

The Fall 2003 Student Portrait

Introduction

The 2003 Student Portrait profiles College of DuPage’s Fall Quarter 2003 student body. It is organized to answer a series of commonly asked questions about our current students. It provides information for the college decision-makers in order to anticipate student needs and expectations.

The first section contains a brief history of the college’s enrollment and a comparison of enrollments with other Illinois community colleges. The second section is a “snapshot” of all 34,535 students—credit and non-credit. It shows the age, ethnicity, gender and also their residency, how they register for classes, and when and where they take classes. The third section is devoted to demographics and characteristics of the 30,378 credit students. It shows their major field of study, their plans to graduate/transfer, their education level, where they come from, and their course taking pattern.

From 1985 to 1991, College of DuPage’s total enrollment grew to record-breaking 36,322 students. The enrollment stayed over thirty-six thousand until 1993. Thereafter it declined substantially, and leveled off. Since 1998 there has been a gradual increase in enrollment to 34,535 in Fall Quarter 2002. There has been no change in total headcount in Fall Quarter 2003. The graph below presents the Fall 10th Day total headcount since the college began in 1967.

