

Los Medanos College

Descriptive Background and Demographics

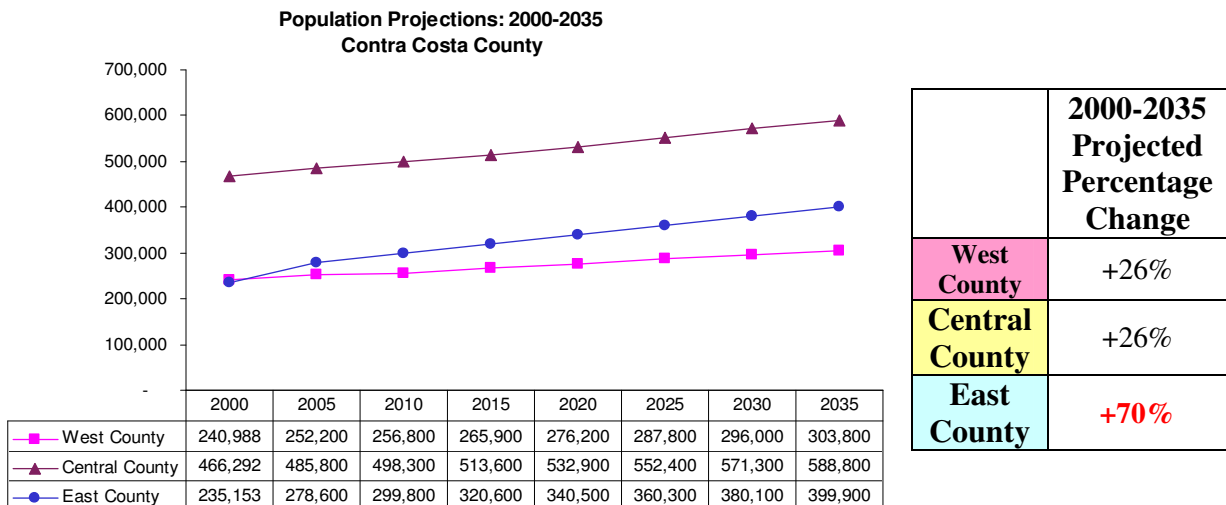
Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill, Contra Costa College in San Pablo, and Los Medanos College in Pittsburg comprise the Contra Costa Community College District. With headquarters in Martinez, the District enrolls about 43,000 students. The district was established in 1948 and is the second oldest multi-college district in the state and the eighth largest of the 72 districts statewide. Overall District policy is set by five elected Governing Board members and carried out by the Chancellor, Helen Benjamin and staff. Many decisions are made at the colleges. Faculty, managers, staff and students have active involvement in decisions at each location.

Los Medanos College was founded in 1974 on a 120-acre site near the boundary separating Pittsburg from Antioch. The college name is derived from Rancho Los Medanos, among the last of the huge Mexican land grants in what was to become California. Los Medanos, roughly translated from Spanish, means “The Sand Dunes.” The geographical location is unique. To the east is the Delta area where agriculture and recreation thrive. To the south, grasslands and hills support a hardy livestock industry. Directly to the north is the Sacramento River with its bustling heavy industry. Just over the Mt. Diablo foothills to the west lay San Francisco Bay and its metropolitan areas. With all of its available land, the “East County” continues to go through rapid growth and “sub urbanization.” This rare geographical combination provides LMC with a rich diversity of students who bring with them a broad range of interests, histories, and lifestyles.

Los Medanos College serves primarily the communities of Clayton, parts of Concord, Bay Point, Pittsburg, Antioch, Oakley, Knightsen, Bethel Island, Brentwood, Byron, and Discovery Bay. In recent years, there has been a fast growth in Contra Costa “East County”, and it is projected that this growth will continue in the next 20 years (Figure 1). To serve the needs of the growing community from the “East County”, the college has built three new buildings - library, math and science, which add 109,132 square feet to its facility. The college also opened a center in the city of Brentwood in 2001.

In the next three sections, we provide a general description of LMC’s student population, the Brentwood’s Center population, and of our personnel.

Figure 1



Source:
Projections, 2007.

