

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College

GRADUATION 2007

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Summary

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College is one of the top-100 associate degree and certificate producers in the country. The rankings are based on an analysis of data collected through the National Center for Education Statistics Integrated Postsecondary Education Data Set completions survey, and top-100 rankings are published each June by *Community College Week*¹. The report rankings are based upon degree completions from the previous year for data completions (i.e. 2007 report is based on 2006 data).

MGCCC National Rankings

Report Year	Ranking
2007	89
2006	67
2005	80
2004	91
2003	93

Gulf Coast ranks 89 in the nation for associate degrees

The hurricane assistance funds provided to students through the Special Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership Program (SLEAP)² sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education played a vital role in the continued success of our students and our institution. 489 of our 2007 graduates received special SLEAP funding during the pursuit of their degree from Gulf Coast. The 2007 graduation brings the grand total of Gulf Coast graduates to benefit from federal assistance due to Hurricane Katrina to 686.

40% of 2007 graduates received hurricane assistance funds

The total number of graduates for 2007 is 1,412. This represents 66 fewer (-4.5%) graduates from the previous year. The total number of associate and certificate degrees awarded in 2007 is 1,490. In 2007, seventy-eight of MGCCC graduates received dual-degree certifications. Many of the dual-degree students graduated in closely-related technical areas to enhance marketability in the workforce (i.e. degrees in both web development technology and computer programming). Some one-year certificate students continued studies in order to receive both a certificate and a two-year associate degree.

¹ <http://www.ccweek.com/news/templates/template.aspx?articleid=13&zoneid=1>

² <http://www.ed.gov/programs/sleap/index.html>

Summary by Campus and Type

The summary below represents graduates from summer 2006, fall 2006 and spring 2007.

MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Number of Graduates

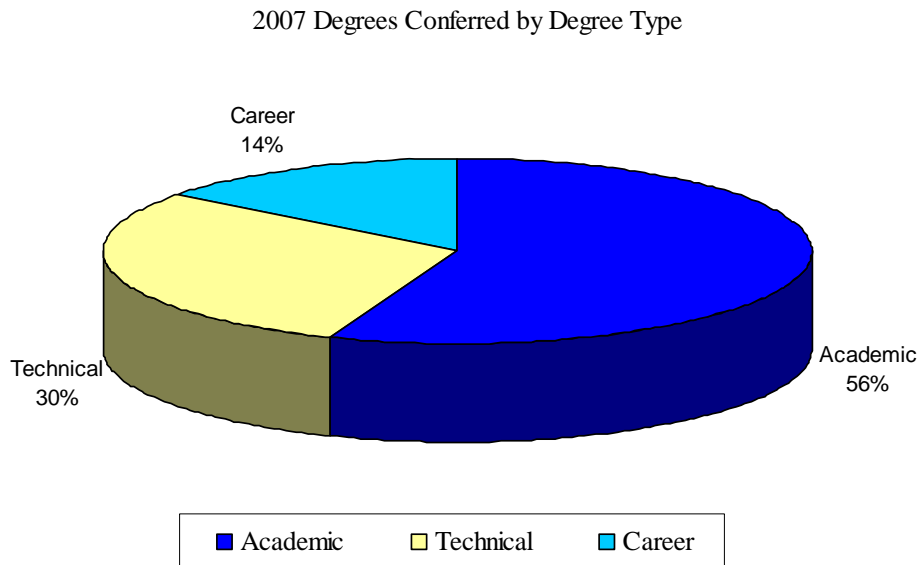
	PK	JD	JC	GC	KS	WH	NB	Total
<i>Graduates:</i>	252	512	534	68	18	27	1	1,412

1,412 Mississippi Gulf Coast Graduates

MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Number of Degrees Conferred

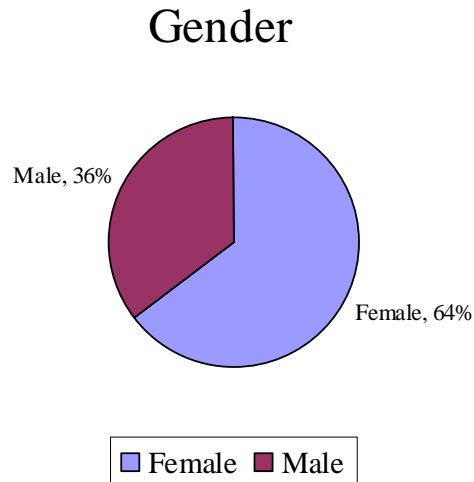
<i>Campus</i>	Academic	Technical	Career	Total
<i>Perkinston</i>	180	57	32	269
<i>Jefferson Davis</i>	300	175	45	520
<i>Jackson County</i>	310	212	56	578
<i>George County</i>	15	0	58	73
<i>Keesler</i>	18	0	0	18
<i>West Harrison</i>	6	1	24	31
<i>Navy Base</i>	1	0	0	1
Total Degrees:	830	445	215	1,490

1,490 Associate and Certificate Degrees awarded



Demographics Summary

The average age of the graduating class of 2007 is 28.7 years. There were 910 female graduates (64%) and 502 male graduates (36%).



