

Students and Enrollments in Workforce Development and Continuing Education

A substantial portion of the Montgomery College mission is to “enrich our community” and to meet “economic and workforce development needs.” The Workforce Development and Continuing Education (WDCE) unit of the College offers several thousand courses a year to individuals, businesses, and organizations in its efforts to enrich our community and meet those economic and workforce development needs.

WDCE course offerings encompass a wide range of topics and purposes and are generally shorter in length than the traditional three hours a week for 15 weeks credit-bearing courses. As a result, courses are on a continuous pattern of start and stop, so capturing a snapshot of WDCE enrollment at a point in time is difficult. The following reports offer a brief description of the students and a summary of the volume, type, and location of course offerings for the last four fiscal years (FY 2006 - FY 2009).

Beginning in FY 2005, WDCE obtained a new grant funded for Adult Basic Education (ABE) , GED, and Adult ESOL programs that had previously been administered by MCPS. As a result, there were significant increases in the number of student enrollments and number of individual course sections offered. The upward growth slowed somewhat in FY 2008 and FY 2009, however, as student enrollments remained the same as in FY 2007 and declined in FY 2009, although FTE increased by 1%.

While there were more than 45,700 enrollments in courses, when we count each student only once, regardless of the number of courses he or she took, there were 25,650 unduplicated students in fiscal year 2009.

WDCE students are older (with a median age of 35 for 2009) than the College’s typical credit students (median age 21 for 2009).

During a fiscal year, a large number of students take both traditional credit courses and Workforce Development and Continuing Education courses. The past year, there were 1,766 such students.

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Fiscal Year Enrollments For Workforce Development and Continuing Education

	FY 2006		FY 2007		FY 2008		FY 2009		% Change 2008-2009
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Total Student Enrollments	44,295		46,885		46,875		45,788		-2.3%
Total FTE ¹	3,116		3,868		3,955		3,980		0.6%
State-Funded FTE		2,766		3,270		2,675		2,676	
Course Sections	3,923		4,223		4,189		4,187		0.0%
Course Sections by Location									
Germantown campus	79	2%	86	2%	78	2%	172	4%	120.5%
Rockville campus	1,153	29%	1,269	30%	1,204	29%	1,125	27%	-6.6%
Takoma Park / Silver Spring campus	440	11%	420	10%	349	8%	288	7%	-17.5%
Gaithersburg Business Training Ctr.	293	7%	335	8%	373	9%	397	9%	6.4%
Westfield South	348	9%	301	7%	137	3%	217	5%	58.4%
On-Line/Web	235	6%	370	9%	450	11%	450	11%	0.0%
Off Campus	1,375	35%	1,442	34%	1,598	38%	1,538	37%	-3.8%

¹ In Maryland, an FTE is calculated by converting course contact hours to "equated credit hours" (dividing contact hours by 15) and then dividing by 30. A number of WDCE courses, and some (e.g., out-of-state or very young) students are not eligible for state funding.

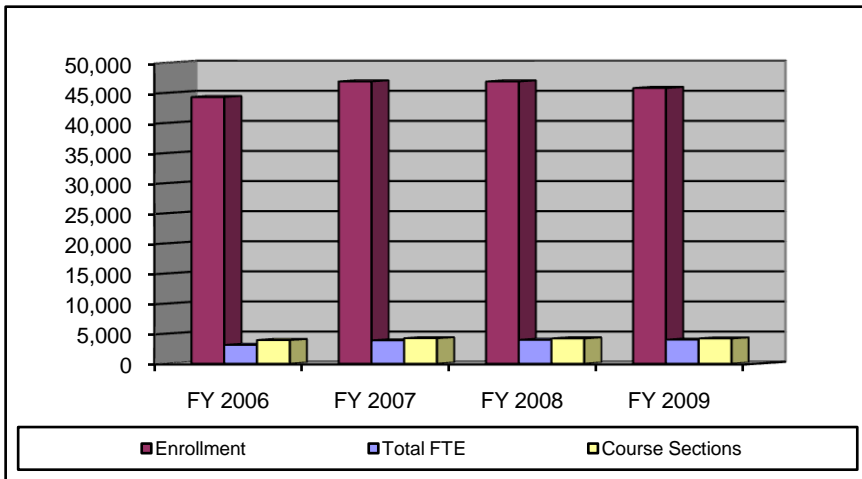


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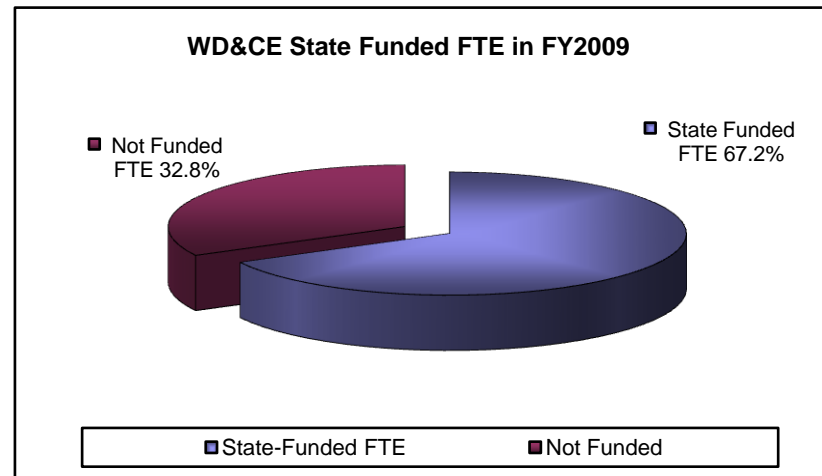


