



2021 Student Campus Climate Survey

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Section







SURVEY BACKGROUND

Source: El Camino College 2021 Student Campus Climate Survey

- **Administration:** Online, Spring 2021
- **Number of respondents:** 860 students (**4.6% response rate, 3.3% margin of error**)
- **Highlights respondents' distribution:** 61% intend to transfer to a four-year institution; 28% seek a degree or certificate.
- ECC racial diversity reflected in sample: 45%, Hispanic/Latino, 18% Asian & 14% African American
- Females are over-sampled, as 71% of respondents indicate this gender identity.
- **Full report:** Will be released in Fall 2021 on the [ECC Institutional Research and Planning webpage](#).

El Camino Respects Diversity

- **Students continue to indicate El Camino College respects and supports students from diverse populations, just as they did in 2018.**
- 96% of respondents believe ECC values the diversity of the student body, as they believe ECC respects and supports students:

	With disabilities	95%
	From different genders	97%
	Of different sexual orientations	98%
	Of different races/ethnicities	97%
	From different religious affiliations	96%
	From different economic backgrounds	96%

Sharing Political Opinions is More Difficult for Some Students

91% believe ECC respects and supports students with different political affiliations.



81% are comfortable expressing their opinions, which is an improvement compared to 2018.

84% of White students believe ECC respects and supports students with different political affiliations

69% of White students are comfortable expressing political opinions.

Many Students Experience Some Form of Discrimination

Had negative experiences at ECC based upon race, gender, sex, gender identity, religion, national origin, age, or disability status.



- **30%** of all student respondents
- **46%** of Black/African American student respondents. In 2018, **31%** of Black/African American student respondents indicated being aware of discrimination or harassment at El Camino. This represents an increase of 15% experiencing this directly, despite being in a mostly remote environment during Spring 2021.

2021 Student Campus Climate Survey Quotes:

"Some professors make inappropriate comments about homeless people, mental health and political issues (in a class not about politics). I can understand relating the content to current events, but berating homeless people and ta(l)king about their mental health is insensitive and disrespectful. Some students are dealing with some of these issues and being ignorant of the student population demographics and issues they might be facing can cause students to feel uncomfortable and disrespected."

"I feel as though the Special Resource Center needs to do more in the way of ensuring that faculty is as aware and accommodating of the needs of their disabled students as the SRC is."