San Mateo County Residents Enrolling at City College of San Francisco
1998/99 – 2002/03

INTRODUCTION
This report tracks the enrollment of San Mateo County residents at City College of San Francisco (CCSF), 1998/99 – 2002/03. The data presented are for credit enrollments only. Enrollment data are based upon an unduplicated count of students, within each Fall/Spring/Summer academic year, then combining the 5 consecutive academic years: 1998/99, 1999/00, 2000/01, 2001/02, and 2002/03.

Access to this information was made possible through a data sharing arrangement with the CCSF Office of Research, Planning, and Grants.

FINDINGS
- The number of San Mateo County residents enrolling in credit courses increased from 4500 to 6093. [See Figure 1]
- This figure represents an increase of 35.4% between 1998/99 and 2002/03.
- More than two-thirds (67.9%) of 2002/03 CCSF students live in the following San Mateo County cities: Colma, San Bruno, Daly City, and South San Francisco. [See Figure 2]
- 59.9% of 2002/03 San Mateo County CCSF students are 29 years old or younger. [See Figure 3]
Figure 2
CCSF Credit Students Enrolling From San Mateo County
2002/03 Academic Year
By ZIP Code
[Unduplicated Count]

94015 Daly City (n=1741) 28.6%
944XX San Mateo/Foster City (n=280) 4.6%
94080 South SF (n=780) 12.8%
940XX All Other San Mateo County (n=1677) 27.5%

Figure 3
CCSF Credit Students Enrolling From San Mateo County
2002/03 Academic Year
By Age
[Unduplicated Count]

20-29 (n=2886) 47.4%
30-39 (n=1189) 19.5%
16-19 (n=759) 12.5%
50+ (n=566) 9.3%
40-49 (n=693) 11.4%
Figure 4 displays the educational objectives of 2002/03 San Mateo County CCSF students:
- Obtain two- or four-year degree – 25.6%
- Intellectual development – 18.8%
- Job related – 18.6%
- GED – 10.0%
- Basic skills – 7.6%
- Undecided - 19.4%

Figure 5 displays the ethnicity of 2002/03 San Mateo County CCSF students:
- African American – 5.5%
- Asian – 27.4%
- Filipino – 22.0%
- Hispanic – 20.3%
- White – 18.9%
- Other/Unknown – 5.9%
As noted, all data reported are for credit enrollments. An additional 2,312 San Mateo county residents enrolled in CCSF non-credit courses during the 2002/03 academic year.

- This figure represents an increase of 35.1% [600 students] since 1998/99. [See Figure 6]

CONCLUSION

The information in this report is limited to a headcount and basic profile of students enrolling at CCSF from San Mateo County. Several considerations emerge when analyzing the increasing number of San Mateo County residents who enroll at CCSF. These include:

- How many concurrently enroll in a SMCCCD College while at CCSF?
- How many have enrolled in a SMCCCD College prior to OR after CCSF?
- Why do students choose to enroll at a community college outside their county of residence?

Anecdotal evidence suggests that California Community College (CCC) students are highly mobile in terms of where they work, live, and attend college. Although no formal Statewide studies are available, it is well known that CCC students enroll at multiple community colleges while pursuing their educational and career objectives. This “mixed” enrollment pattern reflects students’ geographic mobility, transportation and commuting patterns, and place of employment.

For example, many San Mateo County residents (especially those living in the Northern part of the county) may work in San Francisco. Accordingly, many of these residents may select CCSF for practical reasons associated with closeness to their workplace. Similarly, residents of South San Francisco, Colma, and Daly City may find CCSF more easily accessible via public transportation than SMCCCD Colleges. CCSF may attract San Mateo County residents because of course and program offerings not available at SMCCCD colleges, such as culinary arts, hospitality, and gay/lesbian/bisexual studies.

Currently, CSM’s Office of Research is exploring the feasibility of a data-sharing project with CCSF that would enable tracking the enrollment histories of “home” county residents enrolling in another county—i.e., San Mateo County residents enrolling at CCSF and San Francisco County residents enrolling at an SMCCCD college. In addition, a Web-based survey may be employed to determine “why” students are choosing a community college outside their county of residence.