

# Key Facts and Figures

## Getting Ready for College

- 1** At **82 percent**, the overall U.S. high school graduation rate is at its highest level ever, but it varies by race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and gender.
- 2** The percentage of high school students enrolling in college within a few months of graduation has grown to **68 percent**.
- 3** Over **85 percent** of high school graduates eventually spend some time in college.
- 4** Many incoming college students, whether recent high school graduates or adults, are academically unprepared for college: **one-half** of all college students take remedial courses.
- 5** Despite increasing high school graduation and college enrollment rates, an anticipated decline in the eighteen-year-old population implies that the number of high school graduates entering college over the next decade will remain flat at about **3.3 million** annually.
- 6** The **20 percent** of American adults who have earned some college credit but no credential represent a significant component of potential adult college students.