

CHAPTER 8

DEGREES, CERTIFICATES, & TRANSFERS



Degrees and Certificates

For the 2007-08 academic year, PCC granted 1,622 degrees and 635 certificates. Total number of degree recipients was 1,399 and total number of certificate recipients was 546.

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**

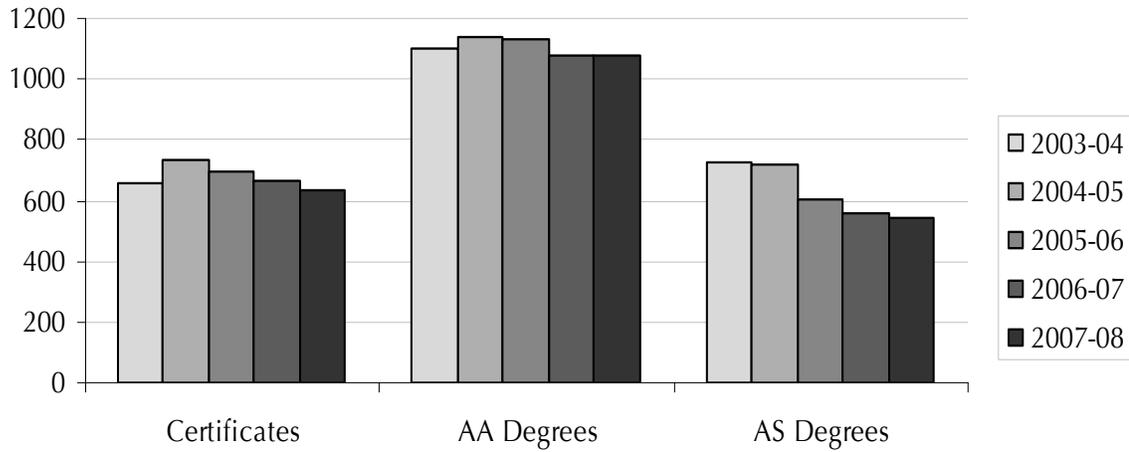


Table 8-1
Degrees and Certificates Awarded

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Degrees					
<i>Number</i>					
AA Degree	1100	1137	1129	1074	1078
AS Degree	728	715	603	560	544
Total Degrees Awarded	1828	1852	1732	1634	1622
<i>Percent</i>					
AA Degree	60.2	61.4	65.2	65.7	66.5
AS Degree	39.8	38.6	34.8	34.3	33.5
<i>Recipients</i>					
Total Degree Recipients	1470	1489	1456	1387	1399
Percent with Both Degrees	24.4	24.4	19.0	17.8	15.9
Certificates					
Total Certificates Awarded	657	735	699	665	635
Total Certificate Recipients	586	600	560	571	546
Percent with >1 Certificate	8.9	14.0	14.3	8.2	9.3

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

Gender 

In the 2007-08 academic year, the percentages of female degree and certificate recipients were higher than the percentage of female credit students. While 54% of the total credit population was female, 61% of degree recipients and 70% of certificate recipients were female. Note that Figure 8-2 represents number of degree and certificate recipients and not number of degrees and certificates awarded.

Figure 8-2
Fall 2007 Student Body and 2007-08 Degree and Certificate Recipients by Gender

