# An Investigation into Overall Success and Withdrawal Rates <br> AY 2021-2022 



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## Executive Summary

This paper was prepared by the Office of Institutional Effectiveness to inform the LSU Eunice community on the success rates defined by a final grade of $A, B, C$ or $P$ (pass) for AY 20212022. The primary purpose is to answer the questions below by comparing the success rates for AY 2021-2022 to longitudinal data from AY 2010-2011 through AY 2020-2021 so that decision makers may continue to make changes as they deem necessary to improve success rates and meet student needs. The calculations in this paper include all online courses and all sites for fall 2021 and spring 2022. Summer and intersession courses were not included.

1. What was the overall success rate? The overall success rate was $71.1 \%$ (see Table 1).

How does the success rate for AY 2021-2022 compare to longitudinal success rates? The $71.1 \%$ was $0.9 \%$ of a percentage point below AY 2020-2021's success rate of $72.0 \%$ (see Table 2 and Figure 1). The $71.1 \%$ was 2.8 percentage points below the overall longitudinal success rate of $73.9 \%$. The success rate is the second lowest for the time period studied.
2. What is the overall withdrawal rate? The withdrawal rate was $11.4 \%$.

How does the withdrawal rate for AY 2021-2022 compare to longitudinal withdrawal rates? The $11.4 \%$ withdrawal rate was 0.4 of a percentage point less than the withdrawal rate of $11.8 \%$ from AY 2020-2021 (see Table 2 and Figure 1). The $11.4 \%$ withdrawal rate exceeds the overall longitudinal withdrawal rate of $10.3 \%$ by 1.1 percentage points. Further, the $11.4 \%$ withdrawal rate is the third highest withdrawal rate in the period studied.
3. Are there gaps in success rates among individual student sub-groups in AY 2021-2022? The answer is yes; there appear to be gaps in performance.

If so, which subgroups? There appear to be gaps in success rates with the following demographic groups (see Table 1). Note that these groups contain many of the same students.

- Black (non-Hispanic) students $=56.8 \%$. The $56.8 \%$ represents a $0.4 \%$ of a percentage point decrease from $57.2 \%$ in AY 2020-2021. Data indicated that the decrease in the success of Black (non-Hispanic) students slowed. For AY 20192020, the success rate was $64.7 \%$ dropping 7.5 percentage points in AY 20202021 to 57.2\% (see Table 4 and Figure 3).
- American Indian or Alaska Native students $=55.6 \%$. The $55.6 \%$ is down 18 percentage points from AY 2020-2021.
- Pathways to Success students $=54.3 \%$. This is 2.7 percentage points higher than the success rate of $51.6 \%$ from AY 2020-2021 (see Table 5 and Figure 4). However, the success rate of $54.3 \%$ is seven percentage points below the longitudinal overall success rate of $61.3 \%$.
- New first-time students $=62.0 \%$; This is a one percentage point decrease from AY 2020-2021 (see Table 6 and Figure 5). The 62.0\% success rate is 5.2 percentage points below the longitudinal overall success rate of $67.2 \%$.
- Returning freshmen = 61.5\%; This is a 2.1 percentages point decrease from the 63.6\% from AY 2020-2021 (see Table 6 and Figure 5). The 61.5\% success rate is 4.6 percentage points below the longitudinal overall success rate of $66.1 \%$.

4. What is the success and withdrawal rate for Developmental Education and General Education English composition courses?

The success rate for developmental education English composition was 59.0\% (see Table 7 and Figure 6). This was 4.8 percentage points below the success rate of $63.8 \%$ in AY 2020-2021. In addition, the $59.0 \%$ is 11.4 percentage points below the longitudinal overall success rate of $70.4 \%$.

The success rate for general education English composition was $73.1 \%$. This was 0.3 of a percentage point below the $73.4 \%$ in AY 2020-2021 (see Table 7 and Figure 6). The $73.1 \%$ is two percentage points below the longitudinal overall success rate of $75.1 \%$.
5. What is the success and withdrawal rate in Developmental Education and General Education Mathematics courses?

The combined success rate for all three developmental mathematics courses was $45.0 \% .^{1}$ This was 3.1 percentage points below the $48.1 \%$ from AY 2020-2021. Success rates in developmental mathematics courses have been steadily declining since AY 2013-2014 (see Table 8 and Figure 7). The $45.0 \%$ is 8.3 percentage points below the longitudinal overall success rate of $53.3 \%$.

The success rate for all three general education mathematics courses (College Algebra) was $57.2 \% .^{2}$ This was 2.7 percentage points higher than the $54.5 \%$ from AY 2020-2021 (see Table 9 and Figure 8). The $57.2 \%$ was 0.8 of a percentage point below the longitudinal overall success rate of $58.0 \%$.

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## Introduction

This paper is a follow-up to an investigation into student success at Louisiana State University at Eunice ${ }^{3}$. The original paper sought to answer three primary questions asked of the Office of Institutional Effectiveness in fall 2021:

1. What is the overall success rate for students taking courses in AY 2020-2021?
2. Are there gaps in success rates among individual student sub-groups?
3. What is the overall withdrawal rate?

The response to the questions, An Investigation into Overall Success and Withdrawal Rates AY 2020-2021, was published on the Strategic Planning Website in November 2021. In addition, a separate paper on student retention was completed in December 2021. ${ }^{4}$ Generally, both papers showed decreasing success and retention rates and that the decreases predated COVID-19. Given this information, LSU Eunice administration completed a realignment of its organization in January 2022. ${ }^{5}$ The Divisions of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Mathematics were combined into the Division of Arts and Sciences in the reorganization. In addition, all Student Affairs functions including the administration of the Pathways to Success Program, tutoring, academic advising, and disability services were placed under the Office of Academic Affairs.

Further, a committee made up largely of faculty was named in the latter half of the spring 2022 semester to investigate the services and staffing that would be needed to staff a new Learning Commons located in LeDoux Library. The purpose of the Learning Commons is to

- increase student success,
- increase student retention, and
- determine the digital literacy skills students needed for students to be prepared for the jobs of the future related to the Achieving the Dream initiative.

This committee worked into the summer 2022, filing two reports on June 15, $2022 .{ }^{6}$
The overarching theme to AY 2021-2022 was to increase student success, retention, and completion while determining the digital literacy skills needed for the future. The year can be characterized as a year of exploring various changes to better respond to student needs.

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## Purpose of this Paper

Much the same as the AY 2020-2021 report, this paper focuses on answering questions posed to the Office of Institutional Effectiveness during summer 2022. The basic questions relevant to this paper are the same as last year:

1. What was the overall success rate for students taking courses in AY 2021-2022? How does the success rate for AY 2021-2022 compare to longitudinal success rates including AY 2020-2021?
2. What was the overall withdrawal rate for AY 2021-2022? How does the withdrawal rate for AY 2021-2022 compare to longitudinal withdrawal rates including AY 2020-2021?
3. Are there gaps in success rates among individual student sub-groups? If so, which groups?

The basic questions asked were the same; however, additional questions were asked that focused on specific issues facing LSU Eunice over AY 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. These issues centered on LSU Eunice's work with Achieving the Dream and a new initiative from the Louisiana Board of Regents to eliminate developmental education courses in favor of a corequisite course model. ${ }^{7}$ Both issues placed an additional focus on the completion of the first general education English composition and the first general education mathematics in the first year of attendance. In addition, recent research recommends that students successfully complete 30 credit hours in the initial year of attendance. The metrics for both the completion of general education English composition and mathematics and the successful completion of 30 credit hours in the first year are near term metrics - also known as Early Momentum Metrics. Successfully meeting metrics such as Early Momentum Metrics are essential to increase program completion. ${ }^{8}$ As a result, two additional questions were asked related to the Early Momentum Metrics to better inform the LSU Eunice community in making decisions related to the Board of Regents initiative.
4. What was the success and withdrawal rate for Developmental Education and General Education English composition courses?
5. What was the success and withdrawal rate in Developmental Education and General Education Mathematics courses?

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## Methodology

This paper utilizes data from LSU Eunice's Office of Institutional Research. The report downloaded the outcome (final grade) for each course taken along with 40 different demographic variables for each student. ${ }^{9}$ The data included all methodologies (face-to-face and online) at all LSU Eunice sites regardless of whether the courses met over an 8-week or 16week session. This data does not include courses offered during the summer or the intersession terms. The course success rates were generated by

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\text { Success }=\left(\frac{\text { frequency of a grade of } A, B, C, \text { or } P}{\text { Total enrollment in the course on the census day }}\right) * 100^{10}
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and includes every student enrolled as noted.

