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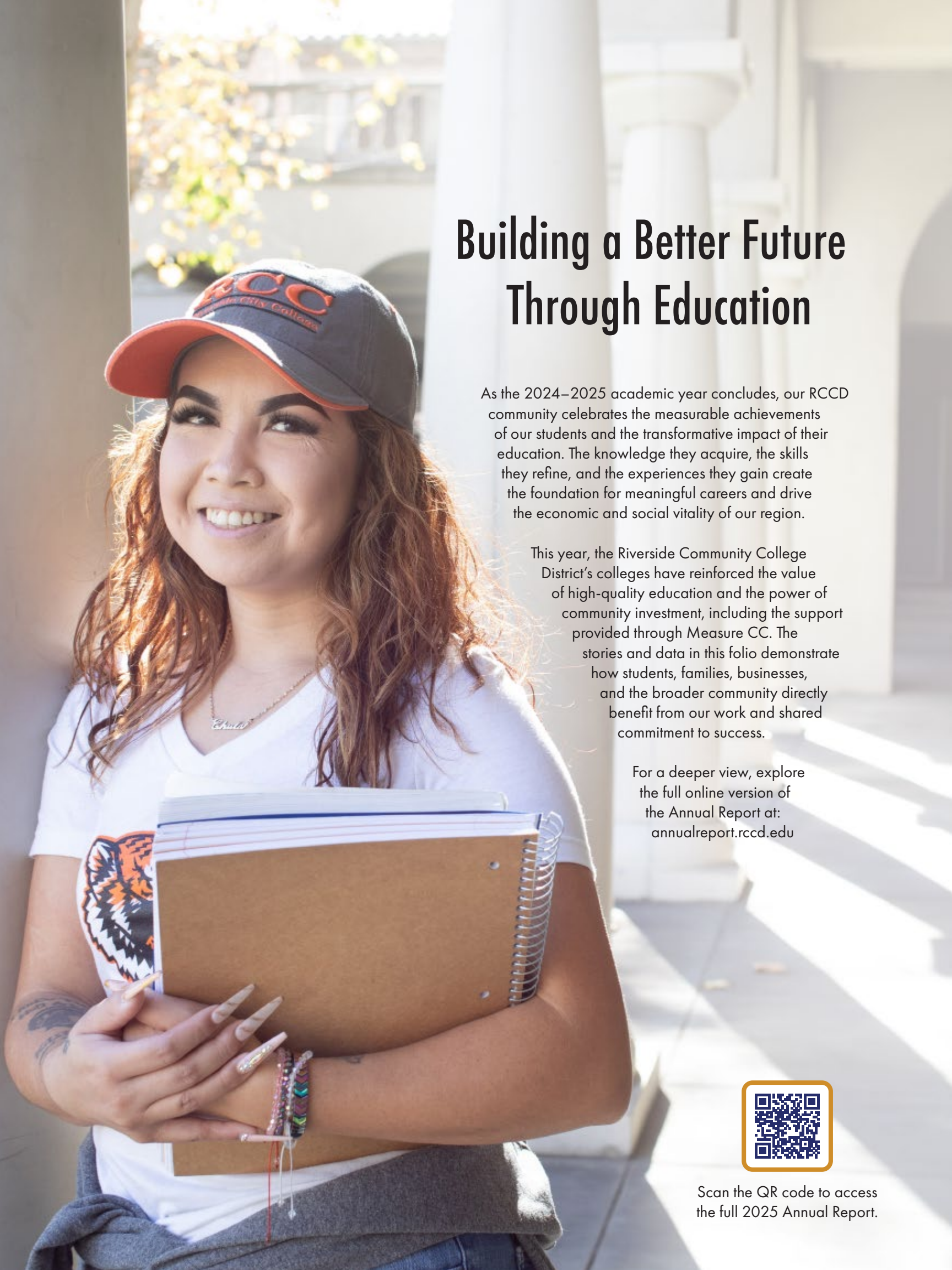
RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY
COLLEGE DISTRICT

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COLLEGE

NORCO
COLLEGE

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RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE

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Building a Better Future Through Education

As the 2024–2025 academic year concludes, our RCCD community celebrates the measurable achievements of our students and the transformative impact of their education. The knowledge they acquire, the skills they refine, and the experiences they gain create the foundation for meaningful careers and drive the economic and social vitality of our region.

