Student success is the journey through which our students develop, progress toward, and achieve their goals.
Lane supports student success by providing high quality and accessible learning experiences,
structures and practices to support our students in reaching their goals.

— Lane Community College definition of Student Success
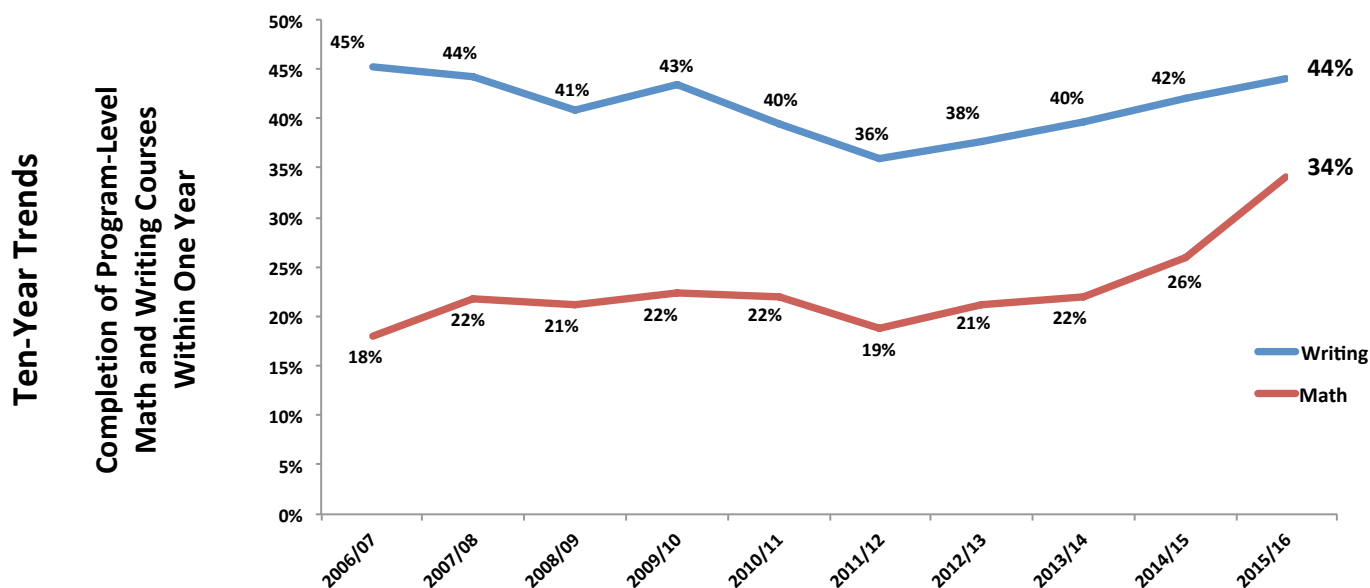
Key Progress Indicators

Achieving the Dream at Lane promotes data-based understanding of issues related to student success and coordinates and supports college-wide efforts to improve student success outcomes. More information about Achieving the Dream at Lane (*Dream*) is available at https://blogs.lanecc.edu/achievingthedream/.

One of Dream's priorities is to generate awareness and dialogue around *Key Progress Indicators*, a set of high level metrics that measure and track the college's effectiveness in helping students reach their goals. To avoid redundancy and align with other initiatives, the Dream team will approach this work deliberately, focusing on one or two KPIs at a time, involving stakeholders, and communicating broadly.

The first KPIs will measure early progress in writing and math. It is well understood that early progress in these subjects correlates strongly with overall academic success. We have often examined rates of attempting or completing various levels of writing or math among various groups of students over various periods of time, for example in TIPPS #5 and #6. But an important aspect of the work on KPIs is to choose specific versions of these metrics to promote common understanding of terms and insure meaningful comparisons over time.

Lane's first Key Progress Indicators are <u>completion of program-level math and writing courses within one year</u>.

Specifically, these two KPIs are the rates of successful completion of program-level gateway or higher math and writing courses at Lane among Fall start, first time in college, award seeking students within four consecutive terms. *Successful completion* means earning a grade of C– or P or better. *Program-level gateway* means the the lowest course in each subject that is required for the student's declared progam of study.

In the next two editions of TIPSS we will take closer individual looks at each of these Key Progress Indicators.