



# Community Colleges WORK for Oregon

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# Overview for Today

## Community Colleges WORK for Oregon

- ☐ Multiple Missions
- ☐ Funding & Student Needs
- ☐ Enrollment

## Community Colleges WORK for the Economy

- ☐ Economic Impact
- ☐ Working with Local Business/Industry

# Community Colleges **WORK** for Oregon

**Oregon's most affordable choice for  
higher education for ALL Oregonians**



**60**  
**SATELLITE**  
**LOCATIONS**



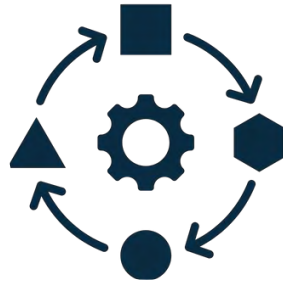
**200,573**  
*Student  
Headcount  
Statewide,  
2023-2024*

# Community Colleges are:



## Affordable

Most affordable choice  
for higher education in  
Oregon



## Adaptable

Responsive to  
student, community  
and industry needs



## Accessible

Open access  
institutions – We  
accept the top 100%  
of students



## Accountable

Locally-Elected  
College Boards  
CTE Advisory  
Committees

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*Dr. Paul Jarrell, President  
Tillamook Bay Community College  
&  
Dr. Jessica Howard, President  
Chemeketa Community College*

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# Community College Support Fund (CCSF)

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# Education that **WORKS** for Oregonians

## Community colleges provide:

- **Open Doors:** Community colleges serve students **regardless of education & skill level** – primary access point to **economic opportunity**
- **Affordable, quality education close to home**
- Programs **relevant** to local business/industry needs
- Access & support for more **systemically-marginalized students** than any other sector of higher ed





# Primary Areas of Study that WORK

Lower Division Collegiate	44%
Non-Credit	38%
For-Credit CTE	16%
For-Credit Developmental Education	1%

## Other program areas:

- GED/Adult Basic Education
- Dual Credit
- Community Education
- Apprenticeships
- Department of Corrections Education



# Local Boards of Education

- Seven member boards locally elected, 4-year terms
- Authority to take action lies in Board, not individual board members
- Policy Boards – Big picture, mission and vision for future
- Statutory authority includes setting tuition and fees, student success expectations, fiduciary responsibilities



