An Exploratory Analysis of Statewide Enrollment, Transfer, and Graduation

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Agenda

- Students earning associate degrees or certificates by high school graduation
- Enrollment trends
- Graduation rates of CTC students based on TSI, full-time status, and transfer
- Audience suggestions for future research

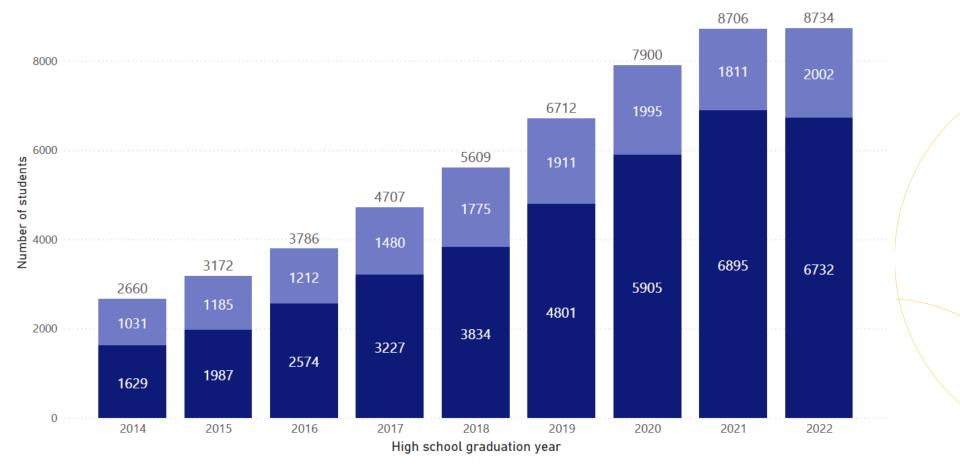


High school graduates with associate degrees or certificates

Increasing numbers of high school students are graduating with associate degrees or certificates

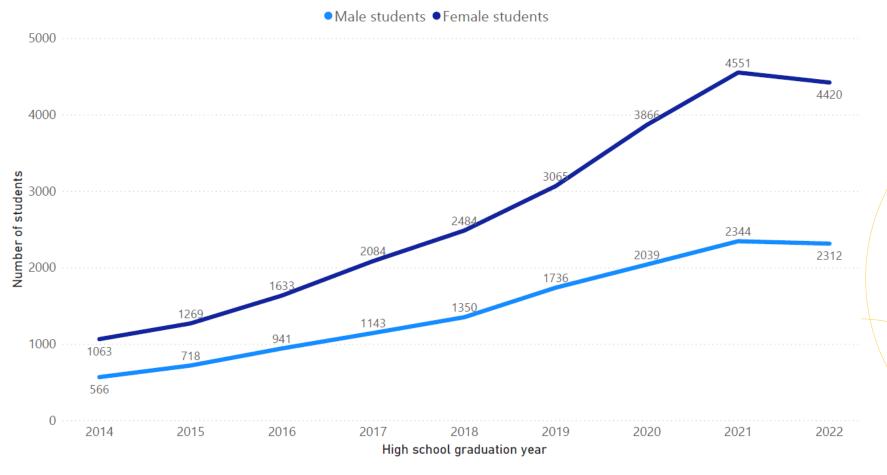
All Male and Female Students Earning Certificates or Associate Degees Prior to High School Graduation

Students earning: • Associate • Certificate



Female students were the majority of high school graduates with associate degrees.

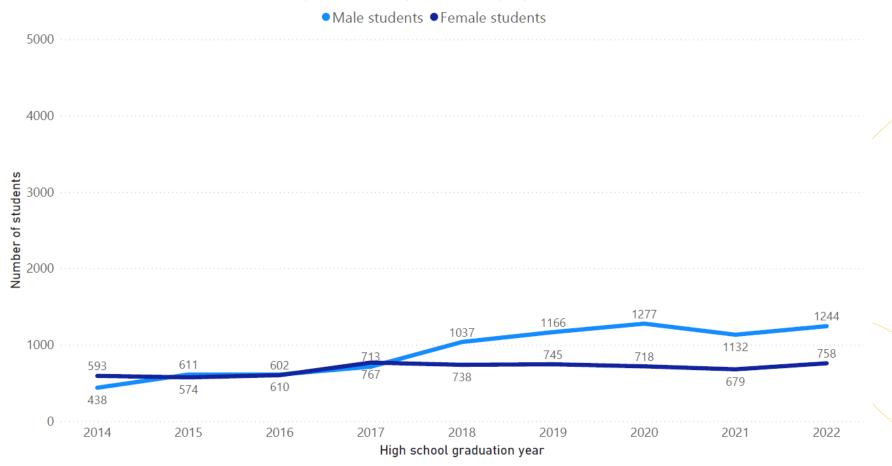
All Students by Gender Earning Associate Degrees by High School Graduation





