

## Descriptive Background and Demographics

### College History

Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTC) is a community college offering both specialized vocational programs and a full range of courses in academic disciplines. The college is an open access institution whose mission, in brief, is to provide comprehensive educational opportunities and career training for the population it serves.

LATTC is located on a twenty-five acre site near the central business district of downtown Los Angeles. This central location makes the college accessible to a large portion of the Los Angeles area via the existing network of freeways and public transportation, including the Blue Line portion of the metro rail system.

In response to the needs of industry to provide post-secondary vocational training, the college began in 1925 by offering a course in power sewing located in a manufacturing plant. This led to the development of the Frank Wiggins Trade School, named after an individual on the chamber of commerce who led in promoting the development of the Los Angeles area workforce. The school relocated to a new building on the corner of Venice Boulevard and Olive Street in 1926 and, in the inter-war period, gained a reputation for excellence through the success of its graduates in industrial careers and the dedication of its faculty and staff. During World War II, the college was extensively involved in labor force training in support of the war effort through the federal War Production Program. The end of the war and the return of the economy to civilian purposes together with the infusion of federal funds for training veterans led to an expanded demand for education and training at the college. In response to this need, the college added academic subjects to its curriculum. In 1949, it officially became Los Angeles Trade-Technical College, offering the associate degree in vocational disciplines. LATTC moved to its current location on the corner of Washington Boulevard and Grand Avenue in 1957. In 1969, the college became part of the newly formed Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD). Currently, LATTC is one of the nine colleges that make up the LACCD, one of the largest community college districts in the nation.

The college has evolved in response to the needs of the private and public sectors and its community. Currently, the college offers associate degrees or certificates of completion in over sixty-five distinct vocational disciplines. It also offers a full academic curriculum and associate degrees in liberal arts general education and through the Program for Accelerated College Education (PACE).

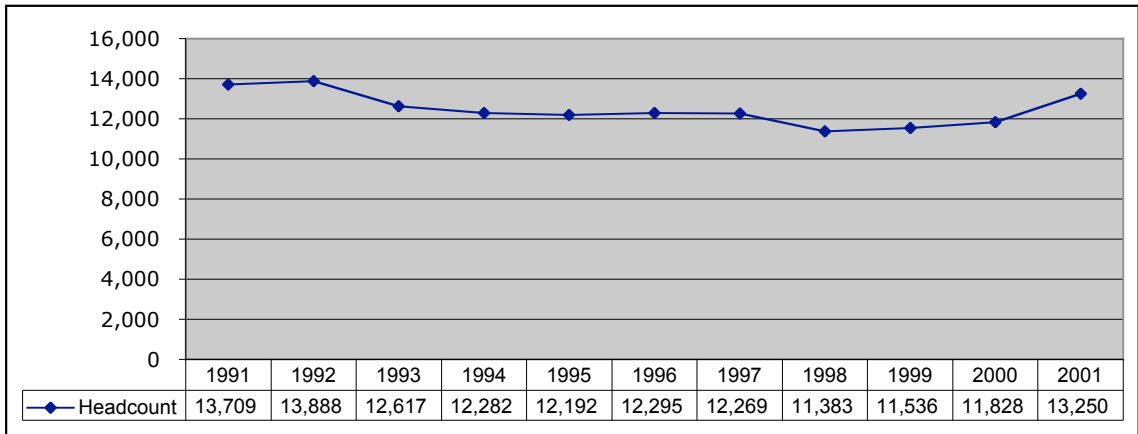
Historic and current college data is maintained on the website of the Office of Research and Planning. Data includes enrollments, FTES, graduation rates, success and retention rates, demographics and other various documents and records. The website is available at [www.lattc.edu/dept/tisp/index.cfm](http://www.lattc.edu/dept/tisp/index.cfm).

