

Assessing Equity in Illinois Higher Education: Part 2

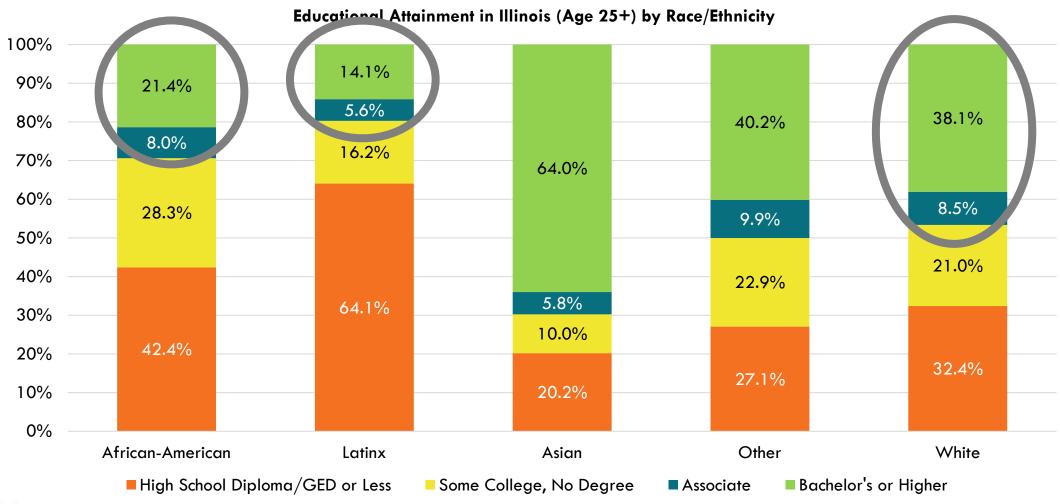
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Introduction

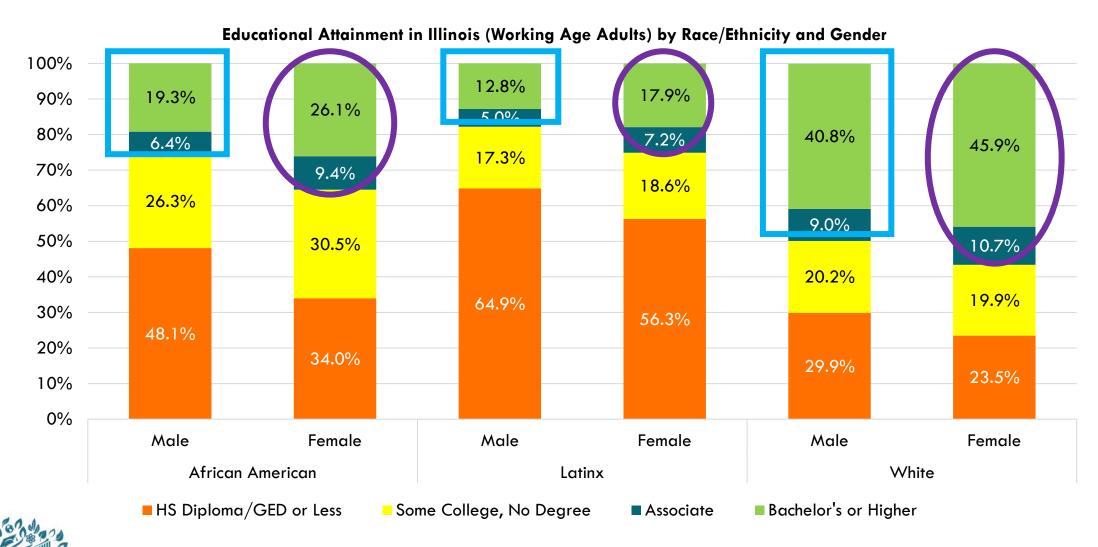
- Last time, we outlined a two-part imperative:
 - To increase post-secondary attainment to meet Illinois' workforce and economic needs
 - To close equity gaps so that individuals, families, and communities can thrive
- Data on race/ethnicity equity gaps showed:
 - Higher education system failing African Americans
 - Latinx students making progress, but gaps exist with White students. Latinx also furthest from the 60% attainment goal
- You asked us to look at the interaction between race/ethnicity and gender. Today, we show:
 - Gender-based differences for most race/ethnicity groups on nearly all measures, with females outperforming males, except for earnings post-degree
- We also look at the different experience of low-income students and non-low-income students
 - Low-income students less likely to graduate from high school and go to college right after graduation. 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.

