## Chapter 6

## Enrollment, Course Offerings, and Instructional Practices in Two-Year College Mathematics Programs

This chapter reports estimated enrollment and instructional practices in courses offered in Fall 1995 in the approximately 1023 two-year college mathematics programs in the United States. Total enrollment in two-year colleges, average class size, trends in availability of mathematics courses, enrollment in mathematics courses offered outside of mathematics programs, and services available to mathematics students are also included in this chapter. The data are compared with the results of the 1966, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, and 1990 CBMS surveys.

This survey did not include the approximately 600 (mostly small) two-year colleges that operate for profit, many of which do not have mathematics programs.

Unlike previous surveys, computer science courses taught outside the mathematics program and the faculty who taught them were not considered part of the "mathematics program" in the 1995 survey. So except for Tables TYR. 15 and TYR.16, this report does not include computer science courses taught, for example, by a separate computer science department.

The numbers given for two-year colleges in this report were projected from a stratified random sample of 250 non-profit two-year colleges with mathematics programs. Survey forms were returned by 163 colleges ( $65 \%$ of the sample), 156 public and 7 private. For more information on the sampling procedure used in this survey, see Appendix II. A copy of the two-year college questionnaire may be found in Appendix V.

## Highlights

- Although the number of students enrolled in twoyear colleges dropped $8 \%$ between 1990 and 1994, enrollment in courses taught in two-year college mathematics programs continued to climb.
- Two-year colleges accounted for $46 \%$ of all collegiate mathematics enrollment.
- Enrollment in remedial classes accounted for over half of mathematics program enrollment. However, courses at the remedial level accounted for less than half of the overall increase in enrollment in mathematics courses from 1990 to 1995.
- Mathematics courses that showed big percentage increases were pre-algebra, elementary algebra, college algebra, precalculus, mathematics for elementary school teachers, and elementary statistics. Large percentage drops in enrollment occurred in arithmetic, non-mainstream calculus, finite mathematics, and mathematics for liberal arts.
- Courses such as linear algebra, mathematics for liberal arts, and mathematics for elementary school teachers were offered at fewer than half of the twoyear colleges with mathematics programs.
- The average section size in all mathematics courses was 25.5 and the average section size of individual courses did not vary much from that. Fewer than $1 \%$ of sections had an enrollment above 60.
- Part-time faculty members were $65 \%$ of the total faculty and taught $38 \%$ of the sections. This percentage varied by type of course, with part-time faculty members teaching $47 \%$ of remedial courses and $17 \%$ of mainstream calculus courses.
- The predominant instructional method continued to be the standard lecture method in all except some computer science courses. The graphing calculator was widely used in precalculus and calculus courses. Group projects were a part of about one in five calculus courses, as was a writing component.
- Virtually all two-year colleges with mathematics programs had diagnostic or placement testing. Ninetythree percent had a math lab or tutorial center.


## Enrollment, Class Size, and Course Offerings

Trends in the number of two-year college students, 1966-1994

About 5,400,000 students were enrolled in two-year colleges in Fall 1994. Between 1990 and 1994, the number of students enrolled in two-year colleges in the United States fell 8\% (see Table TYR.1). Enrollment in two-year colleges in Fall 1994 constituted $38 \%$ of the
total enrollment in postsecondary institutions [National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), available on the NCES web page]. The IPEDS survey found that the vast majority of two-year college students ( $94 \%$ ) were enrolled in public colleges rather than in private or for-profit colleges.

TABLE TYR. 1 Total enrollment and percentage part-time in two-year colleges: Fall 1966, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1994.

| 1966 |  | 1970 | 1975 | 1980 | 1985 | 1990 | 1994 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of students | $1,464,099$ | $2,499,837$ | $4,069,279$ | $4,825,931$ | $4,730,235$ | $5,850,803$ | $5,396,636$ |
| Percentage part-time | 46 | 48 | 54 | 63 | 65 | 65 | 64 |

Source 1966-1990: Community, Junior, and Technical College Directory, 1967, 1972, 1976, 1981, 1986, and 1991, AACJC, One Dupont Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20036.
Source 1994: American Association of Community Colleges, 1994 Fall Survey.


FIGURE TYR. 1 Total enrollment in two-year colleges: Fall 1966, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995.

