



**Miramar 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 Miramar 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.

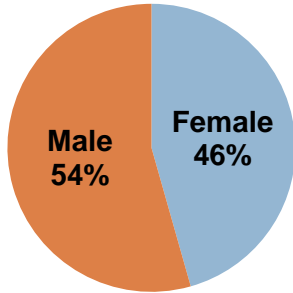
The survey was open for two weeks, from October 8, 2019 through October 23, 2019. Of the 3,221 Miramar College full-time students invited, 307 completed the survey, or a 10% response rate.

Miramar College Response Rate	
Responses	307
Invitations	3,221
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 Miramar College. The survey also provided fields for respondents to include their contact information if they are interested in competing in a sport at Miramar. 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.

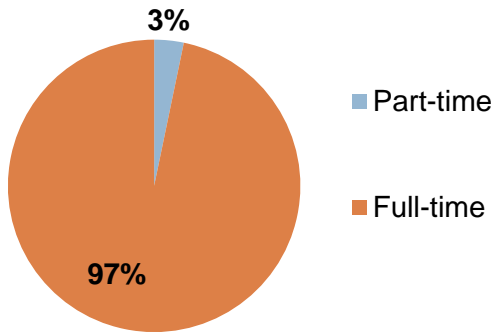
Respondent Demographics (n=307)

Gender



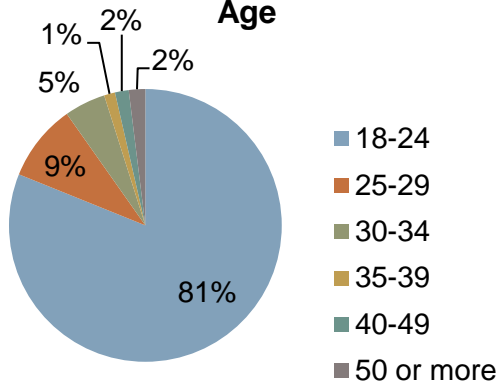
Survey respondents were 46% female (n=140) and 54% male (n=167). Respondents were reflective of the Miramar College student population (47% female and 53% male¹).

Enrollment Status



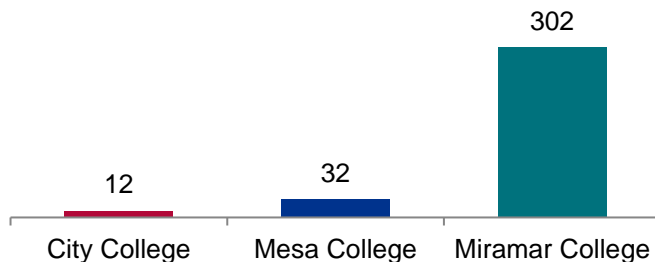
Although only full-time students were emailed invitations to participate in the survey, 3% of respondents (n=10) classified themselves as part-time, which may reflect that students withdrew from classes after the survey distribution list was created. It is also possible that some students indicated they 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



81% of respondents were between the ages of 18 and 24. Another 9% were between the ages of 25 and 29. The remaining 10% were 30 or older.

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



¹ SDCCD Information System

Intercollegiate Sports Participation

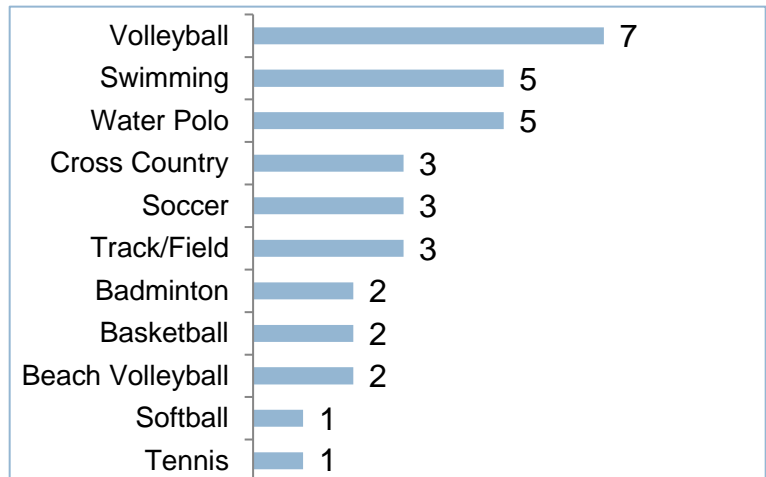
To assess the athletic participation rates within this sample, respondents were asked to indicate all of the intercollegiate sports that they currently participate in, or had previously participated in, at any of the colleges in the San Diego Community College District. Respondents were directed to separate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

