$)



On a per-student basis, small single-college districts (less than 1,000 students) consistently reported a higher median expenditure in all categories than other single-college or multi-college districts. In most categories, multi-college districts reported lower median expenditures than any single-college district size grouping. Smaller single-college districts (less than 5,000 students) expended a significantly greater amount per student on scholarships and fellowships than did larger single-college districts and multi-college districts.

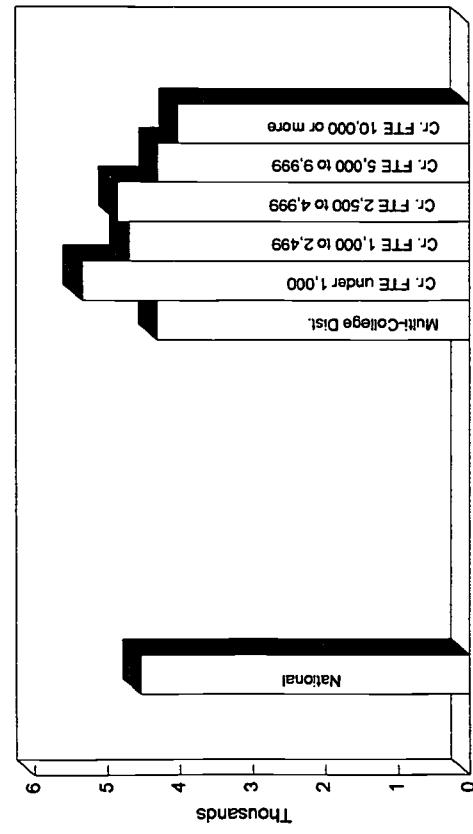
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Expenditures per Credit Plus Noncredit FTE Student (in \$\$\$)											
	National	Multi-College Districts			Single-College Districts by Credit FTE Students			10,000 or more			Your College
		Median	N	Median	N	Median	N	Median	N	Median	
Expenditures by Function											
Total E&G expenditures	\$4,538	333	\$4,309	12	\$5,341	33	\$4,709	124	\$4,866	75	\$4,301
Academic expenditures	2,784	333	2,339	12	3,086	33	2,829	124	2,860	75	2,700
Instruction (incl research, pub serv)	2,399	333	2,030	12	2,656	33	2,398	124	2,492	75	2,377
Credit instruction	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Noncredit instruction **	93	295	158	8	117	26	78	111	91	68	120
Academic support	350	333	349	12	515	33	340	124	350	75	325
Support expenditures	1,596	333	1,436	12	1,903	33	1,726	124	1,713	75	1,493
Student services	430	333	397	12	535	33	446	124	439	75	397
Institutional support	674	333	615	12	803	33	743	124	674	75	628
Plant operation & maintenance	450	333	398	12	495	33	467	124	463	75	413
Utilities expenditures	126	332	102	12	144	32	137	124	126	75	110
Plant O&M without utilities	331	332	243	12	362	32	328	124	348	75	313
Scholarships & fellowships	105	333	70	12	119	33	123	124	119	75	89

** No credit FTE students included in denominator; only noncredit headcount enrollment used.

Expenditures per Credit Plus Noncredit FTE Student (in \$\$\$)

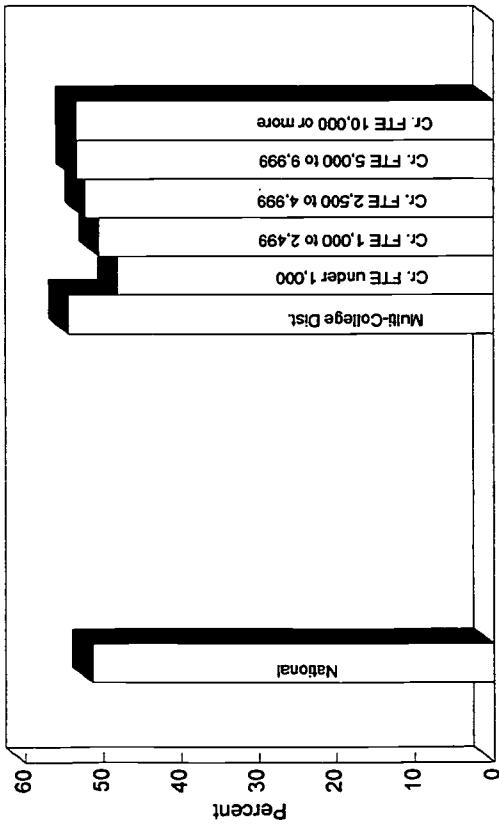


The relative distribution of medians did not materially change across size groupings when credit-plus-noncredit students were used as the basis for calculating an expenditure per FTE. In most categories, multi-college districts reported lower median expenditures than any single-college district size grouping, while single-college districts with less than 1,000 credit FTE students reported the highest median expenditures.

Expenditures as a Percentage of E&G Expenditures									
	Multi-College Districts			Single-College Districts by Credit FTE Students			Your College		
National	College	Under 1,000	2,499	1,000 - 2,499	Median	N	Median	N	Median
Expenditures by Function									
Total E&G expenditures	100.0% 427	100.0% 13	100.0% 46	100.0% 154	100.0% 107	100.0% 73	100.0% 73	100.0% 34	
Academic expenditures	60.9 427	62.9 13	59.2 46	59.8 154	61.2 107	62.8 73	61.3 73	61.3 34	
Instruction (incl research, pub serv)	51.4 427	54.5 13	48.1 46	50.5 154	52.3 107	53.4 73	53.5 73	53.5 34	
Credit instruction	48.5 427	51.1 13	45.2 46	47.7 154	49.7 107	49.4 73	51.4 73	51.4 34	
Noncredit instruction	0.5 427	1.2 13	0.0 46	0.1 154	0.5 107	2.2 73	0.5 73	0.5 34	
Academic support	8.3 427	7.9 13	9.8 46	7.6 154	8.2 107	8.2 73	8.6 73	8.6 34	
Support expenditures	35.8 427	34.3 13	37.3 46	36.8 154	35.3 107	35.5 73	36.3 73	36.3 34	
Student services	9.9 427	9.4 13	11.2 46	9.7 154	9.8 107	10.0 73	10.2 73	10.2 34	
Institutional support	14.9 427	14.5 13	16.1 46	15.8 154	14.4 107	14.5 73	14.6 73	14.6 34	
Plant operation & maintenance	10.0 427	9.1 13	10.3 46	10.1 154	9.9 107	9.7 73	10.7 73	10.7 34	
Utilities expenditures	2.8 426	2.6 13	3.0 45	2.9 154	2.6 107	2.6 73	2.7 73	2.7 34	
Plant O&M without utilities	7.0 426	6.3 13	7.1 45	6.9 154	7.1 107	6.9 73	8.2 73	8.2 34	
Scholarships & fellowships	2.6 427	1.8 13	2.7 46	3.1 154	3.0 107	2.1 73	1.8 73	1.8 34	

