

Student Profile

Arts, Sciences, & Career Education (ASCE) – 20243L

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BACKGROUND

This report provides information describing students enrolled in Arts, Sciences, and Career Education (ASCE) credit courses at Rock Valley College (RVC) in the Fall 2023 term. The report is divided into two sections – a Quick Facts page and a Profile Summary. The Quick Facts page provides a visual brief of multiyear comparison and term data. The Profile Summary is designed to address the following questions in more detail:

1. Who is currently attending RVC?
2. Who are the students attending RVC for the first time (i.e., new RVC students)?
3. Who are the students taking college classes for the first time (i.e., first time students)?

Data to inform this Student Profile report are captured with compliance submissions made to the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB); specifically, A1 (Annual Enrollment) and E1 (14th Day Census Enrollment for Fall). Student profile data pull ASCE credit students from these more general submissions and are used to develop this Student Profile report.

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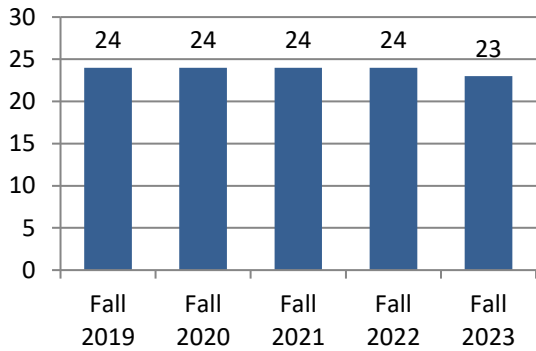
QUICK FACTS

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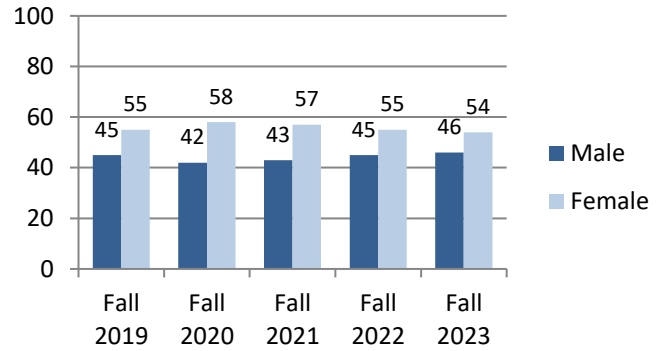
Multiyear Comparisons of Key Demographics

Unduplicated Head Count **5,363**

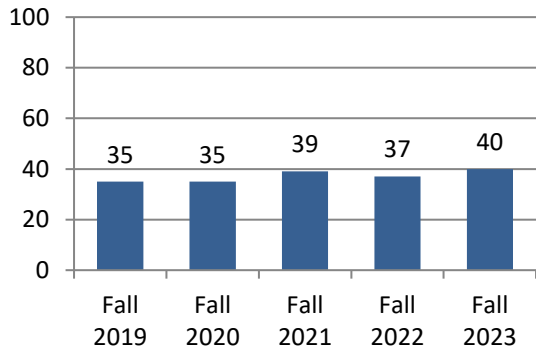
Average Student Age



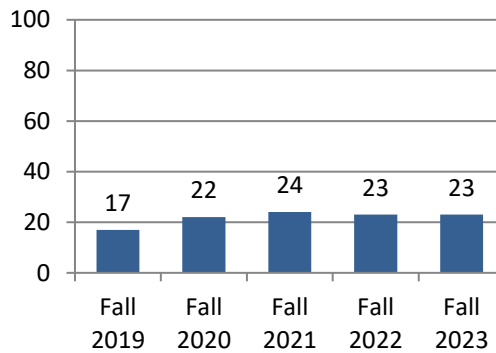
Gender
(% of population)



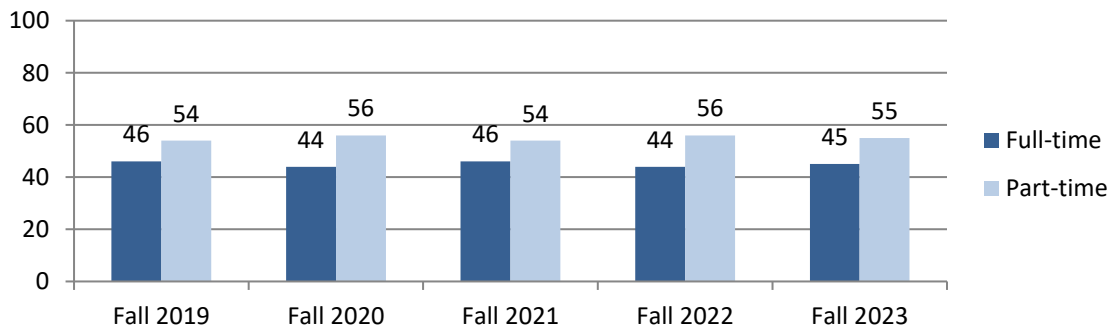
Minority Enrollment¹
(% of population)



First-time Student Enrollment²
(% of population)



Full-time/Part-time Student Enrollment³ (% of population)



¹ Minority enrollment includes students identifying themselves as belonging to two or more racial groups.

