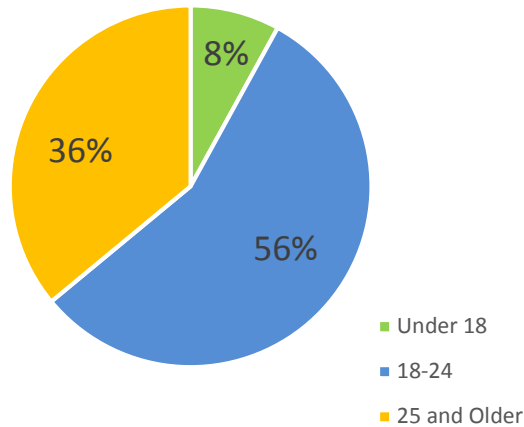


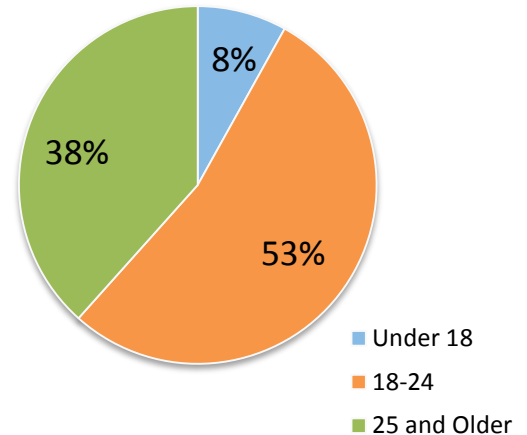
Higher Education for All

FCS institutions provide educational access and opportunities to Florida adults of all ages.

FCS Age Range



National Age Range



Source: PK-20 Education Reporting and Accessibility (2014-15) Table 303.50, *2014 Digest of Education Statistics*, National Center for Education Statistics. *Fast Facts*, American Association of Community Colleges (February 2016).



Community colleges respond to the workforce and training needs of their local service regions, enrolling everyone from recent high school graduates to those retooling for 21st century jobs. The average age of Florida College System (FCS) students is 25 years, reflecting the broad student population served by all 28 institutions. This is only slightly younger than the national average age of community college students of 28 years.

FCS institutions provide access to higher education through flexible scheduling of classes and internet-based coursework to accommodate the needs of their diverse student populations. The majority of these students are employed and commute to campus to attend classes. Although the largest age category for both the FCS and nationally was 18 to 24 years (56 percent and 53 percent, respectively), over one-third of students were 25 and older (38 percent in the FCS and 36 percent nationally). The age category with the smallest proportion was students under 18, with eight percent reported both in the FCS and nationally.

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