



PET Data Share – Community College Pipeline: Earnings

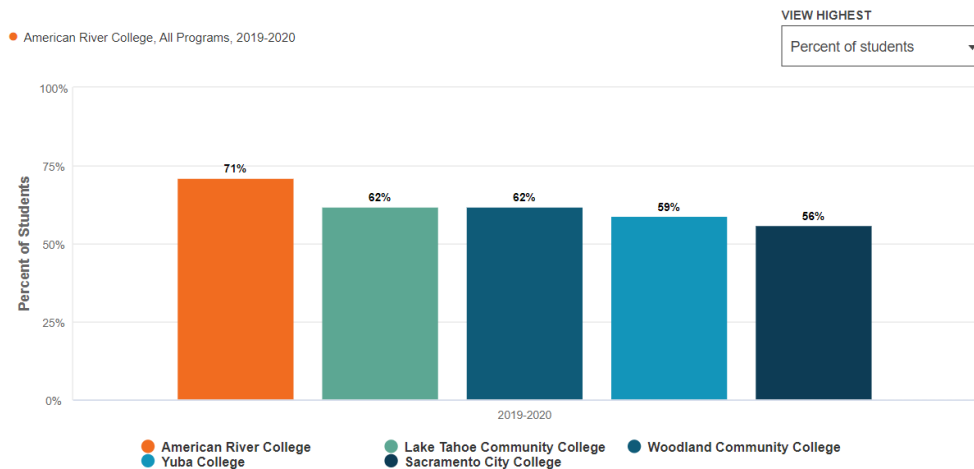
ARC ranks 1st in the Greater Sacramento Microregion in exiting students attaining a living wage, ranks 2nd in median percent change in earnings after exiting, and ARC exiting students' median annual earnings have increased 40% over the past 7 years from \$36,732 in 2013-2014 to \$51,280 in 2019-2020. However, equity gaps exist for each of these earnings metrics. African American exiting ARC students are particularly disproportionately impacted, earning on average 73 cents for every dollar earned by White exiting ARC students.

Living Wages

American River College is 1st in the Greater Sacramento Microregion for the percent of exiting students attaining a living wage at 71%¹.

Top Five Colleges for Living Wages

Among exiting CCP students who last took a course or earned an award in the selected TOP code in the selected year and who did not transfer, top five colleges with the highest proportion of CCP students who attained the district county living wage for a single adult



Source: Chancellor's Office Management Information System, Employment Development Department Unemployment Insurance Dataset, National Student Clearinghouse, CSU/UC Match, Insight Center for Community Economic Development

¹ Notes: All data extracted from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Launchboard hosted by Cal-PASS Plus: [Community College Pipeline dashboard](#). 2019-2020 was the most recent year available for earnings data. Additional Resources: [Understanding Employment and Earnings Data](#).

In terms of *numbers of students*, more exiting students attained a living wage from American River College (7,808), than from Sacramento City, Cosumnes River, and Folsom Lake College combined (6,168).

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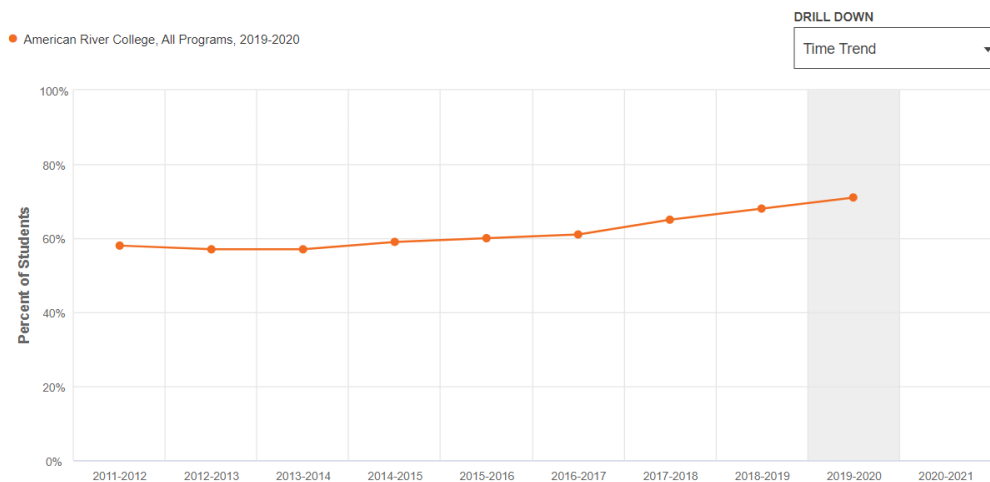


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The percent of exiting ARC students attaining a living wage has steadily increased over the last 7 years from 57% (2013-2014) to 71% (2019-2020).

