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Trends in CSU Stanislaus' Degrees Awarded, 1997-98 to 2008-09

During the past 12 years the number of degrees awarded by California State University, Stanislaus has steadily increased. Although variations occurred during this time, the increase in total degrees was from 1,163 degrees conferred in 1997-98, to 1,681 degrees conferred in 2008-09. This represents an increase of 518 degrees conferred—a 44.5 percent increase. For the same period, Masters' degrees changed from 117 in 1997-98, to 252 in 2008-09—an increase of 135 Master's degrees or 115.4 percent. Clearly, CSU Stanislaus is working hard to prepare a greater number of students for the workforce. Workforce development is central to the University's mission and an essential part of economic development.

Table 1 displays the annual percentages by race/ethnicity, for women, and by college for both Bachelor's and Master's degrees earned. Table 2 displays the number of degrees conferred across selected characteristics from 1997-98 to 2008-09, as well as the absolute change value.

Table 1. Percent CSU Stanislaus Degrees Conferred by Selected Characteristics, College Year 1997-98 to 2008-09.

College Year	1997-1998	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
Total Degrees Conferred	**1163**	**1319**	**1354**	**1385**	**1382**	**1425**	**1550**	**1656**	**1714**	**1671**	**1740**	**1681**
Total Bachelor's Degrees Conferred	**1046**	**1181**	**1210**	**1267**	**1241**	**1282**	**1368**	**1454**	**1504**	**1459**	**1524**	**1429**
%White non-Hispanic	53.3	53.9	50.7	50.3	50.0	51.3	49.6	48.3	44.7	41.7	41.7	44.0
%Hispanic	19.2	20.0	22.1	23.0	22.2	21.1	21.6	23.0	23.2	23.2	26.7	23.4
%Asian/Pacific Islander	8.7	8.1	8.4	7.8	7.5	8.4	8.7	7.7	9.8	10.1	10.6	11.4
%African American	2.6	3.0	2.3	2.4	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.1	2.8	2.7	4.1	3.4
%American Indian	1.7	1.2	1.4	1.3	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.5
%Non-Resident Alien	0.9	1.4	1.7	1.3	1.0	0.8	1.7	0.9	1.5	1.4	0.9	1.0
%Other	13.6	12.4	13.2	13.9	15.6	14.4	14.5	17.1	17.3	19.9	15.1	16.2
%Women BA Degree	64.4	65.1	67.1	65.8	68.7	68.2	67.3	68.6	68.2	65.9	66.9	66.0
Average Age	30	30	30	29	29	30	29	29	29	28	28	27
College of the Arts	3.3	2.5	2.1	2.4	1.5	2.7	2.5	3.2	2.6	3.4	2.6	2.9
College of Business Administration	17.9	18.5	16.6	20.3	17.6	19.3	20.3	18.9	20.7	22.1	21.9	24.4
College of Education	27.9	29.0	33.5	34.3	34.2	32.2	31.1	26.3	26.8	20.8	18.6	16.2
College of Human and Health Sciences	11.5	13.0	11.5	9.3	12.8	9.4	10.5	14.4	12.8	13.4	16.0	17.3
College of Humanities and Social Sciences	32.0	29.9	29.8	28.3	26.9	29.4	29.5	29.9	30.9	32.1	32.7	32.3
College of Natural Sciences	7.5	7.1	6.5	5.3	7.0	7.0	6.1	7.3	6.3	8.2	8.1	6.9
Total Master's Degrees Conferred	**117**	**138**	**144**	**118**	**141**	**143**	**182**	**202**	**210**	**212**	**216**	**252**
%White non-Hispanic	66.7	60.9	56.3	68.6	55.3	57.3	59.9	55.9	51.4	50.0	47.2	38.9
%Hispanic	12.0	13.8	13.2	9.3	8.5	19.6	13.7	13.9	16.2	15.1	19.0	17.5
%Asian/Pacific Islander	6.8	8.0	9.0	11.0	7.8	7.0	6.0	8.9	3.8	9.4	7.4	6.7
%African American	1.7	2.2	5.6	0.0	5.7	1.4	2.7	5.0	3.8	7.1	4.6	5.6
%American Indian	1.7	0.7	1.4	0.8	1.4	0.0	1.1	2.0	1.4	1.4	1.9	1.2
%Non-Resident Alien	0.0	2.2	1.4	0.8	0.0	2.1	2.2	2.0	1.9	2.4	1.4	0.8
%Other	11.1	12.3	13.2	9.3	21.3	12.6	14.3	12.4	21.4	14.6	18.5	29.4
%Women MA Degree	68.4	69.6	66.0	61.0	67.4	66.4	65.9	68.3	62.9	67.5	66.7	69.8
Average Age	30	30	30	29	29	30	29	29	29	29	28	35
College of the Arts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
College of Business Administration	13.7	22.5	18.8	18.6	15.6	22.4	15.9	18.8	21.0	22.2	16.7	23.8
College of Education	13.7	26.1	19.4	28.0	15.6	24.5	22.0	32.7	28.6	29.2	22.2	23.4
College of Human and Health Sciences	49.6	26.8	36.8	29.7	44.7	28.7	40.1	25.7	30.0	29.2	31.5	23.8
College of Humanities and Social Sciences	22.2	21.0	24.3	21.2	22.7	23.8	21.4	21.8	20.0	19.3	29.2	28.6
College of Natural Sciences	0.9	3.6	0.7	2.5	1.4	0.7	0.5	1.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.4

Source: CSU Stanislaus, Office of Institutional Research
Note: Interdisciplinary Studies/Special Major included in College of Humanities and Social Sciences. No Master's Degree Program in the College of the Arts.