² Per ICCB definition, students are considered to be “first-time” if this is the first term in which 50% or more of their coursework is at the college level. This includes students who moved from remedial coursework to the college level.

³ Full-time students are those enrolled within a given term for 12 or more credit hours; part-time students are enrolled in less than 12 credit hours.

PROFILE SUMMARY

Current (Fall 2023) RVC Students

Table 1 summarizes the age, gender, and race/ethnicity composition of the overall group of students enrolled, new RVC students⁴, and first-time college-level students⁵. Highest degree previously earned, residency status, and primary curriculum also are included.

Data from Quick Facts and tables within this section indicate that the **majority** of students enrolled in Fall 2023 classes are:

- Traditional age,
- Female,
- White,
- In district,
- Enrolled in transfer programs, and
- Enrolled part time.

Table 1: Fall 2023 Student Demographics

	Full-time Students			Part-time Students			Total Headcount (% of Total)		
	Overall	New	1 st Time	Overall	New	1 st Time	Overall	New	1 st Time
Age									
Traditional (24/under)	2,086	827	740	1,970	430	369	4,056 (75.6)	1,257 (86.6)	1,109 (90.6)
Non-traditional (25+)	307	60	43	1,000	134	72	1,307 (24.4)	194 (13.4)	115 (9.4)
Gender									
Male	1,174	459	411	1,279	263	216	2,453 (45.7)	722 (49.8)	627 (51.2)
Female	1,219	428	372	1,691	301	225	2,910 (54.3)	729 (50.2)	597 (48.8)
Race/ Ethnicity									
Asian	118	43	38	85	*	*	203 (3.8)	52 (3.6)	45 (3.7)
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	*	*	*	(0.3)	(0.1)	(0.1)
Black or African American	160	68	62	297	94	76	457 (8.5)	162 (11.2)	138 (11.3)
Hispanic or Latino	612	245	228	739	140	120	1,351 (25.2)	385 (26.5)	348 (28.4)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)
White	1,316	452	390	1,685	280	208	3,001 (56.0)	732 (50.4)	598 (48.9)
Non-resident**	*	*	*	*	*	*	(0.3)	(0.0)	(0.0)
Two or more races	55	36	*	60	*	*	115 (2.1)	53 (3.7)	40 (3.3)
Unknown/Choose Not to Respond	113	41	35	89	*	*	202 (3.8)	64 (4.4)	53 (4.3)

⁴ New students include first time students in college-level work, new transfer students, and new pre-college students. Pre-college students have at least 50% of their coursework in Adult Basic Education, Adult Secondary Education, English as a Second Language, or remedial education.

⁵ First-time college-level students have not previously enrolled at a college or university with at least 50% of their coursework at the college level. This category includes students who have moved to college level from pre-college or general studies/vocational skills and is a subset of new students.

Table 1: Fall 2023 Student Demographics *(continued)*

	Full-time Students			Part-time Students			Total Headcount (% of Total)		
	Overall	New	1 st Time	Overall	New	1 st Time	Overall	New	1 st Time
Highest Level of Education⁶									
College—Bachelor’s degree/More	*	*	*	34	*	*	36 (0.7)	*	*
College—Less than Bachelor’s degree	36	*	*	135	*	*	171 (3.2)	*	*
High School/GED	1,698	707	613	2,015	509	393	3,713 (69.2)	1,216 (83.8)	1,006 (82.2)
None	648	174	166	769	49	47	1,417 (26.4)	223 (15.4)	213 (17.4)
Other/Unknown	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Residency Status									
In-district***	2,274	829	749	2,810	518	418	5,084 (94.8)	1,347 (92.8)	1,167 (95.3)
Out-of-district****	39	*	*	147	45	*	186 (3.5)	69 (4.8)	36 (2.9)
Reciprocal Agreements and Chargebacks	80	34	*	*	*	*	93 (1.7)	35 (2.4)	*
Primary Curriculum									
Arts & Sciences (Transfer)	1,825	679	605	2,292	435	335	4,117 (76.8)	1,114 (76.8)	940 (76.8)
Career Education	568	208	178	678	129	106	1,246 (23.2)	337 (23.2)	284 (23.2)

Source: Student Profile Application based on A1/E1 submissions to ICCB; Note: Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.
 *Groups with less than 30 members are not reported; **Students temporarily in the U.S. on a Visa; ***Includes out-of-district and out-of-state military students; ****Includes out-of-district, out-of-state, and foreign students whether or not they are employed within the RVC district.

Table 2 provides information about student class level. Most students (52.9%) are freshmen, having completed fewer than 30 semester hours and not currently enrolled in high school. Approximately one third of all students (32.3%) are sophomores, and (12.7%) are concurrently enrolled in high school and college.

