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SMCCCD ENROLLMENT TRENDS Fall 1968 - Fall 1999

This report examines SMCCCD and College-specific enrollment figures between Fall 1968 and Fall 1999. Subsequent reports will consider District and College-specific trends in the ethnic and age composition of our total student population for the period of time beginning Fall 1982. Prior to this date, enrollment data for ethnic and age sub-populations is not consistently available.

Enrollment data presented in Table 1 indicated that District Colleges experienced fairly steady growth for 13 years [1968 - 1981]. With three Colleges in operation, total District enrollment increased 57.0% [12,426 students] during this period of time. This long period of growth was followed by a sharp three-year decline [1982 - 1984]. During this time, total

District enrollment decreased by 18.5% [6,330 students]. Between 1985 and 1990, a significant portion of this enrollment loss was gradually reversed: total District enrollment increased by 15.8% [4,409 students].

After two subsequent years of slight decline [1991 - 1992], the District lost nearly one-fifth [18.2%] of its total student population. Viewed from a perspective of a three-year decline [1991 - 1993], District enrollment shrunk by 7,162 students--a figure representing 22.2% of total District enrollment. As is well known, this loss was due in large part to the imposition of increased enrollment fees for students with bachelor's degrees.

District enrollment figures have remained relatively

Figure 1

SAN MATEO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT First Census Enrollment Fall 1968 - Fall 1999

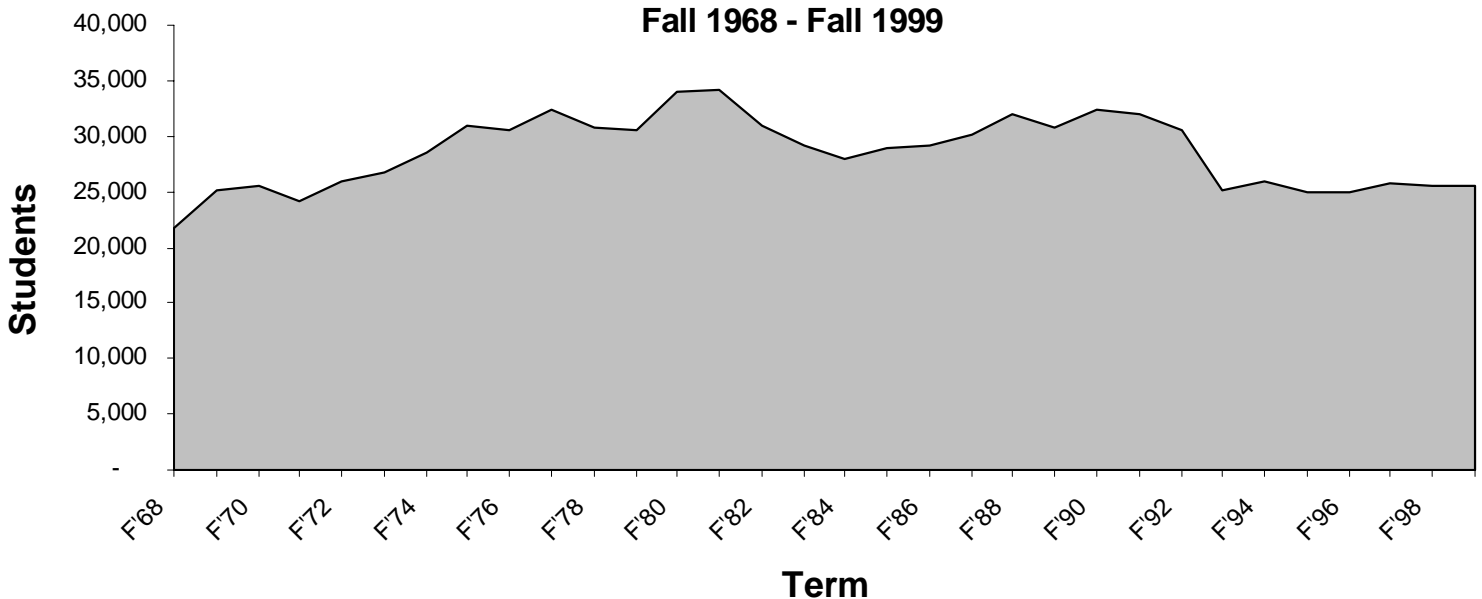


Table 1

SAN MATEO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
First Census Student Enrollment
Fall 1968 - Fall 1999

