

CHAPTER 3

NEW PCC STUDENTS

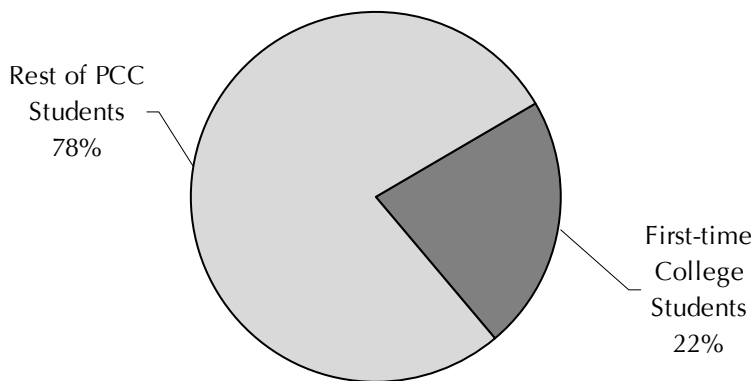


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First-time College Students

This chapter presents data about students for whom PCC was their first college destination. These students are referred to as new or first-time college students. In Fall 2008, 5,962 new students enrolled in credit classes at PCC. This represents approximately 22% of the total PCC student body. The number of first-time college students increased from Fall 2007 to Fall 2008.

Figure 3-1
Fall 2008 First-time College Students



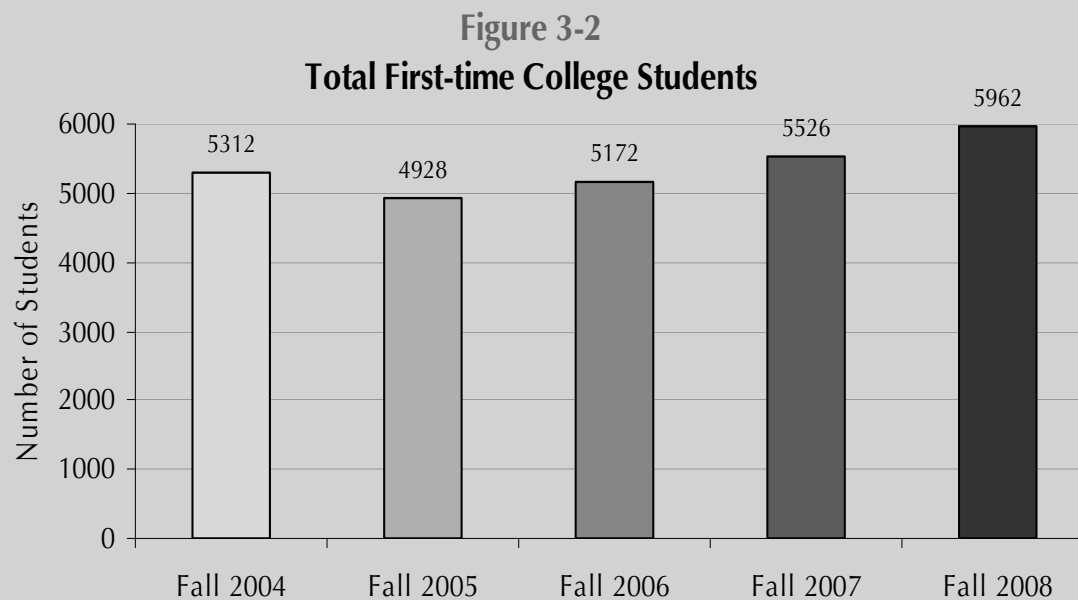


Table 3-1
Total First-time College Students

	Fall 2004	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008
Number	5312	4928	5172	5526	5962
% change	0.3	-7.2	5.0	6.8	7.9

Residency Status

In Fall 2008, a little over two-thirds (66%) of first-time college students lived in another California Community College District (CCCD) area. About 27% of first-time college students came from within the Pasadena Area Community College District (PACCD) area. Approximately 7% came from outside California, including those from outside the U.S.

