



Who Goes to Which Community College in Orange County?

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Recent changes in enrollment have prompted the RSCCD leadership to ask questions, such as: “How many of our RSCCD service area residents are we currently serving, and how many are attending one of the three other community college districts in Orange County?” The RSCCD Research Department responds with this analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau and the Orange County/Long Beach Consortium (a data sharing partnership between community colleges and universities in Orange County).

Where Students Enroll

District of Enrollment by Service Area of Residence, Fall 2003

District of Enrollment	*Total		Where Live (Service Area of Residence)							
			RSCCD		District A		District B		District C	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
RSCCD	31,246	24%	17,577	62%	3,712	12%	5,690	20%	4,267	10%
District A	42,564	32%	7,520	26%	25,614	80%	4,296	15%	5,134	12%
District B	22,251	17%	2,088	7%	1,274	4%	18,464	64%	425	1%
District C	34,868	27%	1,369	5%	1,372	4%	491	1%	31,636	77%
Total	130,929	100%	28,554	100%	31,972	100%	28,941	100%	41,462	100%

*These numbers indicate the number of students residing within the designated service area AND attending an O.C. community college. (Names of other CCDs cannot be published, per the terms of the data sharing consortium agreement.)

College of Enrollment	Total		Where Live (Service Area of Residence)			
			SAC		SCC	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
SAC	12,338	70%	9,683	84%	2,655	44%
SCC	5,239	30%	1,876	16%	3,363	56%
Total	17,577	100%	11,559	100%	6,018	100%

Students Who Live in RSCCD and Attend a Community College, Fall 2003
n=28,554



- ▶ 62% of the 28,554 community colleges students who reside within the RSCCD service area attended SAC or SCC in Fall 2003.
- ▶ The percentage of RSCCD service area resident students enrolled in neighboring community college districts (instead of their “home” college district) is the highest of the four districts included in this analysis (38% vs. 20%-36%). Most (26%) of those students are enrolled in District A.
- ▶ More SCC residents “cross-over” to SAC (44%) than vice versa.

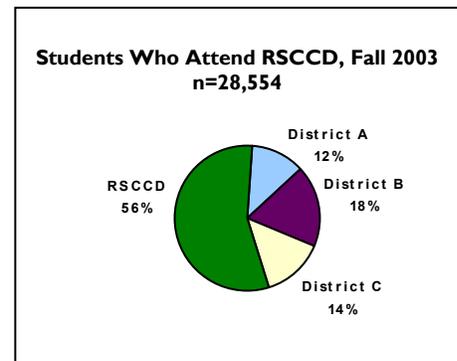
Where Students Live

Service Area of Residence by District of Enrollment, Fall 2003

Service Area of Residence	*Total		Where Enrolled (District of Enrollment)							
			RSCCD		District A		District B		District C	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
RSCCD	31,246	22%	17,577	56%	7,520	18%	2,088	9%	1,369	4%
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District C	34,868	32%	4,267	14%	5,134	12%	425	2%	31,636	91%
Total	130,929	100%	31,246	100%	42,564	100%	22,251	100%	34,868	100%

*These numbers indicate the number of students residing within the designated service area AND attending an O.C. community college.

Area of Residence	Total		Where Enrolled (College of Enrollment)			
			SAC		SCC	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
SAC	11,559	66%	9,683	78%	1,876	36%
SCC	6,018	34%	2,655	22%	3,363	64%
Total	17,577	100%	12,338	100%	5,239	100%



- ▶ 56% of the 31,246 Fall 2003 credit RSCCD enrollments reside within its service area.
- ▶ The number of students coming to RSCCD from other districts **exceeds** the number of RSCCD service area residents who attend colleges in other districts by 2,818 (13,669 coming from other districts (12%, 20% and 10% of District A, B, C respectively) minus 10,851 leaving RSCCD (38% of 28,554)).
- ▶ Of those 13,669 coming from other districts, the majority are enrolled in the Criminal Justice or Fire Academies.
- ▶ Two-thirds of SCC students reside in its service area. Over 3/4 of SAC students reside in their college service area.

Important Considerations:

- ▶ RSCCD attracts a large amount of students from outside of its service area (most of whom are enrolled in academies).
- ▶ It is of concern that 38% of our service area students go elsewhere. This could be due to the fact, however, that RSCCD is centrally located in Orange County, and, therefore, “our students” have more access to other colleges.