Assessing Equity in Illinois Higher Education

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Introduction

- 10 years ago, Illinois set the 60 by 25 goal: 60% of adults with post-secondary degree or credential by 2025
- While we have made some progress, we have not reached everyone
- As we have analyzed our data, we see that our higher education system serves African American, Latinx, and White students, males and females, and low-income and non-low-income students, very differently
- Today we will explore:
 - Statewide and national comparisons for post-secondary attainment
 - 5 metrics for how the system serves African American and Latinx students compared to White students and for Low-Income compared to Non Low-Income students
 - Share of Enrollment
 - Placement in Developmental Education
 - Retention and Advancement of Freshmen and Transfer Students
 - College Completion Rates

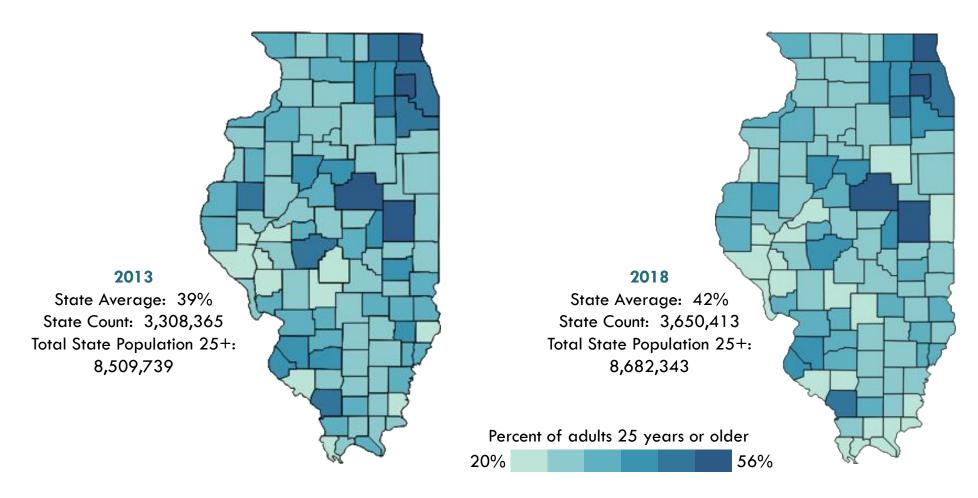


Introduction, continued

- So we have a two-part imperative:
 - Increase post-secondary attainment to meet Illinois' workforce and economic needs; and
 - Close equity gaps so that individuals, families, and communities that have been left out can thrive
- We hope you will help us achieve these goals



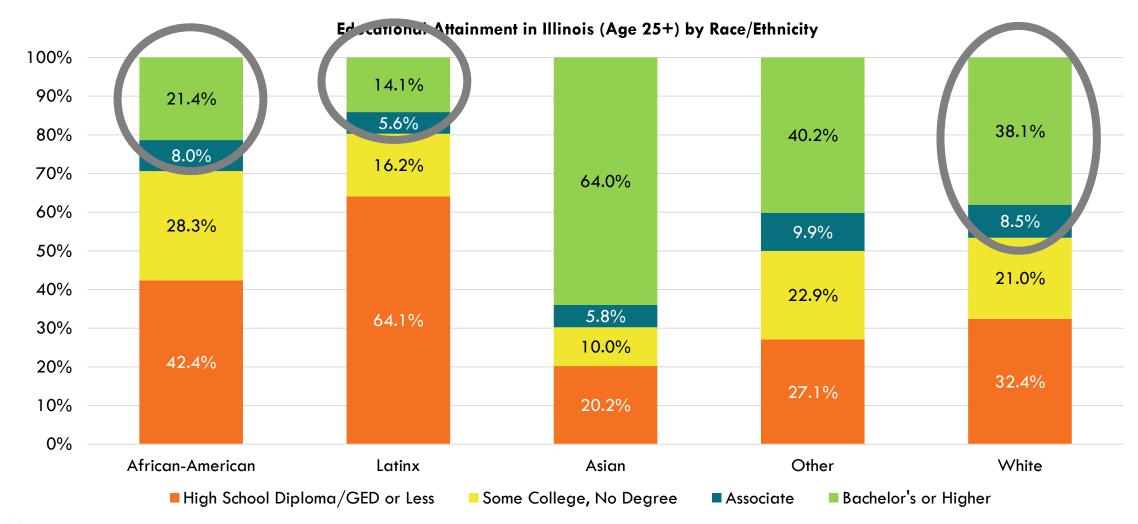
Post-secondary attainment varies across the state, with improvement overall, but few counties on track for 60% by 2025







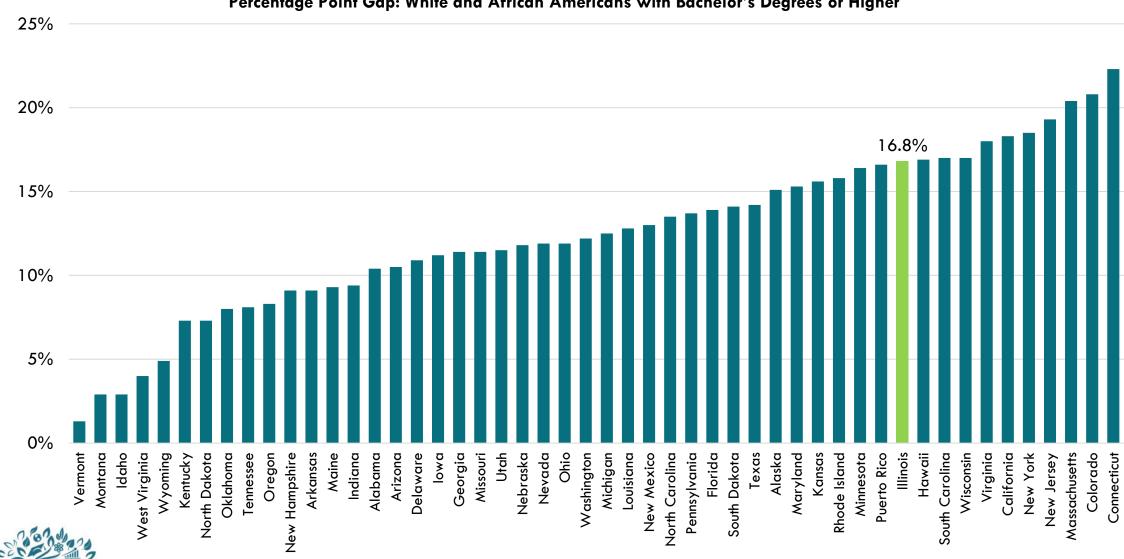
Large attainment gaps between White and African American, Latinx adults



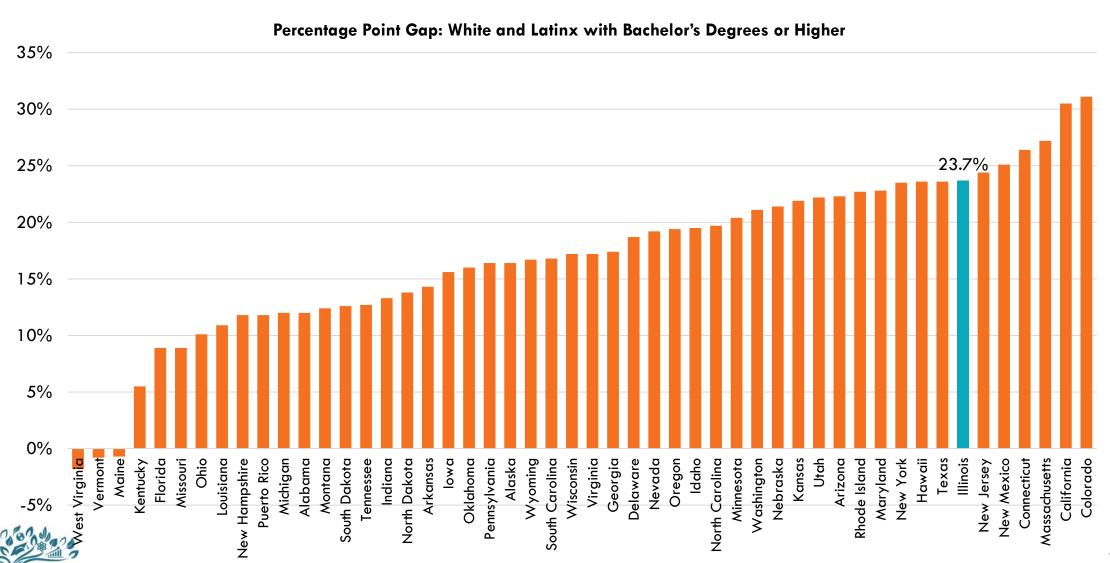


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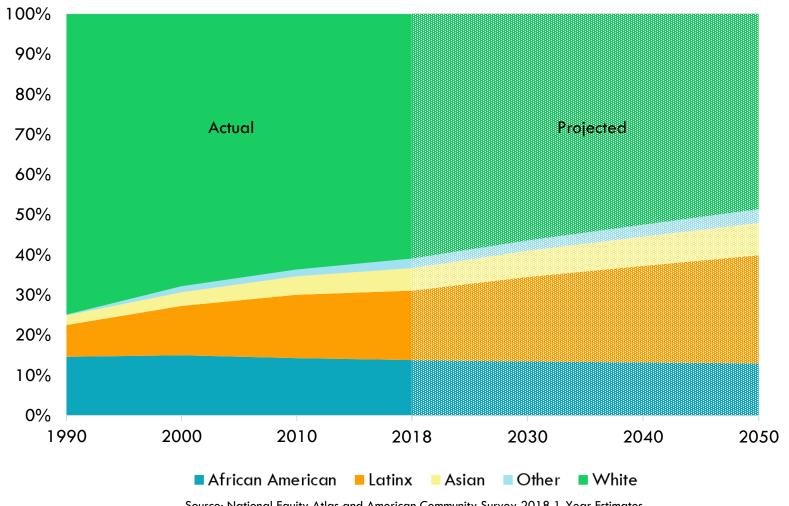


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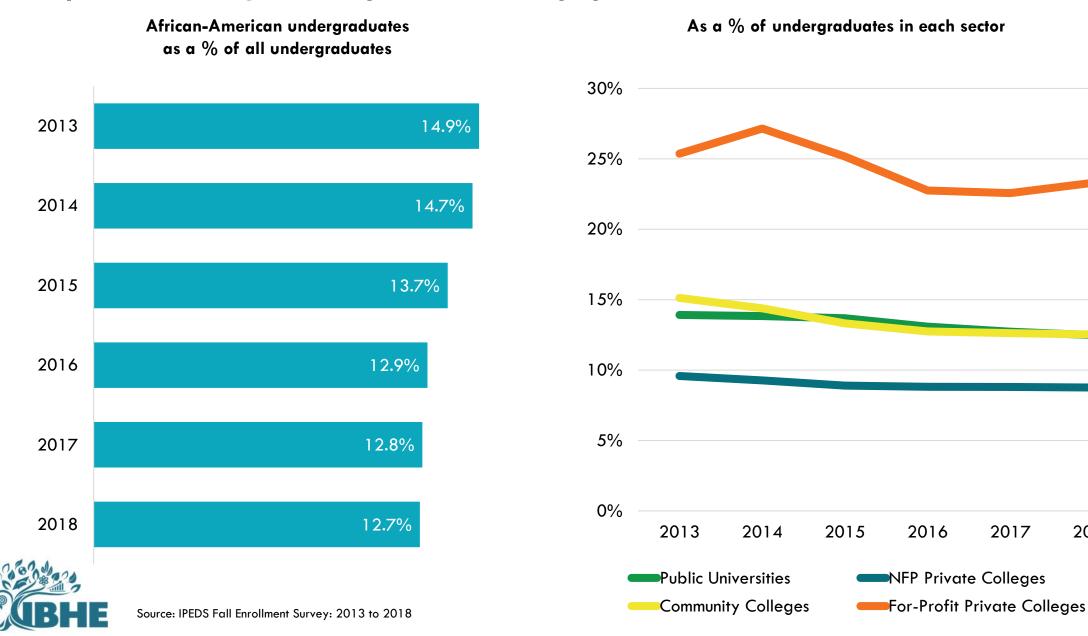
Illinois has become more diverse and will be even more so in the future







African-Americans make up a declining share of undergraduate enrollment, despite remaining a steady share of the population



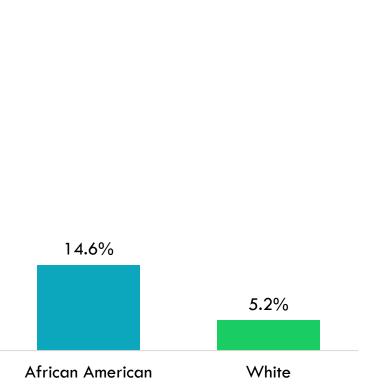
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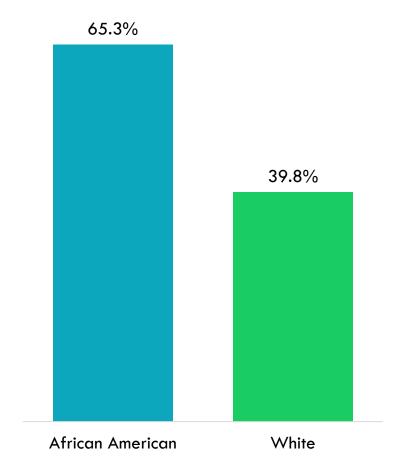
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African-American first-year students placed in developmental education at higher rates

