

# American Association of Community Colleges 2009 FACT SHEET



## ■ PROMOTING STUDENT SUCCESS

AACC is a national partner in the innovative multiyear initiative, Achieving the Dream: Community Colleges Count, which was created to help more community college students succeed and to close achievement gaps for low-income students and students of color. AACC's role includes managing the initiative's national database, and co-hosting the annual Strategy Institute.



## ■ LEADING CHANGE & INNOVATION

Individuals 50 years of age and older are deciding to stay in the workforce longer, and retirees are going back to work. The economic downturn has created uncertainty about whether their savings, reduced by the falling stock market, and declining home values, will be enough to carry them through. The AACC Plus 50 Initiative is increasing programs for plus-50 students to retool skills, providing workshops on setting new goals and successful interviewing skills and approaches.



## ■ FUELING THE ECONOMIC ENGINE

The Center for Workforce and Economic Development, established by AACC's Office of Economic Development in 2008, brings together community colleges, offices of economic development, workforce boards, labor market entities, and other community organizations to improve the economic prosperity of business, workers, and communities. The Center provides technical assistance on collaborative practices, labor market analysis, and performance analysis.

■ ■ ■ SEE OTHER PROGRAMS INSIDE.

**Building a Nation of Learners by Advancing America's Community Colleges**

## About AACC

The American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) is the primary advocacy organization for the nation's community colleges, representing nearly 1,200 two-year, associate degree-granting institutions and more than 11 million students. Founded in 1920, AACC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit association. AACC is governed by a 32-member board of directors, elected for 3-year staggered terms. Twenty-six members are elected by the CEOs of AACC member institutions. The remaining six members are elected by the board and include three at-large members and three public members representing constituencies such as boards of trustees, business, and government.

## AACC Leadership

President and CEO:  
George R. Boggs

2008–2009 Board Chair:  
Keith L. Miller  
President, Greenville Technical College

2008–2009 Chair-Elect:  
Mary F. T. Spilde  
President, Lane Community College

## AACC Strategic Action Areas:

- Recognition and advocacy for community colleges
- Student access, learning, and success
- Community college leadership development
- Economic and workforce development
- Global and intercultural education

**FACT:** Close to 80% of firefighters, law enforcement officers, and EMTs are credentialed at community colleges.



## How AACC Advances Community Colleges

### Web Site

Redesigned in 2008, AACC's Web site is the premier portal to up-to-date news and information about AACC and the nation's community colleges. A quick link on the home page will take you on a tour of the site and all its features.

Go to [www.aacc.nche.edu](http://www.aacc.nche.edu)

### Publications

AACC's signature publishing venues include

- *AACC Letter*. Biweekly electronic newsletter.
- *Community College Journal*. Bimonthly magazine.
- *Community College Press*. Books and monographs.
- *Community College Times*. Biweekly newspaper.
- Community College Times Online. Expanded version of the *Times*, updated daily.

Go to [www.aacc.nche.edu/Publications](http://www.aacc.nche.edu/Publications)

### Research and Statistics

AACC's research staff are dedicated to gathering, monitoring, and analyzing higher education trends and statistics, and AACC's Web site is the repository for much of this information, including

- The Community College Finder: an interactive map of community colleges that links to detailed statistics
- CC STATS: a section of the Web site linking to a wide range of information on community colleges, students, faculty, and staff.

Go to [www.aacc.nche.edu/AboutCC](http://www.aacc.nche.edu/AboutCC)

### Advancement and Professional Development Forums

The following are AACC's premier annual forums—just a sample of the professional development opportunities, meetings, and conferences.

- Annual Convention
- Future Leaders Institutes (basic and advanced)
- Presidents Academy: New CEO Institute and Summer Institute
- Workforce Development Institute

Go to [www.aacc.nche.edu/Calendar](http://www.aacc.nche.edu/Calendar)

## Advocacy and Global Outreach

AACC monitors national policy, advocates for beneficial legislation, and informs its members about actions taken by Congress and key federal agencies. The association raises the visibility of community colleges via ongoing outreach to national news media. In an increasingly global economy, AACC's international office promotes community colleges around the world.

