



NM Colleges Implement New Accountability in Government Act Performance Measures

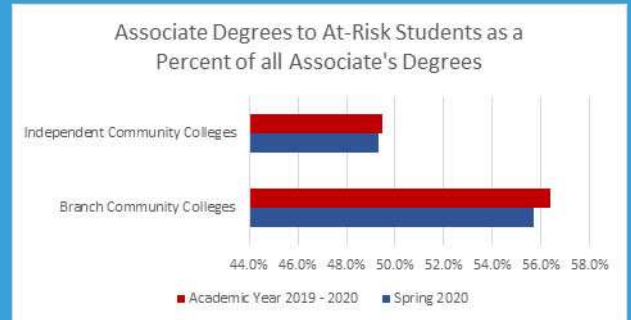
Major reforms to higher education Accountability in Government Act (AGA) performance measures have been implemented for FY2021. Not only were the number of performance measures increased from six individual measures in FY20 to sixty-six individual measures in FY21, but colleges will now report quarterly rather than semi-annually as in the past.

In response to a request from LFC staff, all colleges have reported Q4 performance results early. Typically, the AGA process would begin with Q1 reports due to DFA on October 31, 2020. But our colleges have all submitted Q4 baseline report on twenty-three of our new measures on July 31, 2020. The New Mexico Association of Community Colleges (NMACC), the New Mexico Independent Community Colleges (NMICC), and the Council of University Presidents (CUP) all partnered with DFA and LFC staff to document detailed methodologies for calculating performance. In addition, the three higher education associations also collaborated on the development of a template and on the alignment of reporting cycles. All of this means that legislators and state policy makers will have access to similar data for all New Mexico public colleges and universities at the same time. Now that Q4 baseline performance has been established, we look forward to sharing trends in our performance with the coming years.

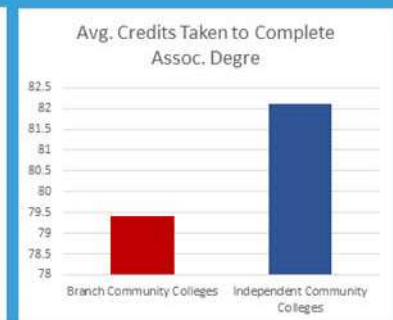
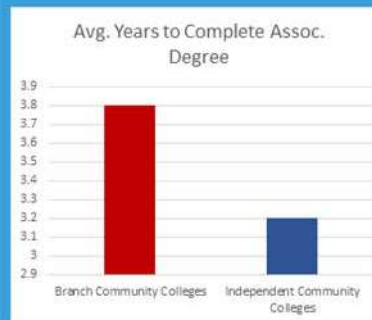
What You Need to Know About Our College Students:



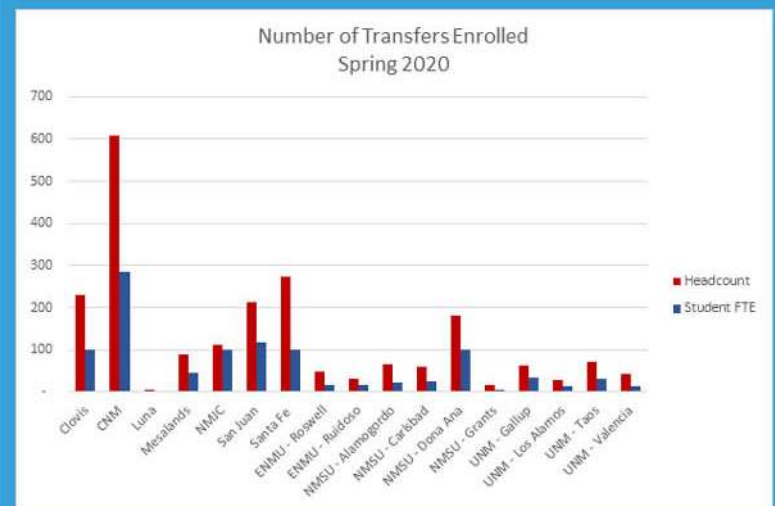
- **At Risk:** Did you know that about half of all associate's degrees were awarded to students considered to be financially at risk?



- Even though most community college students work, raise families, and go to school part-time, on average, those completing an associate's degree do so in three to four years with an average of approximately eighty credit hours completed.



- **Transfers:** We all know that many students transfer from community colleges to universities. But did you know that many students transfer between community colleges or from universities to community colleges? For Spring 2020, more than 2,100 students were enrolled in community colleges after transferring from another institution.



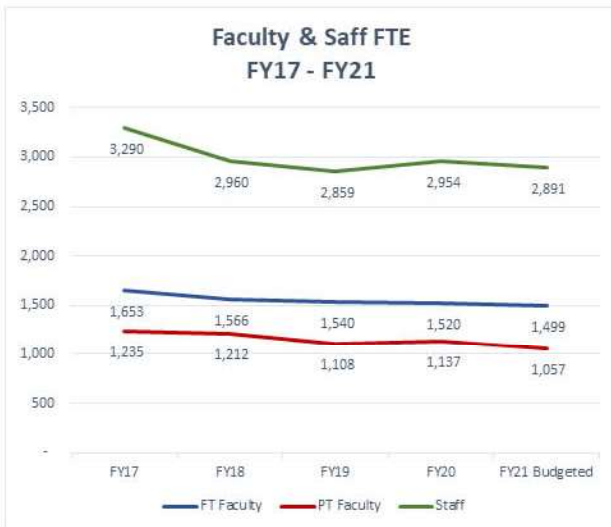


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Myth: During this challenging budget time, community colleges have only reduced staff positions.

