

Student Movement From Noncredit to Credit

**A 3-Year Comparison of
Prior Noncredit Students**

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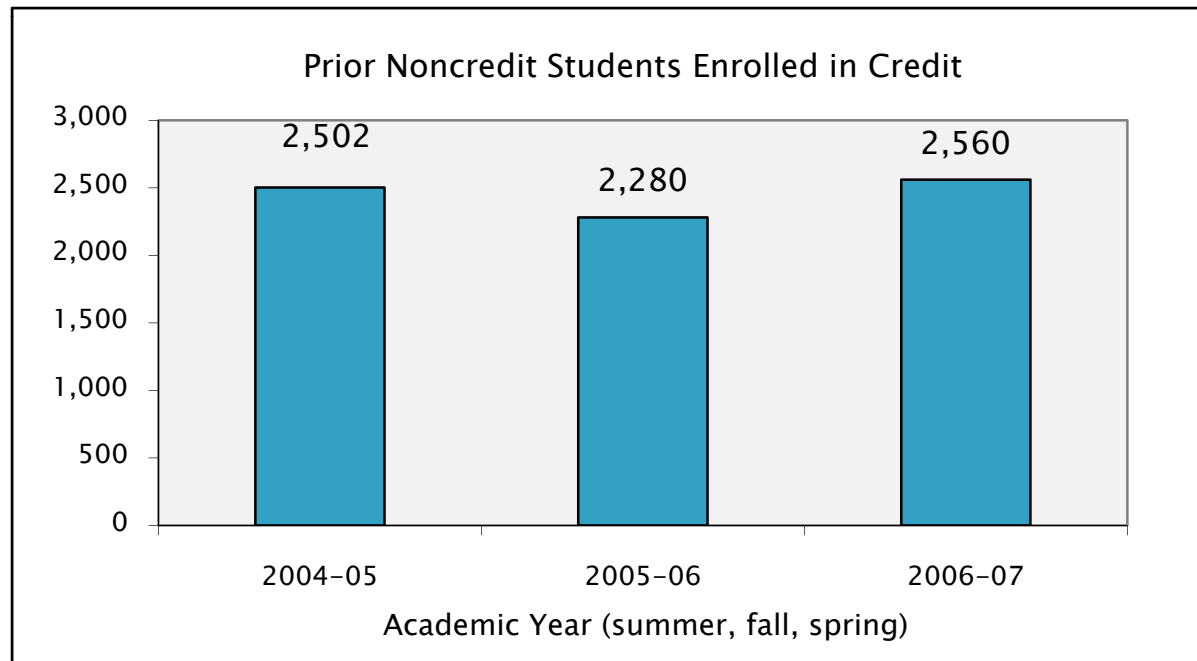
Movement from Noncredit to Credit

- Prior Noncredit Students are students who first enrolled at Continuing Education and later enrolled at City, Mesa, or Miramar College.
- In the last 3 years*, a total of 7,342 Prior Noncredit Students enrolled at City, Mesa, or Miramar College for the first time.

*Between summer 2004 and spring 2007

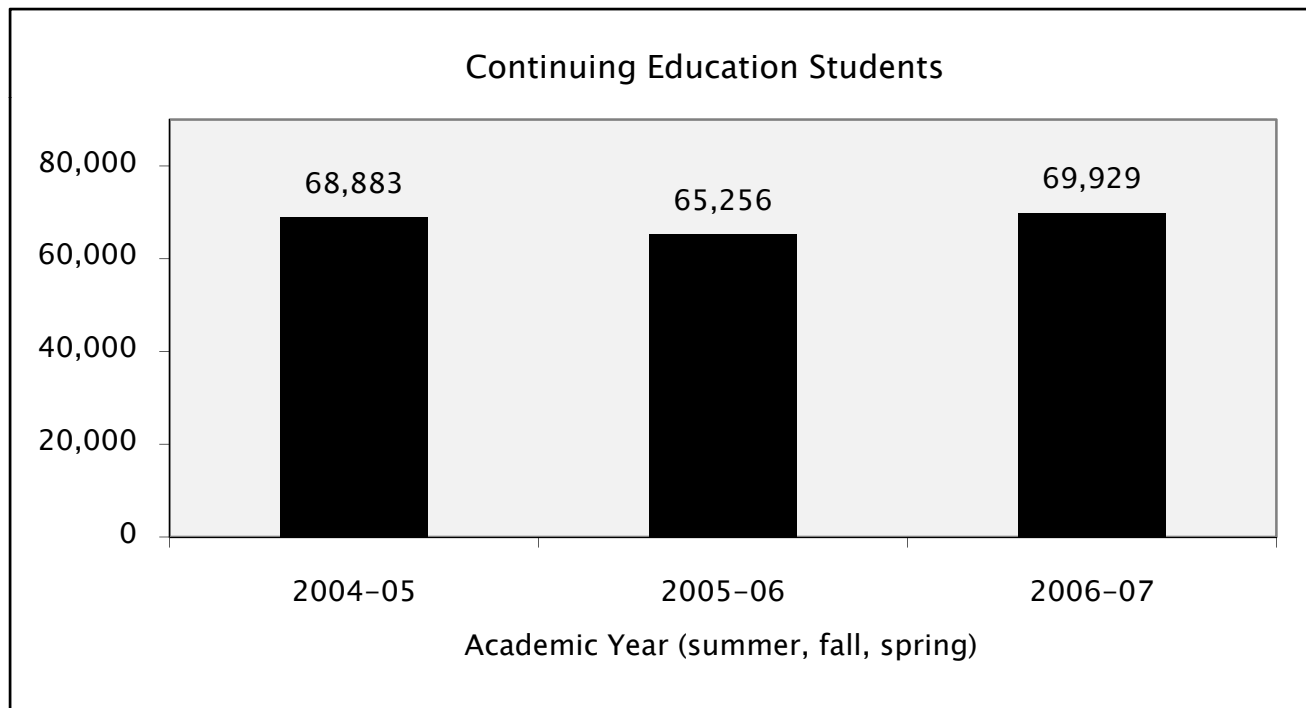
First Time Credit Students

- Over the past 3 years, an average of 2,447 Prior Noncredit Students took their first class at City, Mesa or Miramar College each year.
- The number of first time Prior Noncredit Students enrolling at the colleges increased slightly in the past year.



