A Leg Up On College
The Scale and Distribution of Community College Participation among California High School Students
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Data Sources

• California Department of Education -- College/Career Indicator
  • 12th graders enrolled in CA public high schools, 2016-17 cohort
  • Race/ethnicity, SED indicator

• California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office
  • Special Admits enrolled 2013-14 through 2016-17
    (normative high school years for the 2016-17 12th grade cohort)
  • Course-level information
12.6% of California high schoolers take community college courses.
Course Characteristics

- Between 9 am and 3 pm: 42.9%
- Before 9 am: 15.8%
- Between 3 pm and 6 pm: 15.7%
- After 6 pm: 11%
- Online: 1%
- Missing: 14.6%

Total Courses: 164,562

- Social Sciences: 12.1%
- Humanities (Letters): 11.1%
- Mathematics: 8.8%
- Fine and Applied Arts: 8.6%
- Education: 6.6%
- Interdisciplinary Studies: 5.7%
- Foreign Language: 5.9%
- Physical Sciences: 3.1%
- Psychology: 4.6%
- Business and Management: 3%

All Other*: 30.5%

Total Courses: 164,562
Cumulative Credits Earned
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