

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA COLLEGE CREDIT STUDENT PROFILE, FALL 2009

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

Matanuska-Susitna College (Mat-Su) serves the students in one of the fastest growing areas of the state. It offers a general program for the first two years of college courses leading to the Associate of Arts degree, as well as many specific AA degree and undergraduate certificate offerings.

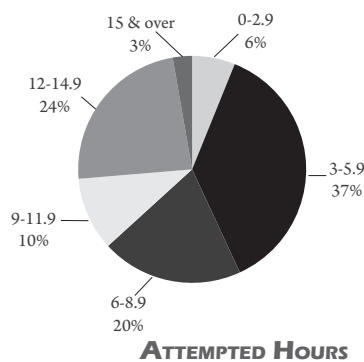
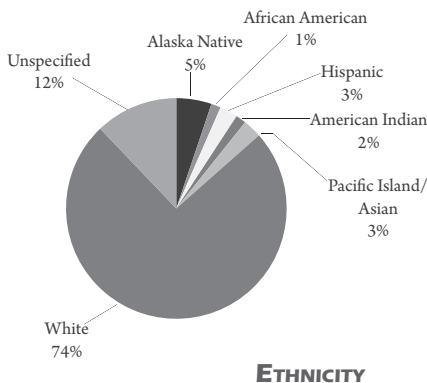
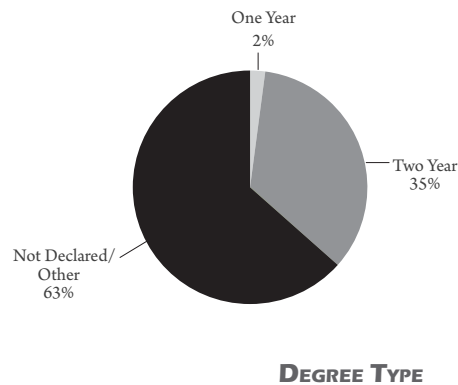
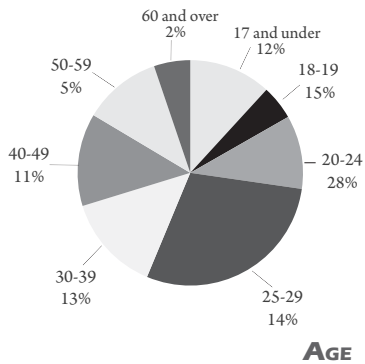
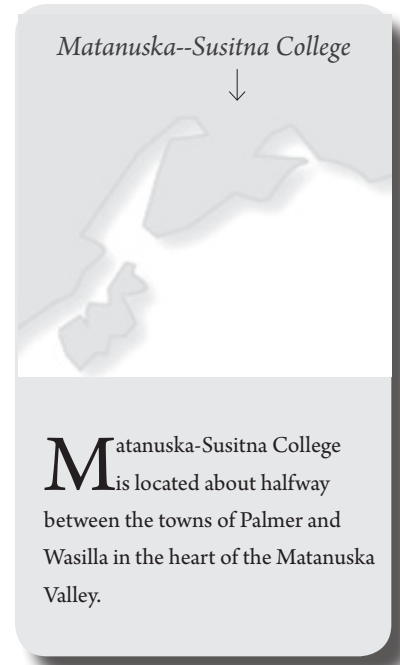
Seventy-five percent of the students at Mat-Su College attend part-time, and more than half (57%) take more than 6 credits.

Mat-Su has the highest percentage of degree-

seeking (37%) and full-time (25%) students of all UAA campuses outside of Anchorage.

Mat-Su students are the youngest attending all UAA campuses. Nearly seven out of 10 students are under the age of 30, with the highest percentage age 17 and under (12%) of any UAA campus.

Fourteen percent are ethnic minority students. The largest minority group consists of Alaska Native students, who make up 38% of the minority student population and 5% of the total student population.



HEADCOUNT	1,782	% OF TOTAL
PART-TIME	1,330	75%
WHITE	1,326	74%
FEMALE	1,157	65%
UNDER AGE 30	1,226	69%
DEGREE SEEKING	651	37%

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA COLLEGE TRENDS, BY STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS

Matanuska-Susitna College credit student headcount in Fall 2009 came within one student of matching the peak of 1,783 enrollment set in Fall 2003. Since Fall 1999 the total headcount has risen 23%.

