



Institutional Effectiveness, Research, Planning, and Grants

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Welcome to the Spring 2025 IERPG Newsletter

We are excited to bring you the latest updates on our progress toward institutional goals, validated strategies to support student success, and resources to promote our shared mission. Let's build on the momentum of our collective efforts as we embark on another productive semester.

Spring 2025 Enrollment Update

Cerritos College is seeing a strong recovery in enrollment, with headcount and enrollment returning to pre-pandemic levels. We report full-time equivalent student (FTES) count to the State Chancellor's Office 3 times each academic year. As of the first 2025 reporting period, our FTES count stands at 16,159.96, a 2.5% increase over the previous year and aligning closely with our historical average of 16,500 FTES. We commend our outreach teams, Welcome Center staff, counselors, faculty, and staff.

Why enrollment matters: Enrollment plays a crucial role in college funding, with 70% of state apportionment tied to FTES count. Increased enrollment can provide additional funding to expand course offerings, add course sections, and enhance student support services, which in turn foster increased student success.

Where We Stand: Key Performance Indicators

As you know, our ambitious [goal](#) is to graduate at least 50% of our students within 5 years or less beginning with the Fall 2024 first-time, fall-start cohort (FTFS).

We are monitoring several key performance indicators (KPIs) to track our progress toward this goal.

How are we doing? As one of the strongest predictors of [timely degree completion](#), completion of transfer-level math and English in the first year is among our KPIs.

Initial data for the 2024 FTFS cohort is very encouraging: 18% of students completed transfer-level math and English by the end of Fall semester -- an all-time high for this metric. To put this number in context, 21% of 2023 FTFS cohort students completed transfer-level math and English in their first year -- only 14% by the end of Fall semester -- so we are tracking a significant improvement for the current cohort. These gains reflect the outstanding efforts of the LCP success teams and Liberal Arts and SEM divisions. Keep up the good work!

The table below shows a KPI comparison for the 2023 and 2024 FTFS cohorts at the end of their first Fall semester.

Fall 2023	End of Fall	4,061	78%	16%	65%	36%	49%	18%	43%	14%
Fall 2024	End of Fall	3,985	71%	19%	65%	40%	52%	23%	44%	18%

What we've achieved: **More students are attempting and completing 15+ units in their first semester, attempting transfer-level math, and completing transfer-level math and English.** We know that these metrics predict timely completion, so these improvements indicate real progress toward our goal and real success for students.

What's next? Over 80% of the 2024 FTFS cohort intend to earn a degree or transfer, so supporting students to succeed in these required courses is critical. We need to guide students toward full unit loads and foster early course success through immediate connection to additional support when needed.

Resources to Support You

IERPG is committed to empowering you with tools and data to drive success.

- *Want to monitor enrollment in your area?* The [Enrollment Management](#) dashboard displays daily updates of headcount, enrollment, and FTES by division, department, and course.
- *Wondering about demographics, transfer trends, degrees awarded, or popular majors at Cerritos?* Check out IERPG's new [Fast Facts](#) page, which will be updated each semester.

- *Need help with pathway-specific data? Contact your [LCP Data Coach](#). They can help you use existing data or request additional data or analyses from IERPG.*

Let's Continue Building Together

This semester, IERPG will continue to share actionable insights from recent research, support strategic initiatives, and foster collaboration across departments. Together, we can turn data into action to catalyze student success.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions, suggestions, or requests. We value your partnership and look forward to another semester of growth and achievement.

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