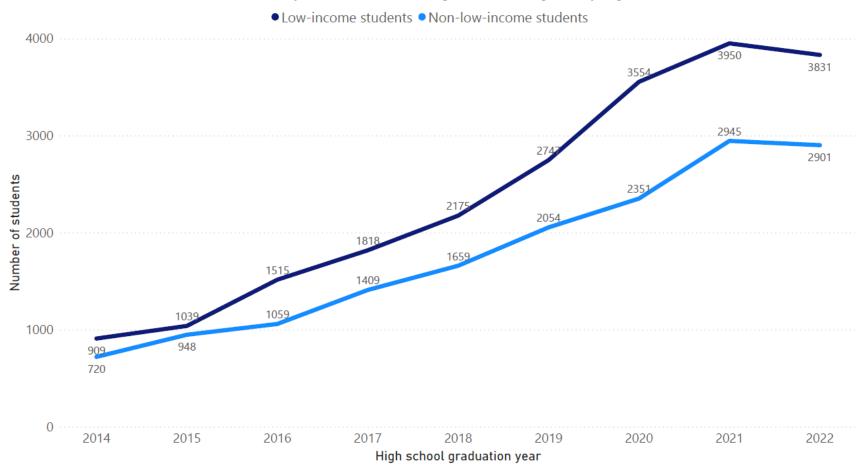
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All Students by Gender Earning Certificates by High School Graduation



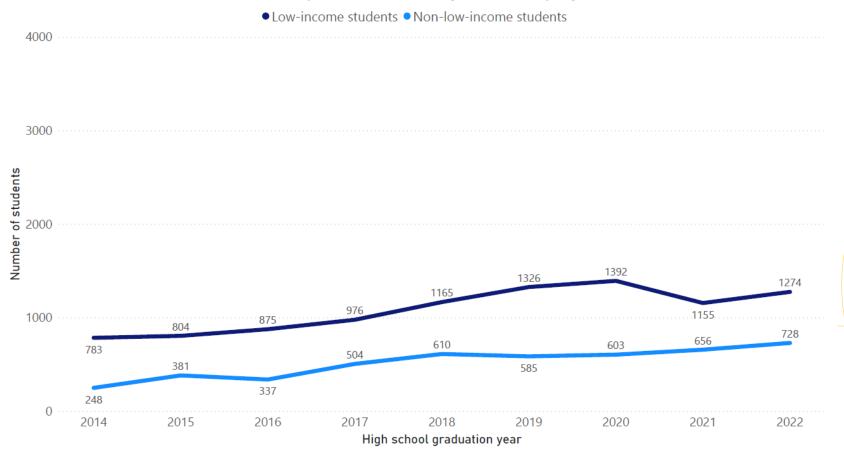
The majority of high school graduates with associate degrees were economically disadvantaged.





... As were the majority of high school graduates with certificates.

