

CHAPTER 8

DEGREES, CERTIFICATES, & TRANSFERS



Degrees and Certificates

For the 2008-09 academic year, PCC granted 1,687 degrees and 606 certificates. Total number of degree recipients was 1,468 and total number of certificate recipients was 524.

Note: The time frame reported in this section on Degrees, Certificates, and Transfers is different from most data presented in this *Observations*. The previous five complete academic years are reported in this section, rather than only the Fall terms.

Figure 8-1
Degrees and Certificates Awarded

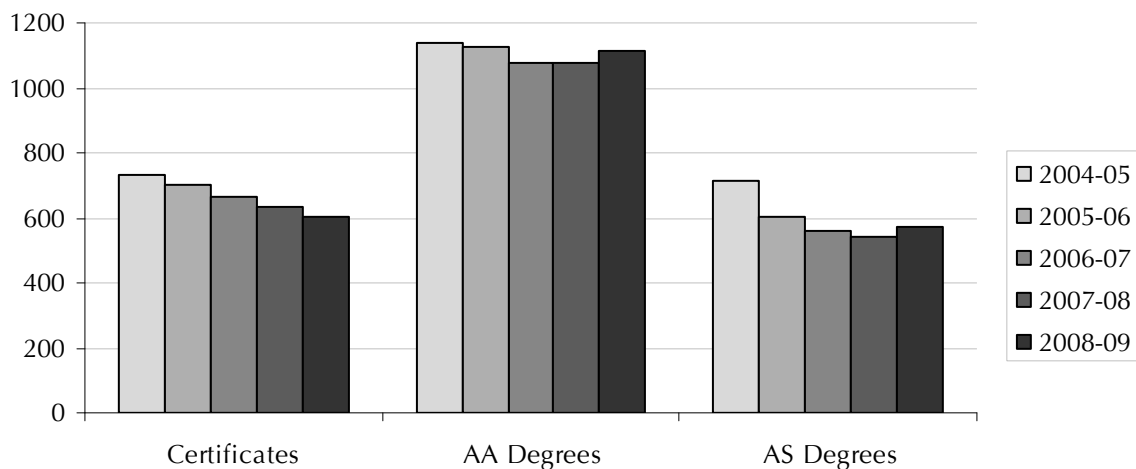


Table 8-1
Degrees and Certificates Awarded

		2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Degrees						
<i>Number</i>						
	AA Degree	1137	1129	1074	1078	1116
	AS Degree	715	603	560	544	571
	Total Degrees Awarded	1852	1732	1634	1622	1687
<i>Percent</i>						
	AA Degree	61.4	65.2	65.7	66.5	66.2
	AS Degree	38.6	34.8	34.3	33.5	33.8
<i>Recipients</i>						
	Total Degree Recipients	1489	1456	1387	1399	1468
	Percent with Both Degrees	24.4	19.0	17.8	15.9	14.9
Certificates						
	Total Certificates Awarded	735	699	665	635	606
	Total Certificate Recipients	600	560	571	546	524
	Percent with >1 Certificate	14.0	14.3	8.2	9.3	9.7

Note: Degrees and certificates awarded are duplicated counts.
Degree and certificate recipients are unduplicated counts.

Gender

In the 2008-09 academic year, the percentages of female degree and certificate recipients were higher than the percentage of female credit students. While 53% of the total credit population was female, 60% of degree recipients and 68% of certificate recipients were female. Note that Figure 8-2 represents number of degree and certificate recipients (unduplicated) and not the number of degrees and certificates awarded.

Figure 8-2
Fall 2008 Student Body and 2008-09 Degree and Certificate Recipients by Gender

