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RE: Final Spring 2023 and Annual 2022-2023 Student Headcount

This memo serves to provide a joint summary of the Spring 2023 and 2022-2023 headcount data for the California Community Colleges system. Continuing the initial improvements in headcount in Fall 2023 (+2% systemwide), systemwide enrollment continued to recover in Spring 2023, leading to our first annual improvement in headcount since 2017-2018.

Spring 2023 headcount increased by 8% from Spring 2022, from 1,173,645 to 1,273,100 (see Table 1). Nearly all student populations exhibited increases in Spring 2023, including most notably African Americans (+10%), Hispanics (+11%), and Native Americans (+13%). Headcount also increased across age groups, particularly for students 19 years old and younger (+14%) aided by increases in dual enrollment (+16%), as well as for students 35 years old or older (between 12% and 16%). While there have been increases for nearly all student groups, including students with disabilities (+12%), headcount for Filipino students continued to decline (-4%).

As a result of consecutive semesters of headcount growth, system headcount increased by 5% from 1,833,539 in 2021-22 to **1,924,060 in 2022-23** (see Table 2), with 94 colleges exhibiting headcount growth year over year across the system. Key historically marginalized student populations exhibiting meaningful increases included African Americans (+7%), Hispanics (+8%), and Native Americans (+9%). Enrollment increased for students 19 years old and younger (+11%) and for students older than 35 (between 7% and 12%). While headcount stabilized or increased for the substantial majority of groups, annual headcount did continue to decline for Filipino students (-6%), an exception to the overall trend that will require additional systemwide attention to better understand.

While systemwide headcounts have been increasing in recent terms, annual enrollment does down by ~15% from prior to the pandemic in 2018-2019. However, initial anecdotal reporting from colleges suggests continued improvement in Fall 2023 and beyond, especially as key Vision 2030 strategies are implemented, providing the system a meaningful positive enrollment outlook for the first time in over 5 years.

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Table 1: Systemwide headcount, Spring 2019 to Spring 2023

Systemwide	Spring 2019	Spring 2020	Spring 2021	Spring 2022	Spring 2023	% Change S19 to S20	% Change S20 to S21	% Change S21 to S22	% Change S22 to S23	Cumulative % Change S19 to S23
Headcount	1,514,281	1,452,486	1,260,530	1,173,645	1,273,100	-4%	-13%	-7%	8%	-16%

Gender	Spring 2019	Spring 2020	Spring 2021	Spring 2022	Spring 2023	% Change S19 to S20	% Change S20 to S21	% Change S21 to S22	% Change S22 to S23	Cumulative % Change S19 to S23
Female	821,911	797,382	718,052	647,064	684,735	-3%	-10%	-10%	6%	-17%
Male	671,032	633,144	522,873	505,215	556,459	-6%	-17%	-3%	10%	-17%

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Race/Ethnicity	Spring 2019	Spring 2020	Spring 2021	Spring 2022	Spring 2023	% Change S19 to S20	% Change S20 to S21	% Change S21 to S22	% Change S22 to S23	Cumulative % Change S19 to S23
African American	81,891	77,259	66,025	60,939	66,934	-6%	-15%	-8%	10%	-18%
Asian	162,427	155,229	134,016	124,067	130,515	-4%	-14%	-7%	5%	-20%
Filipino	42,447	40,285	35,183	30,802	29,694	-5%	-13%	-12%	-4%	-30%
Hispanic	700,562	685,180	590,373	558,566	618,893	-2%	-14%	-5%	11%	-12%
Native American	5,465	5,236	4,235	3,829	4,330	-4%	-19%	-10%	13%	-21%
Pacific Islander	5,672	5,633	5,040	4,627	4,685	-1%	-11%	-8%	1%	-17%
White Non-Hispanic	382,746	350,099	314,100	287,484	301,244	-9%	-10%	-8%	5%	-21%
Two or more races	57,781	55,822	53,228	49,861	53,108	-3%	-5%	-6%	7%	-8%
Other/Unknown	75,290	77,743	58,330	53,470	63,697	3%	-25%	-8%	19%	-15%