This year, the Riverside Community College District's colleges have reinforced the value of high-quality education and the power of community investment, including the support provided through Measure CC. The stories and data in this folio demonstrate how students, families, businesses, and the broader community directly benefit from our work and shared commitment to success.

For a deeper view, explore the full online version of the Annual Report at:
annualreport.rccd.edu



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Message from the Chancellor

At the Riverside Community College District, students, faculty, community partners, and friends demonstrate every day what is possible when we work together with purpose. Our colleges have shown how education drives growth and opportunity.

Strengthened by community investment through avenues such as Measure CC, this District is expanding the footprint of higher education into more cities with projects like the upcoming Corona Education Center and the Inland Empire Technical Trade Center in Jurupa Valley.

According to the District's most recent economic impact study published in April 2025, for every dollar taxpayers invested in the District and its colleges during the previous fiscal year, the people of California will receive a cumulative value of \$9.50 in benefits. For every dollar students invested in an education at our colleges in the form of out-of-pocket expenses and forgone time and money, graduates will receive an average of \$8.70 in higher future earnings.

From technical training to academic programs, every student we serve contributes to a more skilled, innovative, and resilient workforce in the Inland Empire. By expanding programs and facilities, and connecting learners to career pathways, our colleges ensure students are ready for in-demand jobs while expanding the socioeconomic opportunities for residents, businesses, and the communities we serve

This work is made possible by the trust and support of those we serve. Together, we are shaping individual futures and building a stronger, more prosperous region for generations to come.

In Community,



Wolde-Ab Isaac, Ph.D.

Chancellor

Riverside Community College District





Measure CC Propels RCCD into a New Era of Education and Workforce Development

In November 2024, voters approved Measure CC, a \$954 million bond initiative empowering the Riverside Community College District (RCCD) to modernize and expand its educational infrastructure. With over 58% voter support, the measure addresses the region’s growing demand for higher education and skilled workforce training.

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The approved funds will facilitate significant upgrades across RCCD’s campuses: Moreno Valley College, Norco College, and Riverside City College. Plans include the renovation and demolition of outdated buildings, removal of hazardous materials, and modernization of classrooms and labs. Additionally, new facilities will be developed in Corona and Jurupa Valley, such as the Inland Empire Technical Trade Center, to support career and technical education throughout the Inland Empire.

The passage of Measure CC allows RCCD to upgrade facilities, expand training programs, and prepare students for high-demand careers, fueling workforce growth and supporting the region’s economic development.

A Timeline of Progress





Demographics At A Glance

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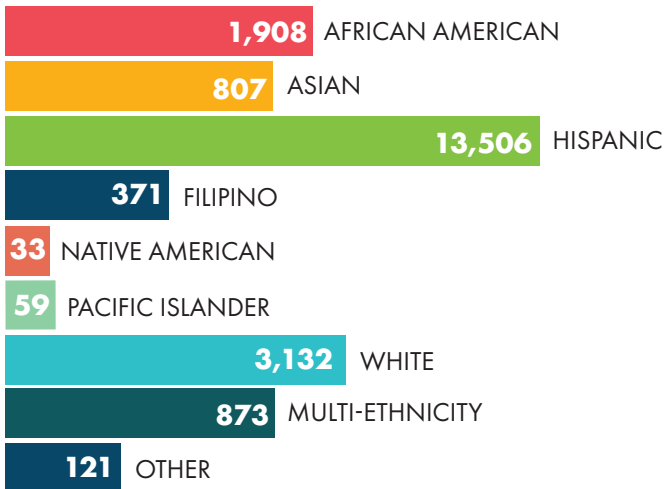
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Female