% Placed in Developmental Ed: All Public Universities

% Placed in Developmental Ed: Community Colleges



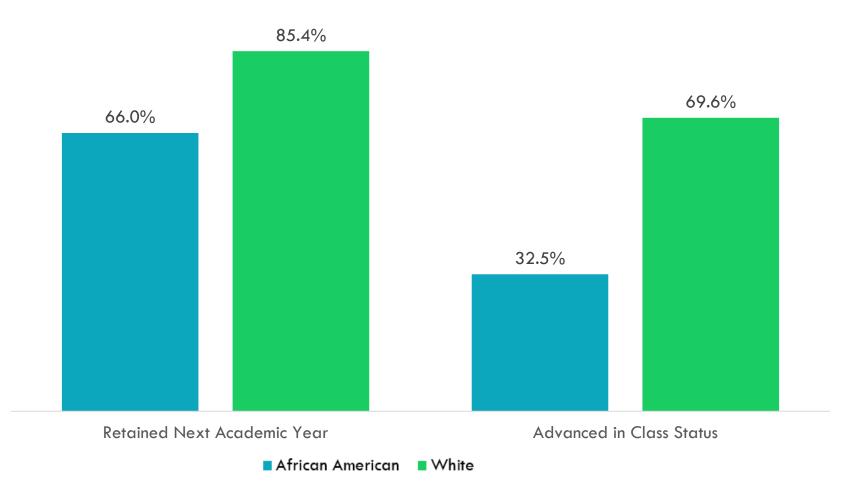


Source: ICCB Centralized Data System, Fall Semester 2016 -2017



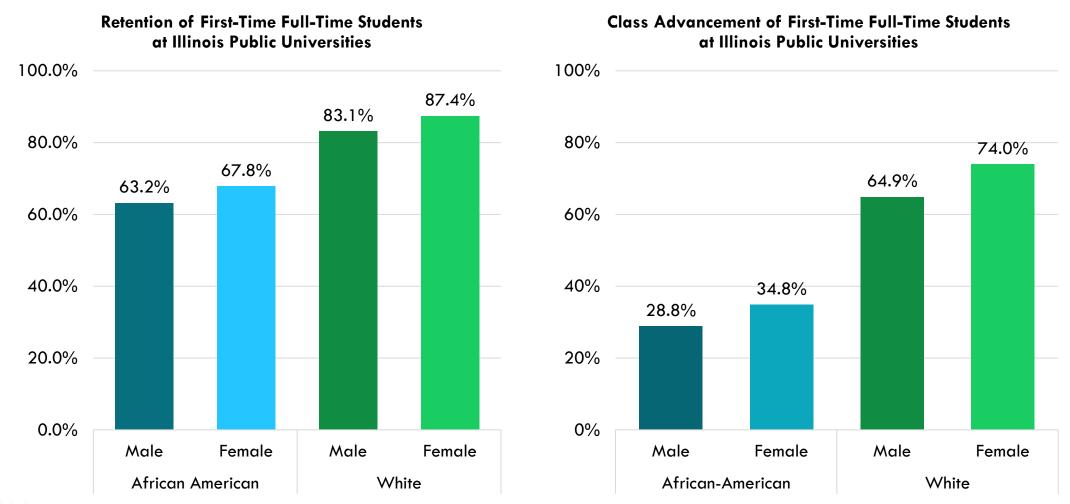
Public Universities retain and advance significantly smaller proportions of African American freshmen

New First-Time Full-Time Students Fall AY 2018-19





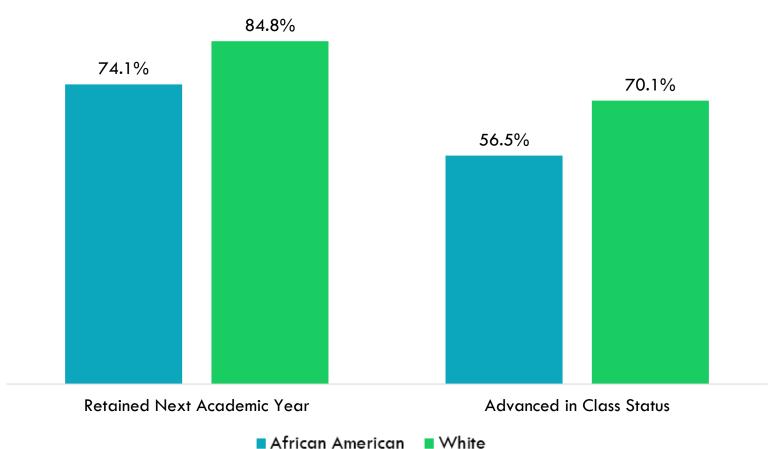
Public universities more likely to retain and advance freshmen females than males, but show gaps between African Americans and Whites of both genders





But African American transfer students more likely to be retained and advanced than freshmen. Gap with Whites smaller

New Full-Time Transfer Students Fall AY 2018-19 at Illinois Public Universities





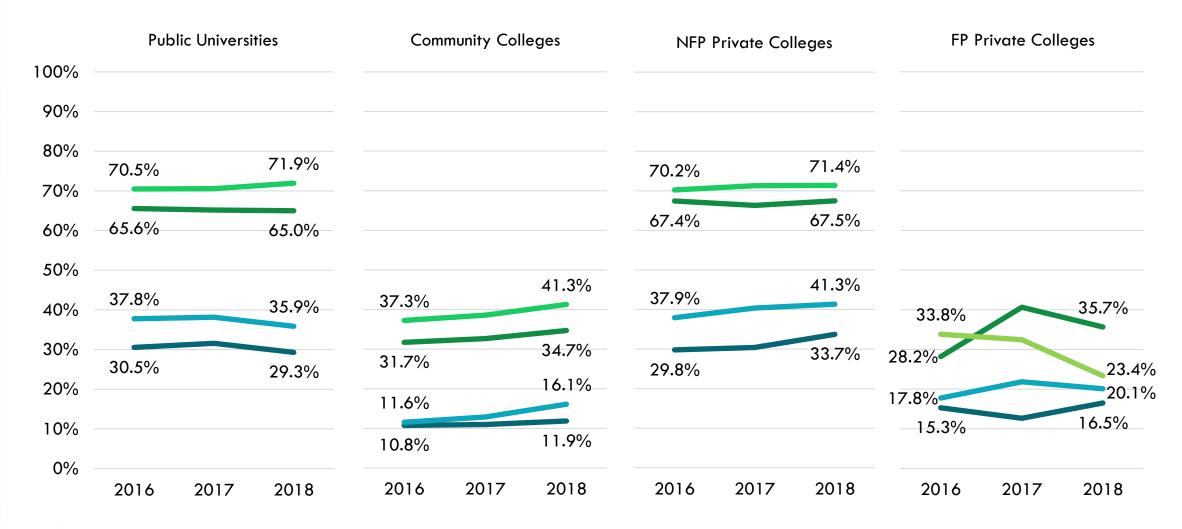
But gaps in college completion rates are dramatic and persistent

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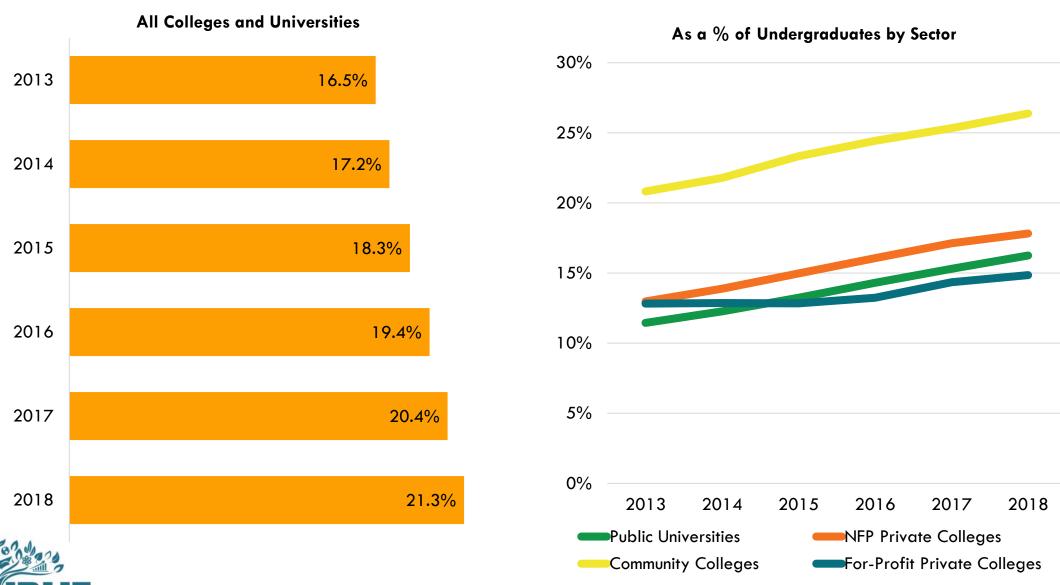


Female completion rates higher than male, but less so at community colleges. Race still matters





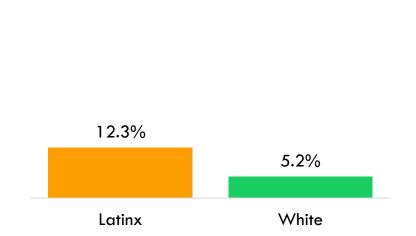
Latinx students increasing as share of undergraduate enrollment

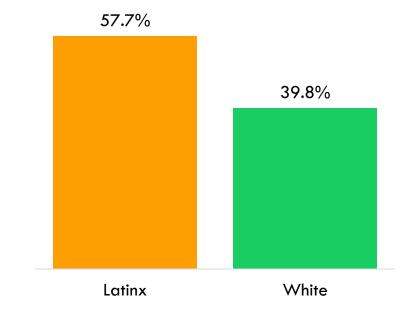


But, Latinx first-year students placed in developmental education at higher rates

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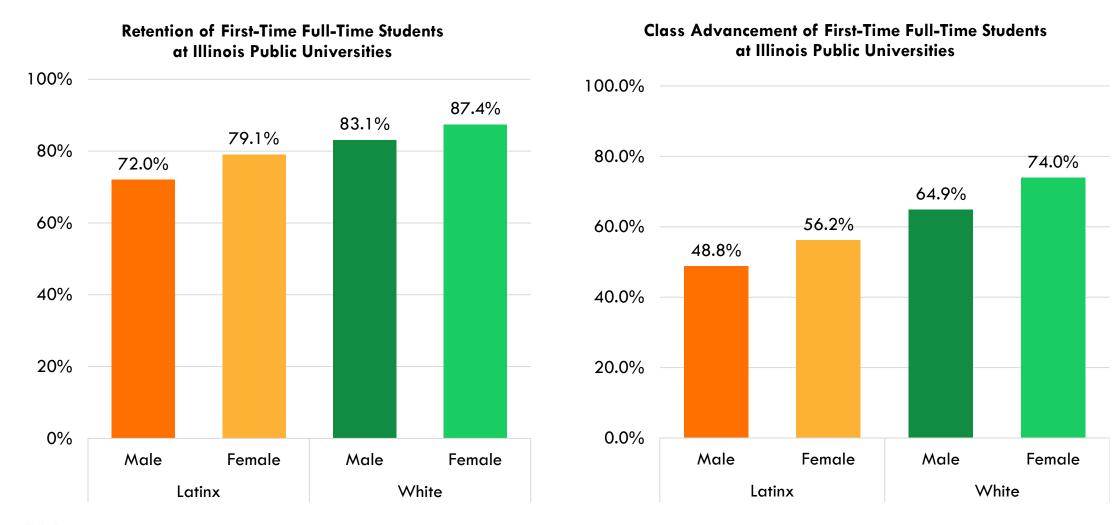
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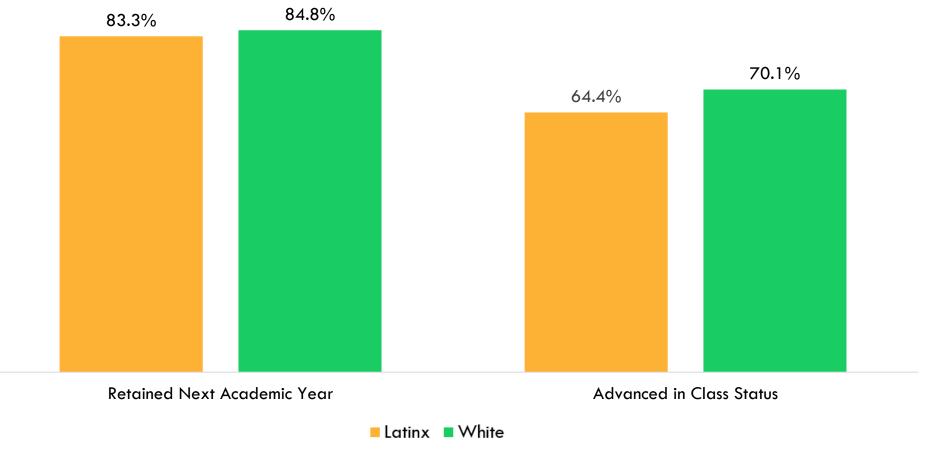
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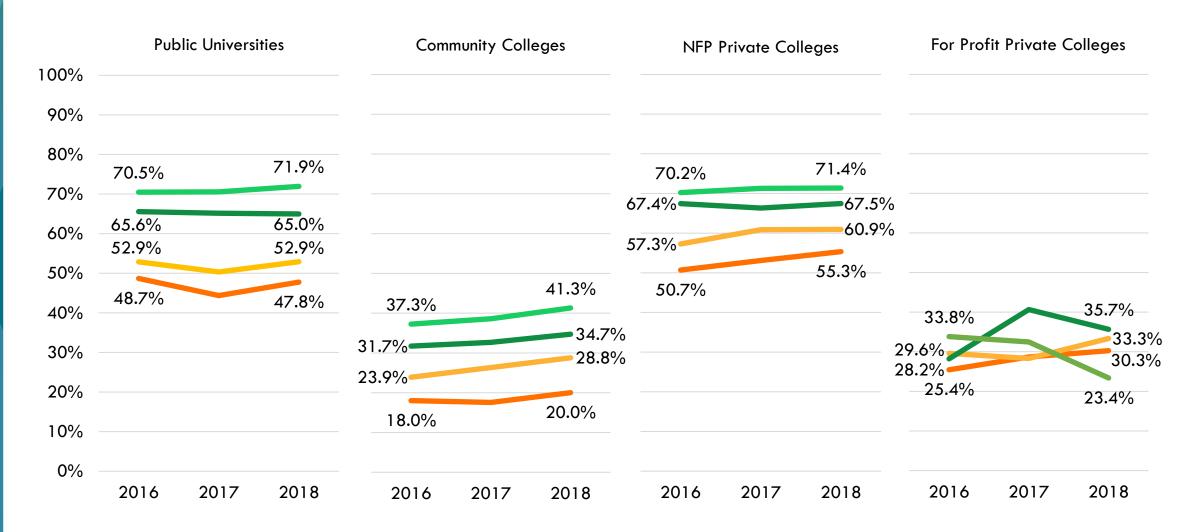
Latinx transfer student retention and advancement <u>higher</u> than for White students at public universities

