Kern Community College District
Report on Veteran Students

This report provides some basic information about veteran students attending the three colleges of the Kern Community College District. Included are summary statistics, basic demographics (gender, ethnicity, age), and course retention and success rates.

Headcount and Percentages

	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16	
	Veterans	% of all students	Veterans	% of all students	Veterans	% of all students	Veterans	% of all students	Veterans	% of all students
BC	347	1.4%	422	1.7%	548	2.2%	565	2.2%	651	2.3%
CC	319	3.1%	386	4.5%	422	5.1%	391	4.9%	393	4.7%
PC	129	2.2%	143	2.7%	152	2.9%	131	2.5%	128	2.4%

At all three colleges, both the number and percentage of veteran students has increased over the most recent five years.

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Demographics
Gender

		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16	
		Students	%	Students	%	Students	%	Students	%	Students	%
BC	Female	60	17.3%	78	18.5%	109	19.9%	122	21.6%	130	20.0%
	Male	283	81.6%	342	81.0%	439	80.1%	443	78.4%	521	80.0%
	Unk	4	1.2%	2	0.5%						
	Sum	347		422		548		565		651	
CC	Female	79	24.8%	85	22.0%	90	21.3%	72	18.4%	75	19.1%
	Male	240	75.2%	301	78.0%	332	78.7%	319	81.6%	318	80.9%
	Sum	319		386		422		391		393	
PC	Female	28	21.7%	30	21.0%	41	27.0%	35	26.7%	35	27.3%
	Male	101	78.3%	113	79.0%	111	73.0%	95	72.5%	92	71.9%
	Unk							1	0.8%	1	0.8%
	Sum	129		143		152		131		128	
Sum		748		907		1,059		1,041		1,114	

Throughout the time period here, about four out of five veteran students are male at BC and recently, at CC as well. A somewhat lower percentage are male at PC. At all three colleges, women outnumber men in the college's general population.

Ethnicity

		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16	
		Students	%	Students	%	Students	%	Students	%	Students	%
BC	Hispanic/Latino	166	47.8%	213	50.5%	273	49.8%	295	52.2%	320	49.2%
	Other/Unknown	33	9.5%	60	14.2%	82	15.0%	69	12.2%	88	13.5%
	White	148	42.7%	149	35.3%	193	35.2%	201	35.6%	243	37.3%
	Sum	347		422		548		565		651	
CC	Hispanic/Latino	83	26.0%	112	29.0%	135	32.0%	131	33.5%	123	31.3%
	Other/Unknown	45	14.1%	45	11.7%	54	12.8%	48	12.3%	52	13.2%
	White	191	59.9%	229	59.3%	233	55.2%	212	54.2%	218	55.5%
	Sum	319		386		422		391		393	
PC	Hispanic/Latino	70	54.3%	85	59.4%	92	60.5%	75	57.3%	72	56.3%
	Other/Unknown	10	7.8%	9	6.3%	12	7.9%	14	10.7%	15	11.7%
	White	49	38.0%	49	34.3%	48	31.6%	42	32.1%	41	32.0%
	Sum	129		143		152		131		128	
Sum		748		907		1,059		1,041		1,114	

Due to small numbers, ethnic groups other than Hispanics and whites are combined into one category, along with those of unknown ethnicity. At all three colleges, the percentage of veteran Hispanics has increased, just as the percentage of Hispanics has increased among each college's general population.

