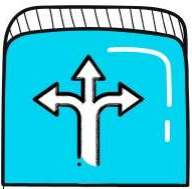# 1.14 Average Total Semester Units Successfully Completed in First Year

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Description: Among first-time in college (FTIC) students, the average number of semester units successfully (C or better) completed during their first year.

Source: [California Community College Chancellor's Office LaunchBoard Student Success Metrics (SM 455CX)](#)

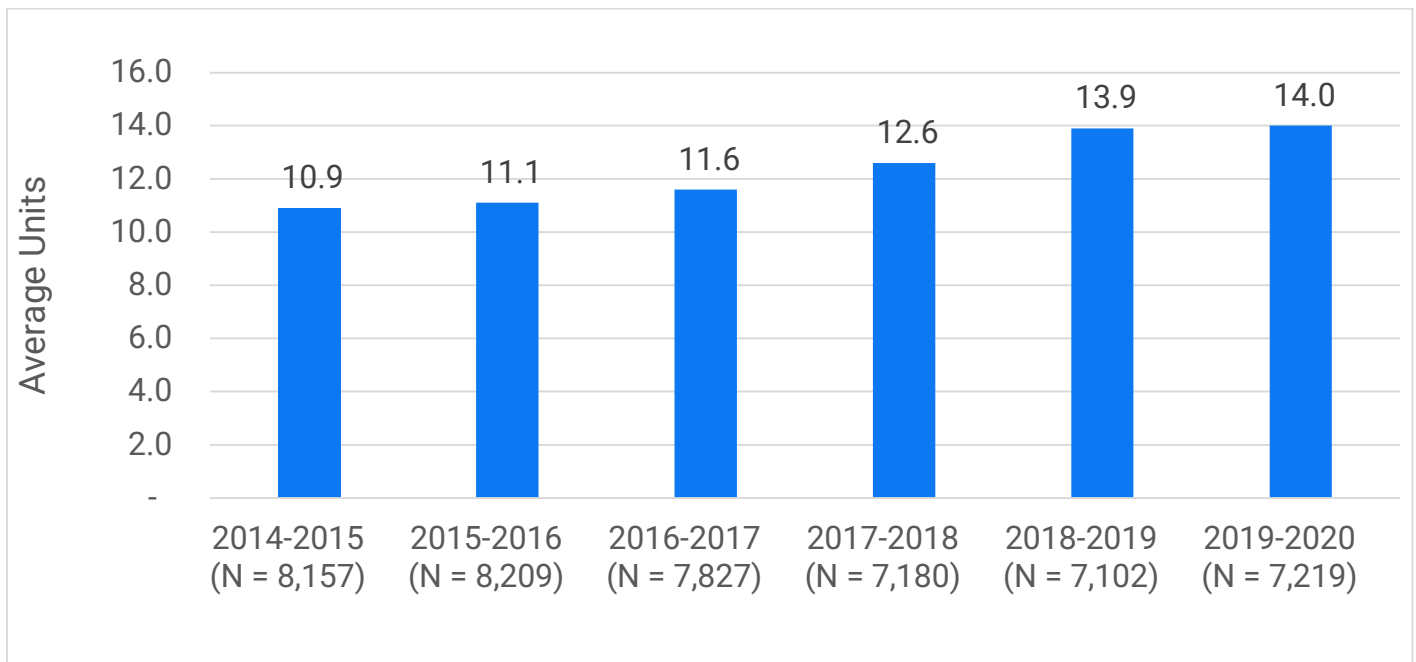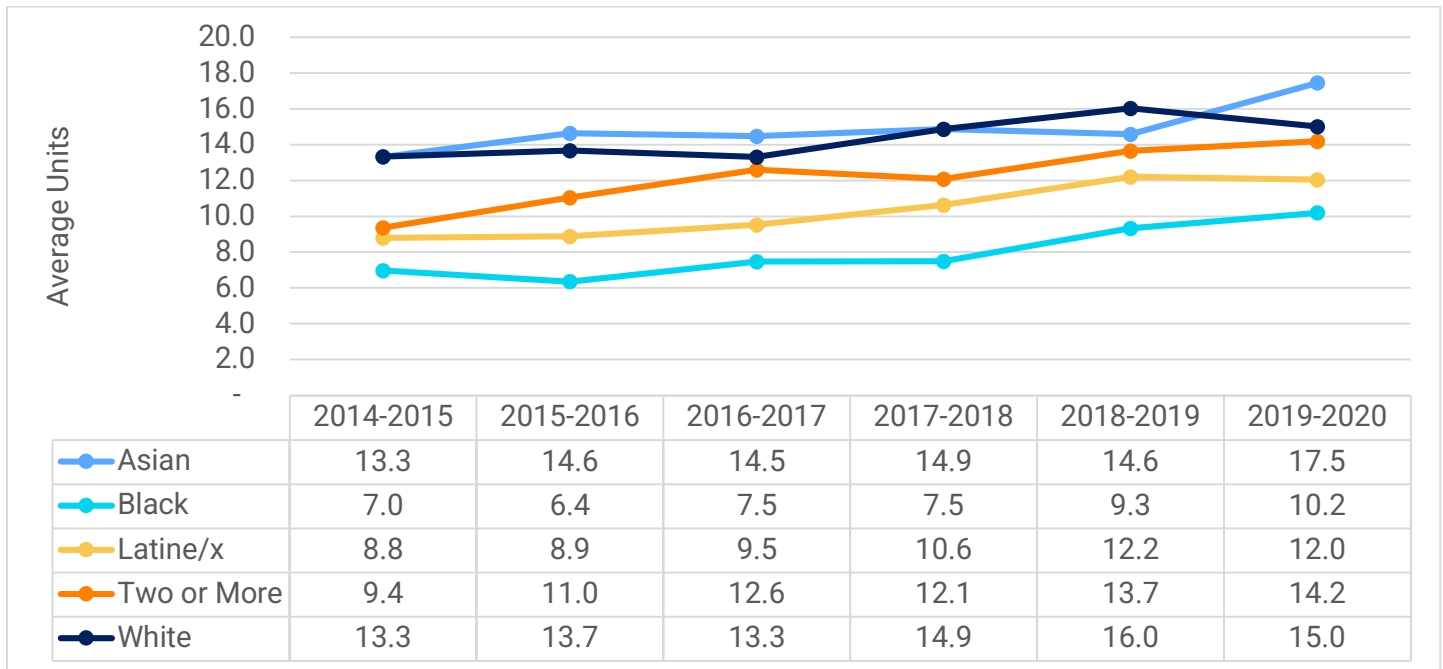**Trend Across Years (1.14 Average Total Semester Units Successfully Completed in First Year)**

