In Fall 2013, 28,325 Florida College System (FCS) graduates were admitted into the State University System of Florida (SUS) and 20,153 (71.1 percent) enrolled. Florida’s statewide articulation agreement guarantees Associate in Arts (AA) recipients from the FCS admission with 60 semester hours into one of the 12 state universities, with the exception of limited access programs. Florida’s statewide course numbering system supports the seamless articulation between FCS and SUS, helping smooth the transfer process for students.

Table 1 shows trend data on FCS students who applied, were admitted, and enrolled from Fall 2009 to Fall 2013. Over a five-year period, the number of students applying to a state university increased 11 percent. During the same period, the proportion of students who were subsequently admitted decreased slightly from 69.5 percent in Fall 2009 to 68.2 percent in Fall 2013 (1.3 percent). The percentage of students who were admitted and went on to enroll remained relatively stable over the five year period at 70.6 percent in Fall 2009 and 71.1 percent in Fall 2013 (0.5 percent).

Figure 1 illustrates student numbers across all three categories over the last five years. The number of applicants grew from 37,402 to 41,529 over the five year period. FCS graduates who were accepted at an SUS university increased from 25,999 in Fall 2009 to 28,325 in Fall 2013. In Fall 2009, 18,358 students who were admitted enrolled in a state university; this rose to 20,153 in Fall 2013. While the numbers have increased, the proportion of students admitted decreased slightly and the number of those enrolled after being accepted increased by 1,795 from Fall 2009 to Fall 2013.

Florida’s comprehensive statewide articulation policies coupled with a strong working relationship between FCS and SUS officials will continue to help students succeed in their college careers. The Florida College System Research & Analytics unit produces a variety of reports and their partners in CCTCMIS produce the FCS Fact Book. Other sources of information about progression and transfer of students through Florida’s K-20 education system are the Florida Office of Articulation and the SUS Fact Book (Table 3). To locate the colleges nearest you and enroll, please visit the Florida College Directory.