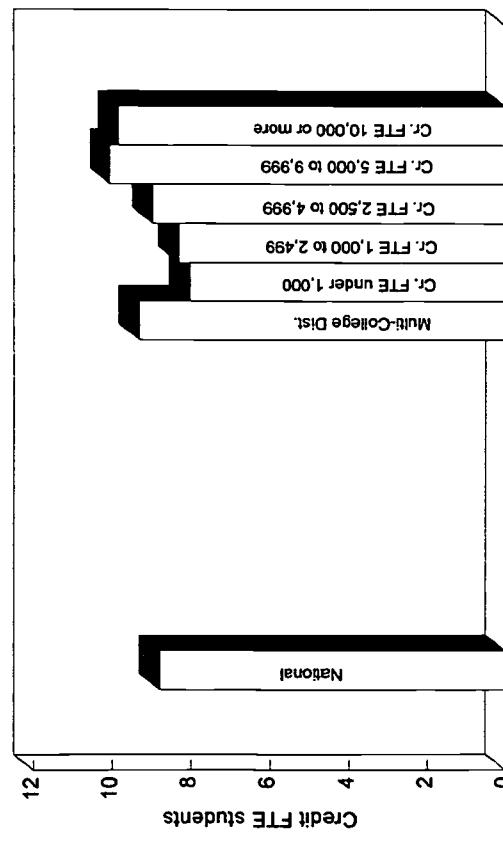
Instructional Expenditures as a Percentage of E&G Expenditures

Between 59 and 63 percent of expenditures at the median college in each grouping were for academic purposes. Although the largest proportion of that amount went to instruction, median colleges varied in the amount expended for credit instruction, expending 45 to 51 percent. In academic support, the median colleges in the smallest group (less than 1,000 students) and at the largest (10,000 or more) indicated that a higher proportion of their expenditures supported these activities than was true for other size groupings. Although median support expenditures were relatively similar across groupings, institutional support tended to be highest in small colleges.



Credit FTE Students per FTE Staff		Single-College Districts by Credit FTE Students						Your College			
Staff by Function	National	Multi-College Districts		Under 1,000		2,500 - 4,999		5,000 - 9,999		10,000 or more	
		Median	N	Median	N	Median	N	Median	N	Median	N
Total staff	9,271	9	8	8	25	8	110	9	62	10	50
Instruction											
Credit instruction faculty	19	272	21	8	16	25	18	111	18	62	20
All other (nonfac; noncredit instruc)	98	270	177	8	63	25	102	110	83	62	91
Public service	0	266	512	8	0	25	0	109	0	61	251
Academic support											
Academic administration	333	269	549	8	170	25	290	110	367	62	517
All other (faculty, nonfaculty)	140	267	99	8	92	25	147	109	122	61	153
Student services											
Student services administration	534	266	386	8	272	25	486	109	630	61	747
Counseling & career guidance	377	266	411	8	322	25	363	109	368	61	410
All other	143	266	213	8	121	25	144	109	145	61	157
Institutional support	71	268	83	8	42	25	64	110	73	62	81
Plant operation & maintenance	103	269	212	8	76	25	102	110	108	62	102

Credit FTE Students per FTE Staff

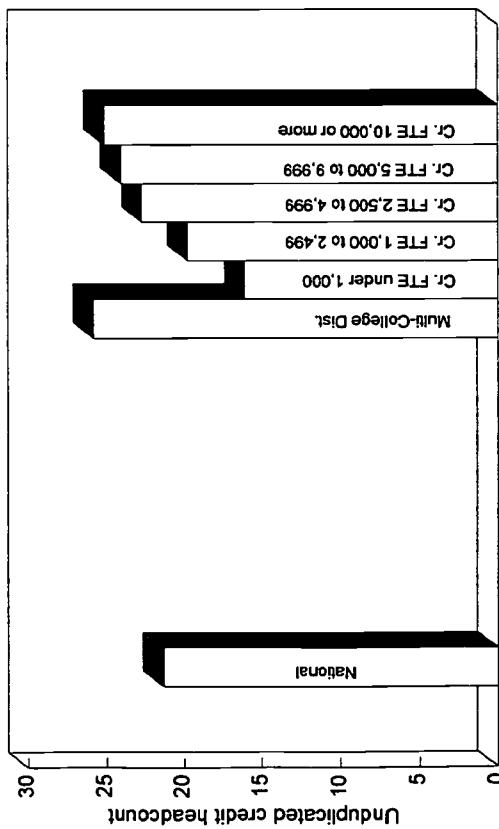


There was remarkable congruity among median colleges in the number of staff employed relative to students. The distribution of staff among services performed differed considerably among size groupings. Both multi-college districts and single colleges with enrollments over 10,000 showed a median value for nonfaculty employees in instruction that was higher than the median for smaller colleges. For all other categories, the median number of students per staff varied widely among size groupings and type of district. The lowest ratio of students to staff was credit instruction faculty, followed by institutional support.

Unduplicated Credit Student Headcount per FTE Staff											
Staff by Function	Multi-College Districts			Single-College Districts by Credit FTE Students			5,000 - 9,999			10,000 or more	
	National		Median	Under 1,000	2,499		Median	N	Median	N	Median
	21	256	26	6	16	23	20	105	23	58	24
Total staff											25
Instruction											15
Credit instruction faculty	45	257	53	6	34	23	42	106	48	58	50
All other (nonfac; noncredit instruc)	226	255	322	6	125	23	236	105	207	58	238
Public service	0	251	1,548	6	0	23	0	104	0	57	591
Academic support											47
Academic administration	875	254	1,080	6	389	23	740	105	1,085	58	1,188
All other (faculty, nonfaculty)	331	252	377	6	183	23	356	104	318	57	357
Student services											48
Student services administration	1,324	251	1,180	6	448	23	1,226	104	1,728	57	1,912
Counseling & career guidance	923	251	1,101	6	688	23	868	104	1,039	57	1,064
All other	342	251	459	6	309	23	334	104	351	57	400
Institutional support	162	253	180	6	93	23	137	105	178	58	201
Plant Operation & Maintenance	251	254	541	6	184	23	232	105	317	58	256

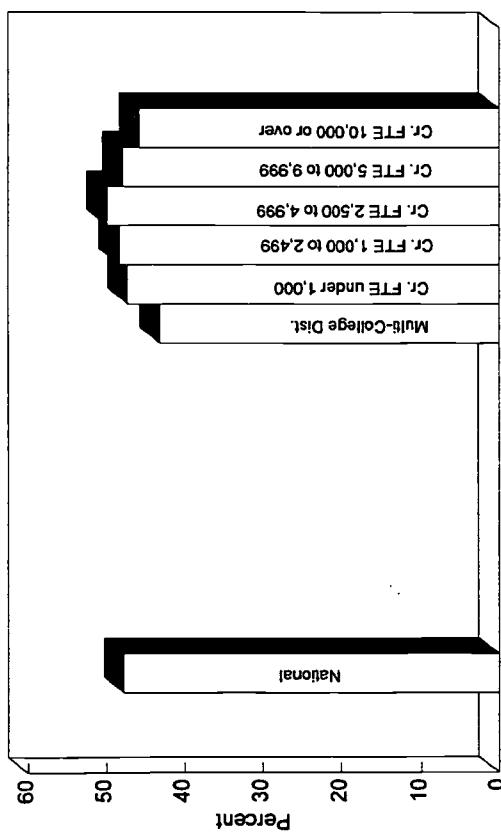
Unduplicated Credit Student Headcount per FTE Staff

Total students enrolled for credit (unduplicated headcount) was used to analyze the number of students per staff. The number of students per credit instruction faculty at the median college in each size grouping ranged from 34 to 53, while the number of students per counseling and career guidance staff at the median colleges ranged from 688 to 1,103.