Term	Cañada College	% Change (Prior Year)	College of San Mateo	% Change (Prior Year)	Skyline College	% Change (Prior Year)	District Total	% Change (Prior Year)
Fall 1968	3,990	n/a	17,795	n/a	n/a	n/a	21,785	n/a
Fall 1969	5,772	44.7%	15,938	-10.4%	3,470	n/a	25,180	15.6%
Fall 1970	6,448	11.7%	14,373	-9.8%	4,631	33.5%	25,452	1.1%
Fall 1971	6,211	-3.7%	13,190	-8.2%	4,742	2.4%	24,143	-5.1%
Fall 1972	6,613	6.5%	14,237	7.9%	5,049	6.5%	25,899	7.3%
Fall 1973	7,128	7.8%	14,237	0.0%	5,334	5.6%	26,699	3.1%
Fall 1974	7,519	5.5%	14,654	2.9%	6,285	17.8%	28,458	6.6%
Fall 1975	8,125	8.1%	15,679	7.0%	7,146	13.7%	30,950	8.8%
Fall 1976	8,382	3.2%	14,937	-4.7%	7,141	-0.1%	30,460	-1.6%
Fall 1977	8,668	3.4%	15,551	4.1%	8,206	14.9%	32,425	6.5%
[1] Fall 1978	7,613	-12.2%	15,150	-2.6%	7,899	-3.7%	30,662	-5.4%
Fall 1979	7,960	4.6%	15,063	-0.6%	7,440	-5.8%	30,463	-0.6%
Fall 1980	9,420	18.3%	16,112	7.0%	8,411	13.1%	33,943	11.4%
Fall 1981	8,752	-7.1%	16,303	1.2%	9,156	8.9%	34,211	0.8%
[2] Fall 1982	7,996	-8.6%	15,170	-6.9%	7,720	-15.7%	30,886	-9.7%
[3] Fall 1983	7,931	-0.8%	13,820	-8.9%	7,318	-5.2%	29,069	-5.9%
Fall 1984	7,195	-9.3%	13,503	-2.3%	7,183	-1.8%	27,881	-4.1%
Fall 1985	7,088	-1.5%	14,454	7.0%	7,393	2.9%	28,935	3.8%
Fall 1986	7,568	6.8%	13,880	-4.0%	7,725	4.5%	29,173	0.8%
Fall 1987	7,336	-3.1%	15,148	9.1%	7,656	-0.9%	30,140	3.3%
Fall 1988	7,825	6.7%	15,930	5.2%	8,143	6.4%	31,898	5.8%
Fall 1989	7,934	1.4%	14,424	-9.5%	8,482	4.2%	30,840	-3.3%
Fall 1990	7,567	-4.6%	15,272	5.9%	9,451	11.4%	32,290	4.7%
Fall 1991	7,355	-2.8%	15,167	-0.7%	9,371	-0.8%	31,893	-1.2%
Fall 1992	7,017	-4.6%	14,485	-4.5%	9,105	-2.8%	30,607	-4.0%
Fall 1993	5,424	-22.7%	11,839	-18.3%	7,865	-13.6%	25,128	-17.9%
[4] Fall 1994	5,714	5.3%	11,999	1.4%	8,172	3.9%	25,885	3.0%
Fall 1995	5,261	-7.9%	11,506	-4.1%	8,104	-0.8%	24,871	-3.9%
Fall 1996	5,519	4.9%	11,320	-1.6%	8,108	0.0%	24,947	0.3%
[5] Fall 1997	5,547	0.5%	11,681	3.2%	8,598	6.0%	25,826	3.5%
Fall 1998	5,408	-2.5%	11,602	-0.7%	8,514	-1.0%	25,524	-1.2%
Fall 1999	5,537	2.4%	11,318	-2.4%	8,682	2.0%	25,537	0.1%

[1] California State Proposition 13 passes; Summer Session eliminated.