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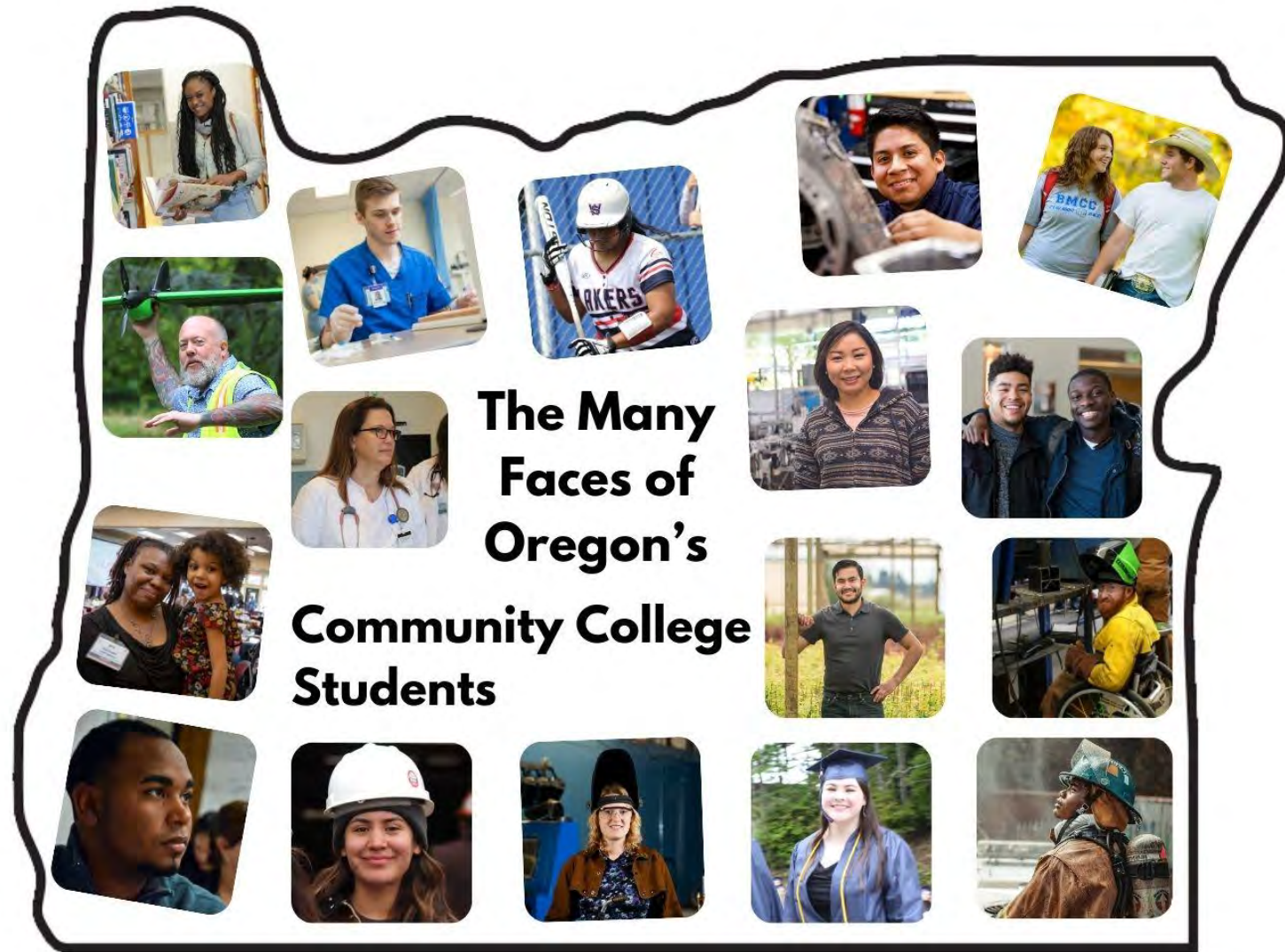
**Austin Folnagy**  
Board Member  
Lane Community College  
OCCA President

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# Community Colleges **WORK** for Students

**Open access institutions that are  
student-ready, student-focused**





## **For-Credit Students**

Full-Time (36 or more credits) – 9.4%

Part-Time (less than 36 credits) – 52.4%

Non-Credit Only – 38.2%

**Full-Time Equivalency (FTE)** 69,222

**Pell Grant Eligible Students** 24,592



Rogue Community College

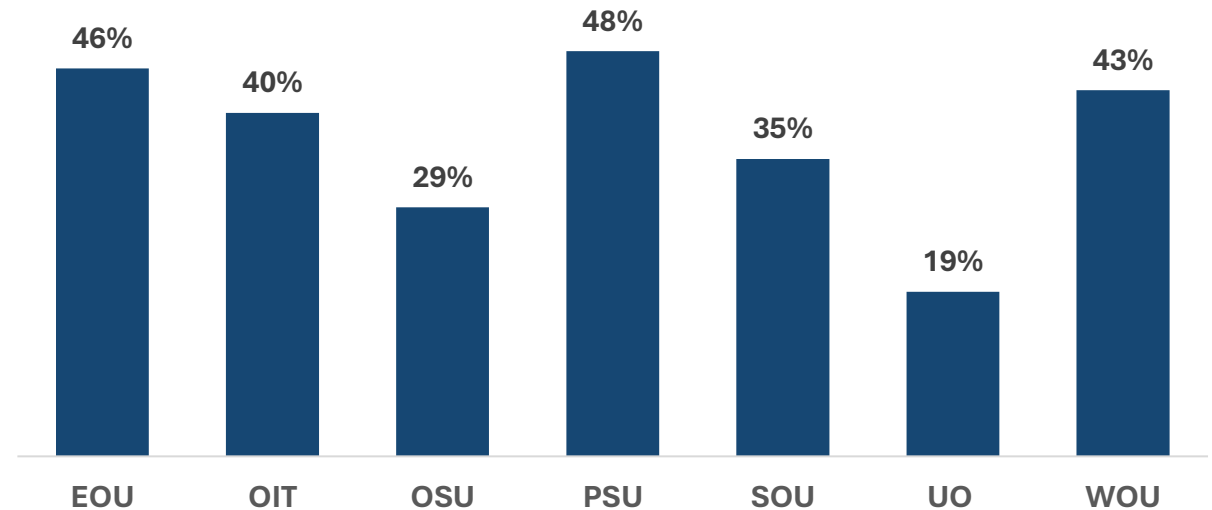
# **Student Demographics**

*Source: HECC Community College Enrollment, 2023-2024*

# Oregon community college transfer students make up a substantial portion of resident undergraduate students

**1** OUT OF **3**  
new undergraduate students at Oregon public universities transferred from an Oregon community college