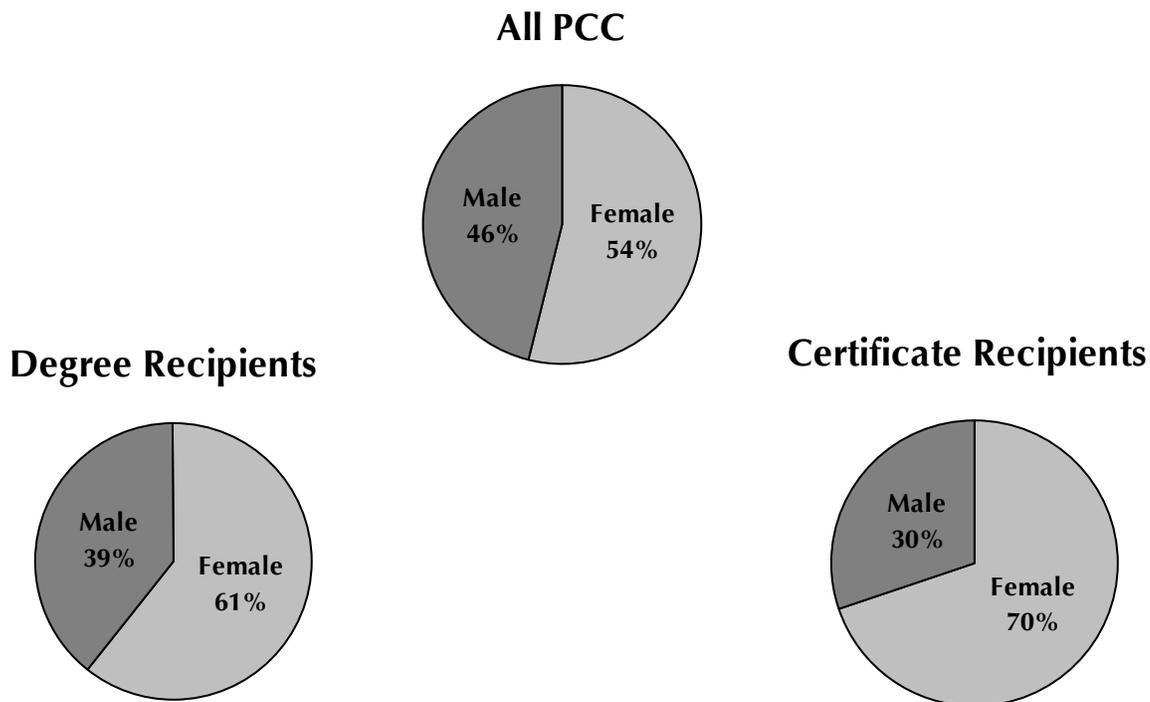


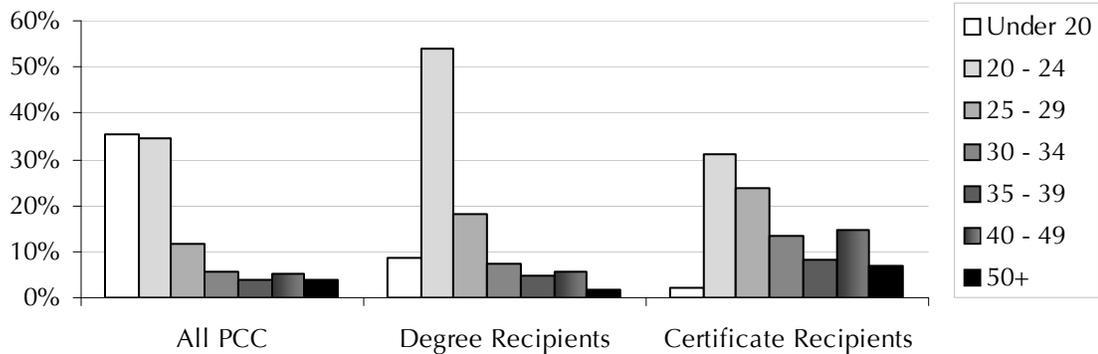
Table 8-2
Degree and Certificate Recipients by
Gender

		2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Degrees						
<i>Number</i>						
	Female	933	954	940	869	849
	Male	537	534	515	517	550
	<i>Total</i>	<i>1470</i>	<i>1488</i>	<i>1455</i>	<i>1386</i>	<i>1399</i>
<i>Percent</i>						
	Female	63.5	64.1	64.6	62.7	60.7
	Male	36.5	35.9	35.4	37.3	39.3
Certificates						
<i>Number</i>						
	Female	427	414	389	384	380
	Male	159	186	171	187	166
	<i>Total</i>	<i>586</i>	<i>600</i>	<i>560</i>	<i>571</i>	<i>546</i>
<i>Percent</i>						
	Female	72.9	69.0	69.5	67.3	69.6
	Male	27.1	31.0	30.5	32.7	30.4

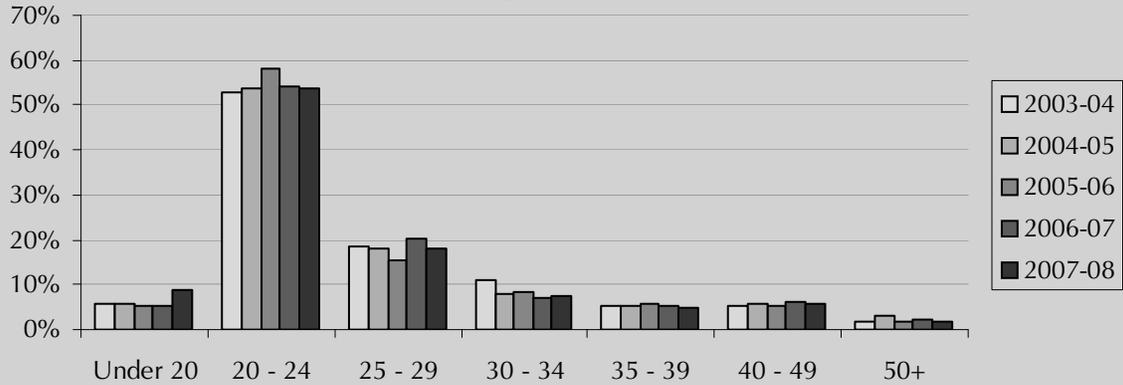
Age

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 is those over 50. The smallest group receiving certificates is those under 20. Starting from the 20-24 age group, with each increasing age group, the percentage decreases. The only exception is 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.

