

# Western Nevada College Overview



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# WNC Values, Mission and Core Themes

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## VALUES

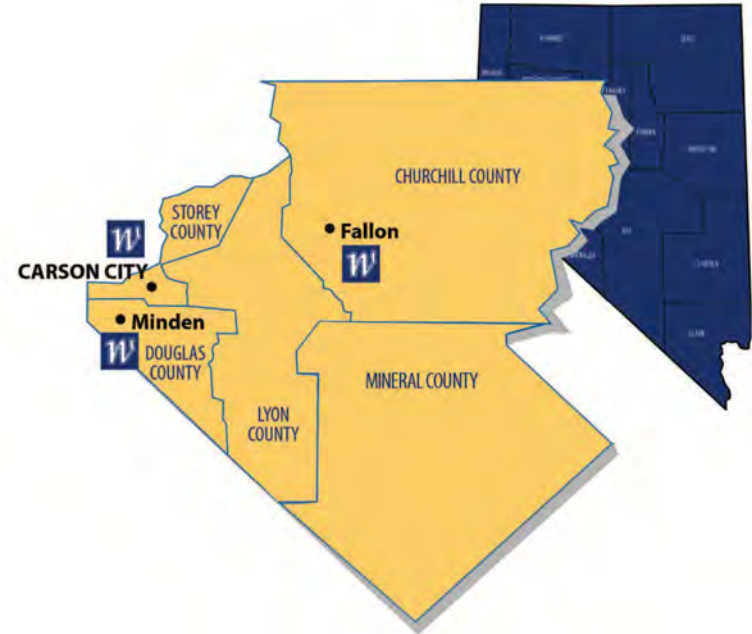
WNC is student centered, inquiry driven, and data informed as we nurture community connections and promote an environment of equity and inclusion.

## MISSION

WNC contributes to solutions for the 21st century by providing effective educational pathways for the students and communities of Nevada.