		FTE Staff as a Percentage of Total FTE Staff										Your College		
		Multi-College Districts					Single-College Districts by Credit FTE Students					Your College		
		National	Median	Under 1,000	1,000 - 2,499	2,500 - 4,999	5,000 - 9,999	5,000 - 9,999 or more	Median	N	Median	N	Median	N
Staff by Function	Total staff	Median	N	Median	N	Median	N	Median	N	Median	N	Median	N	
Instruction	100.0%	271	100.0%	8	100.0%	25	100.0%	110	100.0%	62	100.0%	50	100.0%	16
Credit instruction faculty	47.7	270	43.0	8	47.2	25	48.3	110	49.9	62	47.9	50	45.7	15
All other (nonfac; noncredit instruc)	6.3	269	5.9	8	5.3	25	4.2	109	6.7	62	8.8	50	8.9	15
Public service	0.0	266	1.3	8	0.0	25	0.0	109	0.0	61	0.4	48	0.1	15
Academic support														
Academic administration	2.5	269	2.2	8	3.4	25	2.6	110	2.5	62	2.0	49	2.0	15
All other (faculty, nonfaculty)	5.5	267	9.3	8	4.8	25	4.2	109	6.7	61	5.8	49	5.8	15
Student services														
Student services administration	1.6	266	2.4	8	3.0	25	1.5	109	1.3	61	1.4	48	1.8	15
Counseling & career guidance	2.1	266	2.1	8	1.7	25	2.0	109	2.2	61	2.3	48	2.2	15
All other	5.3	266	5.6	8	4.8	25	5.3	109	5.4	61	4.9	48	6.2	15
Institutional support	12.7	268	11.8	8	15.3	25	12.8	110	12.2	62	11.9	48	12.9	15
Plant Operation & Maintenance	8.6	269	5.1	8	11.1	25	8.3	110	8.6	62	9.2	49	10.3	15

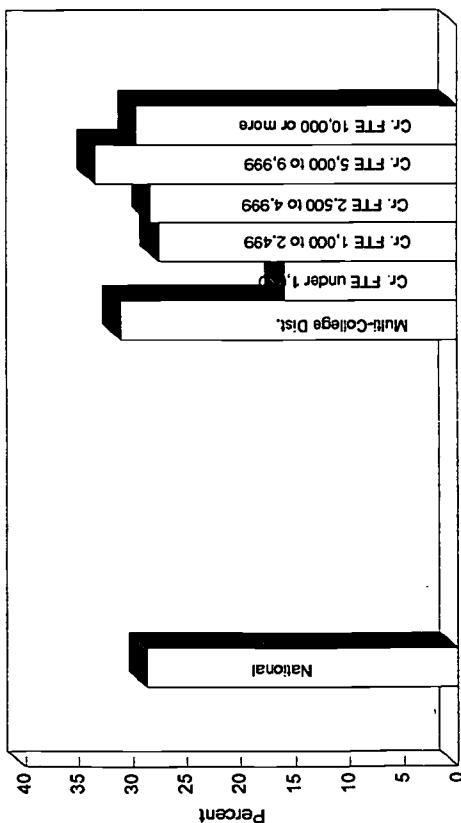
Instruction Faculty as a Percentage of Total FTE Staff



Credit instruction faculty represented between 43 and 50 percent of total staff at the median institutions, followed by institutional support (12 to 15 percent) and plant operation and maintenance (5 to 11 percent). The median college for schools with between 1,000 and 2,499 FTE students used a smaller proportion (4 percent) of its nonfaculty in instruction than did the median college in other groups.

Part-Time FTE Staff as a Percentage of Total FTE Staff IN EACH SPECIFIC STAFFING CATEGORY ONLY														
Staff by Function	Multi-College Districts			Single-College Districts by Credit FTE Students			5,000 - 9,999			10,000 or more				
	National	College	Under 1,000	1,000	2,499	Median	N	Median	N	Median	N			
Total staff	28.7%	260	31.1%	8	16.0%	25	27.5%	106	28.3%	57	33.5%	48	29.7%	16
Instruction														
Credit instruction faculty	39.7	262	42.8	8	17.0	25	39.1	107	42.0	58	46.2	48	38.7	16
All other (nonfac; noncredit instruc)	27.1	260	32.6	8	47.4	25	14.3	107	28.6	57	38.9	48	33.5	15
Public service														
Academic support														
Academic administration	0.0	258	1.3	8	0.0	25	0.0	106	0.0	57	0.0	46	0.0	15
All other (faculty, nonfaculty)	6.7	258	11.0	8	0.0	25	4.5	106	5.0	57	10.7	47	10.2	15
Student services														
Student services administration	0.0	257	3.9	8	0.0	25	0.0	106	0.0	57	0.0	46	0.0	15
Counseling & career guidance	0.0	257	0.0	8	0.0	25	0.0	106	0.0	57	10.3	46	12.5	15
All other	7.1	257	8.3	8	0.0	25	6.5	106	7.1	57	9.4	46	17.6	15
Institutional support														
Custodial	7.3	257	4.3	8	3.0	25	6.3	106	8.9	57	7.0	46	14.0	15
Plant Operation & Maintenance	6.7	258	12.7	8	11.1	25	6.1	106	6.9	57	6.3	47	4.8	15

Part-Time FTE Staff as a Percentage of Total FTE Staff



At the median colleges for the peer groupings, part-time staff represented 16 to 34 percent of total staff. The highest proportion of part-time staff was employed in credit instruction. The median colleges in all size groupings reported that between 17 and 46 percent of credit instruction faculty were part time. Part-time employees were used extensively (14 to 47 percent) in the category of all other staff instruction. This includes noncredit faculty as well as clerical, laboratory, or administrative staff (all nonteaching) who may be classified in the instruction function but not as faculty. Other areas that used part-time employees to a limited extent were academic and institutional support.

	Single-College Districts by Credit FTE Students										Your College			
	National		Multi-College Districts		Under 1,000		1,000 - 2,499		2,500 - 4,999		5,000 - 9,999		10,000 or more	
Selected Ratios	Median	N	Median	N	Median	N	Median	N	Median	N	Median	N	Median	N
Credit faculty + counseling staff/ Academic+student serv admin+inst supp	2.8	266	2.3	7	1.8	25	2.8	109	3.1	61	3.1	48	2.6	16
All Other FTE staff/ Credit FTE faculty	1.1	270	1.3	7	1.1	25	1.1	110	1.0	62	1.1	50	1.2	16
Unduplicated credit student headcount/ Total FTE staff	21.3	256	24.2	5	16.1	23	19.8	105	22.7	58	24.1	49	25.4	16
Service area population/ Unduplicated credit student headcount	28.7	302	28.9	9	46.9	25	28.3	107	28.1	76	26.4	57	26.0	28
Total appropriations/ Unduplicated credit student headcount	\$1,367	347	\$1,409	10	\$2,228	34	\$1,420	124	\$1,251	86	\$1,209	64	\$1,334	29
Building gross square feet/ Total credit FTE students	114	313	84	11	217	27	133	111	110	79	88	59	88	26
Total scholarships and Pell grants/ Total credit FTE students	\$714	427	\$603	13	\$1,068	46	\$832	154	\$697	107	\$557	73	\$535	34

#1 The median college of the size groupings employed two to three FTE faculty and counseling staff for every one FTE academic and student services administrator and institutional support employee.

#2 Regardless of the size of peer grouping, the median college had one nonfaculty employee for every faculty member on staff.

#3 The median college in the selected size groupings employed one FTE staff member for every 16 to 25 students who enrolled for a credit course. Generally, the lower the enrollment of the median college, the fewer students per staff member.

#4 In colleges with fewer than 1,000 credit students, 1 out of 47 residents in the service area of the median college attended as a credit student.

#5 The median college reported appropriations from all levels of government as \$1,367 per student when comparing all students who enroll for a credit class (unduplicated student headcount). There is an inverse relationship between number of students enrolled at the median college and size of per-student appropriation.

#6 The median college had 114 gross square feet (gsf) per credit FTE student. The gsf per student decreased for the median college as the size grouping of colleges increased.

#7 The median college for small colleges (less than 1,000 students) reported the highest value of scholarships and grants per credit FTE student of any median reported within the size groupings. The median value of scholarships and grants declined as institutional size increased.