Analysis Brief (Vol. 1 No. 4, 2009; Vol. 1 No. 5, 2009) highlighted the remarkable demographic trends among first-time freshmen and undergraduate transfer enrollment that inevitably affect future graduating classes and that demonstrates the University's commitment to educating underserved communities. The result is that today, nearly two-of-three Bachelor's degrees are conferred to women: 64.4 percent in 1997-98, and 66 percent in 2008-09. A slightly greater proportion of Master's degrees are conferred to women: 68.4 percent in 1997-98, and 69.8 percent in 2008-09.

Among Bachelor's degree recipients, the absolute number of degrees conferred to white non-Hispanic students changed from 558 degrees in 1997-98, to 629 in 2008-09. The increase of 71 degrees amounts to a modest change of 12.7 percent. Meanwhile, among Hispanic students the increase is from 201 degrees in 1997-98, to 335 in 2008-09 for a change of 66.7 percent; the increase for Asian/Pacific Islanders was from 91 degrees in 1997-98, to 163 degrees in 2008-09 for a change of 79.1 percent; and the increase was from 27 degrees for Black/African Americans in 1997-98 to 48 degrees in 2008-09 for a change of 77.8 percent.

Another change is the average age of Bachelor's degree recipients has been trending downward. In 1997-98, the average age was 30 years of age and by 2008-09, the average age was 27 years of age. The average age of Master's degree recipients, however, changed upward from 30 years of age in 1997-98, to 35 years of age in 2008-09.

Taking into account all increases in Bachelor's degree production during this period, Hispanic students accounted for 35 percent of the growth, compared to 18.5 percent for white non-Hispanic students, and 18.8 percent for Asian/Pacific Islander students. More remarkable, however, is women accounted for 70 percent of the growth in Bachelor degrees awarded during this time.

Table 2. CSU Stanislaus Degrees Conferred, Selected Characteristics and Percent Change, College Year 1997-98 to 2008-09.

College Year	1997-1998	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	#Change: 1997-98 to 2008-09	%Change: 1997-98 to 2008-09
Total Degrees Conferred	**1163**	**1319**	**1354**	**1385**	**1382**	**1425**	**1550**	**1656**	**1714**	**1671**	**1740**	**1681**	**518**	**44.5**
Total Bachelor's Degrees Conferred	**1046**	**1181**	**1210**	**1267**	**1241**	**1282**	**1368**	**1454**	**1504**	**1459**	**1524**	**1429**	**383**	**36.6**
White non-Hispanic	558	637	614	637	620	658	678	703	672	608	636	629	71	12.7
Hispanic	201	236	268	291	275	271	295	334	349	339	407	335	134	66.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	91	96	102	99	93	108	119	112	148	148	162	163	72	79.1
African American	27	35	28	31	37	39	41	31	42	39	63	48	21	77.8
American Indian	18	14	17	17	11	12	13	12	10	15	13	7	-11	-61.1
NonResident Alien	9	16	21	16	12	10	23	13	23	20	13	15	6	66.7
Other	142	147	160	176	193	184	199	249	260	290	230	232	90	63.4
Women	674	769	812	834	852	874	920	998	1025	961	1020	943	269	39.9
Average Age	30	30	30	29	29	30	29	29	29	28	28	27		
College of the Arts	34	30	25	31	19	34	34	46	39	49	39	42	8	23.5
College of Business Administration	187	219	201	257	218	247	278	275	311	323	334	349	162	86.6
College of Education	292	342	405	435	424	413	426	382	403	304	284	232	-60	-20.5
College of Human and Health Sciences	120	153	139	118	159	121	143	210	192	195	244	247	127	105.8
College of Humanities and Social Sciences	335	353	361	359	334	377	403	435	464	468	499	461	126	37.6
College of Natural Sciences	78	84	79	67	87	90	84	106	95	120	124	98	20	25.6
Total Master's Degrees Conferred	**117**	**138**	**144**	**118**	**141**	**143**	**182**	**202**	**210**	**212**	**216**	**252**	**135**	**115.4**
White non-Hispanic	78	84	81	81	78	82	109	113	108	106	102	98	20	25.6
Hispanic	14	19	19	11	12	28	25	28	34	32	41	44	30	214.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	8	11	13	13	11	10	11	18	8	20	16	17	9	112.5
African American	2	3	8	0	8	2	5	10	8	15	10	14	12	600.0
American Indian	2	1	2	1	2	0	2	4	3	3	4	3	1	50.0
Non-Resident Alien	0	3	2	1	0	3	4	4	4	5	3	2	2	0.0
Other	13	17	19	11	30	18	26	25	45	31	40	74	61	469.2
Women	80	96	95	72	95	95	120	138	132	143	144	176	96	120.0
Average Age	30	30	30	29	29	30	29	29	29	29	28	35		
College of the Arts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
College of Business Administration	16	31	27	22	22	32	29	38	44	47	36	60	44	275.0
College of Education	16	36	28	33	22	35	40	66	60	62	48	59	43	268.8
College of Human and Health Sciences	58	37	53	35	63	41	73	52	63	62	68	60	2	3.4
College of Humanities and Social Sciences	26	29	35	25	32	34	39	44	42	41	63	72	46	176.9
College of Natural Sciences	1	5	1	3	2	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	0	0.0

Source: CSU Stanislaus, Office of Institutional Research
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