Figure 2. Postsecondary enrollment rates of UB and UBMS participants expected to graduate high school during 2003–04, by length of participation: 2004–05


Note: UB = classic Upward Bound; UBMS = Upward Bound Math Science. Postsecondary enrollment was assumed if there was a valid postsecondary grade level, enrollment status, or institution code in the Annual Performance Report (APR), or if financial aid was received, according to federal financial aid records. UB projects do not necessarily become aware of prior 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. Projects reported expected high school graduation for the first time in 2003–04. For cases missing this information, expected high school graduation year was derived using project entry date and grade level at the time of project entry. A total of 329 UB and 40 UBMS participants were excluded from the analysis due to missing length of participation information.

(a) The distribution of months was calculated as the difference between the students’ project entry date and date of last program service. For new and continuing participants, the date of last program service was listed as the end of the reporting period. Out-of-range end dates were set to the end of the reporting period for the participant’s project for the last year the participant had evidence of active participation.