

Closing the Gaps UPDATE Spring 2007

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Where did "Closing the Gaps" come from?

Closing the Gaps by 2015 was adopted in October 2000 by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). The plan, which is directed at closing educational gaps within Texas, as well as between Texas and other states, has four goals: to close the gaps in student participation, student success, excellence, and research. Each goal in the plan includes intermediate targets for assessing progress toward the goals. In addition to the statewide goals and targets established in the plan, higher education institutions submitted their own targets, all of which are available on the THECB website.

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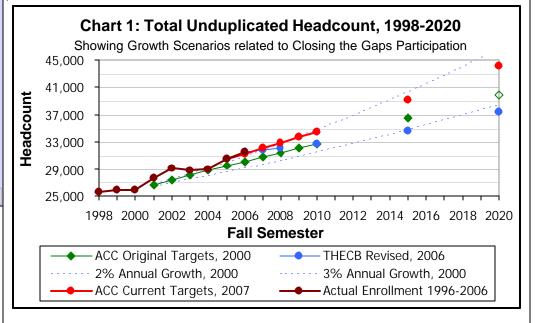
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How is ACC doing?

Fall 2006 data show enrollments continuing a strong growth trend. Certainly, many factors are contributing to ACC's success, including new and innovative outreach programs to high school students – most notably the award winning College Connection program and ongoing Early College Start courses. Based on these successes and the strong growth projected for the population in the service area, in Fall 2006, ACC increased the Closing the Gaps targets for 2010 and 2015 and submitted new targets for 2020 (Chart 1).

ACC is also developing a Facilities Master Plan to strategically position the college to better serve the region as a primary gateway to higher education and workforce training for a large percentage of the population in the service area and to serve as a partner in addressing the economic development needs of the region.

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Key Measures REVISED Closing the Gaps

targets in italics

Unduplicated Headcount

| 31,610 | |
|--------|------------------|
| 34,540 | target |
| 39,090 | target |
| 44,160 | target |
| count | |
| | 34,540 39,090 |

Black Headcount

| Fall 2006 | 2,405 | |
|-----------|-------|--------|
| Fall 2010 | 2,740 | target |
| Fall 2015 | 3,290 | targe |
| Fall 2020 | 3,727 | target |
| | | |

Hispanic Headcount

| Fall 2006 | 7,696 | |
|-----------|--------|--------|
| Fall 2010 | 8,720 | target |
| Fall 2015 | 10,600 | target |
| Fall 2020 | 13,147 | target |
| | | |

Other Non-White Headcount

| Fall 2006 | 2,861 | |
|-----------|-------|--------|
| Fall 2010 | 3,280 | target |
| Fall 2015 | 3,779 | target |
| Fall 2020 | 4,500 | target |

All Degrees/Awards

| 2005 - 2006 | 1,522 | |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| Annual 2010 | 1,918 | targe |
| Annual 2015 | 2,629 | targe |
| Annual 2020 | 3,822 | targe |
| | | |

Associate Degrees

| 2005 - 2006 | 1,027 | |
|----------------------------|------------|--------|
| Annual 2010 | 1,063 | target |
| Annual 2015 | 1,238 | target |
| Annual 2020 | 1,440 | target |
| 0 110 1 | - · | |
| Certificates < | Baccala | ureate |
| 2005 - 2006 | 499 | ureate |
| | | target |
| 2005 - 2006 | 499 | |
| 2005 - 2006 Annual 2010 | 499 855 | target |