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





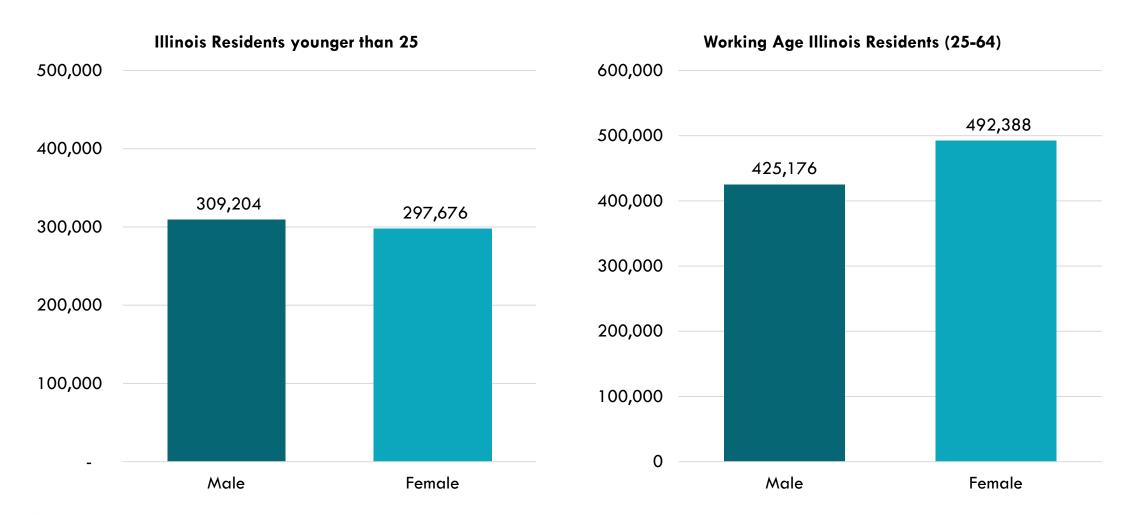
Here, we see females have higher attainment levels than males across all races/ethnicities



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

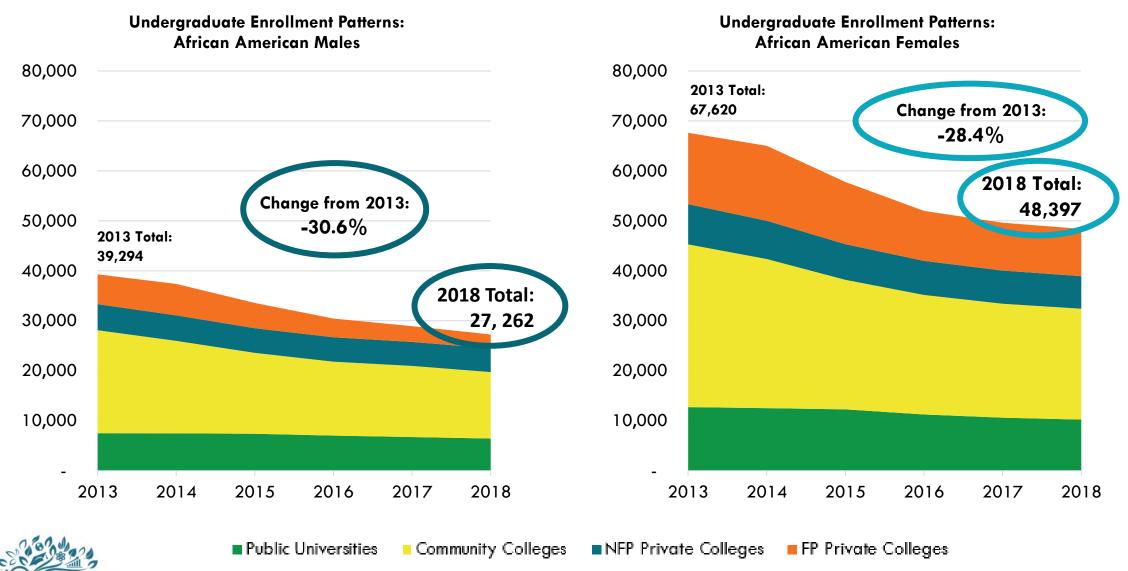


African American males outnumber females in the under 25 population by 3.7% while females outnumber males in the over 25 population by 15%

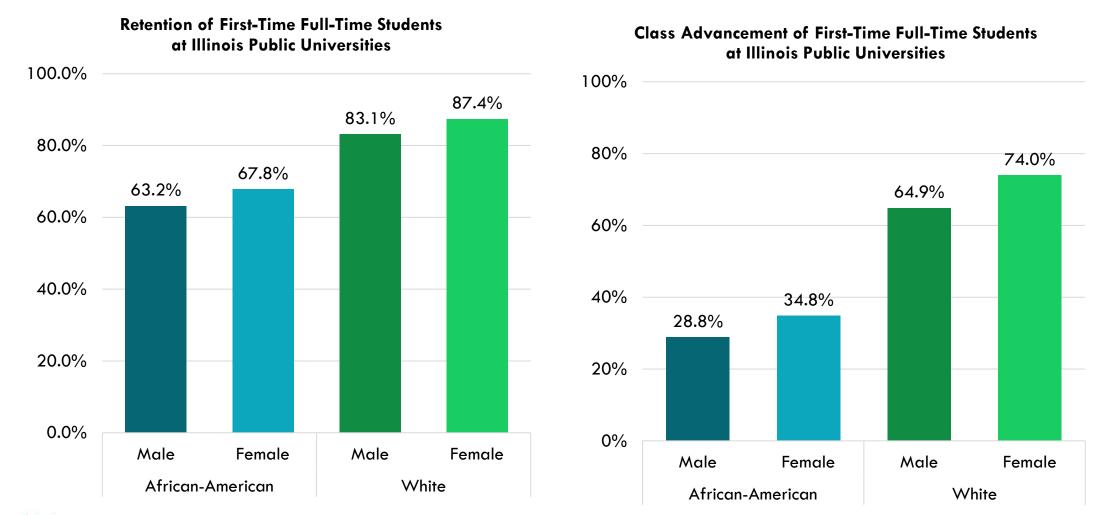




However, institutions enroll just over half as many African American males as females

