

The College Mathematics Project (CMP) is a collaborative program of research and deliberation concerning mathematics achievement of first-year college students in Ontario. Its goals are:

- To analyse the mathematics achievement of first-semester college students, particularly in relation to their secondary school mathematics backgrounds;
- To deliberate with members of both college and school communities about ways to increase student success in college mathematics.

Funded by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, and led by a team of researchers from the York-Seneca Institute for Mathematics, Science and Technology Education (YSIMSTE) based at Seneca College, CMP 2010 includes all colleges and district school boards in the province.

The CMP employs the overall methodology of deliberative inquiry, in which research into the current situation is linked to deliberations among stakeholders over appropriate courses of future action. The CMP 2009 research analysed the school and college records of about 80,000 students. Of these, over 30,000 took a first-semester mathematics course and the research focused on their achievement in these courses, relating this to a variety of factors, including the choice of mathematics courses taken at secondary school.

CMP also organized nine forums in all regions of the province in Fall 2009, where members of the education community from both schools and colleges received the results of the CMP research, shared their own best practices related to student success and retention, listened to students' own perspectives on mathematics in school and college, and deliberated over initiatives to improve student success in mathematics. More forums are planned for Fall 2010.

The CMP annual report contains highlights of the research and recommendations emerging from the forum deliberations. It is available in both English and French from the CMP web site (<http://collegemathproject.senecac.on.ca>).

Further information about CMP and access to its research database can be obtained from members of the CMP Project Team (email: [cmp@senecac.on.ca](mailto:cmp@senecac.on.ca)).