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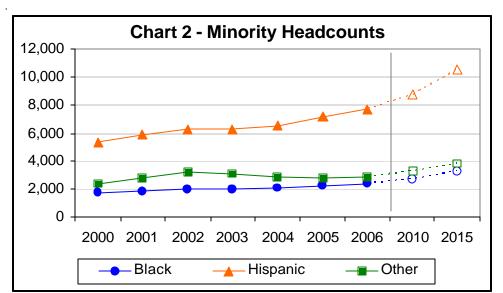
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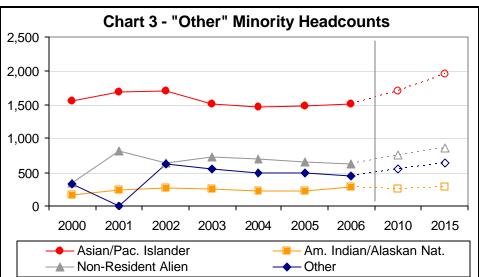
Minority Headcounts

Black and Hispanic headcounts each increased around 7.5% between Fall 2005 and Fall 2006.

Over the last five years, both Black and Hispanic headcounts have averaged a 6% increase between successive fall terms; Fall 2010 Black and Hispanic CTG headcount projections will be met on time if this average growth is retained over the next five years. Among the smaller race/ethnic groups, Asian/Pacific Islanders and American Indian/Alaskan Native headcounts shifted slightly (increased and decreased, respectively) between Fall 2005 and Fall 2006.

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Student Success

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Completions

Consistent with trends in Participation, trends in Success indicated that ACC is exceeding original targets for degrees awarded as early as 2003; therefore, ACC CTG targets for 2010, 2015, and 2020 were revised upward.

ACC's revised CTG targets anticipate significantly higher increases in Hispanic student success than White or Black students (Table 1).

| Table 1: All Degrees / Awards* | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-------|------------------|--|--|--|
| Year | White | Black | Hispanic | Other | Total | % 2020 Target | | | |
| 2000 | 712 | 69 | 200 | 102 | 1,083 | 28.3% | | | |
| 2005 | 841 | 112 | 268 | 180 | 1,401 | 36.7% | | | |
| 2006 | 914 | 129 | 280 | 199 | 1,522 | 39.8% | | | |
| 2010 | 982 | 206 | 469 | 261 | 1,918 | 50.2% | | | |
| 2015 | 1,123 | 345 | 819 | 342 | 2,629 | 68.8% | | | |
| 2020 | 1,264 | 600 | 1,535 | 423 | 3,822 | target | | | |

*Does not include Level 3 Certificates

| | Table 2: Associate Degrees | | | | | | | | | |
|------|----------------------------|--------|-------|--------|----------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| | | % 2020 | | % 2020 | | % 2020 | | % 2020 | | % 2020 |
| Year | White | Target | Black | Target | Hispanic | Target | Other | Target | Total | Target |
| 2000 | 512 | 73.7% | 50 | 26.7% | 149 | 43.2% | 69 | 32.2% | 780 | 54.1% |
| 2005 | 546 | 78.6% | 72 | 38.5% | 170 | 49.3% | 80 | 37.4% | 868 | 60.2% |
| 2006 | 634 | 91.2% | 80 | 42.8% | 191 | 55.4% | 122 | 57.0% | 1,027 | 71.3% |
| 2010 | 596 | 85.8% | 103 | 55.1% | 223 | 64.6% | 141 | 65.9% | 1,063 | 73.8% |
| 2015 | 645 | 92.8% | 139 | 74.3% | 277 | 80.3% | 178 | 83.2% | 1,239 | 86.0% |
| 2020 | 695 | target | 187 | target | 345 | target | 214 | target | 1,441 | target |

ACC's revised asociate degree CTG targets (Table 2) place a greater emphasis on sustaining recent growth in degrees awarded to Black students and sustaining steady growth in degrees to Hispanic students.

ACC has exceeded our original CTG target for Technical Degrees awarded in 2003. ACC's revised CTG total target for 2020 (Table 3) reflects a new goal to dramatically increase Technical Degree success.

Prior to revising our CTG targets in Health/Nursing Degrees, ACC was on track to pass our original CTG 2015 target by 2006. ACC's revised target for 2020 reflects both the importance of increasing success in this area and the need to overcome sluggish growth for each of the three main race/ethnicity groups.