87% of Graduates are in MGCCC's four-district service area

Graduates by Counties in Service Area

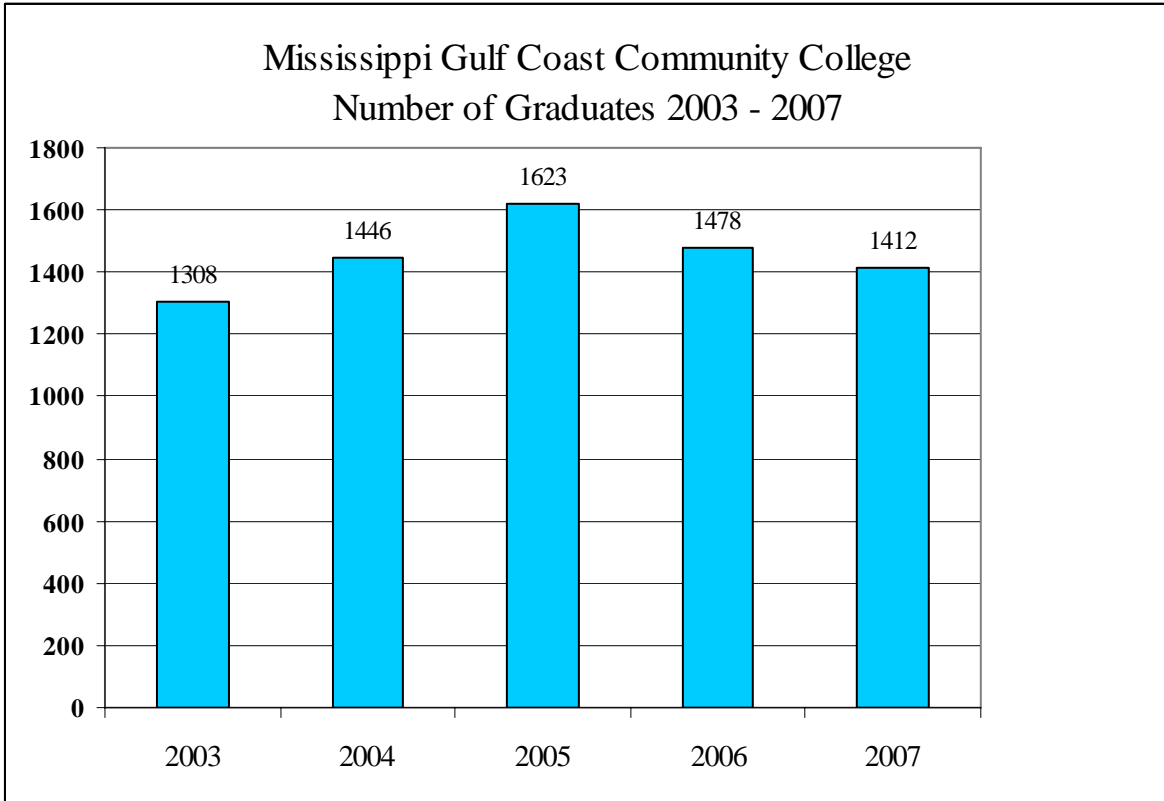
<i>Description</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>Percent of Grads</i>
<i>George</i>	79	5.6%
<i>Harrison</i>	556	39.4%
<i>Jackson</i>	519	36.8%
<i>Stone</i>	70	5.0%
<i>Other in-state</i>	140	9.9%
<i>Out of State</i>	45	3.2%
<i>Out of Country</i>	3	0.2%

The ethnic composition of the 2007 graduating class is represented in the table below. All ethnicities are represented in the class of 2007, but most graduates (85%) are black or white.

Ethnicity

<i>Description</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>Percent of Grads</i>
<i>American Indian/Alaskan Native</i>	5	0.4%
<i>Asian or Pacific Islander</i>	36	2.5%
<i>Black</i>	276	19.5%
<i>Hispanic</i>	62	4.4%
<i>White</i>	918	65.0%
<i>Unknown</i>	115	8.1%

Five-Year Comparison



4.5% fewer degrees awarded in 2007