Table 1. Athletic Programs by Gender

<i>Female Sports</i>			<i>Male Sports</i>		
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	

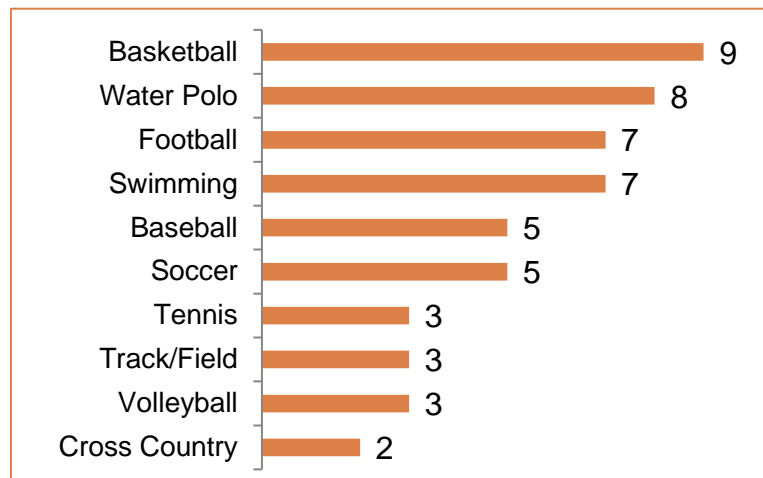
Female Respondents' Athletic Participation

When female students were asked which sports they already participate in at the colleges, if any, the most common responses were volleyball (n=7), swimming (n=5), and water polo (n=5).



Male Respondents' Athletic Participation

When male students were asked which sports they already participate in at the colleges, if any, the two most common responses were basketball (n=9) and water polo (n=8).



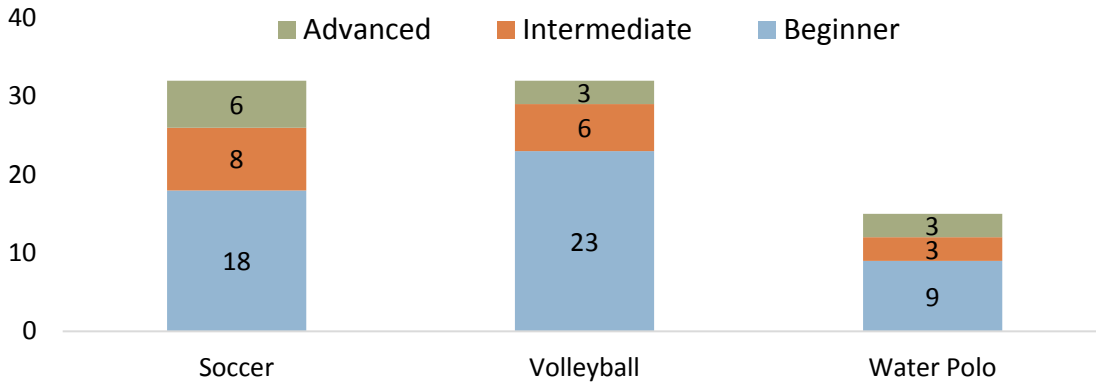
Respondents' Interest in Intercollegiate Athletics