Association of Bay Area Governments. Population

The Student Population

Los Medanos College enrolled about 8,453 students in fall 2006 (43% male, 57% female, with an average age of 31 years). Typical to most community colleges, Los Medanos College's student population is ethnically diverse with 24% of the student population being Hispanics, 15% African American, 6% Asian/Pacific Islander 6% Filipino, and 39% Caucasian (Figure 2). Student age is also very diverse: 30% of the students are under the age of 19, 37% between the ages of 20 and 29, and 28% over the age of 30 (Figure 3).

Figure 2
LMC's Student Ethnic Composition
Fall 2006 (n=8,453)

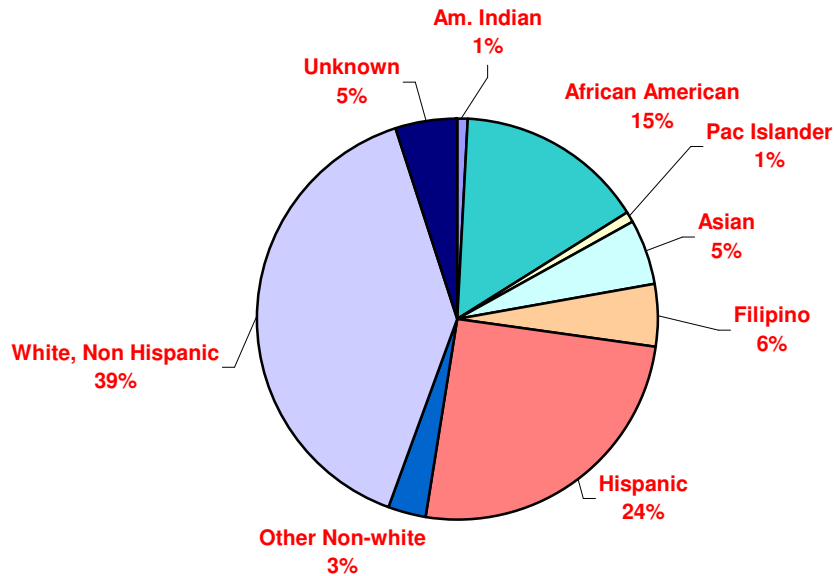
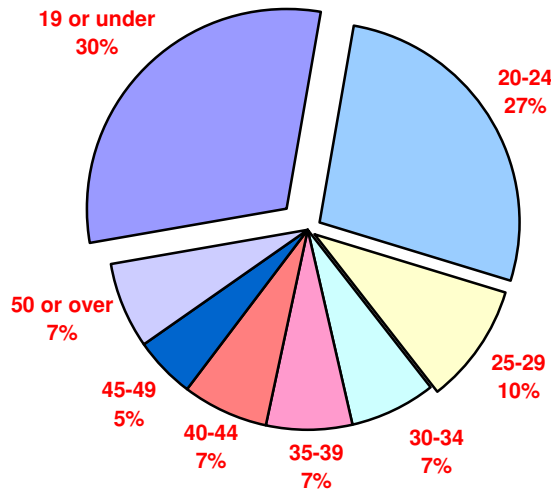


Figure 3
LMC's Student Age Composition
Fall 2006 (n=8,453)



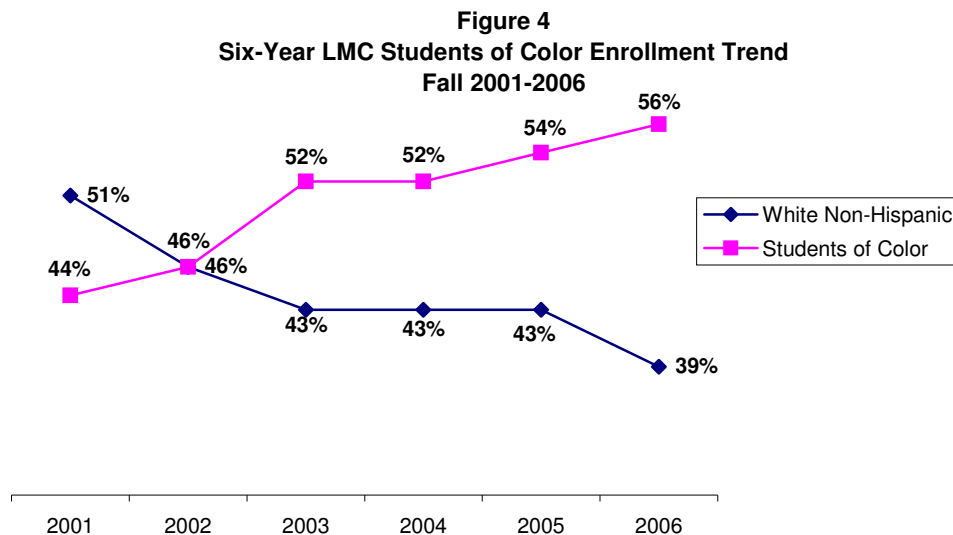
Six-Year Enrollment Trends at Los Medanos College