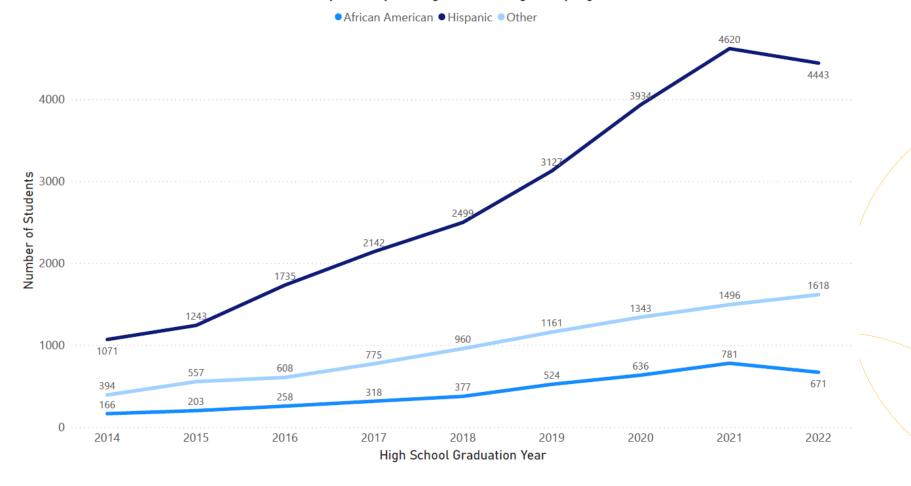
Male and Female Students by Income Level Earning Certificates by High School Graduation





Hispanic students were the majority of students earning associate degrees.

Male and Female Students by Ethnicity Earning Associate Degrees by High School Graduation

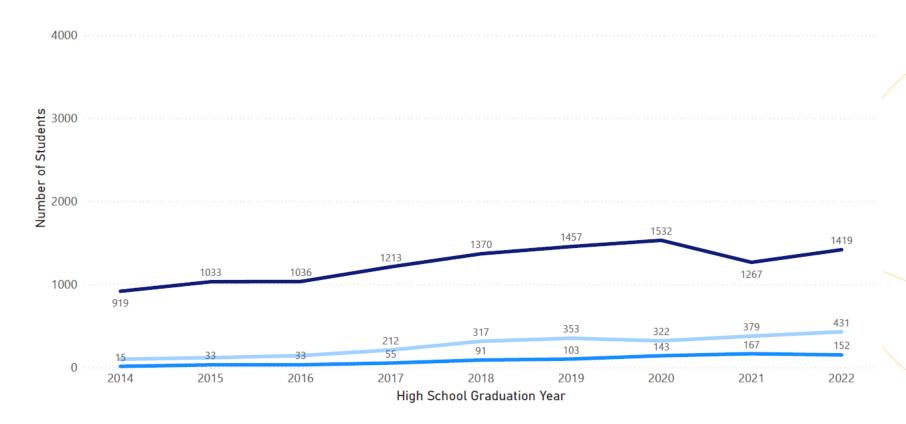




Hispanic students were also the majority of certificate earners.

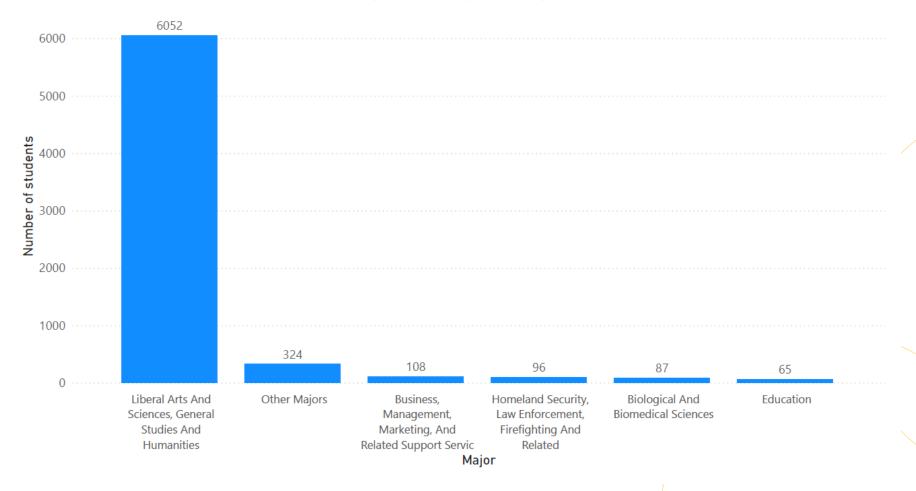
Male and Female Students by Ethnicity Earning Certificates by High School Graduation

● African American● Hispanic● Other



Liberal arts remained the dominant major of high school associate degree earners in 2022.