Trends in enrollment in two-year college mathematics programs, 1966-1995

While overall two-year college enrollment dropped, enrollment in mathematics courses, including statistics, in mathematics programs continued to climb, increasing by $12 \%$ in five years.

Table TYR. 2 includes enrollment only in mathematics courses and does not include computer science courses even if taught within the mathematics program. Thus, the enrollments in Table TYR. 2 for the years 1966-1990 are less than those in similar tables in previous reports that included computer science enroll-
ments inside and outside the mathematics program. For this report those enrollments were subtracted from the total so that the data from 1966-1990 are comparable to 1995, when the survey didn't collect information on computer science enrollments outside the mathematics program.

The survey found that the average two-year college with a mathematics program had 12 students who were mathematics majors and intended to transfer to a four-year college or university. This was less than a quarter of one percent of all two-year college students.

TABLE TYR. 2 Enrollments in mathematics courses in Mathematics Programs at two-year colleges: Fall 1966, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995.

|  | 1966 | 1970 | 1975 | 1980 | 1985 | 1990 | 1995 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Enrollment | 343,000 | 571,000 | 864,000 | 953,000 | 936,000 | $1,295,000$ | $1,456,000$ |



TABLE TYR. 3 Enrollment (in thousands) in mathematics and computer science courses in Mathematics Programs at two-year colleges: Fall 1966, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995.

| Course number | Course | 1966 | 1970 | 1975 | 1980 | 1985 | 1990 | 1995 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Remedial level Arithmetic/Basic mathematics | 32 | 57 | 100 | 146 | 142 | 147 | 134 |
| 2 | Pre-algebra | na | na | na | na | na | 45 | 91 |
| 3 | Elementary algebra (high school level) | 35 | 65 | 132 | 161 | 181 | 262 | 304 |
| 4 | Intermediate algebra (high school level) | 37 | 60 | 105 | 122 | 151 | 261 | 263 |
| 5 | Geometry (high school level) Precalculus level | 5 | 9 | 9 | 12 | 8 | 9 | 7 |
| 6 | College algebra (level is above Int. algebra) | 52 | 52 | 73 | 87 | 90 | 153 | 186 |
| 7 | Trigonometry | 18 | 25 | 30 | 33 | 33 | 39 | 43 |
| 8 | College algebra \& trigonometry (combined) | 15 | 36 | 30 | 41 | 46 | 18 | 17 |
| 9 | Precalculus/elementary functions | 7 | 11 | 16 | 14 | 13 | 33 | 48 |
| 10 | Analytic geometry Calculus level | 4 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 2 |
| 11 | Mainstream calculus I | $\{40$ | 58 | 62 | 73 | $80\}$ | $\} \begin{aligned} & 53 \\ & 23 \\ & 14\end{aligned}$ | 58 |
| 12 | Mainstream calculus II |  |  |  |  |  |  | 23 |
| 13 | Mainstream calculus III |  |  |  |  |  |  | 14 |
| 14 | Non-mainstream calculus I | na | na | $\{8$ | 9 | 13 , |  | 26 |
| 15 | Non-mainstream calculus II | na | na |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| 16 | Differential equations Other math courses | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 6 |
| 17 | Linear algebra | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| 18 | Discrete mathematics | na | na | na | na | 0) | 1 | 3 |
| 19 | Finite mathematics | 3 | 12 | 12 | 19 | 21 | 29 | 24 |
| 20 | Mathematics for liberal arrs/math apprec | 22 | 57 | 72 | 19 | 11 | 35 | 38 |
| 21 | Mathematics for elementary school teachers | 16 | 25 | 12 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 16 |
| 22 \& 23 | Business math | 17 | 28 | 70 | 57 | 33 | 26 | 25 |
| 24 | Technical mathematics (non-calculus based) | 19 | 26 | 46 | 66 | 31 | 17 | 17 |
| 25 | Technical mathematics (calculus based) Statistics | 1 | 3 | 7 | 14 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| 26 | Elementary statistics (with or without prob.) | 4 | 11 | 23 | 20 | 29 | 47 | 69 |
| 27 | Probability (with or without statistics) Computing | 1 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 3 |
| 28 | Data processing | na | na | na | na | 36 | 21 | 2* |
| 29 | Computers and society | na | na | na | na | na | 10 | 10 |
| 30 | Introduction to software packages | na | na | na | na | na | na | 21 |
| 31 | Issues in computer science | na | na | na | na | na | na | (1) |
| 32 | Computer programming I | 3 | 10 | 6 | 58 | 37 | 32 | 6 |
| 33 | Computer programming II | na | na | na | na | 5 | 8 | 1 |
| 34 | Advanced programming and data structures | na | na | na | na | 6 | 3 | 1 |
| 35 | Database management systems | na | na | na | na | na | 4 | 1 |
| Other math and computer science courses |  | 10 | 17 | 36 | 64 | 28 | 43 | 30 |
| Total |  | 348 | 584 | 874 | 1048 | 1034 | 1393 | 1498 |

