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## Yes, they are younger than they used to be.

It's not your imagination – the TC3 student population has shifted over the past few years. As the student population has grown, the proportion of traditional college-age students has grown the fastest. And this growing group of younger students resembles traditional college students in other ways as well: they are more likely to be enrolled in transfer-oriented degree programs than in vocational degree programs (A.S. or A.A. vs. A.A.S.), and they are more likely to be full-time students.

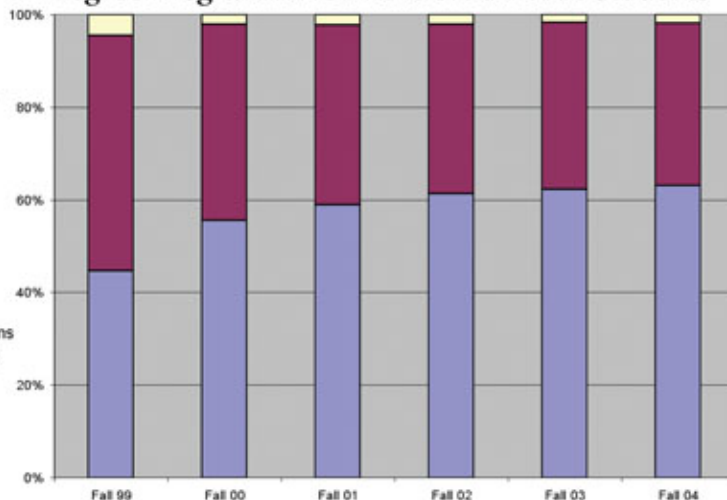
Several factors could be behind this shift, including the increasing number of TC3 students living in residence halls, the escalation of tuition costs at four-year schools, and the growing importance of a college education in securing employment.

In the meantime – you're not getting older, they're getting younger.

### Degree Program Enrollment of Full-time Students

The number of full-time students enrolled in transfer programs has continued to edge up, surpassing the number in vocational programs in 2000.

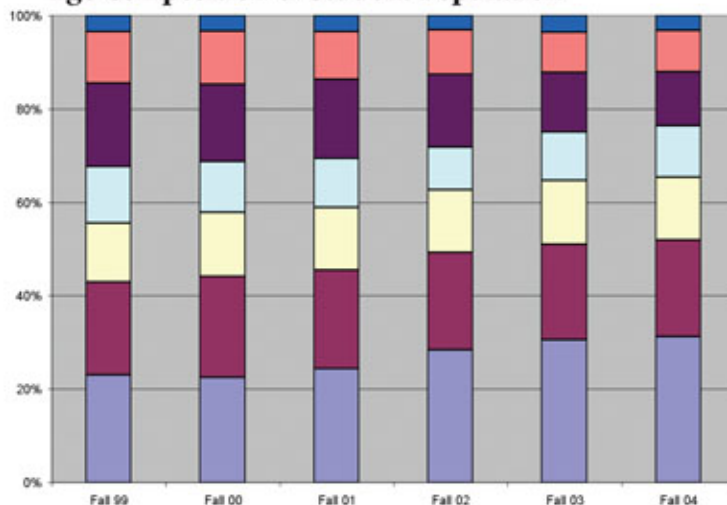
- Certificates
- Vocational programs
- Transfer programs



### Age Composition of Student Population

The increase in students 19 and under has driven growth over the past few years, while most other age groups have remained relatively stable.

- 50 and over
- 40 to 49
- 30 to 39
- 25 to 29
- 22 to 24
- 20 to 21
- 19 and under



### Students: Full Time & Part Time

Full-time students now make up more than 2/3s of the student body.

- % Part-time
- % Full-time