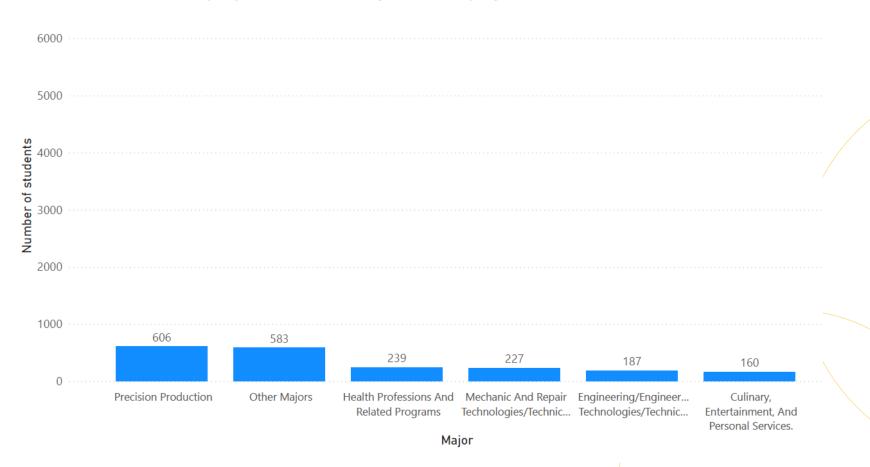
Top Majors of Students Earning Associate Degrees by High School Graduation in 2022





In 2022, the most common major of certificate earners was precision production.

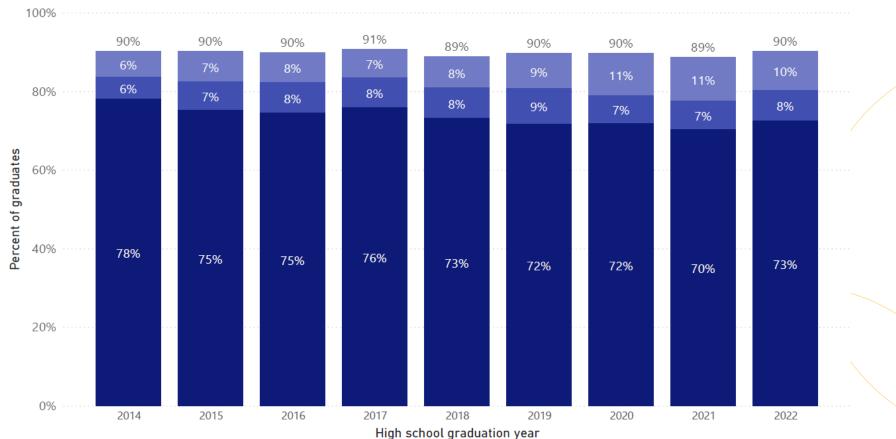
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Most associate degree earners enrolled directly in four-year institutions

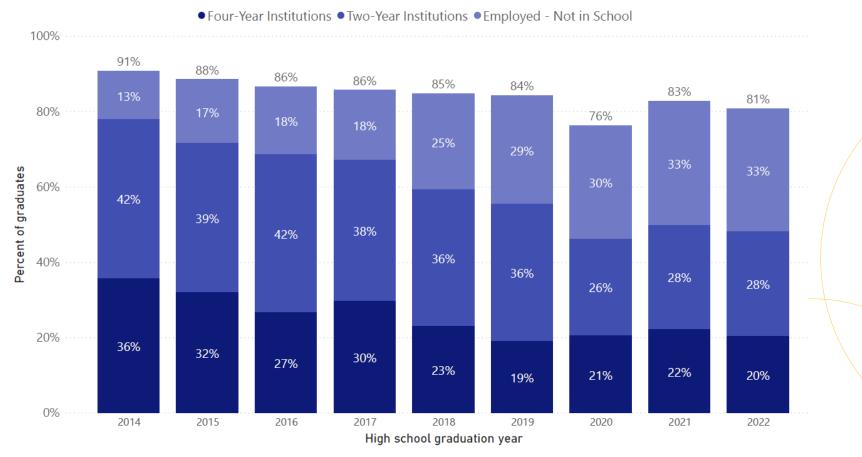
Post-High School Outcomes of Students Earning Associate Degrees by High School Graduation

