Who Are Our Students?

Highline’s Community

- One of the highest immigration rates in the county, state, and nation
- Nearly triple the King County rate for free-or-reduced lunch eligibility in area schools
- More Temporary Aid to Needy Families recipients than anywhere else in King County
- Over 100 languages spoken among Limited English Proficiency students in local schools
- The lowest home-ownership rate and housing values of any King County
Who Are Our Students?

- Highline Community College became the largest ABE/ESL provider in the state of Washington, with 5,677 federally reportable ABE/ESL students for the 2009-2010 academic year.

- We project the student enrollment to increase to over 6,000 for the 2010-2011 academic year.
Who Are Our Students?

- Immigrants and refugees
- Older (26% at 26-35; 22% at 36-45; 17% at 46 and up)
- Mostly females
- Mostly Latino/Hispanic/African American
- Mostly unemployed
- On public assistance
- Single parents
- Low literacy level
- Low income
• Recent data on the educational requirements needed for the fastest-growing jobs in our economy provide a convincing argument for enhancing adult basic education services to include transition to postsecondary education.