## Discussion

## Answer to Question 1: What is the Overall Success Rate for AY 2021-2022?

The data shown in Table 1 details the results for the 19,657 instances of course-taking by all students enrolled in AY 2021-2022. Overall, 13,979 of the 19,657 instances of course-taking resulted in success with 6,196 earning an A, 4,526 earning a B, 2,996 earning a $C$, and 261 earning a $P$ (Pass). A grade of $D$ in most cases is not transferrable and/or does not count for degree credit so it was not considered as success. The overall success rate was then calculated as

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\text { success }=\left(\frac{6,196+4,526+2,996+261}{19,657}\right) * 100=\left(\frac{13,979}{19,657}\right) * 100=0.71114 * 100=71.1 \% .
$$

Therefore, the answer to question 1 is $71.1 \%$ for all students taking all courses during AY 20212022 (see the blue numbers located in the far-right column of Table 1; the $71.1 \%$ is within a red circle).

## How does the Success Rate Compare to Longitudinal Data?

The success rate was for AY 2021-2022 of $71.1 \%$ is 0.9 of a percentage point below the success rate of $72.0 \%$ from AY 2020-2021 (see Table 2 and Figure 1). While the success rate declined slightly, the decrease is not necessarily viewed as a negative outcome when considering the longitudinal success and withdrawal rates data from AY 2010-2011 through AY 2021-2022 shown in Table 2 and Figure 1. As noted above, the data shows that success rates decreased from $72.0 \%$ in AY 2020-2021 to $71.1 \%$ in AY 2021-2022; however, this 0.9 percentage point decrease (or a change of $1.3 \%$ ) is far better than the decrease of 3.2 percentage points (or a change of 4.3\%) from 75.2\% in AY 2019-2020 to 72.0\% in AY 2020-

[^3]2021. On the surface, it appears as if the changes made in spring 2022 slowed the decrease in student success rates.

Note that the $71.1 \%$ for AY 2021-2022 was 2.8 percentage points below the overall success rate of $73.9 \%$ for AY 2010-2011 through AY 2020-2021 shown in the right column of Table $2 .{ }^{11}$ In addition, Table 2 and Figure 1 point out that the $71.1 \%$ success rate was the second lowest in the twelve-year time span. Both of these points stress the need for continued improvement and additional student support.

Answer to Question 2: What is the Overall Withdrawal Rate for AY 2021-2022?
The answer to question 2 is also found in Table 1. There were 2,239 instances of students withdrawing from the 19,657 instances of course taking (see the "W" column in Table 1). This yields an 11.4\% overall withdrawal rate for all courses taken in AY 2021-2022.

## Did the withdrawal rate decreased?

Yes:

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\frac{\text { number of withdrawals }}{\text { total instances of course taking }}=\frac{2,239(\text { see Table } 1)}{19,657}=.11390=.11390 * 100=11.4
$$

The 11.4\% withdrawal rate for AY 2021-2022 was slightly less than the success rate of 11.8\% from AY 2020-2021 (see Table 2 and Figure 1). This decrease, while small, is much better than the rather dramatic increase from 9.1\% in AY 2019-2020 to 11.8\% in AY 2020-2021. With that said, the $11.4 \%$ withdrawal rate exceeded the overall longitudinal withdrawal rate of $10.3 \%$ by 1.1 percentage points. Further, Figure 1 shows that the $11.4 \%$ withdrawal rate was the third highest withdrawal rate in the period studied.

## Answer to Question 3: Are there Gaps Among Subgroups? If so, which ones?

As noted previously and detailed in Table 1 and Table 2, the overall success rate for AY 20212022 was $71.1 \%$. In order to answer question 3, data was broken out by various demographic variables in Table 1. The short answer to question 3 is yes, there appear to be gaps between some demographic groups. This section details each of them.

Success using a grade of $A, B, C$ or $P$ (Pass) for each student group should, in theory, approximate the $71.1 \%$; however, it is statistically unreasonable to expect all student demographic groups to perform at the same rate; some student groups will have greater success while others will not. Toward determining issues related to success using demographic variables, an expected variance of $\pm 5$ percentage points from the overall success rate of $71.1 \%$ was established as what might be considered as common. The $\pm 5$ percentage points establishes a range of acceptable variance between $66.1 \%$ to $76.1 \%$. A student success rate below $66.1 \%$ may indicate that LSU Eunice should provide additional assistance to help students achieve higher levels of success. Student groups with success rates above the $76.1 \%$

[^4]should be evaluated to determine what, if anything, can be learned about a specific group's success that might be applied to the groups that are underperforming.

This section is divided into three sections

- The groups that fall within the expected variance range of $66.1 \%$ to $76.1 \%$ (not highlighted in Table 1):
- The groups that fall just outside of the expected variance range by a percentage point (highlighted red in Table 1 for those groups below the $66.1 \%$ and highlighted purple for those above the 76.1\%); and
- The groups that have a large variance from the expected range of $66.1 \%$ to $76.1 \%$ (highlighted green in Table 1 for groups below the $66.1 \%$ and yellow for those above the 76.1)\%.


## Variance between 66.1\% and 76.1\%

The following demographic groups in Table 1 had success rates that fell within the accepted variance.

Section B: Gender, with females having a success rate of $71.0 \%$ with males at $71.5 \%$.
Section C: Pell Grant Eligibility, with those not eligible having a success rate at $74.6 \%$ with those being eligible just within the $\pm 5$ percentage points at $66.1 \%$.

Because there was an 8.5 percentage point gap in success between those eligible and those not eligible for a Pell Grant in AY 2021-2022, a longitudinal examination was completed (see Table 3 and Figure 2). The data and the graph indicated that those not Pell eligible (gray line) consistently outperformed those who were Pell eligible (purple line) over the time period studied. As noted in Table 3, the overall historical success rate (without AY 2021-2022) was $73.9 \%$. The data indicated a smaller variance between the overall historical success rate of $73.9 \%$ and the those not Pell eligible with a success rate of $77.0 \%$ producing a variance of 3.1 percentage points. Students who were Pell eligible had a success rate of $69.5 \%$ overall with a variance of 4.4 percentage points.

Section H: Methodology for All Students, with LSU Eunice 8-week online course having the highest success rate at $75.4 \%$ and LSU Online course success being the lowest at $68.3 \%$.

Section L: All Part-Time Students, with the success rate for 16-week face-to-face courses being the highest at $74.6 \%$ and LSU Online 8 -week course success rate being the lowest at 67.5\%.

## Variance falling just outside the 66.1\% and 76.1\%

One demographic group had a moderate deviation from the $71.1 \%$, just outside the expected variation. This was Section M: Full Time Students taking LSU Eunice 8-week online courses. Students had a success rate of $76.4 \%$ generating a variance of 0.3 percentage points. All other student groups in Section $M$ were within the expected variance of $\pm 5$ percentage points.

Groups with Large Variance Below 66.1\% or Above 76.1\%
Finally, those with large departure from the expected variation included:

Section A: Ethnicity: Several groups performed below well below the expected variance. First, American Indian or Alaska Native students had a success rate of $55.6 \%$ with a variance of 15.5 percentage points below the $71.1 \%$. Next, Black (non-Hispanic) students had a success rate of $56.8 \%$ with a variance of 14.3 percentage points below the overall success rate. Hispanic of any race students had a success rate of $64.8 \%$ with a variance of 6.3 percentage points below overall success rate. In contrast, Asian students had a success rate of $79.9 \%$ producing a variance of 8.8 percentage points above the $71.1 \%$ and Nonresident Alien students had a success rate of $88.2 \%$ with a variance of 17.1 percentage points above the overall success rate.

Because there were so many ethnicities with large variances, a longitudinal examination was conducted on the two largest ethnic groups that took the most of number of courses according to Table 1, this being Black (non-Hispanic) students that took 4,430 courses and White (non-Hispanic) students that took 13,399 courses (see Section A in Table 1).

Table 4 and Figure 3 details the longitudinal data for the success of Black (non-Hispanic and orange data) and White (non-Hispanic and green data) students from AY 2010-2011 through AY 2021-2022. Differences are apparent in Figure 3 as indicated by the separation of the green and orange lines and the degree of separation from the overall success for each year (blue line). For AY 2021-2022, the success rate for Black (non-Hispanic) students was $56.8 \%$ while the success rate for White (non-Hispanic) students was $75.9 \%$ producing a gap of 19.1 percentage points.