Figure 3-3
Fall 2008 First-time College Students by
Residency Status

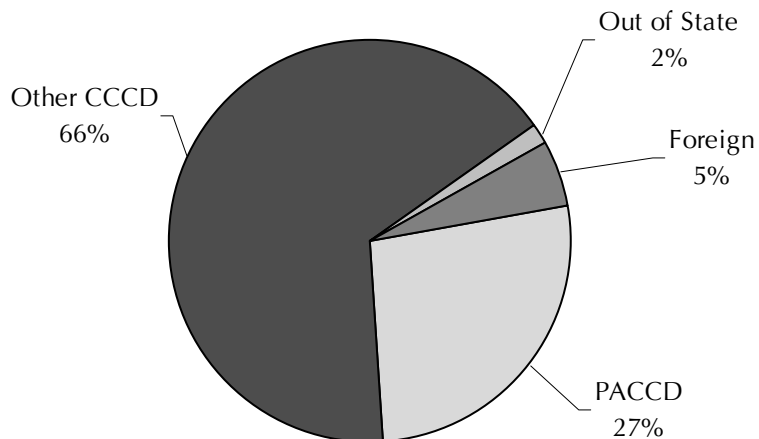


Table 3-2
First-time College Students by
Residency Status

		Fall 2004	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008
<i>Number</i>						
	PACCD	1486	1353	1540	1433	1591
	Other CCCD	3443	3304	3374	3756	3960
	Out of State	139	118	135	105	104
	Foreign	244	153	123	232	307
	<i>Total</i>	<i>5312</i>	<i>4928</i>	<i>5172</i>	<i>5526</i>	<i>5962</i>
<i>Percent</i>						
	PACCD	28.0	27.5	29.8	25.9	26.7
	Other CCCD	64.8	67.0	65.2	68.0	66.4
	Out of State	2.6	2.4	2.6	1.9	1.7
	Foreign	4.6	3.1	2.4	4.2	5.1

Gender

Among first-time college students at PCC, 52% were male and 48% were female. However, females outnumber males in the student body as a whole by 6% (see Table 2-2 in Chapter 2). This difference in gender distribution occurs because males drop out of college at a higher rate than females.

Figure 3-4
Fall 2008 First-time College Students by Gender

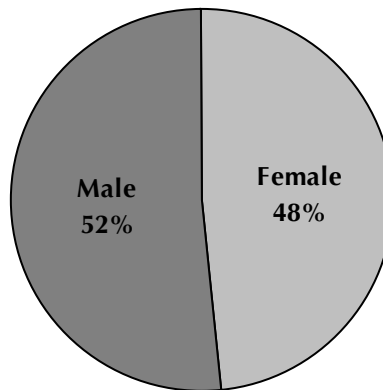


Table 3-3
First-time College Students by
Gender

		Fall 2004	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008
<i>Number</i>						
	Female	2678	2412	2559	2701	2863
	Male	2633	2505	2599	2805	3067
	Unknown	1	11	14	20	32
	<i>Total</i>	<i>5312</i>	<i>4928</i>	<i>5172</i>	<i>5526</i>	<i>5962</i>
<i>Percent</i>						
	Female	50.4	48.9	49.5	48.9	48.0
	Male	49.6	50.8	50.3	50.8	51.4

Age

At PCC, first-time college students are younger than the overall student body. Eighty-three percent of first-time students in Fall 2008 were under 20. There has been a decline in the number of students between the ages of 20 and 24, from 13% in Fall 2004 to 10% in Fall 2008. Similarly, the percentage of PCC credit students 20 to 24 years of age decreased from 36% in Fall 2004 to 35% in Fall 2008 (see Table 2-3 in Chapter 2). Only 4% of first-time students were 30 years of age or older.