New Full-Time Transfer Students Fall AY 2018-19 at Illinois Public Universities





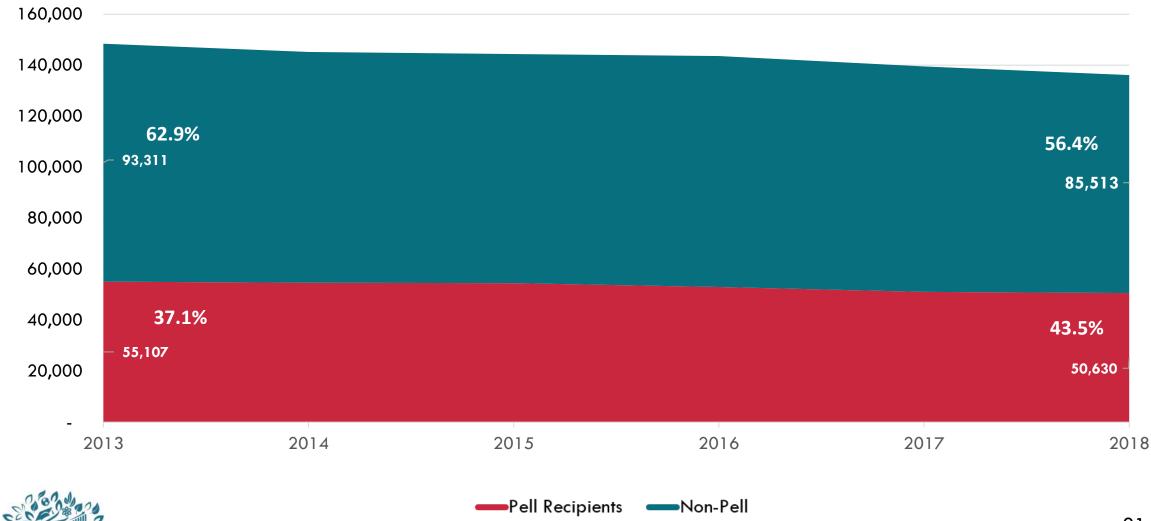
Yet, gender-based completion gaps persist...





Even with public university enrollment declining, proportion of low-income students increasing

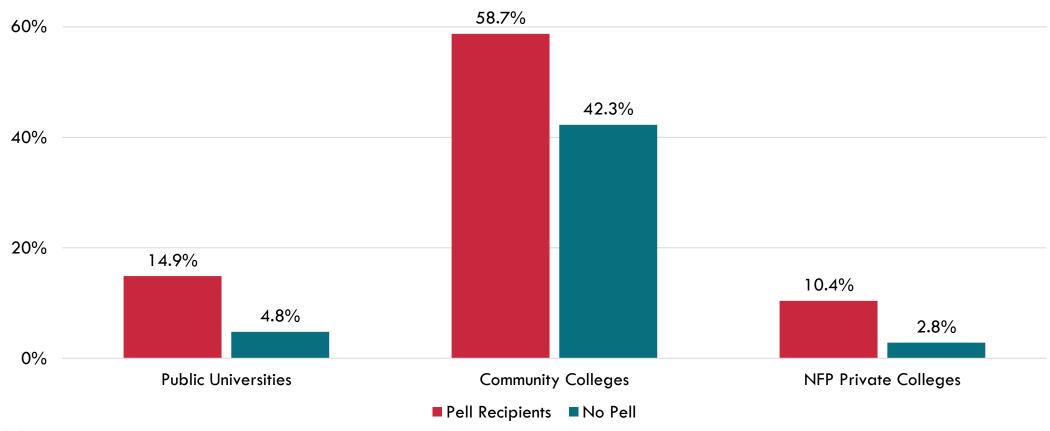
Illinois Public University Low-Income Enrollment Trends





Low-Income students are significantly more likely to be placed in development education.

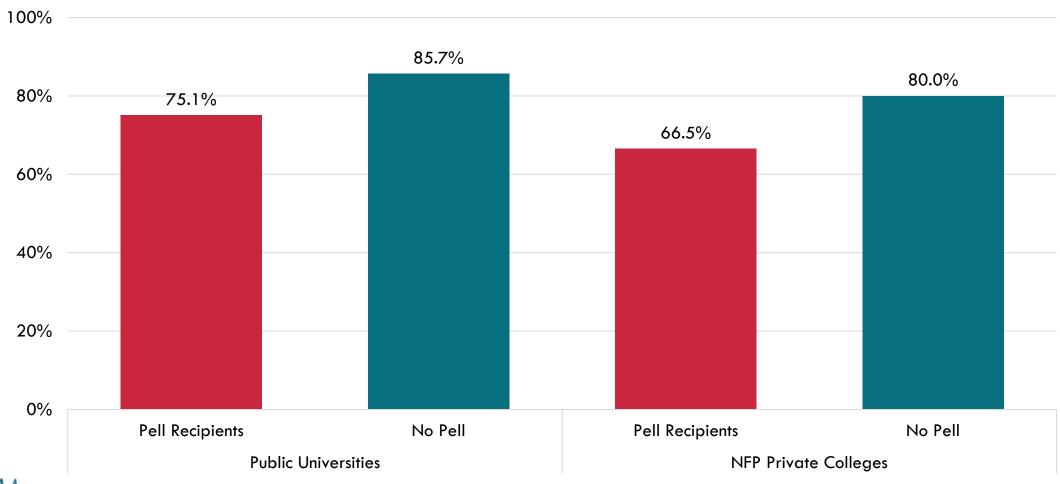
Developmental Education Placement Rates by Pell Status





Low-Income freshman are retained at a lower rates ...

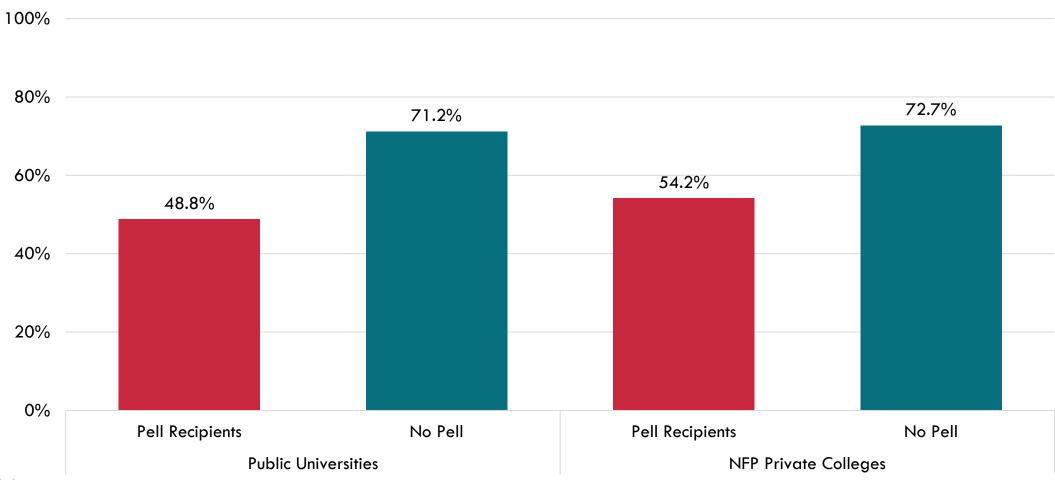
Retention Rates of First-Time Full-Time Students by Pell Status





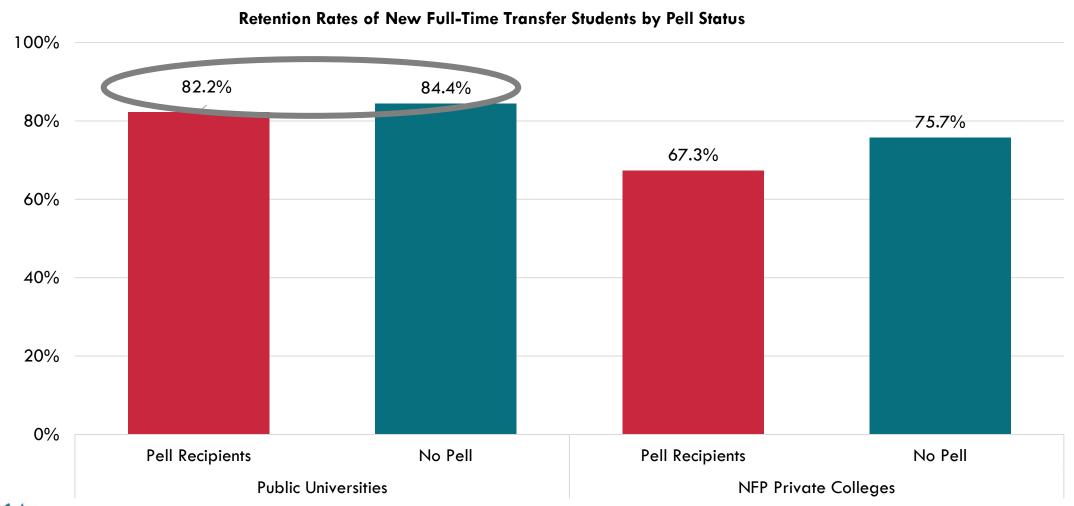
...and are advanced in class status at lower rates than non-low-income students

Advancement Rates of First-Time Full-Time Students



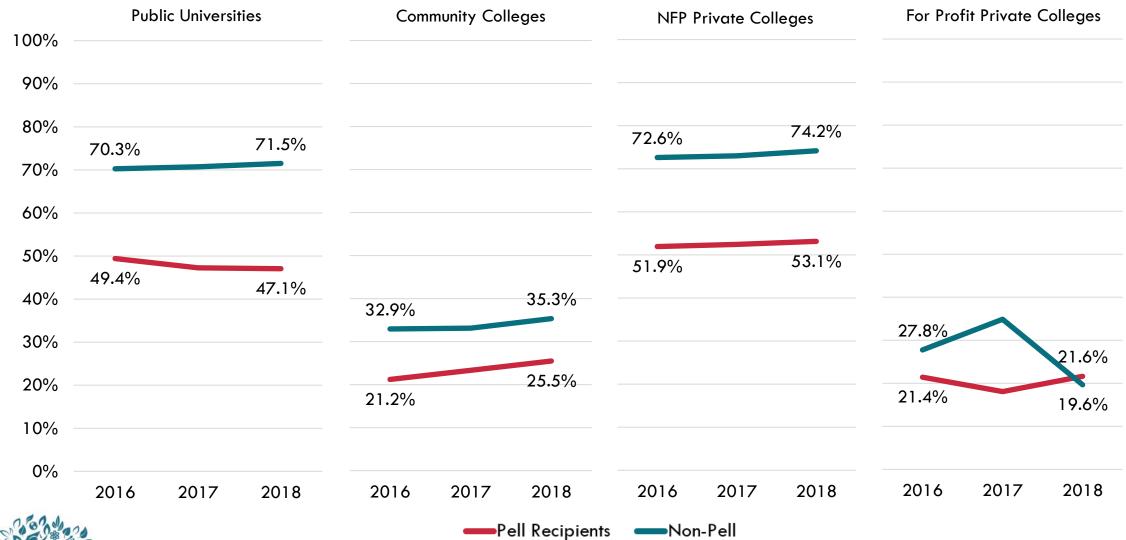


Retention of low-income transfer students gap at public universities small





Completion gaps between low-income and non-low-income students persist over time





Conclusion

- Data show clear and persistent educational equity gaps between African American and Latinx students and their White peers
- Data also show similar educational equity gaps between low-income and non low-income students
- If Illinois is going to meet its workforce and economic needs and ensure communities across the state thrive, we must work together with relentless focus on closing equity gaps

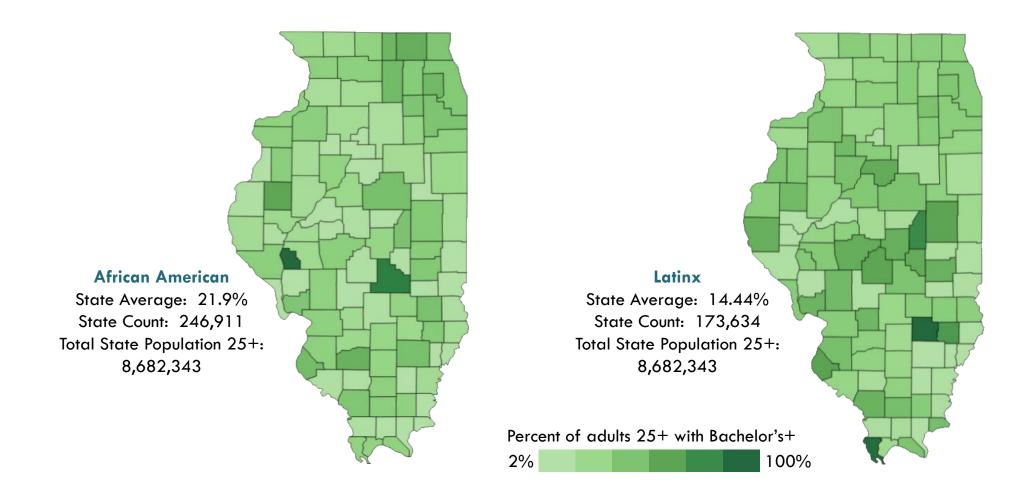




How are we doing? A look at African-American students



And Bachelor's-level attainment varies across the state for all races/ethnicities



