Remedial courses at community colleges

More than two thirds of community college students take at least one remedial course.

Recent federal data indicated that 68 percent of all community college students and 40 percent of students at public, four-year colleges take at least one remedial course. Many students referred to developmental courses drop out before completing all developmental education courses and enrolling in college-level courses. Research indicates that many students are referred to developmental courses but never enroll in them, but there is no national estimate on the extent of this.

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