

## PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND COMMUNITY COLLEGE CREDIT STUDENT PROFILE, FALL 2009

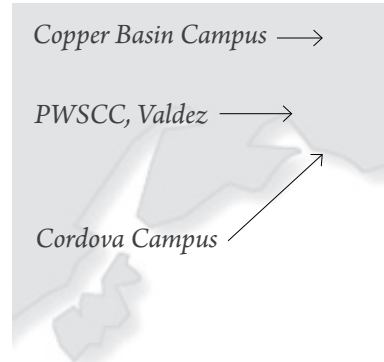
### DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

Prince William Sound Community College (PWSCC) is characterized by an extensive industry training component that influences the composition of its student population. More than nine out of ten students attend part-time (93%); six out of ten take fewer than 3 credits, and the majority are male (57%, the highest proportion of any UAA campus). Training programs focus on the pipeline and fishing industries where males are in the majority.

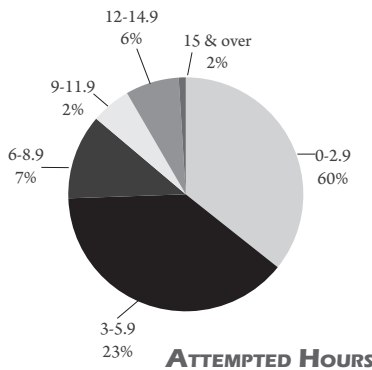
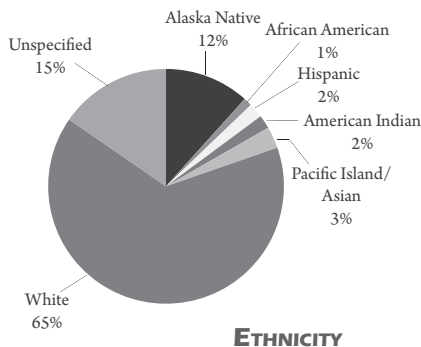
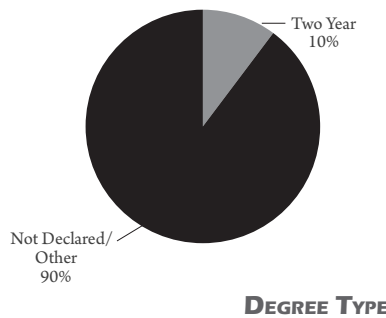
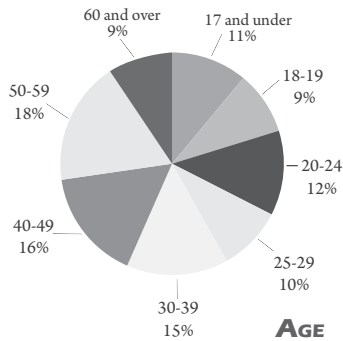
Nearly nine out of ten students are considered "non degree-seeking". However, some of these students may be seeking degrees from other University of Alaska campuses.

More than half the students are older than 30 years of age (58%), giving PWSCC the highest mean age of all UAA campuses (36 years). At the same time, due to a comprehensive dual credit program at all three sites, PWSCC has a large number of students aged 17 and under (11%) only surpassed by Mat-Su College.

PWSCC has the highest number of Alaska Native students of all UAA campuses outside of Anchorage. Alaska Natives account for 60% of the ethnic minority students and 12% of the overall student population.



Prince William Sound Community College (PWSCC) consists of a main campus in Valdez and extended campuses in Cordova and the Copper Basin. PWSCC is an independently accredited community college and an affiliate college of the University of Alaska Anchorage.



HEADCOUNT	1,286	% OF TOTAL
PART-TIME	1,192	93%
WHITE	835	65%
FEMALE	551	43%
UNDER AGE 30	538	42%
NON-DEGREE SEEKING	1,154	90%

## PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRENDS, BY STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS

Prince William Sound Community College credit student headcount increased for the second year in a row (up 13% over 2008). Yet it remains 17% below Fall 1999 and 35% below the peak of 1,983 students in Fall 2002.

