



CRC Research Office CalWORKs Program Study

During Fall 2009, the college Research Office continued to look at certain student performance indicators of students who identified themselves as being a CalWORKs Program student. The college Research Office looked at course success rates, average units attempted/completed/GPA, semester persistence rates, average number of semesters of enrollment, Degree and/or Certificate completion as well as the demographic profiles for these students compared to the overall student population. During the three academic years that were analyzed, CalWORKs Program students comprise roughly 2% of the overall student population.

Average Course Success Rate (Fall 2006 – Spring 2009)

CalWORKs Program students:	56.1%
Rest of college:	63.1%

Average Units Attempted (Fall 2006 – Spring 2009)

CalWORKs Program students:	10.69 (for the semester)
Rest of college:	8.51 (for the semester)

CalWORKs Program students:	39.19 (cumulative)
Rest of college:	36.02 (cumulative)

Average Units Completed (Fall 2006 – Spring 2009)

CalWORKs Program students:	7.10 (for the semester)
Rest of college:	5.90 (for the semester)

CalWORKs Program students:	36.05 (cumulative)
Rest of college:	33.56 (cumulative)

Average GPA (Fall 2006 – Spring 2009)

CalWORKs Program students:	2.29 (cumulative)
Rest of college:	2.53 (cumulative)

Average Number of Semesters of Enrollment (Fall 2006 – Spring 2009)

CalWORKs Program students:	3.72
Rest of college:	1.52

Semester-to-Semester Persistence

Fall 2006 to Spring 2007

CalWORKs Program students:	79%
Rest of college:	66%

Fall 2007 to Spring 2008

CalWORKs Program students:	65%
Rest of college:	66%

Fall 2008 to Spring 2009

CalWORKs Program students:	76%
Rest of college:	73%

Demographic Profile

Average Age

CalWORKs Program students:	29.5
Rest of college:	27.4

Gender

CalWORKs Program students:	80.9% Female, 18.4% Male, 0.7% Undeclared
Rest of college:	56.6% Female, 42.5% Male, 0.9% Undeclared

Ethnicity

CalWORKs Program students:	24.6% White, 75.4% Minority
Rest of college:	29.8% White, 70.2% Minority

Summary

CalWORKs Program student have a demographic profile that is very different from the demographic profile of the rest of the college. CalWORKs Program students are far more likely to be female (no doubt as a result of the program entrance requirements) than male. CalWORKs Program students are more ethnically diverse compared to the rest of the college.

In terms of academic performance, CalWORKs Program students:

Are slightly lower than the rest of the college in terms of average course success rate (56.1% for CalWORKs students compared to 63.1% for the rest of the college).

Take a higher semester unit load compared to the rest of the college (10.69 units for CalWORKs Program students compared to 8.51 units for the rest of the college).

Have attempted more cumulative college units (39.2 units attempted for CalWORKs Program students compared to 36.0 units completed for the rest of the college).

Have completed more cumulative college units (36.0 units attempted for CalWORKs Program students compared to 33.6 units completed for the rest of the college).

Have lower cumulative GPA's compared to the rest of the college (2.29 cumulative GPA for CalWORKs Program students compared to 2.53 cumulative GPA for the rest of the college).

Have mixed results in terms of Fall-to-Spring Persistence compared to the rest of the college (for Fall 2006-Spring 2007, CalWORKs Program students persisted at 79% compared to 66% for the rest of the college; however, the for the 2007-08 year CalWORKs students persisted slightly lower than the rest of the college (65% for CalWORKs students compared with 66% for the rest of the college), CalWORKs Program students persisted at a higher rate compared to the rest of the college for 2008-09 with a persistence rate of 76% for CalWORKs students compared to 73% for the rest of the college).

Are enrolled at the college longer compared to the rest of the college (CalWORKs Program student average number of semesters of enrollment is 3.72 semesters compared to 1.52 semesters for the rest of the college).