Attained the Living Wage*

Among CCP students who exited college and did not transfer to any postsecondary institution, the proportion who attained the district county living wage for a single adult measured immediately following academic year of exit

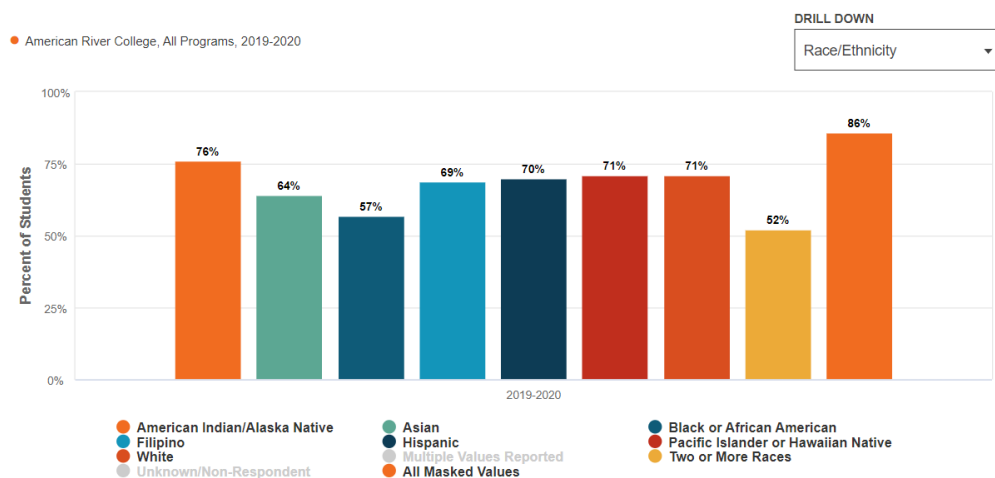


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However, the percent of **African American** exiting ARC students attaining a living wage (in 2019-2020) was just 57% (3rd bar from the left, below), substantially lower than the 71% rate for all exiting ARC students, 76% for Native American exiting ARC students (1st bar on the left, below), and 70% for Latinx exiting ARC students (middle bar, below).

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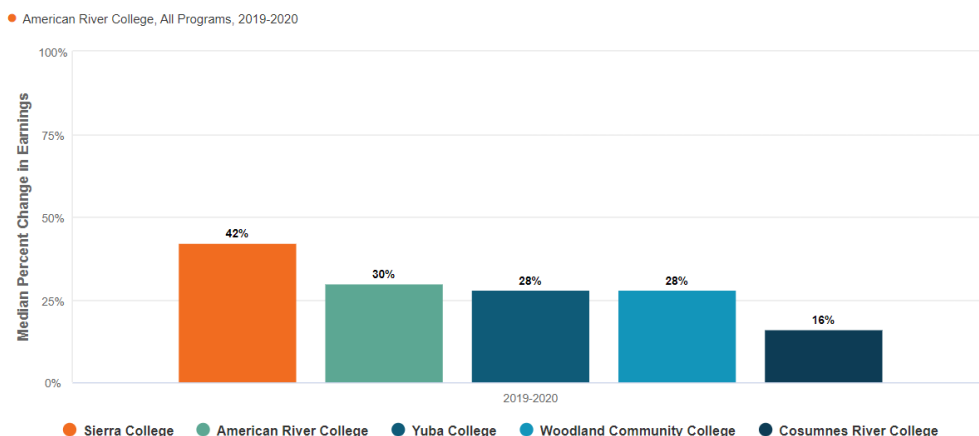
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Median Percent Change in Earnings

In terms of the median percent change in earnings for exiting students, American River College (green bar below) ranked 2nd in the Greater Sacramento Microregion at 30%, only behind Sierra College (42%).