9,160
Male

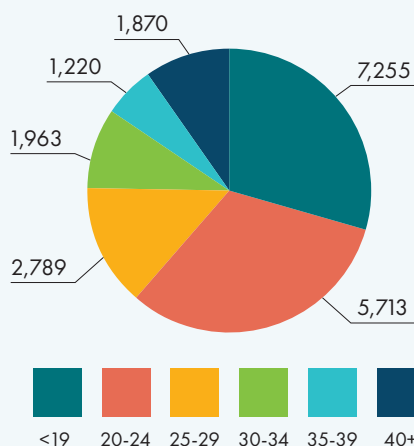


Additionally, 228 students identified as non-binary, and 130 students did not report their gender.

ETHNICITY



AGE



MVC ENROLLMENT

20,810
Total
Students

27.7%
Full-Time
Students

72.3%
Part-Time
Students

2025 DEGREES & CERTIFICATES

1,729
Associate Degrees
Awarded

1,020
Certificates
Awarded

1,713
Unique
Graduates

TRANSFERS

200
To UCs

358
To CSUs

277
To Out-of-State
Colleges or Universities

158
To In-State
Colleges or Universities

SPECIAL POPULATIONS

1,359
Veterans

7,052
First-Generation
College Students

543
Current or Former
Foster Youth

181
Students Whose First
Language Is Not English

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

3,615
Received
Pell Grants

1,441
Received
Cal Grants

Sources: Datamart for RCCD and Power Bi; MIS Query for RCCD

Moreno Valley College to Launch California's First Emergency Management Bachelor's Degree

Moreno Valley College (MVC) has earned state approval to launch California's first Bachelor of Science in Emergency Management, a groundbreaking program that will prepare students for leadership in disaster preparedness, response, and recovery. The degree is set to welcome its first cohort in Fall 2026, marking a historic milestone for the Riverside Community College District and the state.



Developed in partnership with leading agencies—including the Riverside County Emergency Management Department, CAL FIRE, and the California Emergency Services Association—the program directly responds to state and regional workforce demands. Statewide, job postings for emergency management directors grew by 18% over the past decade, yet until now, no public college or university in California has offered a bachelor's degree in the field.

The 120-unit program includes coursework in natural disasters, crisis communication, psychology of disaster, public safety finance, and project management, alongside a capstone and internship to provide real-world experience. The curriculum has been finalized, and marketing efforts are underway with a dedicated program website where students can express interest.

"The Emergency Management degree will transform access to high-quality, affordable education in one of the fastest growing career fields," said Professor Charles Wilhite, who led the program's development. "MVC is proud to create a pathway that meets the needs of students and strengthens our communities."

By pioneering this program, MVC continues its mission to provide education that is innovative, affordable, and aligned with California's workforce needs.



Read more about
Moreno Valley College
at bit.ly/MVC25AR
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the QR code.



Rudy Besikof, Ed.D., Named Fifth President of Moreno Valley College

The Riverside Community College District Board of Trustees appointed Rudy Besikof, Ed.D., as the fifth president of Moreno Valley College following a national search. A proven leader with more than thirty years in education, Besikof brings expertise in enrollment growth, student success, and equity. "Rudy Besikof is a proven leader who is deeply committed to the mission of California's community colleges," said RCCD Chancellor Wolde-Ab Isaac, Ph.D.



College Awarded \$1.36 Million TRIO Grant to Empower First-Generation Students

Moreno Valley College received a five-year, \$1.36 million U.S. Department of Education grant to continue its TRIO ACES program, which has supported more than 2,100 first-generation, low-income, and disabled students since 2010. The program provides academic counseling, mentoring, and transfer guidance, consistently exceeding federal performance benchmarks. "We're proud to continue helping students achieve their educational dreams," said Micki R. Grayson, director of TRIO Programs.