Table 4 also indicates that the overall longitudinal success rate was $73.9 \%$ for all students taking all courses (blue data and line). White (non-Hispanic-green data and line) students had a historical success rate of $77.7 \%$ just outside the expected variance of by only 1.6 percentage points of $76.1 \%$. In contrast, Black (non-Hispanic-orange data and line) students had a success rate of $62.8 \%$ exceeding the expected variance of $66.1 \%$ by 3.3 percentage points. This produces a historical gap of 14.9 percentage points.

Note also that Black (non-Hispanic) student success was 64.7\% in AY 2019-2020; however, it fell 7.5 percentage points to $57.2 \%$ in AY 2020-2021. Nevertheless, in AY 2021-2022, the success rate was $56.8 \%$ decreasing just 0.4 percentage points from the $57.2 \%$. While it is difficult to be certain, the changes implemented at the beginning of spring 2022 may have had some positive effect by slowing the decline in the success rate for Black (non-Hispanic) students even though many of the changes had only been partially implemented.

Still, further change is needed as shown by the decrease in success for White (nonHispanic) students. Table 4 and Figure 3 indicate that the success rate of White (nonHispanic) students decreased one percentage point from 78.8\% in AY 2019-2020 to 77.8\% in AY 2020-2021; however, the success rate decreased 1.9 percentage points from $77.8 \%$ in AY 2020-2021 to 75.9\% in AY 2021-2022.

Section D: For age, the 15-17 age group had a success rate of $88.3 \%$ with a variance of 17.2 percentage points above the overall success rate, This is, in part, due to dual enrollment students. Note that 54 17-year-old students were classified as first-time students and that one 16-year-old student and an additional seven 17-year-old students had a blank for classification.

Section E: Athletes students had a success rate of $82.8 \%$ with a variance of 11.7 percentage points above the overall success rate.

Section F: Dual Enrollment students had a success rate of $85.4 \%$ with a variance of 14.3 percentage points above the $71.1 \%$. This parallels the results from section $D$ but does not match exactly because of the way students are coded (see the results for Section D).

Section G and I: Pathways to Success students had a success rate of $54.3 \%$ for AY 20212022 with a variance of 16.8 percentage points below the overall success rate (see Table 1). ${ }^{12}$ Students in the program had a success rate ranging from $57.7 \%$ in 8 -week online courses to $53.2 \%$ in 16 -week online courses with a variance of 13.4 and 17.9 percentage points respectively from the overall success rate of $71.1 \%$.

Table 5 and Figure 4 detail the Pathways students' success rate longitudinally from AY 2010-2011 through present. As noted in Figure 4, the success rate for Pathways students (orange line) has always been below the success of Non-Pathways students (purple line) and the overall (blue line). Figure 4 shows a peak in AY 2017-2018 and a decline lasting through AY 2020-2021. In that time period, there was a $22.5 \%$ decline in success falling 15 percentage points from $66.6 \%$ in AY 2017-2018 to $51.6 \%$ in AY 2020-2021. This decline was reversed when success increased 2.7 percentage points from 51.6\% in AY 2020-2021 to 54.3\% in AY 2021-2022. This represents a change of 5.2\%.

This decline and subsequent reversal is rather important given that 343 (11.2\%) of the 3,064 of the students attending LSU Eunice in fall 2021 were Pathways to Success students. Of the 343 students in Pathways, 170 (49.6\%) were Black (non-Hispanic) while 135 (39.4\%) were White (non-Hispanic). There is a correlation between the success of the Pathways to Success students in Sections G and I and the Black (non-Hispanic) students in Section A due to the demographic makeup of the students in the Pathways to Success program. Stated simply, increasing the success of Pathways to Success students will also increase the success of Black (non-Hispanic) students. The converse is also true: increasing the success of Black (non-Hispanic) students will also increase the success rates in the Pathways to Success program.

Section J: Classification: Two student groups had a large variance above the 71.1\%: Dual Enrollment and Unclassified students, with success rates of $89.9 \%$ and $83.0 \%$ producing a variance of 18.8 and 11.9 percentage points respectively. Groups underperforming were First-Time Students, with a success rate of 62.0\%, Returning Freshmen at 61.5\%, and Unclassified Transfer at $56.5 \%$, producing variances of $9.1,9.6$, and 14.6 percentage points respectively.

Table 6 and Figure 5 expand on this data, showing that freshmen, whether they be new (gray data and line) or returning (purple data and line), need additional assistance to be successful since both groups have consistently performed below the overall success (dark blue data and line).

Table 6 showing the longitudinal data from AY 2010-2011 through AY 2021-2022 also indicated that the overall success rate of new first-time students (gray data) is $67.2 \%$, this

[^5]being 6.7 percentage points below the overall success rate of $73.9 \%$. Further, the data indicated that the success rate of new first-time students for AY 2021-2022 of $62.0 \%$ was below the longitudinal average of $67.2 \%$. The same can be said for returning freshmen because their overall success rate of $66.1 \%$ was 7.8 percentage points below the overall of $73.9 \%$. Their success rate for AY 2021-2022 of $61.5 \%$ was also below their longitudinal overall success rate of $66.1 \%$. Increasing success rates with freshmen students will no doubt increase retention and completion.

Section K: New First-Time Students Only had a success rate of $62.0 \%$ having a variance of 9.1 percentage points below the $71.1 \%$. The largest variance was produced by students taking LSU Online courses. These students had a success rate of $51.9 \%$, producing a variance of 19.2 percentage points from the overall success rate of $71.1 \%$.

In summary, the answer to question three is yes. There appear to be gaps in success rates of marginalized populations such as Black (non-Hispanic) and American Indian or Alaska Native students. In addition, the data indicated that Pathways to Success, while improving, still needs additional assistance. Finally, new first-time students and returning freshmen also need assistance. Note that these groups are all interrelated and contain many of the same students.

## Answer to Question 4: What is the success and withdrawal rate for Developmental Education and General Education English composition courses?

Table 7 and Figure 6 detail the longitudinal success rates for developmental and general education English composition courses and answer the first part of Question 4.

## Developmental English Composition

First, 367 (59.0\%) of the 622 students registered for developmental English composition (ENGL 0001) during AY 2021-2022 successfully completed the course with an A, B, C or P (see orange data and line). Institutional research data indicated that 55 ( $8.8 \%$ ) of the 622 students withdrew.

The data also indicated that the 59.0\% completion rate for ENGL 0001 during AY 2021-2022 was the lowest and falls well below the overall success rate of $70.4 \%$ for developmental English composition from AY 2010-2011 through AY 2020-2021 (see orange data in Table 7 and orange line in Figure 6). According to the data, success in ENGL 0001 reached a peak of $79.5 \%$ in AY 2017-2018 and decreased 20.5 percentage points (for a change of 25.8\%) to 59.0\% in AY 2021-2022. In addition, the overall success rate (blue line) decreased 4.5 percentage points (for a change of 6.0\%) since AY 2017-2018 as shown by the negatively sloped line; however, the success rate for ENGL 0001 decreased at a much greater rate since AY 2017-2018 (25.8\% versus 6.0\%).

## General Education English Composition

For AY 2021-2022, 781 (73.1\%) of the 1,068 students who registered for general education English composition (ENGL 1001) successfully completed the course with an A, B, C or P (see gray data and line). Institutional research data indicated that 95 (8.9\%) of the 1,068 students withdrew.

The gray data in Table 7 and line in Figure 6 shows a decrease in success in general education English composition (ENGL 1001) from a peak of 78.9\% in AY 2016-2017 to 73.1\% for AY

2021-2022, representing a 5.8 percentage point decrease (for a change of $7.4 \%$ ) in six academic years. The $73.1 \%$ from AY 2021-2022 is 2.0 percentage points below the overall success rate of $75.1 \%$ for ENGL 1001 for AY 2010-2011 through AY 2020-2021. The decrease in success has occurred at almost the same rate as the overall success rate represented by the blue line ( $7.4 \%$ for ENGL 1001 versus $6.0 \%$ for the overall).

## Answer to Question 5: What is the success and withdrawal rate in Developmental Education and General Education Mathematics courses?

Table 8 and Figure 7 show the longitudinal success rates for developmental education mathematics courses.

