1. **Who is a Basic Skills Student?**

The unduplicated headcount for California Community Colleges 2006-2007 academic year was 2,621,445 students. We are the largest higher education system in the world! Like colleges all across the country, the California Community Colleges assess 70% to 85% of our students into a pre-collegiate level in one or more of the basic skills areas.

Loosely translated, this could mean, that unless those basic skills needs are completely addressed in the first year, approximately 1.82 to 2.08 million students in the California Community College System may have basic skills needs. Is it possible that in any class on campus, during daily interactions in counseling, at any given moment in the library or bookstore, that you are interacting with students that have basic skills needs? Yes! The overwhelming percentage of students requiring training in one or more basic skills dictates that 70-80% of every function on a college campus involves a student with basic skills needs. (Emphasis ours)

From the Basic Skills Handbook [http://www.cccbsi.org/basic-skills-handbook](http://www.cccbsi.org/basic-skills-handbook), Ch 1., Who are the Students with Basic Skills Needs?, pg 4-5, Janet Fulks, Bakersfield College and Marcy Alancraig, Cabrillo College