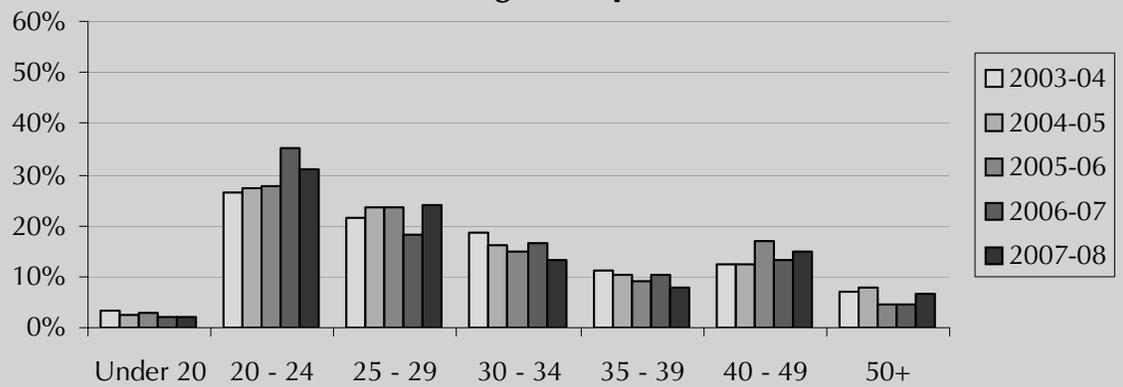
Figure 8-3
2007-08 Credit Students & Degree and Certificate Recipients
by Age Group



**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 2007-08 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 Asian/Pacific Islander and White degree recipients continued to increase over the last three years. The percentage for Hispanics remained stable over the last two years. For African Americans and those in the “All Other Ethnicities” category, the number declined during the last three years. As shown in Figure 8-8, an increasingly higher percentage of African Americans received certificates in the last three years.