Figure 3-5
First-time College Students by
Age Group

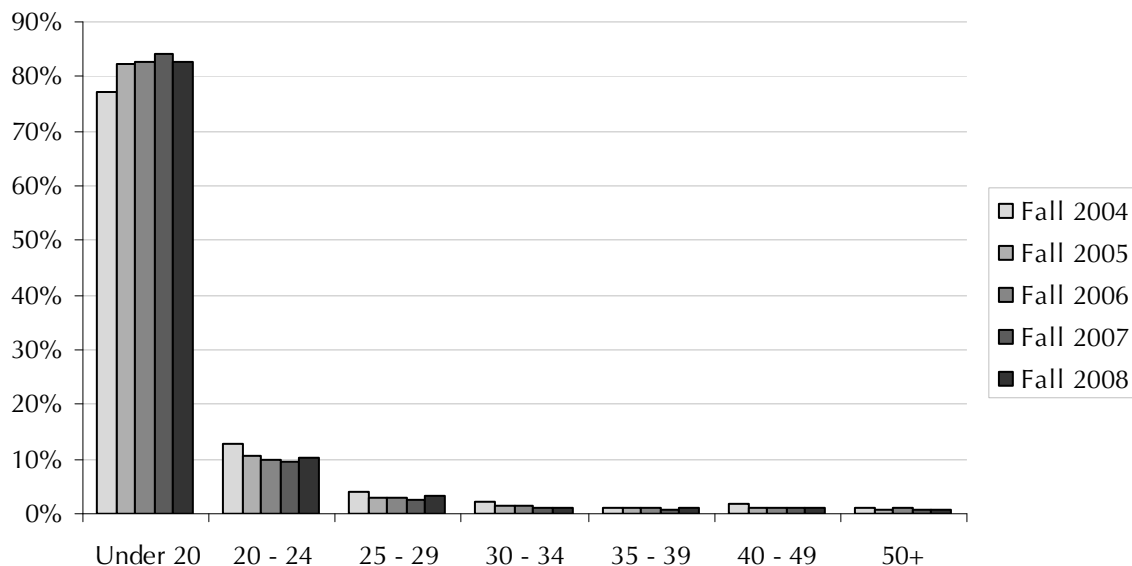


Table 3-4
First-time College Students by
Age Group

		Fall 2004	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008
<i>Number</i>						
	Under 20	4108	4052	4273	4640	4924
	20 - 24	677	520	510	521	605
	25 - 29	207	139	143	150	193
	30 - 34	111	72	81	63	65
	35 - 39	65	52	54	50	70
	40 - 49	94	61	58	62	69
	50+	50	32	53	40	36
	<i>Total</i>	5312	4928	5172	5526	5962
<i>Percent</i>						
	Under 20	77.3	82.2	82.6	84.0	82.6
	20 - 24	12.7	10.6	9.9	9.4	10.1
	25 - 29	3.9	2.8	2.8	2.7	3.2
	30 - 34	2.1	1.5	1.6	1.1	1.1
	35 - 39	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.2
	40 - 49	1.8	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.2
	50+	0.9	0.6	1.0	0.7	0.6

Ethnicity

Hispanic and Asian/Pacific Islander were the largest ethnic groups represented among first-time college students at PCC. Since Fall 2004, the proportions of most ethnic groups have been relatively stable. The Asian/Pacific Islander group has shown the most fluctuation from year to year. African-Americans continue their decline from a high of 7% in Fall 2004 to 5% in Fall 2008 and the decline/unknown continues to increase.