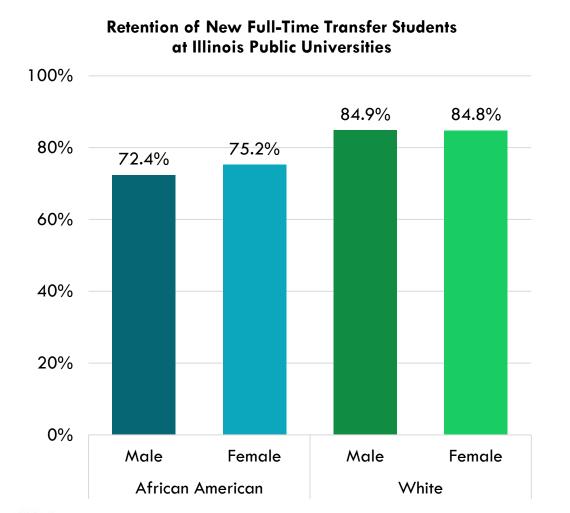


Public universities more likely to retain and advance freshmen females than males, but show gaps between African Americans and Whites of both genders

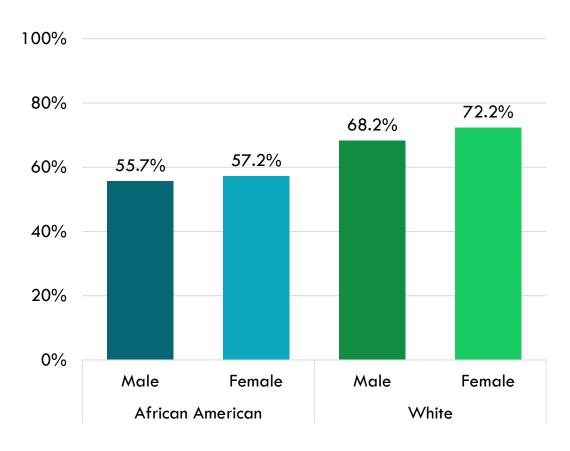




Similarly, gaps by race remain, but public universities do better in retaining and advancing transfer students, except White females. Gender gaps smaller.