⁶ Compared to previous years, there is a noticeable increase in the percentage of students with “none” as their highest degree earned and a corresponding decrease in the percentage of students with “High School/GED” as their highest degree, especially for new and first-time students. This change results from the implementation of Recruit for collecting new student information. Students are inclined to indicate that they have not yet graduated from high school if they complete the enrollment form prior to high school graduation.

Table 2: Overall Enrollment by Student Level Classification

STUDENT LEVEL CLASSIFICATION	FULL-TIME	PART-TIME	OVERALL TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
High School	273	408	681	12.7
Freshmen	1,371	1,468	2,839	52.9
Sophomores	729	1,002	1,731	32.3
Unclassified ⁷	20	92	112	2.1
TOTAL	2,393	2,970	5,363	100

Source: Student Profile Application based on A1/E1 submissions to ICCB

Table 3 provides information about the enrollment status of the overall student group for Fall 2023 and the previous four fall terms. These data indicate that (58.5%) of the students currently enrolled at the College are continuing or returning students and (27.1%) are new to the college (first-time, transfer, or pre-college).

Table 3: Overall Enrollment by Enrollment Status

ENROLLMENT STATUS	TOTAL HEADCOUNT				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
First time students in college-level work	992 (20.0)	1,182 (21.8)	1,241 (23.8)	1,227 (23.1)	1,224 (22.8)
New transfer students	197 (3.3)	78 (1.4)	170 (3.3)	172 (3.2)	208 (3.9)
New pre-college students	256 (4.3)	191 (3.5)	41 (0.8)	36 (0.4)	19 (0.4)
Continuing <i>(students enrolled at RVC in previous term)</i>	3,381 (55.4)	2,885 (53.2)	2,423 (46.4)	2,380 (44.8)	2,359 (44.0)
Returning <i>(students previously enrolled at RVC, but not in immediately preceding term)</i>	699 (8.6)	424 (7.8)	836 (16.0)	774 (14.6)	776 (14.5)
High school students <i>(includes dual credit and dual enrollment)</i>	337 (6.9)	400 (7.4)	360 (6.9)	621 (11.7)	681 (12.7)
Students with degree beyond associates	115 (1.5)	260 (4.8)	153 (2.9)	107 (2.0)	96 (1.8)
TOTAL	5,977	5,420	5,224	5,317	5,363

Source: Student Profile Application based on A1/E1 submissions to ICCB

New RVC Students

New students include first-time students in college level coursework, new transfer students, and new pre-college students. Data within this report indicate that the majority of new students are traditional age (86.6%), white (50.4%), enrolled in transfer programs (76.8%), and live in the RVC district (92.8%).

⁷ Students are “unclassified” by the ICCB if they do not meet minimum requirements for entrance as regular college-level students or they already have a Bachelor’s Degree or Associate Degree but are taking courses at the same level or lower.

First-time College-level Students

First-time college-level students are a subset of new students and may include students who have moved from the pre-college level to the college level. First-time student enrollment for the Fall 2023 term is 1,224. Data within this report indicate that the majority of first-time students enrolled in Fall 2023 are traditional age (90.6%), enrolled in transfer programs (76.8%), and live in the RVC district (95.3%). Nearly half (48.9%) are white, and most are enrolled full time (64.0%)

NEW STUDENT CATEGORIES

First-time student in college-level coursework

Has not previously enrolled in college-level classes with 50 percent or more of their coursework at the college level

New pre-college student

Has not previously enrolled at a college or university with 50 percent or more of their coursework below the college level

New Transfer Student

Attending RVC for the first time and has previously earned academic credit at another institution

Group Comparisons

Table 1 shows demographic characteristics of the overall group of students enrolled as compared to new and first-time students. These data provide the following comparisons:

- Overall, most students are enrolled part time (55.4%); however, new students and first-time students tend to be enrolled full time (61.1% and 64.0%, respectively).
- The majority of all three groups are traditional age. However, the percentage of traditional age students in the new student group (86.6%) and first-time student group (90.6%) are noticeably larger than that of the overall group (75.6%). Similarly, as indicated in Table 4, the average ages of students in the new student and first-time student groups are noticeably lower than that of the overall group.
- Overall, RVC enrolled more women (54.3%) than men (45.7%). The gap is narrower for new students (50.2% women and 49.8% men) and first-time students (48.8% women and 51.2% men).
- The overall student population is less racially/ethnically diverse (40% minority) than the first-time (47% minority) and new (45% minority) student groups.
- Transfer degree program enrollments for first-time, new students, and overall students are equal at 77%.

Table 4: Multi-year Comparison of Average Age

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Overall	23.2	23.9	23.8	23.5	22.9
New	19.8	21.1	21.2	21.2	21.0
First Time	19.2	20.4	20.6	20.6	20.2

Source: Student Profile Application based on A1/E1 submission to ICCB