New Early Childhood Education Center Playground Supports Young Learners and Community

The renovated Early Childhood Education Center playground debuted February 27, offering a \$951,000 state-of-the-art space for creativity, sensory exploration, and physical activity. Funded through scheduled maintenance, the upgrade benefits young learners and provides hands-on training for MVC early childhood education students. "These children are future MVC students, leaders, and community members," said ECEC Manager Sandra Rivas.

NORCO COLLEGE

Demographics At A Glance

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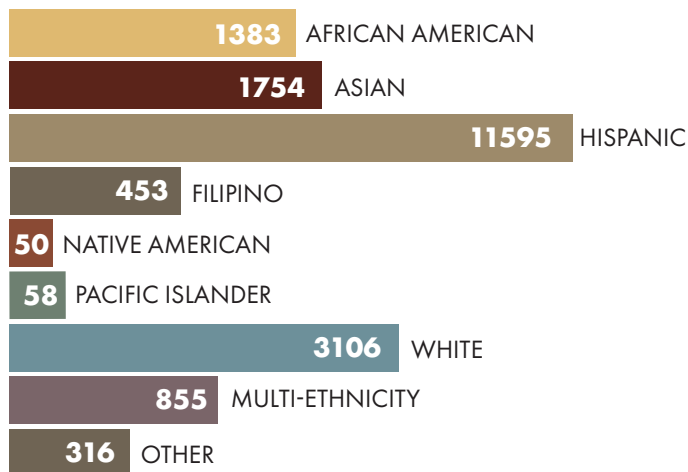
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Female

8,524
Male

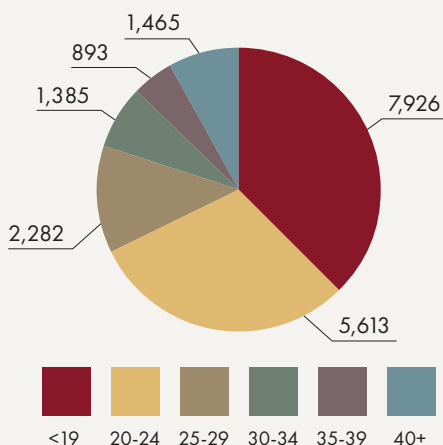


Additionally, 212 of students identified as non-binary, and 121 of students did not report their gender.

ETHNICITY



AGE



NC ENROLLMENT

19,570
Total
Students

26.5%
Full-Time
Students

73.5%
Part-Time
Students

2025 DEGREES & CERTIFICATES

1,924
Associate Degrees
Awarded

415
Certificates
Awarded

1,246
Unique
Graduates

TRANSFERS

371
To UCs

534
To CSUs

289
To Out-of-State
Colleges or Universities

170
To In-State
Colleges or Universities

SPECIAL POPULATIONS

1,279
Veterans

5,600
First-Generation
College Students

439
Current or Former
Foster Youth

611

Incarcerated or Justice
Involved Students

188

Students Whose First
Language Is Not English

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

2,434
Received
Pell Grants

956
Received
Cal Grants

Sources: Datamart for RCCD and Power Bi; MIS Query for RCCD

Norco College Expands Kinesiology Opportunities with New Program and Facility

Norco College is strengthening its kinesiology program by offering students hands-on experiences that prepare them for careers in health, fitness, and human performance.

Six kinesiology students participated in a new internship partnership with Wonderland Pediatric Therapy, gaining real-world experience in a clinical setting.

Through the program, students completed 50 hours of on-site training, assisted with projects assigned by clinic staff, and learned the day-to-day operations of a pediatric therapy center. They were also provided scrubs and mentored by professionals, giving them valuable insight into future career pathways.

