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Same Time, Different School

For some students, attending one college at a time isn't enough. According to the National Student **Clearinghouse Research** Center, 3.2% of all students attended two or more postsecondary institutions concurrently during its one-year study period.* Concurrent enrollment in this report occurs when a student's enrollment at two or more postsecondary institutions overlaps by at least 30 days. The highest rate of concurrency (7.3%) was among students who had a combination of full- and part-time statuses. The lowest rate of concurrency (0.3%) was among students who maintained full-time status in all enrollments throughout the year. Among students who were enrolled exclusively part-time throughout the vear, 2.8% had concurrent enrollments at two or more institutions.



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Concurrent Enrollment by Type of Institution

The mix of institutions attended were studied for students who had overlapping enrollments at more than one institution in 2010-2011.*

2-/4-Year Institutions

The majority of students with concurrent enrollments (55.1%) were enrolled in both a 2- and a 4-year institution at the same time. One quarter (24.4%) were enrolled concurrently at two or more 2-year institutions; 20.5% were enrolled concurrently at two or more 4-year institutions.

Public/Private Institutions⁺

Most students (75.7%) who were concurrently enrolled attended only public institutions. One-fifth (21.0%) attended a combination of public and private institutions concurrently. A very small percentage of students (3.3%) were concurrently enrolled in two or more private institutions.



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Public vs. Private Concurrency

More students at public institutions had concurrent enrollments than students at private institutions.*

Of the students who attended at least one public institution, 4.0% were concurrently enrolled at some point during the study period. Similarly, among those who attended at least one not-for-profit or for-profit private institution[†], 2.9% were concurrently enrolled at some point during the study period.



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