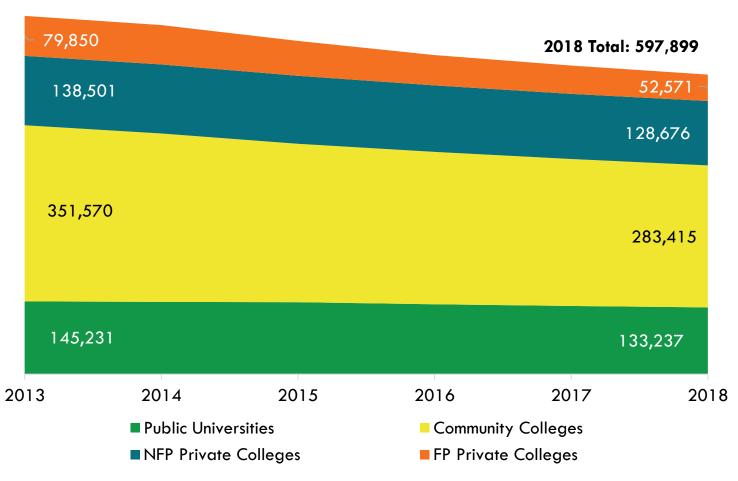


Interactive maps available at https://www.ibhe.org/equity.html

Overall undergraduate enrollment dropped 16% since 2013

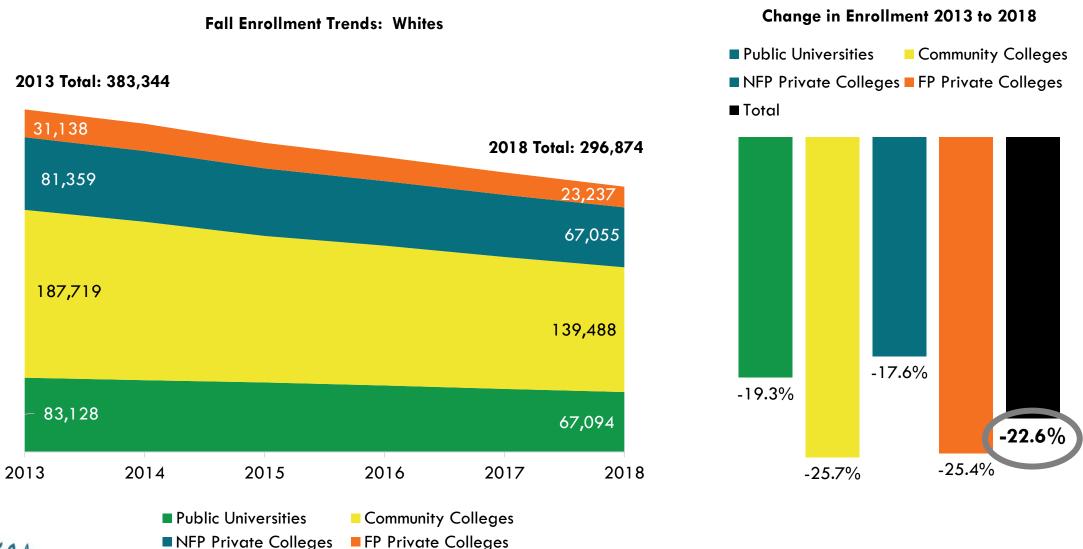
Fall Enrollment Trends: All Students

2013 Total: 715,152



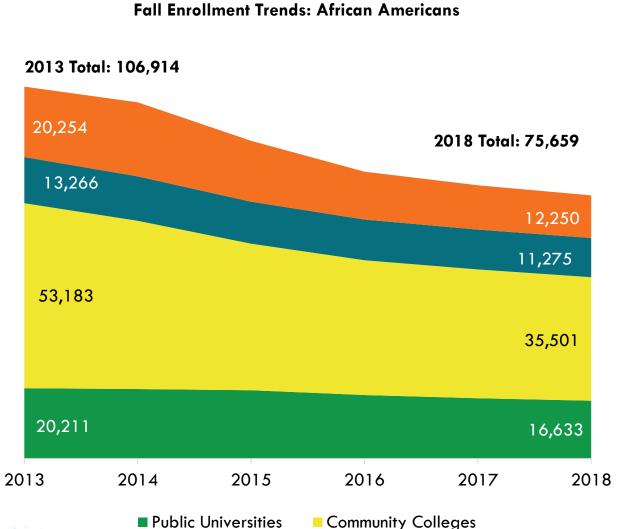


Enrollment for White students decreased 23% overall

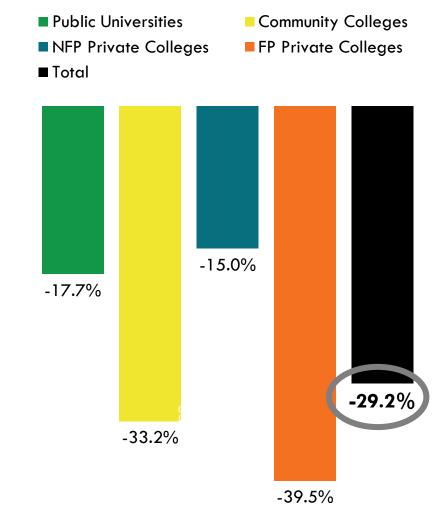




Enrollment for African-Americans declined disproportionately overall...



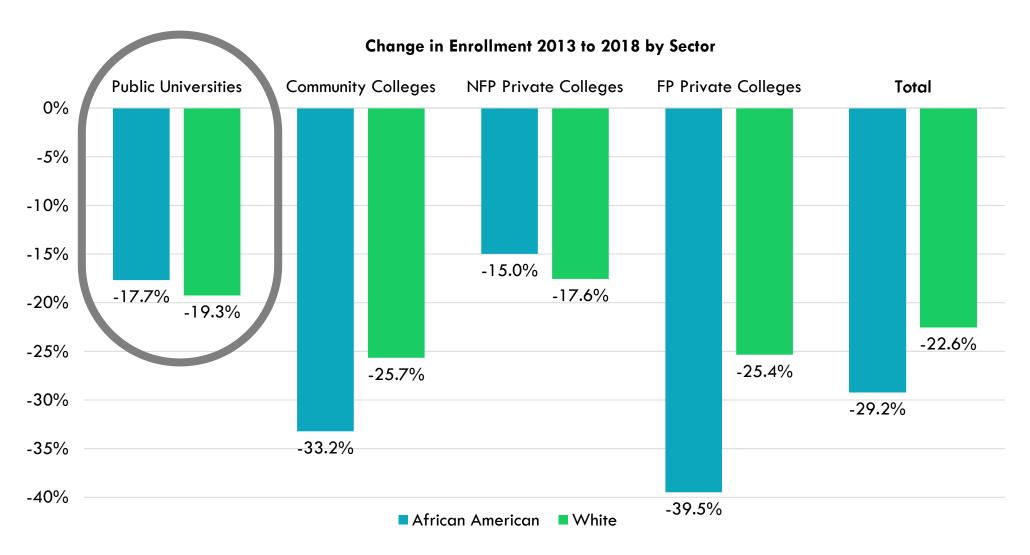
Change in Enrollment 2013 to 2018





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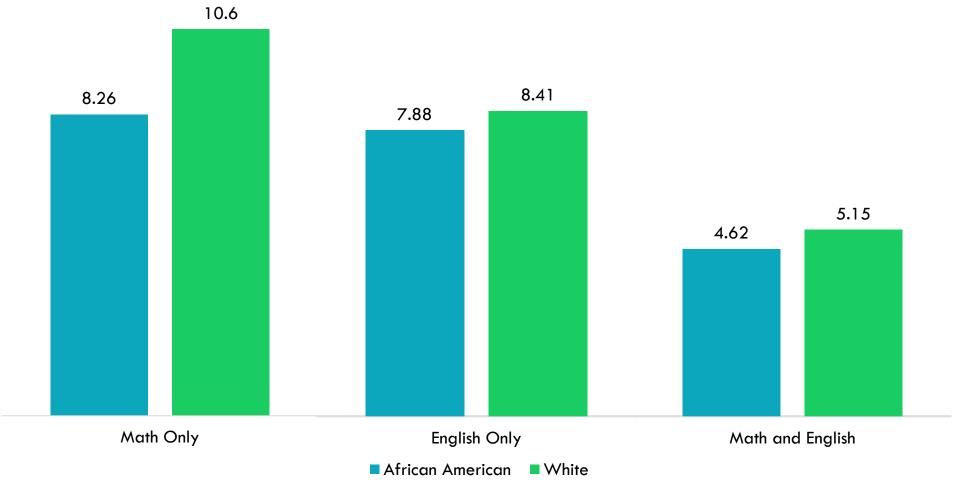
...but less than for Whites in public and NFP private universities





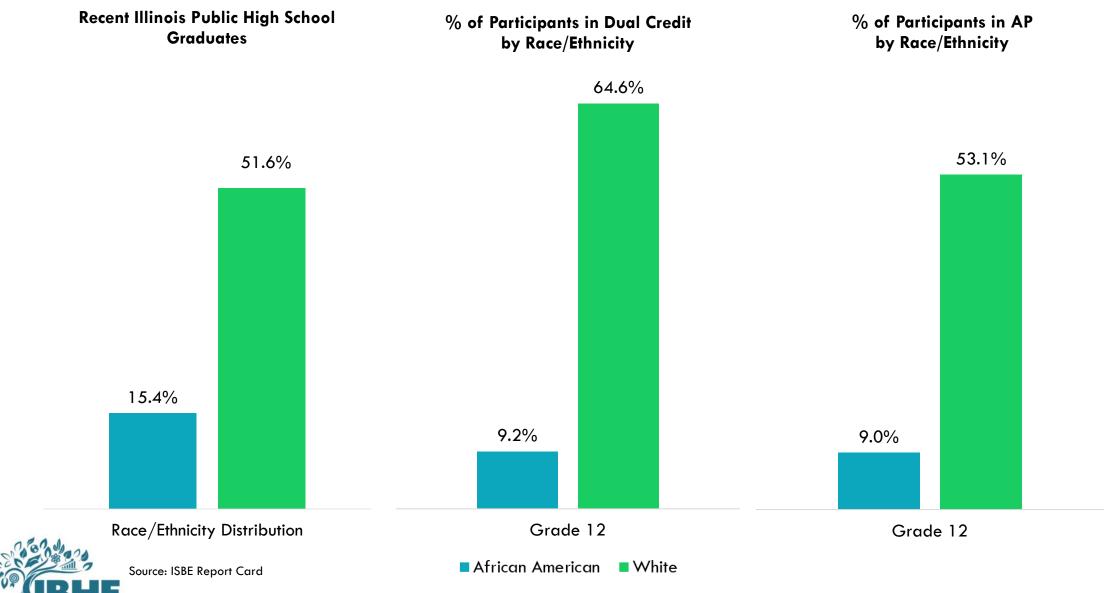
And when placed in developmental ed, African-Americans accumulate fewer credit hours



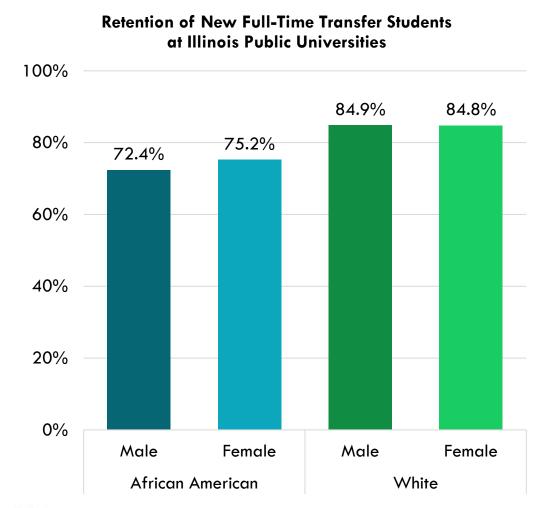




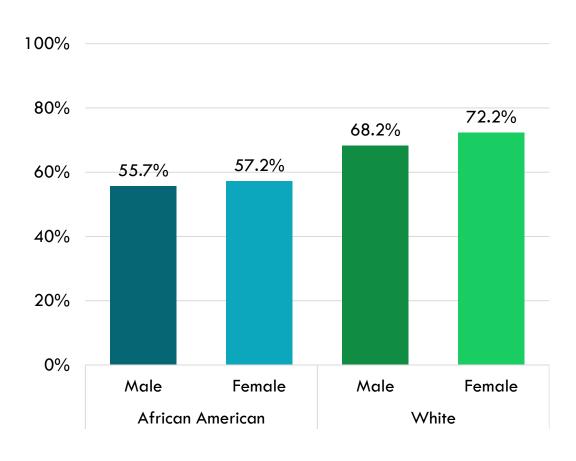
African-Americans have less access to AP and Dual Credit while in high school



Similarly, gaps by race remain, but public universities do better in retaining and advancing transfer students, except White females. Gender gaps smaller.

