

## LOCATION OF THE DISTRICT

The El Camino College (ECC) campus is located in the southeastern corner of Los Angeles County. The El Camino Community College District encompasses eight cities and one unincorporated area of Los Angeles County: El Segundo, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lennox, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, and Torrance.

**Figure – 1**  
**District Location**



## SERVICE AREA DEMOGRAPHICS

ECC is located in the southeastern portion of the District's defined geographical service area. The college's comprehensive programs and course offerings attract students from many surrounding community college districts. Therefore, it is important to look beyond the District boundaries when reviewing the demographics comprising the El Camino College community. A more appropriate 7.5-mile radius boundary has been indicated on the map above.

### Population and Housing Trends

Based on the United States Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census of Population and Housing forecasts 2003 ESRI Business Information Systems (ESRI BIS), the population within the 7.5-mile radius of ECC is expected to grow by about 5.3% from 1,392,841 in 2003 to 1,466,797 in 2008. A similar growth between 5.0% and 5.3% is expected for the area over the next five years when forecasting the growth in the number of households, families, owner and renter occupied households.

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### Population and Housing Trends

Population & Housing Trends	2003	2008	Growth Percentage
Population	1,392,841	1,466,797	5.3%
Households	447,694	470,945	5.2%
Families	314,216	330,764	5.3%
Owner Occupied Households	217,226	228,162	5.0%
Renter Occupied Households	230,468	242,783	5.3%

### Population by Age

The 5.3% overall growth within the 7.5-mile radius is unevenly distributed by age group. In the immediate future the college can expect to see a 15% increase in the number of traditional college age students, ages 18–24. Also worth noting is the large number of residents 45 and older projected for 2008. Approximately 31% of the total population living within 7.5 miles from the campus will be at least 45 years old. Therefore, ECC may decide to develop programs targeted to this large age group of residents.

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### Population by Age

Age Groups	Population - 2003	Population - 2008	Percentage Change
0 – 4	115,766	121,855	5.3%
5 – 14	239,651	233,522	-3.6%
15 – 19	109,106	122,852	2.6%
20 – 24	104,527	123,556	8.2%
25 – 34	204,773	201,820	-1.4%
35 – 44	215,694	205,233	-4.8%
45 – 54	170,699	196,864	5.3%
55 – 64	107,690	128,483	9.3%
65 – 74	69,770	72,443	3.8%
75 +	55,166	60,168	9.1%

### **Population by Race and Ethnicity**

Population growth within the 7.5-mile radius over the next five years predicts growth for most racial groups and a leveling off or decline of others. The breakdown is as follows: Hispanic Origin (Any Race) – 12.6%, Some Other Race Alone – 10.9%, Two or More Races – 26.8%, Asian Alone – 11.8%, and American Indian Alone – 47.0%. The categories of White Alone and Black Alone are expected to hold constant at the 2003 level. The category of Pacific Islander Alone is expected to decrease within the area over the next five years.

