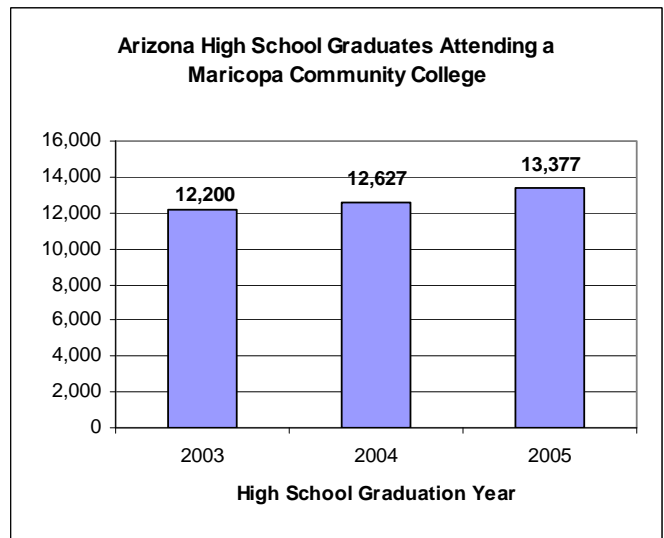


Academic Performance of High School Students “2040” Report

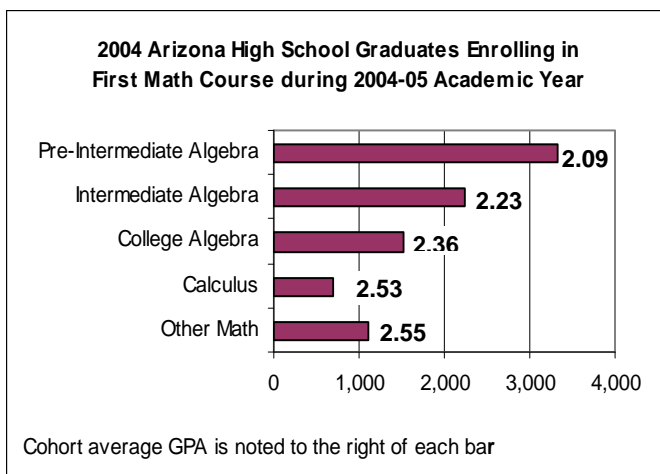
The Maricopa Community Colleges, as well as all other community colleges and universities in Arizona, provide an annual report to the state legislature on the academic performance of recent Arizona high school graduates during their first year of higher education. This detailed report is an accountability tool, intended to help Arizona high schools monitor their students’ post-secondary success. Statistics are provided about each high school’s most recent graduating class, including the group’s average first term GPA, fall-to-spring persistence, and success in first English and math course.

The number of recent high school graduates attending The Maricopa Community Colleges has continued to rise, though the demographic profile of each group has remained fairly stable. The 2005 cohort is comprised of 3% American Indian, 3% Asian, 5% Black, 25% Hispanic, and 64% White. 52% of the cohort is female.

The average first-term GPA of students has dropped for the second consecutive year, from 2.36 in 2003, to 2.33 in 2004, to 2.22 in 2005. As a group, students continue to perform better in their first English course than in their first math course.



Less than half (48%) of the 2005 cohort enrolled in college-level English (ENG101) as their first English course during the 2005-06 academic year. A smaller percentage (16%) took pre-freshman English. For the cohort enrolling in their first math class, college-level math enrollment was up to



17% from the previous 11%. Enrollment in pre-intermediate algebra was marked by a dramatic drop from 40% to 25% of the cohort. This occurred primarily as the result of a change in how students were placed into courses based on their math placement test scores. The placement score ranges were changed effective May 2005, so the 2005 graduates were the first to be affected.

The following page summarizes the data for all Arizona high schools and all Maricopa Community Colleges.