● Four-Year Institutions ● Two-Year Institutions ● Employed - Not in School



Most certificate earners enrolled in two-year institutions or went into the workforce without enrolling in higher education

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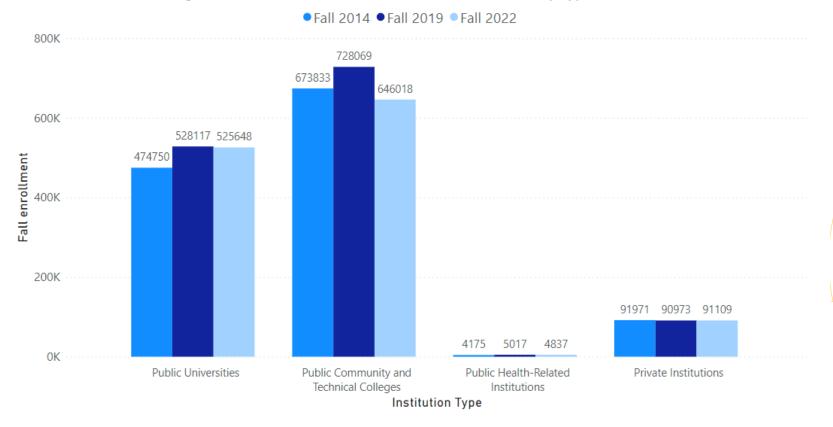


Enrollment trends



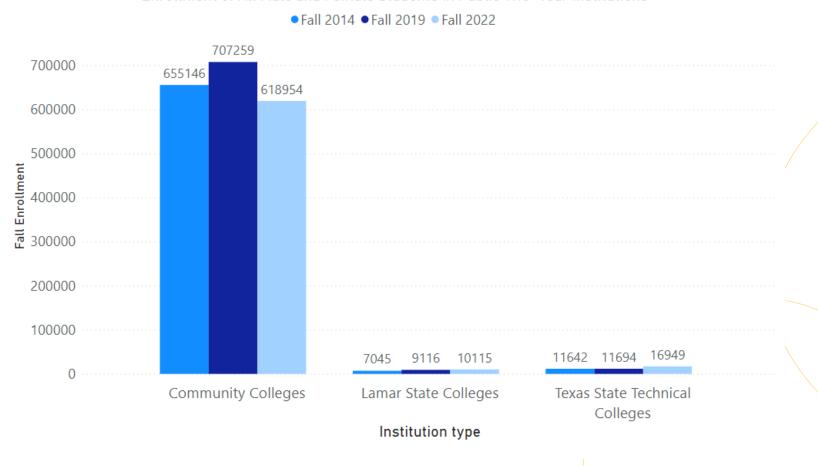
Enrollment at community colleges was the most impacted by the pandemic

Undergraduate Enrollment of All Male and Female Students by Type of Institution



Within CTCs, community college enrollment declined; technical college enrollment increased

Enrollment of All Male and Female Students in Public Two-Year Institutions

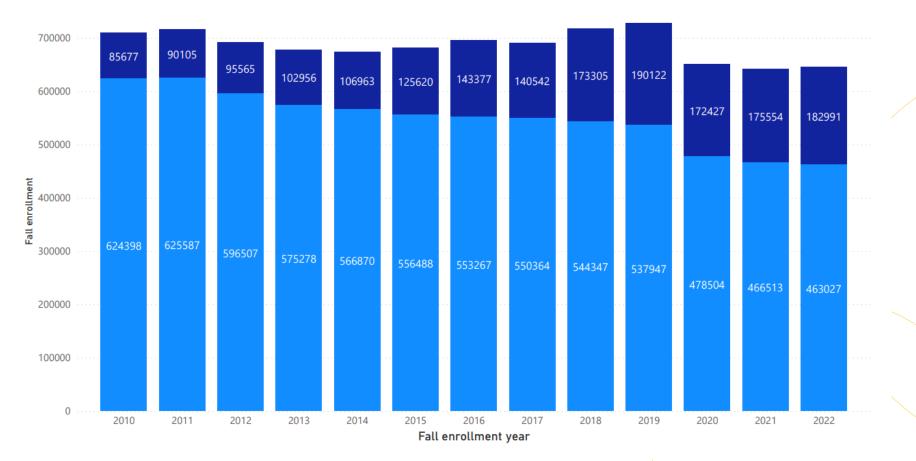




Dual credit students accounted for increases in community college enrollment through 2019

