

2004 New Student Survey Results

| 1. For what purpose did you enroll at GRCC? | % | 2. Was any of the following a major source, a minor source, or not a source of information about GRCC? | Major Source % | Minor Source % | Not a Source % | N | |
|---|-----|--|------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----|
| No definite purpose in mind | 3% | Website | 66% | 22% | 13% | 452 | |
| Take courses for self-improvement | 6% | Contact with college staff | 28% | 36% | 37% | 446 | |
| Take job-related courses to update skills | 2% | College catalog | 39% | 39% | 22% | 451 | |
| Take courses to transfer | 21% | Quarterly class schedule | 43% | 36% | 21% | 449 | |
| Obtain or maintain a certification | 7% | College brochures | 10% | 30% | 61% | 438 | |
| High school diploma or GED | 11% | Green River student(s) | 20% | 32% | 48% | 445 | |
| Obtain workforce degree or certificate | 13% | High school teachers or counselors | 16% | 28% | 56% | 439 | |
| Obtain a transfer-orientated associate degree | 36% | Parents, relatives, or friends | 27% | 30% | 44% | 444 | |
| N = 440 | | College outreach to high school campus | 7% | 14% | 79% | 437 | |
| | | Visit(s) to campus | 17% | 29% | 55% | 441 | |
| 3. Has either of your parents earned a Bachelor's degree? | % | 4. How important was each of the following in your decision to attend GRCC? | Very Important % | Moderately Important % | Slightly Important % | Not Important % | N |
| No | 59% | Close to home | 48% | 24% | 14% | 14% | 461 |
| Yes, my mother | 6% | Offered the courses or programs I wanted | 59% | 23% | 13% | 6% | 465 |
| Yes, my father | 17% | Cost of attending | 42% | 23% | 15% | 20% | 462 |
| Yes, both my parents | 19% | Could work while attending | 39% | 19% | 17% | 26% | 458 |
| N = 459 | | Academic reputation | 16% | 36% | 22% | 27% | 453 |
| | | Social atmosphere | 10% | 23% | 26% | 42% | 456 |
| | | Availability of financial aid or scholarship | 28% | 15% | 14% | 43% | 451 |
| | | Advice of parents, relatives, or friends | 21% | 22% | 23% | 34% | 454 |
| | | Advice of high school counselor or teacher | 10% | 16% | 18% | 57% | 450 |
| | | Wanted to be with friends | 7% | 10% | 19% | 64% | 453 |
| | | Advice of someone who attended GRCC | 14% | 21% | 20% | 46% | 454 |
| | | Attractiveness of GRCC campus | 8% | 20% | 24% | 48% | 450 |
| | | Class size | 14% | 24% | 22% | 40% | 455 |
| 1 st choice | 85% | Running Start program | 31% | 3% | 5% | 61% | 449 |
| 2 nd choice | 12% | Availability of distance education | 14% | 12% | 13% | 60% | 450 |
| 3 rd choice | 3% | Contact(s) with college representatives | 10% | 14% | 23% | 53% | 452 |
| N = 462 | | Reputation of prof/tech programs | 16% | 18% | 20% | 45% | 450 |

