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Los Angeles Community College District The Choice for Higher Education

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The growth of the Los Angeles regional economy depends upon a skilled workforce that the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) has been committed to providing. Nine colleges cover an area of more than 882 square miles and serve students from 36 cities throughout Los Angeles County.

- LACCD annually enrolls between 200,000 and 240,000 students.
- LACCD is the largest and arguably the most ethnically diverse in California, with a student population that is 51% Latino, 16% African American, 14% Asian, and 17% White.
 - ▼ LACCD enrolls nearly 3 times as many African American students as all 10 UC schools.
 - ▼ LACCD enrolls nearly 2 times as many Latino students as all 10 UC schools.
- 42% of LACCD students are first generation college students.
- 15% of LACCD students were raised by parents who received less than a high school education.
- 43% of LACCD students report incomes at or below the poverty line.
- Despite these challenges, LACCD students significantly improve their economic circumstances upon achieving certificates, A.A. degrees or transfer to the CSU or UC.

Economic Impact

- LACCD students with an A.A. degree earn 39% more per year than those with only a high school diploma.
 - For every \$1.00 that students invest in LACCD, they receive a cumulative \$7.60 in higher future income.
 - Taxpayers receive an estimated return of \$2.30 on every \$1.00 of state and local tax money invested in the LACCD.
 - The Los Angeles County economy receives roughly \$9.1 billion in regional income each year due to the LACCD and its past and present students.
 - The state economy is highly dependent upon an educated and skilled workforce. Without adequate state funding, the quality of LACCD's educational programs will deteriorate and student access will be curtailed substantially.
 - If legislators decide upon an "all cuts" budget, LACCD will assume between a 12% to 15% reduction and, regrettably, 33,000 fewer students will be served throughout the District. In addition, 3300 fewer class sections will be offered.
 - The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that there is a shortage in the nation's labor force of workers with up to two years postsecondary education.
 - Community colleges train 80% of all California firefighters, law enforcement officers, and emergency medical technicians.
 - 70% of California nurses received their education at a community college.
 - Over 80% of community college students work; many attend college for re-training, skills upgrades, and license retention and renewal.
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