	National	Multi-College Districts by Credit FTE Students						Your College		
		Median	N	Under 1,000	1,000 - 2,499	2,500 - 4,999	5,000 - 9,999	10,000 or more	Median	N
More Selected Ratios	Median	N	Median	N	Median	N	Median	N	Median	N
Total E&G salaries and wages/	60.3%	422	61.4%	12	57.9%	46	58.7%	151	60.9%	106
Total E&G expenditures	\$1.30	313	\$1.24	11	\$0.97	27	\$1.22	111	\$1.17	79
Utilities expenditures/	\$3.40	313	\$3.50	11	\$2.33	27	\$2.93	111	\$3.73	79
Building gross square feet	\$0.04	338	\$0.06	11	\$0.04	34	\$0.04	129	\$0.04	83
Plant O&M without utilities/	0.10	297	0.10	10	0.13	31	0.11	105	0.09	71
Building replacement value (estimated)	0.00	261	0.00	7	0.00	24	0.00	95	0.00	64
Unrestricted current fund balance/									0.10	55
Total E&G expenditures									0.13	25
Plant transfer for debt + CF int payments/										22
Unrestricted current fund revenues										

#1 The median colleges in all size groupings reported that 58 to 64 percent of E&G expenditures were paid in salaries and wages (exclusive of benefits).

#2 At the median college, utilities ranged from \$0.97 to \$1.63 per gross square foot (gsf), with the cost per gsf tending to rise in direct relationship to the size of the enrollment.

#3 Expenditures for plant operation and maintenance (exclusive of utilities) ranged from a low of \$2.33 per gsf at the median college with less than 1,000 students to a high of \$4.47 per gsf at the median college with more than 10,000 students. The expenditures for multi-college districts (\$3.50 per gsf) was lower than that of larger colleges (more than 5,000 credit FTE students).

#4 The median college had plant operation and maintenance expenditures (excluding utilities) that were \$0.04 of the building replacement value. The median colleges in all groupings had expenditures that ranged from \$0.04 to \$0.06 of replacement value of buildings.

#5 The median college reported 0.10 for the ratio of unrestricted current fund balance to total E&G expenditures. The median was almost identical for all peer groupings.

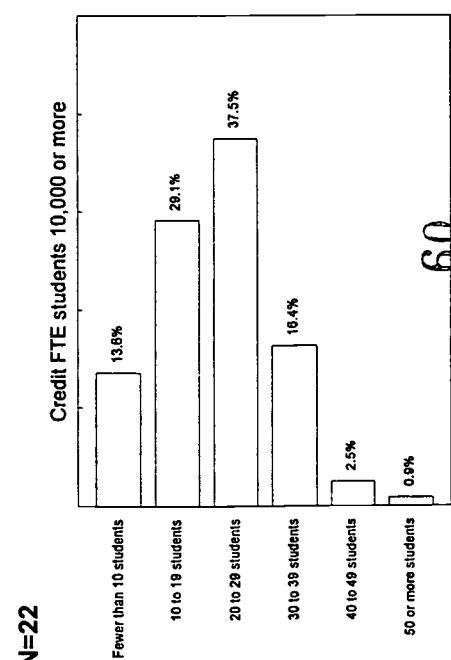
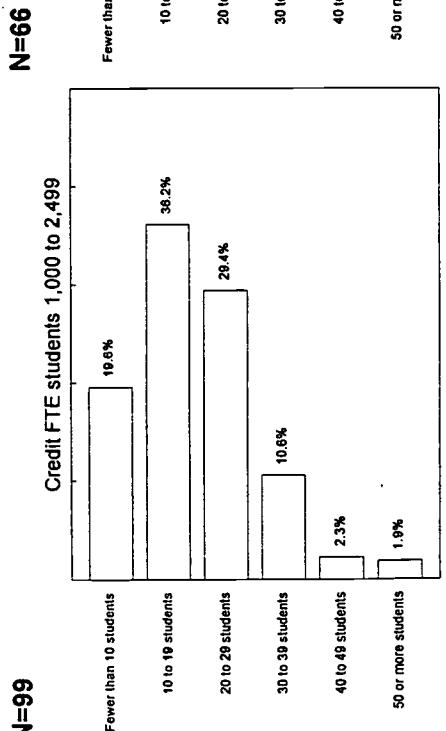
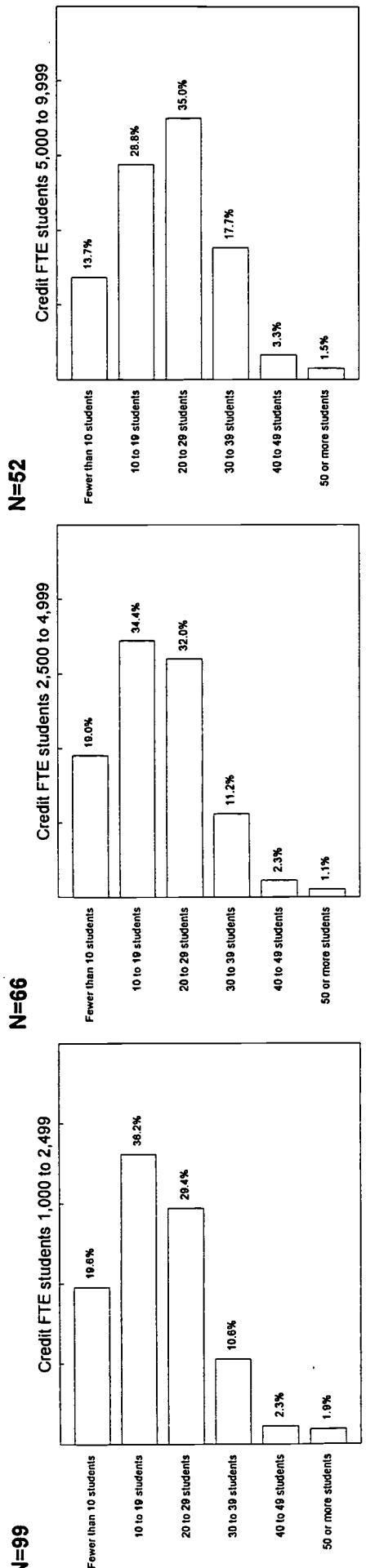
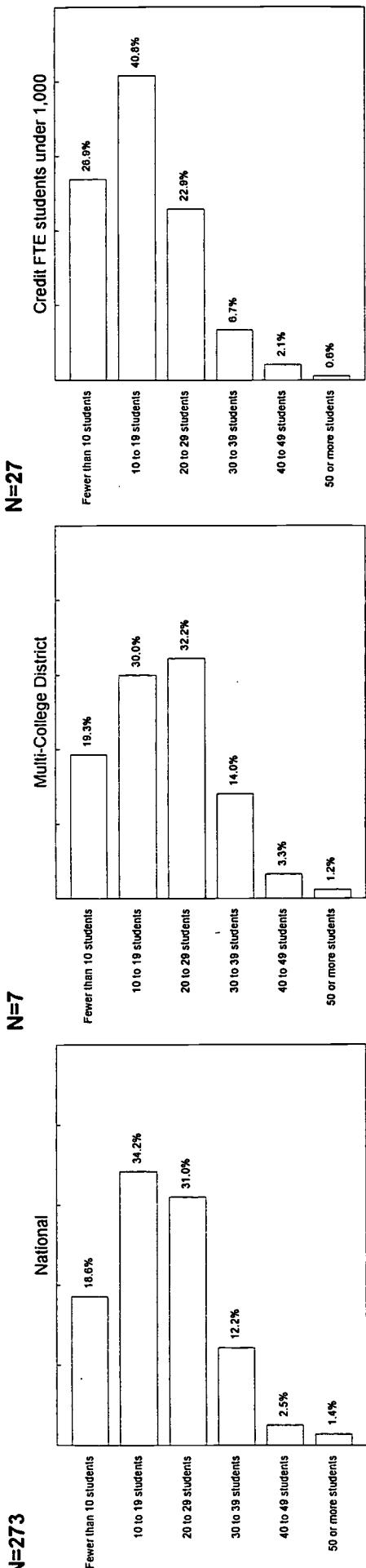
#6 Median colleges in all peer groupings indicated that they incurred no debt service from unrestricted current fund revenues.

