



**City College Title IX
Intercollegiate Sports Survey
*Fall 2019***

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Background

The San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) Title IX Intercollegiate Sports Survey was conducted in accordance with the Title IX Equal Opportunity in Education Act to determine students' level of interest in intercollegiate athletics and whether the colleges are fulfilling the expressed demand of their students for opportunities to participate in sports. The survey was administered during the Fall 2019 semester through an online survey platform to all full-time students (enrolled in a minimum of 12 units) at City College.

The survey targeted full-time students who meet the athletic eligibility criteria, according to the Commission on Athletics/California Community College Athletic Association Constitution and Bylaws:

1.3 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

1.3.1 *In order to be eligible for non-conference, conference, and post conference competition, a student athlete must be continuously and actively enrolled and attending class in a minimum of 12 units at his/her California community college during the season of sport. Students dropping below 12 units are not eligible for competition until they are once again actively enrolled and attending class in at least 12 units.*

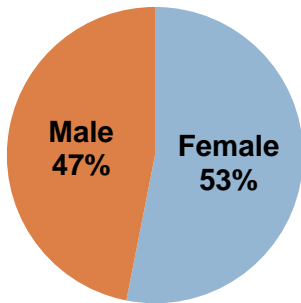
The survey was open for two weeks, from October 8, 2019 through October 23, 2019. Of the 3,295 City College full-time students invited, 322 completed the survey, or a 10% response rate.

| City College Response Rate | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Responses | 322 |
| Invitations | 3,295 |
| Response Rate | 10% |

The survey instrument contained 7 questions (6 multiple choice, 1 open-ended question) about student characteristics, athletic participation, and interest in competing in sports at City College. The survey also provided fields for respondents to include their contact information if they are interested in competing in a sport at City. Most respondents spent about one minute to complete the survey. Students were instructed to access the survey directly from a URL link in a survey invitation. In an effort to maximize student response, two reminder emails were sent prior to the end of data collection.

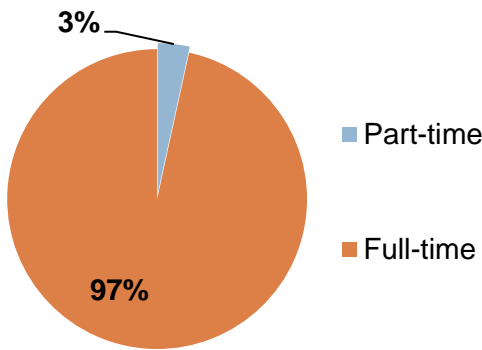
Respondent Demographics (n=322)

Gender



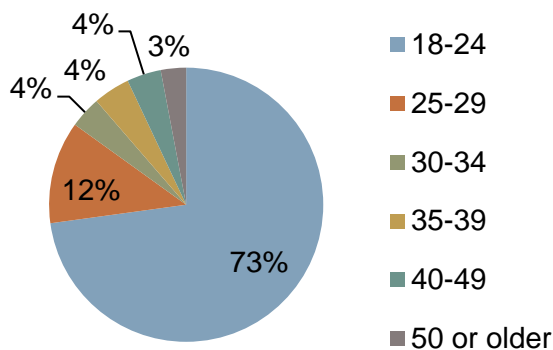
Survey respondents were 53% female (n=171) and 47% male (n=151). Compared to the City College student population, female survey respondents were over-represented (the City College student population is 55% female and 45% male¹).

Enrollment Status



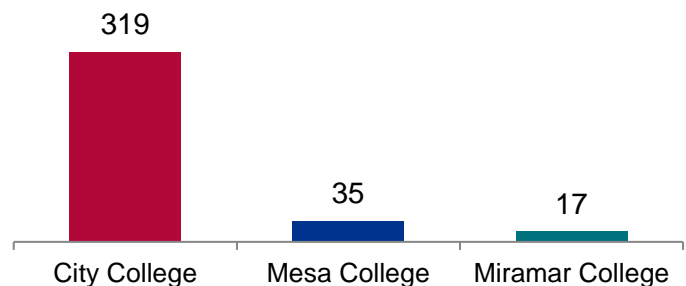
Although only full-time students were emailed invitations to participate in the survey, 3% of respondents (n=11) classified themselves as part-time, which may reflect that students withdrew from classes after the survey distribution list was created. It is also possible that some students indicated they were part-time because, even though they are taking 12 units or more this semester at SDCCD, they do not take more than 12 units at one campus.

Age



Nearly three-quarters of respondents were between the ages of 18 and 24 (73%, n=235). 12% of respondents were between the ages of 25 and 29 (n=39), and the remaining 15% of respondents were 30 or older.