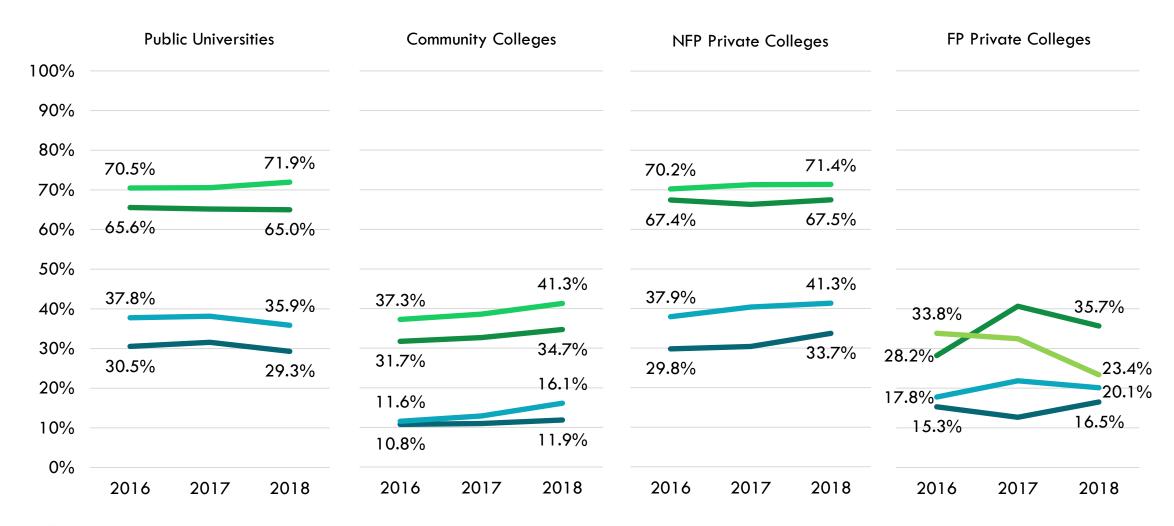


Class Advancement of New Transfer Students at Illinois Public Universities





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





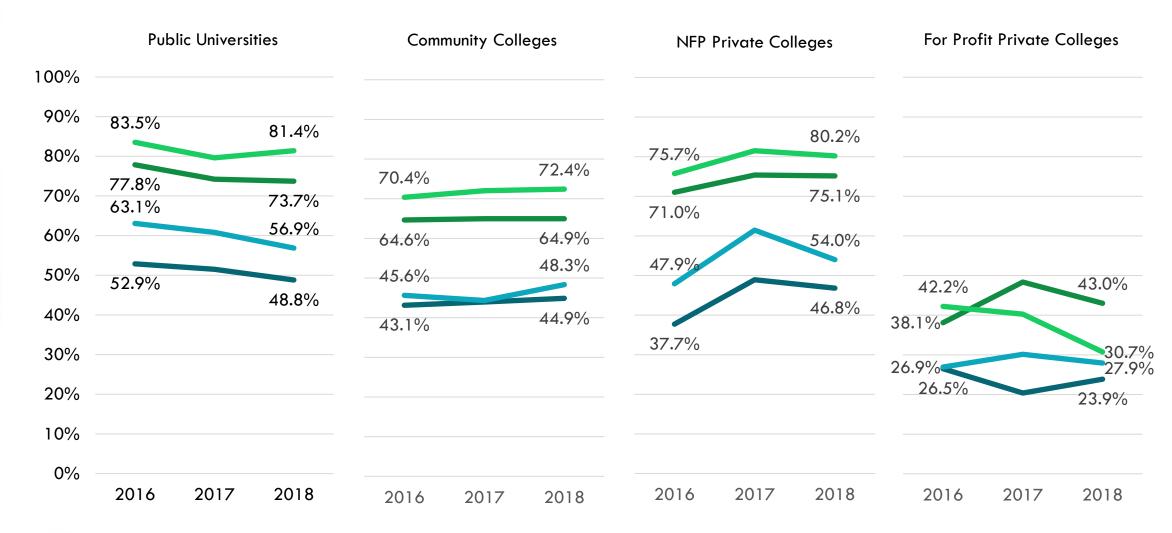
African American Male

—African American Female

─White Male

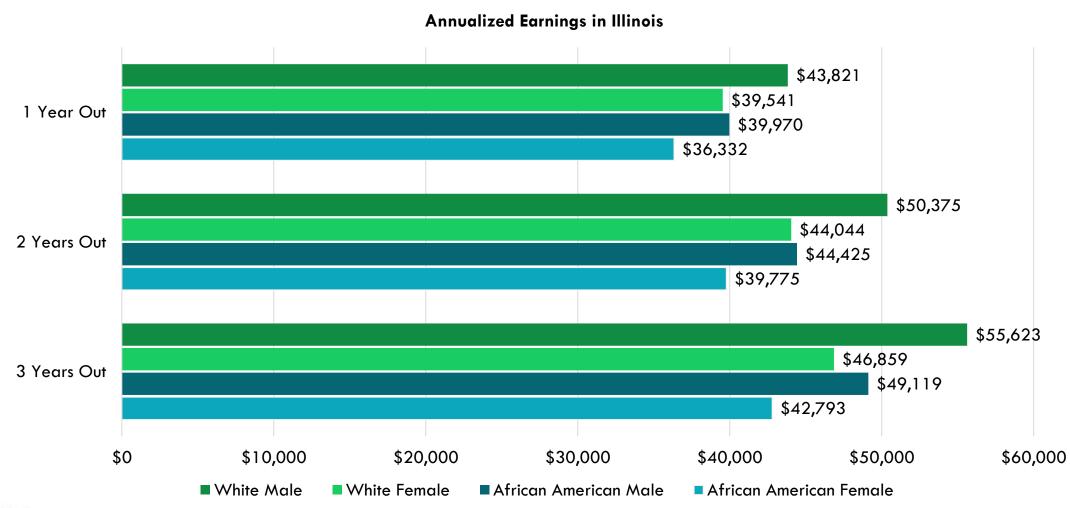
White Female

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.