		Multi-College Districts						Single-College Districts by Credit FTE Students						
		National		Under 1,000		1,000 - 2,499		2,500 - 4,999		5,000 - 9,999		10,000 or more		Your College
		Median	N	Median	N	Median	N	Median	N	Median	N	Median	N	Median
More Selected Ratios														
Total E&G benefits/	0.24	422	0.23	12	0.24	46	0.23	151	0.24	106	0.26	73	0.25	34
Total E&G salaries and wages														
Instructional salaries without benefits/	35.2%	422	36.1%	12	30.2%	46	34.0%	152	35.2%	105	37.6%	73	38.1%	34
Total E&G expenditures														

#7 The median college had a ratio of 0.24 for E&G benefits to E&G salaries and wages. The median colleges for the peer groupings were almost identical, with the 5,000-9,999 group the highest at 0.26.

#8 The median college dedicated 35 percent of expenditures to instructional salaries (without benefits). The median colleges ranged from 30 to 38 percent for all peer groupings.

District Classes Distributed by Class Size (mean)



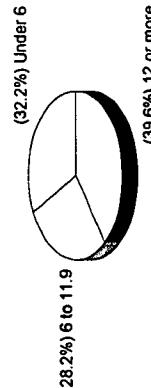
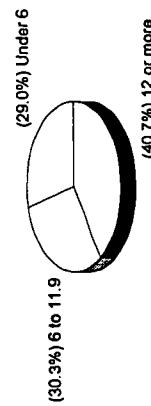
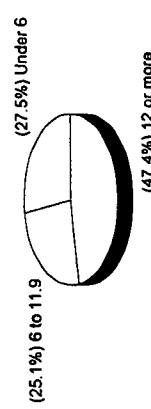
The proportion of classes enrolling fewer than 10 students tended to decrease as the size grouping increased. In districts of all sizes, the most prevalent class sizes were those with 10 - 29 students.

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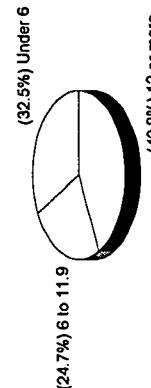
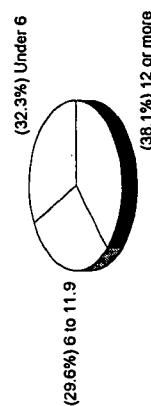
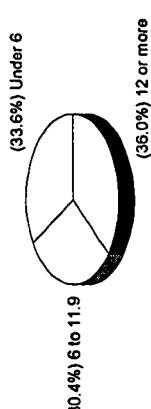
Credit FTE students under 1,000



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Credit FTE students 10,000 or more

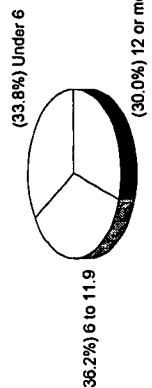
Credit FTE students under 1,000



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Credit FTE students 1,000 to 2,499

Credit FTE students under 1,000



Each peer grouping reported different unit enrollment per student.

On a national level the proportion of students enrolled for less than six units was less than the proportion enrolled on a full-time basis.

Small colleges (fewer than 2,500 students) reported the greatest proportions of students enrolled full time. Conversely, the largest colleges (10,000 or more) and multi-college districts reported the smallest proportions of students enrolled on a full-time basis as well as the largest proportions of students enrolled for 6 to 11.9 units.

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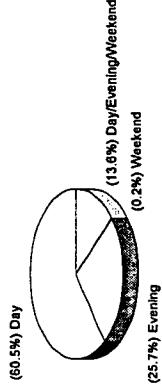
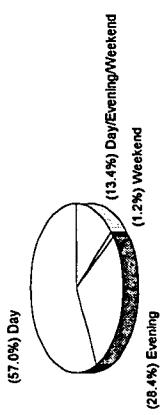
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National

Multi-College District

Credit FTE students under 1,000



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Credit FTE students 1,000 to 2,499

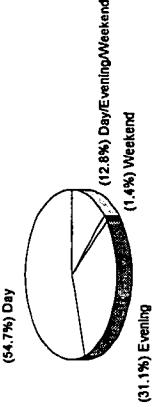
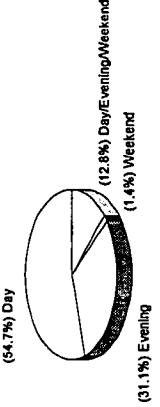
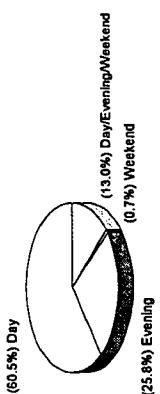
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Credit FTE students 2,500 to 4,999

N=55

Credit FTE students 5,000 to 9,999

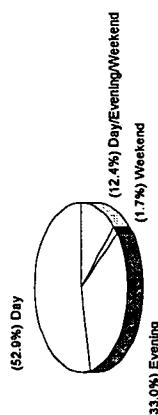
Credit FTE students under 1,000



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Credit FTE students 10,000 or more

In general, the majority of community college students were enrolled in day classes, but a significant proportion (over 40 percent in all but one peer group) took evening courses or a combination program.

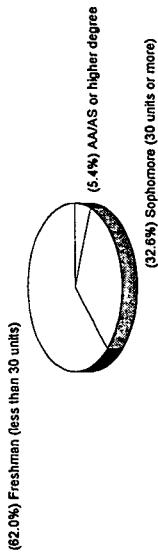


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Credit FTE students under 1,000

N=7
National



(62.0%) Freshman (less than 30 units)

(32.6%) Sophomore (30 units or more)

AA/AS or higher degree

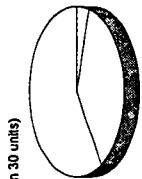
(5.4%) Freshman (less than 30 units)

(37.1%) Sophomore (30 units or more)

AA/AS or higher degree

(4.2%) AA/AS or higher degree

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Multi-College District

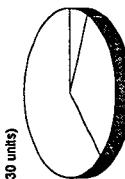


(58.7%) Freshman (less than 30 units)

(37.1%) Sophomore (30 units or more)

AA/AS or higher degree

N=58
Credit FTE students under 1,000



(61.8%) Freshman (less than 30 units)

(31.9%) Sophomore (30 units or more)

AA/AS or higher degree

(6.3%) AA/AS or higher degree

N=72
Credit FTE students 2,500 to 4,999



(64.5%) Freshman (less than 30 units)

(31.4%) Sophomore (30 units or more)

AA/AS or higher degree



(60.4%) Freshman (less than 30 units)

(33.4%) Sophomore (30 units or more)

AA/AS or higher degree



(63.3%) Freshman (less than 30 units)

(31.4%) Sophomore (30 units or more)

AA/AS or higher degree

N=25
Credit FTE students 5,000 to 9,999

Assuming that community college enrollment was approximately evenly split between first- and second-year students, the implication is that only 50 percent of freshmen achieved sophomore status in most of the colleges. Given that larger numbers of students enter for short-term training and other specific, nontransfer and nondegree goals, an alternative explanation could be that many of those students never intended to achieve sophomore status.