**Which college(s) are you attending?
(Check all that apply)**



¹ SDCCD Information System

Intercollegiate Sports Participation

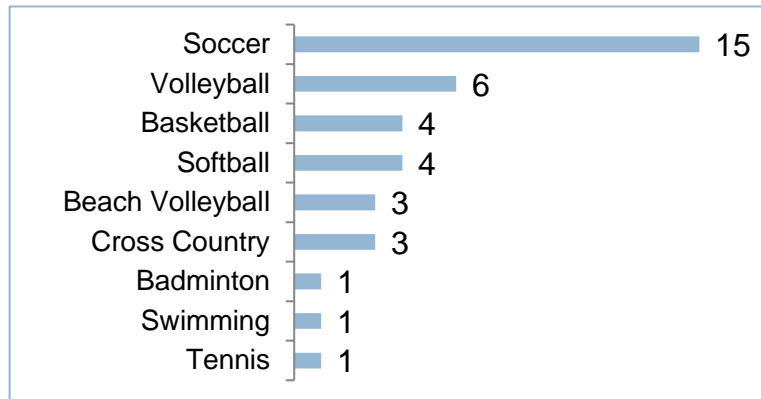
To assess the athletic participation rates within this sample, respondents were asked to indicate all of the intercollegiate sports that they currently participate in, or had previously participated in, at any of the colleges in the San Diego Community College District. Respondents were directed to separate lists of sports that corresponded to their gender (Table 1).

Table 1. Athletic Programs by Gender

| <u>Female Sports</u> | | | <u>Male Sports</u> | | |
|----------------------|----------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|
| Badminton | Soccer | Track/Field | Baseball | Soccer | Volleyball |
| Basketball | Softball | Volleyball | Basketball | Swimming | Water Polo |
| Beach Volleyball | Swimming | Water Polo | Cross Country | Tennis | |
| Cross Country | Tennis | | Football | Track/Field | |

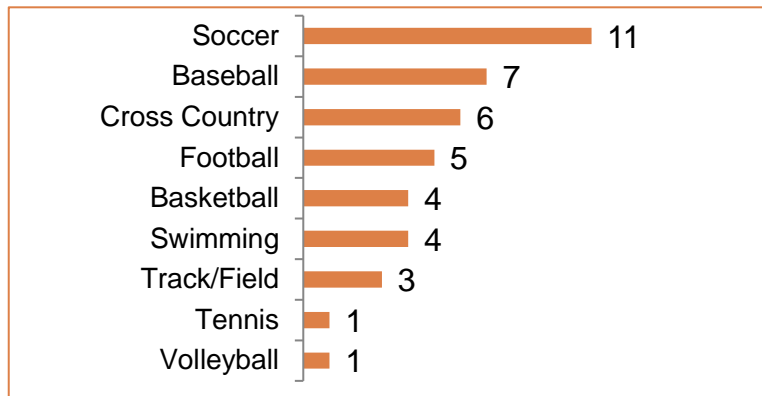
Female Respondents' Athletic Participation

When female students were asked which sports they already participate in at the colleges, if any, the most common response by far was soccer (n=15). Six respondents also indicated they had competed in volleyball.



Male Respondents' Athletic Participation

When male students were asked which sports they already participate in at the colleges, if any, the three most common responses were soccer (n=11), baseball (n=7), and cross country (n=6).



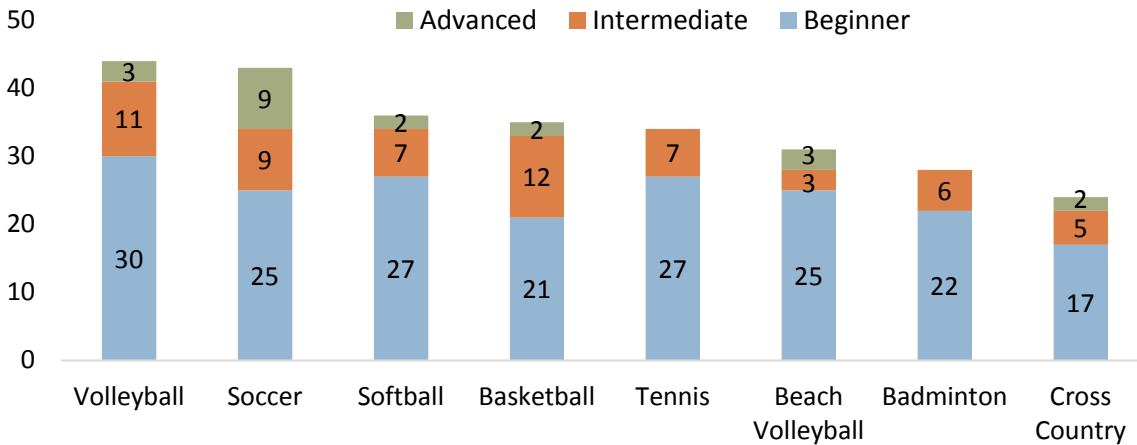
Respondents' Interest in Intercollegiate Athletics