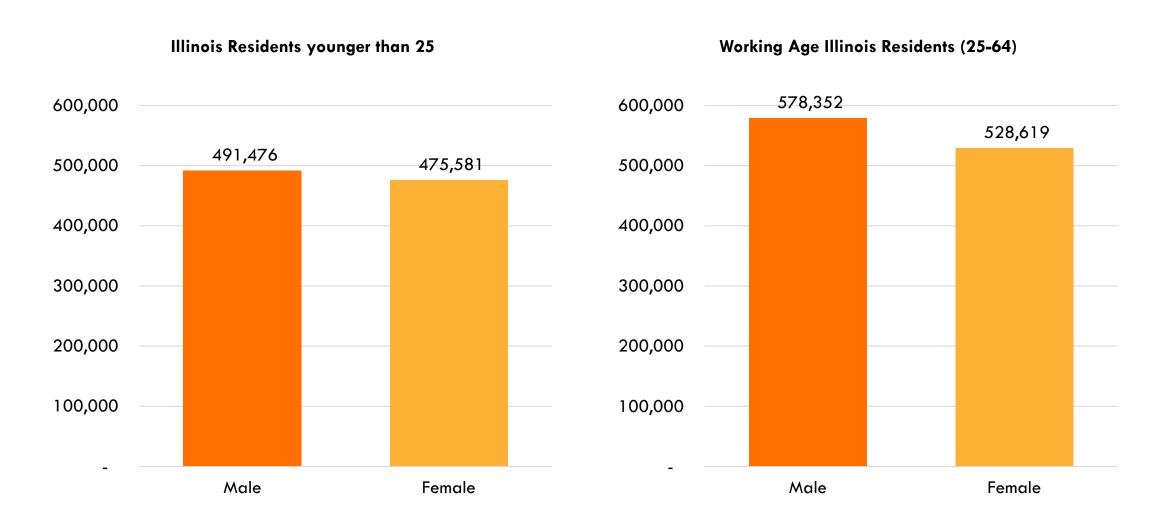




How are we doing? A look at Latinx students and gender

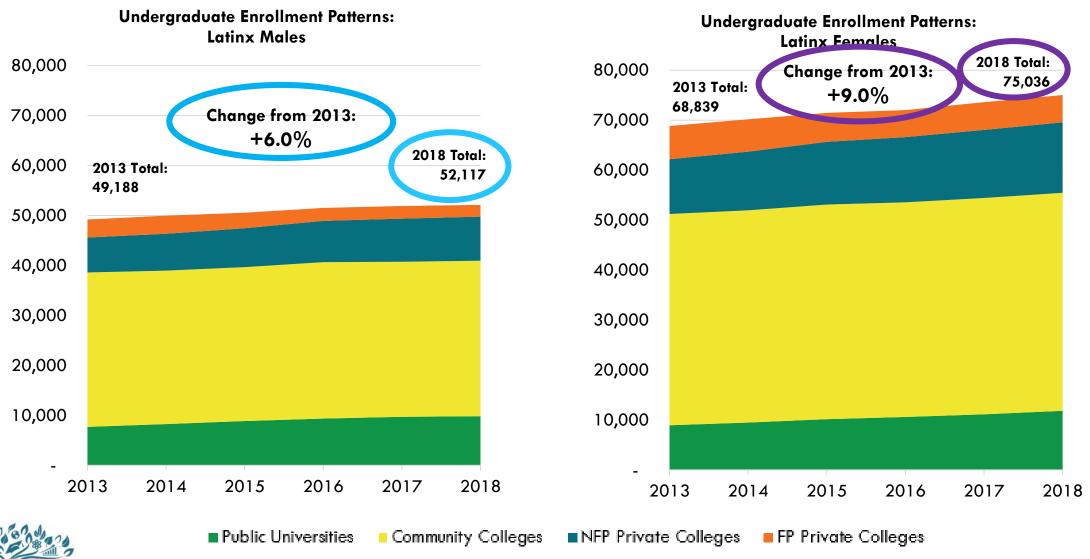


Even though Latinx males outnumber females in Illinois...

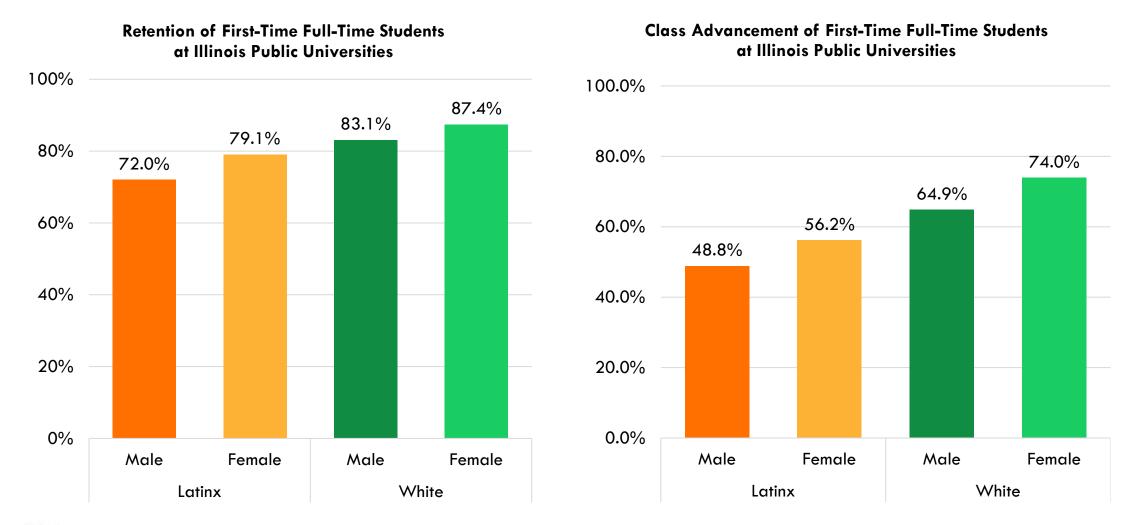




...more Latinx females are enrolled, and enrollment increasing faster than for Latinx males

