Overview of Basic Skills Enrollment and Success

Enrollment

- The percentage of CRC’s headcount enrolled in basic skills courses (9%) has remained relatively unchanged over the past four years.
- The percentage of the English-Reading headcount in the basic skills area has fluctuated around a median of 28.5% over the past four years.
- Approximately 18% of the headcount in English Writing is in the basic skills area.
- An increasing percentage of the headcount enrolled in ESL-Listening is in the basic skills area (ranging from a low of 69% in 2005-2006 to a high of 81% in 2008-2009).
- Approximately 86% of the headcount in ESL-Reading is in the basic skills area.
- Approximately 87.5% of the headcount in ESL-Writing is in the basic skills area.
- Approximately 32% of the headcount in Mathematics is in the basic skills area.

Success

- In general the average course success rates in basic skills courses have improved over the past four years from a low of 59% in 2005-2006 to a high of 63% in 2008-2009.
- Currently the average course success rates in basic skills courses are comparable to or exceed the average course success rates in college- and transfer-level courses (61% and 64% respectively).
- The average course success rates in basic skills English-Reading have improved over the past four years to a high of 73% in 2008-2009. These success rates are comparable to or exceed success rates in college- and transfer-level English-Reading courses (74% and 66% respectively).
- The average course success rates in basic skills English-Writing have improved over the past four years to a high of 67% in 2008-2009. Currently the success rates in basic skills are comparable to success rates in college- and transfer-level English-Writing courses (67% and 66% respectively).
- The average course success rates in ESL-Listening have fluctuated over the past four years around a median of 80.5%. Success rates in these courses are below success rates in transfer-level ESL-Listening courses (median = 83.5%).
- The average course success rates in ESL-Reading have fluctuated over the past four years around a median of 75.5%. Success rates in these courses are below success rates in transfer-level ESL-Reading courses (median = 87.5%).
- The average course success rates in ESL-Writing have fluctuated over the past four years around a median of 74%. Success rates in these courses are below success rates in transfer-level ESL-Writing courses (median = 88.5%).
- The average course success rates in mathematics have fluctuated slightly over the past four years around a median of 59.5%. These success rates, interestingly, are generally above the success rates for college- and transfer-level mathematics courses (median = 51% and 56% respectively).
Average Course Success Rates

CRC Average Course Success Rates By Academic Year By Course Level (2005 - 2009)