Female Students' Responses

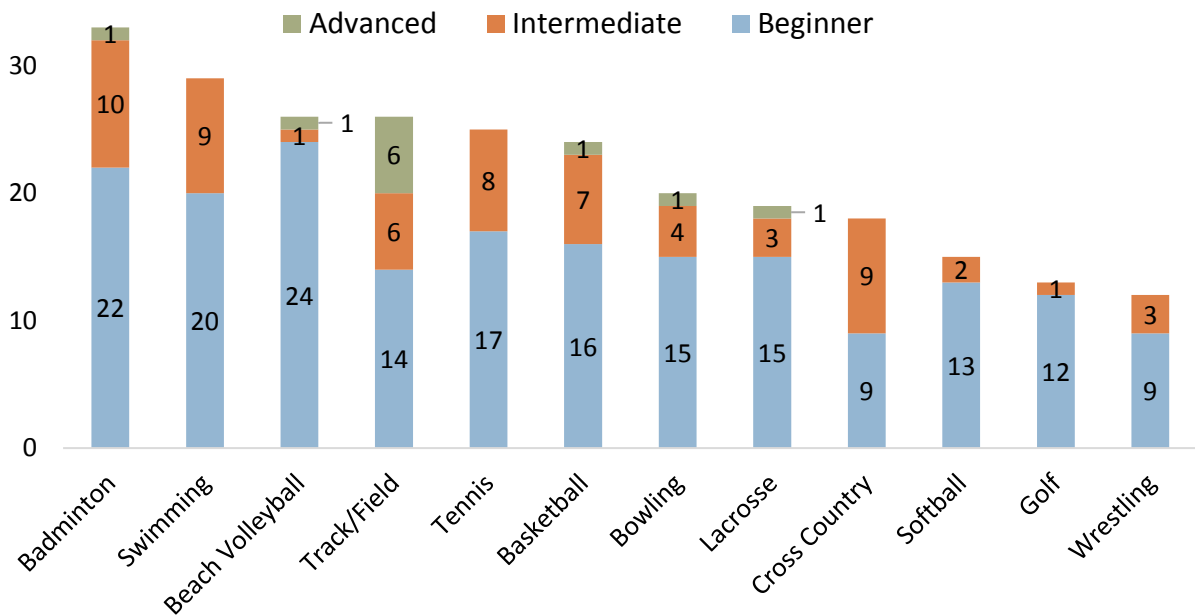
When female students indicated that they would be interested in competing in a sport, they most commonly expressed interest in badminton (n=33). Interest in badminton was higher than for any of the sports already offered at Miramar (soccer, n=32; volleyball, n=32; water polo, n=15).

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. For sports not offered at Miramar, there were two sports for which more than 10 respondents indicated they were of intermediate or advanced skill: badminton (n=11) and track and field (n=12).