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## Trends in enrollment in specific courses, 1966-1995

Remediation still comprises over half of mathematics program enrollment. However, Tables TYR. 3 and TYR. 4 show that courses at the remedial level accounted for less than half of the overall increase in enrollment in mathematics courses from 1990 to 1995. Enrollment in remedial-level courses increased $10 \%$, but enrollment in precalculus-level courses increased by $20 \%$.

Mathematics courses that showed big percentage increases were pre-algebra, elementary algebra, college algebra, precalculus, mathematics for elementary
school teachers, and elementary statistics. Enrollment in pre-algebra more than doubled in five years. Enrollment in elementary statistics continued its rapid growth, having gone from only 4,000 students in Fall 1966 to 69,000 students in Fall 1995. For the first time this made it larger than enrollment in the first semester of mainstream calculus. For every 100 twoyear college students who began a calculus sequence (mainstream, non-mainstream, or outside mathematics programs) in Fall 1995, there were 95 who enrolled in introductory statistics or probability (inside or outside mathematics programs).

TABLE TYR. 4 Enrollment (in thousands) in mathematics and computer science courses by type of course in Mathematics Programs at two-year colleges: Fall 1966, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995.

| Course numbers | Type of course | 1966 | 1970 | 1975 | 1980 | 1985 | 1990 | 1995 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1-5 | Remedial | $\begin{array}{r} 109 \\ (32 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 191 \\ (33 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 346 \\ (40 \%) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 441 \\ (42 \%) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 482 \\ (47 \%) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 724 \\ (52 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 800 \\ (53 \%) \end{array}$ |
| 6-10 | Precalculus | $\begin{array}{r} 96 \\ (28 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 134 \\ (23 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 152 \\ (17 \%) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 180 \\ (17 \%) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 188 \\ (18 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 245 \\ (18 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 295 \\ (20 \%) \end{gathered}$ |
| 11-16 | Calculus | $\begin{array}{r} 42 \\ (12 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 59 \\ (10 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 73 \\ (8 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 86 \\ (8 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 97 \\ (9 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 128 \\ (9 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 129 \\ (9 \%) \end{array}$ |
| 28-35 | Computing | $\begin{array}{r} 5 \\ (1 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 13 \\ (2 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 10 \\ (1 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 95 \\ (9 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 98 \\ (10 \%) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 98 \\ (7 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 43^{*} \\ (3 \%) \end{gathered}$ |
| 26-27 | Statistics | $\begin{array}{r} 5 \\ (1 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 16 \\ (3 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 27 \\ (3 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 28 \\ (3 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 36 \\ (3 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 54 \\ (4 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 72 \\ (5 \%) \end{array}$ |
| 17-25,36 | Other | $\begin{array}{r} 91 \\ (26 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 171 \\ (29 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 266 \\ (31 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 218 \\ (21 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 133 \\ (13 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 144 \\ (10 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 160 \\ (11 \%) \end{array}$ |
| 1-36 Tota | al all courses | $\begin{array}{r} 348 \\ (100 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 584 \\ (100 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 874 \\ (100 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1048 \\ (100 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1034 \\ (100 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1393 \\ (100 \%) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1498 \\ (100 \%) \end{array}$ |

Note: This table was constructed using TABLE TYR.3. Notice that the breakdown into type of course is different from that in Table SE. 3 and Appendix I for four-year colleges and universities.

* The computing enrollment for 1995 includes only courses taught within Mathematics Programs. For earlier years it includes estimates of enrollments in computer science courses taught outside Mathematics Programs.

Large percentage drops in enrollment occurred in arithmetic, non-mainstream calculus, finite mathematics, and mathematics for liberal arts.

The most common courses listed by mathematics program heads in the "other" category were specific computer courses such as a course in APL, mathematics for health careers, and a second semester of technical mathematics. A few two-year colleges offered courses in the use of computer software that can be helpful in studying and using mathematics.