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APPENDIX A METHODOLOGY

In addition to IPEDS finance data, a separate survey of 774 public colleges was conducted to gather information not currently available at the national level. Such information included data on:

1. Revenues and expenditures for noncredit institutional activities
2. Utilities expenditures
3. Student aid disbursements
4. Building space
5. Service area population
6. Unduplicated student headcounts
7. Staffing levels by function
8. Course enrollment distributions
9. Expenditures for salaries and wages

Beginning in October 1978, staff members of NACUBO, AACCC, and the American Council on Education (ACE) met with a task force composed of community and junior college business officers from various regions of the country, a community college president, and several consultants to identify information that might be useful to community and junior college administrators. They decided to emphasize the provision of basic comparative data for general use at community colleges and to create peer groups on the basis of institutional size.

A review and evaluation of the first year of the project in September 1979 served to streamline the method used in the second year. In the second year of the project NCES agreed to provide computational support, a liaison, and copies of the Higher Education General Information Surveys (HEGIS) finance survey from colleges as soon as the surveys were returned to NCES. NACUBO, ACE, and AACCC provided the remaining financial support, and NACUBO's Two-Year Colleges Committee assumed a guiding role in the project. Two members of the task force from the first year, Maurice P. Arth and W.L. Prather, provided continuity and made several special trips to Washington to assist in designing the NACUBO survey and in preparing the second year's report.

Future years of the project emphasized expansion of the sample group rather than revision, although limited additions and changes were made. NACUBO's Two-Year Colleges Committee continued to provide project continuity and special support.

The project uses unedited Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS, formerly HEGIS) finance data. Each participating college was asked to complete the IPEDS finance survey carefully, due to NCES by November 15, 1994.

Nine of the previous years' studies incorporated information on computer-related expenditures (not included in this year's version). Gratitude is owed to Maurice P. Arth for his two previous studies of computer-related expenditures for community colleges.

Four hundred and twenty-seven colleges provided usable responses; their data are utilized in this report. Appendices contain a sample questionnaire as well as a listing of all participating colleges.

The NACUBO Two-Year Colleges Committee approved the substance and format of the comparative data study report. This year's report reflects the project assessment that occurred in 1991. A task force was formed to assess the study and to consider its restructuring to improve its utility. This group comprised business officers, an accrediting agency official, a state agency administrator, a representative from private industry, a former community college president, and higher education finance consultants. Through the guidance of these people, several surveys were conducted and analyzed. This report is one result of that process, which included input from more than 300 business officers and representatives of state agencies. Examined were what kinds of information community college business officers find useful, how to best present such information, and how to define terms in constructing this information.

The information in this report is based on the financial data section of the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), conducted by NCES, and a supplemental survey conducted by NACUBO.

The first year of the study established peer groupings based on headcount enrollment. In the following years, these categories differ from the first year's breakdown only by the deletion of the branch campus category and the addition of an under-1,000 FTE student category.

Based on task force recommendations, the peer groups were redefined and the following groups were established for this report:

- National
- Multi-college districts
- Single-college district with credit FTE enrollment

- Less than 1,000
- from 1,000 through 2,499
- from 2,500 through 4,999
- from 5,000 through 9,999
- 10,000 or more

Both because cost structures for branch campuses vary markedly from those of consolidated or single-campus colleges—therefore adding an element of noncomparability of data—and because the response rate from branch campuses was low in the initial year, only single colleges or systems were encouraged to provide data in the second year. Thus, data for branch campuses where fiscal records are kept at a central office are not included in this sample.

Colleges unable to obtain all the requested information were retained in the study; however, where individual pieces of data were missing, the college was not included for the calculation of that particular median.

According to the NACUBO database, there are 774 single- or multi-college districts of public community and junior colleges. Two-year branch campuses of universities were included in the sample only when they were not so closely affiliated with their universities that they had difficulty in separating the financial statistics of each branch from those of its affiliate university.

Data were gathered and coded from November 1994 through February 1995. Analysis was conducted during February and March of 1995. All financial statistics are for FY 1993-94; enrollments are annual figures.

Colleges participating in the study were sent a copy of their survey data as well as the statistics generated from the data. Colleges were asked to verify the data and check the reasonableness of the statistical calculations. In this way, statistics from individual colleges have been thoroughly reviewed, resulting in a reliable final report.

APPENDIX B

FY 1993-94 NACUBO COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATISTICS

For Public Two-Year Colleges

National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO)
American Association of Community Colleges (AACC)

Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT)

Instructions: This is the comparative financial data survey form for fiscal year 1993-94. Data should be drawn from the same records used to prepare the IPEDS Finance Survey for 1993-94. To be included in the study, it is essential that only the following be provided:

* Enrollment figures (question 1 on this survey)

* Copy of the FY 1994 IPEDS Finance Survey (section 1, pages 1-10)

Supply other data only where readily available; a partially completed form is useful. Other data are drawn from the institution's official characteristics Survey (IC-2) 1994-95. For questions relating to enrollment, use figures as of your institution's official reporting date for the designated reporting period. In completing this survey and the IPEDS Finance Survey, please refer to NACUBO's *Financial Accounting and Reporting Manual for Higher Education* and the AICPA Audit Guide for Colleges and Universities.

Please return this survey AND a copy of the FY 1994 IPEDS Finance Survey by December 9, 1994, to the NACUBO Center for Institutional Accounting, Finance, and Management, One Dupont Circle, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20036-1178. Questions may be directed to Bradley Meeker at 202-861-2547.

Institution: _____

Contact: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ FAX: _____

Please indicate whether your institution is a single college or a multi-college district:
 Single college (a community/junior college district organized as a single college with one or more campuses and/or satellite locations)
 Multi-college district (a community/junior college district organized as two or more separate colleges, each of which may have one or more campuses and/or satellite locations)

1. What is your institution's credit and noncredit FTE enrollment? The figures provided should be representative of your institution; they will be used to calculate revenues and expenditures per student. If the divisors noted below are not appropriate for your institution, please use whatever formulae result in figures that accurately approximate your institution's enrollment.

Fiscal Year 1993-94

Total annual credit FTE enrollment (IPEDS Institutional Characteristics Survey 1994-95, part E, question 1c, line 1(507)) - annual credit hours divided by 30 if your institution is on a semester basis; divided by 45 if your institution is on a quarter basis)

Total annual noncredit FTE enrollment (noncredit course hours divided by 60)

Total credit and noncredit FTE enrollment

2. _____ Unduplicated credit student headcount (Institutional Characteristics Survey 1994-95, part E, question 1b, line 1(503))
 Unduplicated noncredit student headcount (estimate) _____