Figure 8-6
2007-08 Credit Students and Graduates by
Ethnicity

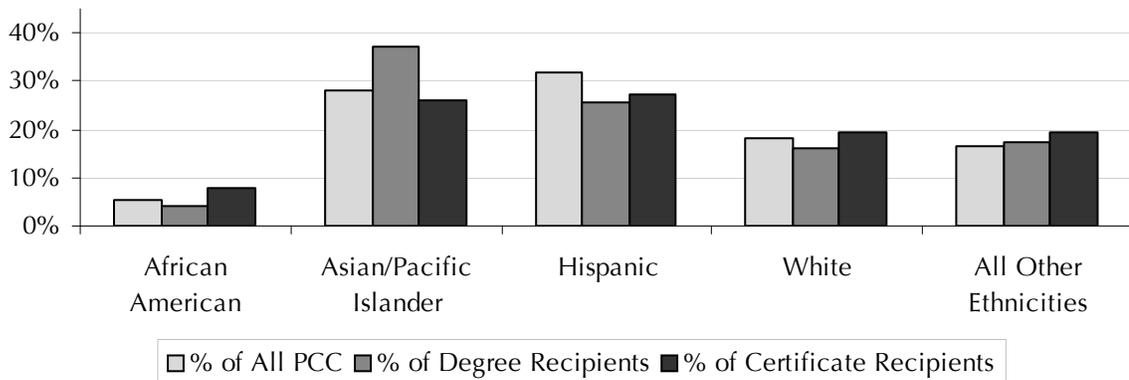


Figure 8-7
Degree Recipients by
Ethnicity

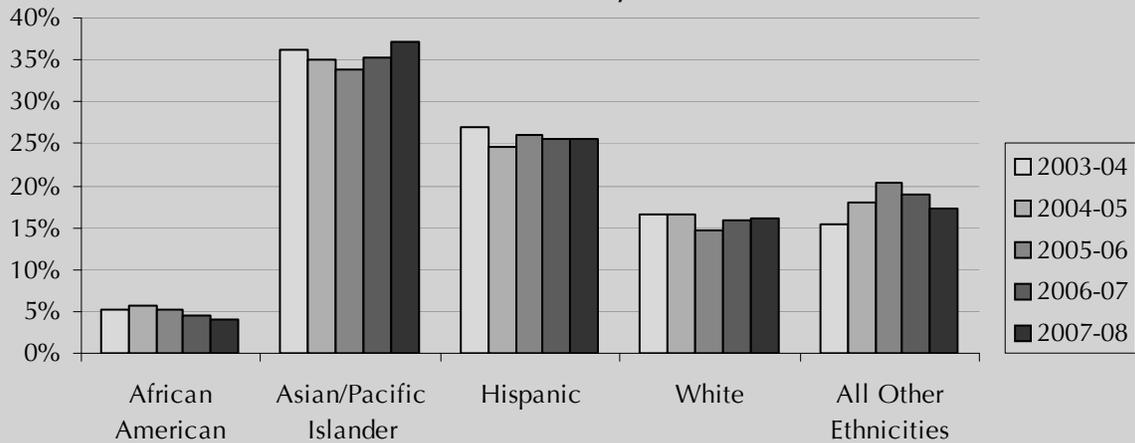
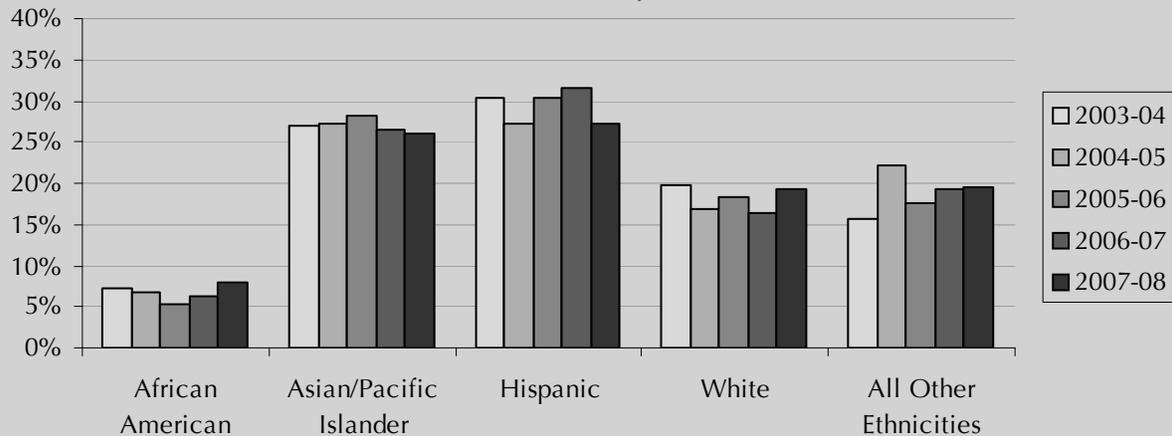


Figure 8-8
Certificate Recipients by
Ethnicity



Ethnicity

**Table 8-3
Degree Recipients by
Ethnicity**

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
<i>Number</i>					
African American	75	86	77	61	55
Asian/Pacific Islander	531	522	494	489	520
Hispanic	395	366	378	355	357
White	242	246	212	221	226
All Other Ethnicities	227	269	295	261	241
<i>Total</i>	<i>1470</i>	<i>1489</i>	<i>1456</i>	<i>1387</i>	<i>1399</i>
<i>Percent</i>					
African American	5.1	5.8	5.3	4.4	3.9
Asian/Pacific Islander	36.1	35.1	33.9	35.3	37.2
Hispanic	26.9	24.6	26.0	25.6	25.5
White	16.5	16.5	14.6	15.9	16.2
All Other Ethnicities	15.4	18.1	20.3	18.8	17.2

Table 8-4
Certificate Recipients by
Ethnicity

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
<i>Number</i>					
African American	42	40	30	36	43
Asian/Pacific Islander	158	162	157	151	142
Hispanic	177	162	169	179	149
White	116	101	102	93	105
All Other Ethnicities	91	132	102	109	107
<i>Total</i>	<i>584</i>	<i>597</i>	<i>560</i>	<i>568</i>	<i>546</i>
<i>Percent</i>					
African American	7.2	6.7	5.4	6.3	7.9
Asian/Pacific Islander	27.1	27.1	28.0	26.6	26.0
Hispanic	30.3	27.1	30.2	31.5	27.3
White	19.9	16.9	18.2	16.4	19.2
All Other Ethnicities	15.6	22.1	18.2	19.2	19.6

Certificate Programs

PCC awarded 60 different types of certificates in 2007-08. 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 75% of the total certificates awarded (635).