Mainstream calculus includes the calculus courses taught to mathematics, physics, and engineering majors. Non-mainstream calculus includes the "soft" calculus courses most often taught to biology, behavioral sciences, and business majors.

Computer science enrollments in 1995 cannot be compared with those of previous surveys, because those surveys included courses taught outside the mathematics program.


FIGURE TYR. 4 Enrollment (in thousands) in mathematics and computer science courses by type of course in Mathematics Programs at two-year colleges: Fall 1966, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995.

> * The computing enrollment for 1995 includes only courses taught within Mathematics Programs. For earlier years it includes estimates of enrollments in computer science courses taught outside Mathematics Programs.

## Trends in availability of mathematics courses

Tables TYR. 5 and TYR. 6 show that students in many two-year colleges will not be able to complete the lower division mathematics requirements of certain majors. Courses such as linear algebra, mathematics for liberal arts, and mathematics for elementary school teachers were offered at fewer than half of the twoyear colleges with mathematics programs.

Just $17 \%$ of two-year college mathematics programs offered a high school-level geometry course in Fall 1995. The enrollment in this course was extremely small compared to the two courses-elementary algebra and intermediate algebra-that traditionally flank it in the high school curriculum.

TABLE TYR. 5 Percentage of the 1023two-year college Mathematics Programs teaching selected mathematics courses at least once in 1994-1995 or 1995-1996.

| Course <br> number | Course | Percentage of two-year <br> colleges teaching course |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| 1 | Arithmetic/Basic math | 70 |
| 2 | Pre-algebra | 46 |
| 3 | Elem. algebra | 85 |
| 4 | Intermediate algebra | 84 |
| 5 | Geometry | 17 |
| 6 | College algebra | 79 |
| 7 | Trigonometry | 71 |
| 8 | College algebra \& trig | 17 |
| 9 | Precalculus/elem.fns. | 39 |
| 10 | Analyticgeometry | 7 |
| 11 | Mainstream calculus I | 83 |
| 12 | Mainstream calculus II | 79 |
| 13 | Mainstream calculus III | 65 |
| 14 | Non-mainstream calculus I | 52 |
| 15 | Non-mainstream calculus II | 10 |
| 16 | Differential eqs. | 53 |
| 17 | Linear algebra | 30 |
| 18 | Discrete math | 12 |
| 19 | Finite math | 31 |
| 20 | Math. for lib arts/math apprec | 46 |
| 21 | Math for elem. school teachers | 43 |
| 22 | Business math (not transferable | 28 |
| 23 | for credit towards bachelor's) |  |
| 24 | Business math (transferable for | 11 |
| 25 | Techit towards bachelor's) |  |
| 26 | Technical math (not calculus based) | 33 |
| 27 | Elem. statistics (calculus based) | 11 |
|  | 80 |  |

TABLE TYR. 6 Percentage of the 1023two-year college Mathematics Programs teaching selected mathematics courses: Fall 1970, 1985, 1990, 1995.

| Course <br> number | Course | Percentage oftwo-year <br> colleges teaching course |  |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1970 | 1985 | 1990 | 1995 |
| 11 | Mainstream calculus I | na | na | na | 83 |
| 16 | Differential equations | 49 | 40 | 53 | 53 |
| 17 | Linear algebra | 17 | 24 | 34 | 30 |
| 18 | Discrete mathematics | na | 3 | 21 | 12 |
| 19 | Finite mathematics | 19 | 27 | 46 | 31 |
| 20 | Math for liberal arts/math apprec | na | 25 | 35 | 46 |
| 21 | Math for elem school teachers | 48 | 31 | 32 | 43 |
| 24 | Technical math (non-calculus based) | 41 | 42 | 36 | 33 |
| 25 | Technical math (calculus based) | 19 | 18 | 6 | 11 |
| 26 | Elementary statistics | 41 | 61 | 69 | 80 |

Average number of students per section
Tables TYR. 7 and TYR. 8 show that in Fall 1995 the average section size in all mathematics courses was 25.5 , and the average section size of individual courses did not vary much from that. Fewer than $1 \%$ of sec-
tions had an enrollment above 60. In 1990, the average section size was 27.8 . The decrease in average section size can be attributed largely to remedial-level sections, which dropped from an average of 29 in 1990 to 25.7 in 1995.