## Developmental Mathematics

For Pre-Algebra (MATH 0001), 398 (44.9\%) of the 887 students enrolled during AY 2021-2022 successfully completed the course with an A, B, C or P (see orange data and line). Institutional research data indicated that 110 (12.4\%) of the 887 students withdrew. Student success in MATH 0001 decreased from a peak of $79.9 \%$ in AY 2013-2014 to 44.9\% in AY 2021-2022 representing a 35 percentage point decrease (for a change of $43.8 \%$ ). Note that the $44.9 \%$ from AY 2021-2022 is the lowest success rate during the period studied and is 11.3 percentage points below overall for AY 2010-2011 through AY 2020-2021.

For Introductory Algebra (MATH 0002/MATH 0015), 178 (44.0\%) of the 405 students registered during AY 2021-2022 successfully completed the course with an A, B, C or P (see gray data and line). ${ }^{13}$ Institutional research data indicated that 81 (20.0\%) of the 405 students withdrew. The $44.0 \%$ from AY 2021-2022 is a difference of 10.2 percentage points (for a change of $18.8 \%$ ) from a peak of $54.2 \%$ in AY 2014-2015. The $44.0 \%$ is 6.0 percentage points below the overall of $50.0 \%$ for the AY 2010-2011 through AY 2020-2021 time period.

For Intermediate Algebra (MATH 0021), 74 (48.1\%) of the 154 students registered during AY 2021-2022 successfully completed the course with an A, B, C or P (see purple data and line). Institutional research data indicated that 30 (19.5\%) of the 154 students withdrew. The success rate for MATH 0021 was $48.8 \%$ when it was first offered in AY 2017-2018, it increased to 53.6\% in AY 2019-2020, but then it decreased to $48.1 \%$ for AY 2021-2022. The success rate for AY 2021-2022 of 48.1\% is one percentage point below the 49.1\% for AY 2017-2018 through AY 2020-2021.

While there was a degree of success when modular mathematics was introduced in fall 2013, Table 8 and Figure 7 shows the reality related to the student performance in developmental mathematics. Simply put, the combined overall success for developmental mathematics decreased 21.1 percentage points (for a change of $31.9 \%$ ) from $66.1 \%$ in AY 2013-2014 to 45.0\% in AY 2021-2022 (see green data in Table 8 and Figure 7). The decline in success for developmental mathematics versus all courses taken is illustrated in Figure 7. ${ }^{14}$ The difference in the combined success rates for developmental mathematics (green line) versus the overall success rate for all courses (blue) is also apparent in Figure 7. In AY 2013-2014, the gap was

[^6]8.7 percentage points; however, the gap increased to $26.1 \%$ percentage points, with the overall for all developmental mathematics courses being 45.0\% and the overall for all courses being 71.1\% in AY 2021-2022.

## General Education Mathematics (College Algebra)

Finally, Table 9 and Figure 8 detail the longitudinal success rates for all three entry level General Education Mathematics courses. Applied College Algebra (MATH 1015), meant mostly for non-STEM fields, is shown using the orange data in Table 9 and line in Figure 8. Success reached a peak of $65.8 \%$ in AY 2017-2018 falling 11.3 percentage points (for a change of $17.2 \%$ ) to $54.5 \%$ in AY 2021-2022. As noted in Table 9, the $54.5 \%$ is 5.7 percentage points below the overall from AY 2013-2014 through AY 2020-2021. Students taking MATH 1015 typically take Elementary Statistics (MATH 1425) to complete their math requirements for the Associate Degree.

Next, data is detailed for the two College Algebra courses. MATH 1020 is represented by the gray data and line and MATH 1021 is represented by the purple data and line in Table 9 and Figure 8. MATH 1021 is the typical three-hour version of College Algebra for "college ready" students while MATH 1020 is a five-hour version designed for students scoring just below the "college ready" cut score on the placement test. Both courses award three credits for the College Algebra; however, the MATH 1020 course has two additional credits that allow for time for topics students may find especially difficult. Students taking MATH 1020 or 1021 typically then typically take Plane Trigonometry (MATH 1022) and more advance mathematics courses depending on their degree requirements.

MATH 1020 has been offered intermittently, first in AY 2012-2013, then in AY 2017-2018, and then AY 2019-2020 through the present. Results have fluctuated as indicated by the gray data in Table 9 and line in Figure 8; however, the success rate for AY 2021-2022 was 66.7\%, this being 3.6 percentage points above the overall longitudinal success rate of $63.1 \%$.

The success rates for MATH 1021 have also fluctuated in the 50 s and low 60 s during the period studied (see the purple data in Table 9 and line in Figure 8). The highest success rate of 61.9\% was achieved in AY 2014-2015, with results decreasing and then increasing to $60.9 \%$ in AY 2017-2018. From the peak of $61.9 \%$ to the $50.8 \%$ in AY 2021-2022, there was a decrease in success of 11.1 percentage points (for a change of $17.9 \%$ ). The $50.8 \%$ success rate from AY 2021-2022 was 5.2 percentage points below longitudinal overall of $56.0 \%$ from AY 2010-2011 through AY 2020-2021. The 50.8\% was also the lowest in the time period studied.

The combined success rates from all three College Algebra courses is indicated by the green data in Table 9 and line in Figure 8. The combined data indicates a success rate for the three courses that is mostly in the 50s breaking through to the low 60s in AY 2014-2015 and AY 2017-2018. The success rate of $57.2 \%$ for AY 2021-2022 is 0.8 of a percentage point below the longitudinal success rate of 58.0\% from AY 2010-2011 through AY 2020-2021. In addition, the longitudinal success rates for College Algebra shown by the green data in Table 9 and line in Figure 8 are substantially below the overall success rates for all courses shown by the blue data and line, with the longitudinal overalls in the far right of Table 9 differing by 15.9 percentage points.

## A Final Comment

This paper has presented an interpretation of the data without speculating on the reasons why the various trends are occurring. There is no doubt that the pandemic impacted student success; however, many downward trends began prior to that event. The question of why is left for the Chancellor's Cabinet, the Achieving the Dream Core Team, and the faculty.
Recommendations for improvement will come from those bodies. Given these downward trends, the data suggests that further change is needed.

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Table 1. AY 2021-2022 LSU Eunice Overall Success Rates - All students in all courses.