Student head count has decreased from 9,971 in fall 2001 to 8,453 in fall 2006, a decrease of 1,518 students in the last six years. Six-year enrollment trends by ethnicity indicate that Hispanic students have increased from 18% in fall 2001 to 24% in fall 2006. African-American students have increased from 12% to 15% in the last six years; conversely, white students have decreased from 51% in fall 2001 to 39% in fall 2006; as students of color increase, White students decrease (Figure 4). The proportion of female students has also changed (Table 1). Female students have increased from 54% in fall 2001 to 58% in fall 2006 and males have decreased from 42% to 39% in the same time period (Table 2). There has been an increase in proportion of students under 24 for the last 6 years. Students under 24 have increased from 43% in fall 2001 to 58% in fall 2006. (Table 3). Full time students have increased from 16% in Fall 2001 to 28% in fall 2006 (Table 4).

Table 1
LMC Students by Ethnicity: Fall 2001 to Fall 2006

	Fall 01	Fall 02	Fall 03	Fall 04	Fall 05	Fall 06
ETHNICITY	N=9971	N=10956	N=8189	N=8956	N=8632	N=8453
Asian	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	5%
African American Non-Hispanic	12%	12%	12%	13%	15%	15%
Filipino	5%	5%	7%	6%	7%	6%
Hispanic	18%	18%	23%	23%	24%	24%
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Other Non-White	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%
Pacific Islander	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
White Non-Hispanic	51%	46%	43%	43%	43%	39%
Unknown/ Non-Respondent	5%	9%	5%	5%	3%	5%
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Figures are estimates based on End-of-Term data from the Research Data Warehouse.



* Percentages for unknown are not included

Table 2
LMC Students by Gender: Fall 2001 to Fall 2006

	Fall 01	Fall 02	Fall 03	Fall 04	Fall 05	Fall 06
GENDER	(N=9971)	(N=10956)	(N=8189)	(N=8956)	(N=8632)	(N=8453)
Female	54%	54%	58%	57%	58%	58%
Male	42%	43%	38%	40%	39%	39%
Unknown	4%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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Table 3
LMC Students by Age: Fall 2001 to Fall 2006

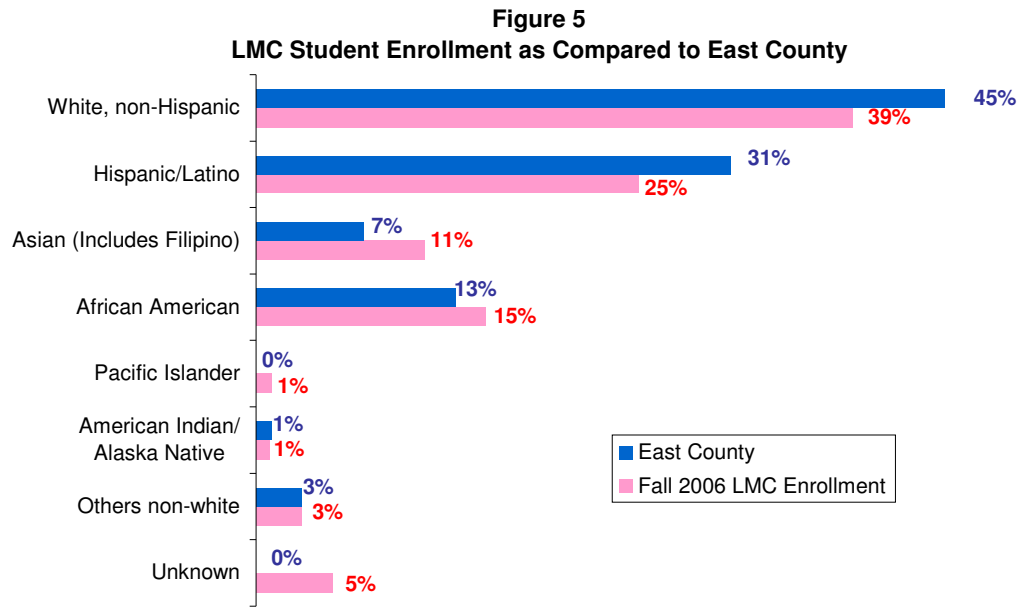
	Fall 01	Fall 02	Fall 03	Fall 04	Fall 05	Fall 06
AGE GROUP	N=9971	N=10956	N=8189	N=8956	N=8632	N=8453
19 or younger	20%	28%	28%	28%	27%	31%
20-24	23%	20%	25%	26%	29%	27%
25-29	10%	10%	10%	11%	10%	10%
30-34	10%	10%	8%	8%	7%	7%
35-39	9%	9%	8%	8%	7%	7%
40-44	9%	8%	8%	7%	7%	7%
45-49	8%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%
50 or over	11%	10%	8%	7%	7%	7%
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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Table 4
LMC Student Load: Fall 2001 to Fall 2006

