

Fall 2018 W Report to FCDC

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The worst issue is that some faculty are still putting in the last date of attendance for W students as 8/20/18 or 8/23/18. These dates are prior to census or even prior to the 1st class meeting.

The other issue is a common one where students have withdrawn, but there is no last date of attendance yet. This would be required on submitting grades. Faculty can get the W dates from the drop list in their class rosters online.

We had 7225 total "W" grades for this semester over the "W period". That is about 1,000 per week. An average section is 30 students, so we are losing about 33 sections of students per week of the W period. That sounds insane.

3826 students had 1 W

898 students had 2 Ws

280 students had 3 Ws

121 students had 4 Ws

35 students had 5 Ws

11 students had 6 Ws

3 students had 7 Ws

1 student had 8 Ws

The total number of students withdrawing with a "W" from at least 1 course this semester was 5178.

Subjects with the most number of Ws

ENGL = 962

MATH = 688

HIST = 668

ACDV = 442

CHDV = 333

COMM = 316

PSYC = 277

Highest Ws by High School Graduation

Bakersfield High = 481

Foothill High = 383

East High = 375

Arvin High = 368

Ridgeview High = 327

West High = 323

South High = 294

Mira Monte = 287

Golden Valley = 277

Centennial = 266

Female = 3938

Male = 3138

Unknown = 149

Ethnicity

Hispanic = 5159 (71.4% of total Ws – 1.07 normalized to % population)

White = 1110 (15.4 % of total Ws – 0.79 normalized to % population)

African American = 472 (6.5% of total Ws – 1.61 normalized to % population – disproportional impact)

For STEM, we had 760 Ws over 563 students. That is out of 2563 STEM students at census. Approximately 20% of STEM students withdrew from at least 1 course this semester.