| A. Ethnicity | A | AU | B | C | D | F | 1 | IP | NC | NR | P | W | WB | Grand Total | Percent Success |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 45 |  | 25 | 9 | 4 | 24 |  |  |  | 2 |  | 33 |  | 142 | 55.6 |
| Asian | 72 |  | 41 | 18 | 5 | 9 |  |  |  | 1 |  | 18 |  | 164 | 79.9 |
| Black (non-Hispanic) | 864 |  | 848 | 781 | 298 | 958 | 5 |  | 12 | 18 | 25 | 621 |  | 4430 | 56.8 |
| Hispanic of any race | 130 |  | 111 | 80 | 30 | 67 |  |  |  | 2 | 5 | 78 |  | 503 | 64.8 |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | 50.0 |
| Nonresident Alien | 56 |  | 18 | 8 |  | 9 |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |  | 93 | 88.2 |
| Race/Ethnicity Unknown | 163 |  | 118 | 60 | 22 | 37 |  |  | 3 | 2 | 2 | 51 |  | 458 | 74.9 |
| Two or more races | 163 |  | 95 | 67 | 17 | 60 | 1 |  |  |  | 1 | 62 |  | 466 | 70.0 |
| White (non-Hispanic) | 4703 | 1 | 3270 | 1972 | 599 | 1130 | 15 | 1 | 27 | 79 | 228 | 1374 |  | 13399 | 75.9 |
| Grand Total | 6196 | 1 | 4526 | 2996 | 975 | 2295 | 21 | 1 | 42 | 104 | 261 | 2239) | 0 | 19657 | 71.1 |
| B. Gender | A | AU | B | C | D | F | 1 | IP | NC | NR | P | W | WB | Grand Total | Percent Success |
| F | 4508 |  | 3351 | 2242 | 749 | 1654 | 18 |  | 41 | 84 | 227 | 1680 |  | 14554 | 71.0 |
| M | 1688 | 1 | 1175 | 754 | 226 | 641 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 20 | 34 | 559 |  | 5103 | 71.5 |
| Grand Total | 6196 | 1 | 4526 | 2996 | 975 | 2295 | 21 | 1 | 42 | 104 | 261 | 2239 | 0 | 19657 | 71.1 |
| C. Pell Grant Recipient? | A | AU | B | C | D | F | 1 | IP | NC | NR | P | W | WB | Grand Total | Percent Success |
| N | 4192 | 1 | 2729 | 1647 | 504 | 1121 | 8 | 1 | 20 | 104 | 156 | 1219 |  | 11702 | 74.6 |
| Y | 2004 |  | 1797 | 1349 | 471 | 1174 | 13 |  | 22 |  | 105 | 1020 |  | 7955 | 66.1 |
| Grand Total | 6196 | 1 | 4526 | 2996 | 975 | 2295 | 21 | 1 | 42 | 104 | 261 | 2239 | 0 | 19657 | 71.1 |
| D. Age | A | AU | B | C | D | F | 1 | IP | NC | NR | P | W | WB | Grand Total | Percent Success |
| 15-17 | 749 |  | 350 | 166 | 38 | 47 | 2 |  |  |  |  | 81 |  | 1433 | 88.3 |
| 18-24 | 4246 |  | 3185 | 2221 | 771 | 1845 | 17 | 1 | 15 | 51 | 157 | 1694 |  | 14203 | 69.1 |
| 25 and greater | 1201 | 1 | 991 | 609 | 166 | 403 | 2 |  | 27 | 53 | 104 | 464 |  | 4021 | 72.2 |
| Grand Total | 6196 | 1 | 4526 | 2996 | 975 | 2295 | 21 | 1 | 42 | 104 | 261 | 2239 | 0 | 19657 | 71.1 |
| E. Athlete? | A | AU | B | C | D | F | 1 | IP | NC | NR | P | W | WB | Grand Total | Percent Success |
| N | 5508 | 1 | 4275 | 2820 | 919 | 2240 | 21 | 1 | 42 | 104 | 261 | 2119 |  | 18311 | 70.3 |
| Y with sports participation courses | 688 |  | 251 | 176 | 56 | 55 |  |  |  |  |  | 120 |  | 1346 | 82.8 |
| Grand Total | 6196 | 1 | 4526 | 2996 | 975 | 2295 | 21 | 1 | 42 | 104 | 261 | 2239 | 0 | 19657 | 71.1 |
| F. Dual Enrollment? | A | AU | B | C | D | F | 1 | IP | NC | NR | P | W | WB | Grand Total | Percent Success |
| N | 4373 | 1 | 3593 | 2485 | 864 | 2152 | 15 | 1 | 38 | 92 | 220 | 1951 |  | 15785 | 67.6 |
| Y | 1823 |  | 933 | 511 | 111 | 143 | 6 |  | 4 | 12 | 41 | 288 |  | 3872 | 85.4 |
| Grand Total | 6196 | 1 | 4526 | 2996 | 975 | 2295 | 21 | 1 | 42 | 104 | 261 | 2239 | 0 | 19657 | 71.1 |
| G. Pathways to Success? | A | AU | B | C | D | F | 1 | IP | NC | NR | P | W | WB | Grand Total | Percent Success |
| N | 5846 | 1 | 4075 | 2644 | 840 | 1736 | 20 | 1 | 42 | 104 | 261 | 1964 |  | 17534 | 73.1 |
| Y | 350 |  | 451 | 352 | 135 | 559 | 1 |  |  |  |  | 275 |  | 2123 | 54.3 |
| Grand Total | 6196 | 1 | 4526 | 2996 | 975 | 2295 | 21 | 1 | 42 | 104 | 261 | 2239 | 0 | 19657 | 71.1 |


| H. Method | A | AU | B | C | D | F | 1 | IP | NC | NR | P | W | WB | Grand Total | Percent Success |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LSUE 8-week online | 433 |  | 237 | 132 | 49 | 141 |  |  |  |  |  | 71 |  | 1063 | 75.4 |
| 16-week face-to-face | 3354 | 1 | 2719 | 1921 | 567 | 1159 | 11 | 1 | 41 | 104 | 261 | 1363 |  | 11502 | 71.8 |
| All LSUE/O 16-week online | 1947 |  | 1255 | 790 | 295 | 771 | 10 |  | 1 |  |  | 661 |  | 5730 | 69.7 |
| LSUO 8-week online | 462 |  | 315 | 153 | 64 | 224 |  |  |  |  |  | 144 |  | 1362 | 68.3 |
| Grand Total | 6196 | 1 | 4526 | 2996 | 975 | 2295 | 21 | 1 | 42 | 104 | 261 | 2239 | 0 | 19657 | 71.1 |
| I. Pathways to Success Only | A | AU | B | C | D | F | 1 | IP | NC | NR | P | W | WB | Grand Total | Percent Success |
| 8-week online | 12 |  | 11 | 7 | 3 | 15 |  |  |  |  |  | 4 |  | 52 | 57.7 |
| 16-week face-to-face | 304 |  | 390 | 306 | 110 | 491 | 1 |  |  |  |  | 238 |  | 1840 | 54.3 |
| 16-week online | 34 |  | 50 | 39 | 22 | 53 |  |  |  |  |  | 33 |  | 231 | 53.2 |
| Grand Total | 350 | 0 | 451 | 352 | 135 | 559 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 275 | 0 | 2123 | 54.3 |
| J. Classification | A | AU | B | C | D | F | 1 | IP | NC | NR | P | W | WB | Grand Total | Percent Success |
| blank | 16 |  | 18 | 12 | 2 | 7 |  |  |  | 1 |  | 9 |  | 65 | 70.8 |
| First-time Students | 939 |  | 794 | 584 | 226 | 726 | 6 |  | 1 |  | 1 | 461 |  | 3738 | 62.0 |
| Freshmen Returning | 1479 |  | 1219 | 924 | 349 | 1034 | 7 |  | 2 | 1 | 5 | 875 |  | 5895 | 61.5 |
| Dual Enrollment ${ }^{15}$ | 1087 |  | 502 | 226 | 47 | 46 | 2 |  |  |  |  | 109 |  | 2019 | 89.9 |
| Sophomore | 1592 | 1 | 1016 | 743 | 231 | 304 | 1 |  | 12 | 36 | 70 | 540 |  | 4546 | 75.3 |
| Unclassified | 1023 |  | 929 | 477 | 109 | 114 | 5 | 1 | 27 | 62 | 184 | 217 |  | 3148 | 83.0 |
| Unclassified Transfer | 60 |  | 48 | 30 | 11 | 64 |  |  |  | 4 | 1 | 28 |  | 246 | 56.5 |
|  | 6196 | 1 | 4526 | 2996 | 975 | 2295 | 21 | 1 | 42 | 104 | 261 | 2239 | 0 | 19657 | 71.1 |
| K. New First-Time Students Only | A | AU | B | C | D | F | 1 | IP | NC | NR | P | W | WB | Grand Total | Percent Success |
| LSUE 8-week online | 41 |  | 31 | 17 | 9 | 29 |  |  |  |  |  | 15 |  | 142 | 62.7 |
| 16-week face-to-face | 683 |  | 550 | 407 | 145 | 422 | 4 |  |  |  | 1 | 280 |  | 2492 | 65.9 |
| LSUE/O 16-week online | 179 |  | 159 | 140 | 62 | 206 | 2 |  | 1 |  |  | 143 |  | 892 | 53.6 |
| LSUO 8-week online | 36 |  | 54 | 20 | 10 | 69 |  |  |  |  |  | 23 |  | 212 | 51.9 |
| Grand Total | 939 | 0 | 794 | 584 | 226 | 726 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 461 | 0 | 3738 | 62.0 |
| L. All Part-Time Students (registered < $\mathbf{1 2} \mathbf{~ h r s ) ~}$ | A | AU | B | C | D | F | 1 | IP | NC | NR | P | W | WB | Grand Total | Percent Success |
| LSUE 8-week online | 135 |  | 68 | 26 | 15 | 46 |  |  |  |  |  | 23 |  | 313 | 73.2 |
| 16-week face-to-face | 1010 | 1 | 930 | 702 | 172 | 290 | 2 | 1 | 31 | 104 | 258 | 386 |  | 3887 | 74.6 |
| LSUE/O 16-week online | 604 |  | 468 | 286 | 91 | 301 | 1 |  | 1 |  |  | 230 |  | 1982 | 68.5 |
| LSUO 8-week online | 165 |  | 114 | 56 | 24 | 89 |  |  |  |  |  | 48 |  | 496 | 67.5 |
| Grand Total | 1914 | 1 | 1580 | 1070 | 302 | 726 | 3 | 1 | 32 | 104 | 258 | 687 | 0 | 6678 | 72.2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| M. All Full-Time Students (registered $\geq 12 \mathrm{hrs}$ ) | A | AU | B | C | D | F | 1 | IP | NC | NR | P | W | WB | Grand Total | Percent Success |
| LSUE 8-week online | 298 |  | 169 | 106 | 34 | 95 |  |  |  |  |  | 48 |  | 750 | 76.4 |
| 16-week face-to-face | 2344 |  | 1789 | 1219 | 395 | 869 | 9 |  | 10 |  | 3 | 977 |  | 7615 | 70.3 |
| LSUE/O 16-week online | 1343 |  | 787 | 504 | 204 | 470 | 9 |  |  |  |  | 431 |  | 3748 | 70.3 |
| LSUO 8-week online | 297 |  | 201 | 97 | 40 | 135 |  |  |  |  |  | 96 |  | 866 | 68.7 |
| Grand Total | 4282 | 0 | 2946 | 1926 | 673 | 1569 | 18 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 1552 | 0 | 12979 | 70.6 |