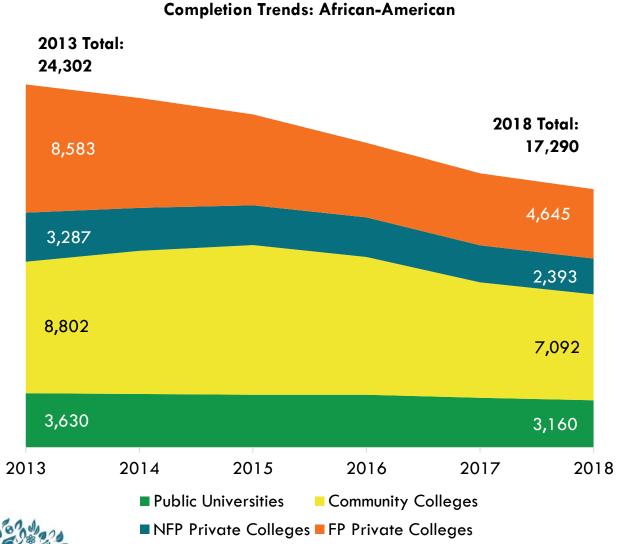


Class Advancement of New Transfer Students at Illinois Public Universities

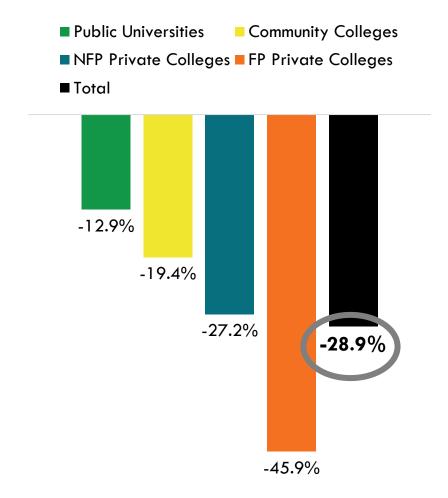




Not surprisingly, completions for African American students dropped...

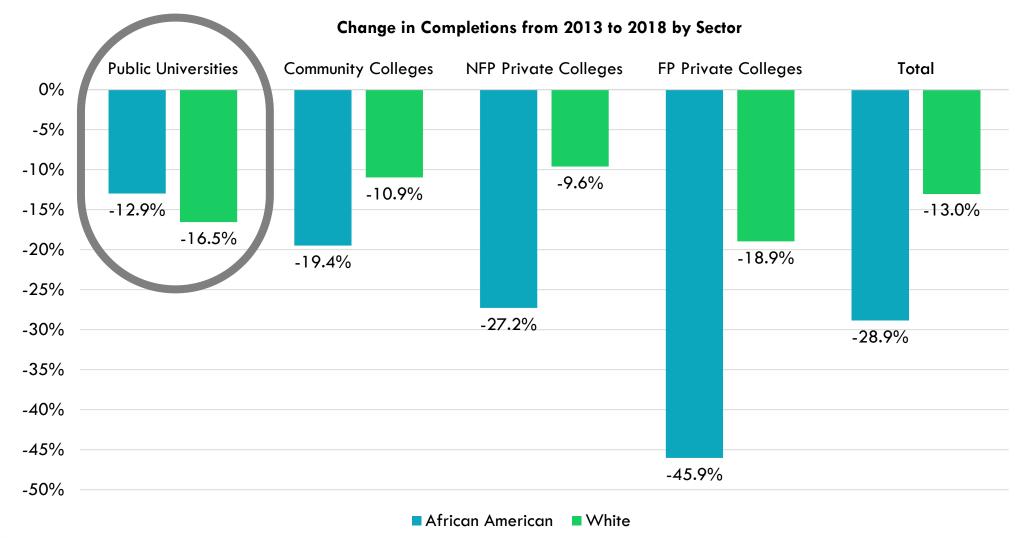


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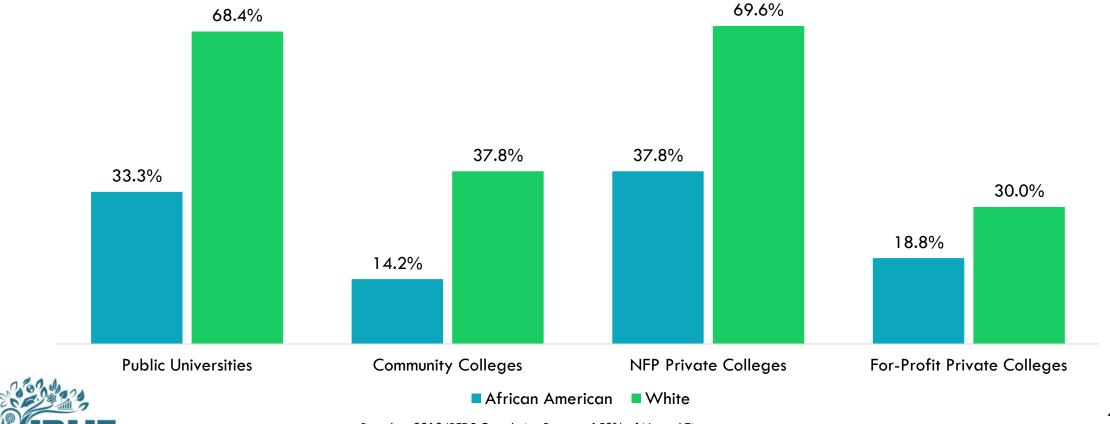


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Gaps persist across undergraduate completion rates



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Even with the same educational level, earnings are lower for African Americans than Whites, and the gap grows



Difference in Annualized Illinois Earnings between African American and White Bachelor's Completers

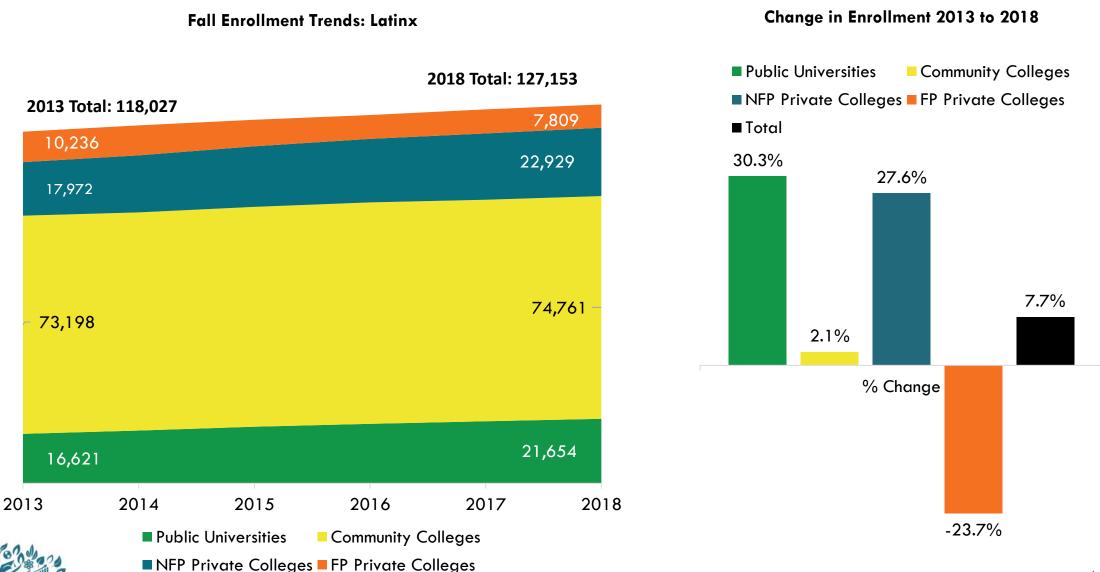




How are we doing? A look at Latinx students



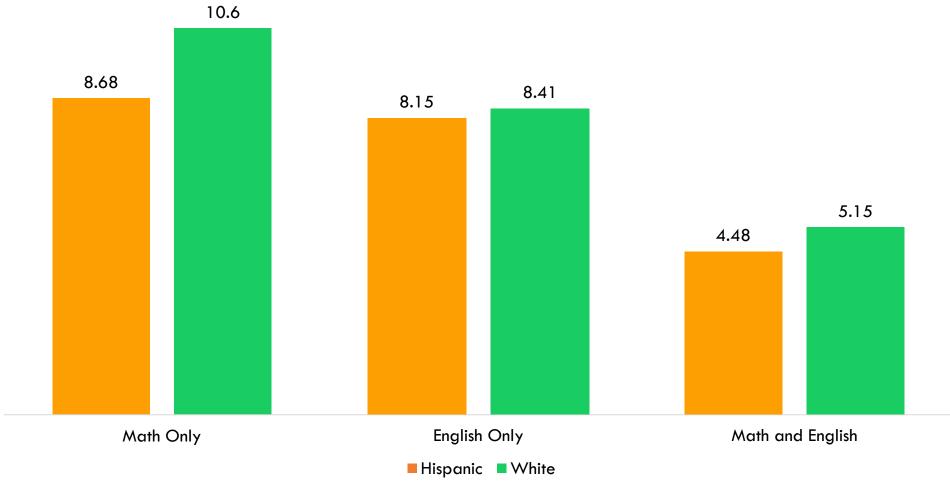
While enrollment overall decreased, enrollment for Latinx students increased...





And when placed developmental ed, Latinx accumulate fewer credit hours than White peers

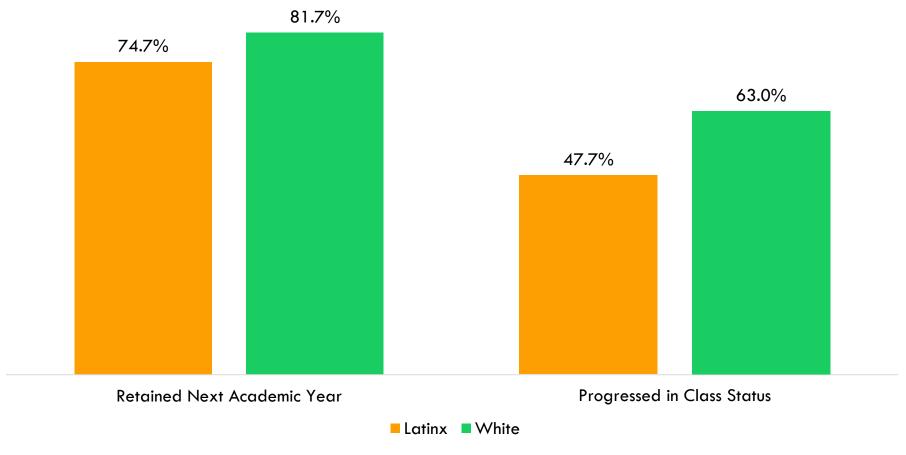






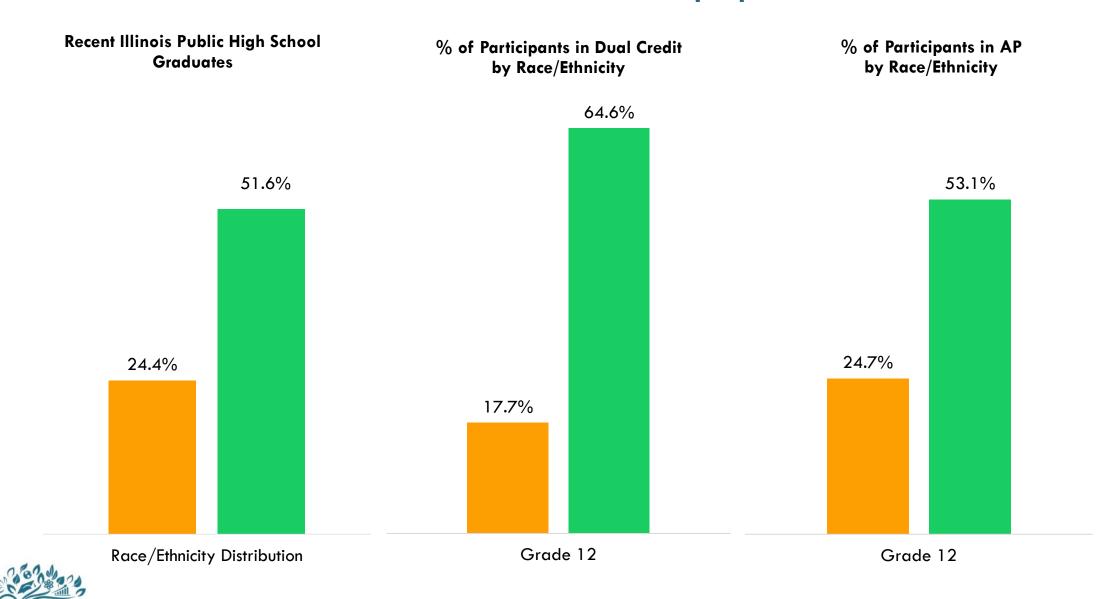
Public Universities do a good job with freshmen Latinx retention, but progress smaller proportion

New First-Time Public University Students Fall AY 2017-18





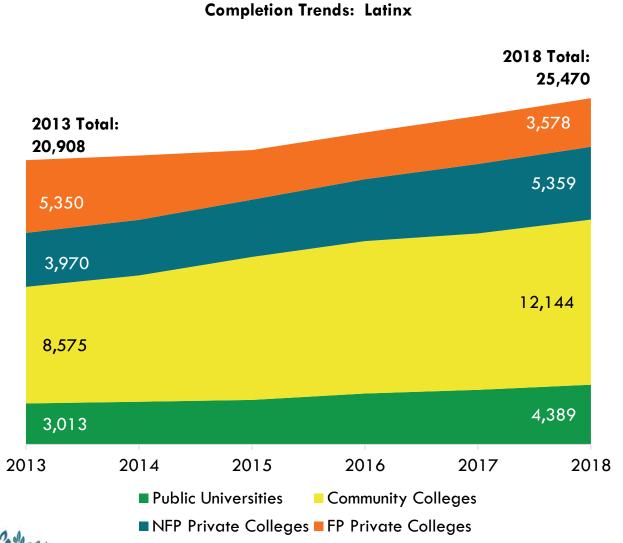
Latinx students have less access to dual credit but proportionate access to AP