TABLE TYR. 7 Average section size by type of course in Mathematics Programs at two-year colleges and percentage of sections with enrollment above 60: Fall 1995.

| Course <br> numbers | Type of <br> course | Average <br> section size | Percentage of sections <br> with enrollment above 60 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1-5$ | Remedial | 25.7 | 1.3 |
| $6-10$ | Precalculus | 28.0 | 0.2 |
| $11-16$ | Calculus | 23.5 | 0.1 |
| $28-35$ | Computer | 22.9 | 1.4 |
| $26-27$ | Statistics | 27.9 | 0.7 |
| $1-36$ | All courses | 25.5 | 0.8 |

For names of specific courses see TABLE TYR. 3

TABLE TYR. 8 Average section size for selected two-year college mathematics courses: Fall 1995.

| Course <br> number | Course | Average <br> section size |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Remedial |  |  |
| 1 | Arithmetic/basic math | 21.7 |
| 2 | Pre-algebra | 22.9 |
| 3 | Elementary algebra | 26.4 |
| 4 | Intermediate algebra | 28.8 |
|  | $\quad$ Precalculus Level |  |
| 6 | College algebra | 28.5 |
| 9 | Precalculus/elem.functions | 29.1 |
|  | $\quad$ Other Courses |  |
| 11 | Mainstream calculus I | 25.0 |
| 12 | Mainstream calculus II | 23.2 |
| 13 | Mainstream calculus III | 19.0 |
| 14 | Non-mainstream calculus I | 25.6 |
| 17 | Linear algebra | 18.7 |
| 20 | Math for lib. arts/math apprec | 25.1 |
| 21 | Math for elem. school teachers | 23.8 |
| 26 | Elementary statistics | 27.9 |

## Courses taught by part-time faculty members

Part-time faculty members were $65 \%$ of the total faculty (see Table TYR.17) and taught $38 \%$ of the sections. This percentage varied by type of course, as shown in Table TYR.9, with part-time faculty members teaching
$47 \%$ of remedial courses and $17 \%$ of mainstream calculus courses. In 1990, part-time faculty members taught $42 \%$ of the sections. In 1985, the percentage was $28 \%$.

TABLE TYR. 9 Number of sections and number and percentage of sections taught by parttime faculty in Mathematics Programs at two-year colleges by type of course: Fall 1995.

| Course <br> numbers | Type of course | Number <br> of <br> sections | Number of <br> sections taught by <br> part-time faculty | Percentage of <br> sections taught by <br> part-time faculty |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1-5$ | Remedial | 31155 | 14768 | 47 |
| 6-10 | Precalculus | 10540 | 3109 | 29 |
| $11-13$ | Mainstream calculus | 4066 | 698 | 17 |
| $14-15$ | Non-main calculus | 1085 | 257 | 24 |
| $16-18$ | Advanced math | 707 | 113 | 16 |
| $19-23$ | Service courses | 4214 | 1284 | 30 |
| $24-25$ | Technical math | 1024 | 414 | 40 |
| $26-27$ | Statistics | 2566 | 809 | 32 |
| $28-35$ | Computer science | 1864 | 623 | 33 |
| $1-36$ | All courses combined | 58749 | 22569 | 38 |

For names of specific courses see TABLE TYR.3.


FIGURE TYR.9.1 Number of sections of mathematics and computer science courses taught by full-time and parttime faculty in Mathematics Programs at two-year colleges by type of course: Fall 1995.


FIGURE TYR.9.2 Fraction of sections of mathematics and computer science courses taught by full-time and part-time faculty in Mathematics Programs at two-year colleges by type of course: Fall 1995.

TABLE TYR. 10 Percentage of sections using various instructional methods by course in Mathematics Programs at two-year colleges: F2H 1305.