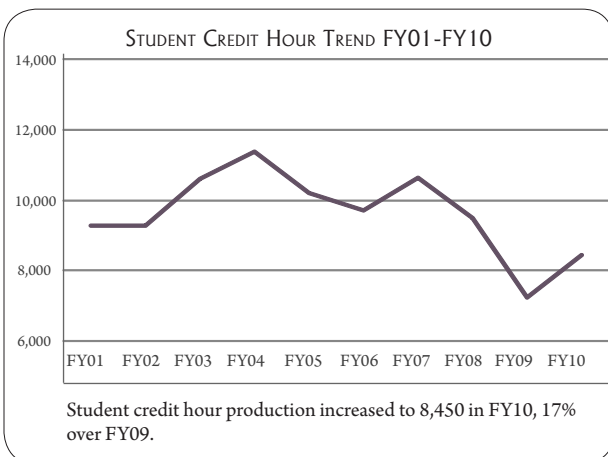
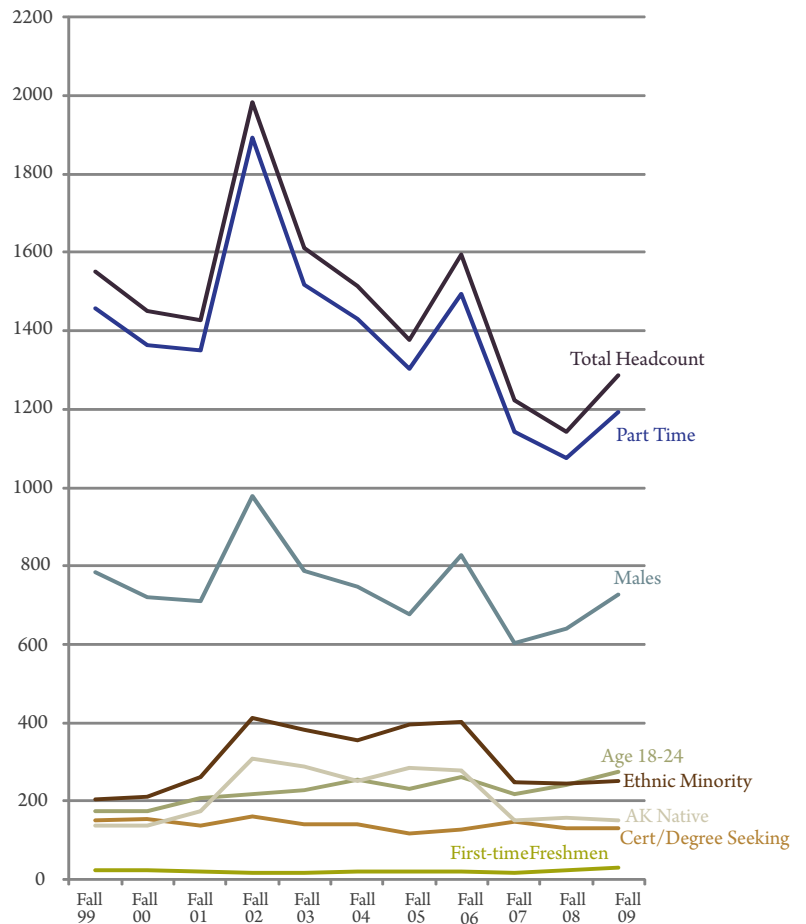
Part-time student credit enrollment dropped 18% since Fall 1999 and now represents 92% of the overall credit student headcount. Full-time numbers are flat for the period. First-time freshmen increased 30%, setting a new peak at 30 students.

Traditional age college students (18-24) increased 58%, with the greatest growth in 20-24 year-olds (up 86%). This traditional age group now represents 21% of the student population, up from 11% in Fall 1999. The over 60 age group was the only other age segment showing growth (up 32% to 107 students).

Degree-seeking student enrollment remained relatively stable over the last ten years, representing 10% of the student population. All of the degree-seekers are in associate degree programs.

Male students decreased 7%, while female students declined 28%. Males now represent 57% of the student population, up from 50% in Fall 1999. PWSCC is the only UAA campus where males outnumber females.

Ethnic minority students increased by 23% from Fall 1999, but their numbers continue to be well below the peak of Fall 2002. Alaska Natives make up 59% of the ethnic minority students. Their numbers increased 9% from Fall 1999 but have remained relatively flat since Fall 2007. African-American and Pacific Island/Asians each had large percentage increases (200% and 111% respectively). Hispanic students increased 37%.



	Then.....and Now		
Credit Students	Fall 99	Fall 09	Change
HEADCOUNT	1,552	1,286	-17%
PART-TIME	1,458	1,192	-18%
MALE	783	728	-7%
TRADITIONAL AGE (18-24)	174	276	58%
ETHNIC MINORITY	205	253	23%
ALASKA NATIVE	138	150	9%
CERT/DEGREE-SEEKING	150	132	-12%
FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN	23	30	30%