

# North Dakota University System Freshmen Remediation Rates

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## **Background**

The remediation rate of first time college freshmen is an often cited data point used to indicate the percentage of students who begin college not fully academically prepared to enroll in college level coursework. In the NDUS, remediation rates are also referred to developmental course enrollment rates.

Remediation rates are presented in three parts, including an overall rate that considers whether a student is enrolled in any type of developmental course, rates for Mathematics courses, English Language Arts (reading, writing, and communication) courses.

## **Scope of this Report**

The research for this report was conducted at NDUS System Office by Institutional Research staff. The intent of this report is to address current questions surrounding enrollment of NDUS students in developmental courses, also known as remedial coursework. For this report, the cohort group(s) under study include the first-time freshmen attending a NDUS institution during fall terms 2011 through 2020. Data used in this report come from census course enrollments as reported from the NDUS Campus Solutions student reporting system.

## **Use of this Data for Generalizing to North Dakota Population**

It is critical to note that these NDUS cohort data are **not** limited to students who graduated from high school in North Dakota, and as such, the remediation rate data cannot be generalized to the North Dakota K-12 system. Remediation rates specific to North Dakota high school students are available via the state K-12 educational dashboards available at [insights.nd.gov](https://insights.nd.gov).

## **Definitions**

**Remediation Rate** – The percentage of first-time freshmen who enroll in either Mathematics or English language Arts developmental coursework.

**Developmental Courses** – college coursework that is designed to prepare students to complete postsecondary academic degree credit courses. Developmental courses do carry credit; however, they do not count toward degree requirements.

**First time freshmen** – any student attending NDUS whose entry status is “first year” and grade level is “freshman”. This includes students from North Dakota as well as those attending NDUS institutions from out of state.

**Table 1***Freshmen Remediation Rates by NDUS Institution - Percentage of Students Enrollment in ANY Developmental Coursework*

	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	Fall 2013	Fall 2014	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020
BSC	41.90%	39.80%	35.10%	35.60%	34.00%	33.50%	36.50%	40.05%	37.58%	39.45%
DCB	62.70%	71.10%	68.30%	75.90%	67.20%	60.10%	55.90%	68.16%	60.27%	57.80%
LRSC	42.70%	53.70%	53.60%	52.80%	38.60%	46.10%	50.80%	50.00%	49.74%	41.28%
NDSCS	51.00%	47.20%	36.10%	36.90%	37.50%	28.80%	44.10%	51.48%	48.80%	48.19%
WSC	44.70%	51.60%	52.10%	52.60%	49.10%	48.10%	46.60%	45.73%	48.53%	46.04%
DSU	26.10%	35.00%	36.20%	35.70%	42.70%	34.50%	36.30%	36.46%	31.50%	24.90%
MASU	43.60%	56.70%	56.90%	54.80%	55.70%	48.30%	40.00%	46.76%	49.07%	50.70%
MISU	23.70%	19.10%	31.80%	26.00%	24.30%	30.30%	22.90%	13.60%	14.14%	16.37%
VCSU		52.10%	44.70%	45.80%	49.10%	43.40%	41.60%	44.24%	36.41%	41.97%
NDSU	12.90%	21.70%	18.10%	19.90%	20.00%	19.00%	13.50%	11.78%	11.84%	11.49%
UND	4.20%	12.80%	17.80%	13.40%	12.50%	10.70%	7.80%	7.50%	12.47%	12.21%
<i>Community Colleges</i>				42.20%	39.80%	36.40%	43.10%	40.05%	45.50%	44.51%
<i>Regional Universities</i>				37.30%	38.70%	36.60%	32.00%	29.25%	27.25%	28.65%
<i>Research Universities</i>				17.10%	16.90%	15.50%	11.10%	9.87%	12.11%	11.78%
<b>NDUS Overall</b>	<b>21.90%</b>	<b>27.70%</b>	<b>27.90%</b>	<b>27.80%</b>	<b>27.40%</b>	<b>25.30%</b>	<b>24.80%</b>	<b>23.66%</b>	<b>24.19%</b>	<b>23.47%</b>