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| Table 3: Technical Degrees* | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|----------|-------|----------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Year | White | Black | Hispanic | Total | 2020 Total Target | % of 2020 Target | | |
| 2000 | 98 | 7 | 26 | 131 | 626 | 20.9% | | |
| 2001 | 95 | 15 | 34 | 144 | 626 | 23.0% | | |
| 2002 | 126 | 14 | 34 | 174 | 626 | 27.8% | | |
| 2003 | 174 | 24 | 67 | 265 | 626 | 42.3% | | |
| 2004 | 129 | 17 | 46 | 192 | 626 | 30.7% | | |
| 2005 | 134 | 11 | 39 | 184 | 626 | 29.4% | | |
| 2006 | 138 | 11 | 40 | 189 | 626 | 30.2% | | |

*Does not include Level 3 Certificates

| Table 4: Health/Nursing Degrees* | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|----------|-------|----------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Year | White | Black | Hispanic | Total | 2020 Total Target | % of 2020 Target | | |
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| 2000 | 194 | 22 | 50 | 266 | 1,257 | 21.2% | | |
| 2001 | 173 | 26 | 45 | 244 | 1,257 | 19.4% | | |
| 2002 | 195 | 29 | 52 | 276 | 1,257 | 22.0% | | |
| 2003 | 206 | 29 | 57 | 292 | 1,257 | 23.2% | | |
| 2004 | 212 | 38 | 80 | 330 | 1,257 | 26.3% | | |
| 2005 | 261 | 35 | 74 | 370 | 1,257 | 29.4% | | |
| 2006 | 265 | 43 | 64 | 372 | 1,257 | 29.6% | | |

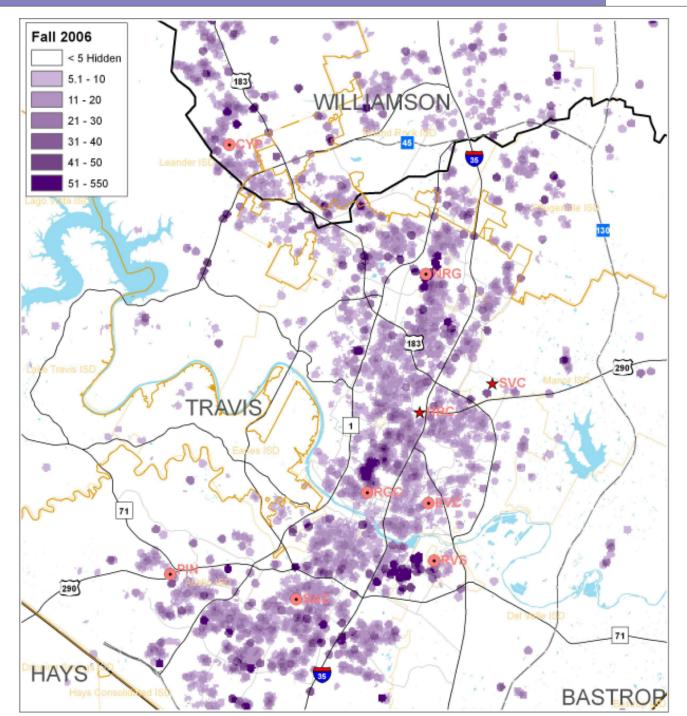
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Distribution of Students - Fall 2006

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This map shows the density of ACC students in the Austin area. Each students address is first "fuzzed" within a 900 ft. circular area or "neighborhood," then summed to see concentrations. Secondly, any "neighborhood" with less than 5 students is masked and hidden to further protect privacy. All personal identifier information is removed in this analysis. This method enables ACC to drill down within the district and within zip codes to better understand and serve ACC students. Additional concentrations of student characteristics can be analyzed, such as those receiving financial aid, enrolled in developmental education courses, etc.

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