Enrollment in Public Community and Technical Colleges by Dual Credit Status

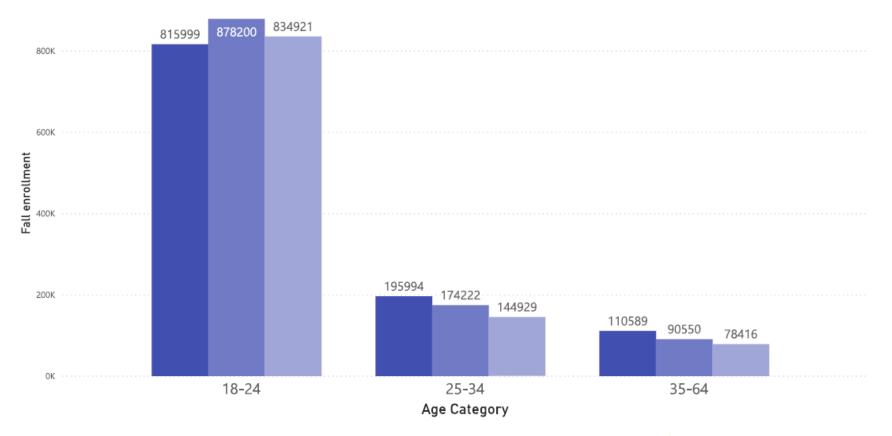
Non-dual credit students
Dual credit students



Undergraduate enrollment of older students declined even before the pandemic

Enrollment of All Male and Female Undergraduate Students in All Institutions



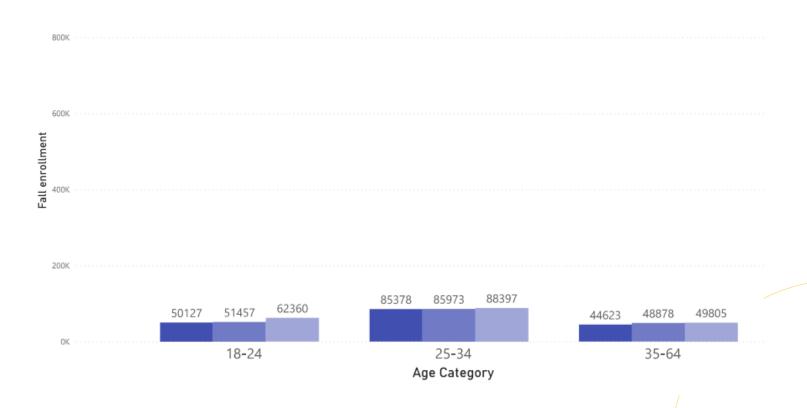




Graduate enrollment of older students has remained stable or increased

Enrollment of All Male and Female Graduate Students in All Institutions

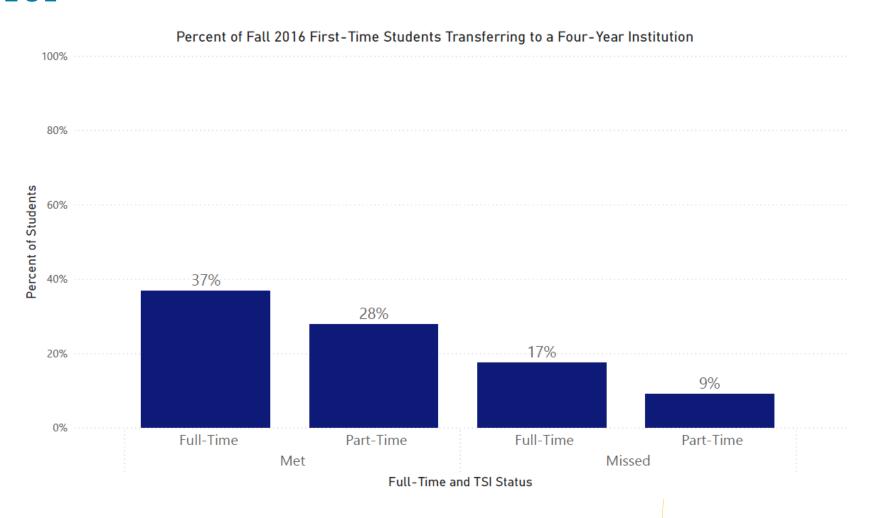
• Fall 2014 • Fall 2019 • Fall 2022





Six-year graduation rates of entering CTC students: role of academic readiness, full-time status, and transfer