Noncredit Students

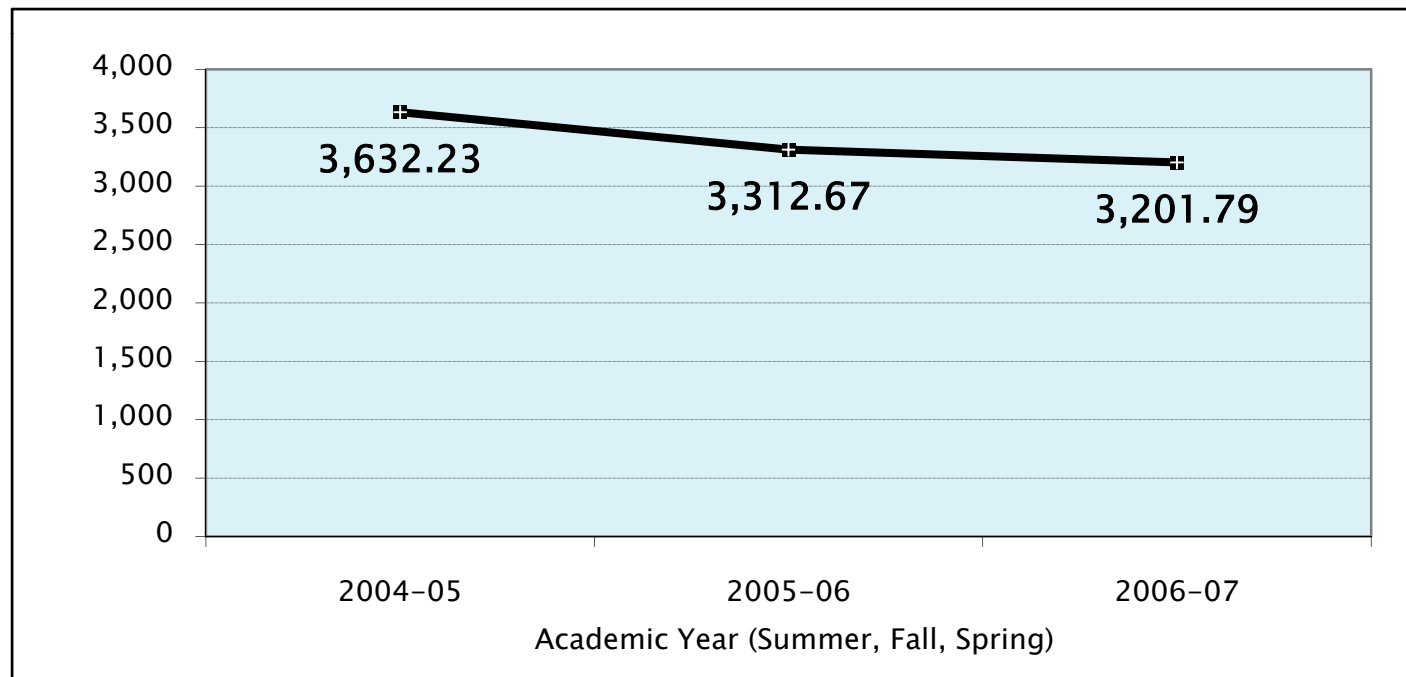
- The enrollment pattern of Prior Noncredit Students in the college program has followed a similar pattern to total noncredit enrollment.
- Over the past 3 years, an average of 68,023 students* took Continuing Education classes. The number of Continuing Education Students increased slightly in the past year.



* Unduplicated across terms

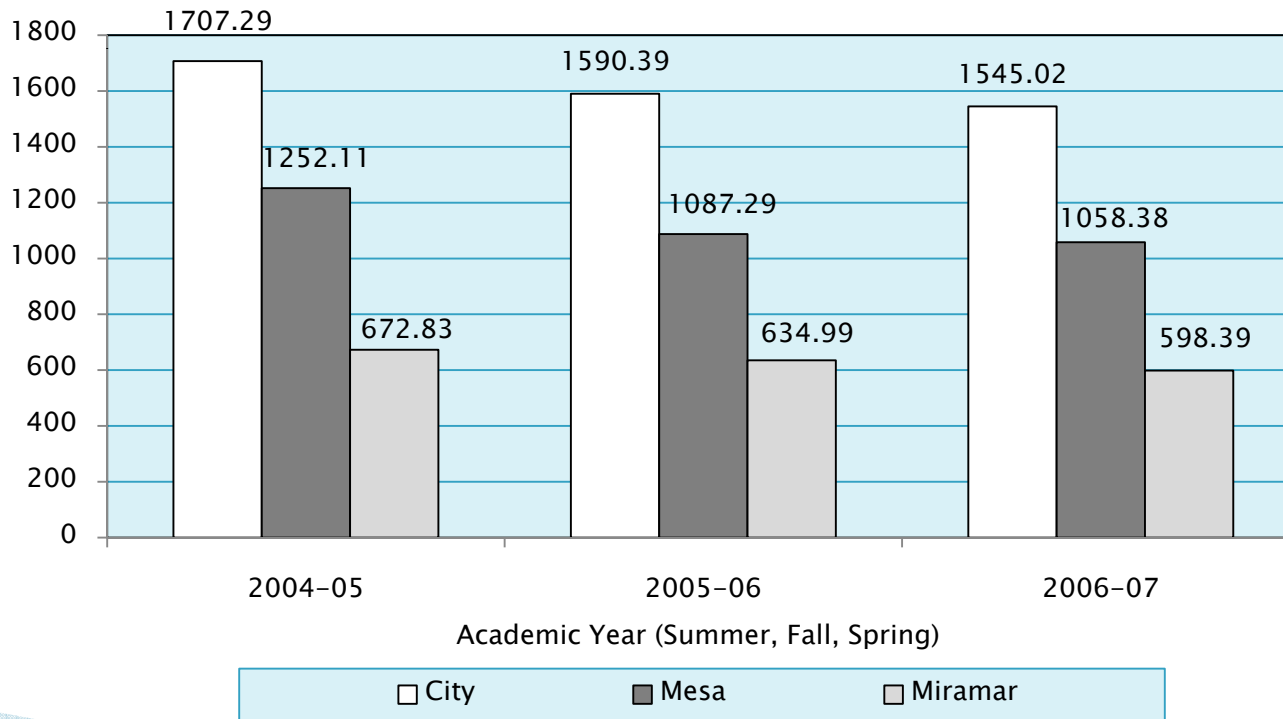
3-Year FTES Comparison

- The resident FTES generated by first time and continuing Prior Noncredit Students has declined over the past 2 years.
- A total of 7,257 first time and continuing resident, Prior Noncredit Students were enrolled in the 2006-07 academic year, generating 3,201.79 resident FTES.



3-Year FTES Comparison by College

➤ The proportion of resident FTES generated at each college by first-time and continuing Prior Noncredit Students has remained consistent over the past 3 years, with slight decreases in FTES at each college. City College has had the highest FTES over the past three years.