The average number of units completed in the first year among FTIC has improved by over 3 units in the last six years, from 10.9 units among FTIC in 2014-2015 to 14.0 units among FTIC in 2019-2020. Students who complete an average of 15 units per semester are more likely to earn a 60+ unit associate degree and graduate within four years than students who complete fewer units. The College has not yet set a target goal for improvement on this metric as this metric is new.
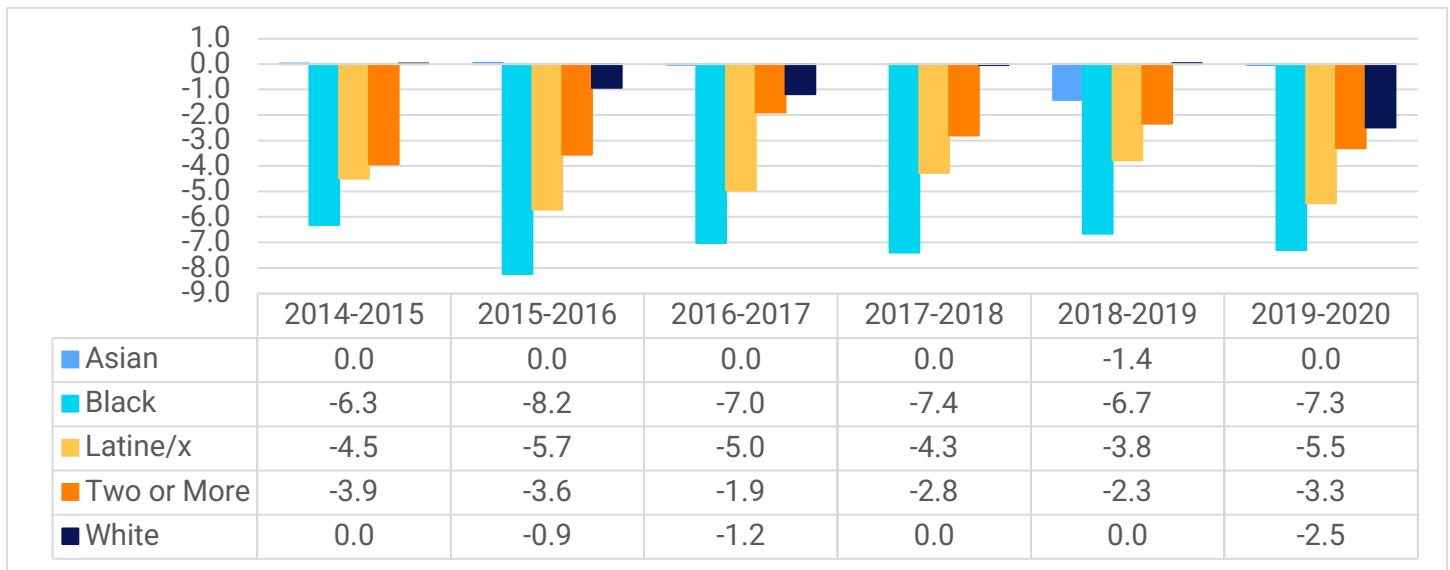
Disaggregated by Race/Ethnicity (1.14 Average Total Semester Units Successfully Completed in First Year)