Female Students' Responses

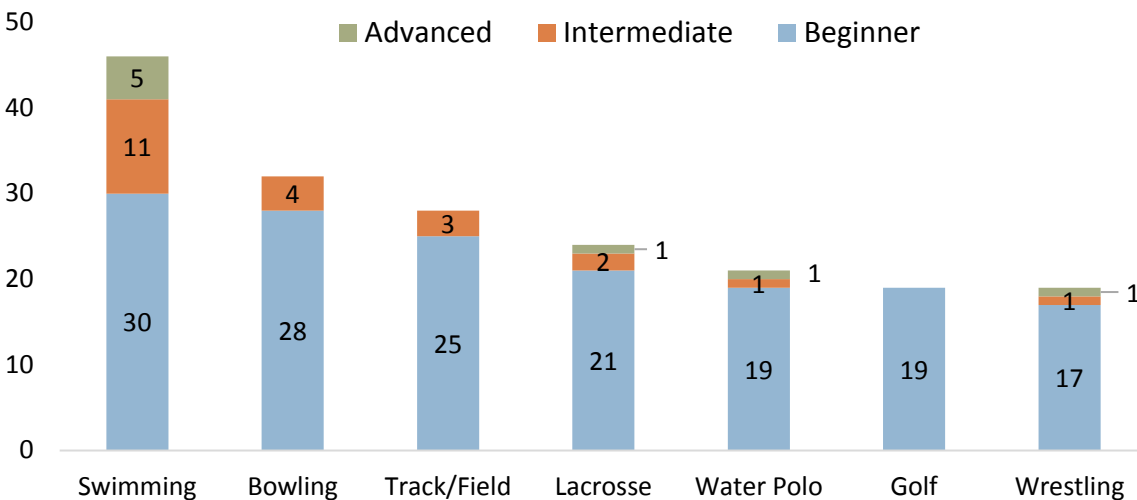
When female students indicated that they would be interested in competing in a sport, they most commonly expressed interest in volleyball (n=44), which is offered at City College, and swimming (n=46), which is not. Other sports not currently offered at City College for which the most respondents expressed interest were bowling (n=32) and track and field (n=28).

Respondents were also asked to estimate their level of skill in the sport for which they expressed interest; respondents most often indicated they were beginners. Of the 46 respondents who expressed interest in swimming, 16 indicated that they were of advanced or intermediate skill level, the largest group of non-beginners for any sport not already offered at City College.

Female Respondents' Expressed Interest in Intercollegiate Sports Offered at City College



Female Respondents' Expressed Interest in Intercollegiate Sports Not Offered at City College