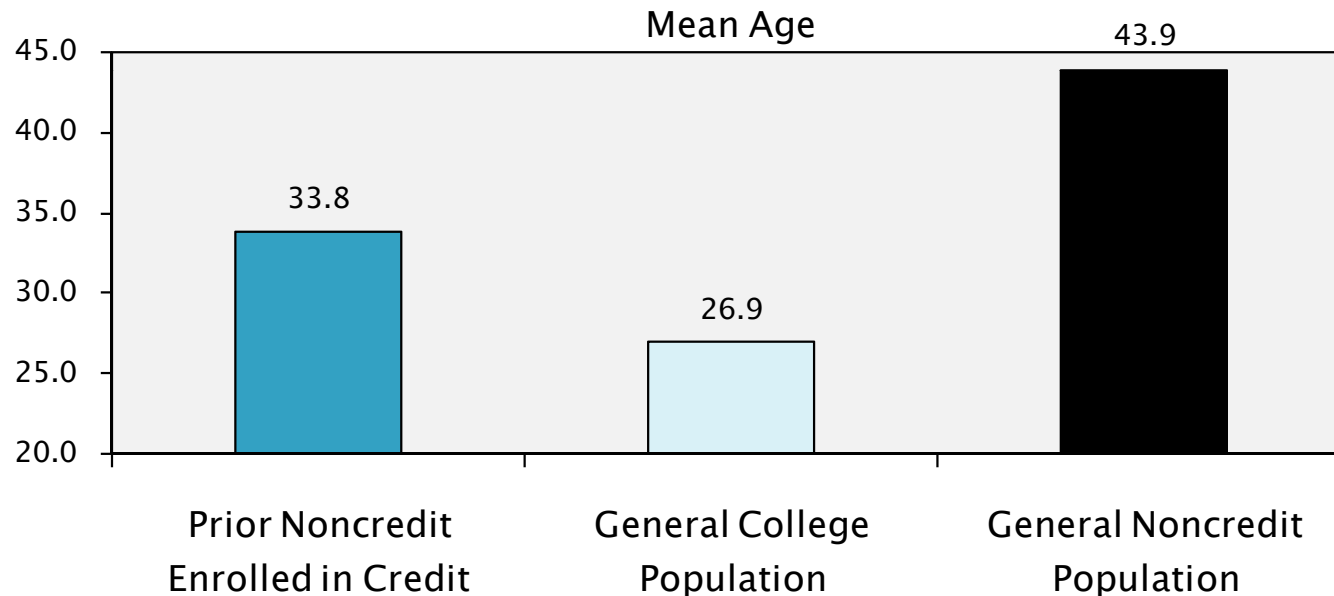
Fall 2006

Profile of Prior Noncredit Students enrolled in credit for the first time

Comparison with the General College and
General Noncredit Student Population

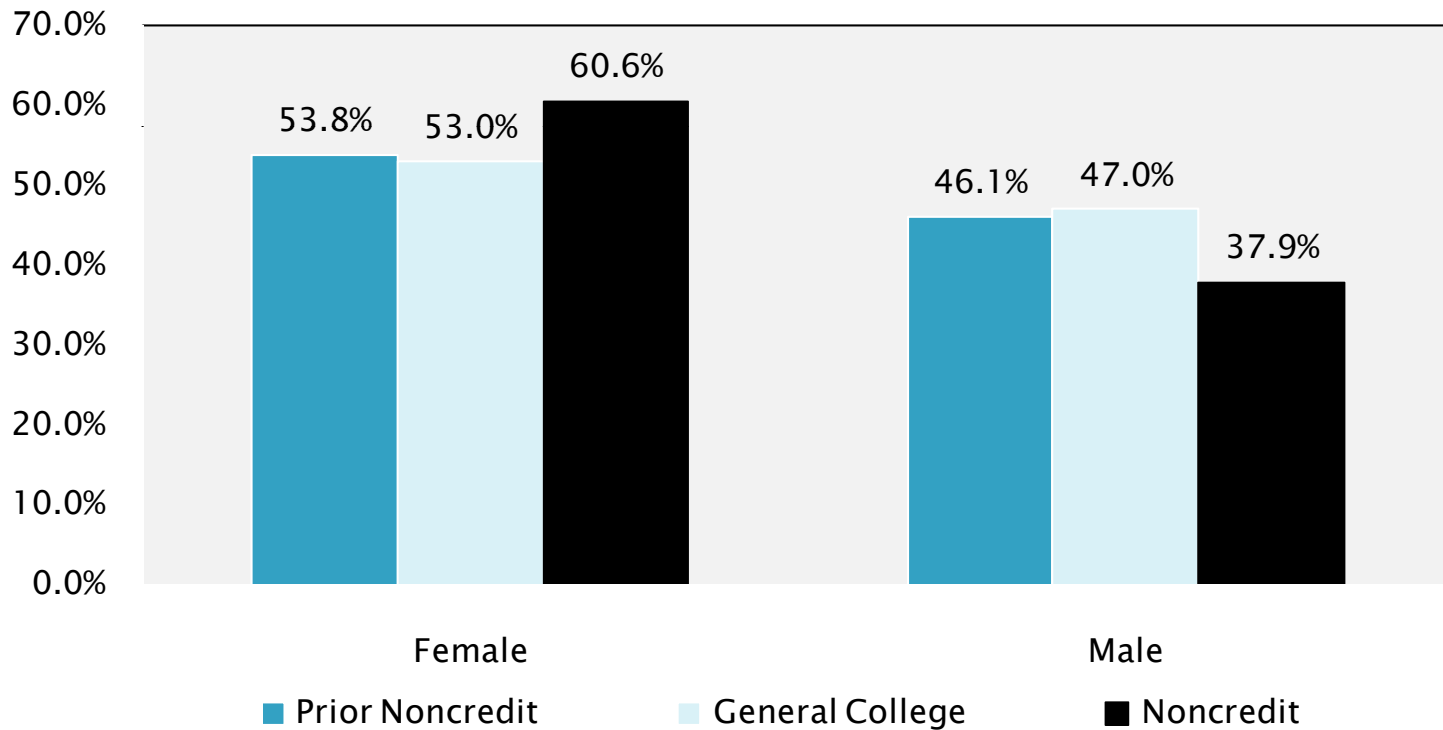
Fall 2006 Profile : Age

➤ The mean age of Prior Noncredit Students is slightly higher than the General College Population, and lower than the General Noncredit Population. This slight difference in mean age is consistent with reports from the past 2 years.



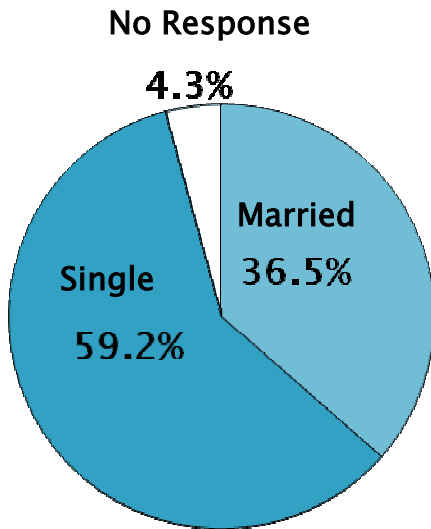
Fall 2006 Profile: Gender

➤ There is a higher percentage of female compared to male Prior Noncredit Students, similar to both the General College and Noncredit populations. This gender difference is consistent with findings from the past 2 years.

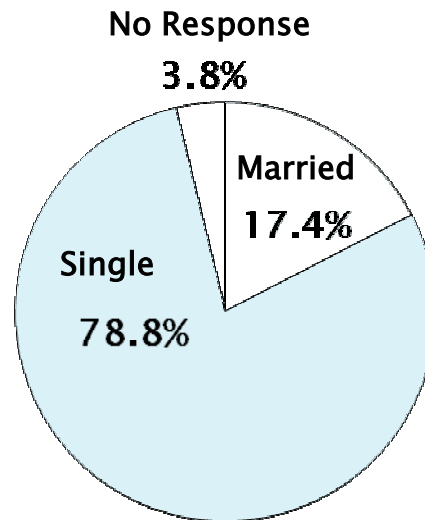


Fall 2006 Profile : Marital Status

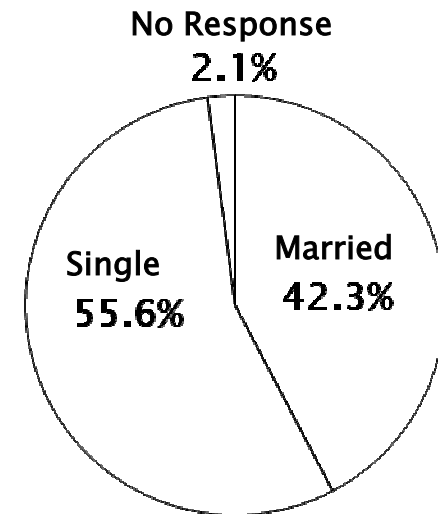
➤ There is a higher percentage of married students among Prior Noncredit Students than in the General College Population. The proportion of married to single students is consistent with findings from the past 2 years.