FY 1993-94 Estimate what percentage of instructional expenditures (FY 1994 IPEDS Finance Survey, line B-1 col. 3) was used for credit teaching. (Include only faculty salaries if that is the only figure available.) The instructional expenditures category (IPEDS Finance Survey, line B-1, col. 3) includes expenditures for all activities that are part of an institution's instructional program. Expenditures for credit and noncredit courses, academic, occupational, and technical instruction, remedial and tutorial instruction, and regular, special, and extension sessions should be included (see FAR/M 32).	3. _____ % 4. _____ % Estimate the percentage of tuition and fees (FY 1994 IPEDS Finance Survey, line A-1, col. 3) that was received as payment for credit instruction.
FY 1993-94 Estimate the percentage of students who fall in the following class levels:	5. What percentage of credit course sections enrolled: _____ % Fewer than 10 students _____ 10 to 19 students _____ 20 to 29 students _____ 30 to 39 students _____ 40 to 49 students _____ 50 or more students 100.00 % Total
6. Indicate the number of credit students that enrolled for the following categories as of the official fall reporting date (the date in the fall on which a college must report fall enrollment data to the state, its board of trustees, or an external governing board, e.g., a census date, state-assigned mid-term).	10. _____ Under 6 credit units _____ 6 to 11.9 credit units _____ 12 or more credit units _____ Total credit students Estimate the percentage of credit students that attended classes during the following time periods: _____ % Day (students enrolled only in classes whose published starting time is classified as day time, as defined by your institution) _____ % Evening (students enrolled only in classes whose published starting time is classified as evening, as defined by your institution) _____ % Weekend (students enrolled only in classes that occur over the weekend, as defined by your institution)
7. Estimate the percentage of credit students that attended classes during the following time periods: _____ % Day (students enrolled only in classes whose published starting time is classified as day time, as defined by your institution) _____ % Evening (students enrolled only in classes whose published starting time is classified as evening, as defined by your institution)	11. _____ What number of credit hours constitute a normal full-time load on an annual basis (including summer) for a student at your institution? 12. \$ _____ What was your in-state tuition rate per credit hour? 13. \$ _____ What were the unrestricted current fund balances?
8. Estimate the percentage of students who fall in the following class levels:	14. Debt service ratio ((a+b) divided by unrestricted current fund revenues) a. \$ _____ Mandatory transfers from unrestricted current fund for debt service b. \$ _____ Interest payments listed as unrestricted CF expenditures 15. _____ How many volumes does your library presently contain?

1. How many full-time-equivalent (FTE) personnel were employed in the following educational and general functional categories? If significant services were performed by contract, enter the estimated FTE. Include regular, temporary, and part-time staff. Exclude student assistants, both regular and work-study. (See *Financial Accounting and Reporting Manual for Higher Education* citations [332-338] for definitions of categories.) If your institution's faculty and staff composition does not adhere to the below chart, or is incompatible with the definitions in the FARM manual, please disregard this question.

Fiscal Year 1993-94

Functional Category	# of Full-Time Personnel	# of Part-Time Personnel (FTE)	Total # of Full-Time Equivalent Personnel
Instruction (332)			
Credit instruction faculty			
All other (nonfaculty; noncredit instruction faculty)			
Public Service (334)			
Academic Support (335)			
Academic administration (335.6)			
All other (faculty, nonfaculty)			
Student Services (336)			
Student services administration (336.1)			
Counseling and career guidance (336.3)			
All other			
Institutional Support (337)			
Plant Operation and Maintenance (338)			
TOTAL			

APPENDIX C

PARTICIPATING COLLEGES AND PEER GROUP COMPOSITION

Group 1: Single-college district with credit FTE enrollment less than 1,000
 Group 2: Single-college district with credit FTE enrollment from 1,000 through 2,499
 Group 3: Single-college district with credit FTE enrollment from 2,500 through 4,999

Group 4: Single-college district with credit FTE enrollment from 5,000 through 9,999
 Group 5: Single-college district with credit FTE enrollment of 10,000 or more
 Group 6: Multi-college district

ALABAMA

- Alabama Aviation & Technical College (1)
- Bessemer State Technical College (2)
- Chattahoochee Valley Community College (2)
- Douglas MacArthur State Technical College (1)
- Gadsden State Community College (4)
- Harry M. Ayers State Technical College (1)
- J.F. Ingram State Community College (2)
- J.M. Patterson State Technical College (1)
- James H. Faulkner State Community College (3)
- Jefferson State Community College (3)
- Lurleen B. Wallace State Junior College (2)
- Reid State Technical College (1)
- Southern Union State Community College (3)
- Wallace Community College, Selma (2)
- Wallace State Community College, Hanceville (3)

ARKANSAS

- Phillips County Community College (2)
- Rich Mountain Community College (1)
- Westark Community College (3)

CALIFORNIA

- Citrus Community College (4)
- Glendale Community College (4)
- Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District (6)
- Long Beach Community College (5)
- Los Angeles Community College District (6)
- Mount San Antonio College (5)
- Napa Valley Community College (3)
- Riverside Community College (5)
- San Joaquin Delta College (5)
- San Mateo County Community College District (6)
- Santa Monica Community College (5)
- Sierra Community College (4)
- Sonoma County Junior College (5)
- State Center Community College District (6)
- Taft College (2)
- Victor Valley Community College (3)
- West Hills Community College (2)
- Yosemite Community College District (6)

FLORIDA

- Brevard Community College (4)
- Broward Community College (5)
- Central Florida Community College (4)
- Daytona Beach Community College (4)
- Florida Community College of Jacksonville (5)
- Florida Keys Community College (1)
- Gulf Coast Community College (3)
- Lake City Community College (2)
- Lake Sumter Community College (2)
- Manatee Community College (4)
- Miami-Dade Community College (5)
- North Florida Junior College (1)
- Oklaloosa-Walton Community College (3)
- Palm Beach Community College (4)
- Polk Community College (3)
- Santa Fe Community College (4)
- Seminole Community College (3)
- South Florida Community College (2)
- Tallahassee Community College (4)

COLORADO

- Aims Community College (3)
- Arapahoe Community College (3)
- Colorado Mountain College (3)
- Community College of Aurora (3)
- Community College of Denver (3)
- Front Range Community College (4)
- Northeastern Junior College (2)
- Pikes Peak Community College (3)
- Pueblo Community College (3)
- Red Rocks Community College (3)

GEORGIA

- Atlanta Metropolitan College (2)
- Bainbridge College (1)
- Brunswick College (2)
- Chattahoochee Technical Institute (2)
- Dalton College (2)
- DeKalb College (4)
- DeKalb Technical Institute (2)
- Gainesville College (2)
- Middle Georgia College (2)

CONNECTICUT

- Manchester Community Technical College (3)
- Three Rivers Community Technical College (2)

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IOWA

- Des Moines Area Community College (4)
- Eastern Iowa Community College District (6)
- Hawkeye Community College (2)
- Iowa Valley Community College District (6)
- Iowa Western Community College (3)
- North Iowa Area Community Colleges (3)
- Southeastern Community College (3)
- Western Iowa Tech Community College (3)

KANSAS

- Allen County Community College (2)
- Barton County Community College (3)
- Butler County Community College (3)
- Cowley County Community College (2)
- Hutchinson Community College (2)
- Johnson County Community College (4)
- Kansas City, Kansas Community College (3)
- Seward County Community College (1)

MASSACHUSETTS (cont.)

- Holyoke Community College (3)
- Massachusetts Bay Community College (3)
- Massasoit Community College (3)
- Middlesex Community College (3)
- Mount Wachusett Community College (2)
- North Shore Community College (3)
- Springfield Technical Community College (3)

IDAHO

North Idaho College (2)

KENTUCKY

Community College System, Univ. of Kentucky (6)

MICHIGAN

- Alpena Community College (2)
- Bay de Noc Community College (2)
- Charles S. Mott Community College (4)
- Delta College (4)
- Glen Oaks Community College (1)
- Gogebic Community College (1)
- Grand Rapids Community College (4)
- Henry Ford Community College (4)
- Jackson Community College (3)
- Kalamazoo Valley Community College (4)
- Kellogg Community College (3)
- Kirtland Community College (1)
- Lake Michigan College (2)
- Lansing Community College (5)
- Macomb Community College (5)
- Mid Michigan Community College (2)
- Monroe County Community College (2)
- Montcalm Community College (2)
- Muskegon Community College (3)
- North Central Michigan College (2)
- Northwestern Michigan College (3)
- Oakland Community College (5)
- Schoolcraft College (4)
- Southwestern Michigan College (2)
- St. Clair County Community College (3)
- Washtenaw Community College (4)
- Wayne County Community College (4)
- West Shore Community College (1)

INDIANA

- Indiana Vocational Technical College (5)
- Vincennes University (4)

MASSACHUSETTS

- Bristol Community College (3)
- Bunker Hill Community College (3)
- Cape Cod Community College (2)
- Greenfield Community College (2)
- Fergus Falls Community College (1)

MINNESOTA

- Anoka Ramsey Community College (3)
- Austin Community College (1)
- Brainerd Community College (2)

MINNESOTA (cont.)