[^7]Table 2. Longitudinal success and withdrawal rates.

| Description/Academic Year | 10-11 | 11-12 | 12-13 | 13-14 | 14-15 | 15-16 | 16-17 | 17-18 | 18-19 | 19-20 | 20-21 | 21-22 | $\begin{gathered} n \\ (10-11-20-21) \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total n success | 15350 | 14570 | 14512 | 13165 | 13092 | 12764 | 14301 | 15077 | 15721 | 15006 | 14950 | 13979 | 158508 |
| Total n course-taking | 21706 | 19917 | 19531 | 17590 | 17574 | 16996 | 19140 | 19940 | 21363 | 19942 | 20750 | 19657 | 214449 |
| Percent Success-all courses | 70.7 | 73.2 | 74.3 | 74.8 | 74.5 | 75.1 | 74.7 | 75.6 | 73.6 | 75.2 | 72.0 | 71.1 | 73.9 |
| Description/Academic Year | 10-11 | 11-12 | 12-13 | 13-14 | 14-15 | 15-16 | 16-17 | 17-18 | 18-19 | 19-20 | 20-21 | 21-22 | $\begin{gathered} n \\ (10-11-20-21) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| Total n withdrawal | 2349 | 2092 | 1938 | 1699 | 1733 | 1688 | 1968 | 1903 | 2541 | 1808 | 2456 | 2239 | 22175 |
| Total n course-taking | 21706 | 19917 | 19531 | 17590 | 17574 | 16996 | 19140 | 19940 | 21363 | 19942 | 20750 | 19657 | 214449 |
| Percent Withdrawal-all courses | 10.8 | 10.5 | 9.9 | 9.7 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 10.3 | 9.5 | 11.9 | 9.1 | 11.8 | 11.4 | 10.3 |

Figure 1. Longitudinal success and withdrawal rates.

| 80.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 70.0 | 70.7 | 73.2 | 74.3 | 74.8 | 74.5 | 75.1 | 74.7 | 75.6 | 73.6 | 75.2 | 72.0 | 71.1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 60.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 50.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 40.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 30.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10.0 | 10.8 | 10.5 | 9.9 | 9.7 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 10.3 | 9.5 | 11.9 | 9.1 | 11.8 | 11.4 |
| 0.0 | 10-11 | 11-12 | 12-13 | 13-14 | 14-15 | 15-16 | 16-17 | 17-18 | 18-19 | 19-20 | 20-21 | 21-22 |
|  |  |  |  |  | ccess |  | Percen | drawal- |  |  |  |  |

Table 3. Longitudinal success rate data (as a percentage) by Pell eligibility.

| Description/Academic Year | 10-11 | 11-12 | 12-13 | 13-14 | 14-15 | 15-16 | 16-17 | 17-18 | 18-19 | 19-20 | 20-21 | 21-22 | $\begin{gathered} n \\ (10-11-20-21) \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total n success | 8866 | 8362 | 8437 | 7787 | 7378 | 7319 | 8219 | 8871 | 8944 | 8572 | 8858 | 8724 | 100337 |
| Total n course-taking | 11895 | 10867 | 10891 | 9878 | 9469 | 9470 | 10579 | 11288 | 11563 | 11109 | 11575 | 11702 | 130286 |
| Pell Grant Eligible = N | 74.5 | 76.9 | 77.5 | 78.8 | 77.9 | 77.3 | 77.7 | 78.6 | 77.4 | 77.2 | 76.5 | 74.6 | 77.0 |
| Total n success | 6484 | 6208 | 6075 | 5378 | 5714 | 5445 | 6082 | 6206 | 6777 | 6434 | 6092 | 5255 | 72150 |
| total n course-taking | 9811 | 9050 | 8640 | 7712 | 8105 | 7526 | 8561 | 8652 | 9800 | 8833 | 9175 | 7955 | 103820 |
| Pell Grant Eligible = Y | 66.1 | 68.6 | 70.3 | 69.7 | 70.5 | 72.3 | 71.0 | 71.7 | 69.2 | 72.8 | 66.4 | 66.1 | 69.5 |
| Total $n$ success | 15350 | 14570 | 14512 | 13165 | 13092 | 12764 | 14301 | 15077 | 15721 | 15006 | 14950 | 13979 | 158508 |
| Total n course-taking | 21706 | 19917 | 19531 | 17590 | 17574 | 16996 | 19140 | 19940 | 21363 | 19942 | 20750 | 19657 | 214449 |
| Percent Success-all courses | 70.7 | 73.2 | 74.3 | 74.8 | 74.5 | 75.1 | 74.7 | 75.6 | 73.6 | 75.2 | 72.0 | 71.1 | 73.9 |

Figure 2. Longitudinal success rate data (as a percentage) by Pell eligibility.


Table 4. Longitudinal success rate data (as a percentage) by two largest ethnicities.

| Description/Academic Year | $10-11$ | $11-12$ | $12-13$ | $13-14$ | $14-15$ | $15-16$ | $16-17$ | $17-18$ | $18-19$ | $19-20$ | $20-21$ | $21-22$ | $(10-11-20-21)$ |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total n success | 3300 | 3180 | 2850 | 2475 | 2829 | 2672 | 3038 | 2978 | 3055 | 2838 | 2937 | 2518 | 32152 |  |  |
| Total $n$ course-taking | 5489 | 5197 | 4489 | 3972 | 4325 | 4067 | 4647 | 4482 | 5039 | 4384 | 5138 | 4430 | 51229 |  |  |
| Black (non-Hispanic) | 60.1 | 61.2 | 63.5 | 62.3 | 65.4 | 65.7 | 65.4 | 66.4 | 60.6 | 64.7 | 57.2 | 56.8 | 62.8 |  |  |
| Total n success | 11040 | 10544 | 10872 | 10005 | 9512 | 9340 | 10405 | 11043 | 11305 | 10717 | 10642 | 10173 | 125598 |  |  |
| Total $n$ course-taking | 14839 | 13566 | 13925 | 12698 | 12203 | 11872 | 13337 | 14001 | 14510 | 13608 | 13680 | 13399 | 161638 |  |  |
| White (non-Hispanic) | 74.4 | 77.7 | 78.1 | 78.8 | 77.9 | 78.7 | 78.0 | 78.9 | 77.9 | 78.8 | 77.8 | 75.9 | 77.7 |  |  |
| Total n success | 15350 | 14570 | 14512 | 13165 | 13092 | 12764 | 14301 | 15077 | 15721 | 15006 | 14950 | 13979 | 158508 |  |  |
| Total $n$ course-taking | 21706 | 19917 | 19531 | 17590 | 17574 | 16996 | 19140 | 19940 | 21363 | 19942 | 20750 | 19657 | 214449 |  |  |
| Percent Success-all courses | 70.7 | 73.2 | 74.3 | 74.8 | 74.5 | 75.1 | 74.7 | 75.6 | 73.6 | 75.2 | 72.0 | 71.1 |  | 73.9 |  |

Figure 3. Longitudinal success rate data (as a percentage) by two largest ethnicities.


