MOMENTUM

SUMMER CREDITS EARNED: CALIFORNIA

Percentage of first-time degree-seeking California Community College students enrolled in 2000-01 completing summer credits within seven years

- Completed summer credits
- Did not complete any summer credits

What Is Measured?
Percentage of students completing summer credits within seven years

Who Is Counted?
First-time degree-seeking California Community College students enrolled in 2000-01

What It Tells Us
Among first-time degree-seeking California Community College students enrolled in 2000-01, less than half (46 percent) had completed any summer credits within seven years.

Why It’s Important
Taking classes in the summer expedites students’ progress to degree attainment or transfer. Summer enrollment contributes to faster credit accumulation and reflects students’ commitment to academic achievement. In the research, taking summer classes is often associated with higher completion rates (Adelman, 2006, tables 32 and 33; Moore, Shulock, & Offenstein, 2009, figure 9 and table A-2; Offenstein, Moore, & Shulock, 2010, figure 13).

ABOUT THE DATA
Degree-seeking students: include students who enrolled in more than six units during their first year.

Estimates are from student records data available in the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office Management Information Systems. The results are based on students who enrolled in one or more credit-bearing course and more than a total of six units during the 2000-01 academic year, excluding noncredit students and students concurrently enrolled in high school.

DATA SOURCE