## CORE THEMES

- Transfer Education
- Professional Education
- Lifelong Learning

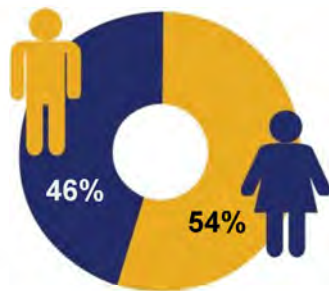


# Student Demographics

**3,528**  
Total Students  
Fall 2021



Nearly  
**5,000**  
Students Annually

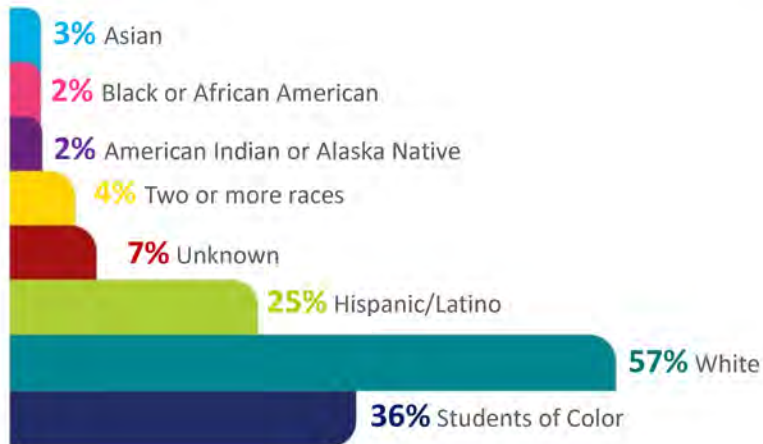


**39%** 18-24    **26%** Under 18    **35%** 25+

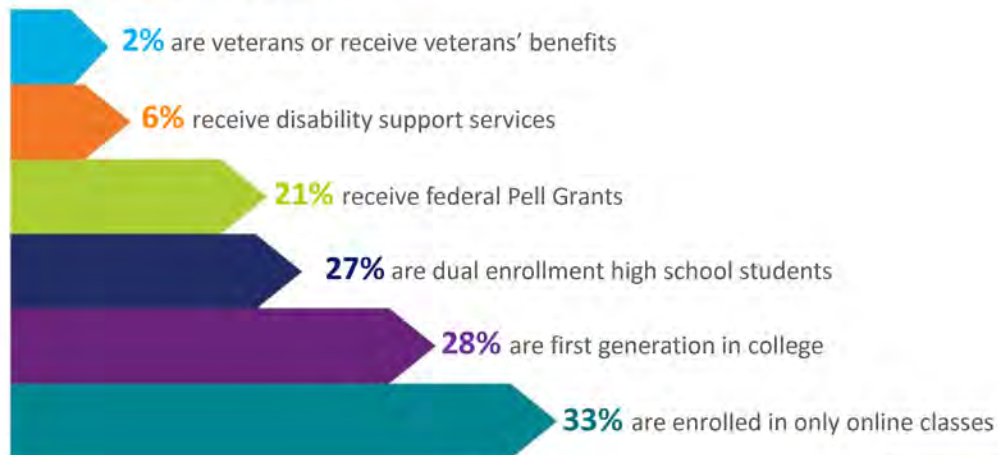
AVERAGE AGE OF STUDENTS **24.9** YEARS OLD