[2] Parking fees implemented. District budget reduced \$825,000 due to course reclassification.

[3] Instructional materials fee implemented. Community Colleges State apportionment cut 7.75%. State-mandated enrollment fee implemented.

[4] Spring 1993: fee increased to \$10 per unit and Differential Fee \$50 per unit for B.A./ B.S. degree students implemented.

[5] Spring 1996: elimination of \$50 per unit fee for B.A./B.S. degree students.

Figure 2
CAÑADA COLLEGE
 First Census Enrollment
 Fall 1968 - Fall 1999

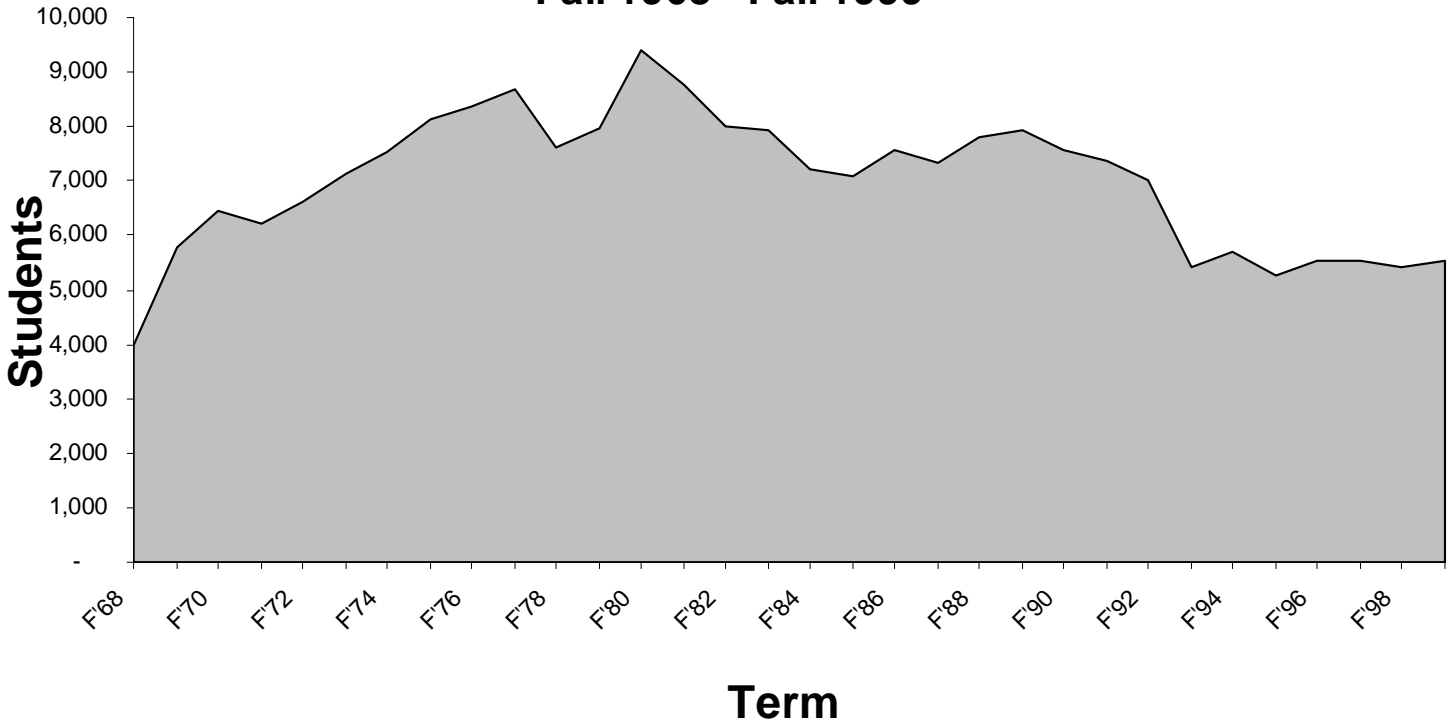


Figure 3
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 First Census Enrollment
 Fall 1968 - Fall 1999

