

# Demographic Information



## Census 2000

The 2000 Decennial Census showed that Orange County had a population of 2,846,289, an increase of nearly 20% since the 1990 census. With a 2009 population of more than 3.1 million, Orange County (OC) continues to grow. Over the past five years, the population has increased by nearly 100,000. Growth for the cities within the Fullerton College (FC) community was only slightly less at 17.1%, with Anaheim growing nearly 25%. Over the past year, cities of the FC community mirrored the county growth of slightly less than 1%. As the population has continued to grow in northern OC, the college has seen greater demands placed upon its educational resources, facilities and programs. Population growth is projected to continue at high levels, exceeding the national average of about 10% for this decade.

According to projections by the California Department of Finance, the total population in OC is projected to grow by 11.9% between 2000 and 2010. The Center for Demographic Research at California State University, Fullerton, predicts that the population of the FC community will grow by 10.0% during the same period. This compares to projected state growth of 16.4% and the nation's 8.6%. While the projected percentage increase in the FC community and OC will not keep pace with the state's projected growth, there will be a projected population growth of more than 30,000 in the FC community and nearly 350,000 in OC through this decade.

By the year 2030, OC is projected to grow by nearly 33% over its 2000 levels, compared with the state's 51.1% and the nation's 26.6%. By the year 2025, the FC community is projected to grow by 18%, representing a population increase of more than 100,000. Not only have OC and the FC community seen tremendous growth over the last 20 years, the area will grow substantially over the next 10 years and beyond. Evaluation of population changes as they relate to plans for facility and program development are critical to the college's ability to meet the educational needs of the area's citizens and the workforce needs of the community. Understanding and anticipating population growth

by each city provides important information for recruiting new students to the colleges, as well as locating off campus programs to meet community needs.

The ethnic and racial mix of California, Orange County, and the Fullerton College community has been rapidly changing for the past 10 years. The inclusion of new racial/ethnic categories in Census 2000 has allowed individuals to indicate two or more races for the first time in United States history. California has been a non-majority state for several years, and Orange County no longer has a white majority. The cities comprising the Fullerton College service area also have no racial majority. Both Anaheim and La Habra now have Hispanic pluralities.

In 2000, 1.5% of the Orange County population was African American, 13.8% was Asian/Pacific Islander, 30.8% was Hispanic, 0.3% was American Indian/Alaskan Native, 51.2% was White, 0.2% was Other, and 2.3% was two or more races. In 2000, 2.0% of the Fullerton College service area population was African American, 12.1% was Asian/Pacific Islander, 37.9% was Hispanic, 0.3% was American Indian/Alaskan Native, 45.3% was White, 0.2% was Other, and 2.2% was two or more races.

Projections indicate that Orange County will have a Hispanic majority by 2040 and that the Asian proportion of the population will also increase to nearly equal the white proportion of the population. Changes in the ethnic composition of the population, particularly the growth of groups that have traditionally been underrepresented in higher education, are important to understand. Support services that are needed may be different for student groups that have traditionally been underrepresented, as their numbers begin to increase. These data indicate stronger growth in population groups that have traditionally been underrepresented in higher education. These changes will have important planning implications for the college.

Public school enrollment has declined slightly over the past five years and is projected to continue to

decline in Orange County for the next five years. Within the areas primarily served by the college, only Fullerton has shown an enrollment decline; Placentia-Yorba Linda actually grew by 5% over the past five years. The so-called Tidal Wave II has crested and there will be fewer high school graduates in the foreseeable future.

## **Educational Information**

The selected indicators reveal great variability in the characteristics of the top feeder high schools to Fullerton College and point to some of the challenges facing the faculty, staff, and administration of the college in both providing access and promoting success. Many of the students who will be entering Fullerton College over the next several years are from underrepresented groups, have fewer economic resources, are English language learners, and first-generation college-goers. Relatively few have pursued an educational program which prepared them for entry to California State University or University of California campuses, though the percentage of local high school graduates who are UC/CSU eligible and the percentages who have demonstrated proficiency in language arts and math have been increasing for the past several years.