Percentage of new Oregon university undergraduates who transferred from an Oregon community college (2021-22)



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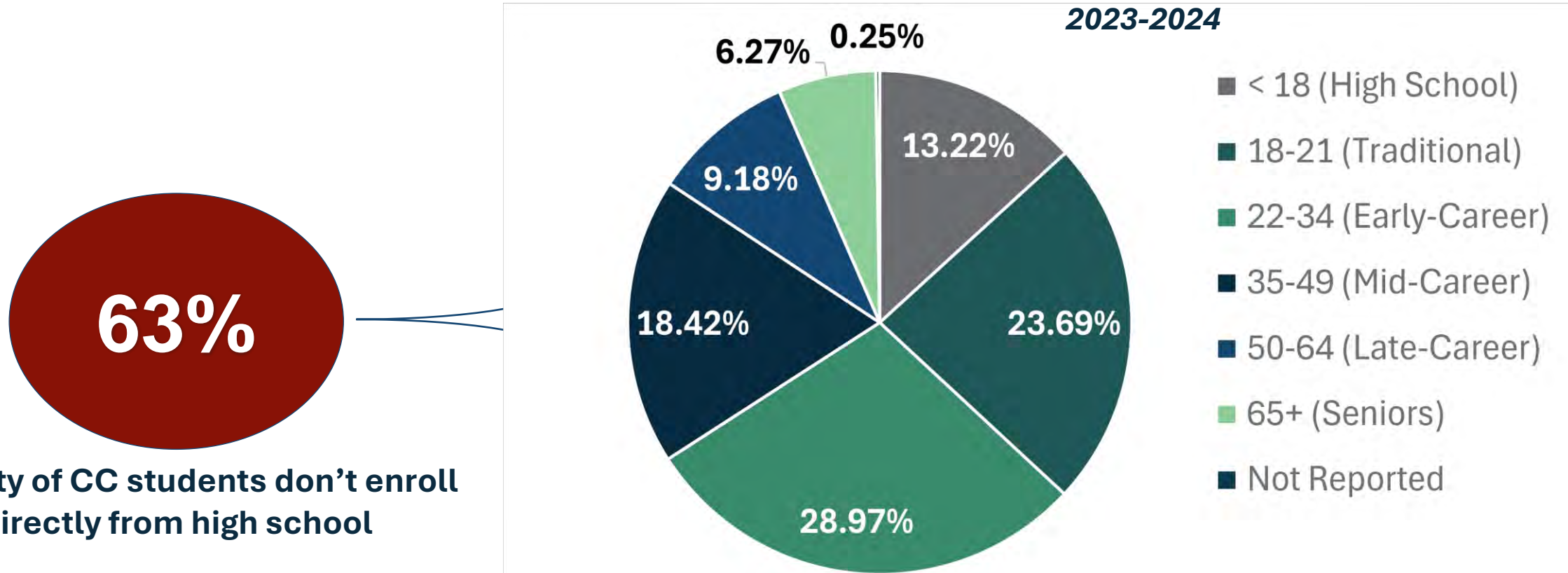
**Marina Frolov,**  
Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer Degree  
Student  
Clackamas Community College

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# Community College Student Ages

*Community College Enrollment by Age (Headcount)*  
**2023-2024**



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**David Nicholas**  
Student,  
Behavioral Health & Addiction Studies  
Chemeketa Community College

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**Robert Shingleton**

Student,

Associate of Applied Science – Addiction Studies

Treasure Valley Community College

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# Community College Students Face Costs Beyond Tuition

Tuition & Fees	Books & Supplies	Room & Board	Personal Expenses & Transportation	Total
\$6,753	\$1,462	\$15,043	\$3,938	<b>\$27,196</b>