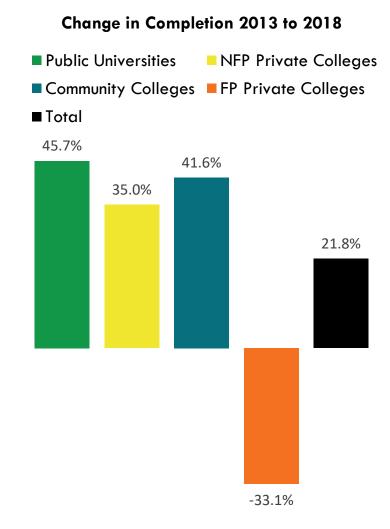


■ Latinx ■ White

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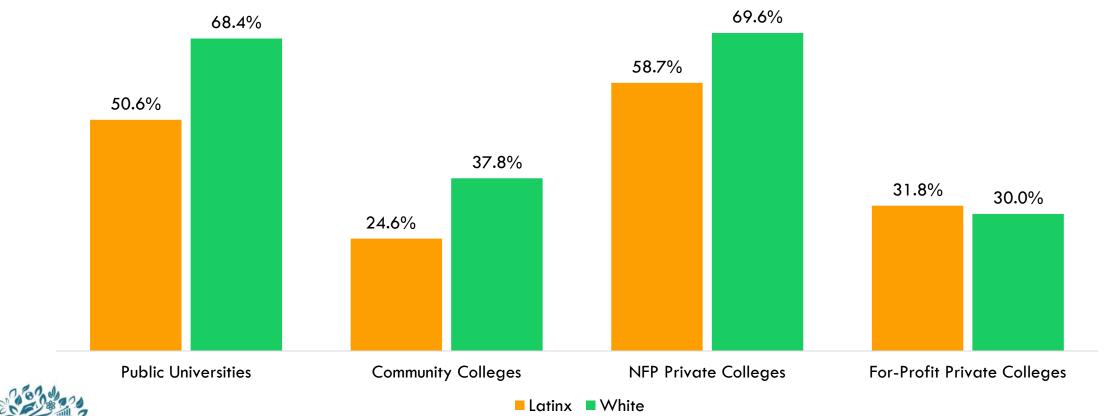
All this leads to increasing number of Latinx students completing degrees



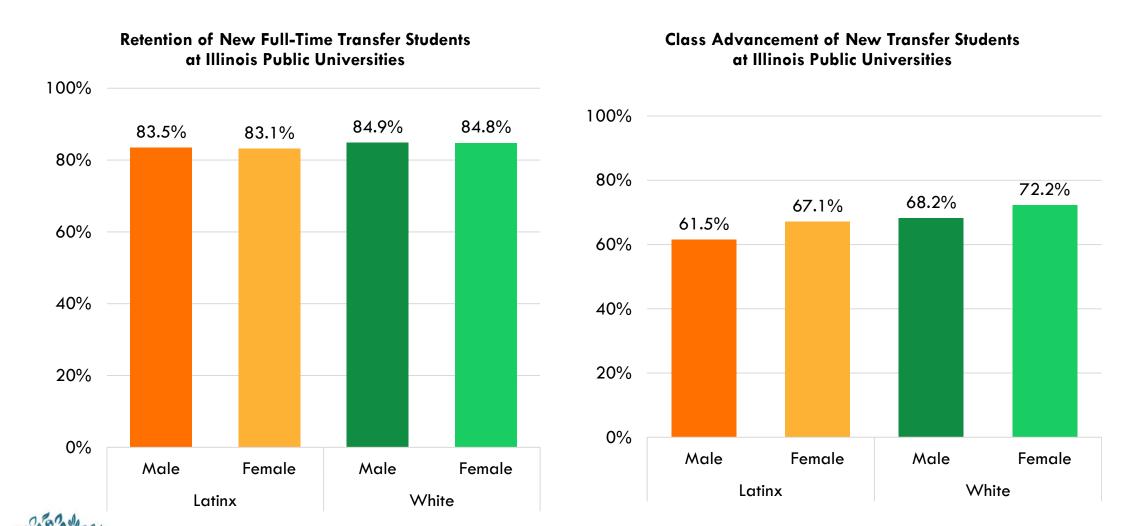




Yet, gaps in completion rates between White and Latinx students are significant...



Public universities more likely to retain transfer students, with gender gaps closing



...and persist over time

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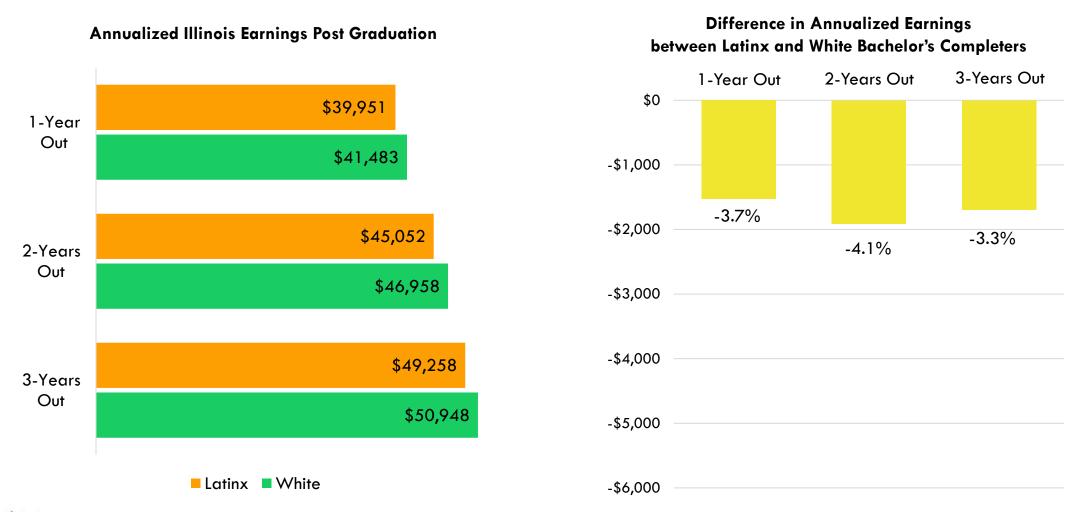


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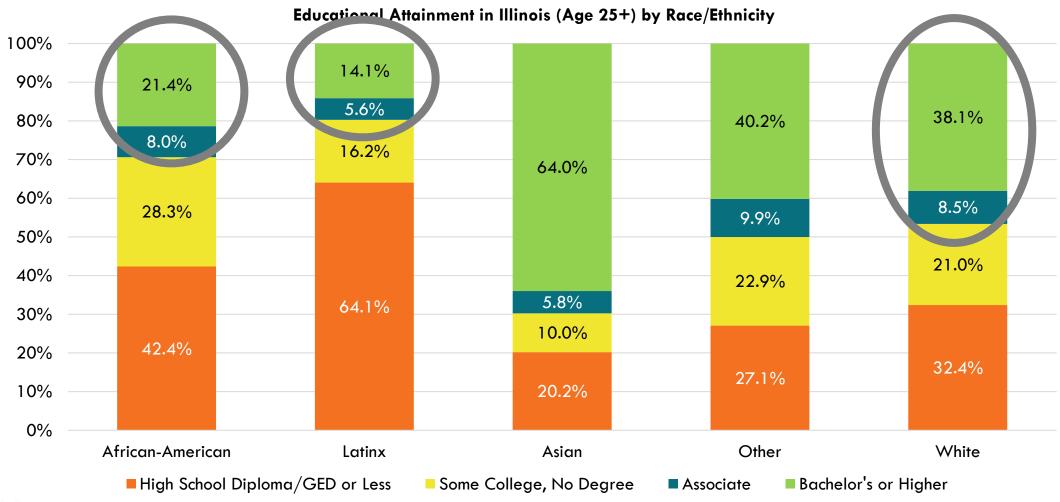


However, even with the same educational level Latinx have lower earnings relative to Whites



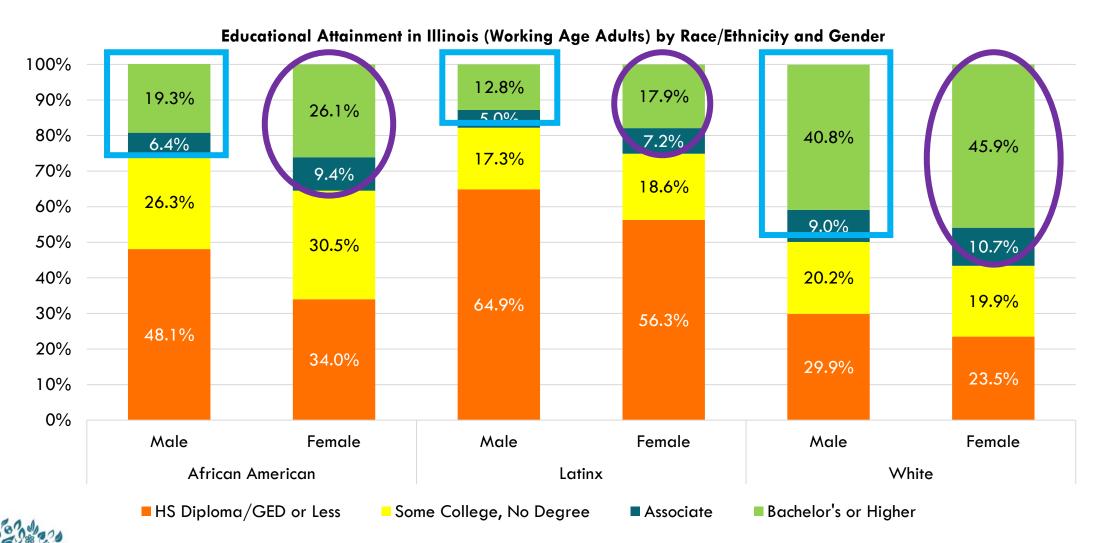


Last time we focused on the large attainment gaps between White and African American, Latinx adults





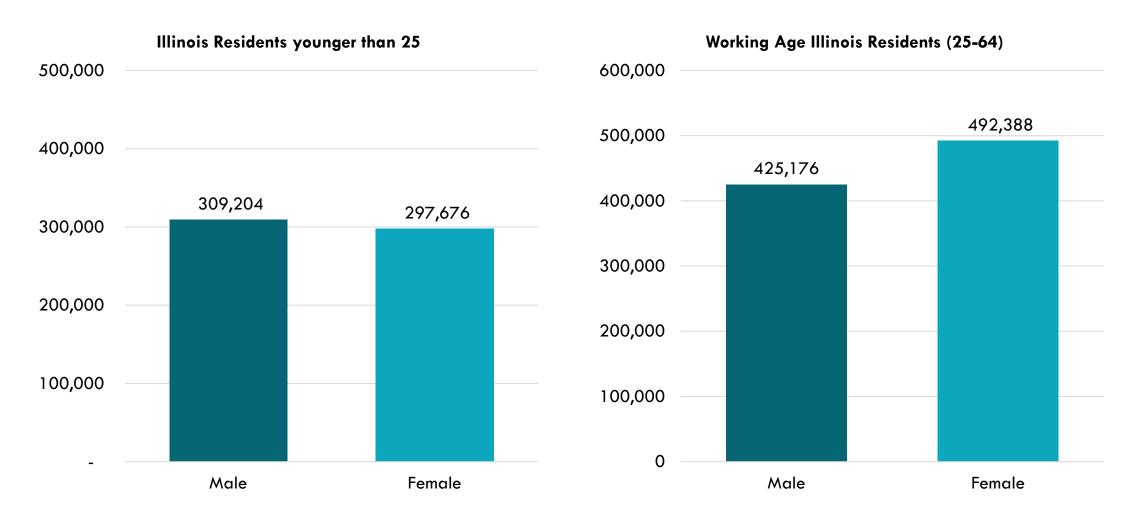
Here, we see females have higher attainment levels than males across all races/ethnicities



How are we doing? A look at African-American students and gender

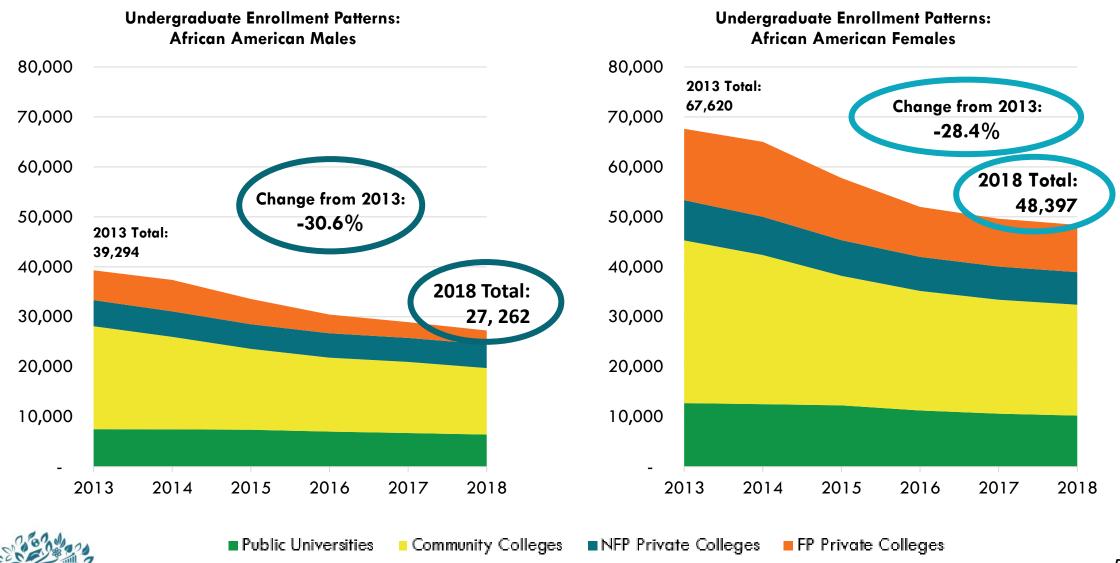


African American males outnumber females in the under 25 population by 3.7% while females outnumber males in the over 25 population by 15%