Figure 3-6
Fall 2008 First-time College Students by
Ethnicity

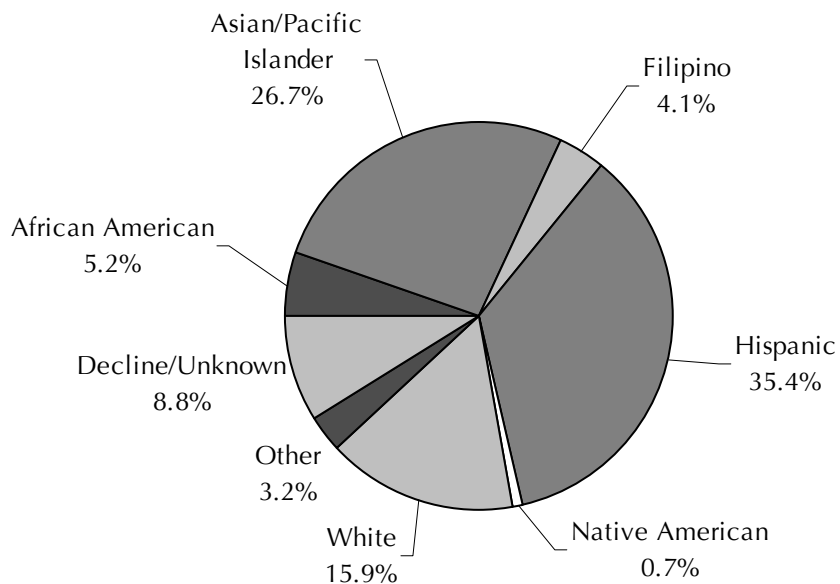
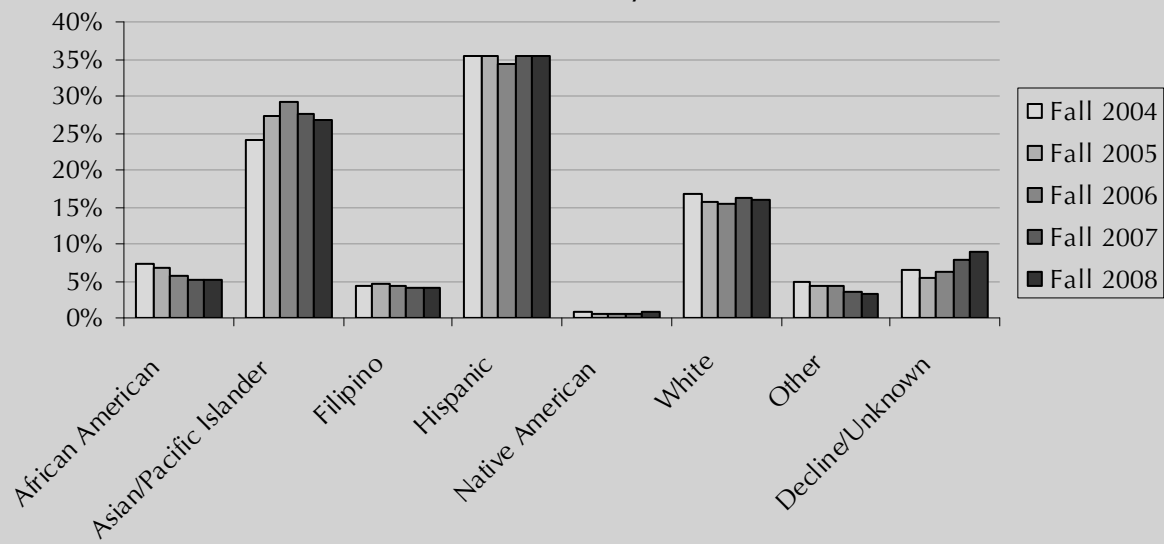


Figure 3-7
First-time College Students by
Ethnicity



Ethnicity



Table 3-5
First-time College Students by
Ethnicity

		Fall 2004	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008
<i>Number</i>						
	African American	389	329	300	277	309
	Asian/Pacific Islander	1275	1341	1508	1521	1592
	Filipino	231	229	222	230	243
	Hispanic	1883	1744	1779	1956	2112
	Native American	46	26	22	30	43
	White	891	778	800	891	945
	Other	259	211	219	191	193
	Decline/Unknown	338	270	322	430	525
	<i>Total</i>	<i>5312</i>	<i>4928</i>	<i>5172</i>	<i>5526</i>	<i>5962</i>
<i>Percent</i>						
	African American	7.3	6.7	5.8	5.0	5.2
	Asian/Pacific Islander	24.0	27.2	29.2	27.5	26.7
	Filipino	4.3	4.6	4.3	4.2	4.1
	Hispanic	35.4	35.4	34.4	35.4	35.4
	Native American	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.7
	White	16.8	15.8	15.5	16.1	15.9
	Other	4.9	4.3	4.2	3.5	3.2
	Decline/Unknown	6.4	5.5	6.2	7.8	8.8

