

Student Portrait Fall Quarter 2004

Executive Summary

The Student Portrait provides answers to the most frequently asked questions about our student body and allows college decision makers to anticipate student needs and expectations. It contains a section on regional/state level comparative data, a second section that contains demographic and selected other tables for our total headcount, and a third section devoted to credit enrollment only.

Highlights:

- College of DuPage began in 1967 with **2,619** students. The enrollment reached its peak in 1991 with **36,322** students, and now stands at **33,732**.
- Total headcount decreased by 2.3% from the previous Fall Quarter. Credit headcount decreased by 1.7%. Full-Time Equivalent Student (FTES) enrollment increased 0.1% to 17,676—the highest in C.O.D.'s history.
- At the state level, credit headcount decreased 0.6% and FTES went up 0.1%.
- The average (mean) age of all students is 32 years, and the median is 25 years. The mean age of credit students is 30 years and the median is 24 years. The mode is 19 years for both groups.
- Thirty-two percent of credit students are in the traditional student age category of 18-20 years of age, 43% are 21-39 years of age, and 23% are 40 years of age or older, with 4% over 64 years of age, and 1% are 17 years or less.
- The proportion of minority students at the college continues to increase and now stands at 27%. Minority population of credit students remains 29%.
- More than one-third of credit students are full-time—10,657 (36%). There are 19,195 (64%) part-time credit students.
- Over 13,500 credit students (45%) indicate they plan to graduate from the college, and over 14,000 students (47%) indicate they plan to transfer to a four-year institution.
- The top five occupational programs by declared major are: 1) Nursing ADN, 1,012 students; 2) Computer Information Systems, 383 students; 3) Fire Science Technology, and Radiologic Technology, both with 379 students; and 5) Graphic Arts, 360 students. These are self-declared majors and may not reflect actual enrollment in limited admission programs.
- Over 5,650 (19%) of our credit students have an Associate's or higher degree. One hundred and fifty-one have a Doctorate; 1,266 have a Master's Degree; 3,131 have a Bachelor's Degree; and 1,110 have an Associate's Degree.