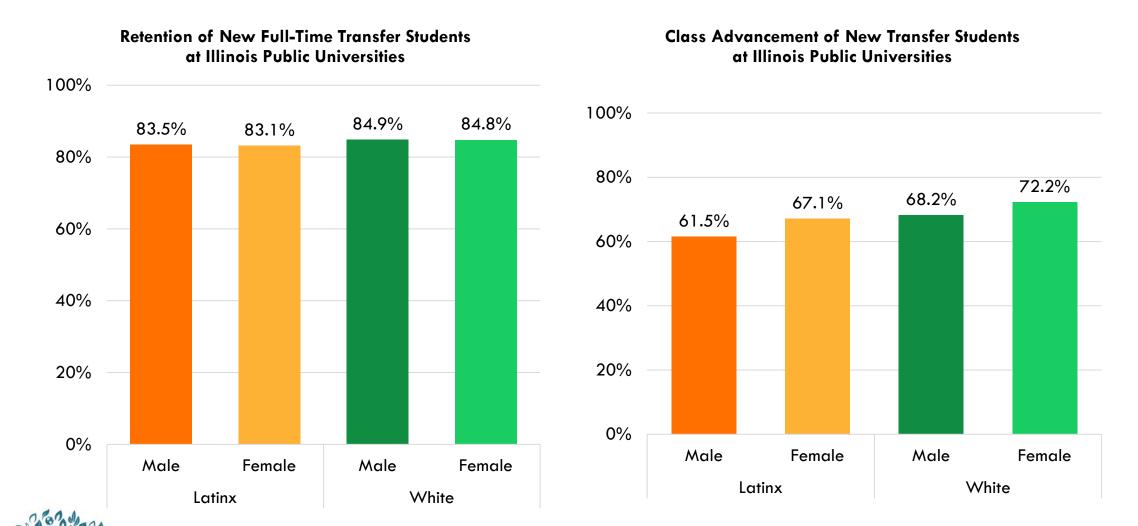


Public Universities retain and advance freshmen females more than males

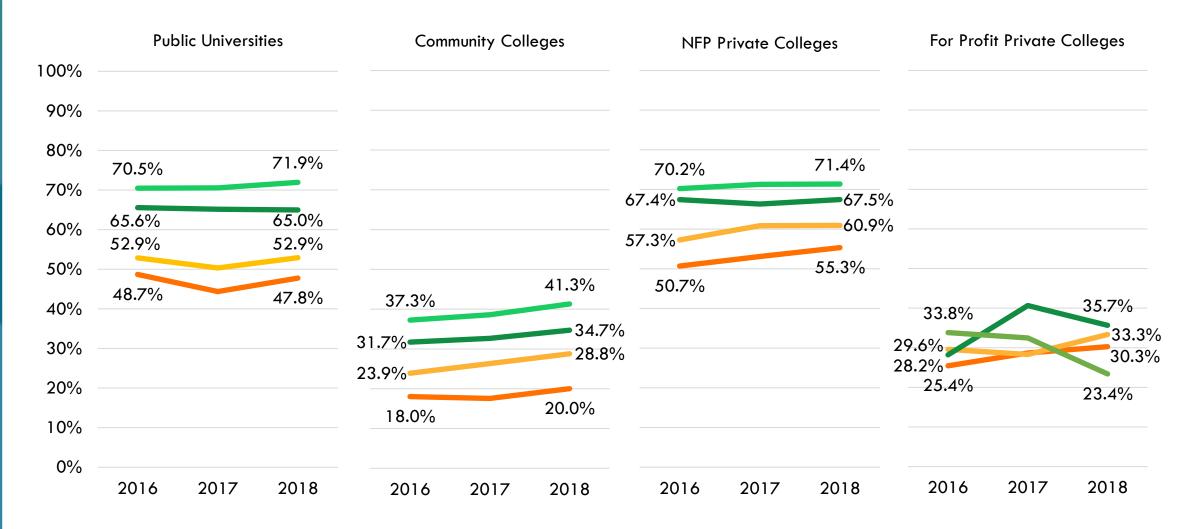




Public universities more likely to retain transfer students, with gender gaps closing

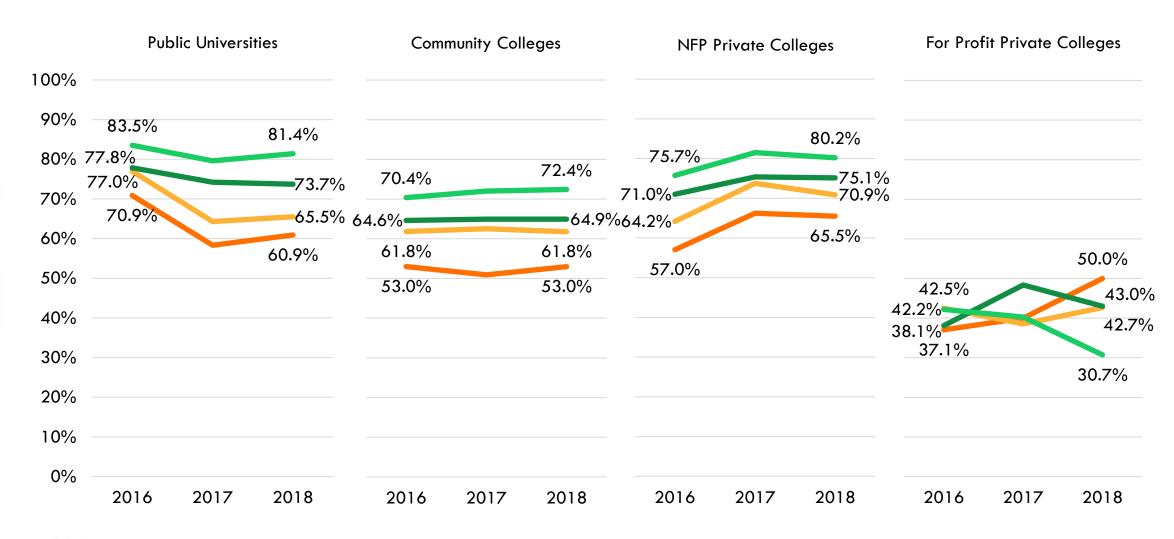


Yet, gender-based completion gaps persist...