Top Five Colleges for Change in Earnings

Among exiting CCP students who last took a course or earned an award in the selected TOP code in the selected year and who did not transfer, top five colleges with the highest median % change in earnings for CCP students between the second quarter prior to the beginning of the academic year of entry and the second quarter after the end of the academic year of exit from the last college attended

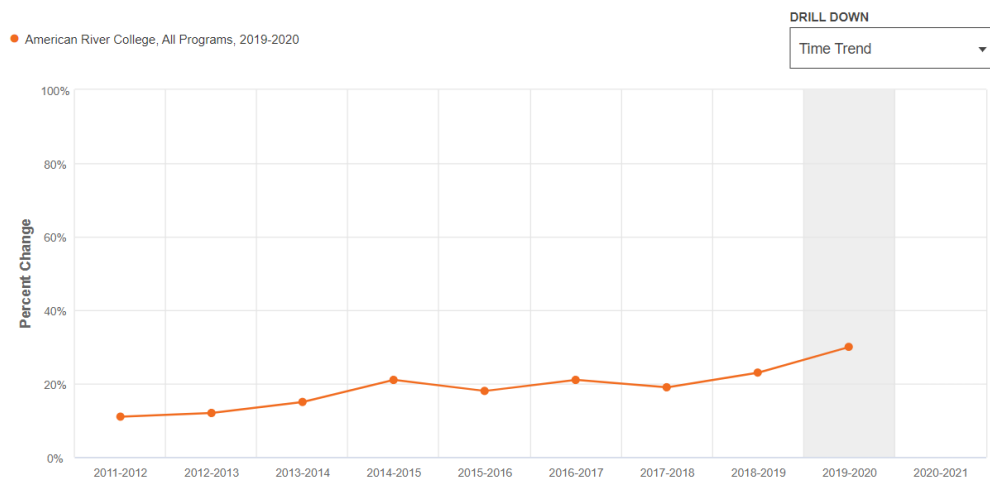


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The median percent change in earnings for exiting ARC students has steadily increased over the last 9 years from just 11% (2011-2012) to 30% (2019-2020).

Median Change in Earnings*

Among CCP students who exited and who did not transfer, median change in earnings between the second quarter prior to the beginning of the academic year of entry and the second quarter after the end of the academic year of exit from the last college attended

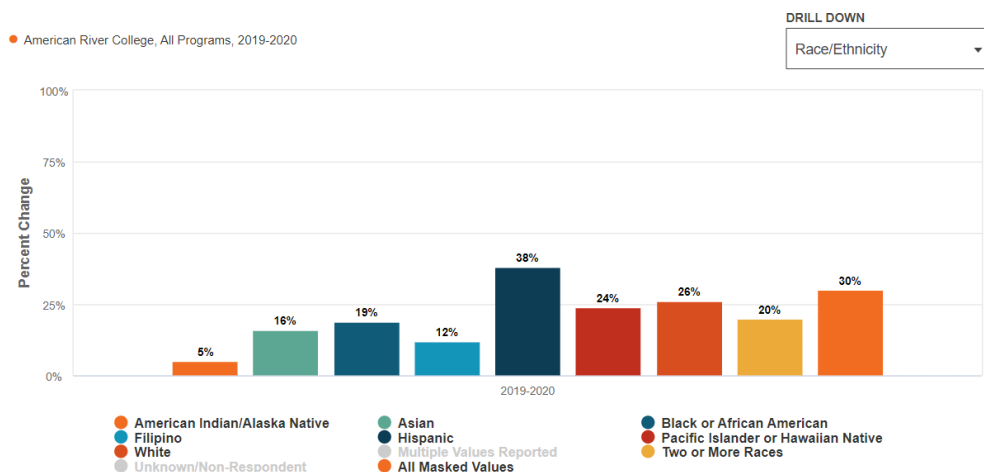


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However, the median percent change in earnings was just 5% for **Native American** exiting ARC students (1st bar on the left, below) and 19% for **African American** exiting ARC students (3rd bar from the left, below) in 2019-2020, both well below the 30% average. Interestingly, the population with the *highest* median percent change in earnings was 38% for **Latinx** exiting ARC students (middle bar, below).