Hibbing Community College (2)
 Inver Hills Community College (3)
 Itasca Community College (1)
 Lakewood Community College (3)
 Mesabi Community College (2)
 Minneapolis Community College (3)
 Normandale Community College (4)
 North Hennepin Community College (3)
 Northland Community College (1)
 Rainy River Community College (1)
 Rochester Community College (3)
 Vermilion Community College (1)
 Willmar Community College (2)
 Worthington Community College (1)

NEBRASKA (cont.)

Southeast Community College Area (4)
 Western Nebraska Community College (2)

NEVADA
 Community College of Southern Nevada (4)
 Truckee Meadows Community College (3)
 Western Nevada Community College (2)

NEW JERSEY

Atlantic Community College (3)
 Bergen Community College (4)
 Burlington County College (3)
 County College of Morris (4)
 Cumberland County College (2)
 Essex County College (4)
 Gloucester County College (3)
 Mercer County Community College (3)
 Ocean County College (4)
 Salem Community College (1)
 Sussex County Community College (2)

NORTH CAROLINA

Alamance Community College (2)
 Beaufort County Community College (1)
 Cape Fear Community College (3)
 Central Piedmont Community College (4)
 Cleveland Community College (1)
 Coastal Carolina Community College (3)
 Fayetteville Technical Community College (3)
 Gaston College (3)
 Haywood Community College (2)
 Johnston Community College (2)
 Lenoir Community College (2)
 McDowell Technical Community College (1)
 Nash Community College (2)
 Sandhills Community College (2)
 Southeastern Community College (2)
 Surry Community College (2)
 Wake Technical Community College (3)
 Wayne Community College (2)
 Wilkes Community College (2)

NEW YORK (cont.)

Mohawk Valley Community College (3)
 Monroe Community College (4)
 Nassau Community College (5)
 North Country Community College (2)
 Onondaga Community College (4)
 Orange County Community College (3)
 Schenectady County Community College (2)
 Suffolk Community College (5)
 Sullivan County Community College (2)
 Tompkins Cortland Community College (2)
 Westchester Community College (4)

NORTH DAKOTA
 North Dakota State College of Science (2)

OHIO
 Central Ohio Technical College (2)
 Cincinnati State Technical and Community College (3)
 Clark State Community College (2)
 Columbus State Community College (5)

NEW YORK

Coll. of Technology, Univ. of Montana - Missoula (1)
 Division of Technology of Montana Tech (1)
 Flathead Valley Community College (2)
 Helena College of Technology (1)

MONTANA

East Central College (2)
 Metropolitan Community Colleges (6)
 Ozarks Technical Community College (2)
 St. Charles County Community College (3)
 St. Louis Community College (5)
 Three Rivers Community College (2)

NEBRASKA

Central Community College (3)
 Metropolitan Community College (4)
 Mid-Plains Community College Area (2)
 Northeast Community College (2)

<p>OHIO (cont.)</p> <p>Cuyahoga Community College (5) Jefferson Technical College (2) Lakeland Community College (3) Lorain County Community College (3) Marion Technical College (2) Northwest State Community College (2) Owens Community College (4) Sinclair Community College (5) Stark Technical College (3) Terra Community College (2)</p> <p>OKLAHOMA</p> <p>Carl Albert State College (2) Connors State College (2) Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College (2) Northern Oklahoma College (2) Oklahoma City Community College (4) Rose State College (4) Tulsa Junior College (4)</p> <p>OREGON</p> <p>Clackamas Community College (2) Clatsop Community College (1) Lane Community College (4) Linn-Benton Community College (2) Portland Community College (5) Rogue Community College (1) Southwestern Oregon Community College (2) Umpqua Community College (2)</p> <p>PENNSYLVANIA</p> <p>Bucks County Community College (4) Butler County Community College (2) Community College of Allegheny County (5) Community College of Beaver County (2) Community College of Philadelphia (5) Delaware County Community College (4) Harrisburg Area Community College (4) Montgomery County Community College (4) Northampton County Area Community College (3) Reading Area Community College (2)</p> <p>TEXAS (Cont.)</p> <p>Del Mar College (4) El Paso County Community College (5) Frank Phillips College (1) Grayson County College (2) Houston Community College System (5) Howard County Junior College (2) Kilgore College (3) Laredo Community College (3) Lee College (4) Midland Community College (3) Navarro College (2) Paris Junior College (2) San Jacinto College (5) Southwest Texas Junior College (2) Tarrant County Junior College (5) Temple Junior College (2) Trinity Valley Community College (3) Vernon Regional Junior College (2) Victoria College (2) Weatherford College (2) Western Texas College (1)</p> <p>TEXAS</p> <p>Alamo Community College District (6) Amarillo College (3) Angelina College (2) Austin Community College (5) Blinn College (5) Brazosport College (2) Central Texas College (3) Cisco Junior College (4) Clarendon College (1) College of the Mainland (2) Collin County Community College (4) Dallas County Community College District (6) John Tyler Community College (3)</p> <p>UTAH</p> <p>Chatanooga State Technical Community College (4) Dyersburg State Community College (2) Jackson State Community College (2) Motlow State Community College (2) Nashville State Technical Institute (3) Northeast State Technical Community College (2) Pellissippi State Technical Community College (4) Roane State Community College (3) Walters State Community College (3)</p> <p>VERMONT</p> <p>Vermont Technical College (2)</p> <p>VIRGINIA</p> <p>Blue Ridge Community College (2) Central Virginia Community College (2) Dabney S. Lancaster Community College Danville Community College (2) Eastern Shore Community College (1) Germanna Community College (2) J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College</p>
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VIRGINIA (cont.)

- Mountain Empire Community College (2)
- New River Community College (2)
- Northern Virginia Community College (5)
- Patrick Henry Community College (2)
- Paul D. Camp Community College (1)
- Piedmont Virginia Community College (2)
- Rappahannock Community College (2)
- Richard Bland College (2)
- Southside Virginia Community College (2)
- Southwest Virginia Community College (3)
- Thomas Nelson Community College (3)
- Tidewater Community College (5)
- Virginia Western Community College (3)
- Wytheville Community College (2)

WEST VIRGINIA

- Potomac State College of West Virginia Univ. (1)

WYOMING

- Casper College (3)
- Laramie County Community College (4)
- Northwest College (2)
- Western Wyoming Community College (2)

WASHINGTON

- Bellevue Community College (4)
- Centralia College (2)
- Clark College (3)
- Everett Community College (3)
- Highline Community College (3)
- Lower Columbia College (2)
- Olympic College (3)
- Peninsula College (2)
- Pierce College (4)
- Shoreline Community College (3)
- Skagit Valley College (3)

WISCONSIN

- Blackhawk Technical College (2)
- Chippewa Valley Technical College (3)
- Fox Valley Technical College (3)
- Gateway Technical College (3)
- Lakeshore Technical College (2)
- Mid-State Technical College (2)
- Milwaukee Area Technical College (5)
- Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (3)
- Western Wisconsin Technical College (3)
- Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College (2)

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