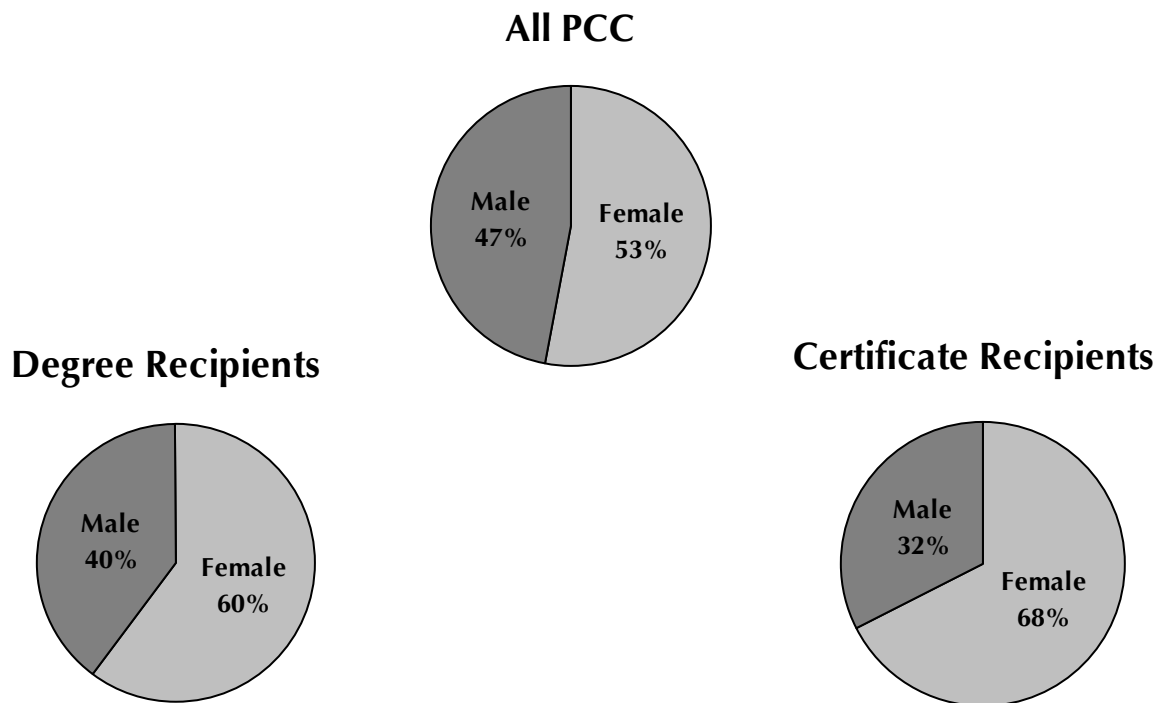


Table 8-2
Degree and Certificate Recipients by
Gender

		2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Degrees						
<i>Number</i>						
	Female	954	940	869	849	877
	Male	534	515	517	550	588
	<i>Total</i>	<i>1488</i>	<i>1455</i>	<i>1386</i>	<i>1399</i>	<i>1468</i>
<i>Percent</i>						
	Female	64.1	64.6	62.7	60.7	59.7
	Male	35.9	35.4	37.3	39.3	40.1
Certificates						
<i>Number</i>						
	Female	414	389	384	380	354
	Male	186	171	187	166	170
	<i>Total</i>	<i>600</i>	<i>560</i>	<i>571</i>	<i>546</i>	<i>524</i>
<i>Percent</i>						
	Female	69.0	69.5	67.3	69.6	67.6
	Male	31.0	30.5	32.7	30.4	32.4

Age

As shown in Figure 8-3, the two largest groups receiving degrees and certificates are those 20-24 and 25-29 years of age. The smallest group receiving degrees are those over 50. The smallest group receiving certificates are those under 20. Starting from the 20-24 age group, with each increasing age group, the percentage decreases. The only exception are those 40-49 years of age, who represent a higher percentage of the total degree and certificate recipients than do those 35-39 years of age.

Figure 8-3
2008-09 Credit Students & Degree and Certificate Recipients
by Age Group