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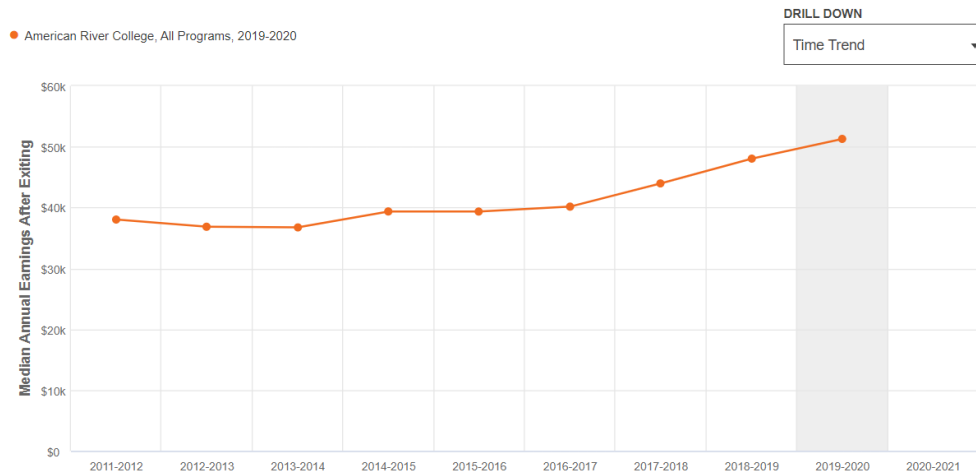
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Median Annual Earnings (But how much do exiting ARC students earn after they leave?)

The median annual earnings after exiting was \$51,280 for 2019-2020 ARC exiting students. The median annual earnings for exiting ARC students has steadily increased over the last 7 years from \$36,732 (2013-2014) to \$51,280 (2019-2020), a 40% increase.

Median Annual Earnings After Exiting*

Among CCP students who exited the community college system and who did not transfer to any postsecondary institution, median earnings measured immediately following academic year of exit

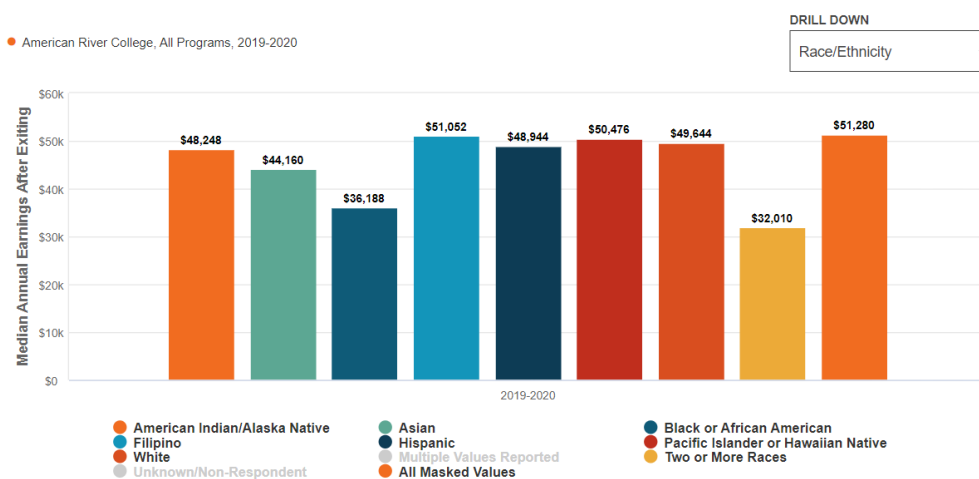


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However, median annual earnings after exiting was just \$36,188 for **African American** exiting ARC students (3rd bar from the left, below), \$48,248 for **Native American** exiting ARC students (1st bar on the left, below) and \$48,944 for **Latinx** exiting ARC students (middle bar, below) in 2019-2020. Comparing the median annual earnings for African American students to White students, the ratio equates to just under 73 cents for African American students for every dollar earned by White students.

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