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



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

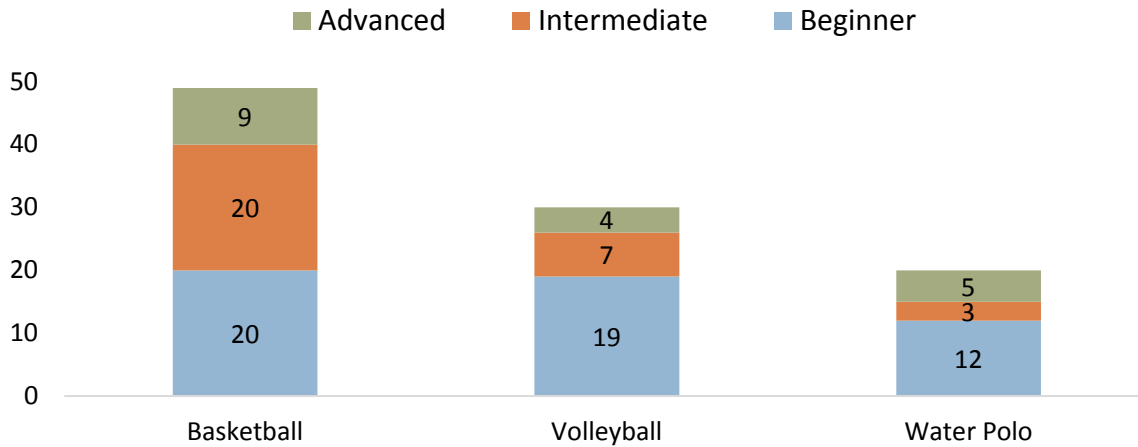


Male Students' Responses

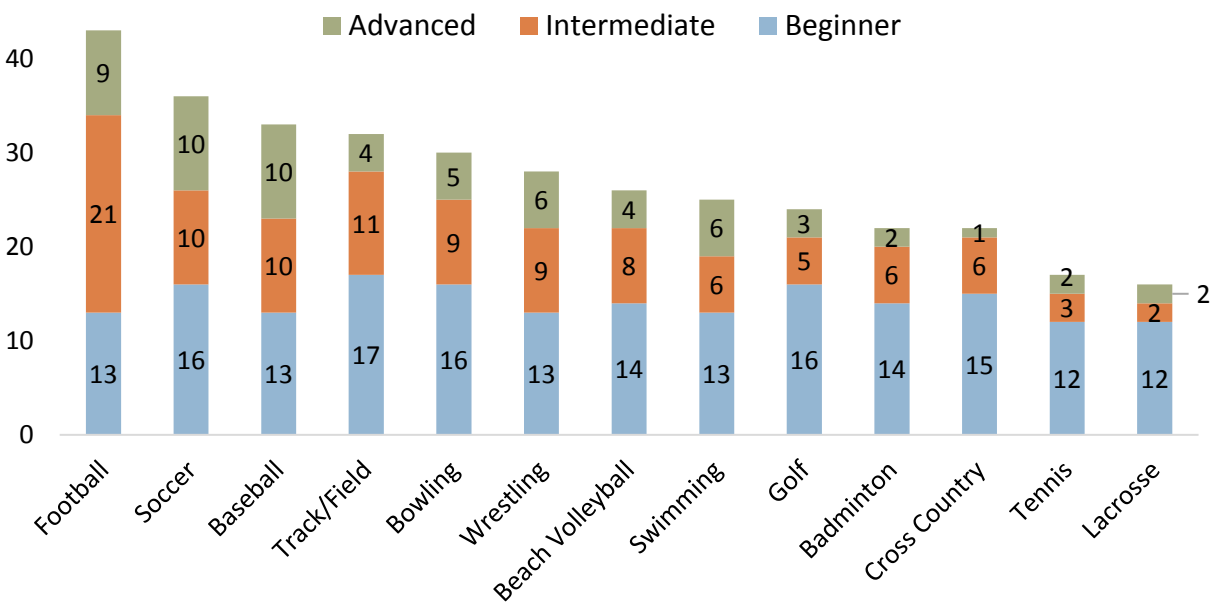
When male students indicated that they would be interested in competing in a sport, they most commonly expressed interest in basketball (n=49), which is offered at Miramar, and football and soccer (n=43 and n=36, respectively), which are not.

Respondents were also asked to estimate their level of skill in the sport for which they expressed interest. For sports not already offered at Miramar, there were 15 or more respondents who indicated they are of intermediate or advanced skill in football, soccer, baseball, track and field, and wrestling.

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



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



Reasons Students Don't Participate in Intercollegiate Sports

Survey recipients were asked to respond to the following question:

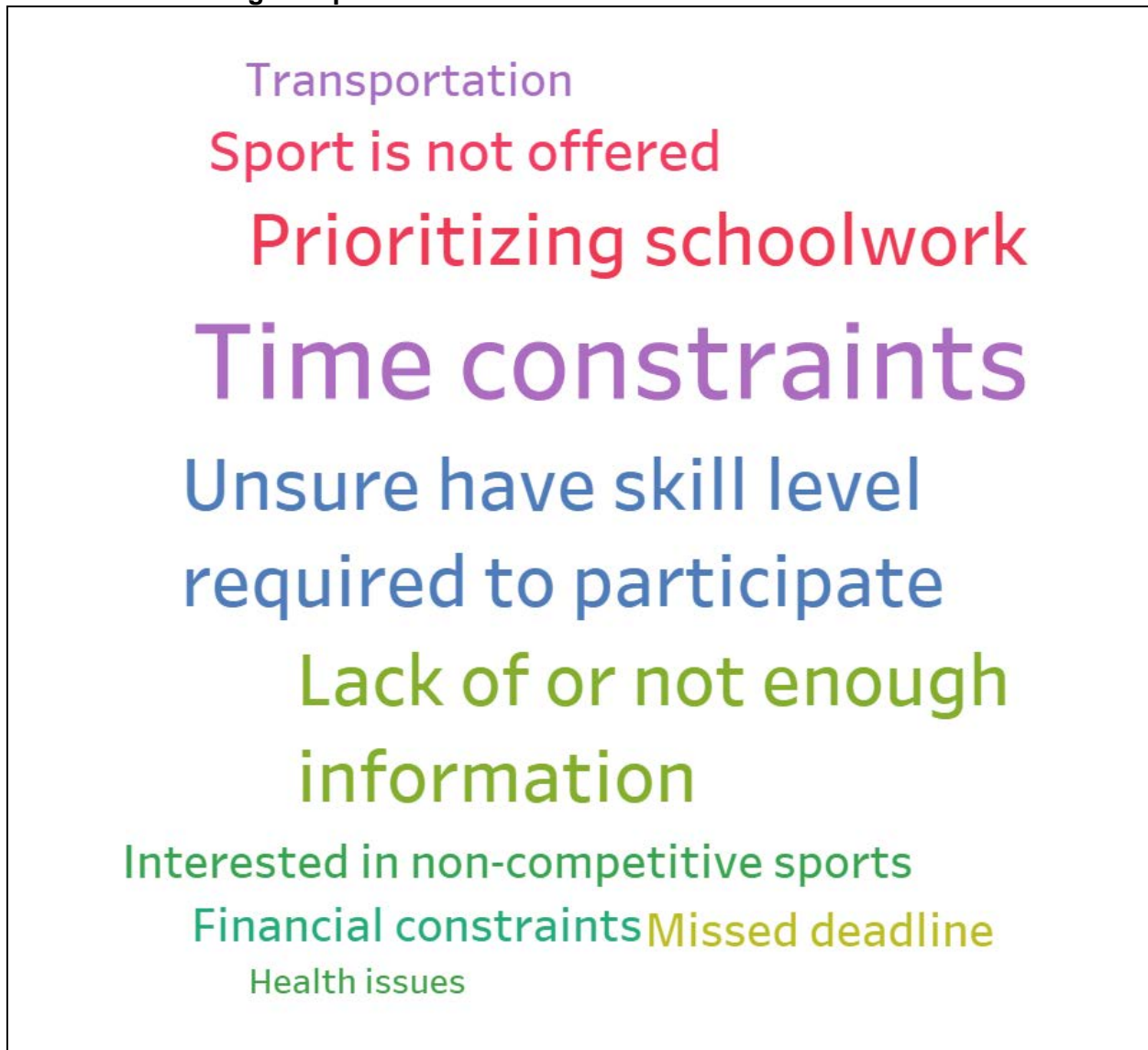
"If at any time while at the college you were interested in competing in an intercollegiate sport but did not, please explain why you did not participate."

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

Female Students' Responses

The most common reason female respondents provided for not participating in an intercollegiate sport, despite an interest in doing so, was time constraints (n=11). Prioritizing schoolwork, a lack of or not enough information, and being unsure if they were skilled enough to participate were all reasons provided by the next highest number of respondents (n=5).

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



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

Men's Responses

Like female students attending Miramar College, the top reason male students gave for not participating in sports was time constraints (n=16). A lack of or not enough information was the second most common reason (n=14), and the sport they were interested in not being offered was the third most common reason (n=11).

Figure 2. Categories of reasons male respondents 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 Miramar 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.