



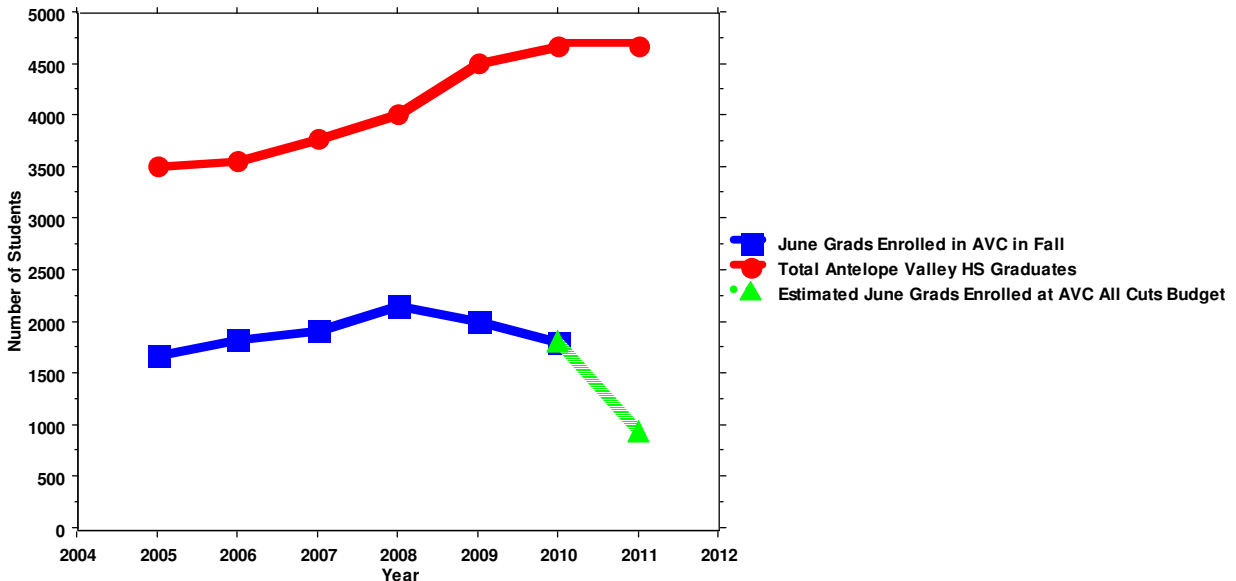
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Over the past five years, the number of students graduating from high school in the Antelope Valley has grown dramatically, and Antelope Valley College added classes to make room for them. Over the past two years the number of classes at Antelope Valley College has declined because of state budget cuts (See: *Notes From The Researchers*, Vol. 2, September 2010). Thousands of students who want to attend AVC are now unable to find classes, and a significant portion of those who can not get in to the college come from the high school graduates pool. Because of the budget-imposed reductions in the number of classes, most classes are full before the priority registration period is over. High school graduates who do not attend orientation register very late in the process at community colleges and will face particular difficulty in finding classes when it is their turn to enroll. These trends resulted in an estimated 340 and 620 June graduate high school students who wanted to attend in 2009 and 2010 not making it in to AVC.



Further reductions in community college budgets will make this situation worse in fall 2011.

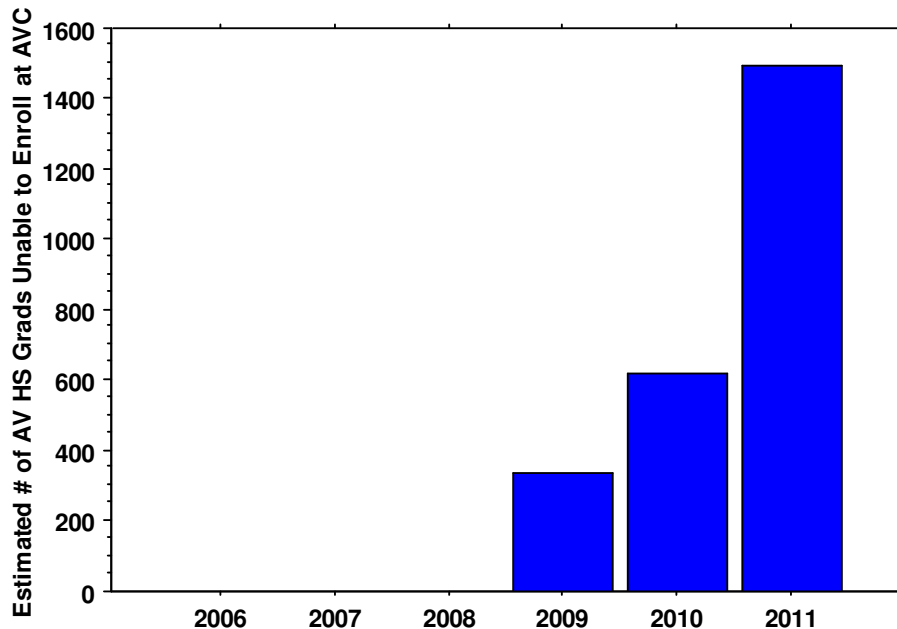


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Under the “50/50” budget reductions and tax continuations budget solution proposed by Gov. Jerry Brown, there would have been an additional reduction of up to 150 spots for June graduates. At this time an ‘all cuts’ budget is the most likely scenario and, while the college is making the majority of the cuts to the summer and winter sessions, there will be a significant reduction in classes in fall and spring as well. A conservative estimate of the number of graduates from AV high schools in June 2011 is 4,670, the same as in 2010. On average 52% of the high school graduates in the AV went on to register at AVC when there were sufficient courses for everyone who applied to enroll. We estimate that at least 2,428 students from the class of 2011 would want to enroll at AVC in the fall of 2011. If prior patterns of enrollment hold true, under the ‘all cuts’ budget scenario we can expect an additional 876 June high school graduates to be shut out by classes filling up prior to their turn to register. These 876 students are in addition to the 618 who already would have been blocked by the reduced schedule from fall 2010, so the total number of June high school graduates blocked in 2011 is estimated to be 1,494.



Because AVC has been unable to accommodate all recent high school graduates who want to attend for several years, the number of students unable to get classes continues to grow. By fall 2011, more than 2,000 students, including over half of the 2011 high school graduates who seek to attend AVC, will have been turned away. In prior years students who did not get classes that they wanted or who did not make it in to the college would have enrolled in summer and winter sessions. However, in order to make the severe budget reductions under the ‘all cuts’ budget, the summer schedule has been reduced to one quarter of its usual size and the winter session will be reduced significantly as well.

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