## **Economic Indicators**

Community colleges are the higher education segment providing workforce education that is most directly related to the local economy. Understanding the changing nature of the area's economy is critical to aligning current academic programs as well as developing new academic programs to meet the needs of local business and industry. What follows is a synopsis of the key economic changes in Orange County important to educational planning at Fullerton College.

The data clearly show the difficult economic condition of the state and the local area. The civilian labor force has declined for the first time this century, and the number of unemployed in the county has increased by nearly 100,000 over the

past three years, with a local unemployment rate nearly matching the high statewide unemployment rate. Anaheim has been particularly hard hit by the economic decline, with a high unemployment rate and more than 20,000 unemployed workers. These economic conditions typically lead to increased demand for educational services and have resulted in record enrollments at Fullerton College. As long as these conditions persist, demand will be high. Responding to this demand, particularly with dwindling resources, will require careful planning and resource allocation.

**Public School Enrollment in Fullerton College Feeder High School Districts**

Area	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	Change
Anaheim	32,975	33,112	33,076	33,343	33,719	2.3%
Brea Olinda	2,136	2,196	2,156	2,160	2,137	0.0%
Fullerton	16,742	16,299	16,499	16,321	16,343	-2.4%
Placentia-Yorba Linda	8,348	8,602	8,710	8,793	8,764	5.0%

**Fullerton College Top 10 Feeder High Schools: Demographic Indicators**

School	Total Students	Percent Hispanic	Percent Free or Reduced Lunch	Percent English Language Learners	Percent Disadvantaged	Percent Parents College Graduates
Anaheim	3,262	92%	75%	36%	83%	6%
Brea Olinda	2,056	22%	16%	6%	15%	36%
El Dorado	2,568	20%	14%	4%	12%	34%
Esperanza	3,126	13%	9%	2%	7%	38%
Fullerton	2,065	53%	56%	14%	41%	18%
Katella	2,749	80%	61%	27%	64%	12%
La Habra	2,266	58%	35%	14%	27%	23%
Sonora	2,126	54%	33%	17%	26%	24%
Sunny Hills	2,631	21%	15%	9%	14%	40%
Troy	2,640	17%	12%	5%	8%	35%

**Fullerton College Top 10 Feeder High Schools: Academic Indicators**

School	API Score	API Rank	API Comp Rank	Percent UC/CSU Eligible Grads	Language Arts Proficient	Math Proficient
Anaheim	701	4	9	13%	31%	13%
Brea-Olinda	804	9	3	55%	63%	47%
El Dorado	811	9	5	48%	63%	50%
Esperanza	832	10	5	53%	69%	65%
Fullerton	768	8	9	31%	53%	28%
Katella	690	4	6	27%	36%	19%
La Habra	778	8	8	31%	51%	38%
Sonora	762	7	4	30%	54%	26%
Sunny Hills	855	10	6	54%	69%	48%
Troy	917	10	10	57%	85%	72%

**Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment for Fullerton College Area, July 2009**

Measures	Anaheim	Brea	Fullerton	La Habra	Placentia	Yorba Linda
Civilian Labor Force	181,300	21,800	73,400	32,600	28,700	36,000
Employed	159,000	20,300	65,500	29,100	26,200	33,700
Unemployed	22,300	1,400	7,900	3,500	2,500	2,300
Unemployment Percent	12.3%	6.6%	10.8%	10.9%	8.6%	6.4%

**Projected Growth in Top 10 Orange County Occupations Requiring an AA or Vocational Training**

Occupation	2006	2016	Change	Change
Registered Nurses	17,780	21,660	3,880	21.8%
Medical Secretaries	8,410	10,150	1,740	20.7%
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	7,300	8,420	1,120	15.3%
Computer Support Specialists	7,870	8,840	970	12.3%
Legal Secretaries	3,610	4,370	760	21.1%
Dental Hygienists	2,240	2,990	750	33.5%
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	2,330	3,060	730	31.3%
Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	5,290	6,010	720	13.6%
Licensed Practical and Vocational Nurses	4,560	5,250	690	15.1%
Computer Specialists, All Other	4,080	4,690	610	15.0%