|  | Percentage of sections that |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | use graphing calculators | include a writing component such as reports or projects | require computer assignments | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { assign } \\ \text { group } \\ \text { projects } \end{array}$ | meet at least once a week in a classroom equipped with computers for students | are taught mostly by the standard lecture method | are taught <br> mostly by <br> computer- <br> aided <br> instruction | are <br> taught <br> by television | Number <br> of sections |
| 1 Arithmetic/Basic math | (1) | 5 | 12 | 9 | 17 | 67 | 3 | 0) | 6166 |
| 2 Pre-algebra | 1 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 13 | 76 | 2 | (1) | 3980 |
| 3 Elem. algebra | 4 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 10 | 75 | 1 | (1) | 11553 |
| 4 Intermediate algebra | 17 | 7 | 3 | 11 | 7 | 81 | (1) | (D | 9148 |
| 5 Geometry | 13 | 9 | 9 | 15 | 5 | 73 | 7 | (1) | 307 |
| 6 College algebra | 38 | 10 | 8 | 13 | 4 | 88 | 1 | (1) | 6523 |
| 7 Trigonometry | 49 | 11 | 9 | 14 | 2 | 89 | (1) | (1) | 1700 |
| 8 College algebra \& trig | 51 | 11 | 25 | 17 | 15 | 66 | 1 | (1) | 596 |
| 9 Precalculus/elem fns. | 55 | 9 | 10 | 15 | 8 | 82 | 0) | (1) | 1633 |
| 10 Analytic geometry | 65 | 0 | 18 | 12 | 12 | 65 | 0) | 0) | 88 |
| 11 Mainstream calculus I | 65 | 20 | 23 | 22 | 15 | 82 | 3 | (1) | 2325 |
| 12 Mainstream calculus II | 63 | 13 | 16 | 18 | 12 | 84 | 3 | (1) | 1008 |
| 13 Mainstream calculus III | 63 | 16 | 26 | 22 | 18 | 86 | 4 | 1 | 733 |
| 14 Non-mainstream calculus I | 44 | 17 | 8 | 20 | 5 | 88 | (1) | (1) | 1010 |
| 15 Non-mainstream calculus II | 52 | 16 | 22 | 22 | 13 | 79 | (1) | (1) | 75 |
| 16 Differential eqs. | 41 | 23 | 22 | 23 | 13 | 78 | 3 | (1) | 337 |
| 17 Linear algebra | 43 | 21 | 27 | 28 | 13 | 88 | (1) | (1) | 247 |
| 18 Discrete math | 25 | 42 | 44 | 39 | 42 | 61 | 3 | (1) | 123 |
| 19 Finite math | 26 | 5 | 20 | 9 | 3 | 89 | 0) | (1) | 863 |
| 20 Math for lib arts/math apprec | 7 | 24 | 16 | 17 | 6 | 81 | 1 | (1) | 1531 |
| 21 Math for elem. schl teachers | 22 | 48 | 17 | 54 | 10 | 79 | (1) | (D | 654 |
| 22 Business math (not trans.) | 3 | 9 | 5 | 14 | 9 | 66 | (1) | 2 | 903 |
| 23 Business math (trans.) | 30 | 11 | 16 | 18 | 11 | 83 | 8 | (1) | 263 |
| 24 Tech math (not calc. based) | 27 | 7 | 3 | 13 | 5 | 71 | (1) | (1) | 901 |
| 25 Tech Math (calculus based) | 25 | 18 | 4 | 4 | (1) | 65 | (1) | (1) | 123 |
| 26 Elem. statistics | 29 | 39 | 46 | 29 | 21 | 94 | 8 | 1 | 2477 |
| 27 Probability | 50 | 51 | 45 | 31 | 34 | 75 | 2 | (1) | 89 |
| 28 Data processing | (1) | (1) | 43 | (1) | 43 | 43 | 8 | (1) | 84 |
| 29 Computers and society | (1) | 73 | 92 | 24 | 74 | 58 | 7 | (1) | 427 |
| 30 Intro to software packages | (1) | 5 | 86 | 2 | 95 | 15 | 29 | (1) | 916 |
| 31 Issues in computer science | (1) | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | (1) | (1) | 3 |
| 32 Computer programming I | (1) | 37 | 89 | 20 | 68 | 63 | 16 | (1) | 271 |
| 33 Computer programming II | (1) | 33 | 88 | 24 | 92 | 43 | 37 | (1) | 69 |
| 34 Adv. prog. \& data structures | (1) | 23 | 83 | 13 | 83 | 70 | 13 | (1) | 39 |
| 35 Database manag. systems. | (1) | (1) | 22 | 19 | 19 | 22 | (1) | (1) | 55 |
| 36 Other courses | 9 | 23 | 35 | 17 | 29 | 69 | 5 | (1) | 1528 |
| 1-36 All courses combined | 20 | 11 | 14 | 13 | 13 | 77 | 2 | (1) | 58749 |

(1) less than half of $1 \%$

## Instructional Practices

Table TYR. 10 gives the percentage of sections that used various instructional practices in the different courses. The predominant method was the standard lecture method in all except some computer science courses. Computer science courses tended to meet in a room equipped with computers for students and computer assignments were required. The graphing calculator was used widely in precalculus and calcu-
lus courses. Very few sections of any course were taught by television and very few were taught by com-puter-aided instruction, except for some computer science courses.