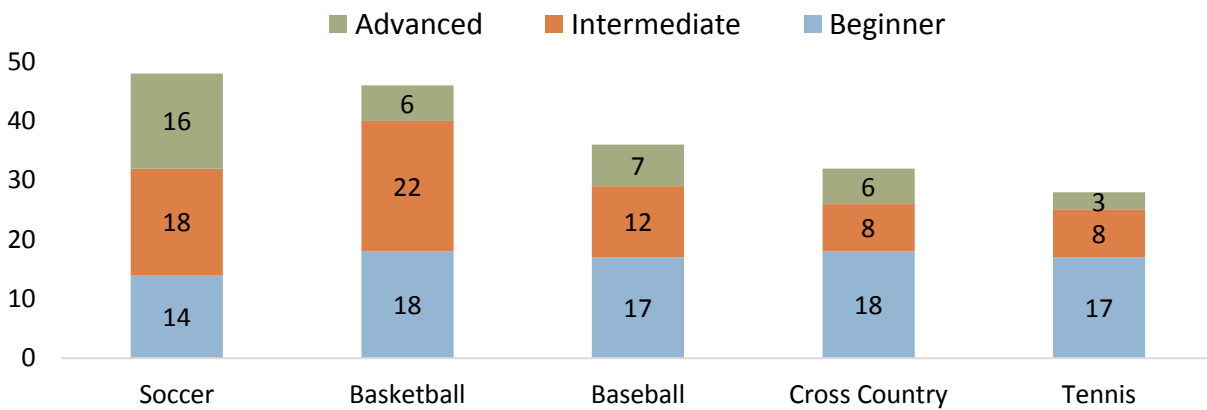


Male Students' Responses

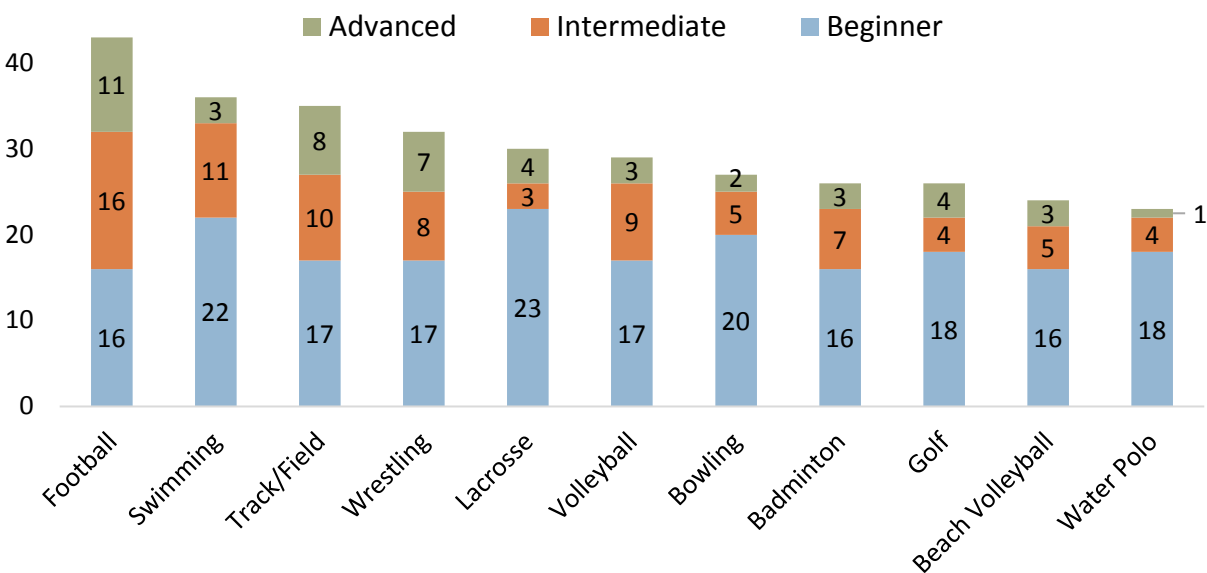
When male students indicated that they would be interested in competing in a sport, they most commonly expressed interest in soccer (n=48). The sport not currently offered at City College for which the most respondents expressed interest was football (beginner, n=16; intermediate, n=16; advanced, n=11).

Respondents were also asked to estimate their level of skill in the sport for which they expressed interest. For sports not already offered at City College, respondents most often indicated they were beginners, with the exception of football and track and field, for which a majority of respondents indicated they were either intermediate or advanced.

Male Respondents' Expressed Interest in Intercollegiate Sports Offered at City College



Male Respondents' Expressed Interest in Intercollegiate Sports Not Offered at City College



Reasons Students Don't Participate in Intercollegiate Sports

Survey recipients were asked to respond to the following question:

"If at any time while at the college you were interested in competing in an intercollegiate sport but did not, please explain why you did not participate."

The responses were coded by a researcher. Each response was assigned a single code.

Female Students' Responses

The top reason that female respondents gave for not participating in an intercollegiate sport, despite an interest in doing so, was time constraints (n=14). The second top cited reason was a lack of or not enough information (n=8).

Figure 1. Categories of reasons female students provided for not participating in intercollegiate sports



Note: Higher frequency of category is indicated by larger text size.

Male Students' Responses

Like female students attending City College, the top reason male students gave for not participating in sports was time constraints (n=17). Lack of information or not enough was the second most popular responses (n=11). Of note, one student who identified as a transgender male said they were not confident that they could participate in sports at City College safely, and also were concerned they would not be respected as they have not yet changed their legal information.

Figure 2. Categories of reasons male students provided for not participating in intercollegiate sports



Note: Higher frequency of category is indicated by larger text size.

Recommendations Based on Qualitative Data

The responses to this survey item provide support for three recommendations for City College:

1. Increase outreach regarding the sports available on campus.
2. Help students understand the steps needed to become involved in sports.
3. Provide more opportunities and encouragement for students of all skill levels and levels of familiarity to get involved with sports on campus.