Sources: HECC-OSAC “2024-25 Standard Student Budgets for Oregon Public Postsecondary Institutions”  
<https://www.oregon.gov/highered/access/Documents/OSAC/Student%20Budgets.pdf>



# State & Federal Grants Lag Behind Costs



Southwestern Oregon Community College

## SAMPLE STUDENT

Maximum Pell Grant:	\$7,395
Maximum Oregon Opportunity Grant:	\$3,900
Maximum Oregon Promise Grant:	\$2,000
Maximum Total State/Federal Grant Funds:	\$13,295
Average Cost of Attendance:	\$27,196
Difference:	-\$13,901

Sources: <https://oregonstudentaid.gov/grants/oregon-promise-grant/>,  
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<https://studentaid.gov/articles/dont-miss-out-on-pell-grants/>,  
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# Student Voice



**Kat Tabor**

*Student, Art & Education*

*Lane Community College*

“When I am struggling to meet my basic needs like housing payments and food, it’s really hard to keep moving forward. Keeping college education affordable is critical for me to complete my degree... How can I focus on school when I can't guarantee I will be able to pay for my next meal, electricity, water, or rent?”

# State Aid Is Not Enough

## Students Need Financial Support

16,783

Community college students who received the **Oregon Opportunity Grant** for 2022-2023

9,039

Community college students who received the **Oregon Promise Grant** for 2022-2023

59%

Number of community college students who experience **at least one form of basic needs in security** in the U.S.



2024-2025 Oregon Opportunity Grant  
Amounts for Community College Students:  
**\$900-\$3,900**

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**Michelle Kyle**  
Student  
Linn-Benton Community College

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# Student Basic Needs

# 59%

Community college students who experience at least one form of basic needs insecurity in the U.S.

- Childcare
- Food
- Healthcare/Mental Health
- Housing and/or Utilities
- Transportation



# Benefits Navigators (HB 2835)

## Put Benefits Navigator funding back into CCSF

- Connected with over 45,000 students statewide (April 2022-present)
- Refer students to resources including SNAP, food pantries, emergency grants, and community-based organizations
- Reducing stigma, refining and expanding campus resources, improving wayfinding, building partnerships, and elevating the importance of this critical work



Chemeketa Community College

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**Mandy Bohl**  
Pre-Nursing Student  
Linn-Benton Community College

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**Zoe Cooper-Caroselli**  
Statewide Benefits Navigator  
Coordinator  
Portland Community College

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# Reducing Textbook Costs

**Helping students access affordable resources for class**

**Over 1,500** Community College Instructors at **all 17** community colleges have **redesigned over 900 courses with OERs** since 2015

*As a result, **over 200,000 students are saving an estimated \$27 million:** A return of over \$10 in student savings per program dollar spent*





# Community Colleges **WORK** for the Economy

**Oregon's best investment for a  
strong, diverse & skilled workforce**



# Total Annual Economic Impact of Oregon's Community Colleges

**\$9.6 billion**

**117,970  
jobs supported**



## Operations Spending Impact

Colleges' payroll and  
other spending + ripple effects

**\$769.8 million**

Added State Income

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**9,894**

Jobs supported in the state



## Alumni Spending Impact

Higher alumni earnings and increased  
business profit + ripple effects

**\$8.6 billion**

Added State Income

----- or -----

**104,806**

Jobs supported in the state



## Construction Spending Impact

Colleges' construction  
expenditures + ripple effects

**\$28.4 million**

Added State Income

----- or -----

**346**

Jobs supported in the state

# Key Takeaways

## Community Colleges WORK for Oregon

- ☐ An investment in community colleges is an investment in Oregon

## Community Colleges WORK for Students

- ☐ An investment in community colleges ensures the most vulnerable Oregonians have access to higher education

## Community Colleges WORK for the Economy

- ☐ Economic Impact
- ☐ Working with Local Business/Industry





# COMMUNITY COLLEGE \$920 million SUPPORT FUND

## Questions?

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- ☐ Accessible, Local Education
- ☐ Community Education
- ☐ Gathering Place

## CTE WORKS

- ☐ Partnering with local business/industry
- ☐ Training to meet Oregon's workforce needs

## Community Colleges WORK for Oregon

- ☐ Funding needs



Umpqua Community College

# Community Colleges **WORK** for Communities

**Access to education throughout Oregon**





# Creating Pathways for Learners

The number of students who take the GED<sup>®</sup> test and those who pass the test has steadily increased, as has the number of ESL/ABE enrolled students.