Go to [www.aacc.nche.edu/Advocacy](http://www.aacc.nche.edu/Advocacy)

Go to [www.aacc.nche.edu/International](http://www.aacc.nche.edu/International)

## Programs and Initiatives

AACC supports its members through a range of policy initiatives and innovative programs, such as

- Achieving the Dream: Community Colleges Count
- Advanced Technological Education
- Center for Workforce and Economic Development
- Health Professions
- International Programs & Services
- Leading Forward
- Pathways to Technology
- Plus 50 Initiative
- Project Reach: Service Inclusion for Community College Students
- Rural Community College Initiative
- Service Learning

Go to [www.aacc.nche.edu/Resources](http://www.aacc.nche.edu/Resources)

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**Members:** 1,100 institutional members  
350 associate members  
29 corporate program participants

**Personnel:** 60 full- and part-time employees

**2009 Operating Budget:** 16.6 million

## AACC 2009 Budget

### Revenue

Grants & Contracts — 45%	
Membership — 37%	
Publications — 8%	
Investment Income — 2%	
Seminars & Workshops — 3%	
Convention (net) — 2%	
International Services — 2%	
Other Revenue — 1%	

### Expenditures

Grants & Contracts — 46%	
Publications — 10%	
AACC Program Services — 9%	
Board, CEO & Council Relations — 8%	
General & Administrative — 7%	
Web & Technical Services — 5%	
Government & Community Relations — 4%	
Membership & Research — 4%	
Communications & Public Relations — 3%	
Seminars & Workshops — 3%	
Fundraising — 1%	

# COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACTS AT A GLANCE

## Number and Type of Colleges

Total	1,177
Public	988
Independent	158
Tribal	31

## Enrollment

Total	11.7 million
Credit	6.7 million
Noncredit	5 million
Enrolled full time	40%
Enrolled part time	60%

## Demographics

Average age	29
21 or younger	47%
22–39	40%
40 or older	13%
Women	58%
Men	42%
Minorities	36%
Black	13%
Hispanic	16%
Asian/Pacific Islander	7%
Native American	1%
First generation to attend college	39%
Single parents	17%
Non-U.S. citizens	8%

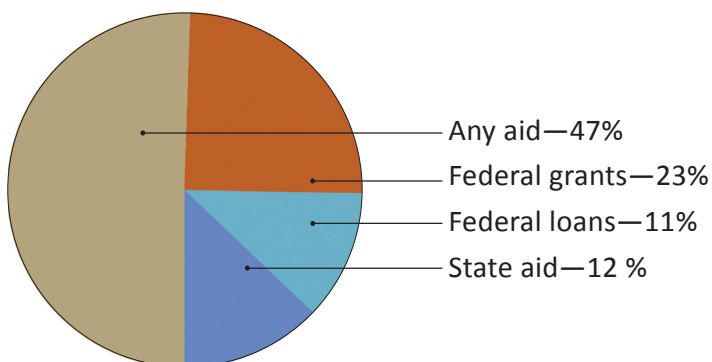
## Community college students constitute the following percentages of undergraduates:

All U.S. undergraduates	44%
First-time freshmen	40%
Native American	52%
Asian/Pacific Islander	45%
Black	43%
Hispanic	52%

## Employment Status

Full-time students employed full time	27%
Full-time students employed part time	50%
Part-time students employed full time	50%
Part-time students employed part time	33%

## Percentage of Students Receiving Financial Aid



## Percentage of Federal Aid Received by Community Colleges

Pell Grants	31%
Campus-based aid	8%

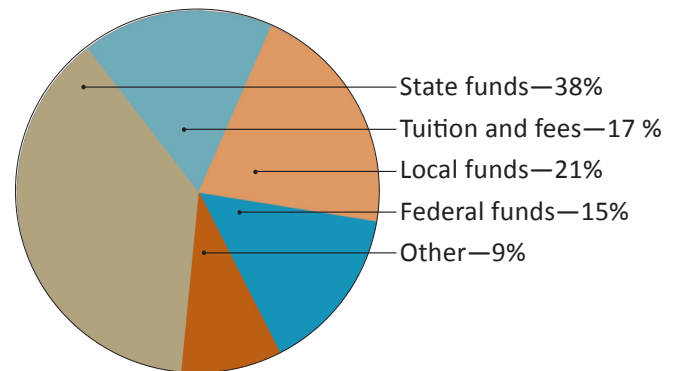
## Average Annual Tuition and Fees

Community colleges (public)	\$2,402
4-year colleges (public)	\$6,585

## Degrees and Certificates Awarded Annually

Associate degrees	612,915
Certificates	328,268
Bachelor's degrees—awarded by 31 public and 52 independent colleges	

## Revenue Sources (Public Colleges)



## On-Campus Housing

Available at 258 public and 63 independent colleges



**FACT:** 59% of new nurses and the majority of other new health-care workers are educated at community colleges.

**FACT:** Close to 100,000 international students attend community colleges—about 39% of all international students in the United States.

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