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE **17** STUDENTS

## ETHNICITY

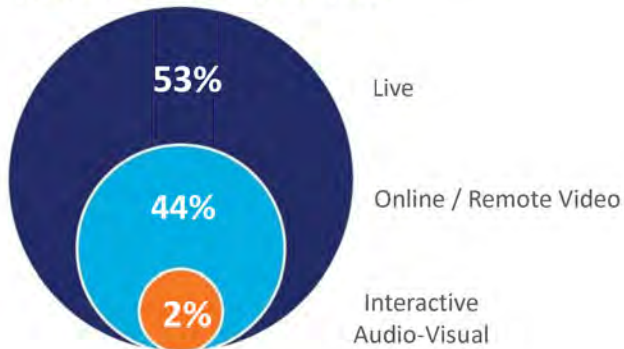


## SPECIAL POPULATIONS

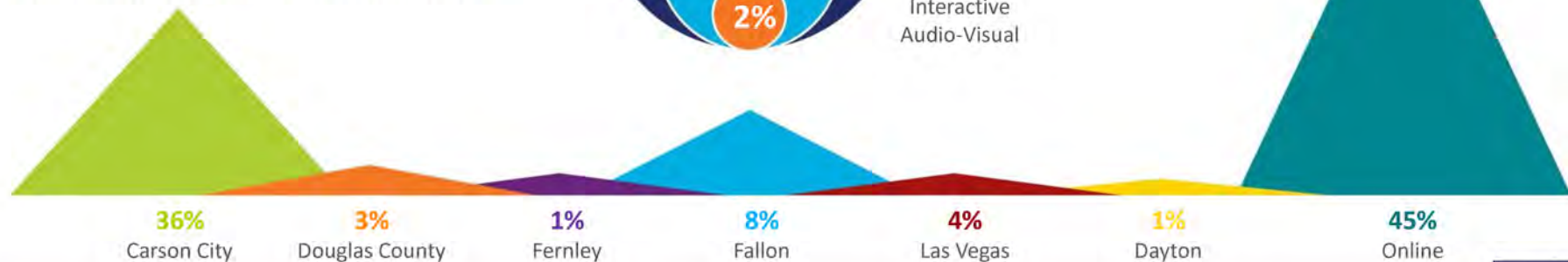




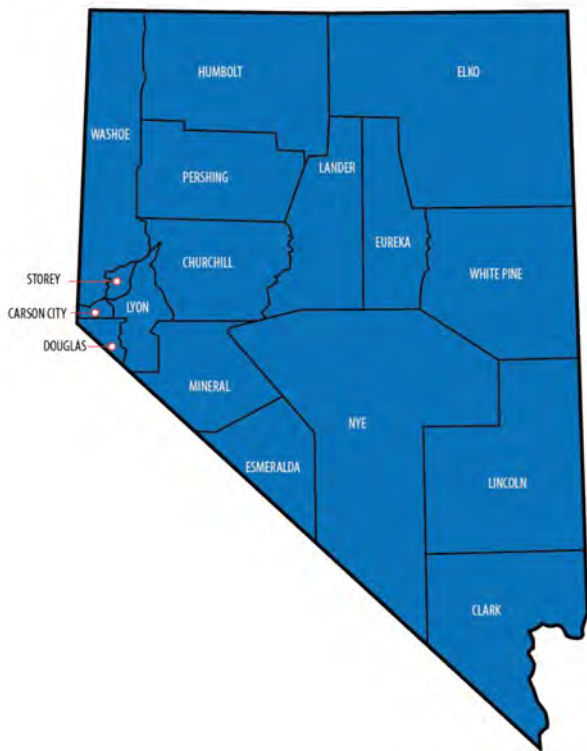
**MODE OF INSTRUCTION**



**ENROLLMENT BY CLASS LOCATION**



# Dual Enrollment Programs



Aspire High School

Carson High School

Churchill County High School

Dayton High School

Douglas High School

Fernley High School

Mater Academy\*

Mineral County High School\*

Nevada State High School

Nevada Virtual Academy

Oasis Academy

Pioneer High School

Sierra Lutheran

Silver Stage High School

Smith Valley High School

Virginia City High School

Yerington High School

\*Currently working to establish agreements.



# High School Dual Enrollment



**In fall 2021, WNC served 349 students in the JumpStart program.**

The college served a population of **1,102 students** in Dual Enrollment as a whole.

Participation in dual enrollment courses has grown by **284%** from 2014 to 2021.

**553 associate degrees** since 2014.

**148** industry skills certificates/certificates of achievement since 2014.

**79% of the full-time, JumpStart students** who entered the program in fall 2019 graduated from high school in spring 2021 with a WNC associate degree.



# Rural Nursing



In response to community requests, WNC has re-established the Rural Nursing Cohort serving students on the WNC Fallon Campus that is overseen by one full-time instructor assigned to the Fallon Campus and division administrative support from personnel on the Carson City Campus (who often travel to Fallon).

The long-term sustainability of this critical rural access point depends on identifying ongoing funding for instruction in Fallon (and via remote video) and administrative support. WNC used this enhancement funding to support instructional and administrative staff in the nursing program to serve these students.

**As of fall 2021, there are two cohorts of students at the Fallon Campus with a total of 16 enrolled.**



# Underserved Student Populations



WNC has used Enhancement Funding to fund a recruitment specialist position and travel in pursuit of student interest and expansion of the Latino Leadership Academy program and recruitment of students of color. The Latino Leadership Academy has a total of 127 students enrolled in fall 2021, the majority are enrolled in 15 credits, and 22% are residents of rural counties.

**This year, the college enrolled the largest number of students of color (1,333) that now comprise 36% of our student population.**

**Students of color from rural counties increased by 10% from fall 2020.**

**American Indian/Alaskan Native students enrolled in fall 2021 increased by 26% over fall 2020.**





# Student Support & Access Initiatives



## Silver State Opportunity Grant

- WNC students average **\$10,016** in unmet financial need (2020-2021)

## Nevada Promise Scholarship

- **404** Students completed all required NPS steps in 2020-2021
- **251** NPS completers enrolled in 2020-2021
- **169** NPS completers received \$336,189 in scholarship funds

