



THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE  
NJ Student and Parent Consumer Information Act Report

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### **New Jersey Student & Parent Consumer Information Act Report**

The ***New Jersey College Student and Parent Consumer Information Act*** (P.L. 2009, Chapter 197) requires each New Jersey four-year public institution of higher education to provide on its website certain information regarding its costs, faculty, and graduation rates. This report includes Thomas Edison State College's information as required under the Act.

Data for all New Jersey four-year public institutions of higher education are available on the NJ Commission on Higher Education website. <http://nj.gov/highereducation/ConsumerInfo.htm>.

## **THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE**

### **Institutional Summary**

Established in 1972, Thomas Edison State College provides flexible, high-quality, collegiate learning opportunities for self-directed adults. The College is one of New Jersey's 11 senior public institutions of higher education.

Thomas Edison State College is the only college in New Jersey dedicated exclusively for adults and offers degree programs at the associate, bachelor's and master's level, undergraduate and graduate certificates and noncredit professional certificates.

For four decades, the College has pioneered the use of the latest technologies to develop high-quality educational programs for adults, and has served as a national leader in the assessment of adult learning. *Forbes* magazine identified the College as one of the top 20 schools in the nation in the use of technology to create learning opportunities for adults.

The entire academic program at the College revolves around the unique needs of adult learners. Students earn credit through a variety of methods designed exclusively for adult learners, including online courses, guided independent study, examination programs, transferring credits earned from other regionally accredited institutions, earning credit for professional and/or military training and by demonstrating college-level knowledge acquired outside a traditional classroom. Thomas Edison State College makes it possible for adult students to pursue their education.

## **THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE**

### **Mission & Purpose**

#### **Mission**

Thomas Edison State College provides flexible, high-quality, collegiate learning opportunities for self-directed adults.

#### **Purpose**

Thomas Edison State College was established by the State of New Jersey and chartered by the New Jersey Board of Higher Education in 1972. The College was founded for the purpose of providing diverse and alternative methods of achieving a collegiate education of the highest quality for mature adults. To this end, the College seeks:

- I. To provide curricula and degree opportunities of appropriate level and composition consistent with the aspirations of our students, the public welfare, and the highest qualitative standards of American higher education.
- II. To create a system of college-level learning opportunities for adults by organizing collegiate and sponsored non-collegiate instruction into coherent degree strategies.
- III. To make available educationally valid learning opportunities which serve as alternatives to college classroom study and which are appropriate to the varied needs and learning styles of adults.
- IV. To develop and implement processes for the valid and reliable assessment of experiential and extra-collegiate college-level learning, and to provide appropriate academic recognition for knowledge so identified consistent with high standards of quality and rigor.
- V. To serve higher education and the public interest as a center of innovation, information, policy formulation and advocacy on behalf of adult learners.
- VI. To fulfill the public service obligation inherent to American institutions of higher education.
- VII. To conduct its affairs in a manner which acknowledges the maturity, autonomy, and dignity of its students; assures a portal of access to higher education for adult learners; and celebrates the values, diversity and high qualitative standards of American higher education.

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**Graduation Rates (P.L. 2009 Chapter 197 2. a. (1) thru (4))**  
**Graduates after 4 Years\***

Fall 2008 Cohort Graduates after 4 Years		(1)			(2)					(3)	
		Total	Men	Women	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other*	Student Athletes	Non-Athletes
Thomas Edison State College	(#)	n/a**									
	(%)	n/a**									

\*Other includes American Indian or Alaskan Native, non-resident aliens, race unreported or unknown.

\*\*This indicator is not applicable to Thomas Edison State College. The College enrolls primarily adult, part-time students. The College monitors Time to Degree Completion.

**NJ Student and Parent Consumer Information Act**  
**Graduation Rates (P.L. 2009 Chapter 197 2. a. (1) thru (3))**  
**Graduates after 6 Years**

Fall 2008 Cohort Graduates after 6 Years		(1)			(2)					(3)	
		Total	Men	Women	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other*	Student Athletes	Non-Athletes
Thomas Edison State College	(#)	n/a**									
	(%)	n/a**									

\*Other includes American Indian or Alaskan Native, non-resident aliens, race unreported or unknown.

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**Thomas Edison State College**  
**FY 2015 Graduates Time-to-Degree Completion\* (By Total, Gender, & Race/Ethnicity)**

FY 2015 Graduates		(1)			(2)					(3)	
		Total	Men	Women	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other**	Student Athletes	Non-Athletes
Thomas Edison State College	Mean Number of Years	3.4	3.8	3.1	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.1	2.6	n/a	3.4

\*Time-to-Degree Completion. Since Thomas Edison State College enrolls primarily adult students who often bring in credit upon enrollment, the College monitors time-to-degree completion to examine how long it takes its graduates to earn a degree from the College.

\*\*Other includes American Indian or Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, non-resident aliens, two or more races, race unreported or unknown.

**Thomas Edison State College  
FY 2015 Graduates Time-to-Degree Completion by Degree Level  
(Mean Number of Years)**

	Associate	Baccalaureate	Master's
<b>Overall</b>	3.2	3.5	3.2

Time-To-Degree Completion by Degree Level. Since Thomas Edison State College enrolls primarily adult students who often bring in credit upon enrollment, the College monitors time-to-degree completion to examine how long it takes its graduates to earn a degree from the College.

**Thomas Edison State College  
FY 2015 Graduates Time-to-Degree Completion by Degree Level and  
Residence (Mean Number of Years)**

	Associate	Baccalaureate	Master's
<b>NJ Residents</b>	2.9	3.7	3.3
<b>Out-of-State Residents</b>	3.2	3.5	3.0

Time-To-Degree Completion by Degree Level and Residence. Since Thomas Edison State College enrolls primarily adult students who often bring in credit upon enrollment, the College monitors time-to-degree completion to examine how long it takes its graduates to earn a degree from the College.

