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## Executive Summary

The Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC) College Now program allows qualifying high school students to enroll for college courses and earn college credit. A greater proportion of BMCC College Now students that enter CUNY as first-time freshmen enter senior CUNY colleges. BMCC College Now students may be entering senior CUNY colleges instead of BMCC as first-time freshmen; because they are more likely to be eligible to meet academic admission requirements of senior colleges. This may be due to the academic requirements needed to enter BMCC College Now. In addition, taking college courses likely bolsters their college application and increases their likelihood of admissions in to more colleges. This would all be in line with the stated goal of the program of increasing academic achievement. However, over half of BMCC College Now students that do enter community CUNY colleges as first-time freshmen enter BMCC. Further exploratory analysis is needed to examine academics of BMCC College Now students, and their likelihood of first-time freshmen enrollment at certain colleges.

## College Now Program

The stated goal of the BMCC College Now program is to give students a head start in their future college career prior to entering, and improve their current academic achievement. To qualify for BMCC College Now, students must be juniors or seniors in a New York City public school. In addition, students must also meet minimum SAT or Regents score requirements (see College Now site for details <https://www.bmcc.cuny.edu/collegenow/>). The aim of this report is to summarize first-time freshmen enrollment rates of BMCC College Now students.

## College Now Enrollment

Table 1 provides the number of BMCC College Now students enrolled for fall 2013 to fall 2016, the mean age of BMCC College Now students, and how many of the BMCC College Now students subsequently enrolled as first-time freshmen at BMCC or other City University of New York (CUNY) colleges. An average of 279 College Now students enrolled per term (excluding summer terms). The age of College Now students was about 17 years, which would suggest that the College Now students are likely to be close to graduating high school. Furthermore, an average of 8% of BMCC College Now students subsequently enrolled at BMCC as first-time freshmen. However, a greater percentage of BMCC College Now students (average of 30%) subsequently enrolled at other CUNY colleges as first-time freshmen.

**Table 1: BMCC College Now Age Means and Enrollment Counts with First-time Freshmen Enrollment Rates at BMCC or Other CUNY**

College Now Term	College Now Age Mean	College Now Enroll Count	Enrolled as Freshmen at BMCC		Enrolled as Freshmen at Other CUNY	
			Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Fall 13	17.1	221	20	9%	84	38%
Spring 14	17.7	187	25	13%	72	39%
Sum. 14	16.9	17	1	6%	5	29%
Fall 14	17.2	296	27	9%	116	39%
Spring 15	17.2	218	15	7%	85	39%
Sum. 15	16.2	17	2	12%	3	18%
Fall 15	17.0	226	10	4%	71	31%
Spring 16	17.2	341	35	10%	91	27%
Sum. 16	16.6	35	1	3%	9	26%
Fall 16	16.8	464	12	3%	67	14%

Source: IRDB (College Now identification is based on High School Student Code in IRDB)

Note. Figures above may overlap, if student enrolled as College Now for more than one term. The time frame of College Now students enrolling as first-time freshmen may vary by student.

## Freshmen Formerly College Now

Table 2 provides the number of first-time freshmen at BMCC or other CUNY colleges over the past five fall terms who were once BMCC College Now students. Of the total number of BMCC College Now students that also enrolled in a CUNY college as a first-time freshmen: 21% enrolled at BMCC, 18% enrolled at another community CUNY college, and the majority 61% enrolled at a senior CUNY college.

**Table 2: First-time Freshmen Enrollment of BMCC College Now Students by CUNY College and Fall Term Enrollment**

College Type	College Name	Fall 13 Count	Fall 14 Count	Fall 15 Count	Fall 16 Count	Fall 17 Count	Total Count	Percent
	<b>BMCC</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>21%</b>
	<b>Other CUNY's</b>							
Community	Bronx	0	1	2	9	2	14	2%
	Guttman	1	1	4	8	2	16	2%
	Hostos	0	4	5	3	4	16	2%
	Kingsborough	1	3	3	2	4	13	2%
	LaGuardia	3	10	13	13	13	52	7%
	Queensborough	2	4	4	3	6	19	3%
	<b>Total Other Community</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>18%</b>
Senior	Baruch	5	4	10	9	9	37	5%
	Brooklyn	3	9	5	5	12	34	5%
	City	2	10	10	9	26	57	8%
	Hunter	2	4	7	8	23	44	6%
	John Jay	3	12	7	9	11	42	6%
	Lehman	2	3	9	17	7	38	5%
	Medgar Evers	2	3	2	3	3	13	2%
	NYCCT	4	22	23	23	23	95	13%
	Queens	1	5	6	3	15	30	4%
	Staten Island	5	2	5	6	5	23	3%
	York	3	2	6	6	7	24	3%
	<b>Total Senior</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>61%</b>
	<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>100%</b>

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