Citizenship

In Fall 2008, 78% of PCC's first-time college students were U.S. citizens. Thirteen percent of new students were permanent residents. Compared to the percentages for the college, proportionally more first-time students are U.S. citizens and fewer are permanent residents. Since Fall 2005, there has been a small increase in the percentage of U.S. citizens and a slight decrease in the percentage of permanent residents. There has been a steady increase since Fall 2006 of the number of first-time students with F-1 visas.

Figure 3-8
Fall 2008 First-time College Students by
Citizenship Status

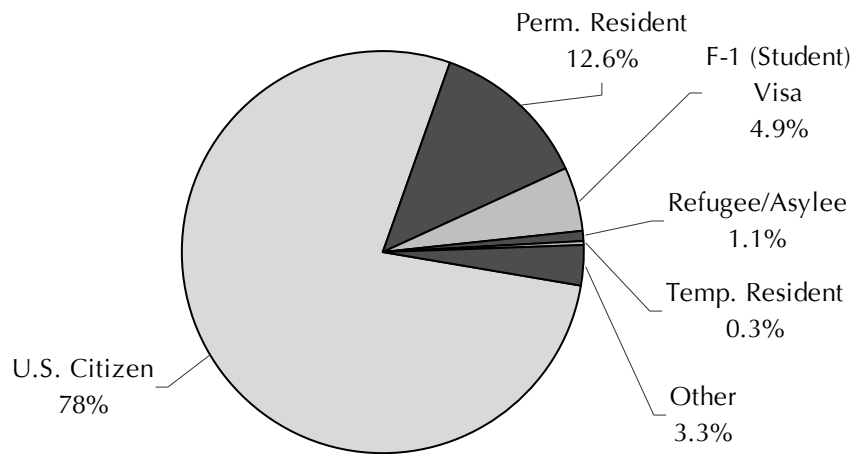


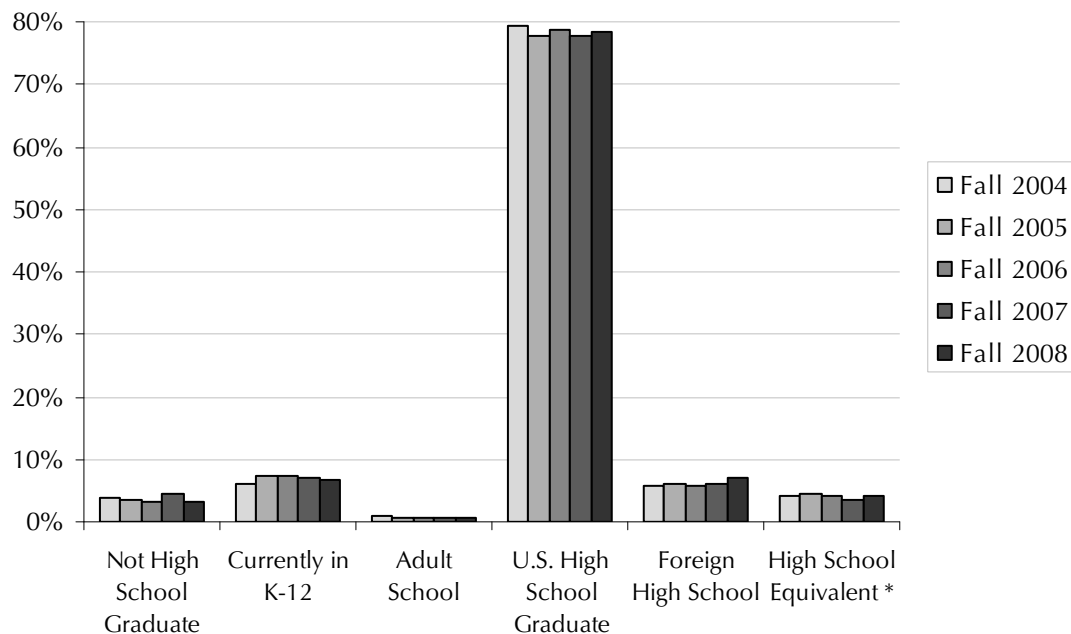
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First-time College Students by
Citizenship Status