Table TYR. 11 gives the percentage of calculus sections that assigned group projects and that had a writing component. There was a large increase in both categories between 1990 and 1995.

TABLE TYR. 11 Percentage of calculus sections in Mathematics Programs at two-year colleges that assign group projects and that have a writing component: Fall 1990, 1995.

|  | Percentage of sections that <br> assign group projects |  | Percentage of sections that <br> have a writing component |  | Number of <br> sections |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Course <br> number | Course | 1990 | 1995 | 1990 | 1995 | 1990 | 1995 |
| 11 | Main. Calculus I | 4 | 22 | 5 | 20 | 2062 | 2325 |
| 12 | Main. Calculus II | 3 | 18 | 4 | 13 | 1004 | 1008 |
| 13 | Main. Calculus III | 0 | 22 | 4 | 16 | 782 | 733 |
| 14 | Non-Main. Calc. I | 5 | 20 | 4 | 17 | 1148 | 1010 |
| 15 | Non-Main. Calc. II | 2 | 22 | 2 | 16 | na | 75 |

## Services Available to Students

services to students. Other services mentioned by
Table TYR. 12 gives the percentage of two-year col- mathematics program heads included e-mail for stuleges with mathematics programs that offered various

TABLE TYR. 12 Percentage of the 1023 two-year colleges offering various services to students: Fall 1995.

| Service | Percentage of two-year <br> colleges offering service |
| :--- | :---: |
| $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { Diagnostic or placement testing } \\ \text { Math lab or tutorial center } \\ \text { Advising by a member of the } \\ \text { mathematics faculty } \\ \text { Opportunities to compete in math } \\ \text { contests } \\ \text { Honors sections } \\ \text { Mathematics club } \\ \begin{array}{l}\text { Special mathematics programs to } \\ \text { encourage minorities }\end{array} \\ \begin{array}{l}\text { Lectures/colloquia for students, not } \\ \text { part of math club } \\ \text { Special mathematics programs to } \\ \text { encourage women }\end{array} \\ \text { Other }\end{array}\right] 23$ |  |

## Math labs

Ninety-three percent of two-year colleges with mathematics programs had a math lab or tutorial center.

Table TYR. 13 gives the services available within the math labs. More than half of math labs offered tutoring by students, media such as videotapes, computer-
aided instruction, and computer software. (The 1990 CBMS survey found that computer facilities were more common in the larger two-year colleges.) The math labs increasingly are staffed by students and paraprofessionals (see Table TYR.14).

TABLE TYR. 13 Percentage of the 950 two-year colleges with math lab or tutorial center that offer various services to students in the math lab or tutorial center: Fall 1995.

| Service offered in math lab/ <br> tutorial center | Percentage of two-year colleges <br> with math labs/tutorial centers <br> that offer the service |
| :--- | :---: |
| Computer-aided instruction <br> Computer software such as <br> computer algebra systems <br> or statistical packages <br> Media such as videotapes <br> Tutoring by students | 69 |
| Tutoring by paraprofessionals | 65 |
| Tutoring by part-time |  |
| mathematics faculty | 70 |
| Tutoring by full-time |  |
| mathematics faculty | 84 |
| Other | 38 |

TABLE TYR. 14 Percentage of two-year colleges using various sources of personnel for math labs: Fall 1985,1990, 1995.

|  | Percentage of two-year <br> colleges using source |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Source | 1985 | 1990 | 1995 |
| Students | 48 | 73 | 84 |
| Full-time members of |  |  |  |
| mathematics staff | 38 | 46 | 38 |
| Paraprofessionals <br> Part-time members of <br> mathematics staff | 34 | 51 | 58 |



FIGURE TYR. 14 Percentage of two-year colleges using various sources of personnel for math labs: Fall 1985,1990, 1995.