Table 8-5
Recipients by
Top 20 Certificate Programs

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
<i>Number</i>					
Registered Nursing	105	104	94	117	97
Paralegal Studies	45	45	53	36	52
Child Development	15	32	28	42	42
Cosmetology	44	35	27	50	36
Radiologic Technology	15	18	24	26	22
Vocational Nursing	16	20	18	21	22
Accounting-Bookkeeping	26	41	42	14	20
Library Technology	22	12	17	23	19
Accounting Clerk	52	56	55	21	19
BIT - Business Software Specialist	0	0	0	0	15
Dental Hygiene	16	15	15	15	14
Administration of Justice	19	11	16	13	14
Dental Assisting	14	13	14	13	14
Dental Laboratory Technology	13	19	11	8	14
Accounting-Bookkeeping Assistant	38	41	44	20	13
Building Construction	17	11	5	16	12
Electrical Technology	11	2	5	10	12
Construction Inspection	10	13	4	11	12
Biological Technology Laboratory Assistant	1	1	0	7	11
BIT - Administrative Assistant	0	0	0	0	11
<i>Total</i>	479	489	472	463	471

Degrees and Certificates by Community College

In 2006-07, the Chancellor's Office reported that PCC awarded 2,693 degrees and certificates. Of the seven community colleges presented in Table 8-6, PCC awarded the second most number 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
2006-07 Degrees and Certificates Awarded by
Community College

College	AA Degrees	AS Degrees	Certificates <18 Units	Certificates 18-29 Units	Certificates 30-59 Units	Certificates 60+ Units	Grand Total
Cerritos	1159	0	1	114	219	1	1494
Citrus	482	0	24	155	250	0	911
El Camino	582	525	2	146	185	24	1464
Long Beach	649	225	590	103	242	130	1939
Mt. SAC	1566	637	1427	1285	606	1	5522
Pasadena	1106	564	0	56	853	114	2693
Santa Monica	1467	0	0	0	207	0	1674

Transfers

The California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) reports the number of community college students who transfer to UC and CSU institutions. Overall, total transfers to UC and CSU institutions decreased for the 2005-06 year but has increased to the 2006-07 year. Transfers to UCs have been stable over the previous four years, and showed an increase in 2006-07.

In 2006-07, 1,824 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

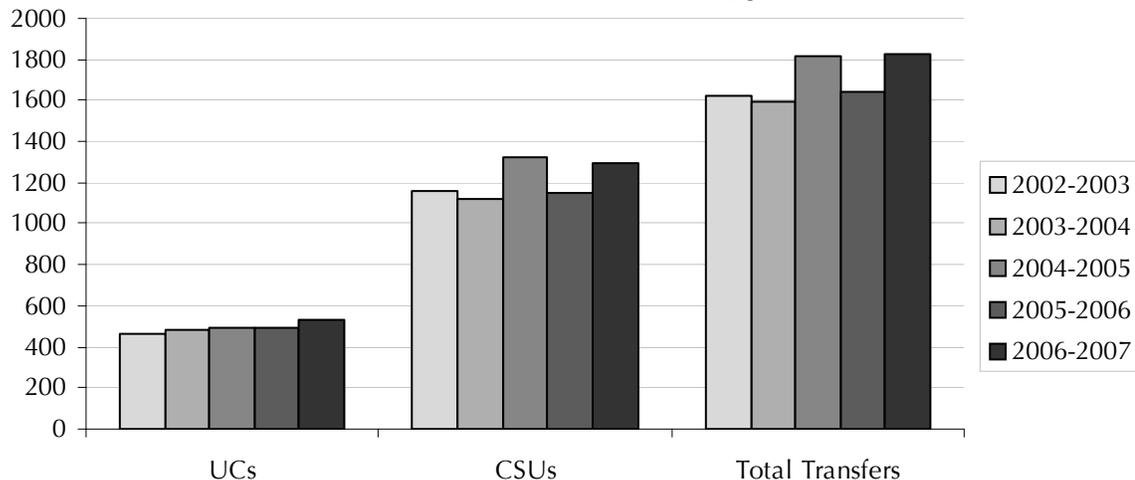


Table 8-7
2006-07 Transfers to UCs and CSUs from
PCC and Comparable Community Colleges

	UC	CSU	Total
Cerritos	155	806	961
Citrus	63	559	622
El Camino	272	1158	1430
Long Beach	102	844	946
Mt. San Antonio	326	1264	1590
Pasadena	532	1292	1824
Santa Monica	981	1121	2102