

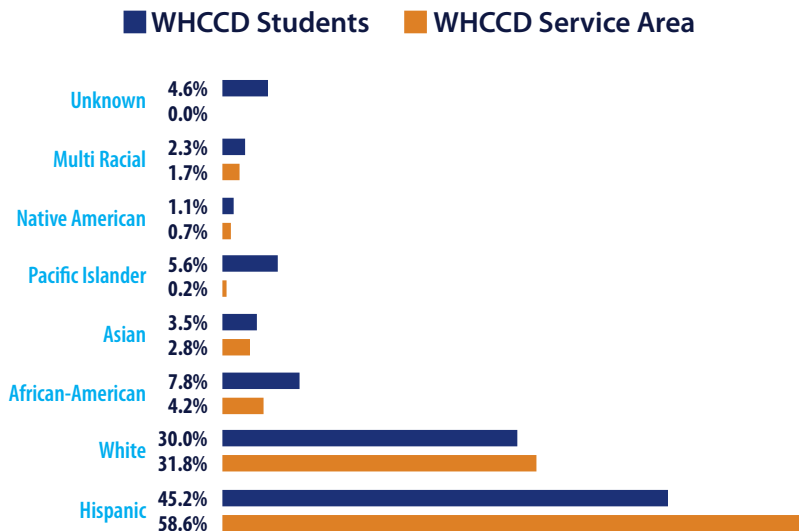
DEMOGRAPHICS

The West Hills Community College District service area includes the following cities: Armona, Avenal, Cantua Creek, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Hanford, Huron, Kettleman City, Laton, Lemoore, Mendota, Riverdale, San Joaquin, Stratford, Tranquillity. The WHCCD service area is relatively young, with 50 percent of its population below 30 years old. The ethnic demographics reveal that 58.6% of the population is Hispanic, 31.8% White, 5.1% African American, and considerably lower percentages for all other ethnicities. Based on projections from the California Department of Finance, the service area population has grown by 23% with the Hispanic population experiencing the largest growth rate at 46%.

West Hills Community College District is a “minority-majority area,” a service area in which a minority ethnic group is the numerical majority, with Hispanics being the largest group. With approximately 10,000 students enrolled in the 2009-2010 academic year, WHCCD’s student population is 45.2% Hispanic, 30% White, 7.8% African American, 3.5% Asian, 5.6% Pacific Islander, 1.1% Native American, and 2.3% multi racial. Seventy percent of WHCCD students are first generation college students. Based on financial need, 47% of students who attended WHCCD in the 2009-2010 academic year are from low-income families.

The district service area continues to experience significant growth:
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WHCCD Service Area & Student Demographics



Source: WHCCD Data Warehouse; CA Department of Finance Population Projections by City