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| 6. Indicate your preference w/ the following time options for class. | Moderately Important % | Slightly Important % | Not Important % | N | 7. Indicate your level of preference for the following class formats. | Moderately Important % | Slightly Important % | Not Important % | N | |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|--|--|---|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------------|----------|
| Early Morning (before 8 a.m.) | 18% | 28% | 54% | 428 | Lecture | 41% | 44% | 15% | 449 | |
| Morning (8 a.m.-12:00 noon) | 68% | 13% | 19% | 442 | Small group (discussion) | 44% | 41% | 15% | 448 | |
| Afternoon (12:00 noon-4 p.m.) | 31% | 34% | 35% | 434 | Laboratory or shop (hands-on) | 49% | 33% | 18% | 441 | |
| Late after./early eve. (4-7 p.m.) | 19% | 21% | 60% | 431 | Dist learn. (online, telecourse) | 23% | 23% | 54% | 446 | |
| Evening (7-10 p.m.) | 26% | 14% | 61% | 442 | Other | 12% | 22% | 65% | 306 | |
| 8. Have you heard of the following campus-wide learning outcomes? | No % | Yes % | N | 9. How well prepared do you feel you are for college? | | | | | | |
| Written communication | 67% | 33% | 457 | Well prepared | | | | | | 44% |
| Critical thinking | 53% | 47% | 449 | Somewhat prepared | | | | | | 51% |
| Quantitative reasoning | 64% | 36% | 449 | Somewhat unprepared | | | | | | 5% |
| Responsibility | 52% | 48% | 448 | Not well prepared | | | | | | 1% |
| N = 470 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10. Please rate your current skills or abilities in the following areas: | Poor % | Fair % | Good % | Excellent % | N | 11. Do you think you will need additional support in the following areas as you continue your education? | Yes % | Unsure % | No % | N |
| Problem-solving | 1% | 15% | 58% | 26% | 462 | Express ideas in writing | 33% | 28% | 39% | 461 |
| Critical thinking and reasoning | 1% | 19% | 53% | 27% | 460 | Improve reading comprehension | 27% | 20% | 54% | 461 |
| Use of technology | 8% | 30% | 39% | 23% | 461 | Improve mathematical skills | 54% | 23% | 23% | 460 |
| Public speaking | 20% | 38% | 28% | 15% | 459 | Develop better study skills | 30% | 31% | 39% | 461 |
| Writing | 5% | 26% | 42% | 28% | 461 | Improve test-taking skills | 30% | 26% | 44% | 459 |
| Being effective member in multicultural society | 7% | 22% | 42% | 29% | 461 | Identify educational goals | 33% | 25% | 43% | 461 |
| Leadership | 9% | 28% | 40% | 23% | 462 | Identify career directions | 38% | 22% | 40% | 463 |
| Math concepts and statistical reasoning | 18% | 35% | 32% | 15% | 459 | Connect to industry (co-op) | 26% | 39% | 35% | 460 |
| Drawing conclusions | 5% | 29% | 48% | 19% | 460 | | | | | |
| Ability to learn on your own | 1% | 17% | 47% | 35% | 460 | | | | | |
| Being responsible for behavior & actions | 1% | 4% | 20% | 75% | 460 | | | | | |
| Use of library & other info. resources | 3% | 22% | 36% | 38% | 461 | | | | | |
| Creativity and generating original ideas | 2% | 20% | 40% | 38% | 461 | | | | | |

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| 12. Do you have access to a computer at home you can use for your course work? | % | 14. Have you used the GRCC web site for the following: | | | | Yes % | No % | N |
|---|------------|--|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| No Yes N = 463 | 10% 90% | General information about the college Admission information Information about instructional programs To access the quarterly class schedule Information about services for students Other | | | | 83% 82% 52% 64% 55% 62% | 17% 18% 48% 37% 45% 38% | 463 463 462 463 459 370 |
| 13. Please indicate your overall satisfaction with the following entry services and programs. | | Very Satisfied % | Satisfied % | Neutral % | Dissatisfied % | Very Dissatisfied % | N | |
| College web site Application/admission process COMPASS assessment Online New Student Orientation Financial Aid Welcome Day Registration Career Services Online student resources Educational Planning Parking Bookstore Food Services New student group advising | | 38% 27% 15% 16% 28% 19% 21% 14% 26% 20% 13% 18% 16% 14% | 47% 50% 43% 38% 26% 39% 54% 39% 47% 46% 30% 53% 40% 32% | 10% 19% 27% 39% 31% 39% 20% 41% 23% 29% 22% 22% 29% 45% | 4% 3% 11% 5% 9% 3% 4% 2% 4% 3% 21% 4% 10% 6% | 1% 1% 3% 1% 6% 0% 1% 3% 1% 2% 13% 3% 6% 4% | 441 450 397 280 245 247 451 278 359 277 405 434 253 276 | |
| 15. Indicate your overall satisfaction with the following aspects of the college. | | Very Satisfied % | Satisfied % | Neutral % | Dissatisfied % | Very Dissatisfied % | N | |
| Accuracy of college info you received before enrolling Variety of courses offered each quarter Availability of courses you want at times you want Support for an ethnically and culturally diverse atmosphere Opportunities for involvement in college activities Assistance provided by college staff Assistance provided by faculty General condition of buildings and grounds | | 23% 23% 15% 20% 12% 19% 20% 29% | 54% 46% 38% 33% 30% 41% 43% 49% | 21% 22% 23% 44% 52% 34% 32% 19% | 3% 8% 21% 1% 5% 5% 3% 3% | 0% 1% 3% 2% 2% 2% 2% 1% | 465 463 466 457 458 463 464 464 | |

