

## PIERCE COLLEGE PUYALLUP — ONE OF THE PIERCE COLLEGES

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### KEY FACTS (DATA IS FROM 2017-2018 ACADEMIC YEAR UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

#### Year Founded

1971

#### Service Area

Pierce County

#### Legislative District

2, 25, 27, 30, 31

#### Highest Enrolled Programs

- Associate of Arts–DTA\*
- Health–DTA
- Social Sciences
- Associate in Pre-Nursing
- Associate of Science

\* Direct Transfer Agreement

#### Enrollment

Headcount (all sources)\* 16,165

FTES (all sources)\* 8,450

Headcount (state-funded) 6,445

FTES (state-funded) 2,253

#### Students in Selected Programs

Applied bachelor's 5

I-BEST 43

International 113

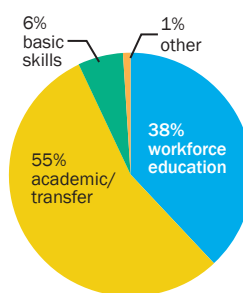
Running Start 1,635

Worker Retraining 227

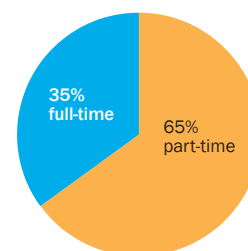
\*Data reflects the entire Pierce College District.

#### STUDENT PROFILE — STATE-FUNDED

##### Type of Student



##### Attendance



##### Race/Ethnicity\*

African American	10%
Asian	12%
Hispanic/Latino	17%
Native American	3%
Pacific Islander	3%
Other, Multiracial	1%
White/Caucasian	63%

##### Gender

Female	60%
Male	40%

Median Age: 23

##### Family and Finances

Students receiving need-based financial aid in eligible programs	37%
Students who work	56%
Students with children	28%

\* May not add up to 100% because students may be counted in more than one race. Percentages calculated on reported value.

### POINTS OF INTEREST

#### Pierce College at Graham Offers Innovative Access to Education

Pierce College is increasing access to higher education in the 2nd Legislative District by offering college courses at Graham-Kapowsin High School. Courses meet twice a week in the early evenings to accommodate busy school and work schedules. More than 80 students attend each quarter, ranging from Running Start students to older returning students who want to begin or finish their degree. We look forward to expanding our partnership with Bethel School District to meet the emerging higher education needs throughout the community.

#### Running Start Students Thrive at Pierce College Puyallup

More than 32 percent of students at Pierce College Puyallup are taking advantage of the Running Start program, allowing them the opportunity to earn an associate degree and high school diploma simultaneously. College tuition for eligible classes is covered through Running Start, providing students with significant cost savings on their bachelor's degree by entering a university as a junior.

#### Guided Pathways Help Raise Graduation Rates

Pierce College is making great strides in breaking down the barriers that stand in the way of student success. The college redesigned the entire student experience from start-to-finish, providing them with the tools they need to succeed. Pierce College has adopted Guided Pathways, an evidence-based approach that simplifies career choices, directs students into a comprehensive field of study based on their interests, and keeps the student on track through intensive advising, mentoring and integration of milestones that guide their progress. As a result, Pierce College District has seen a 104 percent increase in graduation rates over eight years. In recognition of these efforts, Pierce College received Achieving the Dream's prestigious Leah Meyer Austin Award.