



ACC: Solutions for Texas

Community Colleges Drive Economic Development



The Primary Gateway to Higher Education and Training

A healthy economy demands an educated workforce. Yet Texas' fastest growing populations are the least likely to graduate high school and enroll in college. The Austin Community College District (ACC) is on the front lines of closing the gaps in college participation and success. ACC is the primary gateway to higher education and training in Central Texas, particularly among traditionally underserved populations such as minorities, low income students, and those who are the first in family to attend college. ACC is dedicated to offering access to opportunity to all individuals, as well as developing a skilled workforce that fuels the local economy and ensures a thriving community that benefits everyone.

ACC is the...

- Primary trainer and re-trainer of the local workforce
- Primary trainer of healthcare professionals such as nurses and first-responders
- Primary source of transfer students to area four-year universities (transfer students excel, performing as well as or better than students who begin at a four-year university)
- First to respond to training needs of local business and industry
- #1 choice for area high school graduates and adults

A History

Voters established Austin Community College on December 9, 1972. ACC opened its doors on September 17, 1973 with one campus and 1,726 students. Today, ACC enrolls more than 35,000 credit students. The college's 8th and largest campus opens 2010 to serve 11,000 students. The taxing district has grown to include the Austin, Del Valle, Leander, Manor, and Round Rock ISDs, and the City of Austin.

A Unique Mission

From molecular biology to auto technology, computer science to developmental math, ACC offers 180+ programs to meet the needs of Central Texas:

- Associate degrees: The fastest growing post-secondary credential, according to the U.S. Department of Labor
- University transfer for students seeking a four-year degree
- Workforce or career training in high-demand fields
- Access programs that serve a growing population of students who are not yet college-ready:
 - Adults needing basic education and English as a Second Language
 - Students who need remediation in reading, writing, or math
- Lifelong learning: Continuing education for professionals to gain job skills or residents focused on personal enrichment
- Comprehensive student support services, including free tutoring

Driving Economic Development

As Texas confronts the challenges of globalization and changing demographics, community colleges are producing the backbone of the state's skilled workforce.

Texas community colleges enroll:

54% of all public higher education students

70% of all college freshmen

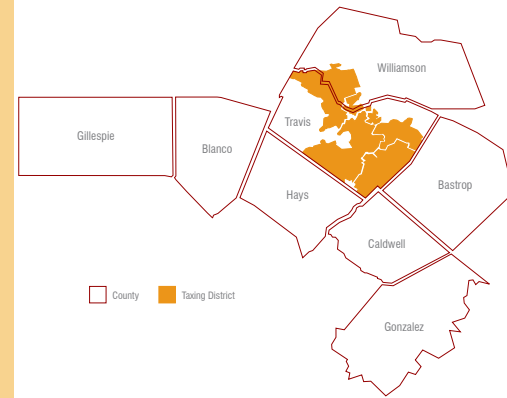
78% of all minority students

(Source: Texas Association of Community Colleges)

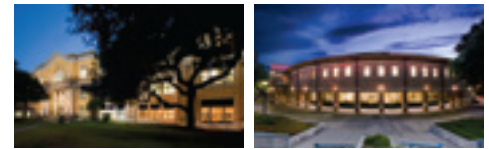
ACC Snapshot Fall 2008

- 35,798 credit students
- 10,500 noncredit students
- 2,350 faculty and staff
- 180+ programs
- Seven campuses (eighth opening in Round Rock in fall 2010)
- Nine regional centers