	2022	2023	2024
<b>GED Test Takers</b>	7,790	8,575	9,136
<b>ESL/ABE Students</b>	9,095	11,388	12,234



# Corrections Education: ABE/GED

GED graduates at Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution, Pendleton



# Corrections Education

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colleges that  
provide  
educational  
services to Adults  
in Custody

2,383

Adults In  
Custody served

12

Oregon  
correctional  
institutions  
served

**Educational services offered:** ESL, GED,  
Special Education, Vocational Tech

# **Innovation that WORKS**

**Inspired innovation in community colleges**





# Applied Baccalaureate Programs

Inaugural cohort of Bachelor of Applied  
Science in Leadership Management –  
Chemeketa Community College 2023

# *Innovation that Works:* **Mt. Hood Community College**

MHCC has partnered with College Housing Northwest (CHNW) to open a new student community in the Gresham area in fall 2024.

“As we witness the growing challenges of housing insecurity among our student population, this partnership underscores our commitment to providing holistic support for our students’ success... Together, we are building a brighter future for our students and our community.”

~ Dr. Lisa Skari, President of MHCC





# *Innovation that Works:* **Lane Community College**

## **Big collaboration with tiny homes**

LCC is a key partner in the Team Oregon Build (TOB) program, an initiative designed to equip Oregon's youth with essential skills for the workforce, particularly in high-demand trade industries.

**“LCC is proud to be at the forefront of innovative programs like Team Oregon Build that not only equip students with essential skills but also strengthen our community’s workforce. This initiative exemplifies our commitment to providing hands-on, real-world experiences that prepare students for successful careers in high-demand industries.”**

**~ Dr. Stephanie Bulger, President of LCC**



# *Innovation that Works:* **Klamath Community College**

**Water well drilling program:  
responding to a community need**

Apprentices take classes  
online from KCC and get  
hands-on experience in the  
field with drilling companies  
in their communities.



Senate President Rob Wagner (center)  
with Klamath Community College President  
Dr. Roberto Gutierrez (far left)  
and others from KCC

# *Innovation that Works:* **Portland Community College**

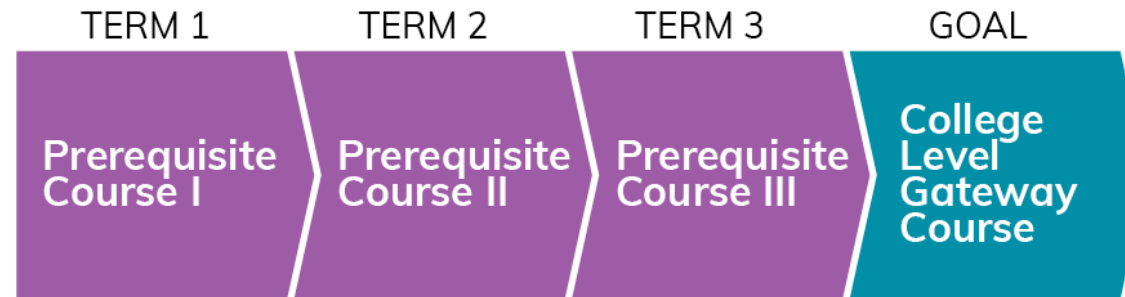
PCC's Addictions Counseling Program equips students with the knowledge and skills necessary to counsel individuals with addiction.

Addiction is a public health problem that affects individuals, families, and communities. By addressing the addiction crisis through education, PCC's Addictions Counseling Program plays a crucial role in helping train the next generation of counselors.