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Age	Spring 2019	Spring 2020	Spring 2021	Spring 2022	Spring 2023	% Change S19 to S20	% Change S20 to S21	% Change S21 to S22	% Change S22 to S23	Cumulative % Change S19 to S23
19 and younger	390,376	405,772	350,512	350,050	397,449	4%	-14%	0%	14%	2%
20 to 24	463,442	438,174	371,048	328,028	340,365	-5%	-15%	-12%	4%	-27%
25 to 34	324,258	302,007	283,063	246,101	251,593	-7%	-6%	-13%	2%	-22%
35 to 44	141,076	130,882	124,670	117,875	131,661	-7%	-5%	-5%	12%	-7%
45-54	83,346	74,412	64,173	61,566	70,561	-11%	-14%	-4%	15%	-15%
55-64	48,888	43,692	31,885	32,418	37,664	-11%	-27%	2%	16%	-23%
65 and older	62,895	57,547	35,179	37,607	43,807	-9%	-39%	7%	16%	-30%

Special Populations	Spring 2019	Spring 2020	Spring 2021	Spring 2022	Spring 2023	% Change S19 to S20	% Change S20 to S21	% Change S21 to S22	% Change S22 to S23	Cumulative % Change S19 to S23
DSPS	82,835	75,808	63,707	65,325	72,998	-8%	-16%	3%	12%	-12%
Special Admit	103,688	121,354	111,886	123,020	142,997	17%	-8%	10%	16%	38%

Table 2: Annual Systemwide Headcount, Academic Years 2018-2019 to 2022-2023

Systemwide	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	% Change 2018-19 to 2019-20	% Change 2019-20 to 2020-21	% Change 2020-21 to 2021-22	% Change 2021-22 to 2022-23	Cumulative % Change 2018-19 to 2022-23
Headcount	2,251,072	2,201,733	1,911,971	1,833,529	1,924,060	-2%	-13%	-4%	5%	-15%
Gender	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	% Change 2018-19 to 2019-20	% Change 2019-20 to 2020-21	% Change 2020-21 to 2021-22	% Change 2021-22 to 2022-23	Cumulative % Change 2018-19 to 2022-23
Female	1,216,161	1,197,541	1,086,051	1,010,751	1,034,274	-2%	-9%	-7%	2%	-15%
Male	1,002,990	969,867	798,206	789,548	843,925	-3%	-18%	-1%	7%	-16%

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African American	128,895	121,562	102,233	97,070	104,033	-6%	-16%	-5%	7%	-19%
Asian	247,367	240,608	209,627	199,983	207,150	-3%	-13%	-5%	4%	-16%
Filipino	62,171	59,370	52,819	47,336	44,534	-5%	-11%	-10%	-6%	-28%
Hispanic	1,031,463	1,024,911	889,498	859,661	925,267	-1%	-13%	-3%	8%	-10%
Native American	8,440	7,954	6,461	6,036	6,565	-6%	-19%	-7%	9%	-22%
Pacific Islander	8,685	8,826	7,779	7,288	7,222	2%	-12%	-6%	-1%	-17%
White Non-Hispanic	565,778	518,495	468,905	445,542	447,075	-8%	-10%	-5%	0%	-21%
Two or more races	84,968	81,660	80,309	76,458	79,058	-4%	-2%	-5%	3%	-7%
Other/Unknown	113,305	138,347	94,340	94,155	103,156	22%	-32%	0%	10%	-9%

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19 and less	652,177	681,906	612,899	594,744	659,659	5%	-10%	-3%	11%	1%
20 to 24	619,122	589,695	515,214	465,483	459,427	-5%	-13%	-10%	-1%	-26%
25 to 34	478,500	455,972	415,989	386,084	383,250	-5%	-9%	-7%	-1%	-20%
35 to 44	213,780	204,701	180,341	186,316	199,435	-4%	-12%	3%	7%	-7%
45-54	129,172	119,820	94,486	97,802	107,915	-7%	-21%	4%	10%	-16%
55-64	73,606	68,698	46,456	50,052	56,073	-7%	-32%	8%	12%	-24%
65 and up	84,715	80,941	46,586	53,048	58,301	-4%	-42%	14%	10%	-31%

Special Populations	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	% Change 2018-19 to 2019-20	% Change 2019-20 to 2020-21	% Change 2020-21 to 2021-22	% Change 2021-22 to 2022-23	Cumulative % Change 2018-19 to 2022-23
DSPS	121,447	118,274	93,824	97,595	107,305	-3%	-21%	4%	10%	-12%
Special Admit	179,302	205,343	187,415	205,592	233,273	15%	-9%	10%	13%	30%