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**Transfer Rates (P.L. 2009 Chapter 197 2. a. (5), (6))**

Fall 2013 Full-Time First-time Freshmen	(5)		(6) Overview of Transfer Institutions		
	Fall 2013 FT First-time Freshmen	Transferred out in Fall 2014		In-State	Out-of-State
	#	#	%	#	#
<b>Thomas Edison State College</b>	n/a*				

\*This indicator is not applicable to Thomas Edison State College. The College enrolls primarily adult, part-time students.

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**Costs (P.L. 2009 Chapter 197 2. a. (7), (10), (11))**

<b>(7) Total Cost for AY 2014 - 2015 (FY 2015)</b>			
<b>Thomas Edison State College</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Commuter</b>	<b>Non Resident/ Non Commuter*</b>
Tuition & Fees	n/a	n/a	6,135
Room & Board	n/a	n/a	n/a
Books & Supplies	n/a	n/a	1,698
Transportation	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Expenses	n/a	n/a	415
<b>TOTAL</b>	n/a	n/a	8,248

\*The College enrolls primarily adult, part-time students; students study at a distance. Tuition provided represents the College's comprehensive tuition which enables students to take 36 credits over a 12 month period. The books and supplies estimate is based on federal financial aid standards for three semesters.

<b>Total Projected Cost for Fall 2015 Incoming Freshman</b>			
<b>(10) Graduates after 4 years</b>		<b>(11) Graduates after 6 years</b>	
<b>Resident</b>	<b>Commuter</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Commuter</b>
<b>Thomas Edison State College</b>	n/a**	n/a**	n/a**

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**NJ Student and Parent Consumer Information Act**  
**Financial Assistance (P.L. 2009 Chapter 197 2. a. (8))**

<b>(8) Institutional Financial Assistance Programs</b>		<b>Available To:</b>	
		<b>Athletes*</b>	<b>Non-Athletes</b>
<b>Senior Public Institution</b>	<b>Institutional Financial Aid programs</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>
<b>Thomas Edison State College</b>	The College does not offer institutional financial assistance. There are scholarships offered by the College that are funded by outside sources. For a list of the scholarships, please go the College's website at <a href="http://www.tesc.edu/scholarships.php">http://www.tesc.edu/scholarships.php</a> .	n/a	n/a

\* Athletes are only those students at NCAA Division 1 institutions who receive athletic aid.

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**Financial Assistance (P.L. 2009 Chapter 197 2. a. (9))**

**(9) Students who receive financial assistance**

		Total # Students	# Receiving Assistance	% Receiving Assistance	Average Amount		
					Institutional Aid	Non-Institutional Aid+	Athletic Aid
<b>Thomas Edison State College</b>	Athletes* (NCAA)	n/a					n/a
	Non-Athletes	18,684	4,062	22%		\$6,725	

Data is from FY 2015.

\* Athletes are only those students at NCAA Division 1 institutions who receive athletic aid.

+ Non-Institutional Aid includes private, state, and federal student aid other than athletic aid.

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**Financial Assistance (P.L. 2009 Chapter 197 2. a. (12) thru (14))**

<b>(12)</b> <b>Average Student Loan Indebtedness Graduating in 4 years</b>	<b>Resident Student when admitted</b>	<b>Commuting Student when admitted</b>	<b>*Non Resident/ Non Commuter Student when admitted</b>
<b>Thomas Edison State College</b>			\$12,789

<b>(13)</b> <b>Average Student Loan Indebtedness Graduating in 6 years</b>	<b>Resident Student when admitted</b>	<b>Commuting Student when admitted</b>	<b>*Non Resident/ Non Commuter Student when admitted</b>
<b>Thomas Edison State College</b>			\$19,183

<b>(14)</b> <b>Average Student Loan Indebtedness Withdrawing after 1 year</b>	<b>Resident Student when admitted</b>	<b>Commuting Student when admitted</b>	<b>*Non Resident/ Non Commuter Student when admitted</b>
<b>Thomas Edison State College</b>			\$3,197

Note: The indebtedness calculation is based on the average loan received during FY 2015; the calculation excludes unsubsidized loans. The amount represents indebtedness during enrollment at the College; some students have incurred college debt prior to enrolling in the College.

\* Students at the College study at distance.

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\*FY 2015 Mentors (P.L. 2009 Chapter 197 2. a. (15) thru (16))

<b>(15) Types of Faculty</b>		<b>Total Faculty</b>	<b>Full-time Tenured/ Tenure Track Professors</b>	<b>Full-time Non-Tenure Track Professors</b>	<b>Part-time Faculty</b>	<b>Other: Mentors*</b>
<b>Thomas Edison State College</b>	#	--	--	--	--	779
	%					100%

<b>Course Sections Facilitated by:</b>						
<b>(16) Course Sections Facilitated by each type of Faculty</b>		<b>Total Faculty</b>	<b>Full-time Tenured/ Tenure Track Professors</b>	<b>Full-time Non-Tenure Track Professors</b>	<b>Part-time Faculty</b>	<b>Other: Mentors*</b>
<b>Thomas Edison State College</b>	#	--	--	--	--	5,925
	%					100%

\*Thomas Edison State College signs letters of agreement with subject-matter experts to serve as mentors and consultants to the academic units of the College for development and/or assessment in test construction, portfolio assessment, facilitating courses (e.g., Guided Study and online), pre-graduation conferences, demonstration of currency, practicum, nursing performance examinations, and program evaluations.