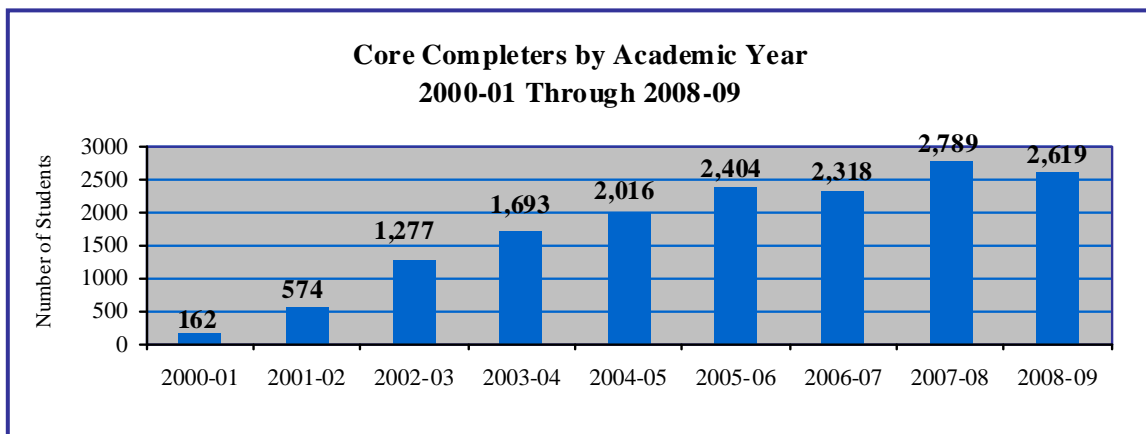


## Core Curriculum

According to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the core curriculum is “the curriculum in the liberal arts, humanities, sciences, and political, social, and cultural history that all undergraduates of an institution of higher education are required to complete before receiving an academic undergraduate degree. Core curriculum provisions apply to public colleges and universities, and to academic degree programs offered at health-related institutions.” See the THECB website for a more detailed explanation: <http://www.thecb.state.tx.us//AAR/UndergraduateEd/fos.cfm>

To complete the core curriculum of 48 hours at one Texas public college or university would be to the student’s advantage, since the core courses transfer as a block of credit to the receiving institution and the student would need only 13 additional hours to receive an Associate’s degree. See the DCCCD online catalog for core curriculum information: <https://www1.dcccd.edu/cat0910/ss/transfer/core.cfm>

The chart below illustrates the significant increase in core completers documented since 2000-01. Over 2,600 students successfully completed the required 48 hours in core courses during the 2008-09 academic year, a slight decrease (-6%) when compared to the number of core completers in 2007-08.



For a more detailed view of the core completers, see the 2008-09 report *Core Completers by Gender and Ethnicity*.