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## Age Distribution for Students Enrolled in College Preparatory Courses

**Purpose:** The Division of Community Colleges periodically examines demographic patterns of the students enrolled in developmental education or College Preparatory (“College Prep”) courses. The current edition (#2008-01) of *fyi* examines the age distribution of students enrolled in College Prep courses during 2006-07. *Table 1* shows the age distribution of students enrolled in a College Prep course; *Table 2* shows for each age group the percentage of students who enrolled in College Prep.

### **Highlights at the State Level:**

- Of the 105,977 students who enrolled in a College Prep class during 2006-07,
  - 21,877 (20.64%) were age 18 or younger (*Table 1*),
  - 42,115 (39.74%) were ages 19-21 (*Table 1*),
  - 31,003 (29.25%) were ages 22-35 (*Table 1*), and
  - 10,982 (10.36%) were ages 36 or older (*Table 1*).
- A total of 42,115 college prep students are ages 19-21 and 31,003 are ages 22-35. Combining these two age groups, students ages 19-35 constituted 69% of the college preparatory population in 2006-07. Generally, these are the students who enroll in community college shortly after completing high school or who enroll in postsecondary after being out of high school for only a few years. This is one of the major target groups for community colleges. It is this group for whom community colleges provide access that is not found elsewhere in the educational pipeline.
- Of the college students age 18 or younger, 20.57% were enrolled in a college prep course (*Table 2*).
- Comparatively, only 5.49% of college students older than age 36 were enrolled in a college prep course (*Table 2*).
- The need for developmental education receives a lot of attention in discussions of community colleges. Yet, it should be noted that less than 14% of the students being served in 2006-07 were enrolled in this type class (*Table 2*).

***Highlights at the Institution Level:***

- The percentage of students age 18 and younger in College Prep ranged from 16.09% to 27.51%.
- The percentage of students older than age 35 enrolled in College Prep ranged from 6.21% to 17.07%.

**Table 1**  
**Age Distribution of College Preparatory Students, 2006-07**

College	Age 18 & younger	Age 19-21	Age 22-35	Age 36 & above
Brevard	17.81%	38.89%	29.85%	13.45%
Broward	21.38%	42.85%	27.62%	8.14%
Central Florida	23.00%	38.30%	27.40%	11.30%
Chipola	27.51%	39.42%	23.81%	9.26%
Daytona Beach	18.47%	36.32%	31.65%	13.56%
Edison	21.97%	44.14%	26.67%	7.22%
Florida CC @ Jacksonville	16.09%	30.21%	37.19%	16.52%
Florida Keys	19.53%	39.73%	28.28%	12.46%
Gulf Coast	16.15%	32.24%	36.90%	14.71%
Hillsborough	19.78%	39.09%	31.48%	9.65%
Indian River	21.26%	37.08%	28.11%	13.55%
Lake City	16.83%	35.16%	34.04%	13.97%
Lake-Sumter	23.63%	36.27%	26.18%	13.92%
Manatee	22.12%	36.59%	29.38%	11.91%
Miami Dade	21.55%	43.54%	26.96%	7.96%
North Florida	20.75%	45.28%	24.53%	9.43%
Northwest Florida	16.82%	29.04%	41.00%	13.14%
Palm Beach	20.66%	44.30%	26.80%	8.24%
Pasco-Hernando	22.20%	35.29%	28.86%	13.64%
Pensacola	21.27%	34.57%	31.25%	12.91%
Polk	19.33%	38.48%	29.21%	12.97%
St. Johns River	16.50%	37.38%	29.06%	17.07%
St. Petersburg	16.84%	33.29%	36.05%	13.82%
Santa Fe	25.60%	42.61%	25.57%	6.21%
Seminole	18.19%	37.63%	32.23%	11.95%
South Florida	19.16%	40.21%	28.63%	12.00%
Tallahassee	20.09%	46.18%	25.43%	8.30%
Valencia	26.03%	43.29%	24.10%	6.58%
System (105,977)	21,877	42,115	31,003	10,982
System Percentage	20.64%	39.74%	29.25%	10.36%

The total enrollment for 2006-07 listed here reflects students whose birth date was listed in the Florida Community College Student Data Base. This figure may not match the total enrollment listed in the Community College Fact Book because that publication does not require the use of the birth date for analysis.

**Table 2**  
**College Preparatory Enrollment by Age, 2006-07**

College Enrollment	Age 18 & younger	Age 19-21	Age 22-35	Age 36 & Above	Total
All Students	106,365	188,593	284,801	200,066	779,825
College Prep	21,877	42,115	31,003	10,982	105,977
Percentage of Students in College Prep	20.57%	22.33%	10.89%	5.49%	13.59%

***Information Necessary to Replicate Data:***

- All information for this analysis was obtained from the Florida Community College Student Data Base, 2006-07.
- End of term data was utilized for all terms in 2006-07. Files were unduplicated by community college and then by student ID.
- Age = 2006 – birth year

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