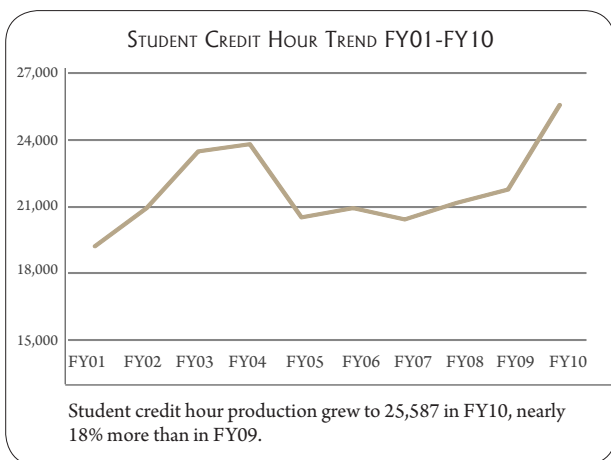
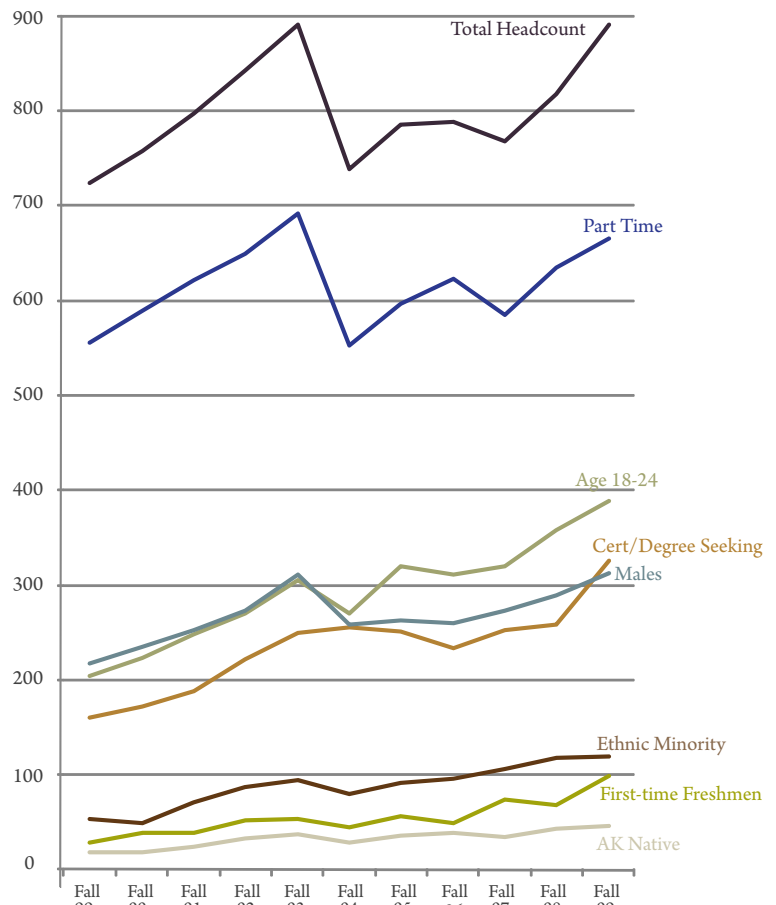
Part-time students compose 75% of the credit students at the college. Their numbers increased 20% from Fall 1999 to Fall 2009, while the number of full-time credit students increased 34%. This growth in full-time credit students was fueled in part by the increase in the number of first-time freshmen. Their numbers more than tripled from 56 to 197 and represented 44% of all full-time students in Fall 2009.

Certificate and degree-seeking students now represent more than one-third of the credit student population. Their numbers have doubled since Fall 1999, following a steady year-to-year growth except for Fall 2005 and 2006.

Traditional-age college students (18-24) increased 90% since Fall 1999, with a particularly large increase in the 20-24 age group which jumped from 115 to 506 students, a 340% growth. This age group now makes up 44% of the credit students enrolled, up from 28% in Fall 1999. Numbers declined in all age groups over 30 during this time.

Male credit student enrollment grew 43%, compared to a 14% increase in female credit student numbers since Fall 1999. Men now represent 35% of the credit student population, up from 30% in Fall 1999.

Ethnic minority enrollment more than doubled since Fall 1999, with a 122% increase. Alaska Native students, the largest ethnic minority group, grew 148% from 37 to 92 students. The largest percentage increase occurred among the Pacific Island/Asian group which increased 308% from 12 to 49 students.



Credit Students	Then..... and Now		Change
	Fall 99	Fall 09	
HEADCOUNT	1,448	1,782	23%
PART-TIME	1,110	1,330	20%
TRADITIONAL AGE (18-24)	408	776	90%
CERT/DEGREE-SEEKING	320	651	103%
MALE	436	625	43%
ETHNIC MINORITY	108	240	122%
FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN	56	197	251%
ALASKA NATIVE	37	92	149%