**Figure – 4**  
**Population by Race and Ethnicity**

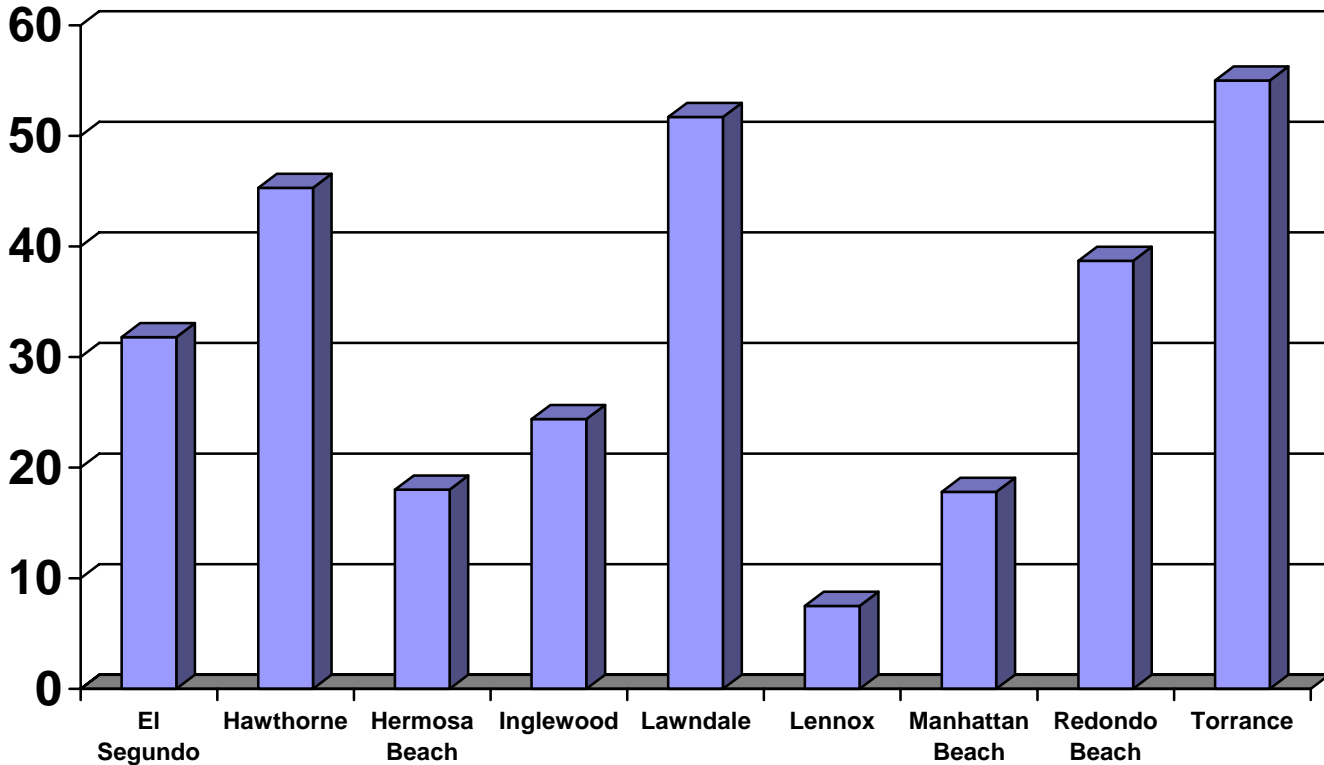
<b>Race &amp; Ethnicity</b>	<b>Population - 2003</b>	<b>Population - 2008</b>	<b>Percentage Change</b>
Hispanic Origin (Any Race)	575,910	648,732	12.6%
Some Other Race Alone	329,892	365,797	10.9%
Two or More Races	72,817	92,330	26.8%
Asian Alone	131,572	147,105	11.8%
American Indian Alone	10,807	15,886	47.0%
White Alone	470,776	472,327	.3%
Black Alone	368,869	365,758	-0.8%
Pacific Islander Alone	8,107	7,595	-6.3%

### Participation Rates

The rate of participation at ECC measures how many students attend academic credit courses at the college per 1,000 adults within a specified geographical area such as a city. The participation rate is a tool for the college to utilize to partially gauge the effectiveness of outreach efforts in the communities located

within a 7.5-mile radius of El Camino College. Figure 3 (below) shows the actual participation rate of 17.97 in the fall 2003 semester for all cities within a 7.5-mile radius of El Camino College. Naturally the cities with the highest participation rates are primarily the cities that are adjacent to or within close proximity to the campus.

**Figure – 5**  
**Participation Rates**



## **Student Enrollment**

### **Enrollment by Age Fall 2002, Spring 2003, Summer 2003**

The age distribution of students at El Camino College during the 2002-2003 academic year ranged from under 17 to over 50 years old. Nearly 55% of all ECC students were considered to be of traditional college age, 18–24 years old. The largest number of students (31.3%) was 20–24 years old while 23% of the student population was between 18 – 19 years old (see figure 1.6). As noted above, the traditional college age student demographic is expected to grow by 15% over the next five years.