Student Characteristics Fall 2003 Enrollments						
Characteristic	Credit		Non-Credit		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
<b>Total Enrollments</b>	<b>13,437</b>	<b>93.2%</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>14,411</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Gender</b>						
Female	6,893	51.3%	386	39.6%	7,279	50.5%
Male	6,544	48.7%	588	60.4%	7,132	49.5%
<b>Ethnicity</b>						
African American	4,044	30.1%	91	9.3%	4,135	28.7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,017	7.6%	18	1.8%	1,035	7.2%
Caucasian	726	5.4%	3	0.3%	729	5.1%
Hispanic	7,097	52.8%	846	86.9%	7,943	55.1%
Native American	64	0.5%	0	0.0%	64	0.4%
Other	107	0.8%	2	0.2%	109	0.8%
Unknown	382	2.8%	14	1.4%	396	2.7%
<b>Citizenship</b>						
US Citizen	10,220	76.1%	256	26.3%	10,476	72.7%
Permanent Resident	2,198	16.4%	162	16.6%	2,360	16.4%
Refugee	88	0.7%	6	0.6%	94	0.7%
F-1 Visa	67	0.5%	6	0.6%	73	0.5%
Amnesty	174	1.3%	102	10.5%	276	1.9%
Unknown	690	5.1%	442	45.4%	1,132	7.9%
<b>Enrollment Status</b>						
New - First time to college	2,705	20.1%	681	69.9%	3,386	23.5%
New - Transfer	1,633	12.2%	48	4.9%	1,681	11.7%
Returning - Transfer	383	2.9%	3	0.3%	386	2.7%
Returning	782	5.8%	26	2.7%	808	5.6%
Continuing	7,168	53.3%	205	21.0%	7,373	51.2%
HS Student	766	5.7%	11	1.1%	777	5.4%
Unknown	0		0		0	
<b>Unit Load</b>						
Full time (12 or more units)	3,210	23.9%	NA	NA	3,210	23.9%
Part time (less than 12 units)	10,227	76.1%	NA	NA	10,227	76.1%
<b>Time of Day</b>						
Day Only	6,970	51.9%	111	11.4%	7,081	49.1%
Day and Evening	1,998	14.9%	35	3.6%	2,033	14.1%
Evening Only	4,469	33.3%	828	85.0%	5,297	36.8%
<b>Age</b>						
Under 20	2,046	15.2%	68	7.0%	2,114	14.7%
20-24	3,247	24.2%	202	20.7%	3,449	23.9%
25-29	2,004	14.9%	183	18.8%	2,187	15.2%
30-34	1,559	11.6%	144	14.8%	1,703	11.8%
35-39	1,306	9.7%	105	10.8%	1,411	9.8%
40-49	1,720	12.8%	153	15.7%	1,873	13.0%
50+	881	6.6%	74	7.6%	955	6.6%
Unknown	634	4.7%	45	4.6%	679	4.7%