"This partnership has been an incredible opportunity for our students to bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world application," said Ruben Aguilar, associate professor of kinesiology.

The internship reflects the department's growing commitment to career-based learning opportunities, and more partnerships are already being explored.

Adding to the momentum, the College recently broke ground on the new Center for Human Performance and Kinesiology (CHPK), a Measure CC-funded, 56,000-square-foot facility set to open in 2027. The two-story building will feature a gymnasium, exercise studios, wellness labs, and classrooms equipped with advanced technology to support both academic instruction and community engagement.

"The CHPK will give our students access to modern facilities that match the quality of the instruction they already receive," said Associate Professor Suzie Witmer.

Together, the program expansion and future CHPK building position Norco College as a regional leader in kinesiology education, offering students the tools and spaces to succeed in a growing field.



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Rocketry Team Takes Second Place in National Hybrid and Liquid Rocketry Competition

Norco College's Rocketry team earned second place in its altitude category at the 2025 FAR-OUT competition, marking the College's first entry into liquid propulsion. The team's rocket, Star Rider, successfully launched in the Mojave Desert, showcased innovation and skill. "Our students continue to rise to the challenge," said Lindsay Owens, Ph.D., assistant professor of physics. The achievement builds on Norco's growing legacy in aerospace education and student success.



Norco Music Celebrates 15 Years with Hall of Fame Launch

Marking 15 years of excellence, Norco College's award-winning music program launched the Norco Music Hall of Fame, a digital tribute honoring 24 standout alumni. The inductees include songwriters, producers, performers, and engineers who embody the program's spirit of innovation. The Hall of Fame offers exclusive interviews highlighting their journeys and the impact of Norco Music. "Their stories reflect the breadth and depth of talent" the program has fostered, inspiring future artists.



Middle College Program Marks Record Growth in Dual Diploma Graduates

This year, Norco College Middle College celebrates a record 105 students graduating with both a high school diploma and an associate degree—a 15% increase from last year. Founded in 2006, the program offers rigorous academic support enabling students to earn college credits while in high school. "This program empowers students to believe they are college-bound and successful," said Kylie Campbell, interim associate dean of educational partnerships.

Demographics At A Glance

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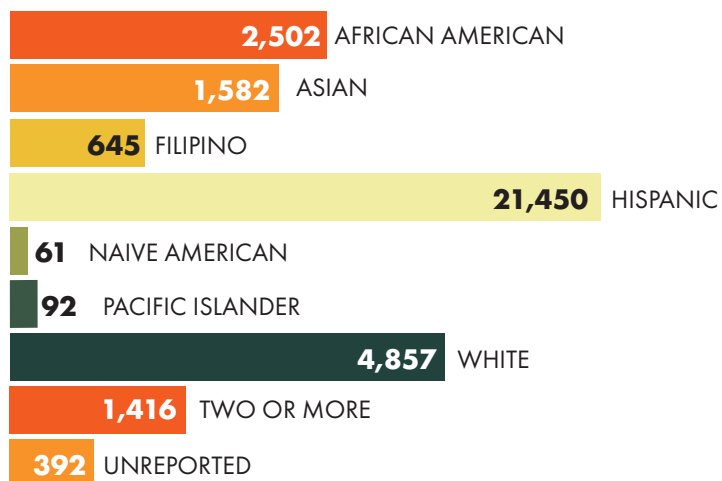
19,084
Female

Additionally, 554 of students identified as non-binary, and 319 of students did not report their gender.