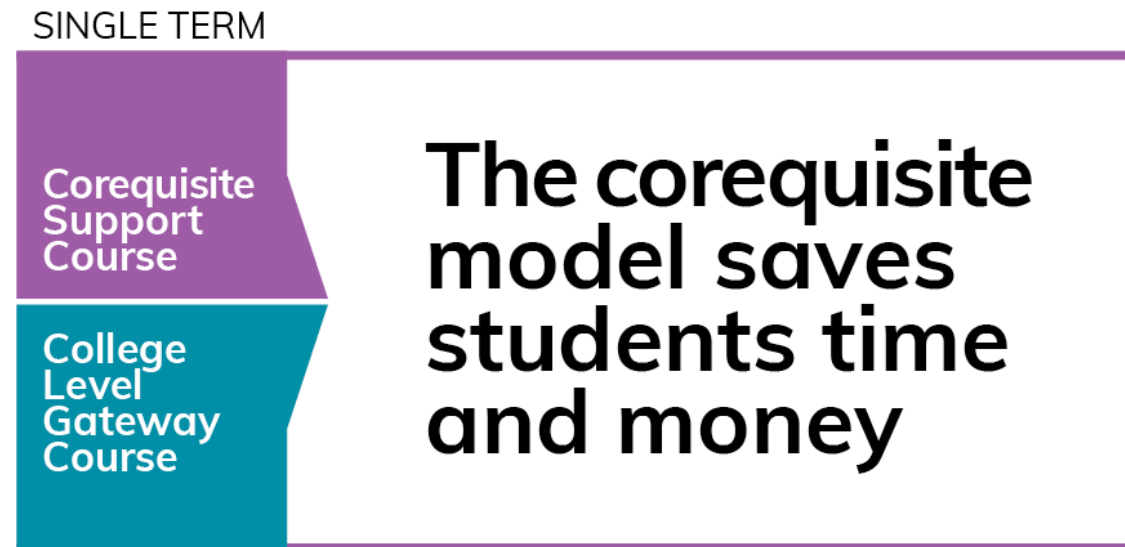




# Developmental Education Redesign- Corequisite Math Courses



## Corequisite Support Model





# Student Voice

First Year Corequisite Math  
Student,

*Clatsop Community College*

Corequisite math  
**WORKS** for  
students



“I can state emphatically that **this course has changed my life** and the future course of my college career in a profoundly positive way... This class helped motivate me to work hard, continue making forward progress, pushing forward into the ‘great unknown’ **even when it felt scary and uncomfortable**, and instilled in me the courage to try new things.”

# Adult Learner Reconnect

Opportunities to  
meet Oregon's  
employment needs

**OVER 700,000  
OREGONIANS**

**AGE 25-64 HAVE SOME COLLEGE,  
NO DEGREE**



**Community Colleges  
can help**



**COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE**

**RECONNECT**



# Career & Technical Education WORKS

Connecting with partners to meet  
Oregon's workforce needs



# Community Colleges WORK for Oregon

## Putting Oregonians to WORK

- Short-term programs = **fast entry** into workforce
- Colleges are **nimble** & can **react quickly** to employer & job-seeker needs
- **Partner** with business/industry for work-ready employees



Clatsop Community College

# Career & Technical Education Works

- Career Technical Education (CTE) provides students of all ages with the academic and technical **skills, knowledge, and training necessary to succeed in future careers and to become lifelong learners.**
- CTE helps Oregonians gain the skills, technical knowledge, academic foundation, and **real-world experience needed to prepare for high-skill, high-demand, and high-wage careers.**







# Educating Oregon's Nurses

All 17 community colleges currently offer a 2-year Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) with successful track records for students.

Six colleges are creating the state's first ADN to BSN consortium providing new opportunities for students across the state.



Oregon Coast Community College



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**Holly Nelson**

Chief Workforce Innovation and  
Community Success Officer  
Chemeketa Community College

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**Jessica Porter**  
Family & Community Engagement Mgr.  
South Coast Regional Early Learning Hub

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# Apprenticeship

A unique, flexible training model that combines structured on-the-job learning experiences with related classroom instruction to train individuals to a high industry-recognized standard.



# Student Voice



**Zachary Elting**

*Student, HVAC Apprenticeship*

*Rogue Community College*

“I chose an apprenticeship because I was working somewhere, and I couldn’t advance or better myself... Over the past two years in the program, I’ve grown to be a better technician and father at home.

I’m glad I decided to enroll into an apprenticeship program at RCC as it has helped me a lot both professionally and personally.”