		Fall 2004	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008
<i>Number</i>						
	US Citizen	4162	3732	3954	4232	4643
	Perm. Resident	750	778	783	743	752
	F-1 (Student) Visa	142	122	103	217	295
	Refugee/Asylee	72	91	90	71	63
	Temp. Resident	15	16	28	15	15
	Other	171	189	214	248	194
	<i>Total</i>	5312	4928	5172	5526	5962
<i>Percent</i>						
	US Citizen	78.4	75.7	76.5	76.6	77.9
	Perm. Resident	14.1	15.8	15.1	13.4	12.6
	F-1 (Student) Visa	2.7	2.5	2.0	3.9	4.9
	Refugee/Asylee	1.4	1.8	1.7	1.3	1.1
	Temp. Resident	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.3
	Other	3.2	3.8	4.1	4.5	3.3

Education Level

Education level reflects a student's highest level of education upon admission to PCC. In 2008, close to 89% of first-time college students came to PCC having graduated from a U.S. or foreign high school, or having completed high school equivalent education (GED or high school proficiency exam). Over the past five years, the percentage of first-time college students who were U.S. high school graduates remained between 78% and 79%. The percentage first-time college students who were foreign high school graduates rose to 7% in Fall 2008 as compared to 6% in Fall 2007.

Figure 3-9
First-time College Students by
Education Level



* GED and High School Proficiency

Table 3-7
First-time College Students by
Education Level

		Fall 2004	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008
<i>Number</i>						
	Not High School Graduate	200	181	167	249	185
	Currently in K-12	320	368	385	394	401
	Adult School	48	34	41	44	43
	U.S. High School Graduate	4210	3825	4069	4303	4666
	GED	136	138	135	141	168
	High School Proficiency	85	76	77	58	74
	Foreign High School	310	303	290	337	425
	Unknown	3	3	8	0	0
	<i>Total</i>	<i>5312</i>	<i>4928</i>	<i>5172</i>	<i>5526</i>	<i>5962</i>
<i>Percent</i>						
	Not High School Graduate	3.8	3.7	3.2	4.5	3.1
	Currently in K-12	6.0	7.5	7.4	7.1	6.7
	Adult School	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.7
	U.S. High School Graduate	79.3	77.6	78.7	77.9	78.3
	GED	2.6	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.8
	High School Proficiency	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.0	1.2
	Foreign High School	5.8	6.1	5.6	6.1	7.1
	Unknown	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0

Educational Goal

Educational goal represents a student's reason for enrolling in PCC and is collected at the time of admission. In previous years, most categories have been relatively stable. The percentage of first-time college students working towards a terminal AA degree peaked in Fall 2004 and has rapidly declined since then (see Table 3-8). From Fall 2004 to Fall 2008, there has been an increase in the percentage of students indicating that their goal is to transfer with an AA/AS and other/unknown educational goals.

It is important to note that a student may change his/her educational goal at anytime. The reported data reflect a student's educational goal collected at the time of admission, but it may have been changed since then.

