

New Student Survey-Fall 2022

The New Student Survey was open between 12/7/22 and 12/19/22. Target population included all newly enrolled students. The survey was emailed to over 1909 email addresses and a total of 240 responses were recorder. The survey yields a 13% response rate.

Please select the item that most closely captures your gender identity.

Field	n	Percentage
Male	95	30.16%
Female	218	69.21%
Non-binary	2	0.63%
Decline to answer	0	0.00%

Please select the race/ ethnic category that best describes you.

Field	n	Percentage
Hispanic (All races)	114	36%
Black or African American (non-Hispanic)	158	50%
White (non-Hispanic)	19	6%
Asian (non-Hispanic)	9	3%
Multi-racial (non-Hispanic)	3	1%
Other (Please specify if desired	4	1%
Decline to answer	7	2%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0	0%
Native American or Alaskan Native	1	0%

How did you apply to Essex County College?

Field	n	Percentag
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As a first time college student	254	82%
As a transfer student	56	18%

As a new transfer student, please rate your level of agreement with each of...

Field	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Total
ECC's website contains easily searchable information specific to transfer students	25.45% 14	40.00% 22	16.36% 9	12.73% 7	5.45% 3	55
The social climate at ECC is welcoming to transfer students	33.96% 18	35.85% 19	20.75% 11	7.55% 4	1.89% 1	53
There are sufficient resources available to transfer students to make the transition easy	35.85% 19	30.19% 16	15.09% 8	13.21% 7	5.66% 3	53

What is your enrollment status?

Field	What is your enrollment status?	Percentage
Full-time	213	75.53%
Part-time	69	24.47%

College/University 1

College/University 1	College/University 2	College/University 3	College/University 4	College/University 5
NJIT	Seton Hall	Caldwell	NJCU	Saint Peters
Rutgers University	Kean University	Montclair University	Stockton University	Monmouth University
Caldwell University	Kean University	Montclair State University	William Patterson University	Berkeley College - Woodland Park
Montclair State University	Rutgers University-Newark	Camden Rutgers university	Saint Elizabeth University	Essex County College
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Only Essex County College	Only Essex County College	Only Essex County College	Only Essex County College	Only Essex County College
NJIT	Montclair	Bloomfield	Kean	Seton Hall
class	help people	homework	classwork	no name call people
fairleigh dickinson	caldwell	seton hall	njcu	william paterson

University of Cincinnati	Montclair University	Sussex community college	Princeton university	University of Oklahoma
NJIT	Rutgers Newark	NJCU	TCNJ	Caldwell
Essex county College	Rutgers University	Saint Peters university	Bloomfield college	Berkely college of music
Montclair	Farleigh Dickinson	Monmouth	Stockton	Seton Hall
Kean university	Rutgers Newark	Montclair state university	Bloomfield college	Berkeley college
NJIT	Rutgers	Quinnipiac	Montclair State	Kean
Saint Elizabeth university	Rutgers	Essex county	Drew university	NJCU
Essex county	NJIT	Kean	The City College of New York	Pratt Institute
Rutgers	Ucla	Washington state	Kean	Lincoln
Essex county	NYU university	Rutgers university	Seton hall university	Felician university
NJIT	Montclair State University	Rutgers	Caldwell University	Seton Hall

Among the schools to which you applied, was Essex County College your:

Field	n	Percentage
First choice	182	65.47%
Second choice	52	18.71%
Third or lower	44	15.83%

What college was your first choice if not Essex County College?

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Kean university

Essex County college

Rutgers University

NJIT

Princeton University

Montclair University

Pace University

New Jersey Institute of Technology

Rutgers University

Union College

Caldwell University

Essex was my only choice.

Rutgers

Kean University

Essex County College

St Elizabeths

Stonybrook

Only Essex County College

Montclair State University

I have been to college before since I moved to Bloomfield I decided to apply to Essex County College.

Caldwell University

Rutgers

Essex county was my first choice

Essex County College

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Essex county college

Kean university

I did not apply to any other school

Montclair State University

Rutgers

Iowa western

Felician

Union county college

Njit

NJIT

Union County College

Njit

William Paterson university

Montclair

Bloomfield College

Kean

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NJIT

NJIT

Essex

Yes

Essex County college

Njit

Bloomfield

New Jersey

MONTCLAIR UNIVERSITY

Rowan

I was already awarded a bachelor's and master's degree - I needed 7 credits in accounting to be eligible for my CPA

CUNY

Passaic county college

Njcu

Berkeley College

Essex County College

Rutgers

montclair state university

Utica College

None

Essex county

Kean

Stevens

fairleigh dickinson

Hudson

Georgia state university

Rutgers

It was Essex college college

None

University of Cincinnati

None

Kean

Rutgers

Barkley college

KEAN University

Savannah state university

NJIT

I don't Remember honestly.