Prior Noncredit
Enrolled in Credit



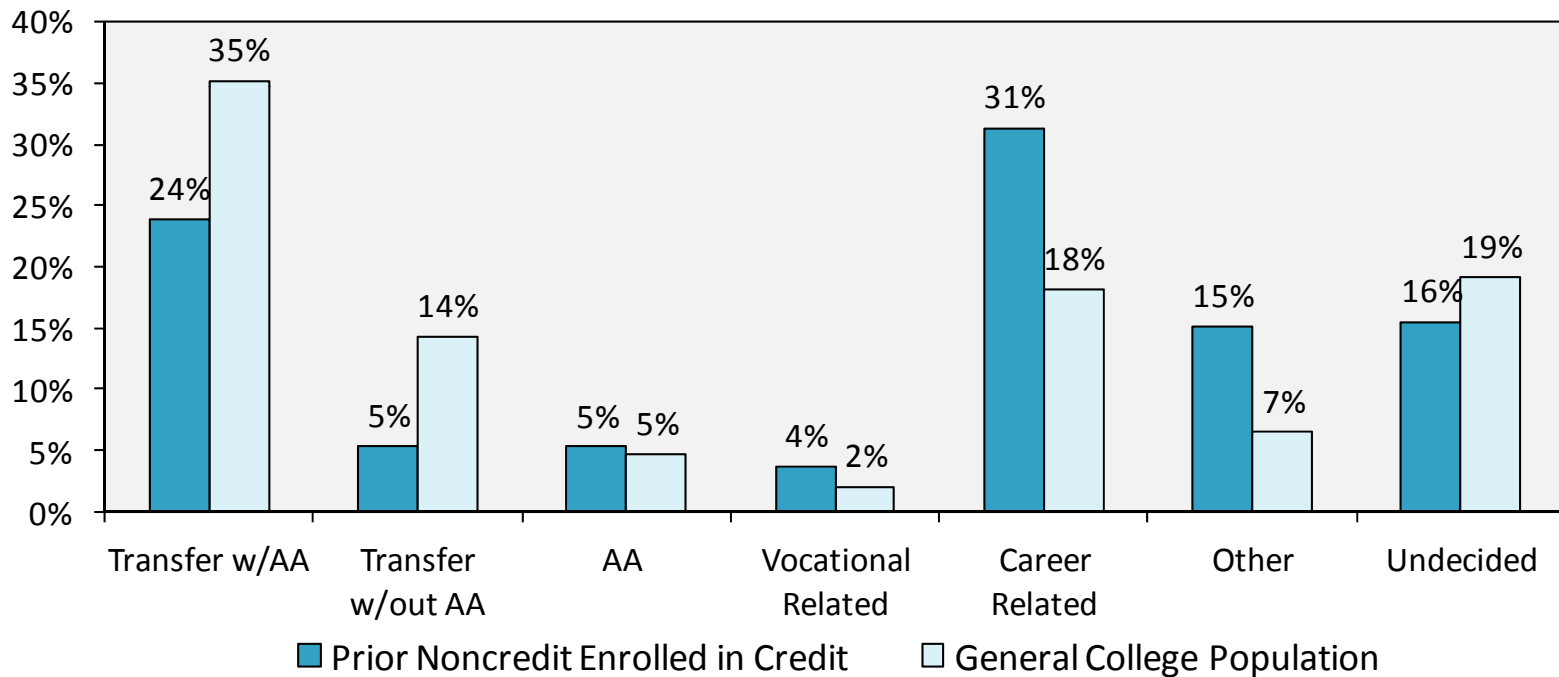
General College
Population



Noncredit
Population

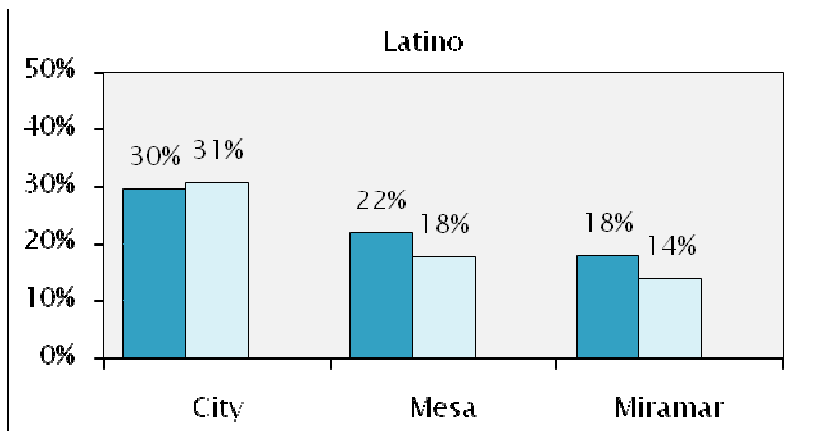
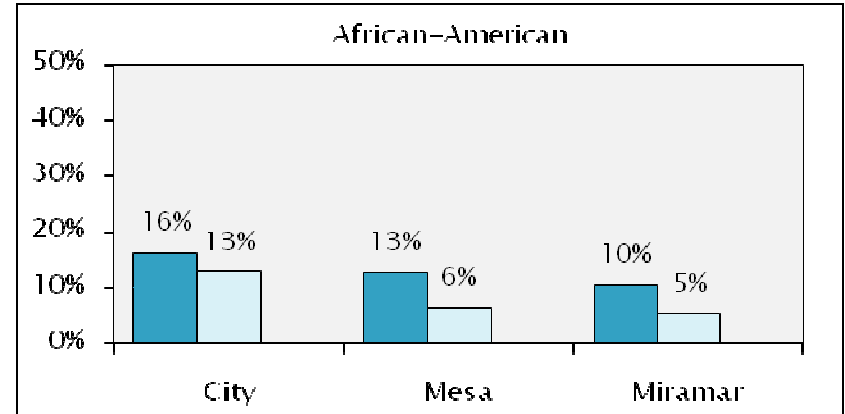
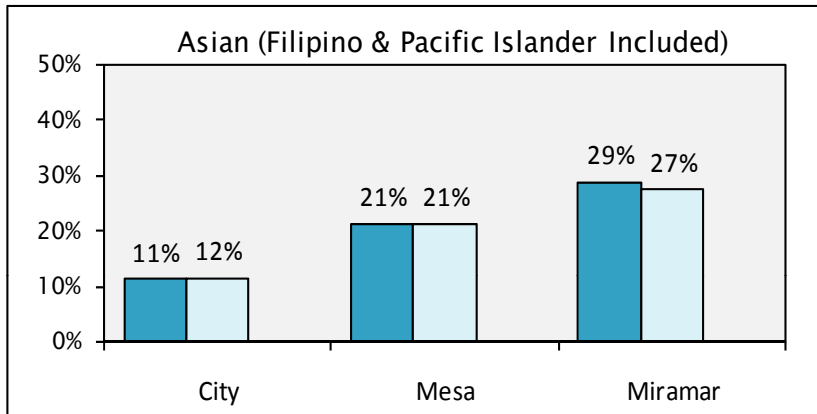
Fall 2006 Profile : Educational Objective

➤ The most frequently reported educational objective among Prior Noncredit Students is 'Career Related', compared to 'Transfer with AA' in the General College Population. Over the past 2 years, there has been an increase in Prior Noncredit Students reporting 'Career Related' and a decrease in reporting 'Transfer with AA'.



