

## CalWORKs Program Study

During spring 2006, the college Research Office looked 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-plus academic years that were analyzed, CalWORKs Program students comprise roughly 5% of the overall student population.

### **Average Course Success Rate** (Fall 2002 – Fall 2005)

CalWORKs Program students:	55.4%
Rest of college:	65.3%

### **Average Units Attempted** (Fall 2002 – Fall 2005)

CalWORKs Program students:	7.06 (for the semester)
Rest of college:	5.96 (for the semester)

CalWORKs Program students:	35.23 (cumulative)
Rest of college:	33.74 (cumulative)

### **Average Units Completed** (Fall 2002 – Fall 2005)

CalWORKs Program students:	6.02 (for the semester)
Rest of college:	5.28 (for the semester)

CalWORKs Program students:	32.61 (cumulative)
Rest of college:	31.62 (cumulative)

### **Average GPA** (Fall 2002 – Fall 2005)

CalWORKs Program students:	2.32 (cumulative)
Rest of college:	2.61 (cumulative)

### **Average Number of Semesters of Enrollment** (Fall 2002 – Fall 2005)

CalWORKs Program students:	4.00
Rest of college:	3.72

### **Semester-to-Semester Persistence**

Fall 2002 to Spring 2003

CalWORKs Program students:	67%
Rest of college:	68%

Fall 2003 to Spring 2004

CalWORKs Program students:	56%
Rest of college:	67%

Fall 2004 to Spring 2005

CalWORKs Program students:	65%
Rest of college:	68%

## Demographic Profile

### **Average Age**

CalWORKs Program students:	29.2
Rest of college:	27.7

### **Gender**

CalWORKs Program students:	79.2% Female, 19.5% Male, 1.2% Undeclared
Rest of college:	57.8% Female, 41.6% Male, 0.6% Undeclared

### **Ethnicity**

CalWORKs Program students:	22.6% White, 77.4% Minority
Rest of college:	34.3% White, 65.7% 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 far 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** (55.4% for CalWORKs students compared to 65.3% for the rest of the college).

**Take a slightly higher semester unit load compared to the rest of the college** (7.06 units for CalWORKs Program students compared to 5.96 units for the rest of the college).

**Have attempted more cumulative college units** (35.2 units attempted for CalWORKs Program students compared to 33.7 units completed for the rest of the college).

**Have completed more cumulative college units** (32.6 units attempted for CalWORKs Program students compared to 31.6 units completed for the rest of the college).

**Have lower cumulative GPA's compared to the rest of the college** (2.32 cumulative GPA for CalWORKs Program students compared to 2.61 cumulative GPA for the rest of the college).

**Have lower Fall-to-Spring Persistence compared to the rest of the college** (for Fall 2004-Spring 2005, CalWORKs Program students persisted at 65% compared to 68% for the rest of the college; however, the prior academic year, CalWORKs Program students persisted at a much lower rate compared to 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 4.00 semesters compared to 3.72 semesters for the rest of the college).