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Student Demographics for Workforce Development and Continuing Education

	<u>FY 2006</u>		<u>FY 2007</u>		<u>FY 2008</u>		<u>FY 2009</u>		<u>% Change</u>
	<u>#</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>2008- 2009</u>
<u>Total Unduplicate Students</u>	25,030		27,662		26,147		25,650		-2%
<u>Gender</u>									
Female	11,877	47%	14,016	51%	14,055	54%	14,173	55%	1%
Male	9,556	38%	10,665	39%	10,709	41%	10,770	42%	1%
Unknown	3,597	14%	2,981	11%	1,383	5%	707	3%	-49%
<u>Age</u>									
20 or Younger	4,018	16%	5,344	19%	4,979	19%	4,685	18%	-6%
21 - 29	5,042	20%	5,192	19%	5,147	20%	5,172	20%	0%
30 - 39	4,805	19%	4,890	18%	4,738	18%	4,697	18%	-1%
40 - 49	4,619	18%	4,834	17%	4,531	17%	4,468	17%	-1%
50 - 59	3,150	13%	3,489	13%	3,370	13%	3,512	14%	4%
60 or Older	2,082	8%	2,831	10%	2,781	11%	2,652	10%	-5%
Unknown	1,314	5%	1,082	4%	601	2%	464	2%	-23%
<u>Median</u>	35		35		35		35		
<u>Mean</u>	36		37		36		37		
<u>Race</u>									
American Indian	76	0%	80	0%	73	0%	81	0%	11%
Asian	2,818	11%	3,048	11%	3,122	12%	3,156	12%	1%
Black	4,317	17%	4,836	17%	4,956	19%	5,098	20%	3%
Hispanic	6,164	25%	5,273	19%	4,374	17%	4,118	16%	-6%
White	7,994	32%	9,064	33%	8,917	34%	8,704	34%	-2%
Multi-Race			758	3%	2,268	9%	2,830	11%	25%
Unknown	3,661	15%	4,603	17%	2,437	9%	1,663	6%	-32%
<u>Residence (Montgomery County)</u>									
South - Bethesda/Silver Spring/TP	8,515	42%	8,975	48%	9,088	42%	8,685	40%	-4%
N. & NW - Germantown/Gaithersburg	6,654	33%	5,713	31%	6,177	28%	6,715	31%	9%
Central - Rockville/Gaithersburg/Potomac	4,381	22%	3,688	20%	5,641	26%	5,471	25%	-3%
East - Burtonsville-Cloverly	791	4%	254	1%	868	4%	816	4%	-6%
Total	20,341		18,630		21,774		21,687		0%

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<i>Unduplicated Student Count</i>	25,030		27,662		26,147		25,650		-1.9%
<u>Number of Courses Taken</u>									
1 course	15,990	64%	18,381	66%	16,551	63%	16,122	63%	-3%
2 courses	4,419	18%	4,993	18%	4,997	19%	4,937	19%	-1%
3 courses	2,257	9%	1,837	7%	1,907	7%	1,949	8%	2%
4 courses	1,155	5%	1,178	4%	1,172	4%	1,361	5%	16%
5 courses	433	2%	496	2%	666	3%	501	2%	-25%
6 courses or more	391	2%	777	3%	854	3%	780	3%	-9%
<u>Students Taking Credit & WDCE</u> <i>(during same year)</i>	1,149	4.6%	1,208	4.4%	1,790	6.8%	1,766	6.9%	-1%
<u>Citizenship</u>									
U.S. Citizen	15,058	60%	16,128	58%	14,935	57%	15,015	59%	1%
Non U.S. Citizen	5,423	22%	6,673	24%	9,219	35%	9,693	38%	5%
Unknown	4,549	18%	4,861	18%	1,993	8%	942	4%	-53%
<u>Top Countries of Origin (for non-citizens)</u>									
Ethiopia	287		Brazil	64	Nicaragua	35	Venezuela	25	
El Salvador	148		Ghana	51	Mexico	35	Dominican	25	
Peru	146		Haiti	47	Guatemala	34	Chile	25	
Cameroon	125		Bolivia	43	Liberia	29	Honduras	22	
India	97		Togo	43	Jamaica	29	Pakistan	22	
Colombia	90		Philippines	42	Cote D Ivoire	28	Nepal	22	
China	81		Nigeria	41	Ecuador	28	Congo,	22	
Iran	80		Taiwan	41	Germany	27	France	20	
Vietnam	74		Sierra Leone	36	Russia	27	Japan	20	
South Korea	71		Sri Lanka	36	Bangladesh	25	Thailand	19	