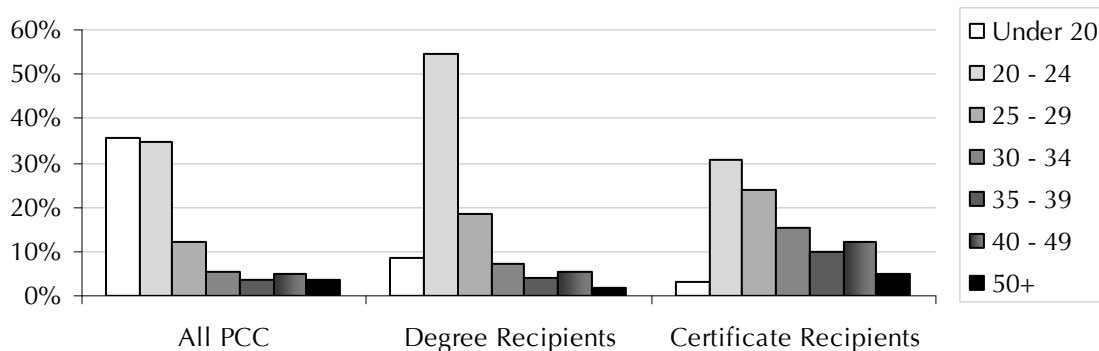


Figure 8-4
Degree Recipients by
Age Group

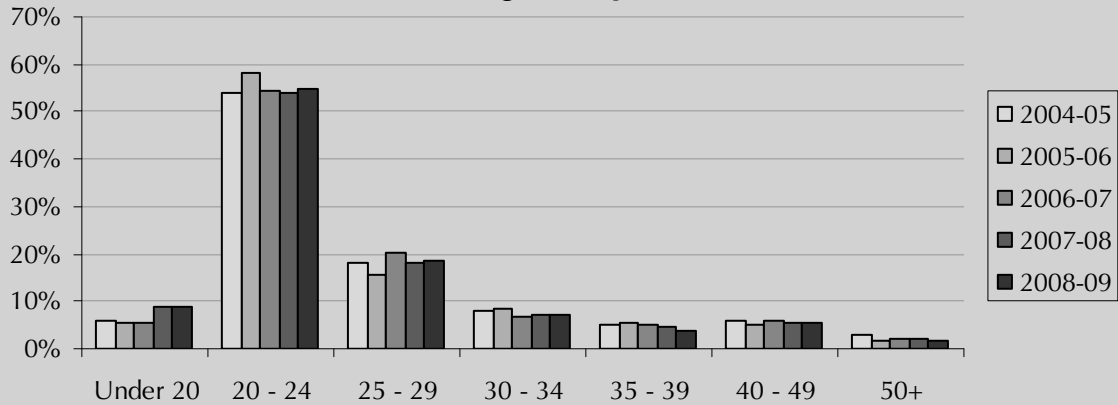
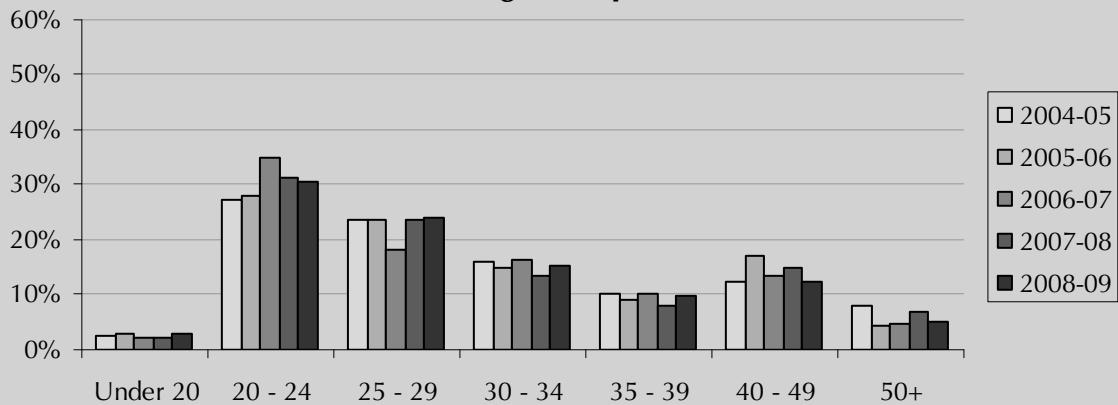


Figure 8-5
Certificate Recipients by
Age Group



Ethnicity

Figure 8-6 below presents the percentages of each ethnic category in all PCC student population, degree recipients, and certificate recipients, respectively, in the 2008-09 academic year. The “All Other Ethnicities” category includes Native American, Filipino, other ethnicities, and those who declined to disclose their ethnicity. As shown in this figure, African Americans, Hispanics, and Whites are underrepresented in the degree recipient population compared to their proportions in the credit student population. African Americans and those in the “All Other Ethnicities” category are overrepresented in the certificate recipient population compared to their proportions in the overall credit student population.

