Early Connections
Bar Charts and Benchmark Item Composition - Entering Students
Description - When students describe their early college experiences, they typically reflect on occasions when they felt discouraged or thought about dropping out. Their reasons for persisting almost always include one common element: a strong, early connection to someone at the college.

[Bar chart showing comparison of ACC and CCC SENSE Benchmark Result for Early Connections across 2009 and 2012, with ACC 55.6 for 2009 and 55.5 for 2012, CCC 50.6 for 2009 and 50.5 for 2012, and SENSE Cohort 50 for both years.]