

Illinois Community College Board Frequently Asked Questions

HOW MANY REMEDIAL STUDENTS ADVANCE TO COLLEGE-LEVEL COURSEWORK?

In fiscal year 2022, 16,207 remedial students advanced to college-level coursework (41.3 percent). An additional one-fifth of the students (N = 7,351) returned the subsequent year and continued to address their basic academic skill deficiencies. Hence, 60.1 percent (N = 23,558) of the students in fiscal year 2022 were either retained or advanced to college-level work. Table 1 below contains comparative data for the last five years.

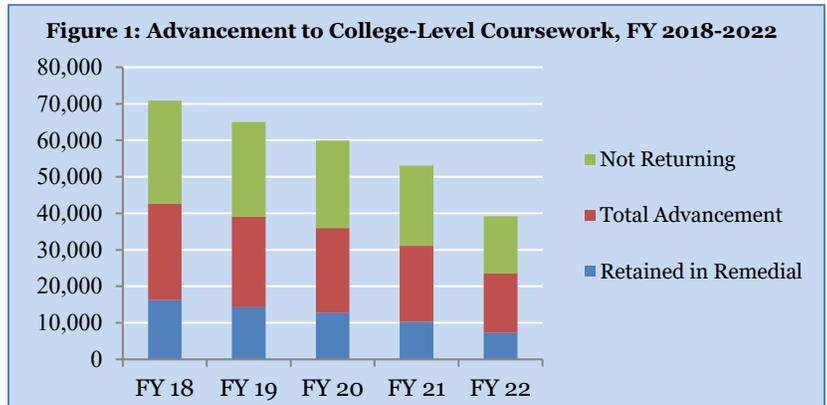
Table 1
Summary Comparison of Advancement to College-Level Coursework for Remedial Students in Illinois Public Community Colleges, Fiscal Years 2018-2022

	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Base	70,873	64,985	59,916	53,094	39,210
Retained in Remedial	16,284 23.0%	14,292 22.0%	12,695 21.2%	10,249 19.3%	7,351 18.7%
Advanced to College-Level	26,414 37.3%	24,773 38.1%	23,257 38.8%	20,834 39.2%	16,207 41.3%
Retained or Advanced	42,698 60.2%	39,065 60.1%	35,952 60.0%	31,083 58.5%	23,558 60.1%
Not Returning	28,175 39.8%	25,920 39.9%	23,964 40.0%	22,011 41.5%	15,652 39.9%

Source of Data: ICCB Centralized Data System—Annual Enrollment and Completion (A1)

Looking at the trends over time, the number of remedial students who advanced to college-level coursework decreased 22.2 percent over fiscal year 2021 (-4,627) and decreased 38.6 percent over fiscal year 2018 (-10,207). The number of students retained in remedial coursework also had a short-term decrease (-28.3 percent; -2,898) and a long-term decrease (-54.9 percent; -8,933). The number of students *not* returning decreased short-term (-28.9 percent; -6,359) and long-term (-44.4 percent; -12,523).

As depicted in Figure 1, two-fifths of remedial students advanced from remedial coursework to college-level instruction in fiscal years 2018 through 2022. About six in ten remedial students were either retained in remedial coursework or advanced to college-level instruction.



According to the [National Center for Education Statistics](#), 25.3 percent of first-year students at public two-year institutions took a remedial course during their first year (FY 2016).

For more information, see the annual report, [Student Enrollments and Completions in the Illinois Community College System](#), or [Data and Characteristics of the Illinois Public Community College System](#).



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