**Figure – 6**  
**Enrollment by Age**

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Headcount</b>	<b>%</b>
17 or less	2,750	4.09%
18 – 19	15,481	23.03%
20 - 24	21,079	31.35%
25 – 29	8,495	12.64%
30 – 34	5,660	8.42%
35 – 39	4,049	6.02%
40 – 49	5,806	8.64%
50+	3,889	5.78%
Unknown	19	0.03%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>67,228</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

(Source: California Community Colleges, Chancellor’s Office)

### **Enrollment by Ethnicity**

Figure 7 compares the ethnic breakdown of the local general population to the El Camino College student population from fall 2003 and fall 1998. The student Hispanic population has grown but not as rapidly as the general Hispanic population. As a percentage, both the White and Black populations have decreased in both student and general populations. The Asian population has increased as a percentage of the overall student population while decreasing as a percentage of the local general population.

**Figure – 7**  
**Enrollment by Ethnicity**

<b>Ethnicity 2003</b>	<b>General Population</b>	<b>Student Body</b>	<b>% Difference</b>	<b>Ethnicity 1998</b>	<b>General Population</b>	<b>Student Body</b>	<b>% Difference</b>
Hispanic	50.3%	28.4%	-21.9%	Hispanic	44%	27.2%	-16.8%
White	34.2%	23.9%	-10.3%	White	36%	25.7%	-10.3%
Black	22.2%	18.0%	-4.2%	Black	26%	19.9%	-6.1%
Asian	8.7%	19.7%	+11.0%	Asian	10%	15.2%	+5.2%
Other	35.0%	11.0%	-24.0%	Other	28%	12.2%	-15.8%

(Source: 2003 ESRI BIS and Spring 2003 El Camino College)

**Enrollment by Gender fall semester 2002 compared to fall semester 1998**

The ratio of females to males has decreased by a marginal amount when compared to the 1998 master plan statistics.

**Figure – 8**  
**Enrollment by Gender**

<b>Gender</b>	<b>2002 Headcount</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>1998 Headcount</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Female	15,349	53.2%	12,755	55.5%
Male	13,264	46.0%	10,230	44.5%
Unknown	236	0.8%	N/A	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,849</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>22,985</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

(Source: California Community Colleges, Chancellor’s Office)

**Educational Status - Fall 2002, Spring 2003, Summer 2003**

Figure 9 depicts the highest level of education attained by students upon admittance to ECC. Most of the admitted students, 37.4%, entered with an academic level of High School Graduate. Approximately 10% of the student population was comprised of individuals who earned an associate or bachelor degree prior to enrollment at El Camino College.

**Figure – 9**  
**Educational Status**

<b>Academic Level</b>	<b>Headcount</b>	<b>%</b>
Associate of Arts Degree	2,504	3.7%
Bachelor of Arts Degree	4,443	6.6%
Freshman & Continuing/Adult School	392	0.6%
Freshman High School Graduate	25,107	37.4%
Freshman No High School Graduation	3,173	4.7%
Other High School Graduate greater than 60 Units	4,291	6.4%
Other No High School Graduation equal to 60 Units	211	0.3%
Sophomore & Continuing/Adult School	70	0.1%
Sophomore High School Graduate	7,724	11.5%
Sophomore No High School Graduate	356	0.5%
Special Admit K-12	2,529	3.8%
Unknown	16,428	24.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>67,228</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

(Source: California Community Colleges, Chancellor’s Office)

### Student Enrollment by Disability Status for Fall 2002 and Spring 2003

Figure 10 details the various disabilities of students attending El Camino College. Special resources have been provided to the students at El Camino College who require alternative media or accommodations to enable them to benefit from the educational experience to the fullest extent possible.

