

## 1.10 Average Number of Units Accumulated by All First Time Associate Degree Earners



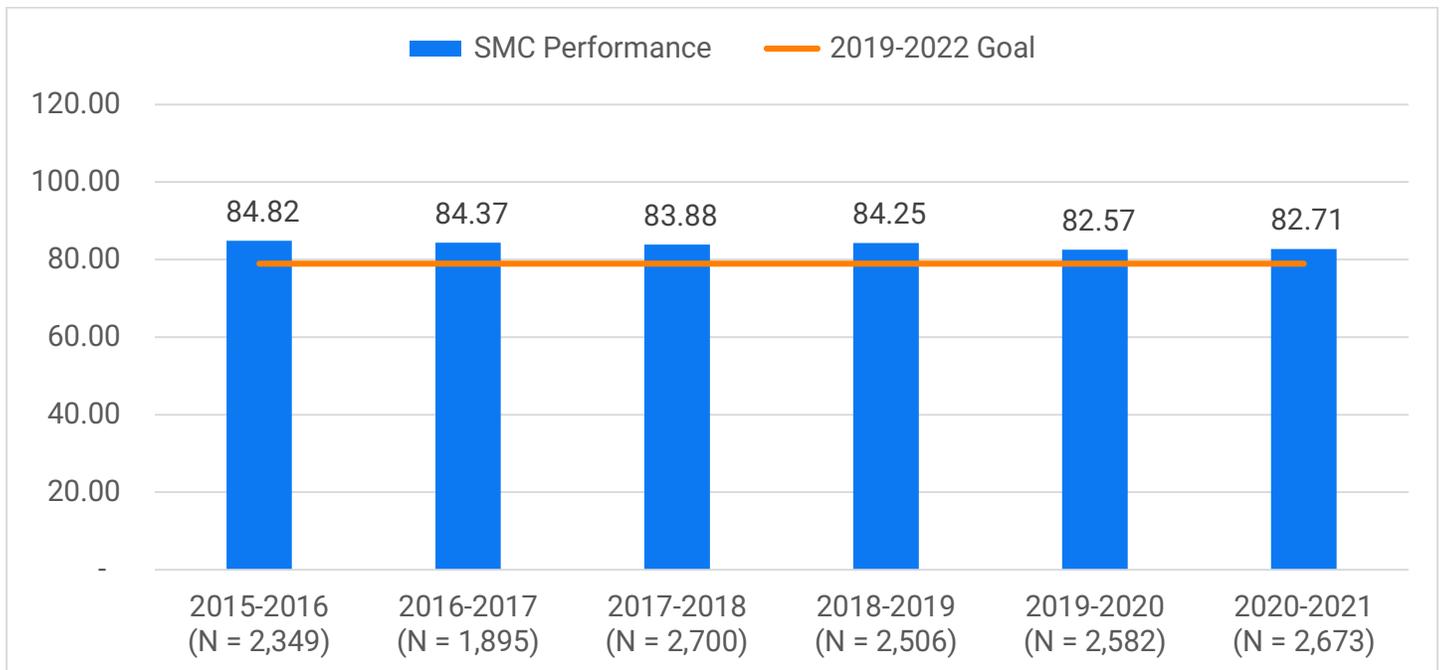
Description: Among all students who were enrolled and earned an associate degree for the first time in the selected year, the average number of semester units in the California community college system earned up to and including the selected year.

Source: [California Community College Chancellor's Office LaunchBoard Student Success Metrics \(SM 613 SX\)](#)