Figure 3-10
First-time College Students by
Educational Goal

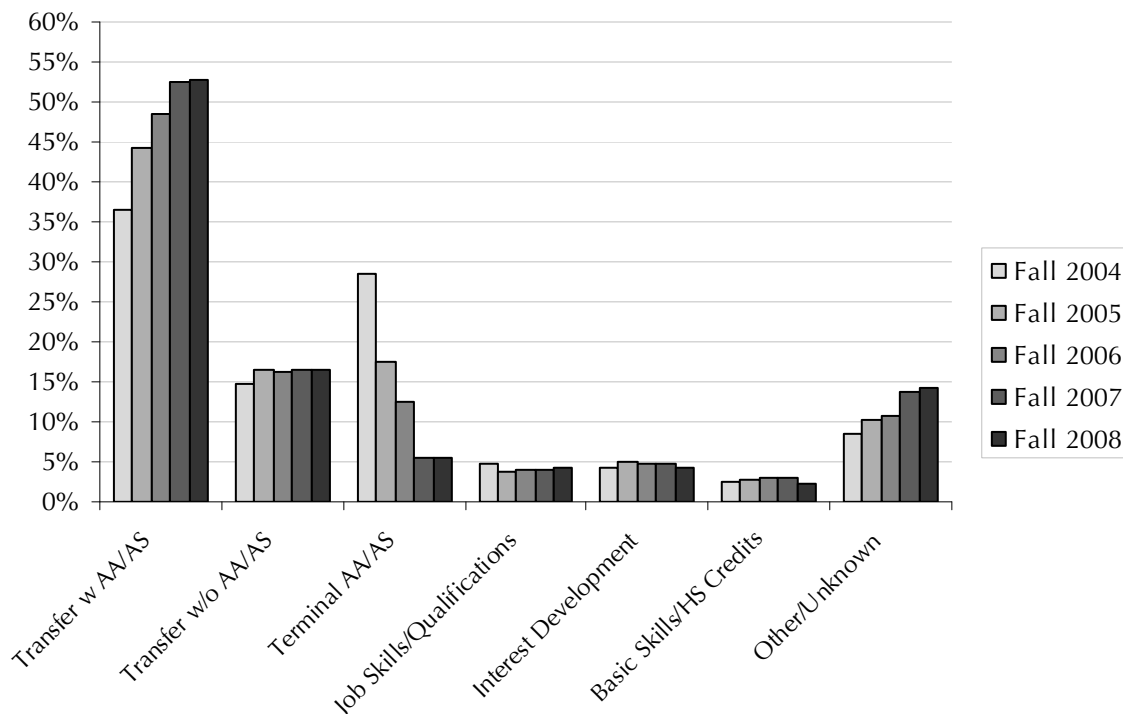


Table 3-8
First-time College Students by
Educational Goal

		Fall 2004	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008
<i>Number</i>						
	Transfer w AA/AS	1938	2179	2511	2903	3150
	Transfer w/o AA/AS	785	811	841	910	991
	Terminal AA Degree	1439	780	566	243	266
	Terminal AS Degree	81	88	86	64	65
	1-Yr. Voc. Certificate	29	34	41	56	58
	Acquire Job Skills	159	105	117	101	126
	Update Current Job Skills	40	19	24	41	34
	Maintain Cert./License	24	23	22	26	35
	Formulate Career Plans	150	134	125	140	155
	Personal Development	81	117	122	118	98
	Basic Skills	59	49	74	66	62
	Complete HS Credits	77	81	82	94	77
	Other/Unknown	450	508	561	764	845
	<i>Total</i>	<i>5312</i>	<i>4928</i>	<i>5172</i>	<i>5526</i>	<i>5962</i>
<i>Percent</i>						
	Transfer w AA/AS	36.5	44.2	48.5	52.5	52.8
	Transfer w/o AA/AS	14.8	16.5	16.3	16.5	16.6
	Terminal AA Degree	27.1	15.8	10.9	4.4	4.5
	Terminal AS Degree	1.5	1.8	1.7	1.2	1.1
	1-Yr. Voc. Certificate	0.5	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.0
	Acquire Job Skills	3.0	2.1	2.3	1.8	2.1
	Update Current Job Skills	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.6
	Maintain Cert./License	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.6
	Formulate Career Plans	2.8	2.7	2.4	2.5	2.6
	Personal Development	1.5	2.4	2.4	2.1	1.6
	Basic Skills	1.1	1.0	1.4	1.2	1.0
	Complete HS Credits	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.3
	Other/Unknown	8.5	10.3	10.8	13.8	14.2