

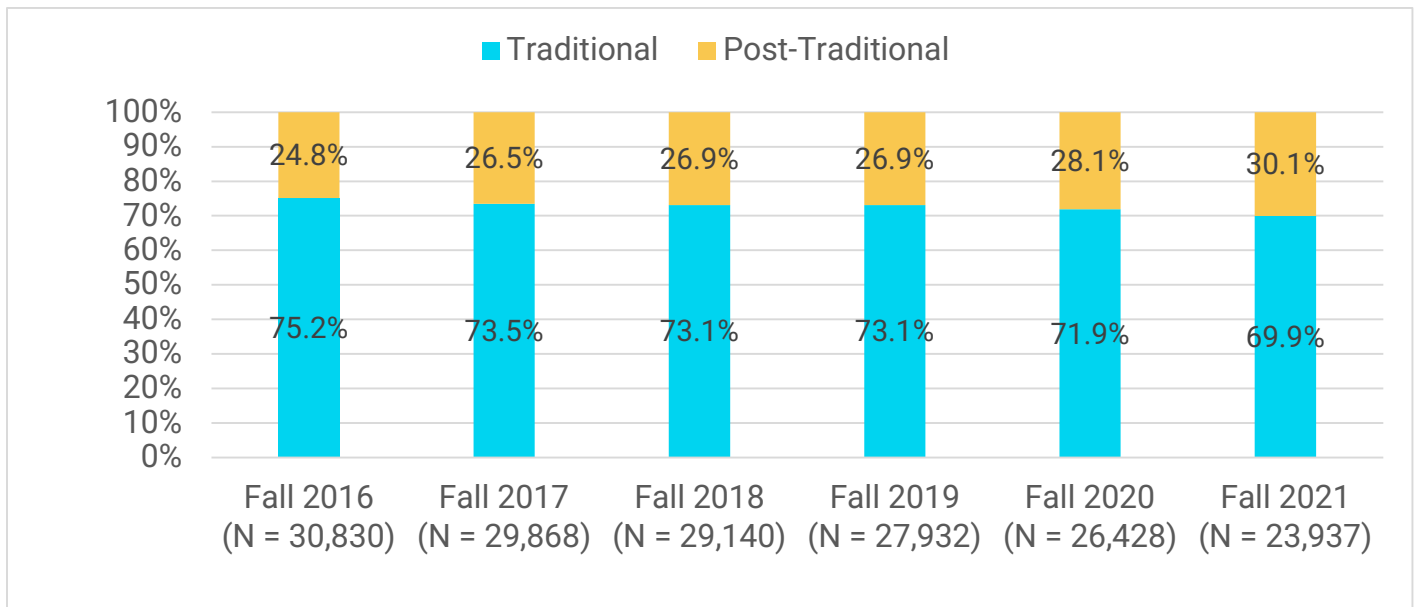
1.20 Percentage of Credit Students Who Are Post-Traditional Age (26+)

Description: The number and percentage of credit enrolled students in the Fall semester who were aged 26 or older as of October 15 of the semester year. Postsecondary students who are 26 years of age or older are considered “post-traditional age”.

Source: SMC Office of Institutional Research

Trend Across Years (1.20 Percentage of Credit Students Who Are Post-Traditional Age)

The proportion or share of all credit students who were post-traditional aged has grown, from 24.8% in Fall 2016 to 30.1% in Fall 2021. In recent fall semesters, approximately three in ten enrolled students were 26 years of age or older. Santa Monica College recently joined the global [Age-Friendly University Network](#), an effort to becoming a more age-inclusive institution.



Data Table (1.20 Percentage of Credit Students Who Are Post-Traditional Age)

The table provides the number and percentage of all credit enrolled students who were 26 years of age (post-traditional age) during the semester.

	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021
Traditional <26	23,176	21,953	21,306	20,425	18,993	16,740
Post-Traditional 26+	7,654	7,915	7,834	7,507	7,435	7,197
Total	30,830	29,868	29,140	27,932	26,428	23,937
% Post-Traditional	24.8%	26.5%	26.9%	26.9%	28.1%	30.1%