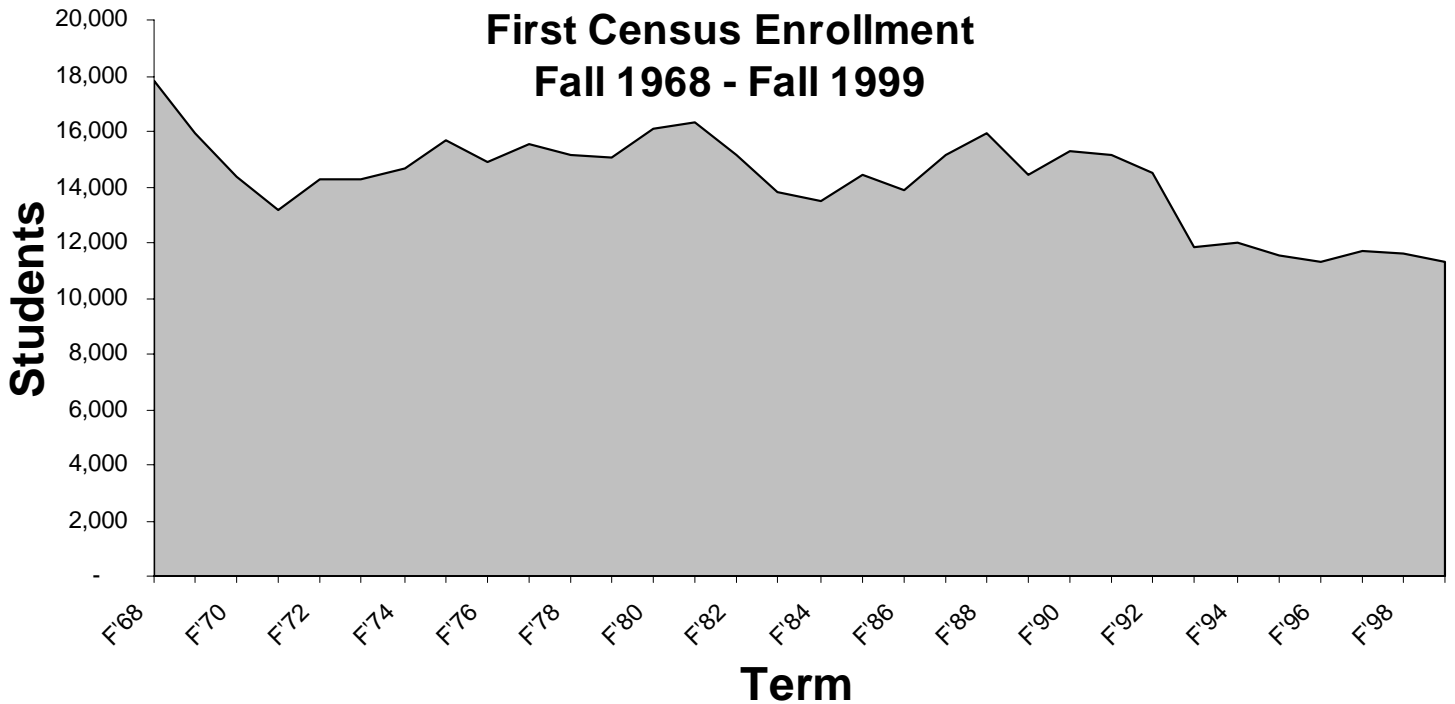
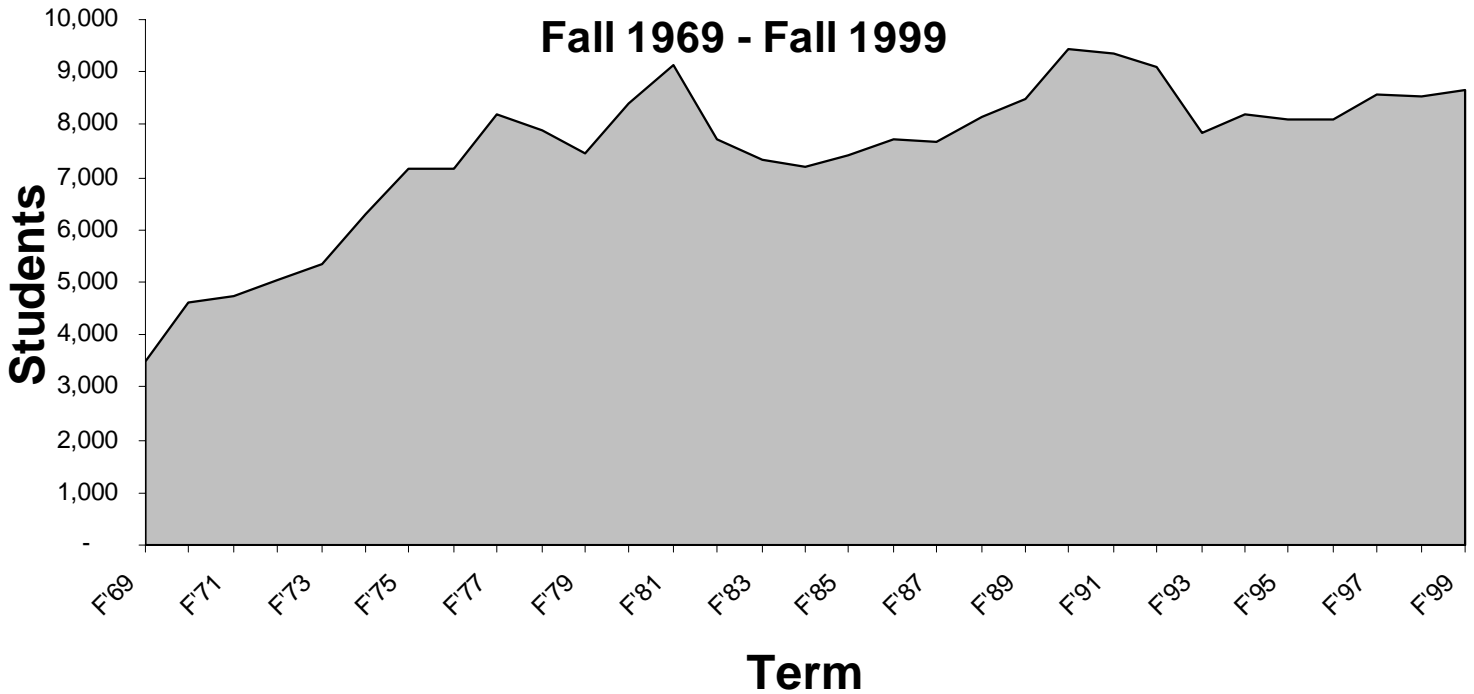


Figure 4

SKYLINE COLLEGE

First Census Enrollment Fall 1969 - Fall 1999



stable since the decline of 1993: between 1993 and 1999, total District enrollment has increased by 409 students [+1.6%]. However, College-specific enrollment figures are uneven during this period of time:

- Cañada enrollment increased 2.1% [113 students]
- CSM enrollment decreased 4.4% [521 students]
- Skyline enrollment increased 10.4% [817 students]

Figures 1 - 4 provide a visual representation of District and College-specific trends in enrollment, Fall 1968 through Fall 1999.

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