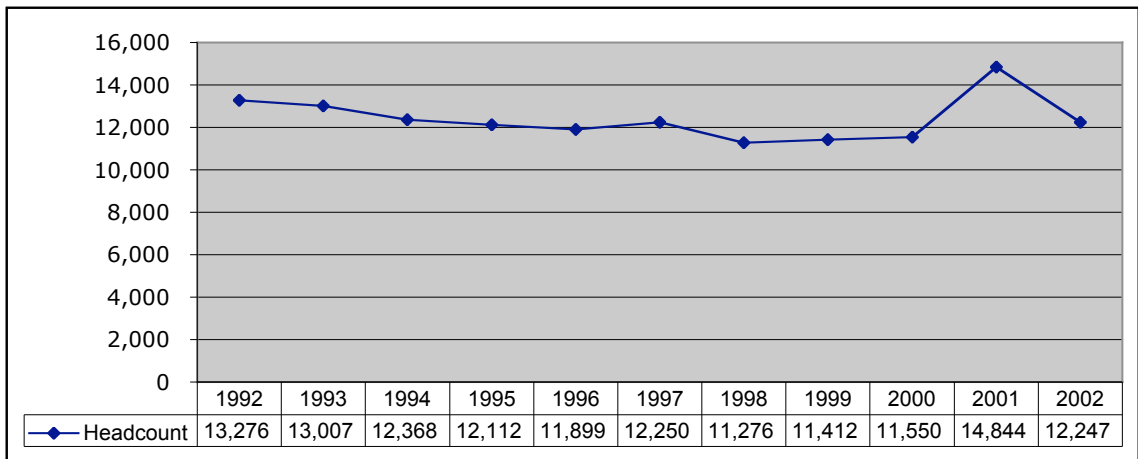
Student Characteristics Spring 2002 Enrollments						
Characteristic	Credit		Non-Credit		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
<b>Total Enrollments</b>	<b>12,743</b>	<b>90.0%</b>	<b>1,409</b>	<b>10.0%</b>	<b>14,152</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Gender</b>						
Female	6,420	50.4%	664	47.1%	7,084	50.1%
Male	6,323	49.6%	745	52.9%	7,068	49.9%
<b>Ethnicity</b>						
African American	3,773	29.6%	281	19.9%	4,054	28.6%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,010	7.9%	47	3.3%	1,057	7.5%
Caucasian	707	5.5%	5	0.4%	712	5.0%
Hispanic	6,762	53.1%	1,043	74.0%	7,805	55.2%
Native American	47	0.4%	5	0.4%	52	0.4%
Other	95	0.7%	5	0.4%	100	0.7%
Unknown	349	2.7%	23	1.6%	372	2.6%
<b>Citizenship</b>						
US Citizen	9,644	75.7%	707	50.2%	10,351	73.1%
Permanent Resident	2,262	17.8%	285	20.2%	2,547	18.0%
Refugee	92	0.7%	17	1.2%	109	0.8%
F-1 Visa	69	0.5%	3	0.2%	72	0.5%
Amnesty	167	1.3%	56	4.0%	223	1.6%
Unknown	509	4.0%	341	24.2%	850	6.0%
<b>Enrollment Status</b>						
New - First time to college	1,834	14.4%	694	49.3%	2,528	17.9%
New - Transfer	1,339	10.5%	66	4.7%	1,405	9.9%
Returning - Transfer	326	2.6%	12	0.9%	338	2.4%
Returning	825	6.5%	82	5.8%	907	6.4%
Continuing	7,747	60.8%	523	37.1%	8,270	58.4%
HS Student	672	5.3%	32	2.3%	704	5.0%
<b>Unit Load</b>						
Full time (12 or more units)	2,996	23.5%	NA	NA	2,996	23.5%
Part time (less than 12 units)	9,747	76.5%	NA	NA	9,747	76.5%
<b>Time of Day</b>						
Day Only	6,205	48.7%	187	13.3%	6,392	45.2%
Day and Evening	2,437	19.1%	313	22.2%	2,750	19.4%
Evening Only	4,101	32.2%	909	64.5%	5,010	35.4%
<b>Age</b>						
Under 20	2,079	16.3%	215	15.3%	2,294	16.2%
20-24	2,971	23.3%	310	22.0%	3,281	23.2%
25-29	1,891	14.8%	242	17.2%	2,133	15.1%
30-34	1,562	12.3%	154	10.9%	1,716	12.1%
35-39	1,263	9.9%	121	8.6%	1,384	9.8%
40-49	1,618	12.7%	190	13.5%	1,808	12.8%
50+	1,359	10.7%	177	12.6%	1,536	10.9%