# Community colleges **WORK:**

Widen access to higher education

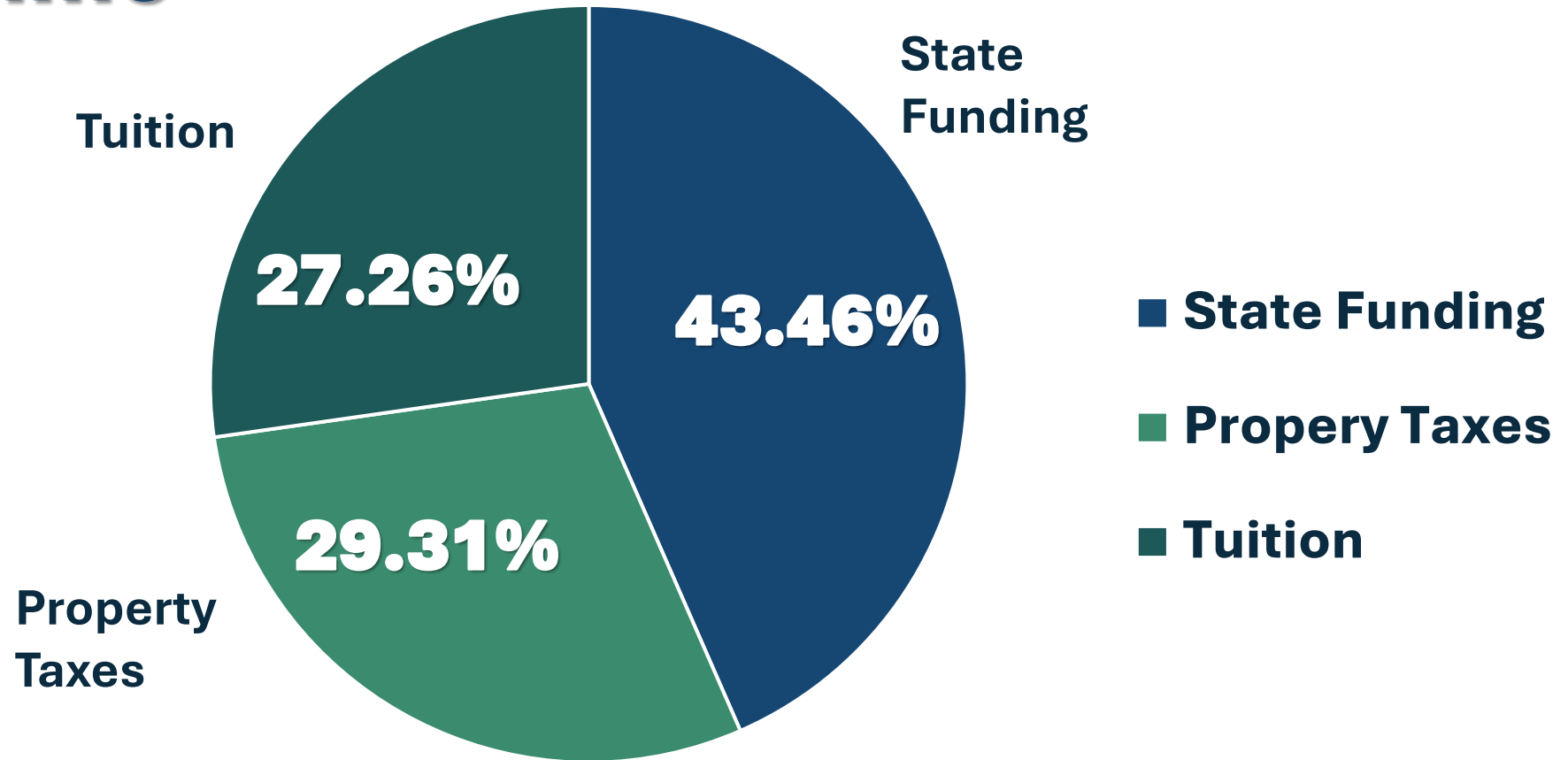
Open doors to career opportunities

Reinforce local economies

Keep Oregon's workforce competitive

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# Revenue Sources as Percent of Total Over Time



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# State CSL Calculation Gaps

- **Health Care Costs**
- **Salary Increases**
- **Unfunded Mandates**
- **Tuition Revenue**