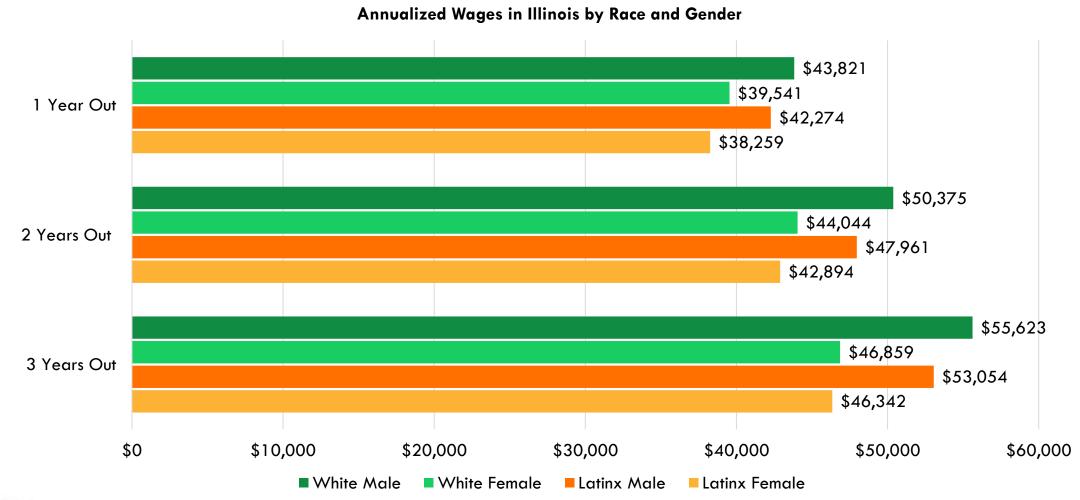
...even when transfer and continuing enrollment are taken into account







