PRECOLLEGE MILESTONES

COMPLETION OF DEVELOPMENTAL ENGLISH/READING COURSE REQUIREMENTS: NEW MEXICO

Percentage of New Mexico Community College students who completed developmental English/reading course requirements within two years, by race/ethnicity, age, and Pell grant status: 2006

RECEIVED PELL GRANT WHEN FIRST ENROLLED

[Bar chart showing percent completing developmental English for students who received Pell Grant when first enrolled]

RACE/ETHNICITY

[Bar chart showing percent completing developmental English by race/ethnicity]

AGE

[Bar chart showing percent completing developmental English by age]
What Is Measured?
Percentage of New Mexico Community College students who completed the developmental English/reading requirements within two years

Who Is Counted?
Students entering New Mexico Community Colleges for the first time in fall 2006

What It Tells Us
Some 76 percent of first-time Pell grant students in New Mexico Community Colleges who enrolled in a developmental English/reading course during their first academic year completed the developmental English/reading requirements within two years.

Why It’s Important
Most beginning community college students must complete at least one developmental education course in mathematics or English (reading, writing, or both), and many must complete multiple courses in one or more subjects. Completing the highest-level developmental course in a subject is the final precollege milestone and is often required to transfer to a four-year institution or to earn a certificate or associate degree.

ABOUT THE DATA
First-time students: include students with no prior postsecondary experience except for college credits earned during high school or in the summer before enrolling in the fall.

Directly from high school: defined as students age 18 or 19 in states without linked K-12 and postsecondary data systems.

Pell Grant recipient: a student who received a Pell Grant within the first year of entry at a given institution of higher education.

Race/ethnicity: Other includes Asian; American Indian or Alaska Native; and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. Race categories exclude Hispanic/Latino origin unless specified.

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