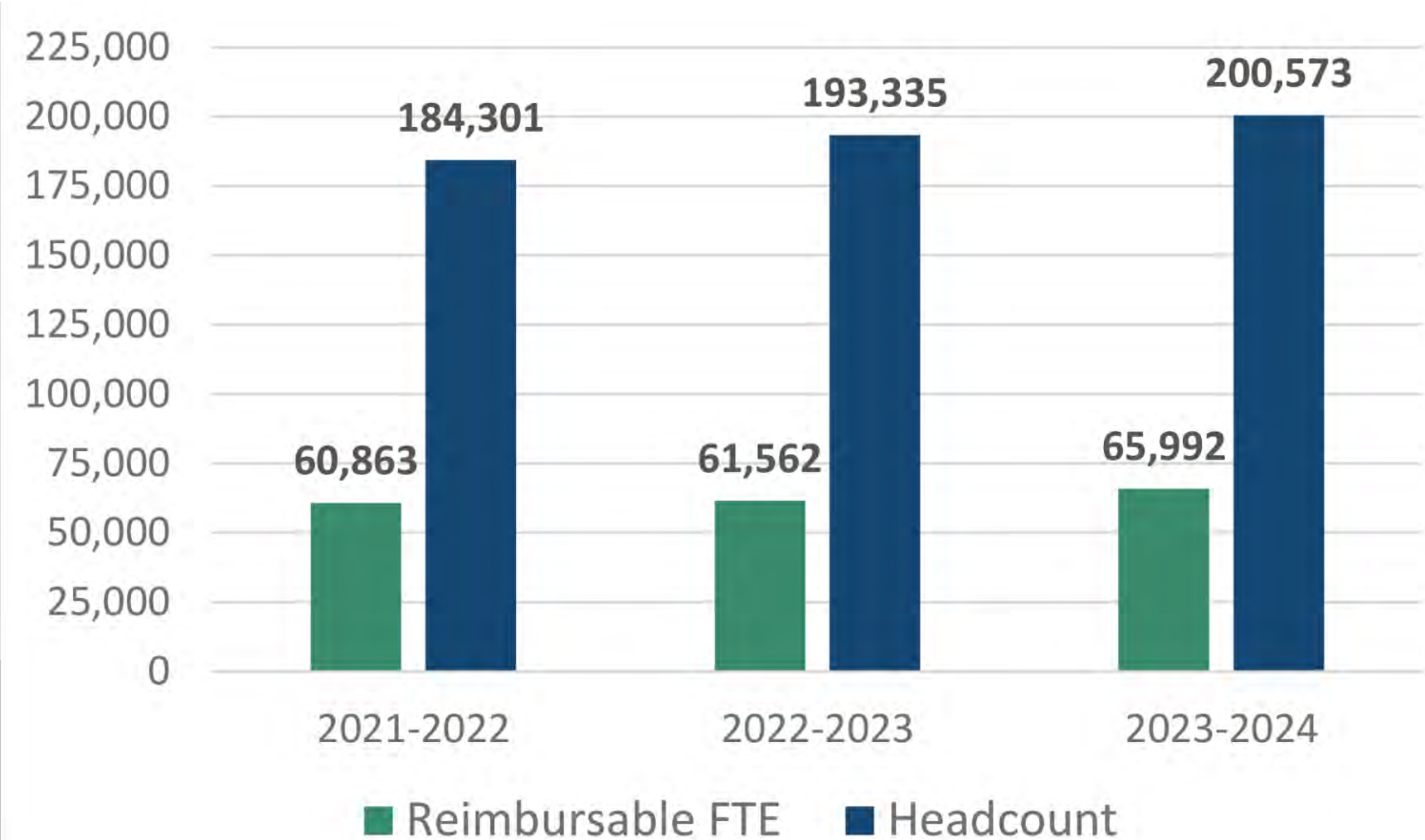


Treasure Valley  
Community College

# Enrollment Continues to Increase

## Headcount & Full-Time Equivalency (FTE) 2021-2024

Source: HECC Datamart 2025



# Per Student Funding

FTE	\$10,189
Headcount	\$ 3,186



Tillamook Bay Community College



**HEADCOUNT**  
200,573

**CERTIFICATES AWARDED**  
5,583

**DEGREES AWARDED**  
10,334



# Student Demographics & Completions

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