**Figure – 10**  
**Student Enrollment by Disability Status**

<b>Primary Disability</b>	<b>Headcount</b>
Acquired Brain Injury	77
Developmentally Delayed Learner	140
Hearing Impaired	98
Learning Disabled	482
Mobility Impaired	240
Other Disability	216
Psychologically Disabled	129
Speech/Language Impaired	7
Visually Impaired	42
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,431</b>

(Source: California Community Colleges, Chancellor's Office)

### Average Units Attempted – Fall 2002, Spring 2003, Summer 2003

Figure 11 shows that during last year, 78% of El Camino College students enrolled in less than 12 units per semester with the most, 34.6%, enrolling in 3–5.9 units.

**Figure – 11**  
**Average Units Attempted**

<b>Unit Load Attempted</b>	<b>Headcount</b>	<b>%</b>
0.1 – 2.9	8,272	12.3%
3.0 – 5.9	23,246	34.6%
6.0 – 8.9	13,049	19.4%
9.0 – 11.9	7,834	11.7%
12.0 – 14.9	10,533	15.7%
15+	4,052	6.0%
Non-Credit	242	0.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>67,228</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

(Source: California Community Colleges, Chancellor's Office)

### **Enrollment Status - Fall 2002, Spring 2003, Summer 2003**

Approximately two-thirds of El Camino College's enrolled students were Continuing Students from the previous semester.

#### **Figure – 12**

##### **Enrollment Status**

<b>Enrollment Status</b>	<b>Headcount</b>	<b>%</b>
Continuing Student	45,001	66.9%
First-time Student	13,118	19.5%
First-time Transfer	2,014	3.0%
Not Applicable	1,966	2.9%
Returning Student	4,887	7.3%
Uncollected / Unreported	242	0.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>67,228</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

(Source: California Community Colleges, Chancellor's Office)

### **Student Enrollment by Time of Day - Fall 2002, Spring 2003, Summer 2003**

An overwhelming majority, 67.9% of the students enrolled at ECC attend during the day as shown in figure 13. This day to night ratio of two-thirds to one-third is not surprising considering the large number of traditional age students enrolled at El Camino College (figure 6).

#### **Figure – 13**

##### **Student Enrollment by Time of Day**

<b>Day/Evening Class</b>	<b>Headcount</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Day	45,670	67.9%
Evening	19,731	29.3%
Unknown	1,827	2.7%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>67,228</b>	<b>100%</b>

(Source: California Community Colleges, Chancellor's Office)



### Enrollment by High School

El Camino College freshman student enrollment by high school is illustrated in two separate figures to show the influx of students from district high schools as well as from out of district high schools.

**Figure – 14**  
**Enrollment by (District) High Schools (Fall 2002)**

<b>District High School</b>	<b># Incoming Freshmen</b>	<b>% Of Total Incoming Freshmen</b>
North	695	9.2%
Hawthorne	681	9.0%
Redondo	605	8.0%
West	595	7.8%
Torrance	556	7.3%
Mira Costa	526	6.9%
Leuzinger	492	6.5%
South	488	6.4%
Bishop Montgomery	276	3.6%
Inglewood	272	3.6%
El Segundo Senior	253	3.3%
Morningside	174	2.3%
<b>District Total</b>	<b>5,613</b>	<b>73.9%</b>

(Source: El Camino College)

**Figure – 15**  
**Enrollment by (Out of District) High Schools (Fall 2002)**

<b>Out-of-District High School</b>	<b># Incoming Freshmen</b>	<b>% Of Total Incoming Freshmen</b>
Gardena Senior	540	7.1%
Carson Senior	450	5.9%
Narbonne Senior	402	5.3%
San Pedro	268	3.5%
Washington	165	2.2%
Banning	155	2.0%
<b>Out-of-District Total</b>	<b>1,980</b>	<b>26.1%</b>

(Source: El Camino College)