Figures 8-7 and 8-8 on the next page show the five-year trend for percentage of degree and certificate recipients by ethnicity. As shown in Figure 8-7, the percentage of White degree recipients is up over that of the previous term, while the percentage of Asian/Pacific Islander degree recipients has dropped slightly. The percentage for Hispanics and African Americans has also declined. However, for the “All Other Ethnicities” category, the number has grown. As shown in Figure 8-8, the number of certificates received by Whites and “All Other Ethnicities” is up from the previous term.

Figure 8-6
2008-09 Credit Students and Graduates by
Ethnicity

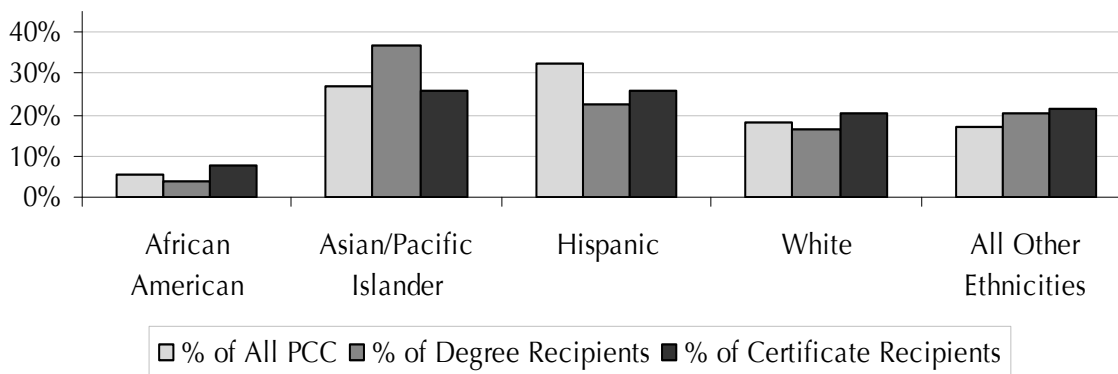


Figure 8-7
Degree Recipients by
Ethnicity

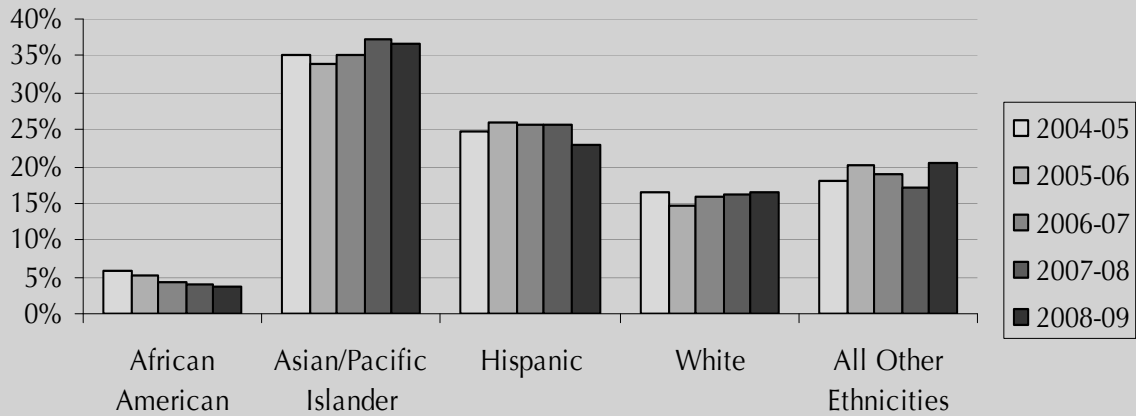
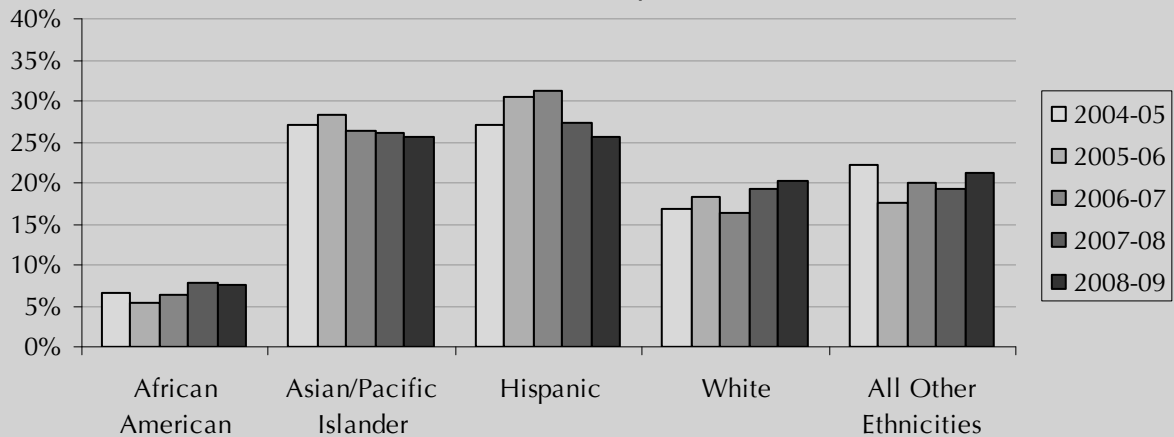