Fall 2006 Profile : Ethnicity

➤ There is a similar distribution of ethnicity for Prior Noncredit Students and the General College Population. This distribution is similar to that found in prior years.

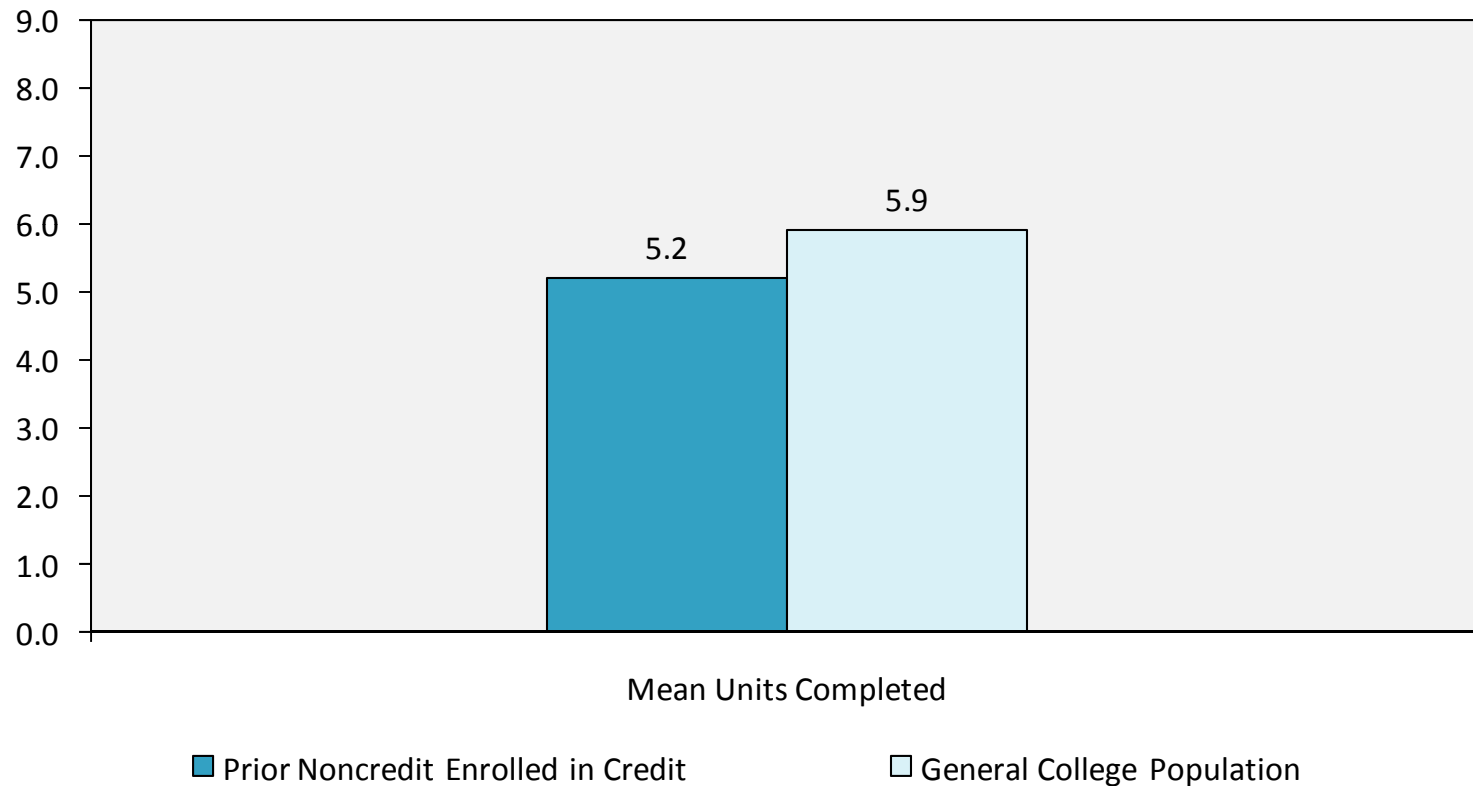


■ Prior Noncredit Enrolled in Credit

□ General College Population

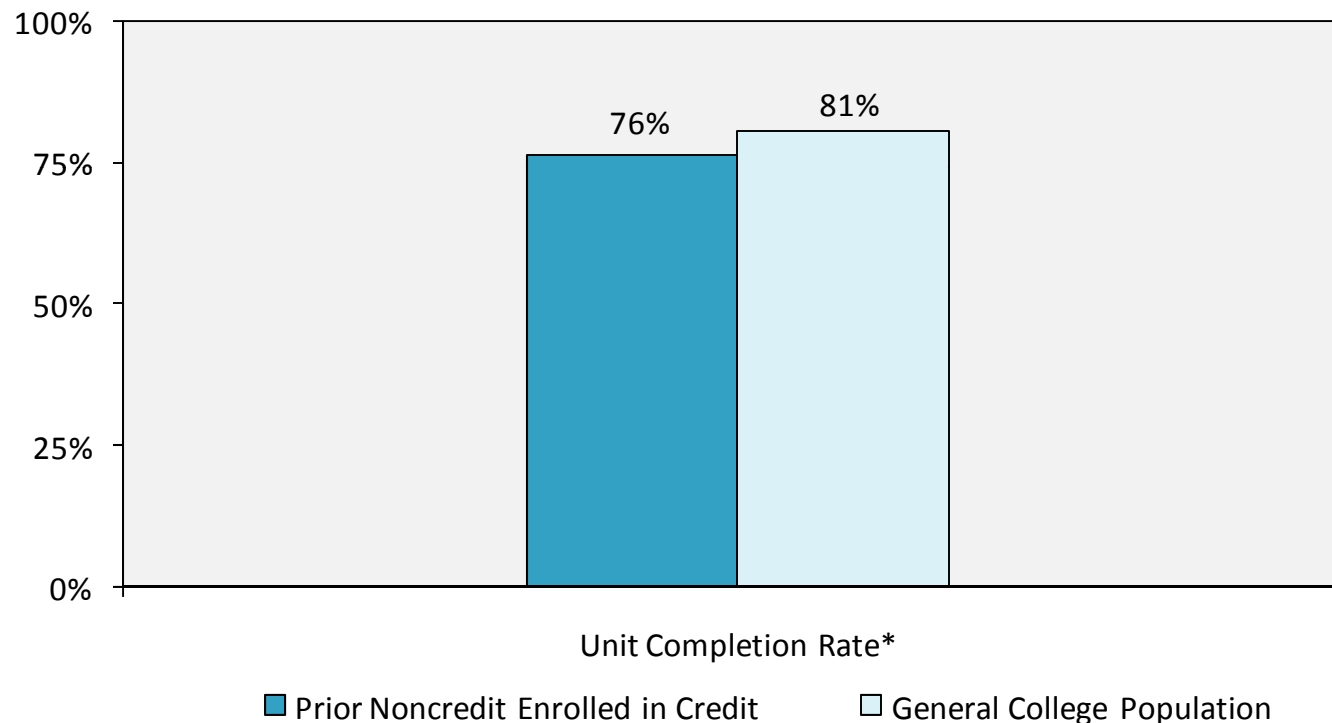
Fall 2006 Profile: Units Completed

➤ The mean units completed among Prior Noncredit Students is slightly lower than in the General College Population. The means are similar to those found in prior years.



