

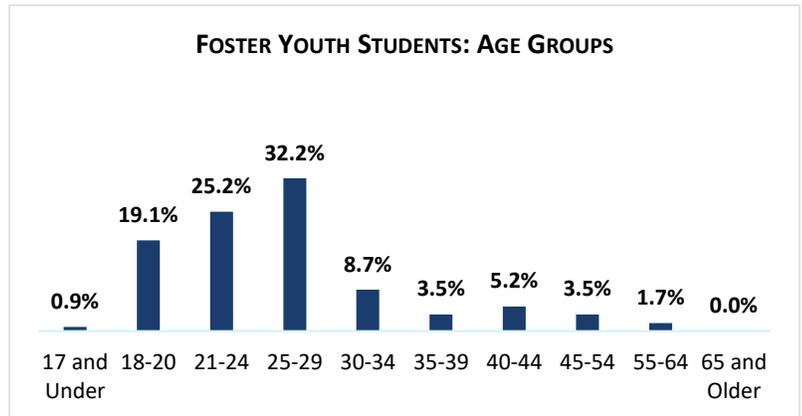
THE FOSTER YOUTH STUDENT EXPERIENCE

DEFINITION

Students are identified as **foster youth** if they indicated on their MiraCosta College application that they have ever been in court-ordered foster care.

DEMOGRAPHICS (2018/2019)

- .6% of MiraCosta students are foster youth (N = 115)
- 69.6% female, 29.6% male, 0.9% declined to state
- 95.7% are degree/certificate seeking
- Average Age: 26.2 years old



Data Source: Internal MiraCosta College data

EQUITY GAPS

DATA SOURCE: [SEA DATA](#)

- Transfer to a four-year institution (All Foster Youth)
- Enrollment in the same institution (female)
- Completion of a Vision Goal (All Foster Youth)

DATASOURCE: [GUIDED PATHWAYS – ALL STUDENTS DASHBOARD](#)

Indicates metric is not applicable

METRIC	<u>OVERALL</u> COHORT YEARS EXPERIENCING DI	<u>BY GENDER</u> POPULATIONS AND COHORT YEARS EXPERIENCING DI	<u>PART TIME (6-11 UNITS)</u> COHORT YEARS EXPERIENCING DI
COMPLETED MATRICULATION BY END OF TERM 1	16/17	Females: 16/17, 18/19 Males: None	16/17
EARNED 6+ UNITS BY END OF TERM 1			16/17
EARNED 12+ UNITS BY END OF TERM 1	16/17	None	
PERSISTED FALL TO SPRING	15/16	Females: None Males: 15/16	None
ATTEMPTED TRANSFER MATH IN FIRST ACADEMIC YEAR	16/17	Females: 16/17 Males: None	None

ATTEMPTED TRANSFER ENGLISH IN FIRST ACADEMIC YEAR	16/17	Females: 16/17 Males: None	None
COMPLETED TRANSFER ENGLISH IN FIRST ACADEMIC YEAR	16/17, 17/18	Females: 16/17 Males: None	None
EARNED 12+ UNITS BY END OF YEAR 1			15/16
ATTEMPTED 24+ UNITS BY END OF YEAR 1	16/17	None	
PERSISTED FALL TO FALL	15/16	Females: 15/16 Males: None	None
EARNED 24 + UNITS BY END OF YEAR 2			15/16
ATTEMPTED 48+ UNITS BY END OF YEAR 2	None	Females: None Males: 13/14	
ATTEMPTED 60+ UNITS BY END OF YEAR 3	13/14	Females: None Males: 13/14	

STUDENT VOICES

SUPPORT AND BUILDING COMMUNITY

When I went to college before, I didn't have this community, or the help, or the push, or the drive, so I ended up dropping out....but I feel like if [the RAFFY Counselor] was there at my old school, then I would have pushed through and got through all my semesters and stuff. Right now I have not stopped going to school, I've been keep going to school, and I feel like it's because of [the RAFFY Counselor].

-RAFFY Focus group participant

I never thought that being a part of the system would ever be a good thing...[the RAFFY Counselor] made me feel like "Oh, you're former foster youth? You're a part of my family. This is what I could do for you. I can help you get scholarships and find out what you wanna do", and I've never felt that before...I wasn't just another number to him. -Focus group participant

-RAFFY Focus group participant

HOUSING INSECURITY

I can't come to school and effectively work in my classes when I'm thinking about getting kicked out and being homeless because I can't pay my rent. Those things need to come first, and if I didn't have the amount of support I get from [the RAFFY Counselor], then I can't be here and I can't do well.

-RAFFY Focus group participant

I was homeless and still coming to school and I was gonna drop out and the only reason why I was still coming was because I was getting help from [the RAFFY Counselor] and that support.

-Focus group participant

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

[The RAFFY Counselor] is always giving me a hard time about not taking more classes, but it's kind of impossible. One time I was working three jobs and I was taking four classes and I ended up dropping all them because I was failing and I was trying to not have less than a B on my record. So there are plenty of scholarships where you have to be taking a certain amount of units, and it's like a double edged sword, it's like I can't just focus on school because I have to pay my bills and I can't just focus on work because I'm trying to further my education, so I'm constantly in this place where I have to be doing both.

-RAFFY Focus group participant