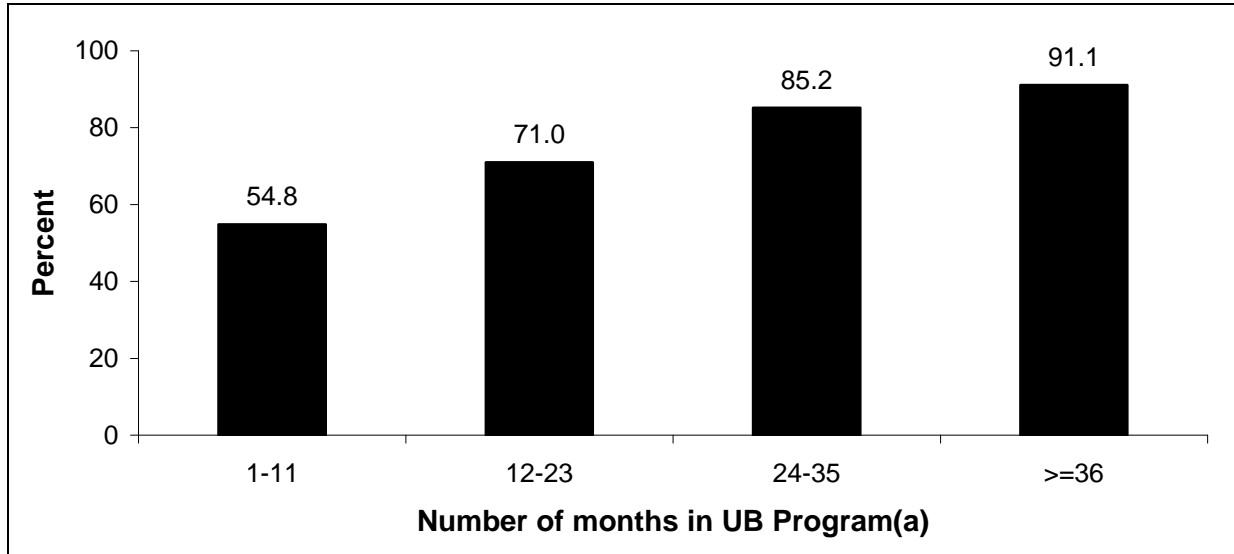


Figure 2. Postsecondary enrollment rates of UB participants expected to graduate high school during 2004–05, by length of participation



Source: U.S. Department of Education, Federal TRIO Programs, Upward Bound Annual Performance Reports (APRs) 2000–01 through 2005–06 and federal financial aid files 2000–01 through 2005–06.

Note: UB = classic Upward Bound. The analysis is based on 18,783 UB participants who were expected to graduate high school during 2004–05 for whom there was information on length of participation. Expected high school graduation year was derived from the APR variables that either by themselves or in conjunction with other variables indicate expected high school graduation date (expected high school graduation date, date of first entry into project, grade level at project entry, starting and ending grade levels, and high school graduation date). The data sources for determining postsecondary enrollment status include the APR and the federal financial aid files. A participant was considered enrolled if there was any evidence of postsecondary enrollment in any year from APR data (valid postsecondary grade level, institution code, financial aid award, postsecondary enrollment status, transcript, degree completion, academic standing, and first enrollment date) or if financial aid was received, according to federal financial aid data. UB projects do not necessarily become aware of prior-year participants' postsecondary enrollments until a year or more after the students' high school graduation; moreover, relevant postsecondary financial aid data are not available for analysis until approximately two years after high school graduation. Postsecondary enrollment rates thus tend to increase over several years. Participants reflected in the figure who were expected to graduate from high school during 2004–05 did not necessarily enroll in fall 2005; they may have enrolled earlier in the year or, given that 2005–06 APRs provided updated enrollment information, as late as fall of 2006. A total of 1,148 UB participants were excluded from the analysis due to missing information on length of participation. In addition, 809 UB participants from 88 UB projects that were first funded in 2003–04 were excluded from the analysis.

(a) The length of participation was calculated as the difference between project entry date and date of last program service. For participants with missing or out-of-range last program service dates, the end date of the reporting period for the participant's project for the last year the participant had evidence of active participation was used.