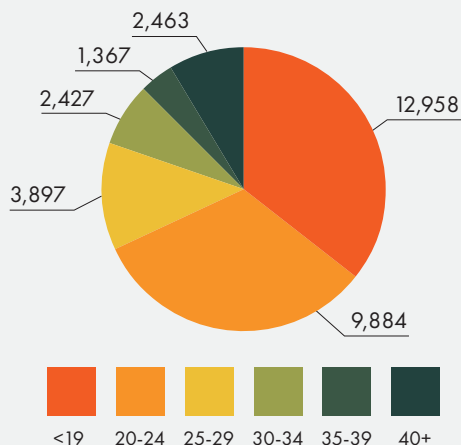


13,040
Male

ETHNICITY



AGE



RCC ENROLLMENT

32,997
Total
Students

25.5%
Full-Time
Students

74.5%
Part-Time
Students

2025 DEGREES & CERTIFICATES

3,340
Associate Degrees
Awarded

1,887
Certificates
Awarded

3,732
Unique
Graduates

TRANSFERS

521
To UCs

1,158
To CSUs

919
To Out-of-State
Colleges or Universities

521
To In-State
Colleges or Universities

SPECIAL POPULATIONS

1,814
Veterans

11,198
First-Generation
College Students

980
Current or Former
Foster Youth

293
Students Whose First
Language Is Not English

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

10,672
Received
Pell Grants

4,462
Received
Cal Grants

Riverside City College's Anesthesia Technology Program Earns Full Accreditation from CAAHEP

Achieving full initial accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) marks a major milestone for the Inland Empire's healthcare workforce. Riverside City College's Anesthesia Technology Program received this distinction upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation for Anesthesia Technology Education (CoA-ATE), with accreditation valid through 2030 and no areas of non-compliance identified.



The program equips students to become nationally certified, clinically competent anesthesia technologists through a curriculum that blends foundational knowledge with advanced clinical skills. Its mission reflects a commitment to serving a diverse student population while addressing the growing demand for specialized healthcare professionals in the region.

"This accreditation reaffirms the excellence of our Anesthesia Technology Program and the dedication of our faculty and staff in preparing students for successful careers in the field," said Tammy VantHul, dean of instruction for the School of Nursing. "We are proud to offer a program that meets the highest industry standards and serves the growing need for certified anesthesia technologists in our region."

This achievement strengthens the local workforce pipeline and expands access to high-quality allied health education. Previously, Pasadena City College was the only community college offering a similar accredited pathway. Now, this program offers a new, essential avenue for students to gain advanced skills and enter a critical healthcare profession, benefiting the Inland Empire, Desert Region, and North San Diego County.



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Riverside City College Earns Dual Distinctions in 2025 Carnegie Classifications

Riverside City College was recognized as a Mixed Associate Large institution and designated Higher Access, Medium Earnings in the 2025 Carnegie Classifications. These distinctions reflect RCC's broad academic offerings, large student body, and success in providing accessible, high-quality education that leads to strong outcomes. The designations affirm RCC's mission to serve diverse populations and promote equitable opportunities for student success.



RCC STEM Connect Expands Paid Research Opportunities

Riverside City College's STEM Connect program has placed 227 students in paid summer research projects over the past three years, partnering with CSU San Bernardino, UC Riverside, and CSU Fullerton. Students gain hands-on experience in faculty labs, receive mentorship, and earn stipends, while upcoming Summer 2026 placements will include a residential component with housing and meals covered. The program, funded by NSF and the U.S. Department of Education, advances STEM access and professional development.



Sandy Harris: A Story of Resilience and Lifelong Learning

At 63, Sandy Harris embodies determination and the spirit of lifelong learning at Riverside Community College District. Overcoming disability, life-threatening health challenges, and past hardships, she has persevered to complete her studies with the support of RCCD's scholarships, accessibility services, and resources. Sandy plans to graduate independently and pursue a counseling degree to help women overcome trauma, showing that it's never too late to start again and achieve one's educational dreams.