Fact: Of the 10 community colleges that responded, over the past five years full-time faculty FTE was reduced by 9.4%. Part-time faculty FTE was reduced by 14.4%. Staff positions were reduced by 12.1%. While recent media reports of staff layoffs at some colleges, most positions have been eliminated through attrition. Positions have not been refilled following retirements or resignations. In addition, at most colleges part-time faculty positions are contracted on a term-by-term basis, meaning positions are reduced by simply not renewing or extending contracts.

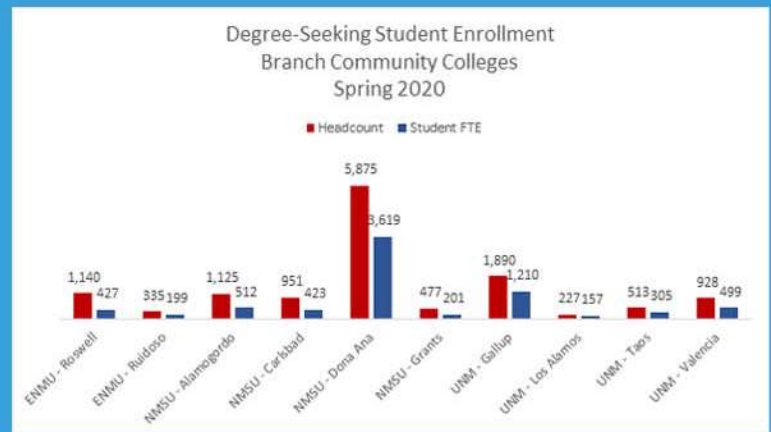
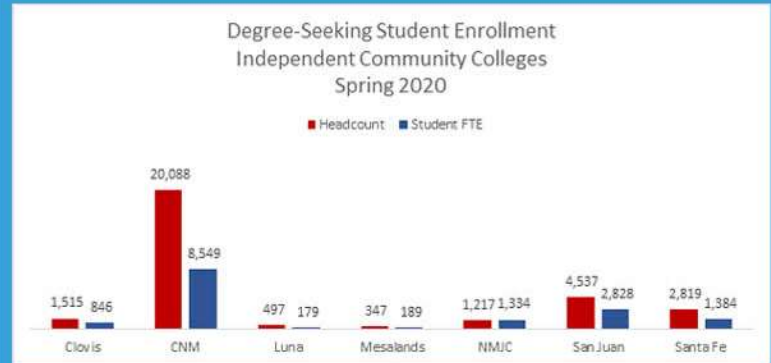


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➤ **More Highlights of Q4 AGA Performance Reports:**
Did you know over 44,000 students were seeking degrees from community colleges throughout the state during the Spring 2020 term? This does not include students who plan to transfer to a university before selecting a major. It also does not include students who are taking classes to improve skills necessary for advancement in jobs without pursuing a degree or certificate.





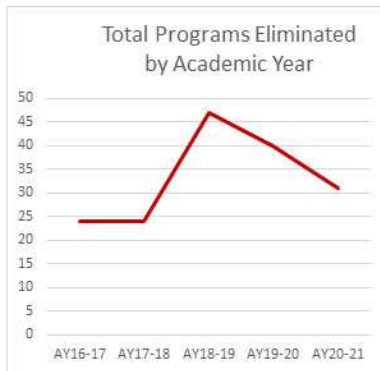
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Myth: Community Colleges continue to add degree and certificate programs but never discontinue programs.

Fact: Providing quality education and training to meet local workforce needs is central to the mission of community colleges. Community colleges both add and discontinue programs based on careful program review processes. Criteria used to review programs include feedback from business and industry representatives both locally and often nationally. Of the 10 community colleges that responded to the survey, while there has been an overall increase in the number of degree and certificate programs, a significant number of programs have been eliminated over the past five years.



Myth: Adding new degree and certificate programs means there will be a budget increase.

Fact: Often, community colleges are able to add new degree and certificate programs WITHOUT any associated budget increase. Our colleges are able to "repackage" existing faculty to create programs requested by employers. A few examples of programs added without any additional budget include:

➤ Colleges & Universities Collaborate to Keep Students Safe During the Pandemic:

Each New Mexico public college and university has developed a comprehensive reopening plan. These plans evolve frequently in response to changing public health orders and new research on COVID-19. Community college plans have been developed with two leading priorities in mind:

1. Keep students, faculty, and staff safe.
2. Fulfill our mission to provide the education and training necessary to prepare students, especially displaced workers, for the jobs that will help to diversify and rebuild our economy.

New Mexico's community colleges have worked together to discuss issues, share best practices, and support each other in the development of our *reopening plans*. However, a few of our community colleges also have dorms and food service programs that require special considerations in planning. Our partners at the Council of University Presidents (CUP) recognized this need and coordinated a webinar open to all institutions in the state to discuss best practices related to safety in dorms and food service operations during the current pandemic. This webinar provided valuable information to assist those community colleges with campus housing. THANK YOU CUP!

ENMU Roswell:

- Media Arts Game Design Certificate
- Welding Technology - Pipes Certificate

San Juan College:

- Marketing AA
- Small Unmanned Aerial Systems AAS

Santa Fe Community College:

- Printmaking & Book Arts Certificate
- Concrete Finishing Certificate
- Pre-Forestry AS
- Spanish Certificate

UNM Valencia:

- Criminal Justice AA
- Health Information Technology Certificate