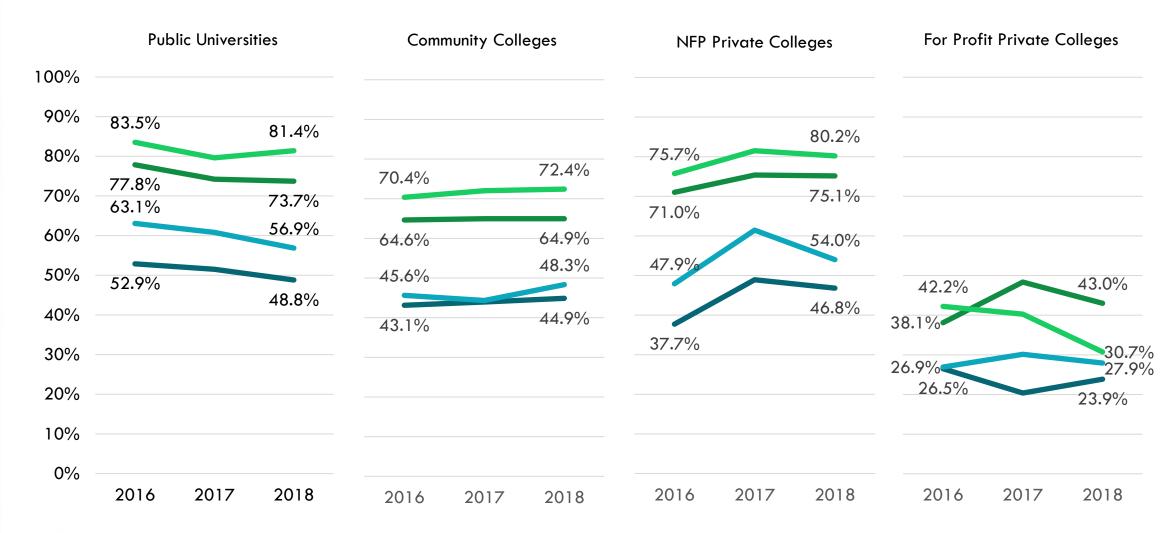




However, institutions enroll just over half as many African American males as females

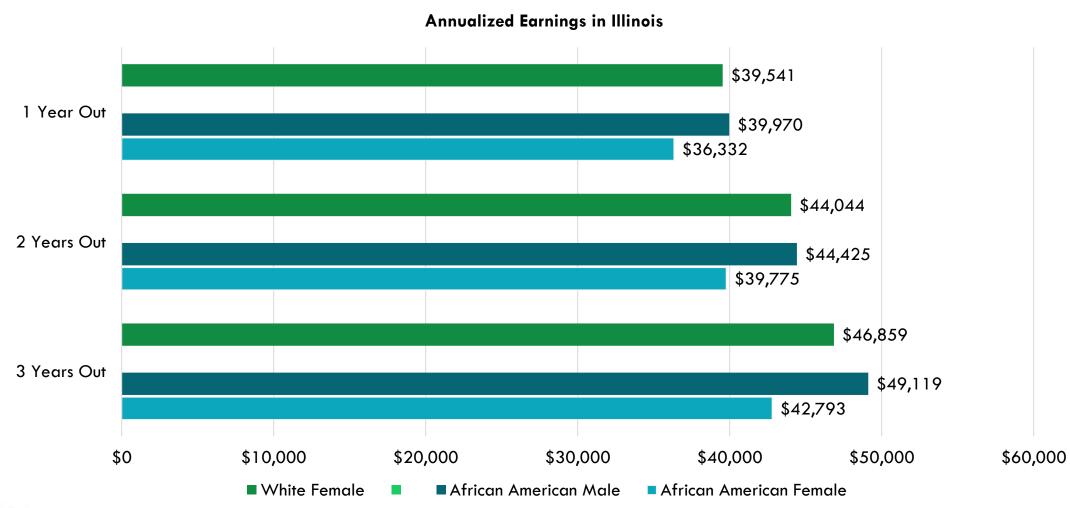


Gaps by gender persist when transfer and continuing enrollment taken into account





But patterns flip in the workforce: Males with same education out-earn females. Race gaps in earnings persist.

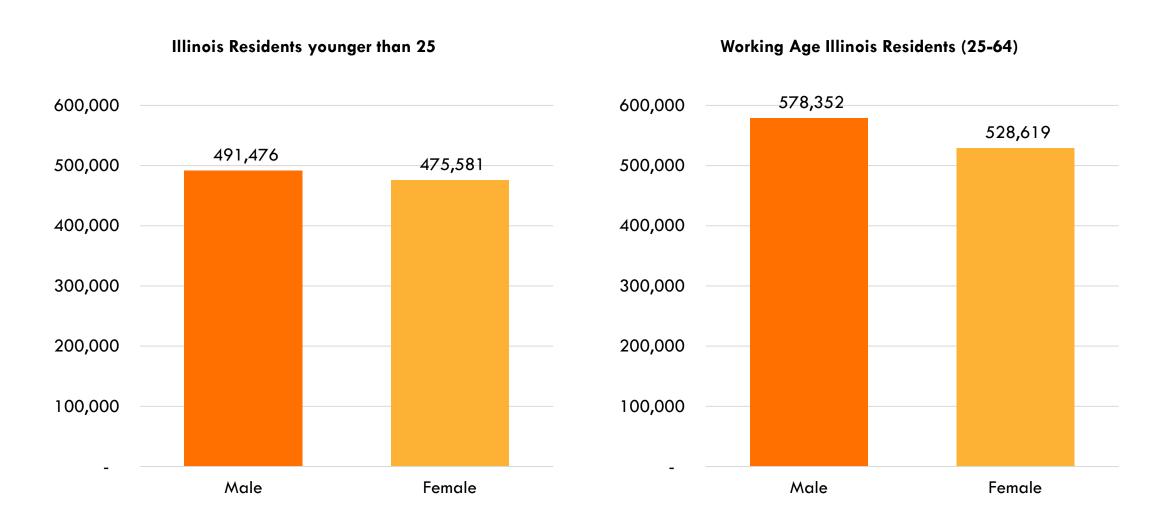




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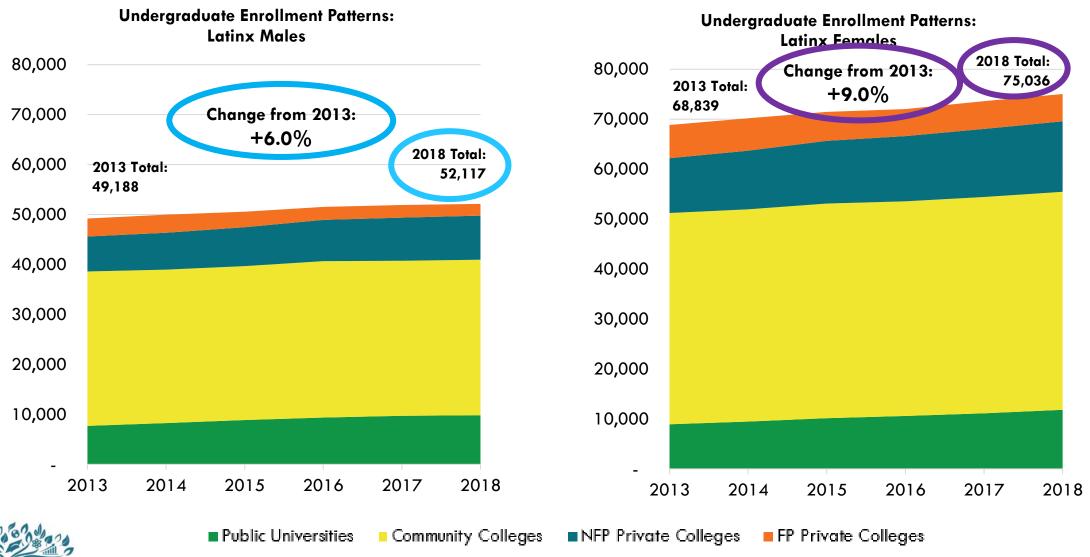


Even though Latinx males outnumber females in Illinois...

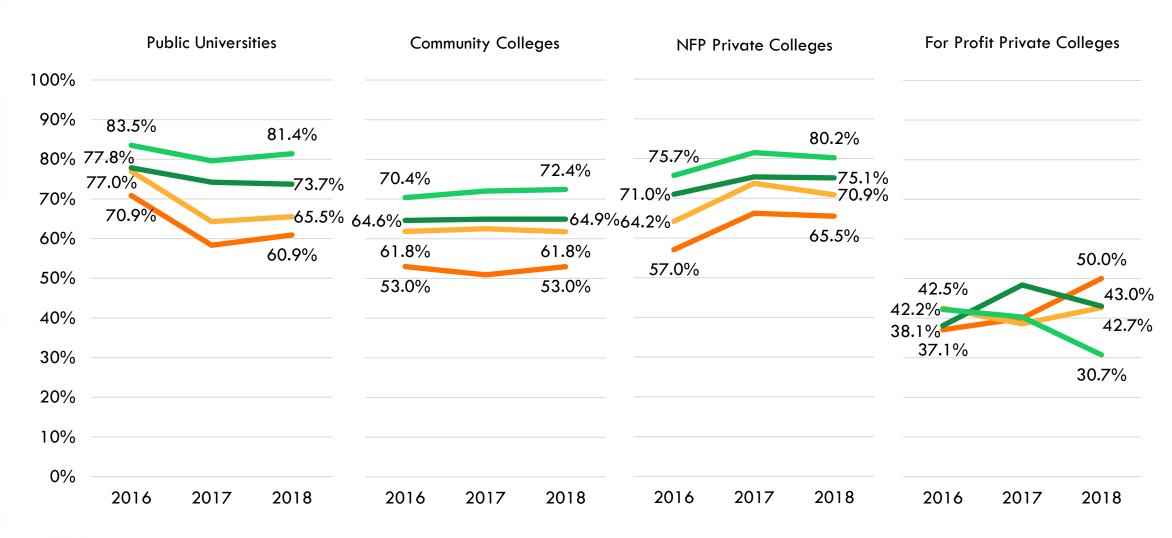




...more Latinx females are enrolled, and enrollment increasing faster than for Latinx males

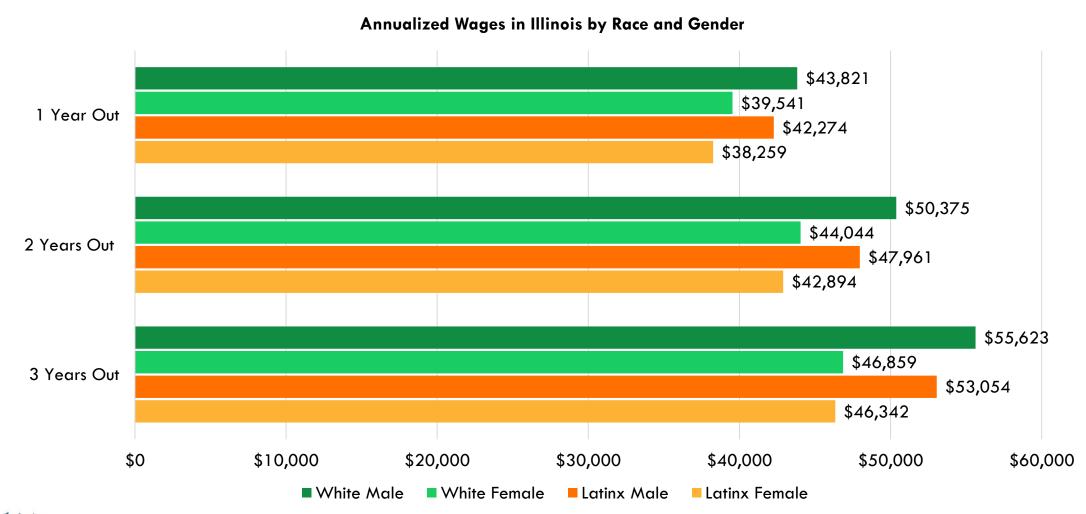


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But, again, females with the same educational level earn less than males. Race/ethnicity gaps persist

