

## MA Early College Fact Sheet (January 2022)

### Designated Early College Programs, Fall 2021:

- There are 31 Designated partnerships inclusive of 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

### Current Number of EC Students, Fall 2021:

- 4,313: Estimated number of Early College Students Fall 2021 (Source: Self-reported by MA EC Programs, October 2021)

### Summer 2021: Worcester Early College student panelists with Governor Baker



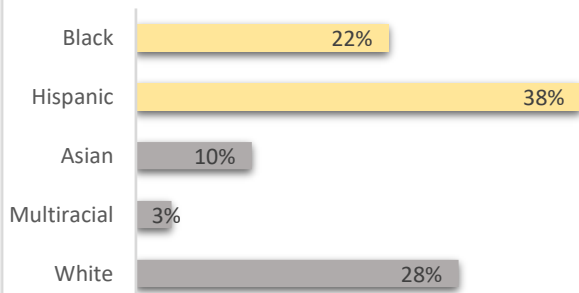
### About Early College Students, Fall 2021:

Of the 3,949 MA Early College students reported in SIMS:

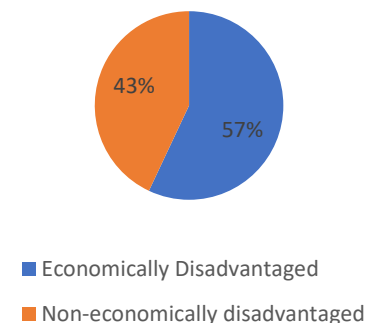
- Overall number of EC students enrolled in MA Early College programs increased 37% from Fall 2020 to Fall 2021 (Source: SIMS October 2020 and SIMS October 2021 collections)
- 60% of MA Early College students identified as Black (22%) or Latinx (38%)
- Over half (57%) of all Early College Students across the Commonwealth are from economically disadvantaged/low-income backgrounds\*

*\*New definition of economically disadvantaged/low-income background adopted by DESE, SY2021-2022*

### Black and Latinx students continue to make up the majority of Early College participants in Fall 2021



### In Fall 2021, over half of all Early College students are from economically disadvantaged backgrounds



	Early College Student Demographic Comparison	
	Fall 2020	Fall 2021
<b>Black</b>	17%	22%
<b>LatinX</b>	45%	38%
<b>Economically Disadvantaged*</b>	47%	57%

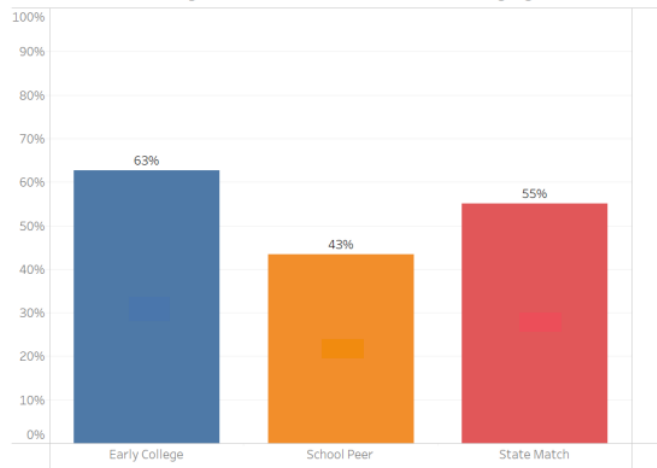
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**Despite the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Majority of Early College High School Graduates Were Still Able to Immediately Enroll in College for Fall 2020**

**College Going Rates from the Early College Class of 2020**

EC students attend college at higher rate than school and matched peers

Fall 2020 College Enrollment Within 6 Months of Graduating High School:

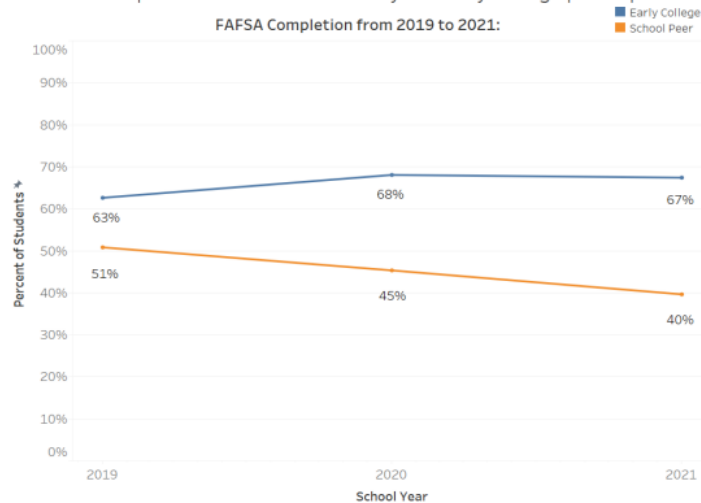


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Source: National Student Clearinghouse

**2021 Early College Graduates Were Also Preparing to Attend College this Fall**

FAFSA completion rates remain steady for Early College participants

FAFSA Completion from 2019 to 2021:



Source: National Student Clearinghouse