**Table 2***Freshmen Mathematics Remediation Rates*

	Fall 2014	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020
BSC	24.10%	24.10%	23.80%	26.90%	30.90%	26.16%	28.55%
DCB	60.00%	53.30%	53.40%	45.10%	54.75%	49.32%	43.12%
LRSC	35.80%	30.30%	33.90%	37.20%	37.62%	35.23%	23.26%
NDSUS	21.00%	23.20%	17.50%	21.90%	26.15%	22.88%	18.84%
WSC	48.50%	42.50%	42.20%	37.60%	39.94%	38.11%	39.21%
DSU	29.00%	36.60%	28.20%	28.90%	31.49%	24.50%	19.50%
MASU	36.60%	30.90%	37.60%	26.40%	28.78%	34.26%	19.01%
MISU	22.80%	21.80%	26.80%	20.40%	6.55%	7.07%	8.44%
VCSU	0.374	39.20%	31.80%	25.70%	27.27%	18.89%	18.65%
NDSU	13.40%	14.50%	13.50%	13.30%	11.21%	11.61%	11.10%
UND	13.40%	12.50%	10.70%	7.80%	7.50%	12.47%	12.15%
<i>Community Colleges</i>	<i>0.288</i>	<i>0.286</i>	<i>0.265</i>	<i>28.70%</i>	<i>33.53%</i>	<i>29.50%</i>	<i>27.23%</i>
<i>Regional Universities</i>	<i>0.296</i>	<i>0.304</i>	<i>0.297</i>	<i>24.10%</i>	<i>19.05%</i>	<i>16.83%</i>	<i>14.79%</i>
<i>Research Universities</i>	<i>0.134</i>	<i>0.137</i>	<i>0.123</i>	<i>11.00%</i>	<i>9.55%</i>	<i>11.98%</i>	<i>11.53%</i>
<b>NDUS Overall</b>	<b>20.40%</b>	<b>20.80%</b>	<b>19.40%</b>	<b>18.70%</b>	<b>18.02%</b>	<b>17.89%</b>	<b>16.45%</b>

**Table 3***Freshmen English Language Arts Remediation Rates*

	Fall 2014	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020
BSC	23.10%	21.10%	21.90%	22.10%	23.50%	26.56%	26.90%
DCB	48.60%	48.70%	44.60%	41.00%	54.19%	52.74%	44.95%
LRSC	30.10%	25.00%	30.90%	33.90%	34.29%	33.68%	32.56%
NDSCS	29.70%	28.20%	21.80%	34.40%	44.90%	44.80%	44.27%
WSC	22.40%	24.70%	28.90%	27.00%	23.78%	33.22%	34.17%
DSU	11.90%	9.90%	12.70%	14.70%	11.05%	17.00%	7.47%
MASU	33.30%	38.90%	30.20%	28.60%	28.78%	34.26%	40.14%
MISU	6.60%	7.00%	9.70%	4.80%	7.81%	8.59%	9.97%
VCSU	0.217	24.30%	24.70%	23.80%	28.48%	21.66%	27.98%
NDSU	8.90%	8.90%	8.80%	0.40%	0.70%	0.46%	0.61%
UND	0.00%	0.10%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.06%
<i>Community Colleges</i>	<i>0.282</i>	<i>0.263</i>	<i>0.25</i>	<i>29.50%</i>	<i>33.03%</i>	<i>35.77%</i>	<i>35.24%</i>
<i>Regional Universities</i>	<i>0.157</i>	<i>0.163</i>	<i>0.165</i>	<i>14.20%</i>	<i>15.65%</i>	<i>16.50%</i>	<i>17.37%</i>
<i>Research Universities</i>	<i>0.051</i>	<i>0.052</i>	<i>0.05</i>	<i>0.20%</i>	<i>0.39%</i>	<i>0.26%</i>	<i>0.39%</i>
<b><i>NDUS Overall</i></b>	<b><i>13.90%</i></b>	<b><i>13.80%</i></b>	<b><i>13.30%</i></b>	<b><i>12.00%</i></b>	<b><i>12.20%</i></b>	<b><i>13.12%</i></b>	<b><i>12.70%</i></b>

**Chart 1**

*NDUS Overall Rates for Mathematics (Math), English Language Arts (ELA), and Overall (Any Subject)*