Fall 2006 Profile: Mean Unit Completion Rate

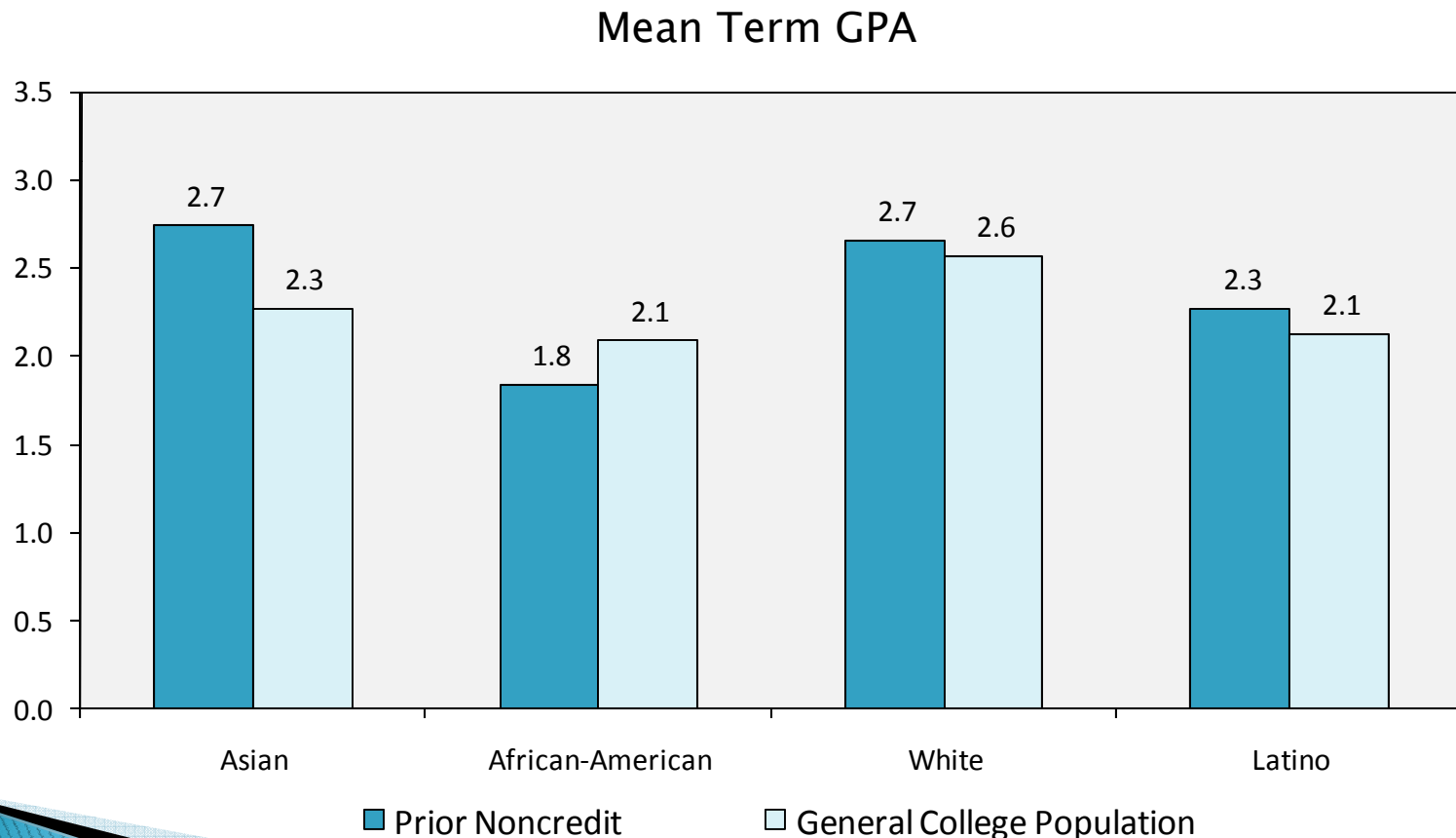
➤ The mean unit completion rate for Prior Noncredit Students is slightly lower than in the General College Population. The unit completion rates for both Prior Noncredit Students and the General College Population are lower than those found in prior years.



* Unit completion rate is the # of units completed divided by the # of units attempted.