	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Asian	13.3	14.6	14.5	14.9	14.6	17.5
Black	7.0	6.4	7.5	7.5	9.3	10.2
Latine/x	8.8	8.9	9.5	10.6	12.2	12.0
Two or More	9.4	11.0	12.6	12.1	13.7	14.2
White	13.3	13.7	13.3	14.9	16.0	15.0

On average, Asian FTIC students completed more units in their first year than any other racial/ethnic groups. When compared to Asian students, who completed an average of 17.5 units (2019-2020), Black students completed 7.3 fewer units in their first year. The College also produced an equity gap for Latine/x students; Latine/x students completed, on average, 12.0 units in the first year, 5.5 units fewer than Asian students in the same cohort year.

Equity gaps for Black and Latine/x students have slightly widened in 2019-2020 when compared to 2014-2015. However, both groups have improved on this metric over the last six years, and Black and Latine/x students completed more units in the most recently reported year than in previous years.

Equity Gaps (Difference: Subgroup Rate − Highest Performing Rate)

	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-1.4	0.0
Black	-6.3	-8.2	-7.0	-7.4	-6.7	-7.3
Latine/x	-4.5	-5.7	-5.0	-4.3	-3.8	-5.5
Two or More	-3.9	-3.6	-1.9	-2.8	-2.3	-3.3
White	0.0	-0.9	-1.2	0.0	0.0	-2.5

Data Table (1.14 Average Total Semester Units Successfully Completed in First Year)

The table provides the cohort sizes and average units completed in first year by racial/ethnic group. This data was used to generate the graphs for this metric.

		2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Asian	Cohort	1,378	1,308	1,194	952	481	417
	Avg. Units	13.3	14.6	14.5	14.9	14.6	17.5
Black	Cohort	657	643	659	552	558	500
	Avg. Units	7.0	6.4	7.5	7.5	9.3	10.2
Latine/x	Cohort	3,098	3,089	3,011	2,636	2,622	2,778
	Avg. Units	8.8	8.9	9.5	10.6	12.2	12.0
Two or More	Cohort	249	291	309	309	295	300
	Avg. Units	9.4	11.0	12.6	12.1	13.7	14.2
White	Cohort	2,088	2,149	2,022	1,936	1,724	1,547
	Avg. Units	13.3	13.7	13.3	14.9	16.0	15.0
Total*	Cohort	8,157	8,209	7,827	7,180	7,102	7,219
	Avg. Units	10.9	11.1	11.6	12.6	13.9	14.0

Includes unreported/unknown and groups suppressed by the Chancellor's Office due to sample size