Meeting TSI has made a larger difference than full-time status in the odds the student will transfer

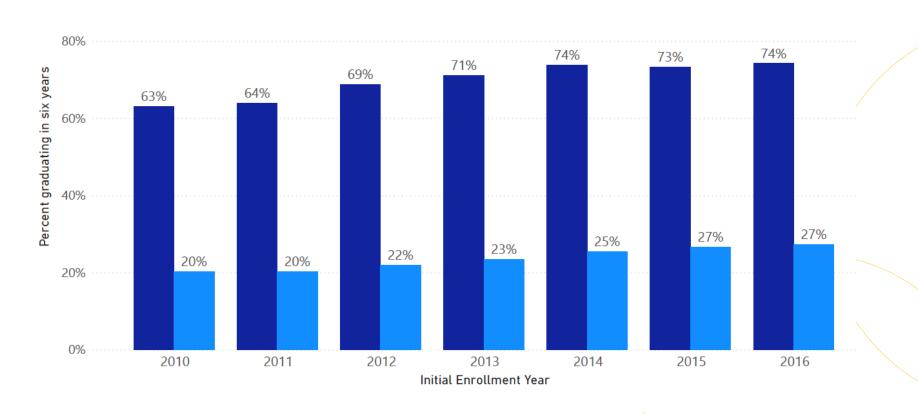




Transferring has been associated with higher odds the student will earn a degree in six years

Six-Year Graduation Rates by Transfer Status of All CTC Students with Any-TSI Status

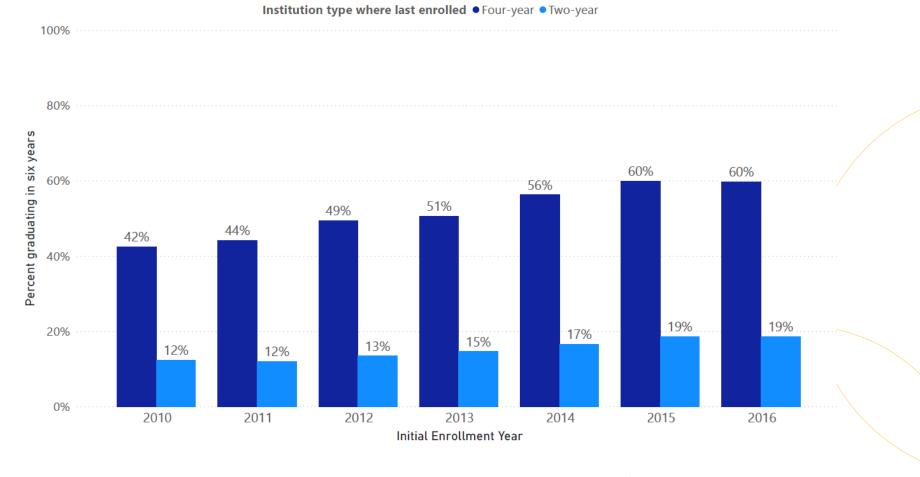






Transferring has also made a large difference in graduation rates for part-time students missing TSI

Six-Year Graduation Rates by Transfer Status of Part-Time CTC Students with Missed-TSI Status



Aggregating across transfers and non-transfers, CTC graduation rates have increased over time

Six-Year Outcomes of All First-Time CTC Students with Any-TSI Status



CTC graduation rates have been lowest for parttime students missing TSI

Six-Year Outcomes of Part-Time First-Time CTC Students with Missed-TSI Status



Future Research

CB next step topics:

For those who don't transfer or earn any degree/credential:

- How many are still in school? Out of school and in the workforce? What is the distribution of their wages?
- For different pathways that we define, what are students' odds of earning a living wage in the first few years after they leave school?

Audience: where do you want research in this area to go?



Additional slides