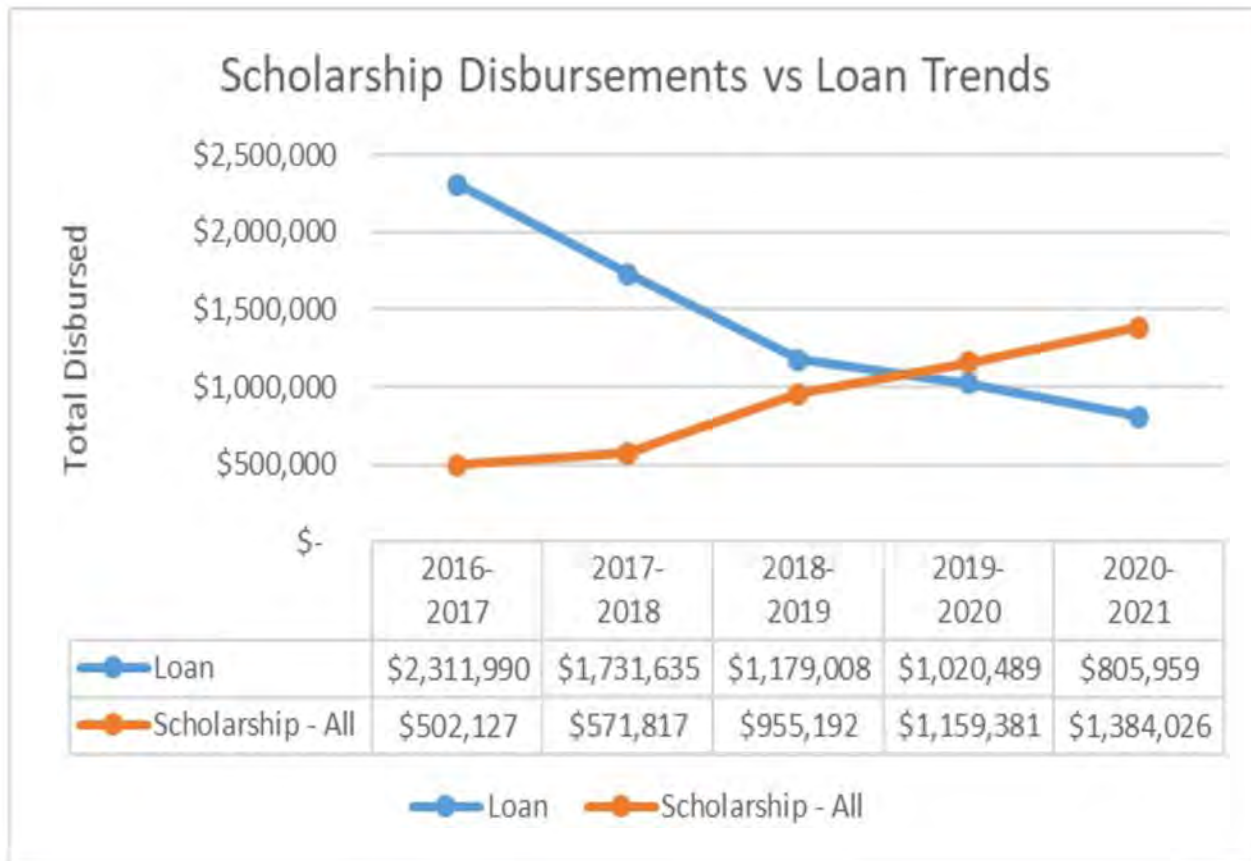
*Note: WNC covered a \$40,151 funding shortage for eligible students in spring 2021*

## Millennium Scholarship

- WNC has experienced a **21% growth** in students using Millennium Scholarships over a 5-year period



# Financial Aid Trends



# Student Success Initiatives

Mental Health Support

Wildcat Reserve (food pantry)

Wildcat Commons (DEI center)

Veterans' Center

E-Sports Teams

Student Clubs

Fitness Center



# Workforce Initiatives



- Working with local industry to solve labor shortage
- Rural nursing and allied health
- Commercial Driver's License (CDL)
- Siemens Mechatronics Systems Certification (only partner college and training provider in Western U.S.)
- HVAC at the Fallon Campus (2021)
- ROADS Program
- Higher Education in Prison Program
- Teacher Education Programs (2+2)
- Program with Tesla to combine Tesla's orientation with WNC's Manufacturer Technician 1 training in six-week blocks
- BAS in Organizational and Project Management
  - Online, 8 week classes
- Create transfer pathways for students needing four year degrees (education, graphic design, criminal justice)
- WNC Training Center in Fernley (emerging project)



## Apprenticeships

274 students (fall 2021)

22% increase



## Capital Request: WNC Fernley Advanced Technology Training Center (\$12M)

- WNC Campus and Training Center in Fernley
- Meets the rapidly growing needs of Lyon County
- Fernley, the largest city in Lyon County and the second largest in the WNC service area, does not have a college campus; WNC serves Lyon County through the use of borrowed space
- The center will train dislocated and underemployed workers and those seeking to advance within their current positions
- Short-term programs to meet industry needs



# WNC Fernley Advanced Technology Training Center

## Costs

### Building and Land Purchase - \$5M

- Phase 1 - \$3.5 M (EDA Grant Request)
  - First floor build-out
  - Requires \$800k Fire Suppression System installation
- Phase 2 - \$3.5M
  - Second floor build-out
  - Training equipment
  - Classroom and office furniture
  - Landscaping updates

## Funding Plan

- Private Donor contributions/pledges: \$4M
- **State contribution: \$4M**
- Grant funding: \$4M



## 2500 Corsair Drive, Fernley NV

- Walking distance to Fernley High School, supporting dual enrollment students
- 20 minutes from Tahoe Regional Industrial Center and employers like Tesla, Panasonic and Blockchains
- 20,000 Square Feet
- Modern, design ideal for educational space
- 25 acres

# Questions

