

By the Numbers

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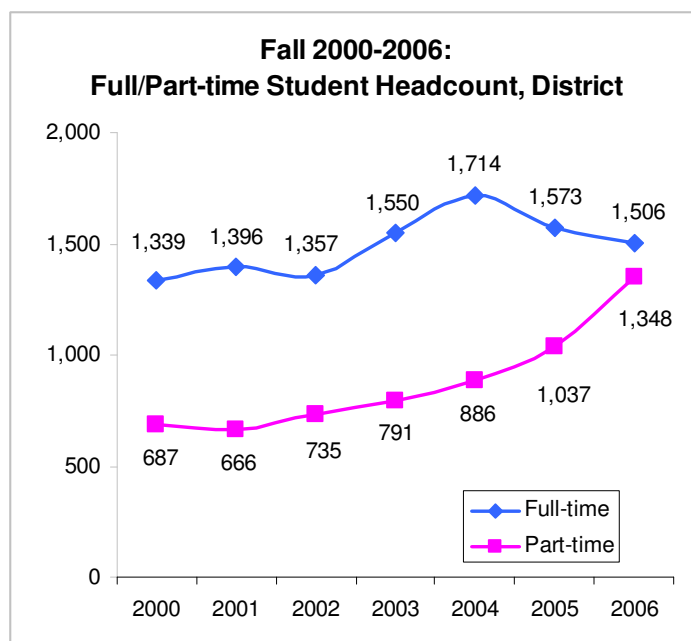
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Fall Student Headcount by Enrollment Status

Over the past five years, the percentage of students who are enrolled on a part-time basis has increased to the point that nearly half of all students are taking fewer than 12 credits. Typically, MCC has been referred to as a commuter-type institution, thereby enrolling a greater percentage of part-time students. As the table below indicates, over 40% of ECC students are now enrolled part-time.

Fall Part-time Student Headcount				
	ECC		MCC	
	Part-time	% of Total	Part-time	% of Total
2000	260	29%	427	38%
2001	277	31%	389	34%
2002	238	29%	497	39%
2003	273	30%	518	36%
2004	307	30%	579	37%
2005	356	36%	681	42%
2006	444	41%	904	51%



Some of the increase in part-time students may be due to the high school student enrollments. Two years ago, 7.8% of the District's fall headcount was attributed to students enrolled in PSEO, Contracted, and Tech-Prep courses. During fall 2006, high school students accounted for 22.1% of enrollment.

Additional information on enrollment trends can be found in the 2005-2006 IVCCD Fact Book on the IR website.

Community College Enrollment Trends & Projections to 2015			
		Full-time	Part-time
% change 1994-2004	National	21.25%	3.27%
	State	22.85%	31.41%
	IVCCD	28.33%	28.01%
% change 2004-2015 Predicted*	National	15.30%	8.90%

*Source: Hussar, W.J. (2006). *Projections of Education Statistics to 2015* (NCES 2006-084). U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office

Questions to Ponder...

- Why is the proportion of part-time students increasing?
- What is the process for identifying the needs of the part-time student population?
- How does the growth in part-time students impact the long-range plan for District facilities?
- What methods might increase the numbers of part-time high school students becoming full-time college students after high school graduation?
- Since we are growing in part-time student numbers, are there untapped groups of part-time students being left out of our enrollments?

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