

PIERCE COLLEGE PUYALLUP — ONE OF THE PIERCE COLLEGES

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KEY FACTS (Data from 2015-2016 academic year unless otherwise noted)

Year Founded: 1971

Service Area: Pierce County

Legislative District: 2, 25, 30, 31

Highest Enrolled Programs:

- Associate of Arts
- Pre-Nursing
- Business
- Science
- Criminal Justice

Enrollment:

Headcount (all sources)*	20,083
FTES (all sources)*	8,526
Headcount (state-funded)	6,022
FTES (state-funded)	2,310

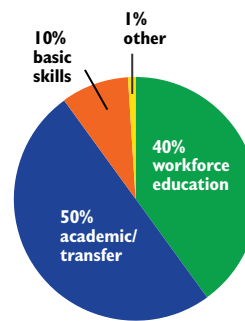
Students in Selected Programs (Headcount):

I-BEST	20
International Students	82
Running Start	1,406
Worker Retraining	293

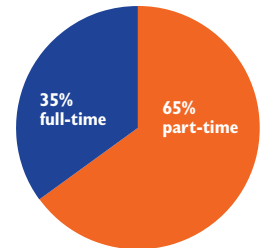
*This data includes numbers for the entire Pierce College District.

STUDENT PROFILE — STATE FUNDED

Purpose for attending (FTE)*



Attendance (Headcount)



Ethnicity:**

African American	9%
Asian	10%
Hispanic/Latino	17%
Native American	3%
Pacific Islander	3%
Other, Multiracial	1%
White/Caucasian	66%

Gender:

Female	60%
Male	40%

Median Age:

24

Family and Finances:

Students receiving need-based financial aid in eligible programs	37%
Students who work	52%
Students with children	32%

* May not add up to 100% due to rounding.

** May not add up to 100% because students may be counted in more than one race.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Close the Gap 2020 Pierce College is making great strides in closing the achievement gap of our students. The college has set goals in order to guide the direction of the institution both intentionally and strategically in its mission of providing quality educational opportunities for a diverse community of learners to thrive in an evolving world. The goals were set to advance the educational objectives of our students. Yearly targets have been set for each goal to assure continuous progress, assessment and refinement.

Expanding Use of Open Educational Resources Pierce College has received a grant to create new degree programs using high quality open educational resources (OER). The OER Degree Initiative, which involves 38 community colleges in 13 states, is designed to help remove financial roadblocks that can derail students' progress and spur improvements that will increase the likelihood of degree and certificate completion. The annual cost of textbooks is about \$1,300 per year for a full-time community college student – this amounts to about a third of the cost of an associate degree. This cost, research shows, is a significant barrier to college completion.

Enhancing Student Success College Spark Washington and the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges selected Pierce College as one of five colleges in the state to receive a Guided Pathways implementation grant totaling \$500,000 over five years. Pierce College is part of a very select group of colleges to receive the grant, which is designed to help institutions make important changes in the name of student success and mission fulfillment. Guided Pathways is an evidence-based approach that simplifies choices about college courses, informs and supports those choices and directs students into a comprehensive program of study that leads to a credential.