2024-2025 Quick Facts

COLLEGES



Accredited: 2010
20,810 Enrolled Students
mvc.edu



Accredited: 2010
19,570 Enrolled Students
norcollege.edu



Founded: 1916
32,997 Enrolled Students
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TOP 5 DEGREES

1. Interdisciplinary Studies
2. Business and Management
3. Health
4. Psychology
5. Social Sciences

AT A GLANCE

- RCCD covers 450 square miles in western Riverside County.
- RCCD serves six K-12 unified school districts.
- RCCD operates three regionally accredited colleges.
- Each college is certified as a Minority Serving Institution and Hispanic Serving Institution.
- Each college has a Veterans Resource Center to serve student Veterans and their dependents.

TOP 5 CERTIFICATES

1. Health
2. Public and Protective Services
3. Business and Management
4. Family and Consumer Sciences
5. Engineering and Industrial Technologies

Employee Demographics

TOTALS

62	750	1,021	477
Administrators	Classified Professionals	Full-Time Faculty	Part-Time Faculty

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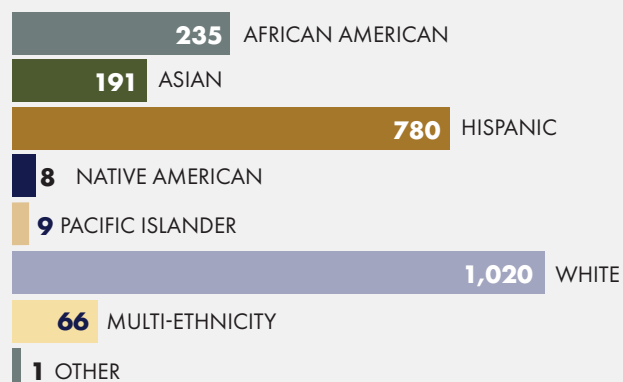
1,286
Female



1,024
Male

*Currently, data on non-binary employees is not collected.

ETHNICITY



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RCCD Students Begin New Chapter with Historic UCR Housing Initiative

Riverside Community College District (RCCD) and the University of California, Riverside (UCR), celebrated a milestone in August as more than 300 RCCD students moved into the newly completed North District 2 housing complex. The move marks the realization of a multi-year collaboration to expand access to affordable, high-quality student housing.



North District 2, the second phase of UCR's student housing expansion, adds 1,568 apartment-style beds across two seven-story buildings, including 652 offered at below-market rates for low-income students. The shared residential complex is California's first intersegmental housing partnership, integrating RCCD students directly into a university community.

Completed in just 21 months through a \$347.8 million investment — including \$126 million in state funding — the project reflects a statewide commitment to addressing student housing insecurity. Nearly one in five community college students experience homelessness during their academic careers.

For RCCD students, move-in day represented more than housing. It marked a step toward educational equity, with access to campus libraries, recreation facilities and academic support. The Residential Scholars program further supports their success by creating a living-learning environment that eases the transition to a four-year university.

RCCD Chancellor Wolde-Ab Isaac, Ph.D., called the project "two towers of equity," symbolizing progress toward inclusion and opportunity.

As doors opened at North District 2, a shared vision for student success became reality in Inland Southern California.



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63rd Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series Challenges Traditional Masculinity, Urges Emotional Intelligence

Eddie Perez, Ed.D., was honored as the 63rd Distinguished Faculty Lecturer for the Riverside Community College District. A professor of sociology at Riverside City College, Perez explored "From Strain to Strength: Rethinking Masculinity and Emotional Expression," challenging traditional gender norms that limit men's emotional range. Combining personal insight with research, he called for greater emotional intelligence, urging men to connect, communicate, and adapt to today's changing social and economic landscape.



RCCD Foundation Launches 50th Anniversary Celebration

The RCCD Foundation launched its 50th anniversary celebration, honoring five decades of scholarships, programs, and community engagement. Chancellor Wolde-Ab Isaac, Ph.D., said, "From its very beginning, philanthropy has fueled our progress," citing Measure CC and the Inland Empire Technical Trade Center. Board President Kyle Ybarra added, "Your involvement—whether through mentoring, serving on a committee, or supporting a scholarship fund—makes an enormous difference." Executive Director Jeffry Kaatz said, "The RCCD Foundation will continue to adapt, grow, and serve as a catalyst for opportunity across our region."