Table 5. Longitudinal success rate data (as a percentage) by Pathways to Success classification.

| Description/Academic Year | 10-11 | 11-12 | 12-13 | 13-14 | 14-15 | 15-16 | 16-17 | 17-18 | 18-19 | 19-20 | 20-21 | 21-22 | $\begin{gathered} n \\ (10-11-20-21) \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total $n$ success | 1812 | 1865 | 1534 | 1457 | 1440 | 1208 | 1210 | 1325 | 1432 | 1147 | 1312 | 1153 | 15742 |
| Total n course-taking | 3112 | 3007 | 2474 | 2251 | 2309 | 1867 | 1897 | 1988 | 2311 | 1940 | 2542 | 2123 | 25698 |
| Pathways to Success = Y | 58.2 | 62.0 | 62.0 | 64.7 | 62.4 | 64.7 | 63.8 | 66.6 | 62.0 | 59.1 | 51.6 | 54.3 | 61.3 |
| Total $n$ success | 13538 | 12705 | 12978 | 11708 | 11652 | 11556 | 13091 | 13752 | 14289 | 13859 | 13638 | 12826 | 155592 |
| total n course-taking | 18594 | 16910 | 17057 | 15339 | 15265 | 15129 | 17243 | 17952 | 19052 | 18002 | 18208 | 17534 | 206285 |
| Pathways to Success $=\mathrm{N}$ | 72.8 | 75.1 | 76.1 | 76.3 | 76.3 | 76.4 | 75.9 | 76.6 | 75.0 | 77.0 | 74.9 | 73.1 | 75.4 |
| Total $n$ success | 15350 | 14570 | 14512 | 13165 | 13092 | 12764 | 14301 | 15077 | 15721 | 15006 | 14950 | 13979 | 158508 |
| Total n course-taking | 21706 | 19917 | 19531 | 17590 | 17574 | 16996 | 19140 | 19940 | 21363 | 19942 | 20750 | 19657 | 214449 |
| Percent Success-all courses | 70.7 | 73.2 | 74.3 | 74.8 | 74.5 | 75.1 | 74.7 | 75.6 | 73.6 | 75.2 | 72.0 | 71.1 | 73.9 |

Figure 4. Longitudinal success rate data (as a percentage) by Pathways to Success classification.


Table 6. Longitudinal success rate data (as a percentage) by student classification.

| Description/Academic Year | 10-11 | 11-12 | 12-13 | 13-14 | 14-15 | 15-16 | 16-17 | 17-18 | 18-19 | 19-20 | 20-21 | 21-22 | $\begin{gathered} n \\ (10-11-20-21) \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total n success | 3 | 0 | 11 | 6 | 11 | 19 | 20 | 23 | 15 | 6 | 27 | 46 | 141 |
| Total n course-taking | 8 | 7 | 17 | 47 | 49 | 21 | 25 | 49 | 30 | 16 | 56 | 65 | 325 |
| No Classification | 37.5 | 0.0 | 64.7 | 12.8 | 22.4 | 90.5 | 80.0 | 46.9 | 50.0 | 37.5 | 48.2 | 70.8 | 43.4 |
| Total n success | 2698 | 2572 | 2447 | 2294 | 2472 | 2462 | 2833 | 2719 | 2871 | 2393 | 2649 | 2318 | 28410 |
| Total n course-taking | 4183 | 3881 | 3586 | 3234 | 3645 | 3461 | 4060 | 3829 | 4408 | 3752 | 4208 | 3738 | 42247 |
| First-time students | 64.5 | 66.3 | 68.2 | 70.9 | 67.8 | 71.1 | 69.8 | 71.0 | 65.1 | 63.8 | 63.0 | 62.0 | 67.2 |
| Total n success | 4767 | 4635 | 4375 | 4068 | 3974 | 3801 | 4072 | 4228 | 4169 | 4102 | 3844 | 3627 | 46035 |
| Total n course-taking | 7549 | 6968 | 6669 | 5960 | 5792 | 5732 | 6171 | 6296 | 6460 | 5970 | 6041 | 5895 | 69608 |
| Returning Freshmen | 63.1 | 66.5 | 65.6 | 68.3 | 68.6 | 66.3 | 66.0 | 67.2 | 64.5 | 68.7 | 63.6 | 61.5 | 66.1 |
| Total n success | 1335 | 1032 | 1132 | 702 | 773 | 825 | 1551 | 1721 | 1569 | 1504 | 1768 | 1815 | 13912 |
| Total n course-taking | 1399 | 1085 | 1173 | 721 | 806 | 867 | 1608 | 1964 | 1705 | 1670 | 1982 | 2019 | 14980 |
| Dual Enrollment | 95.4 | 95.1 | 96.5 | 97.4 | 95.9 | 95.2 | 96.5 | 87.6 | 92.0 | 90.1 | 89.2 | 89.9 | 92.9 |
| Total n success | 3879 | 3797 | 3563 | 3330 | 3551 | 3396 | 3358 | 3432 | 3986 | 4003 | 3684 | 3421 | 39979 |
| total n course-taking | 5132 | 4831 | 4550 | 4379 | 4542 | 4223 | 4324 | 4310 | 5121 | 5030 | 4912 | 4546 | 51354 |
| Sophomore | 75.6 | 78.6 | 78.3 | 76.0 | 78.2 | 80.4 | 77.7 | 79.6 | 77.8 | 79.6 | 75.0 | 75.3 | 77.8 |
| Total n success | 2387 | 2249 | 2536 | 2466 | 2147 | 2134 | 2262 | 2724 | 2798 | 2811 | 2873 | 2613 | 27387 |
| Total n course-taking | 2994 | 2710 | 2920 | 2859 | 2492 | 2482 | 2624 | 3083 | 3175 | 3210 | 3380 | 3148 | 31929 |
| Unclassified | 79.7 | 83.0 | 86.8 | 86.3 | 86.2 | 86.0 | 86.2 | 88.4 | 88.1 | 87.6 | 85.0 | 83.0 | 85.8 |
| Total n success | 281 | 285 | 448 | 299 | 164 | 127 | 205 | 230 | 313 | 187 | 105 | 139 | 2644 |
| Total n course-taking | 441 | 435 | 616 | 390 | 248 | 210 | 328 | 409 | 464 | 294 | 171 | 246 | 4006 |
| Unclassified Transfer | 63.7 | 65.5 | 72.7 | 76.7 | 66.1 | 60.5 | 62.5 | 56.2 | 67.5 | 63.6 | 61.4 | 56.5 | 66.0 |
| Total n success | 15350 | 14570 | 14512 | 13165 | 13092 | 12764 | 14301 | 15077 | 15721 | 15006 | 14950 | 13979 | 158508 |
| Total n course-taking | 21706 | 19917 | 19531 | 17590 | 17574 | 16996 | 19140 | 19940 | 21363 | 19942 | 20750 | 19657 | 214449 |
| Percent Success-all courses | 70.7 | 73.2 | 74.3 | 74.8 | 74.5 | 75.1 | 74.7 | 75.6 | 73.6 | 75.2 | 72.0 | 71.1 | 73.9 |

Figure 5. Longitudinal success rate data (as a percentage) by student classification.


Table 7. Longitudinal success rate data (as a percentage) in developmental and general education English composition.

| Description/Academic Year | $10-11$ | $11-12$ | $12-13$ | $13-14$ | $14-15$ | $15-16$ | $16-17$ | $17-18$ | $18-19$ | $19-20$ | $20-21$ | $21-22$ | $(10-11-20-21)$ |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total n success | 524 | 447 | 432 | 364 | 385 |  |  |  | 399 | 336 | 425 | 367 | 4478 |  |
| Total n course-taking | 726 | 705 | 605 | 510 | 559 | 484 | 528 | 523 | 560 | 495 | 666 | 622 | 6361 |  |
| Dev English (ENGL 0001) | 72.2 | 63.4 | 71.4 | 71.4 | 68.9 | 71.5 | 76.5 | 79.5 | 71.3 | 67.9 | 63.8 | 59.0 | 70.4 |  |
| Total n success | 880 | 828 | 871 | 774 | 697 | 738 | 1110 | 1014 | 832 | 765 | 782 | 781 | 9291 |  |
| Total n course-taking | 1271 | 1168 | 1097 | 984 | 961 | 946 | 1407 | 1322 | 1112 | 1044 | 1066 | 1068 | 12378 |  |
| GE English (ENGL 1001) | 69.2 | 70.9 | 79.4 | 78.7 | 72.5 | 78.0 | 78.9 | 76.7 | 74.8 | 73.3 | 73.4 | 73.1 | 75.1 |  |
| Total n success | 1404 | 1275 | 1303 | 1138 | 1082 | 1084 | 1514 | 1430 | 1231 | 1101 | 1207 | 1148 | 13769 |  |
| Total n course-taking | 1997 | 1873 | 1702 | 1494 | 1520 | 1430 | 1935 | 1845 | 1672 | 1539 | 1732 | 1690 | 18739 |  |
| Overall Success for English | 70.3 | 68.1 | 76.6 | 76.2 | 71.2 | 75.8 | 78.2 | 77.5 | 73.6 | 71.5 | 69.7 | 67.9 | 73.5 |  |
| Percent Success-all courses | 70.7 | 73.2 | 74.3 | 74.8 | 74.5 | 75.1 | 74.7 | 75.6 | 73.6 | 75.2 | 72.0 | 71.1 | 73.9 | 73 |

Figure 6. Longitudinal success rate data (as a percentage) in developmental and general education English composition.