Figure 8-8
Certificate Recipients by
Ethnicity



Ethnicity

Table 8-3
Degree Recipients by
Ethnicity

		2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
<i>Number</i>						
	African American	86	77	61	55	54
	Asian/Pacific Islander	522	494	489	520	536
	Hispanic	366	378	355	357	334
	White	246	212	221	226	244
	All Other Ethnicities	269	295	261	241	300
	<i>Total</i>	<i>1489</i>	<i>1456</i>	<i>1387</i>	<i>1399</i>	<i>1468</i>
<i>Percent</i>						
	African American	5.8	5.3	4.4	3.9	3.7
	Asian/Pacific Islander	35.1	33.9	35.3	37.2	36.5
	Hispanic	24.6	26.0	25.6	25.5	22.8
	White	16.5	14.6	15.9	16.2	16.6
	All Other Ethnicities	18.1	20.3	18.8	17.2	20.4

Table 8-4
Certificate Recipients by
Ethnicity

		2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
<i>Number</i>						
	African American	40	30	36	43	39
	Asian/Pacific Islander	162	157	151	142	134
	Hispanic	162	169	179	149	134
	White	101	102	93	105	106
	All Other Ethnicities	132	102	109	107	111
	<i>Total</i>	<i>597</i>	<i>560</i>	<i>568</i>	<i>546</i>	<i>524</i>
<i>Percent</i>						
	African American	6.7	5.4	6.3	7.9	7.4
	Asian/Pacific Islander	27.1	28.0	26.6	26.0	25.6
	Hispanic	27.1	30.2	31.5	27.3	25.6
	White	16.9	18.2	16.4	19.2	20.2
	All Other Ethnicities	22.1	18.2	19.2	19.6	21.2

Certificate Programs

PCC awarded 60 different types of certificates in 2008-09. The Registered Nursing program awarded by far the greatest number of certificates, followed by the Paralegal Studies and Child Development programs. The 20 largest certificate programs (see Table 8-5) account for 74% of the total certificates awarded (606—refer to Table 8-1) in Fall 2008.



Table 8-5
Recipients by
Top 20 Certificate Programs

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
<i>Number</i>					
Registered Nursing	104	94	117	97	121
Paralegal Studies	45	53	36	52	43
Child Development	32	28	42	42	14
Cosmetology	35	27	50	36	45
Radiologic Technology	18	24	26	22	27
Vocational Nursing	20	18	21	22	18
Accounting-Bookkeeping	41	42	14	20	12
Library Technology	12	17	23	19	17
Accounting Clerk	56	55	21	19	16
BIT - Business Software Specialist	0	0	0	15	15
Dental Hygiene	15	15	15	14	14
Administration of Justice	11	16	13	14	11
Dental Assisting	13	14	13	14	16
Dental Laboratory Technology	19	11	8	14	15
Accounting-Bookkeeping Assistant	41	44	20	13	12
Building Construction	11	5	16	12	15
Electrical Technology	2	5	10	12	12
Construction Inspection	13	4	11	12	5
Biological Technology Laboratory Assistant	1	0	7	11	8
BIT - Administrative Assistant	0	0	0	11	8
<i>Total</i>	489	472	463	471	444