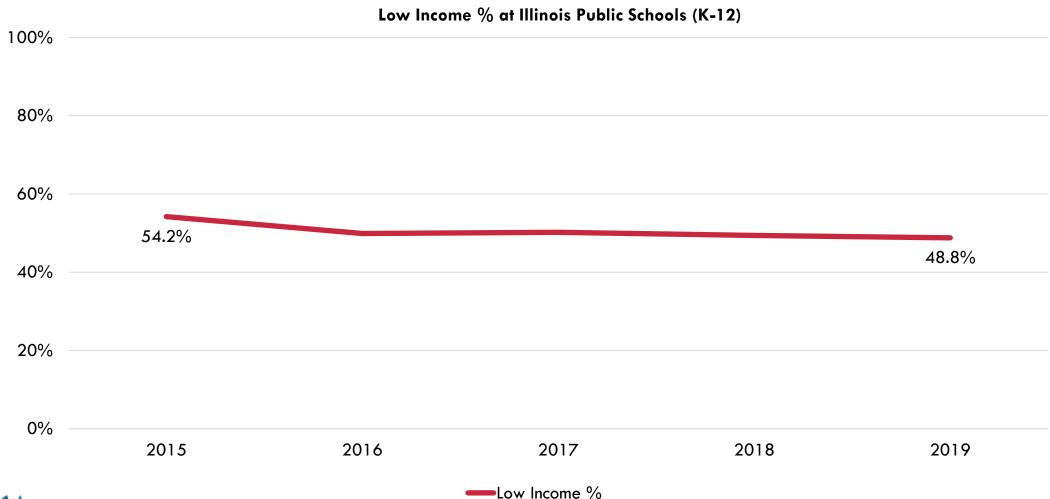




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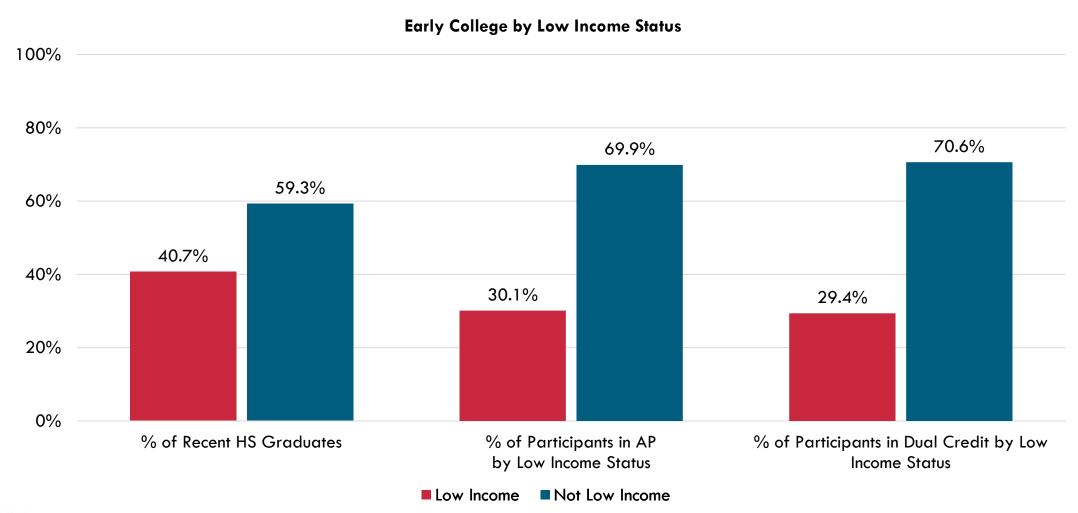


One out of two students at public schools are low-income



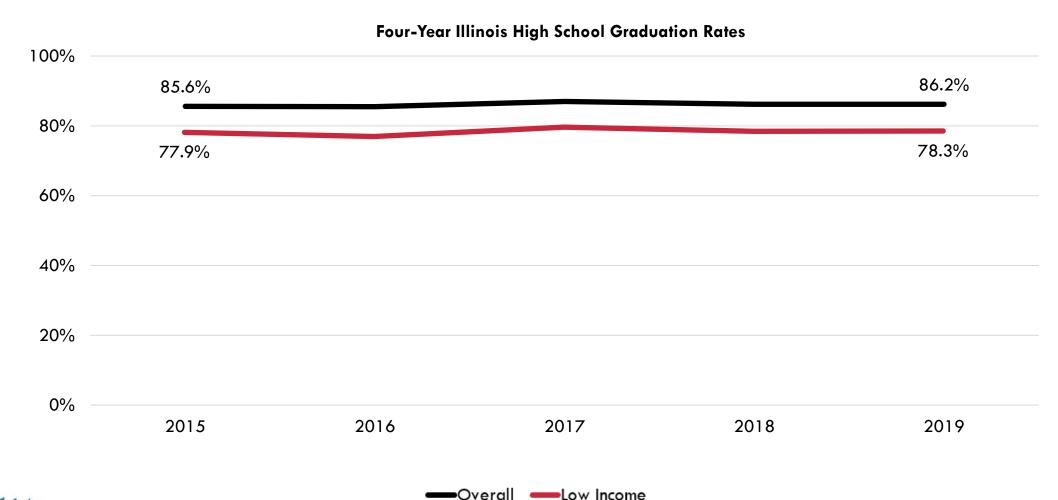


Low-Income high school seniors have less access to AP and Dual Credit





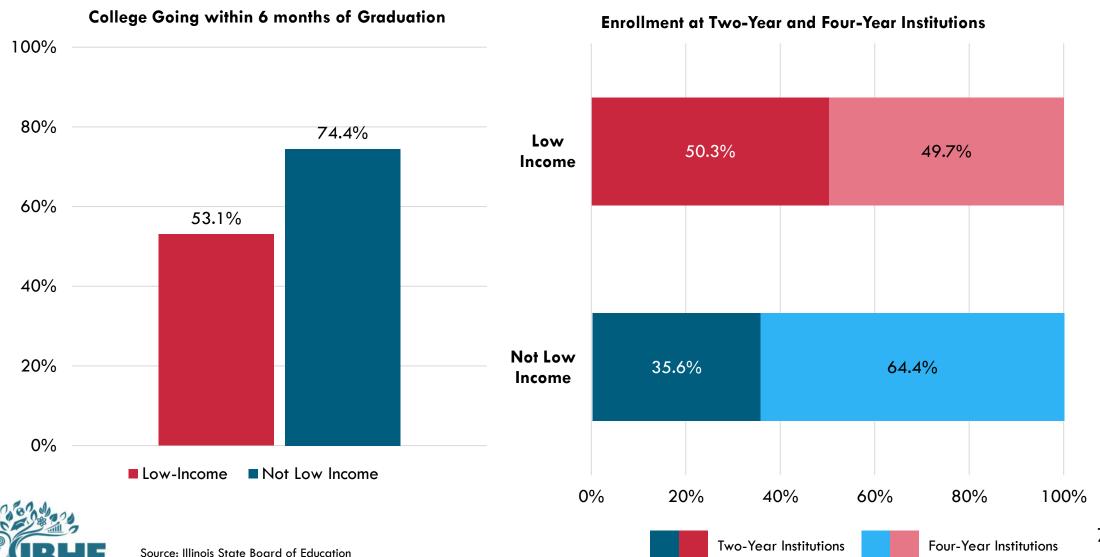
Low income high school students have lower graduation rates than the overall state average





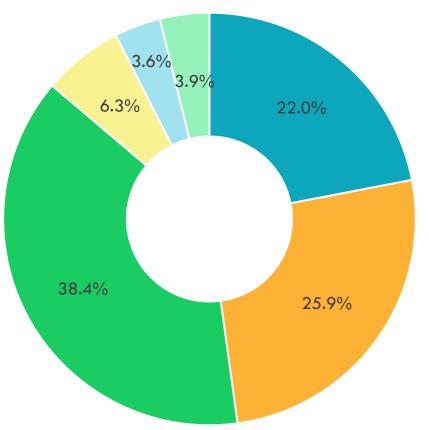
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Low-income high school grads are less likely to go straight to college, and if they go, more likely to go to community college

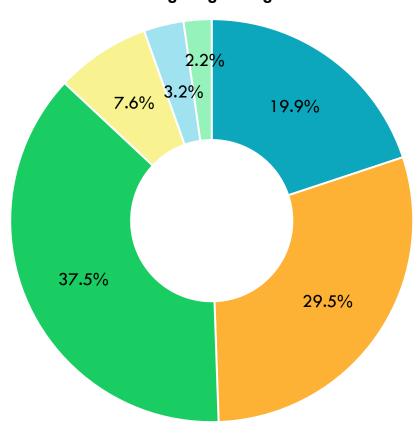


Pell v. MAP: A quick look at defining low-income and the relationship between low-income and race



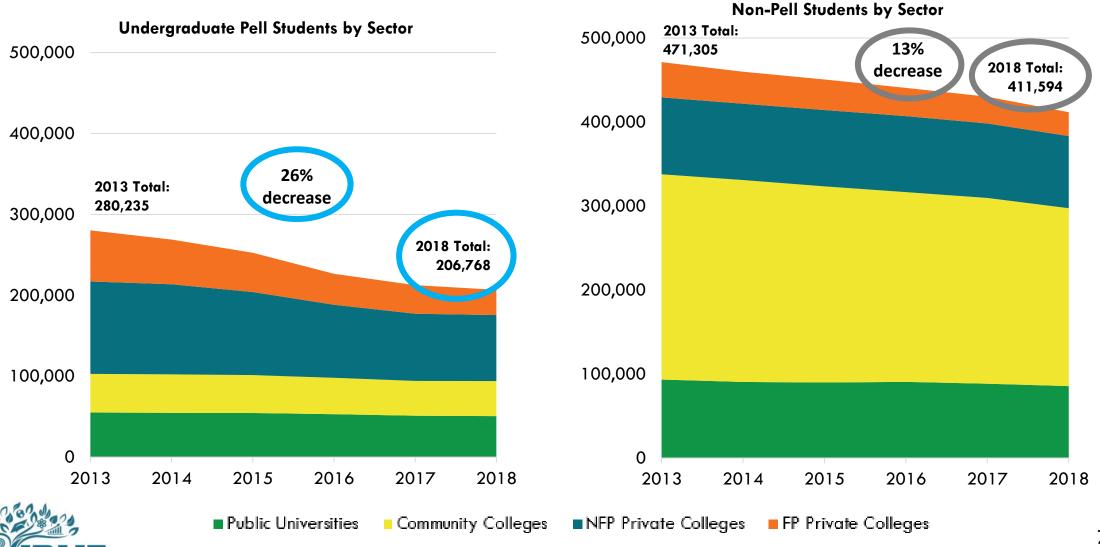


Race/Ethnicity Distribution of MAP Recipients at All Illinois Degree-granting Institutions

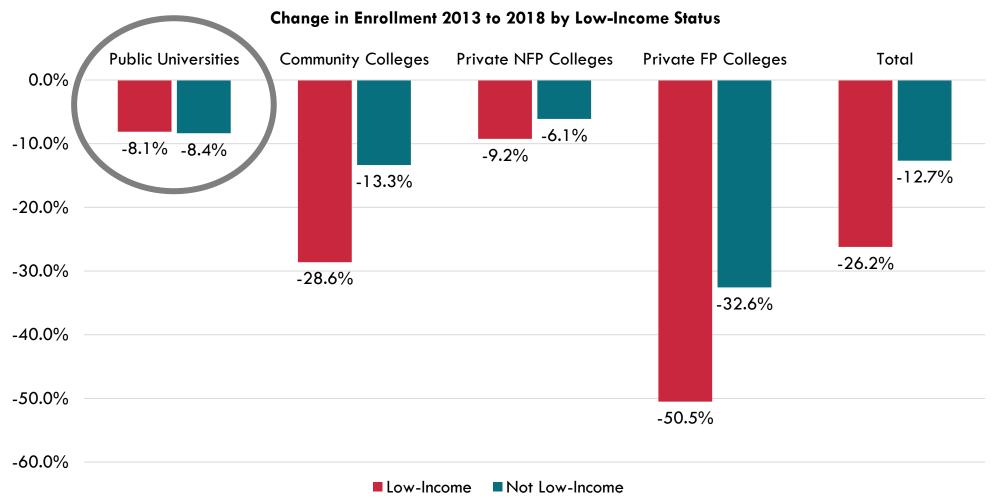




Illinois colleges lost nearly 75,000 low-income undergraduate students between 2013 and 2018...



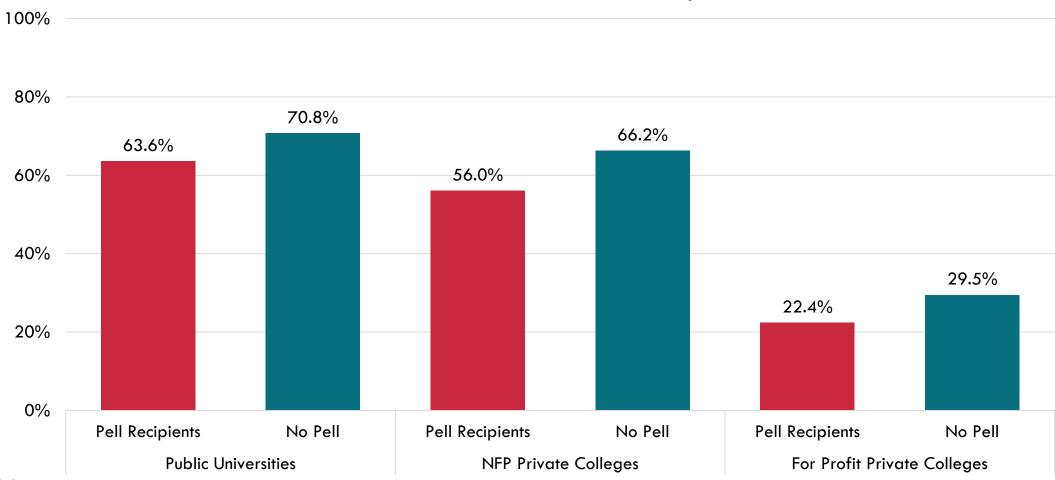
...a disproportionate share, except at public universities





But the gap widens for transfer students advancing in class status







Conclusion

- Gender gaps exist, with institutions *less likely* to enroll, retain, advance, and complete *males* than females of the same race/ethnicity.
- However, males earn more than females across race, even with the same educational level. Earnings gap grows over first three years in workforce.
- Low-income students less likely to graduate from high school and go straight to college than non-low-income. Fewer low-income students are enrolled, and enrollment has declined disproportionately. They are more likely to be placed in developmental education and less likely to be retained, advanced, and completed.
- These equity gaps are in addition to gaps we showed last month between African Americans and Whites and Latinx and Whites.
- All the data points to the imperative to close equity gaps. What will it take?