Non

no college

come back to this college

Kean University

Bergen community college

Bergen Community College

Arizona State University

Yes

Rutgers

Kean University

William Patterson university

Rutgers university

Essex County College

Union county

Kean university

NJIT

Saint Elizabeth university

None except Essex county and I was happy I was given admission

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Montclair state university

Saint peters university

ECC

Montclair State University

rutgers

NJIT

Mercer County Community College

New Jersey Institute of Technology

Essex County College

Mountclair

none

Lonestar College

William Paterson University

Kean

Rutgers

Hudson Community

NYU

John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Saint Peters University

Berkeley college

None

There are many ways that you may have learned about Essex County College. P...

Field	Very Influential		Somewhat Influential		Slightly Influential		No Influence		Total
Billboard advertisements	24.26%	57	22.98%	54	11.06%	26	41.70%	98	235
Radio advertisements	12.11%	27	18.39%	41	6.73%	15	62.78%	140	223
Bus advertisements	18.92%	42	23.42%	52	15.77%	35	41.89%	93	222
Information sent in the mail	36.84%	84	22.81%	52	17.11%	39	23.25%	53	228
Social Media	23.53%	52	23.08%	51	12.22%	27	41.18%	91	221
College fairs	26.82%	59	19.09%	42	15.45%	34	38.64%	85	220
House of Worship Tour/Community events	16.82%	36	18.22%	39	12.62%	27	52.34%	112	214
High school guidance counselor	32.57%	71	21.10%	46	11.93%	26	34.40%	75	218
Educational Access Channel	16.98%	36	20.75%	44	11.79%	25	50.47%	107	212

Students base their decision to attend Essex County College on a variety of...

Field	Very important		Somewhat important		Slightly important		Not important at all		Total
Price of tuition	78.60%	191	13.99%	34	5.35%	13	2.06%	5	243
Campus location	68.07%	162	26.05%	62	4.20%	10	1.68%	4	238
Academic facilities	62.98%	148	25.96%	61	7.23%	17	3.83%	9	235
Racial and ethnic diversity	49.35%	114	22.08%	51	10.39%	24	18.18%	42	231
Academic program selection	69.62%	165	19.83%	47	5.49%	13	5.06%	12	237
Student support services (e.g., free childcare)	47.60%	109	23.14%	53	15.28%	35	13.97%	32	229

Did you apply for financial aid?

Field	n	Percentage
Yes	198	79.52%
No	51	20.48%

Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements:

Field	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Total
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The financial aid office communicated with me in a timely manner	37.37%	71	43.68%	83	14.21%	27	4.74%	9	190
The financial aid office was helpful	39.04%	73	45.99%	86	10.70%	20	4.28%	8	187
The financial aid office clearly communicated with me	36.90%	69	41.71%	78	15.51%	29	5.88%	11	187
The amount of financial aid I received was what I expected	29.03%	54	43.55%	81	17.20%	32	10.22%	19	186

Do you have any concern about your ability to finance your college education?

Field	n	Percentage
No, I am confident that I will have sufficient funds	54	23.79%
Some concern, but I will probably have enough funds	107	47.14%
Major concern, I am not sure that I will have enough funds to complete college	66	29.07%

As you start your academic career at Essex County College, are you worried about paying for any of the following? (Please select all that apply) - Selected Choice

Field	n	Percentage
Food	19	10%
Housing	22	11%
Transportation	38	19%
Textbooks	39	20%
Family expenses	32	16%
Medical bills/health care	14	7%
Other (please specify)	31	16%

During your first year at Essex County College, how many hours do you plan to work on average per week?

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None	42	18.67%
1-10	30	13.33%
11-20	49	21.78%
21-30	41	18.22%
31-40	45	20.00%
More than 40	18	8.00%

During your first year at ECC, how difficult do you expect the following to...

Field	Very difficult	Somewhat difficult	Slightly difficult	Not at all difficult	Total
Understanding the registration process/deadlines	10.76% 24	41.70% 93	26.01% 58	21.52% 48	223
Learning course material	10.41% 23	37.10% 82	27.60% 61	24.89% 55	221
Managing time	21.92% 48	32.88% 72	28.77% 63	16.44% 36	219
Getting help with schoolwork/tutoring	14.16% 31	22.37% 49	26.48% 58	36.99% 81	219
Knowing what courses to take/advisement	16.06% 35	28.90% 63	31.19% 68	23.85% 52	218
Making friends	22.22% 48	20.83% 45	17.59% 38	39.35% 85	216
Interacting with faculty	14.75% 32	24.42% 53	26.73% 58	34.10% 74	217
Getting help with personal issues	16.20% 35	23.61% 51	18.52% 40	41.67% 90	216

Q18 - What is the highest level of formal education obtained by your mother (or guardian)?

Field	n	Percentage
Elementary school or less	22	10%
Some high school	35	16%
High school graduate or GED	65	30%
Vocational or trade school	7	3%
Some college	33	15%
Undergraduate college degree	23	11%
Some graduate school	4	2%
Graduate degree	29	13%

What is the highest level of formal education obtained by your father (or guardian)?

Field	n	Percentage
Elementary school or less	25	12%
Some high school	47	22%
High school graduate or GED	53	25%
Vocational or trade school	14	7%
Some college	22	10%
Undergraduate college degree	19	9%
Some graduate school	5	2%
Graduate degree	29	14%