For SY 2003-04, the three most in demand disciplines as indicated by the number of enrollees are: Business Administration and related courses with 557,859 students; Education and Teacher Training with 402,781 students; and Engineering and Technology with 357,514 students; In terms of enrollments by gender, it should be noted that male and female students have the same top five preference disciplines: Business Administration and related courses, Education and Teacher Training, Engineering and Technology, Medical and Allied and Mathematics, and Computer Science; The most preferred discipline by male students is Engineering and Technology and the least preferred is Home Economics; The most preferred discipline by female students is Business Administration and its related courses while the least preferred is Trade, Craft and Industrial.
For the period 1995-2004, the average figures for participation rate, gross survival rate and graduation rate were 20.60%, 68.04% and 49.59% respectively. This means that for every 100 Filipinos of college age (16-21 years old) only 21 were actually in college of which only 14 students would reach their terminal year and only 10 would finally graduate.

The participation rate or the number of students enrolled in college, for the said period, barely improved from 19.95% in SY 1995-1996 to 21.87 in 2003-2004. Considering that the general population has increased by 20 percent for the ten year period, this indicates that many Filipinos of college age may not be enrolled in college.