Developmental Math Course Offerings

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Source: Student-Ready Strategies analysis of data collected in October 2019 from the SSTF scaling sites and reflect offering in AY18-19, the first semester Strong Start to Finish reforms began.
Notes: Scaling sites include Arkansas, the California Community Colleges, select institutions from the CUNY system, University System of Georgia, Ohio, and the SUNY system.

Required enrollment in developmental courses adds substantial time to students’ degree paths, increases their financial burden, and decreases their likelihood of graduation. As reform efforts progress, it is important to understand how many developmental education courses are being offered at institutions.

Data on math courses from the Academic Year 2018-19 – the beginning of the reform effort for Scaling Sites – show that 35 institutions have eliminated all of their developmental math courses. Most notably, as the number of developmental courses offered goes up, the number of institutions in that category goes down. This Points of Interest shows that most SSTF institutions offer between one and three developmental math courses, while 35 had fully eliminated stand-alone developmental courses.

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