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Age

		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16	
		Students	%	Students	%	Students	%	Students	%	Students	%
BC	19 or Younger	4	1.2%	7	1.7%	11	2.0%	13	2.3%	29	4.5%
	20 - 24	66	19.0%	69	16.4%	87	15.9%	111	19.6%	116	17.8%
	25 - 29	120	34.6%	123	29.1%	149	27.2%	146	25.8%	192	29.5%
	30 - 39	118	34.0%	126	29.9%	148	27.0%	164	29.0%	177	27.2%
	40 - 49	29	8.4%	54	12.8%	82	15.0%	74	13.1%	75	11.5%
	50 or Older	10	2.9%	43	10.2%	71	13.0%	57	10.1%	62	9.5%
	Sum	**347**		**422**		**548**		**565**		**651**	
CC	19 or Younger			4	1.0%	4	0.9%	6	1.5%	2	0.5%
	20 - 24	30	9.4%	33	8.5%	34	8.1%	27	6.9%	35	8.9%
	25 - 29	105	32.9%	99	25.6%	78	18.5%	71	18.2%	71	18.1%
	30 - 39	146	45.8%	131	33.9%	158	37.4%	148	37.9%	134	34.1%
	40 - 49	32	10.0%	70	18.1%	70	16.6%	81	20.7%	77	19.6%
	50 or Older	6	1.9%	49	12.7%	78	18.5%	58	14.8%	74	18.8%
	Sum	**319**		**386**		**422**		**391**		**393**	
PC	19 or Younger	8	6.2%	9	6.3%	7	4.6%	6	4.6%	11	8.6%
	20 - 24	38	29.5%	37	25.9%	38	25.0%	27	20.6%	31	24.2%
	25 - 29	45	34.9%	49	34.3%	46	30.3%	36	27.5%	36	28.1%
	30 - 39	26	20.2%	31	21.7%	33	21.7%	36	27.5%	32	25.0%
	40 - 49	6	4.7%	9	6.3%	15	9.9%	17	13.0%	10	7.8%
	50 or Older	6	4.7%	8	5.6%	13	8.6%	9	6.9%	8	6.3%
	Sum	**129**		**143**		**152**		**131**		**128**	
Sum		**748**		**907**		**1,059**		**1,041**		**1,114**	

The age of veteran students increased somewhat during the five year time period. At PC, veteran students were somewhat younger throughout, but the same pattern exists with the percentage of older veterans increasing slightly.

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Course Retention and Success Rates

		Retained Rate					Success Rate				
		2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
BC	Non-vets	83.2%	85.1%	86.1%	86.0%	86.7%	66.0%	67.9%	69.0%	68.7%	68.9%
	Veterans	84.4%	87.3%	84.7%	87.0%	86.3%	69.7%	71.9%	69.0%	73.3%	67.8%
CC	Non-vets	83.1%	82.8%	82.4%	84.7%	85.6%	64.4%	66.6%	66.1%	70.9%	70.1%
	Veterans	88.0%	86.1%	83.5%	85.4%	85.3%	68.0%	71.6%	65.7%	73.4%	70.7%
PC	Non-vets	84.8%	86.7%	87.3%	87.8%	88.6%	66.6%	69.0%	69.6%	69.8%	70.9%
	Veterans	85.1%	88.0%	88.9%	88.1%	88.9%	66.1%	71.6%	71.7%	70.0%	73.6%
Sum		**83.5%**	**85.1%**	**85.7%**	**86.1%**	**86.8%**	**65.9%**	**68.0%**	**68.7%**	**69.3%**	**69.4%**

Here we provide course retention and success rates. Both rates are calculated using student enrollments that end with a grade. The calculations are defined as follows:

Success = A,B,C,P / A,B,C,P,D,F,I,NP,W,DR   **Retention** = A,B,C,D,F,I,P,NP / A,B,C,P,D,F,I,NP,W,DR

For both rates, veteran students tended to outperform their non-veteran peers. At BC, retention rates were generally about 1 percentage points higher for veterans most years, while success rates were 4 percentage points higher, except for 2013-14 and 2015-16 when they were roughly equal. At CC, retention rates were around 4 percentage points higher early on, then narrowed, while the gap in success rates varied from 0-5 percentage points. At PC, both gaps were smaller and less consistent, with veteran retention ranging from about the same rate as non-veterans to about 1 percentage point higher and veteran success rates ranging from half a percentage point below non-veterans, to almost 3 percentage points higher.