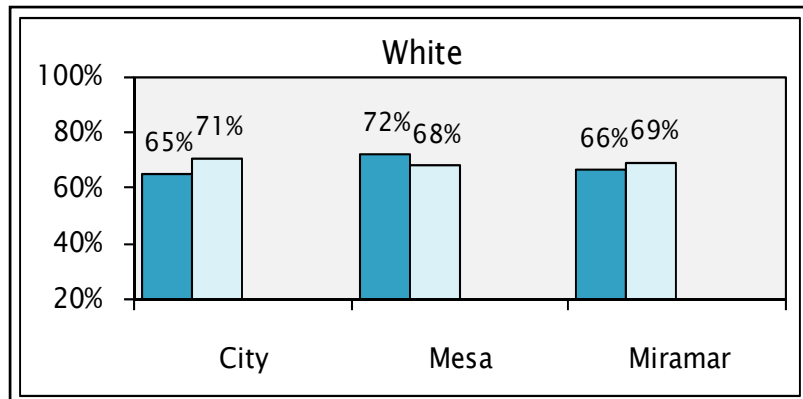
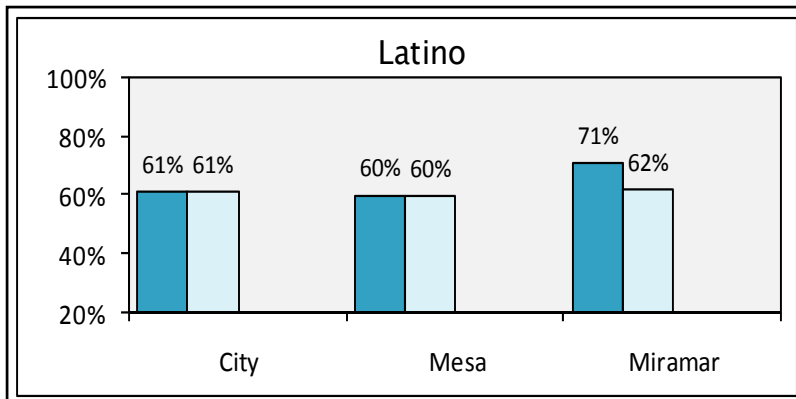
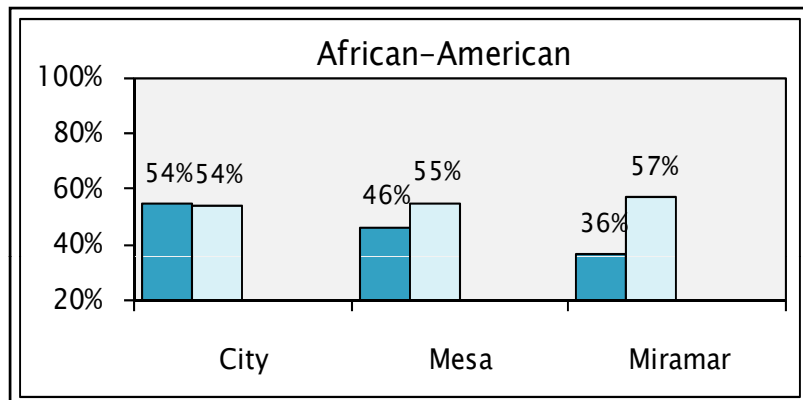
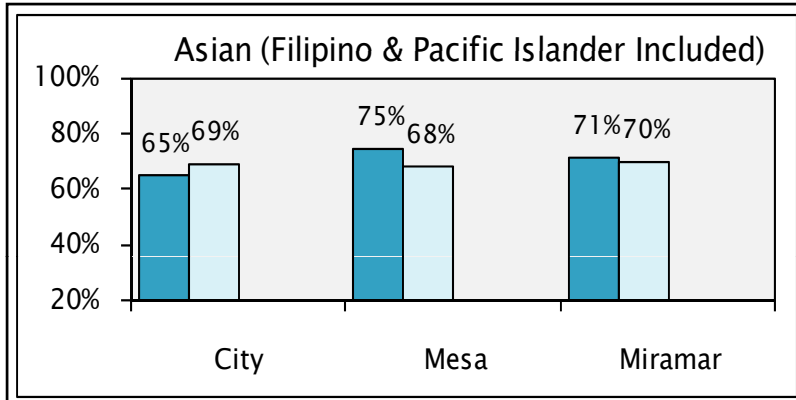
Fall 2006 Profile: Mean Term GPA by Ethnicity

➤ The mean term GPA among Prior Noncredit Students is slightly higher than in the General College Population for all ethnic groups except African-Americans. Mean GPA within ethnic groups has remained consistent over the past 3 years.



Fall 2006 Profile: Success Rate by Ethnicity

➤ The success rate for Prior Noncredit Students is similar to the General College Population. Success rates among ethnic groups are comparable to those found in prior years.



Prior Noncredit Enrolled in Credit

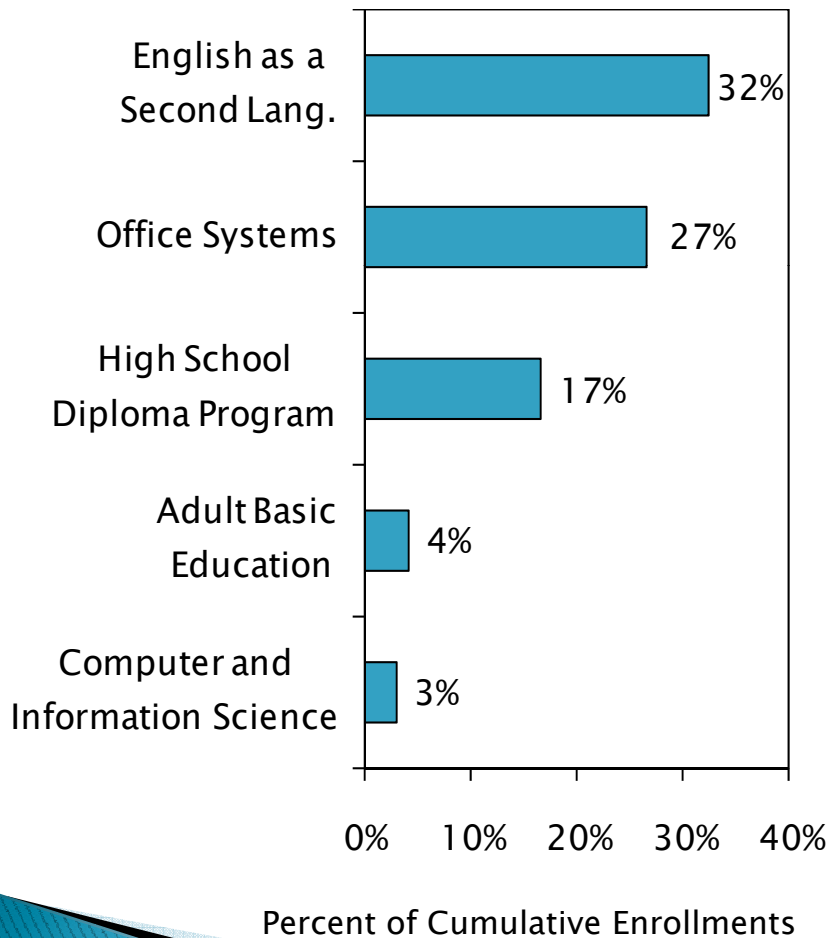
General College Population

Success rate = the percentage of students who receive a grade of A, B, C or Credit

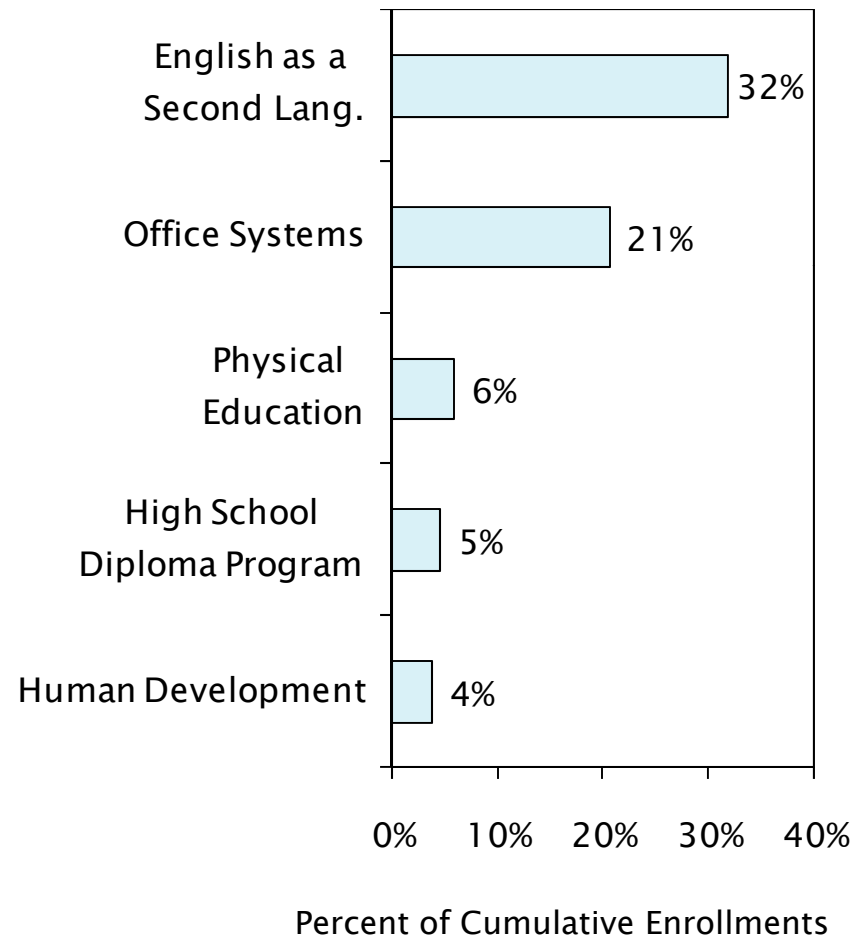
Noncredit and Credit Courses Taken by Prior Noncredit Students