Table 8. Longitudinal success rate data (as a percentage) in developmental mathematics.

| Description/Academic Year | 10-11 | 11-12 | 12-13 | 13-14 | 14-15 | 15-16 | 16-17 | 17-18 | 18-19 | 19-20 | 20-21 | 21-22 | $\begin{gathered} n \\ (10-11-20-21) \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total n success | 552 | 572 | 477 | 521 | 426 | 376 | 482 | 466 | 467 | 357 | 466 | 398 | 5162 |
| Total n course-taking | 1123 | 1022 | 815 | 652 | 672 | 618 | 822 | 841 | 874 | 770 | 973 | 887 | 9182 |
| Pre-Algebra (MATH 0001) | 49.2 | 56.0 | 58.5 | 79.9 | 63.4 | 60.8 | 58.6 | 55.4 | 53.4 | 46.4 | 47.9 | 44.9 | 56.2 |
| Total n success | 370 | 369 | 319 | 349 | 343 | 312 | 346 | 182 | 201 | 196 | 181 | 178 | 3168 |
| Total n course-taking | 826 | 731 | 695 | 664 | 633 | 599 | 659 | 400 | 381 | 374 | 377 | 405 | 6339 |
| Introductory Algebra (MATH $0015)^{16}$ | 44.8 | 50.5 | 45.9 | 52.6 | 54.2 | 52.1 | 52.5 | 45.5 | 52.8 | 52.4 | 48.0 | 44.0 | 50.0 |
| Total n success |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 147 | 174 | 199 | 122 | 74 | 642 |
| Total n course-taking |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 301 | 386 | 371 | 250 | 154 | 1308 |
| Intermediate Algebra (MATH 0021) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 48.8 | 45.1 | 53.6 | 48.8 | 48.1 | 49.1 |
| Total n success | 922 | 941 | 796 | 870 | 769 | 688 | 828 | 795 | 842 | 752 | 769 | 650 | 8972 |
| Total n course-taking | 1949 | 1753 | 1510 | 1316 | 1305 | 1217 | 1481 | 1542 | 1641 | 1515 | 1600 | 1446 | 16829 |
| Overall Developmental Mathematics | 47.3 | 53.7 | 52.7 | 66.1 | 58.9 | 56.5 | 55.9 | 51.6 | 51.3 | 49.6 | 48.1 | 45.0 | 53.3 |
| Percent Success-all courses | 70.7 | 73.2 | 74.3 | 74.8 | 74.5 | 75.1 | 74.7 | 75.6 | 73.6 | 75.2 | 72.0 | 71.1 | 73.9 |

[^8]Figure 7. Longitudinal success rate data (as a percentage) in developmental mathematics.


Table 9. Longitudinal success rate data (as a percentage) in College Algebra.

| Description/Academic Year | 10-11 | 11-12 | 12-13 | 13-14 | 14-15 | 15-16 | 16-17 | 17-18 | 18-19 | 19-20 | 20-21 | 21-22 | $\begin{gathered} n \\ (10-11-20-21) \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total n success |  |  |  | 267 | 291 | 259 | 240 | 283 | 285 | 221 | 236 | 240 | 2322 |
| Total n course-taking |  |  |  | 433 | 482 | 402 | 383 | 430 | 451 | 392 | 444 | 440 | 3857 |
| MATH 1015 |  |  |  | 61.7 | 60.4 | 64.4 | 62.7 | 65.8 | 63.2 | 56.4 | 53.2 | 54.5 | 60.2 |
| Total $n$ success |  |  | 22 |  |  |  |  | 30 |  | 138 | 129 | 164 | 483 |
| Total n course-taking |  |  | 28 |  |  |  |  | 46 |  | 225 | 221 | 246 | 766 |
| MATH 1020 |  |  | 78.6 |  |  |  |  | 65.2 |  | 61.3 | 58.4 | 66.7 | 63.1 |
| Total n success | 484 | 516 | 565 | 232 | 304 | 262 | 322 | 283 | 306 | 132 | 120 | 92 | 3618 |
| Total n course-taking | 949 | 942 | 968 | 405 | 491 | 485 | 559 | 465 | 554 | 240 | 225 | 181 | 6464 |
| MATH 1021 | 51.0 | 54.8 | 58.4 | 57.3 | 61.9 | 54.0 | 57.6 | 60.9 | 55.2 | 55.0 | 53.3 | 50.8 | 56.0 |
| Total n success | 484 | 516 | 587 | 499 | 595 | 521 | 562 | 596 | 591 | 491 | 485 | 496 | 5927 |
| Total n course-taking | 949 | 942 | 996 | 838 | 973 | 887 | 942 | 941 | 1005 | 857 | 890 | 867 | 10220 |
| Overall | 51.0 | 54.8 | 58.9 | 59.5 | 61.2 | 58.7 | 59.7 | 63.3 | 58.8 | 57.3 | 54.5 | 57.2 | 58.0 |
| Percent Success-all courses | 70.7 | 73.2 | 74.3 | 74.8 | 74.5 | 75.1 | 74.7 | 75.6 | 73.6 | 75.2 | 72.0 | 71.1 | 73.9 |

Figure 8. Longitudinal success rate data (as a percentage) in College Algebra.



[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ For AY 2021-2022, the success rate for MATH $0001=44.9 \%$; MATH $0015=44.0 \%$; and MATH $0021=$ 48.1\%.
    ${ }^{2}$ For AY 2021-2022, the success for MATH $1015=54.5 \%$; MATH $1020=66.7 \%$, and MATH $1021=$ 50.8\%.

[^1]:    ${ }^{3}$ Thank you to Dr. Michael Alleman for editing.
    ${ }^{4}$ The second paper, An Investigation into Longitudinal Retention Rates, is available at: https://www.Isue.edu/institutional-effectiveness/planning/documents/2021RetentionReport.pdf.
    ${ }^{5}$ The current organizational chart is available at https://www.Isue.edu/faculty-staff/documents/OrganizationalChart.pdf.
    ${ }^{6}$ The Integrated Learning Center Committee's proposed plan for the Learning Commons report and Digital Literacy are both available online.

[^2]:    ${ }^{7}$ Co-requisite courses are the pairing of a credit bearing general education mathematics and English composition courses with a support course that contains just in time tutoring and instruction to assist students with topics they may find difficult.
    ${ }^{8}$ Belfield, C. R., Jenkins, D., and Fink, J. (2019). Early Momentum Metrics: Leading Indicators for Community College Improvement. Community College Research Center. Available: https://ccrc.tc.columbia.edu/media/k2/attachments/early-momentum-metrics-leading-indicators.pdf

[^3]:    ${ }^{9}$ Note that the frequencies of course taking and success in those courses are discussed in this paper. While student headcount influences course taking over a particular academic year, it is not discussed. The report for each academic year contains approximately 19,500 records.
    ${ }^{10}$ The denominator includes all students enrolled in a course on the census day for a given semester. It includes all grades of A, AU, B, C, D, F, P, and NC along with other outcomes such as I, NR, IP, W, and WB (see Table 1).

[^4]:    ${ }^{11}$ Data reported in the far-right column of all tables in this paper includes the overall success rates for all students in all courses for AY 2010-2011 through AY 2020-2021. The overall does not include AY 20212022 because it is the year under review and is being compared to longitudinal data.

[^5]:    ${ }^{12}$ Pathways to Success students are placed in the program because they are underprepared in all subjects requiring developmental education courses in mathematics, English composition, and reading.

[^6]:    ${ }^{13}$ Note that from AY 2010-2011 through AY 2016-2017, MATH 0015 and MATH 0021 were taught as a single course (MATH 0002). The data for the MATH 0002 course is shown with the MATH 0015 data. ${ }^{14}$ See orange line for MATH 0001, gray line for MATH 0002/MATH 0015, and purple line for MATH 0021 versus the blue line for overall success for all courses taken.

[^7]:    ${ }^{15}$ Note that this row reflects dual enrollment students with a classification of PR only.

[^8]:    ${ }^{16}$ Note that from AY 2010-2011 through AY 2016-2017, MATH 0015 and MATH 0021 were taught as a single course (MATH 0002) and this data is shown in the MATH 0015 line.