Chancellor Wolde-Ab Isaac Named Educator of the Year

Wolde-Ab Isaac, Ph.D., chancellor of the Riverside Community College District, was named Educator of the Year by the Inland Empire Economic Partnership. The honor recognizes his leadership, commitment to equity, and work expanding opportunities for students in the Inland Empire. "This recognition reflects the collective efforts of our RCCD community working tirelessly to transform lives through education," Isaac said. His work includes advancing student success and securing \$954 million for Measure CC improvements.

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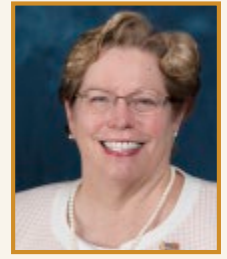
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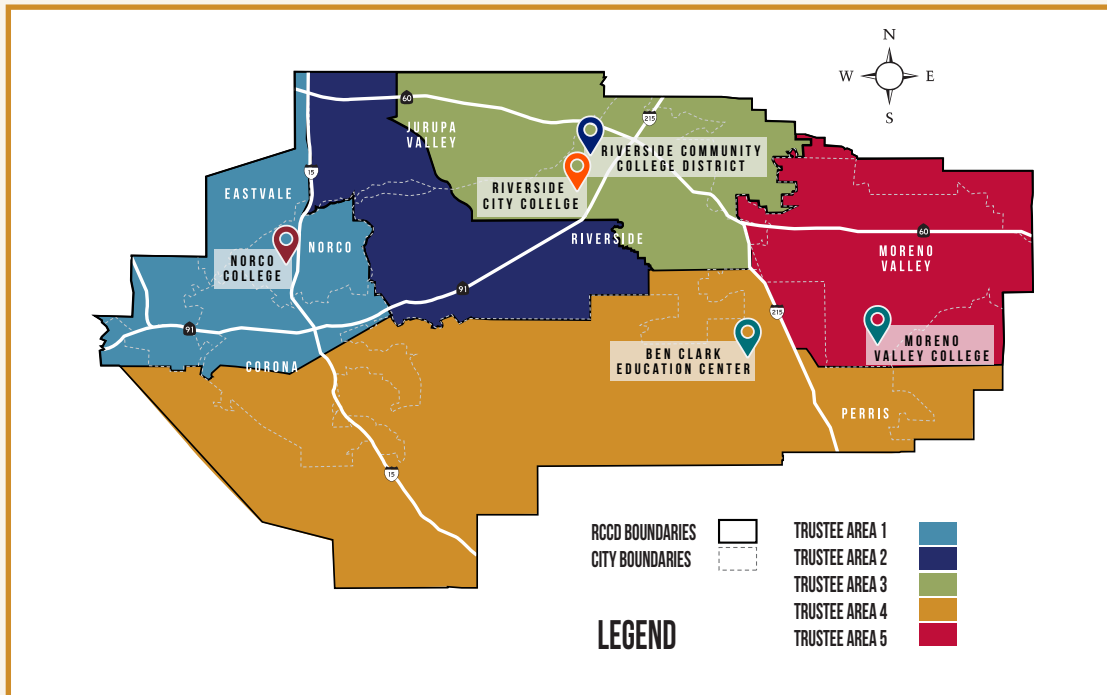
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Board Approved Land Acknowledgment Resolution

At the April 18, 2023 meeting of the RCCD Board of Trustees, a Land Acknowledgment Resolution (No. 57 – 22/23) was considered and passed to honor the indigenous people who first inhabited this land and the Native Americans who continue to reside in this area today. The resolution affirms the District’s intentions of maintaining the land’s integrity and the Tongva (Gabrieleno), Cahuilla, Payómkawichum (Luiseño), Serrano and Cupeño tribes’ legacy.

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