Top 5 Noncredit Courses Taken Between Summer 2004 and Fall 2006

First Time Prior Noncredit Students

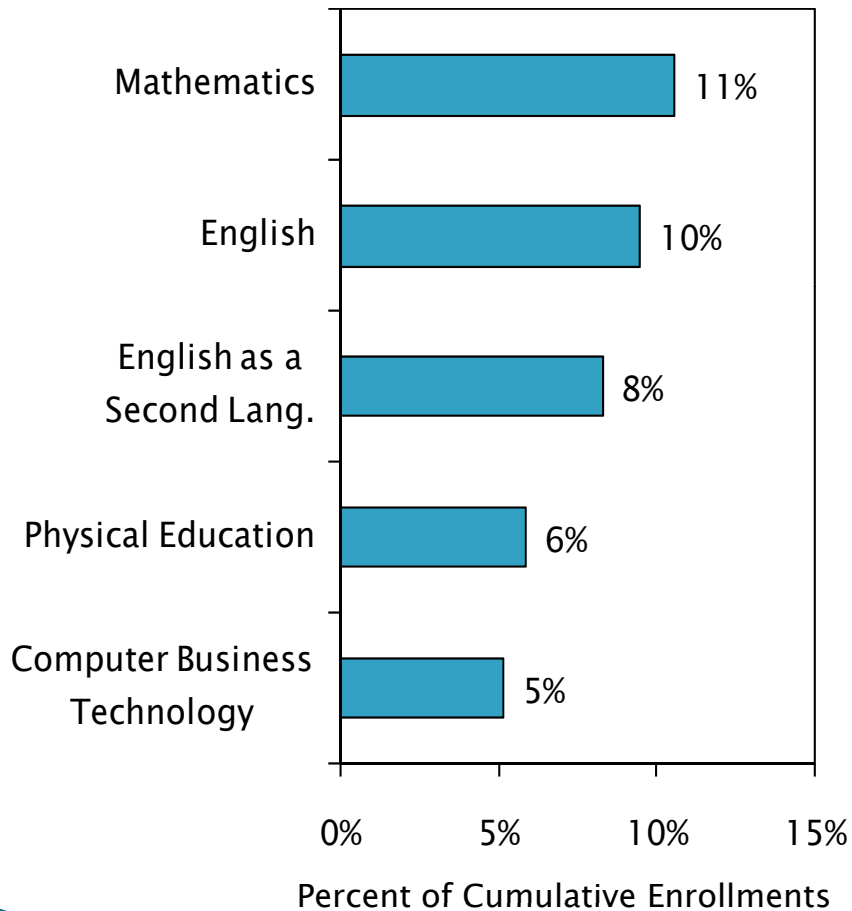


General Noncredit Population

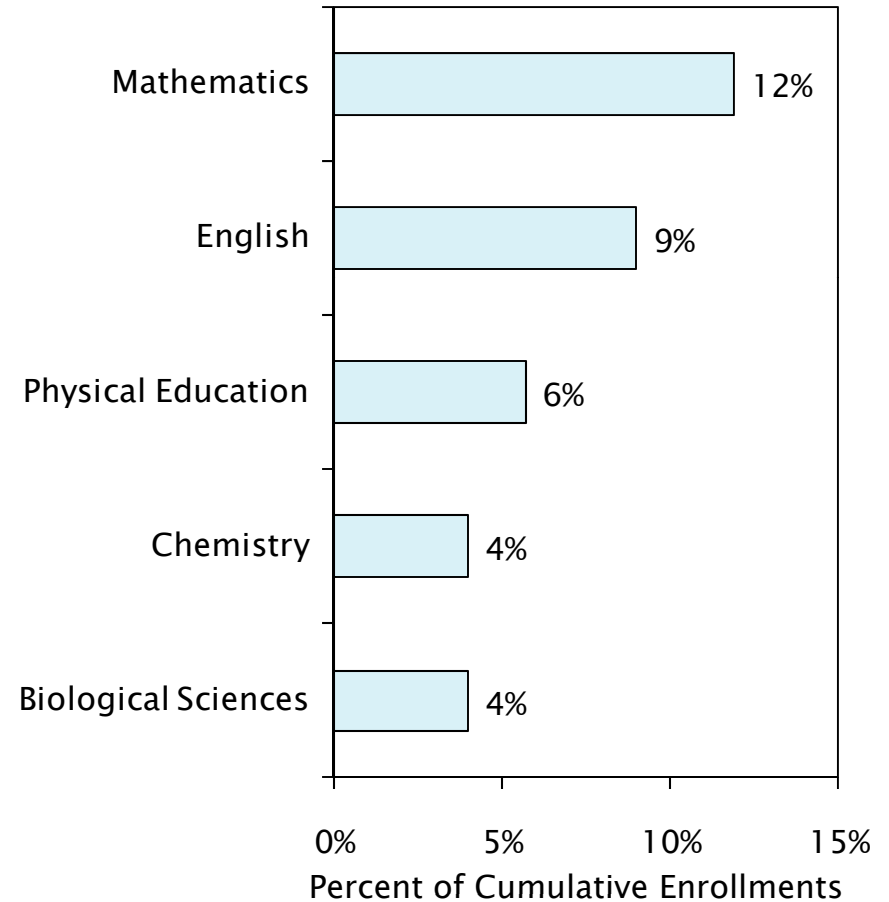


Top 5 Credit Courses Taken Between Fall 2004 and Spring 2007

First Time Prior Noncredit Students



General College Population



Summary

- In the 2006–07 academic year, there was a slight increase in the number of Prior Noncredit Students entering the credit system for the first time.
- Over the past two years, there has been a decrease in the resident FTES generated by first time and continuing Prior Noncredit Students, due to a decrease in continuing Prior Noncredit Students.
- Prior Noncredit Students are older and more likely to be married than students in the general college population.
- The most frequently reported educational objective of Prior Noncredit Students is ‘Career Related’, whereas in the general college population it is ‘Transfer w/ AA’. This difference in educational objective is maybe a reason for the decrease in continuing resident Prior Noncredit Students over time.