

San Diego Miramar College Graduation Survey

Summary of 5-year Comparison (2019-2023)

Prepared by the *Office of Planning, Research, and Institutional Effectiveness*

This is a comparison of students' responses to the San Diego Miramar College (SDMC) Graduation Survey for spring from 2019 to 2023.

Trends over time:

↔ = No change ↓ = Downward trend ↑ = Upward trend ⇅ = Mixed changes

Goals

- ↔ **Initial Goal:** Most students' initial goal was to get an associate's degree and transfer.
- ↓ **Goal Change:** About a 1/4 of students said their goal changed over time, down from about 1/3.

Employment

- ↔ **Percentage:** Most students were employed (full-time/part-time) during their time at SDMC.
- ⇅ **Type:** More employed students worked full-time and fewer worked part-time in 2023 than in 2019.
- ↑ **Relevance:** More students reported their work experience is directly related to their studies in 2023 than previously (from 28% to 44%)

Growth

- ↔ **Contribution:** Most students reported growth in the areas of acquiring a board general education, learning effectively on your own, and thinking critically/analytically
- ↑ **Impact:** Students reported that SDMC has the greatest impact on the following growth areas: learning effectively on your own, using computing and information technology, understanding people of other racial/ethnicity

Satisfaction

Students were asked to rate their agreement with the following statements: 1) I became involved in on-campus activities that were meaningful to me. 2) I feel like I am part of a community at Miramar College. 3) I feel my skills, talents, abilities, and experiences were appreciated by someone at Miramar College. 4) Someone at Miramar College helped keep me motivated to reach my personal, educational, and career goals.

- ↔ **Preparedness:** In the previous four cohorts, 80-86% of students felt prepared for the next step of their journey and 90-95% felt they gained meaningful knowledge and skills. The 2023 cohort had similar sentiments.
- ↑ **Satisfaction:** Survey results shows an upward trend for items 1 and 4, while items 2 and 3 are relatively unchanged in 2023 compared with previous years.

Services

- ↔ **Services Utilized:** The most commonly used services are the counseling office, bookstore, financial aid, library, registration office and the transfer center.
- ↑ **Utilization Rates:** Fewer students utilized services compared to previous years.
- ⇅ **Usage Frequency:** Between 2019 and 2023, several services show a positive trend in usage frequency but many other have declined or remained about the same.
- ⇅ **Impact:** In general, students report positive impacts from all services. Compared to 2022, more

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students reported a stronger positive impact from the Academic Success Center, Bookstore, Jet Fuel Food Pantry, Library, Math Tutoring Center, Student Health Services, and Veteran Affairs. Fewer students reported a positive impact from the English Tutoring Center, DSPS, Financial Aid Office, Mental Health Services, Student Affairs Office, Student Clubs/Orgs, and Transfer Center.

Supporting Students

↕ **Support Successes:** When asked what Miramar College did well in supporting them reaching their goals, students most frequently mentioned professors/instructors, counselors/counseling office, general motivation/support/kindness, career/educational planning, and transfer support.

↕ **Opportunities for Improvement:** When asked what Miramar College could have done better in supporting them, students most frequently mentioned campus engagement/clubs/community, counseling quality/access, information, and availability/accessibility

↓ **Facing Barriers:** The proportion of students that faced any barriers shows a general downward trend.

↔ **Overcoming Barriers:** Slightly over half of the students reported that Miramar College did well in helping them overcome barriers. This statistic remained relatively unchanged for the past 5 years.

Future Plans

↕ **Current Unemployment:** The proportion of employed graduates varied from 57% to 68% across the last five cohort with no distinct trend.

↕ **Six-Month Plans (Currently Employed Graduates):** Currently employed graduates were asked if they planned to stay at their current job, seek a promotion in their current organization, seek full- or part-time employment outside of their current organization, or quit working in the next six months.

↕ **Stay at Current Job:** Most employed students plan to stay at current job across the past five years. The proportion decreased from 53% to 42% from 2022 to 2023.

↑ **Seek Promotion with current organization:** More students reported plans to seek promotion in 2023 compared with the past four years. It shows a general positive trend.

↔ **Seek full-time job outside current employer:** Relatively the same proportion of students reported that they are seeking another full-time job.

↔ **Seek part-time job outside current employer:** Relatively the same proportion of students reported that they are seeking another part-time job.

↑ **I plan to quit working:** More students reported that they plan to quit working in 2023 than the past four years. It shows a general positive trend.

↕ **Six-Month Plans (Currently Unemployed Graduates):** Currently-unemployed graduates were asked if they planned to seek full- or part-time employment, not work to continue their education, or not work for other reasons in the next six months.

↑ **Part-Time Work:** Most students reported that they are seeking part-time employment. Data shows a positive trend in the proportion of students seeking part-time employment.

↓ **Continue Education:** In 2023, 31% of students reported that they plan to continue their

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education. The proportion fluctuated in the past 5 years but shows a downward trend.

- ↓ **Seek full-time employment:** 14% of unemployed students reported that they plan to seek full-time employment. The proportion is lower compared to most years.
- ↔ **Not work for other reasons:** 5% of unemployed students reported that they plan to seek full-time employment. The proportion decreased dramatically from 2019 to 2020, and it stayed relatively stable over the next four years.