## Placement into courses

In $70 \%$ of the colleges, a student must speak with an advisor before registering for his or her first mathematics course. In another $10 \%$ of the colleges, whether advisement was mandatory depends on the course in which the student wanted to register.

Virtually all ( $98 \%$ ) two-year colleges with mathematics programs had diagnostic or placement testing to help students decide which course to take. In 76\% of those colleges, the exams were used for mandatory placement into mathematics courses. In the others, placement was advisory.

In $22 \%$ of the colleges, a student may enroll in a mathematics course without completely satisfying the recommendations/prerequisites for the course (such as having a certain placement test score or passing a prerequisite course). In another $12 \%$ of the colleges, bypassing some of the prerequisites is possible for some courses, but not for others.

## Mathematics Courses Taught Outside Mathematics Programs

It has long been the case in two-year colleges that a significant number of mathematics courses are
taught by other departments. From 1970 to 1995, enrollment in mathematics courses outside mathematics programs increased by $115 \%$ while enrollment in mathematics courses inside mathematics programs increased by $155 \%$. In 1970, the outside enrollments were $12 \%$ of those within mathematics programs. In 1995 these enrollments were $11 \%$ of those within mathematics programs.
Previous reports had higher percentages because many computer science courses were included in the outside enrollments. The estimates in Tables TYR. 15 and TYR. 16 do not include computer science and data processing courses.

Just over half of the outside enrollments were in remedial courses taught in a developmental studies division or learning center. Much of the rest of the outside enrollment was in business math taught in a business division. Tables TYR. 15 and TYR. 16 give the enrollments in mathematics courses that were offered outside mathematics programs. These enrollments were estimated by mathematics program heads. Thus, they are not as accurate as the numbers given for enrollment within mathematics programs.

TABLE TYR. 15 Estimated enrollment (in thousands) in mathematics courses taught outside of Mathematics Programs at two-year colleges: Fall 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995.

| Course | 1970 | 1975 | 1980 | 1985 | 1990 | 1995 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Arithmetic/Pre-algebra | 14 | 27 | 18 | 18 | 42 | 54 |
| Elem algebra (high school) | na | na | na | na | 38 | 41 |
| Int algebra (high school) | na | na | na | na | 27 | 10 |
| College algebra | na | na | na | na | 6 | 2 |
| Trig or precalc (college) | 6 | 17 | 29 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Calculus or Diff eqs | $(1)$ | 4 | 8 | $(1)$ | 4 | 1 |
| Business math | 36 | 53 | 70 | 50 | 32 | 26 |
| Statistics \& probability | 6 | 14 | 12 | 7 | 15 | 9 |
| Technical math | na | na | 25 | 23 | 10 | 8 |
| Other | 9 | 12 | 10 | 4 | 4 | 1 |
|  | 71 | 127 | 172 | 105 | 181 | 153 |

(1) less than 500


FIGURE TYR. 15 Estimated enrollment (in thousands) in mathematics courses taught outside of Mathematics Programs at two-year colleges: Fall 1990, 1995.

TABLE TYR. 16 Estimated enrollment (in thousands) in mathematics courses taught outside of Mathematics Programs at two-year colleges by division where taught: Fall 1995.

| Course | Natural <br> Sciences | Occupational <br> Programs | Business | Social <br> Sciences | Developmental <br> Studies/ <br> Learning Center | Other |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Arithmetic/Pre-algebra | 9 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 40 | 2 | 54 |
| Elem algebra (high sch) | 7 | $0)$ | 0 | 0 | 33 | 1 | 41 |
| Int algebra (high sch) | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | $(1)$ | 10 |
| College algebra | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Trig or Precalc (college) | $(1)$ | $(1)$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Calculus or Diff eqs | 1 | 0 | $0)$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Business math | 2 | 1 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 |
| Statistics \& probability | $(1)$ | 0 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 9 |
| Technical math | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 8 |
| Other | 0 | $(1)$ | 1 | 0 | 0 | $(1)$ | 1 |
| Total | 27 | 7 | 32 | 3 | 78 | 6 | 153 |

(1) less than 500


[^0]:    (1) means fewer than 500 and na means not available.

    Mainstream calc is for math, physics, sci \& engr; non-mainstream for bio, soc \& mgmt sci.

    * The computing enrollments for 1995 include only courses taught within Mathematics Programs. For earlier years they include estimates of enrollment in computer science courses taught outside Mathematics Programs.