	Fall 01	Fall 02	Fall 03	Fall 04	Fall 05	Fall 06
STUDENT LOAD	N=9971	N=10956	N=8189	N=8956	N=8632	N=8453
Full Time	16%	13%	22%	25%	26%	28%
Part Time	84%	87%	78%	75%	74%	72%
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

In comparing the ethnic composition of Los Medanos College to that of the serving community, it is observed that the college population reflects fairly well the ethnic diversity of its serving community, with the exception of **Hispanic** students (Figure 5).



* LMC Research Data Warehouse
 ** US Census data, 2000

Enrollment in the Brentwood Center:

To serve the academic needs of the rapid growing population in the “East County”, Los Medanos College opened a center in the Brentwood area in fall 2001. The center has significantly increased in enrollment in the last 6 years; Enrollment has increased from 493 in fall 2001 to 1,731 in fall 2006, an increase of 251%. Most students that attend the Brentwood center are White, females and under 24 years of age.

Some observations in Brentwood enrollment from fall 2001 to fall 2006 include: Hispanic students have increased from 23% to 30%, females have increased from 56% to 63% and students of 19 years or younger have increased from 30% to 40%.

Table 5
Brentwood Students by Ethnicity: Fall 2001 to Fall 2006

	Fall 01	Fall 02	Fall 03	Fall 04	Fall 05	Fall 06
ETHNICITY	N=493	N=1103	N=1260	N=1502	N=2100	N=1731
Asian	4%	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%
African American Non-Hispanic	8%	4%	6%	7%	8%	9%
Filipino	3%	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%
Hispanic	23%	20%	24%	26%	27%	30%
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Other Non-White	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	4%
Pacific Islander	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
White Non-Hispanic	53%	59%	52%	49%	50%	44%
Unknown/ Non-Respondent	4%	6%	6%	4%	3%	4%
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 6
Brentwood Students by Gender: Fall 2001 to Fall 2006

	Fall 01	Fall 02	Fall 03	Fall 04	Fall 05	Fall 06
GENDER	N=493	N=1103	N=1260	N=1502	N=2100	N=1731
Females	56%	59%	60%	58%	59%	63%
Males	41%	37%	36%	39%	36%	33%
Unknown	3%	4%	4%	3%	5%	4%
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 7
Brentwood Students by Age: Fall 2001 to Fall 2006

	Fall 01	Fall 02	Fall 03	Fall 04	Fall 05	Fall 06
AGE GROUP	N=493	N=1103	N=1260	N=1502	N=2100	N=1731
19 or younger	30%	39%	37%	38%	45%	40%
20-24	26%	23%	27%	27%	27%	27%
25-29	6%	9%	9%	9%	7%	8%
30-34	8%	7%	7%	5%	4%	5%
35-39	9%	7%	6%	7%	5%	6%
40-44	7%	6%	6%	6%	5%	5%
45-49	8%	4%	4%	4%	3%	5%
50 or over	6%	5%	5%	4%	3%	4%
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

College Personnel

The college employs about 484 individuals: 23% are full-time faculty, 49% part-time faculty, 23% classified, and 5% management – Figure 6; The ethnic composition is shown in figure 7.