Student Characteristics Fall 2001 Enrollments						
Characteristic	Credit		Non-Credit		Total	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
<b>Total Enrollments</b>	<b>13,250</b>	<b>91.7%</b>	<b>1,205</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>14,455</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Gender</b>						
Female	6,313	47.6%	586	48.6%	6,899	47.7%
Male	6,937	52.4%	619	51.4%	7,556	52.3%
<b>Ethnicity</b>						
African American	3,632	27.4%	196	16.3%	3,828	26.5%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,101	8.3%	31	2.6%	1,132	7.8%
Caucasian	760	5.7%	11	0.9%	771	5.3%
Hispanic	7,253	54.7%	935	77.6%	8,188	56.6%
Native American	68	0.5%	6	0.5%	74	0.5%
Other	97	0.7%	3	0.2%	100	0.7%
Unknown	339	2.6%	23	1.9%	362	2.5%
<b>Citizenship</b>						
US Citizen	10,169	76.7%	614	51.0%	10,783	74.6%
Permanent Resident	2,299	17.4%	264	21.9%	2,563	17.7%
Refugee	89	0.7%	3	0.2%	92	0.6%
F-1 Visa	70	0.5%	5	0.4%	75	0.5%
Amnesty	147	1.1%	32	2.7%	179	1.2%
Unknown	476	3.6%	287	23.8%	763	5.3%
<b>Enrollment Status</b>						
New - First time to college	2,659	20.1%	861	71.5%	3,520	24.4%
New - Transfer	1,254	9.5%	68	5.6%	1,322	9.1%
Returning - Transfer	335	2.5%	26	2.2%	361	2.5%
Returning	905	6.8%	68	5.6%	973	6.7%
Continuing	6,665	50.3%	163	13.5%	6,828	47.2%
HS Student	1,430	10.8%	19	1.6%	1,449	10.0%
Unknown	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.0%
<b>Unit Load</b>						
Full time (12 or more units)	2,856	21.6%	NA	NA	3,210	24.2%
Part time (less than 12 units)	10,394	78.4%	NA	NA	10,227	77.2%
<b>Time of Day</b>						
Day Only	6,784	51.2%	165	13.7%	6,949	48.1%
Day and Evening	2,324	17.5%	150	12.4%	2,474	17.1%
Evening Only	4,142	31.3%	890	73.9%	5,032	34.8%
<b>Age</b>						
Under 20	2,764	20.9%	138	11.5%	2,902	20.1%
20-24	3,119	23.5%	257	21.3%	3,376	23.4%
25-29	1,947	14.7%	232	19.3%	2,179	15.1%
30-34	1,575	11.9%	179	14.9%	1,754	12.1%
35-39	1,336	10.1%	129	10.7%	1,465	10.1%
40-49	1,731	13.1%	179	14.9%	1,910	13.2%
50+	778	5.9%	91	7.6%	869	6.0%

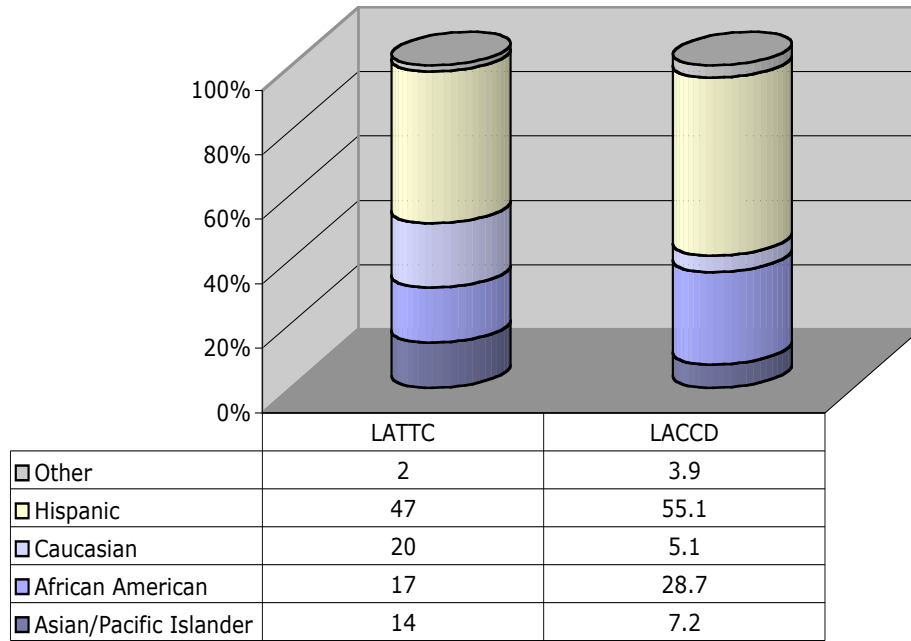
**Fall Census Headcount, 1991-2001**



**Spring Census Headcount, 1992-2002**



**LATTC & LACCD Ethnic Composition, Fall 2001**



**LATTC Ethnic Composition, Fall 1998-2002**

