



COMMUNITY COLLEGES &
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The Annual Condition of Iowa's Community Colleges Report

About this Report:

This report presents comprehensive data from fiscal year 2008, fall 2009, and tuition data for fiscal year 2009.

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Executive Summary

2008

The Iowa Department of Education collects data on fiscal year credit enrollment, non-credit enrollment, economic development programs, and institutional data (i.e., faculty information, tuition). This report summarizes several aspects of the data. Some of the highlights of this report are:

- Enrollment grew to 128,146 students.
- Year-to-year growth was 1.7 percent, which is below the typical rate of growth.
- The typical community college student was under 26, female, white, and a resident of Iowa.
- Nearly 29 percent of all community college students enrolled in one or more online courses during the fiscal year.
- Students in their late 20s to early 40s enroll in online coursework at higher rates than older or younger age groups.
- Joint enrollment increased 4.5 percent to 31,450 students.
- A majority, 78 percent, of joint enrollees enrolled through contractual agreements.
- Fifty-eight percent (58%) of joint enrollees were seniors and 34 percent were juniors.
- Joint enrollees had a higher ACT score than the Iowa and national average.
- Colleges awarded 14,384 awards in 2008—1.6 percent fewer than 2007.
- The Associate of Arts was the largest degree type, followed closely by the Associate of Applied Science.
- Fifty-two percent (52%) of community college students either graduate or transfer to a four-year institution within three years of enrolling.
- Community college students typically take 2.4 years to complete a degree.
- Enrollment in non-credit programs increased 3.7 percent after several years of decline.
- Enrollment was highest in programs designed to enhance employability and increase academic success.
- Enrollment in adult literacy declined 2.7 percent to 29,007 students.
- Seventy-two percent (72%) of adult literacy participants continue onto postsecondary education.

- Community colleges increased the number of employees to 12,676, mostly adding instructors.
- Forty-eight percent (48%) of all community college employees were instructors.
- Instructor salaries increased 10.5 percent since 2007 to \$49,606 in 2008.
- Most instructors are nearing retirement age: the median age is 51 years-old.
- The median age for administrators is 53 years-old.
- Full-Time Equivalent Enrollment (FTEE) was 89,512.99 in fiscal year 2008, a 1.2 percent increase since the prior year.

Find out more about the *Annual Condition of Iowa's Community Colleges* at:

http://www.iowa.gov/educate/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1663&Itemid=2471