Who We Serve

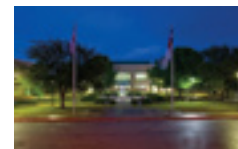


Our Campuses

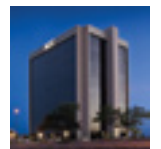


Rio Grande | 1975

Riverside | 1984



Northridge | 1989



Pinnacle | 1990



Cypress Creek | 1991



Eastview | 1999

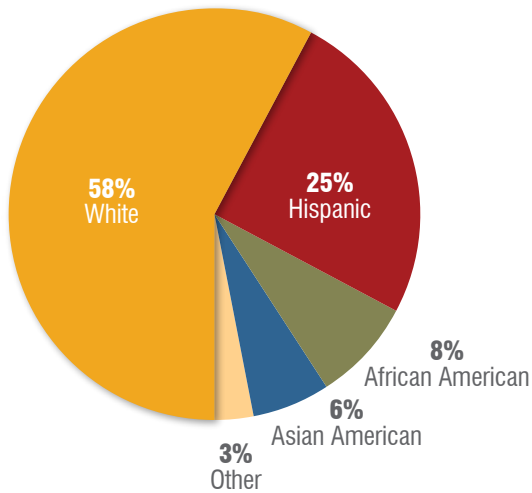


South Austin | 2006

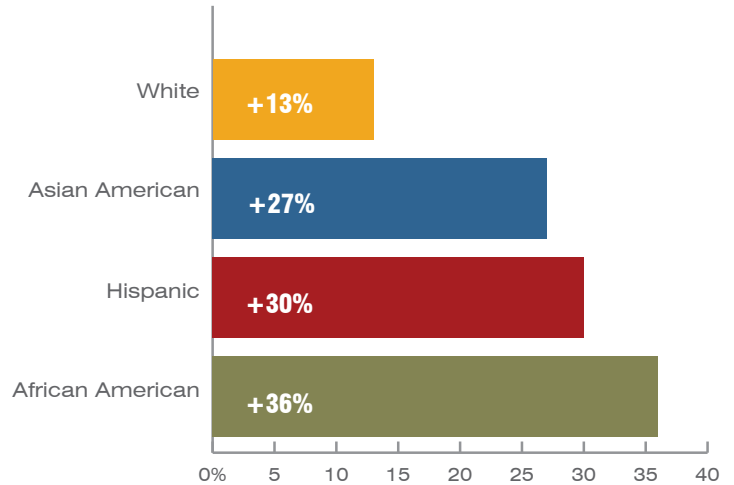


Round Rock | 2010

Student Ethnicity, Fall 2008



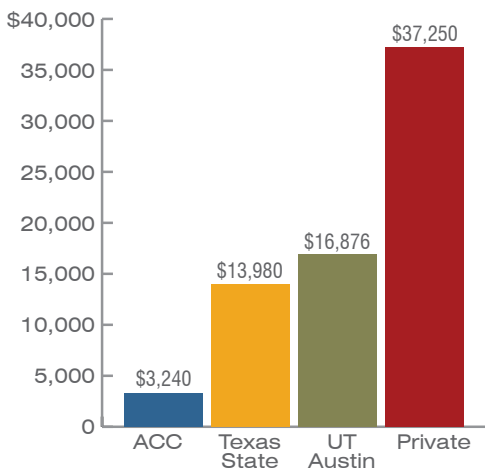
Student Ethnicity Growth, Fall 2004–Fall 2008



Enrollment

- Overall enrollments: 35,798 (credit) + 10,500 (noncredit)
- ACC's student body reflects community diversity

Two Years (60 credits) of Tuition & Fees, In-district and In-state Students



Source: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Tuition and Fees

- In-district students: \$39 per credit hour plus fees
- Out-of-district students: \$127 per credit hour plus fees
- Nearly \$32 million in assistance awarded annually in the form of grants, loans, work study, and scholarships

Return on Investment

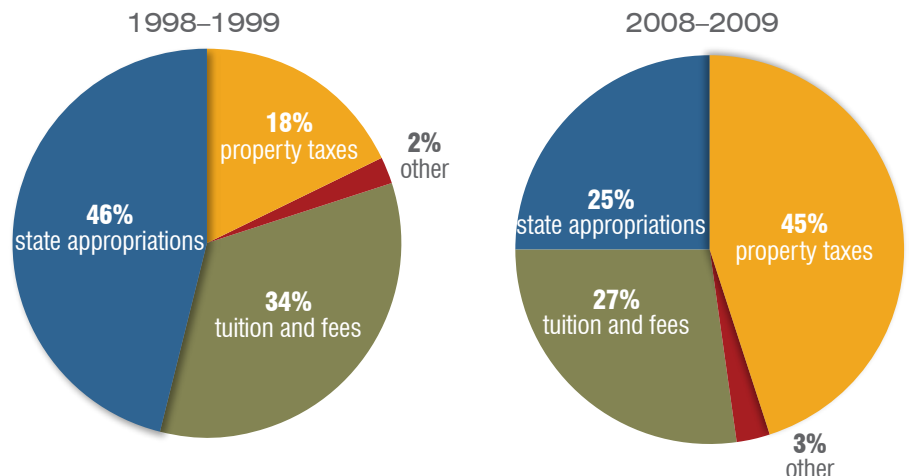
An educated society is our greatest asset and best hope for closing the equity gaps. ACC plays an increasingly important role in producing a skilled workforce that impacts all of Central Texas. For every \$1 invested in higher education, the community reaps \$5.50 in return via:

- Ability to attract quality business and industry
- Better jobs and higher wages
- Increased consumer spending
- More equitable distribution of taxes
- Lower social services costs (reduced crime, unemployment, and welfare)

Funding Changes and Challenges

ACC requires a shared investment among residents, students, and the state. However, over the last decade, the state has provided a shrinking percentage of the college's annual budget, forcing students and taxpayers to make up the difference.

ACC Operating Budget Comparison





What Can You Do To Help?

Communicate

Inform others about ACC's mission

Support

Endorse efforts to expand the tax base

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ACC Foundation

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