

# Renegade Roundup

Week after the end of the academic year

May 24, 2020

Dear Colleagues:

We are making some progress on our summer 2020 enrollment but still have significant work to do for both summer and fall. The May 20 enrollment update from Institutional Research shows enrollment at BC for fall 2020 is **20.9% lower** than the same time last fall which is a **1,188 FTES decrease** this fall over last fall.

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Bakersfield College	Point-in-Time Comparison <sup>1</sup>							
	Summer - 1st Week				Fall - 5 Weeks After Open Reg			
	Summer 2019	Summer 2020	Diff	% Chg	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Diff	% Chg
Current Headcount	12,392	11,527	-865	-7.0%	15,451	12,947	-2,504	-16.2%
Duplicated Enrollments	17,992	18,203	211	1.2%	45,984	38,911	-7,073	-15.4%
Waitlisted Enrollments <sup>2</sup>	1,146	335	-811	-70.8%	5,196	2,505	-2,691	-51.8%
Current FTES <sup>3</sup>	1,864.5	1,695.9	-168.6	-9.0%	5,691.0	4,503.0	-1,188.0	-20.9%
Workload (FTEF)	151.3	161.7	10.4	6.9%	473.7	570.5	96.8	20.4%
FTES/FTEF <sup>4</sup>	12.3	10.5	-1.8	-14.9%	12.0	7.9	-4.1	-34.3%
Active Sections	770	820	50	6.5%	2,001	2,192	191	9.5%

We have a large team leading a phone banking drive to reach students who haven't yet registered. They reported to me that some of the top reasons students are sharing about why they still don't have classes:

- Overwhelmed navigating the year-end and haven't had time to think about fall semester
- Personal issues related to COVID-19 have changed their priorities

Kern's [unemployment rate stands at 18.6%](#). In addition to preparing to serve a greater number of people who have lost work, it's our responsibility to ensure continuing students have the confidence to register for courses and stay on path toward their goals. Carve out some time today to message your students from the spring term or on your summer rosters, and be sure to track our social media pages to amplify our messages to the community:

- Bakersfield College [Facebook](#)
- Bakersfield College [Twitter](#)
- Bakersfield College [Instagram](#)

## Budget Impacts

On May 14, Governor Newsom released the May Revision for the 2020-21 fiscal year state budget. The COVID-19 pandemic has led California's economy into a deep recession - far worse than the Great Recession. The May Revision reflects this recession, projecting a \$54 billion deficit. This massive deficit will require deep cuts across the board, including in higher education. Some of the highlights of these cuts to the CCCs include:

\$1.1 billion reduction in ongoing CCC funding

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction in Student Centered Funding Formula support by 10%</li> <li>• Elimination of a planned cost of living adjustment (COLA)</li> <li>• 55% reduction to the Strong Workforce Program</li> <li>• 15% reduction to the Student Equity &amp; Achievement Program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10% reduction to the Adult Education program</li> <li>• 6% reduction to the California College Promise program</li> <li>• 4% reduction to the NextUp Foster Youth program</li> <li>• Elimination of all one-time funding previously proposed</li> </ul>
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Governor Newsom has called upon colleges to absorb these reductions without reducing FTES enrollment and support to students.

During the Board Finance Subcommittee meeting on Thursday, May 20, Chancellor Burke announced an expected overall budget reduction of about 9% which reflects a \$13M approximate reduction to KCCD unrestricted budgets and about \$5M in categorical funds reductions.

The Trustees discussed a combination of short-term and long-term changes that will meet the expected budget reductions. Cuts could include:

1. Labor cost reductions (for example, step freezes, hiring freezes, STRS/PRS contribution deferrals, etc.)
2. Non-labor cost reductions (for example, eliminating all non-essential travel)
3. Structural changes (for example, organizational changes to increase efficiency)

**Kern County Reopening Update**

On May 18, Governor Newsom updated the criteria counties must meet to move further into stage 2 of his [Resilience Roadmap](#). Kern met the new criteria, submitted for a [local variance](#), and Newsom approved [Kern’s attestation](#) on Wednesday, May 20. Highlights from Kern’s May 18 attestation:

Criteria	Kern
No higher than an 8% positive rate among people testing for Coronavirus	Over the past 7 days, Kern County has performed 3,552 tests with 218 positive results for a percentage of residents testing positive at 6.14%.
No higher than a 5% increase in hospitalizations over a 7-day period or fewer than 20 hospitalizations total over 14 days	Kern County’s 7-day average of daily percent change in the total number of hospitalizations for confirmed COVID-19 patients is -0.83%

This means Kern will see dine in restaurants and retail establishments reopening immediately. Higher education institutions are not approved to reopen at this point but Newsom announced plans to begin a move into phase 3 as early as June.

**Dashboards**

As of today May 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., the [Johns Hopkins University Dashboard](#) shows the global approaching 5.5 million over while deaths in the U.S. near 100,000. Here is the table that captures the difference in the numbers from the last time I published a Renegade Roundup.

	May 16	May 24	Difference	Percentage
<b>World</b>	4,586,915	5,344,539	757,624	16.5%
<b>U.S.</b>	1,450,269	1,628,251	177,982	12.3%
<b>California</b>	76,942	92,631	15,689	20.4%
<b>Kern</b>	1,573	1,834	261	16.6%

The [IHME Dashboard](#) updated its projections again on May 20, showing a projection of 143,357 total COVID-19 deaths in the United States (6,842 of them in California) by August 4, 2020.

### **Celebrating our People**

As is the tradition at BC, at Closing Day, the president recognizes individuals and groups who have played a leadership role the preceding year. This year during our first [Closing Week](#), I recognized [District and College IT](#) for their around-the-clock work to support all of our students and employees as we transitioned to a fully virtual environment.

### **Campus Updates**

The BC Bookstore has extended the deadline for turning in rental textbooks to June 15 and are offering free shipping through UPS. [Visit the BC Bookstore page](#) for more information about how to turn in rental books or [order new textbooks for Summer and Fall 2020](#).

That's all for now.  
Until next time.

With much Renegade Pride and Collegiality,  
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