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| 16. Have you used any of the following transportation alternatives this quarter? | Yes % | No % | N | 17. To what extent do you agree or disagree that GRCC is supportive of the following student populations? | Strongly Agree % | Mildly Agree % | Unsure % | Mildly Disagree % | Strongly Disagree % | N |
|---|--------------|-------------|----------|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------|
| Carpool | 24% | 76% | 460 | Part-time students | 41% | 29% | 28% | 2% | 0% | 450 |
| Vanpool | 3% | 97% | 459 | Evening students | 30% | 24% | 40% | 5% | 1% | 448 |
| Off-campus parking w/ shuttle | 16% | 84% | 462 | Older, returning students | 35% | 27% | 35% | 2% | 0% | 447 |
| Sounder train w/ shuttle | 0% | 100% | 458 | Students from various ethnic & racial backgrounds | 44% | 23% | 31% | 1% | 0% | 445 |
| Metro bus | 11% | 89% | 460 | Students w/ dependents | 29% | 19% | 50% | 2% | 1% | 439 |
| Bike | 2% | 98% | 458 | Students w/ different religious backgrounds | 33% | 24% | 41% | 2% | 0% | 440 |
| Walk | 10% | 90% | 457 | Students w/ a different sexual orientation | 26% | 13% | 57% | 1% | 2% | 439 |
| | | | | Students w/ disabilities | 32% | 21% | 45% | 2% | 1% | 441 |
| 18. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement, "I feel a sense of belonging at GRCC"? | | | % | 19. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement, "I feel GRCC has a good reputation within my community"? | | % | 20. What is your overall impression of the quality of instruction at GRCC? | | | % |
| Strongly agree | | | 23% | Strongly agree | | 44% | Excellent | | | 26% |
| Mildly agree | | | 44% | Mildly agree | | 39% | Above average | | | 44% |
| Undecided or unsure | | | 25% | Undecided or unsure | | 13% | Average | | | 30% |
| Mildly disagree | | | 6% | Mildly disagree | | 4% | Below average | | | 1% |
| Strongly disagree | | | 2% | Strongly disagree | | 0% | Inadequate | | | 0% |
| N = 459 | | | | N = 470 | | | N = 470 | | | |
| 21. What is your overall satisfaction with the new student entry process? | | | % | 22. So far, what is your overall satisfaction with GRCC? | | % | 23. What is your gender? | | | % |
| Very satisfied | | | 23% | Very satisfied | | 35% | Male | | | 37% |
| Satisfied | | | 49% | Satisfied | | 56% | Female | | | 63% |
| Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | | | 23% | Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | | 8% | N = 462 | | | |
| Dissatisfied | | | 5% | Dissatisfied | | 0% | | | | |
| Very dissatisfied | | | 0% | Very dissatisfied | | 1% | | | | |
| N = 458 | | | | N = 460 | | | | | | |

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| 24. What is your racial/ethnic background? | % | 25. What type of student do you consider yourself to be? | % | 26. What is your age? | % |
|--|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| African-American American Indian Asian, Pacific Islander Hispanic White/Caucasian Other Multiracial N = 446 | 4% 1% 7% 4% 77% 4% 4% | Academic transfer Professional/technical Developmental/basic skills HS completion/GED Undecided Other N = 470 | 43% 21% 6% 11% 9% 10% | Under 18 years old 18-20 years old 21-24 years old 25-29 years old 30-39 years old 40-49 years old 50-59 years old 60 years or older N = 460 | 27% 39% 9% 5% 8% 9% 3% 1% |
| 27. How many credits are you taking this quarter? | % | 28. Are you receiving any kind of need-based financial aid? | % | 29. Which of the following was true for you at the time you stated at GRCC? | % |
| 5 credits or less 6 to 10 credits 11 to 18 credits 19 credits or more N = 453 | 21% 21% 56% 3% | No Yes N = 452 | 79% 21% | Entered directly from high school Entered after working for a period of time Transferred from another 2-year college Transferred from another 4-year college Entered after completing military service Other N = 448 | 41% 20% 5% 3% 2% 29% |
| 30. About how many hours per week do you plan on working while attending GRCC? | % | 31. Do you have family responsibilities that affect your college studies? | | | % |
| Not at all 1-10 hours 11-20 hours 21-30 hours 31-40 hours 40+ hours Undecided N = 454 | 19% 12% 20% 15% 12% 7% 14% | No, I don't have family responsibilities. Yes, I have responsibilities but they don't interfere with my school work. Yes, I have responsibilities that take some time from my school work. Yes, I have responsibilities that take a lot of time from my school work. N = 457 | | | 30% 32% 31% 8% |

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