Degrees and Certificates by Community College

In 2007-08, the Chancellor's Office reported that PCC awarded 2,595 degrees and certificates. Of the seven community colleges presented in Table 8-6, PCC awarded the most number of degrees and certificates. PCC also awarded the second most number of certificates that require students to complete 60 units or more.

Note: Data presented in Tables 8-1 and 8-6 are different because numbers are extracted from different databases (PCC Student Records database for the former and Chancellor's Office MIS database for the latter), and the Chancellor's Office database is not updated as quickly as the PCC database.



Table 8-6
2007-08 Degrees and Certificates Awarded by
Community College

College	AA Degrees	AS Degrees	Certificates 18-29 Units	Certificates 30-59 Units	Certificates 60+ Units	2007-2008 Total
Cerritos	1417	0	123	266	2	1808
Citrus	487	362	155	250	0	1254
El Camino	595	538	162	193	9	1497
Long Beach	656	227	128	276	126	1413
Mt Sac	1575	612	156	122	1	2466
Pasadena	1079	545	76	789	106	2595
Santa Monica	1476	0	0	216	0	1692

Transfers

The California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) reports the number of community college students who transfer to UC and CSU institutions. Overall, the total transfers to UC institutions has increased over the past five years. Transfers to CSUs has fluctuated over the previous four years, and showed a slight decrease in 2007-08 over that of 2006-07.

In 2007-08, 1,825 PCC students transferred to UC and CSU institutions. Of the seven community colleges presented in Table 8-7, PCC transferred the highest number of students to CSUs, and the second highest number of students to UCs.

Figure 8-9
Transfers to UCs and CSUs

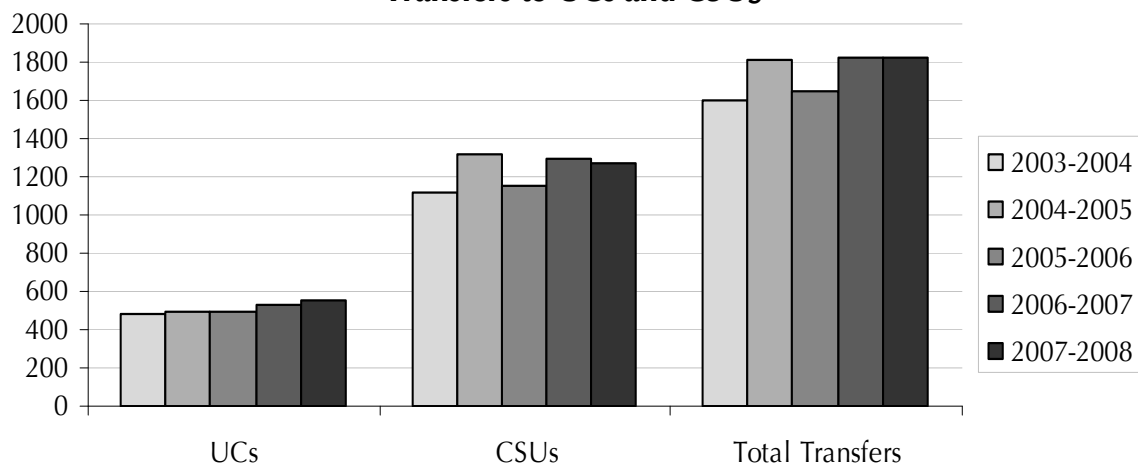


Table 8-7
2007-08 Transfers to UCs and CSUs from
PCC and Comparable Community Colleges

	UC	CSU	Total
Cerritos	147	832	979
Citrus	94	552	646
El Camino	323	1161	1484
Long Beach	84	881	965
Mt. San Antonio	290	1267	1557
Pasadena	551	1274	1825
Santa Monica	932	1179	2111