2020-2021 MA Early College Fact Sheet

Designated Early College Programs
In the 2020-2021 school year:

23 Designated Early College programs were operating;

3 new programs were approved for Designation in February and 5 new programs in June;

Totaling 31 Designated partnerships across 42 high schools and 22 higher education partners

50% of all high schools in Gateway cities have Early College programs

5 out of the 7 WIOAA regions have Early College programs

Early College Students 2020 2021

Number of Early College Students Expected to Increase by 150%

Number of Enrolled Students in Fall 2020: 2,864
(Source: Oct. 20 SIMS)

Projected Number of Enrolled Students in Fall 2021*: 4,500
*This projection includes students from newly Designated programs  
(Source: Self Reported by Programs, Spring 2021)

Early College Students are Diverse
About 2/3 (61%) of EC students are Black or Latinx

About 1/2 (46%) of EC students are from economically disadvantaged backgrounds

Prepared May 2021; Updated June 2021
Comparative Data from the Early College Class of 2019 and 2020

Early College Enrollment Demographics in 2020:
- Race and Ethnicity:
  - White: 28%
  - Multiracial: 2%
  - Latinx: 45%
  - Black: 17%
  - Asian: 8%

Gender Breakdown:
- Male: 37%
- Female: 63%

Socioeconomic Status:
- Economically Disadvantaged: 55%
- Not Economically Disadvantaged: 45%

EC maintains high MassCore completion rates through pandemic:

EC MassCore Completion Rates (SIMS)

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<td>90% 1,098</td>
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Source: Student Information Management System

EC maintains 20+ percentage point difference in college enrollment:

EC College Enrollment within 6 Months of High School Graduation

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Source: National Student Clearinghouse

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