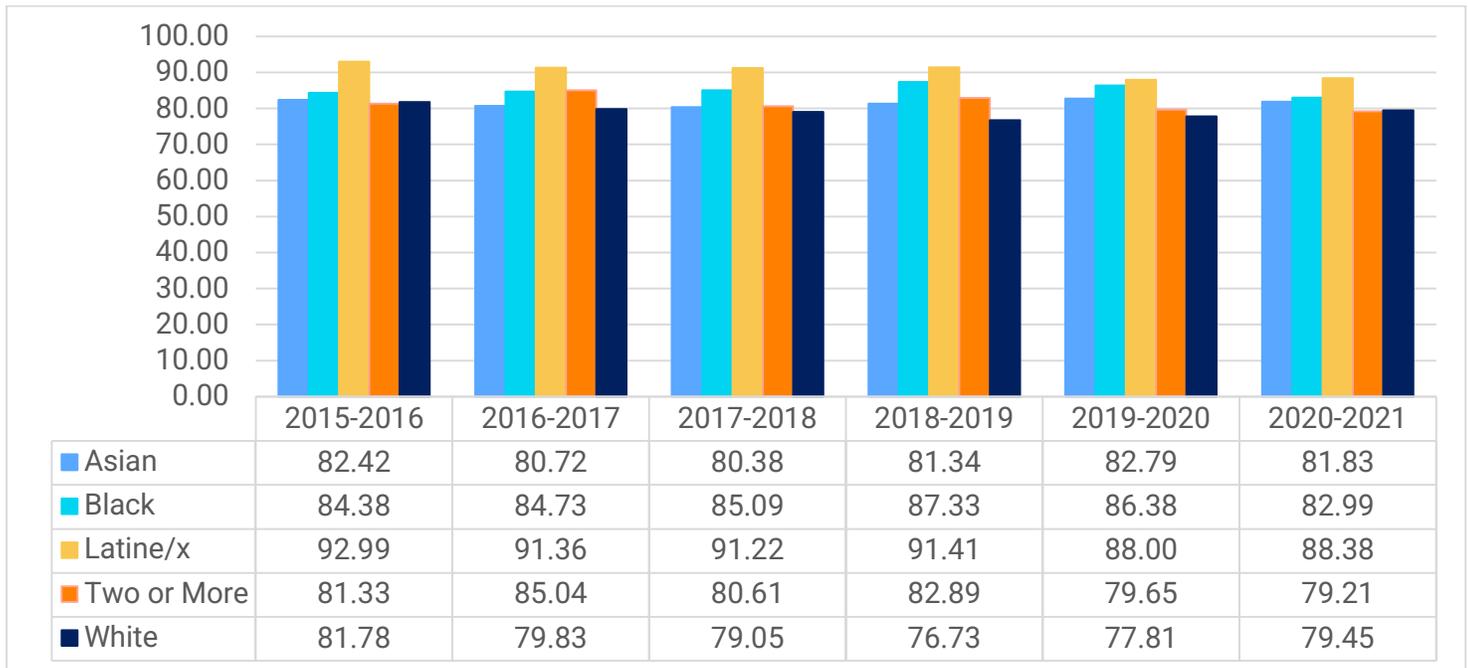
### Trend Across Years (1.10 Avg. No. Units Accumulated by First Time Associate Degree Earners)

On average, the number of units accumulated by first-time associate degree earners has decreased slightly, from 84.82 units in 2015-2016 to 82.71 units in 2020-2021.

The California Community College Chancellor's Office's *Vision for Success* includes a systemwide goal to reduce the average number of units accumulated by associate degree earners to an average of 79 units or less. The Institutional Effectiveness Committee adopted this goal locally for the 2019-2022 period. The committee is currently in discussions to revise the goal for this metric and set the next three-year target for improvement. In order to meet the *Vision* goal, SMC needs to reduce the average number of units earned by first time degree earners by 3.71 units for the 2020-2021 year.



**Disaggregated by Race/Ethnicity (1.10 Avg. No. Units Accumulated by First Time Associate Degree Earners)**



On average, Latine/x students who earn their first associate degree at SMC accumulate the most units than any other racial ethnic group, followed by Black and Asian students. Overall, multi-racial and white accumulate fewer units, on average, before earning their first degrees.

**Data Table (1.10 Avg. No. Units Accumulated by First Time Associate Degree Earners)**

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

		2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Asian	Cohort	480	277	582	416	326	289
	Avg. Units	82.42	80.72	80.38	81.34	82.79	81.83
Black	Cohort	119	129	127	143	148	173
	Avg. Units	84.38	84.73	85.09	87.33	86.38	82.99
Latine/x	Cohort	711	618	917	916	962	1,000
	Avg. Units	92.99	91.36	91.22	91.41	88.00	88.38
Two or More	Cohort	59	54	99	94	102	103
	Avg. Units	81.33	85.04	80.61	82.89	79.65	79.21
White	Cohort	651	634	742	683	721	685
	Avg. Units	81.78	79.83	79.05	76.73	77.81	79.45
Total*	Cohort	2,349	1,895	2,700	2,506	2,582	2,673
	Avg. Units	84.82	84.37	83.88	84.25	82.57	82.71

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