

Student Portrait Fall Quarter 2003

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 **34,535**.
- Total headcount remains unchanged from the previous Fall Quarter. Credit headcount increased by 0.5%. Full-Time Equivalent Student (FTES) enrollment increased 3.7% to 17,661—the highest in C.O.D.'s history.
- At the state level, credit headcount increased 3.0% and FTES went up 4.4%.
- The average (mean) age of all students is 32 years, and the median is 25 years. The mean age of credit students is 31 years and the median is 24 years. The mode is 19 years for both groups.
- Thirty-one percent of credit students are in the traditional community college student age category of 18-20 years of age, 43% are 21-39 years of age, and 24% 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 26%. Minority population of credit students is now 29%.
- About two-thirds of credit students are part-time—20,056 (66%). There are 10,322 (34%) full-time credit students.
- Over 12,200 credit students (40%) indicate they plan to graduate from the college, and over 13,300 students (44%) indicate they plan to transfer to a four-year institution.
- The top five occupational programs by declared major are: 1) Nursing ADN, 1,019 students; 2) Computer Information Systems, 495 students; 3) Graphic Arts, 377 students; 4) Radiologic Technology, 354 students; and 5) Interior Design, 317 students. These are self-declared majors and may not reflect actual enrollment in limited admission programs.
- Over 5,700 (19%) of our credit students have an Associate's or higher degree. Over 130 have a Doctorate; over 1,200 have a Master's Degree; over 3,250 have a Bachelor's Degree; and over 1,070 have an Associate's Degree.