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

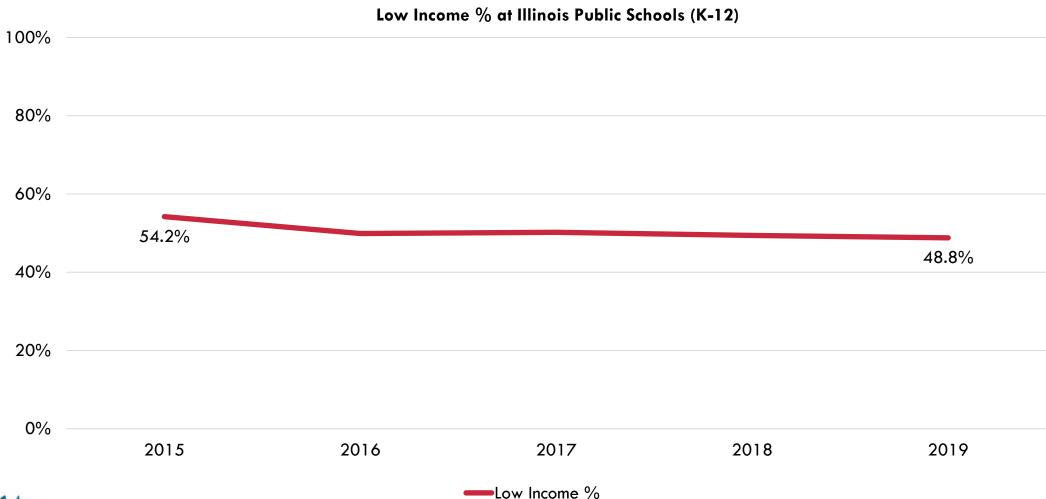




How are we doing? A look at low-income students

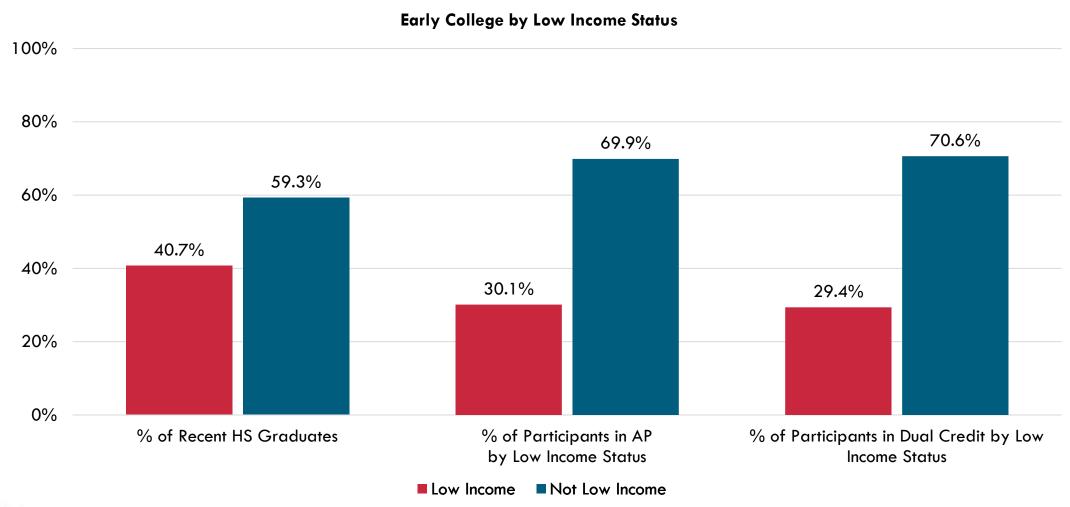


One out of two students at public schools are low-income



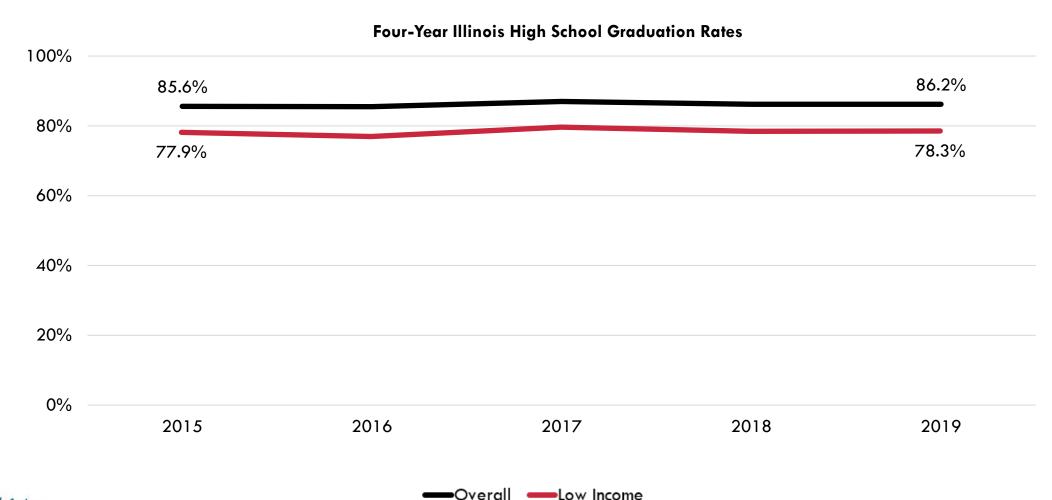


Low-Income high school seniors have less access to AP and Dual Credit



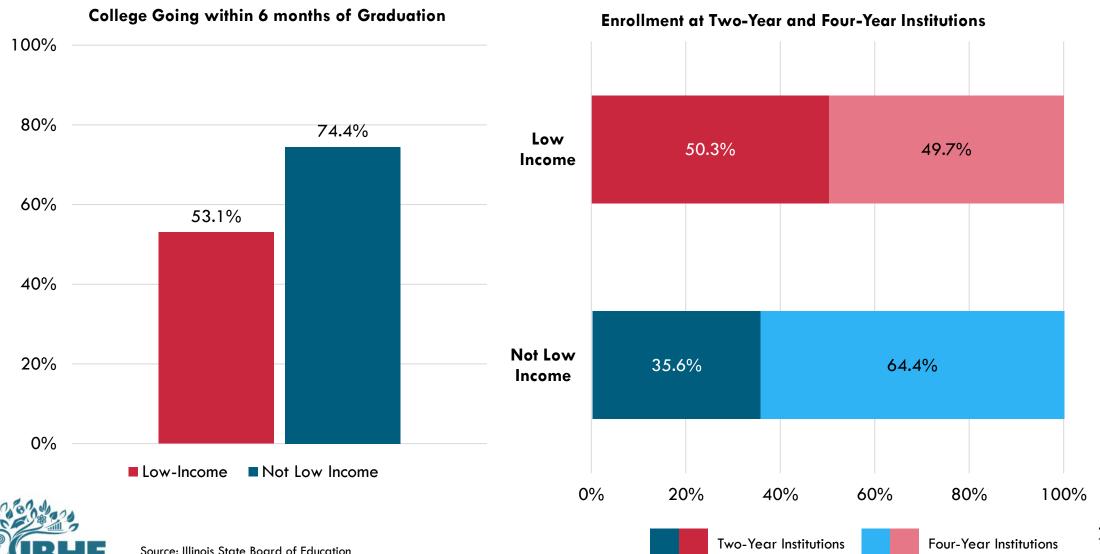


Low income high school students have lower graduation rates than the overall state average



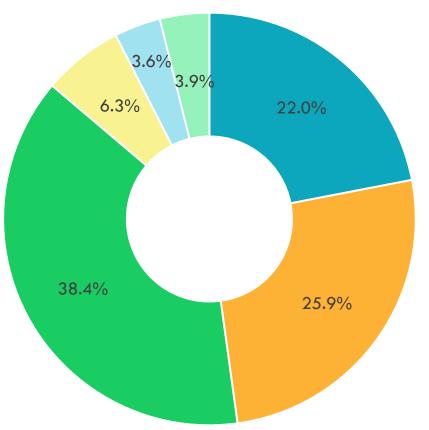


Low-income high school grads are less likely to go straight to college, and if they go, more likely to go to community college

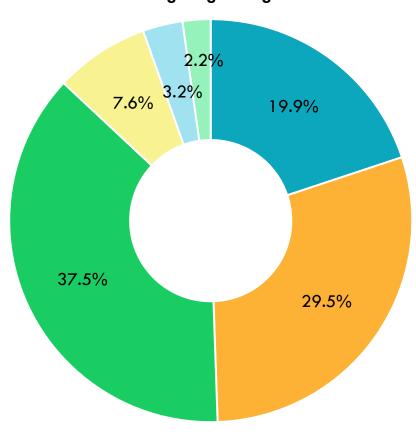


Pell v. MAP: A quick look at defining low-income and the relationship between low-income and race



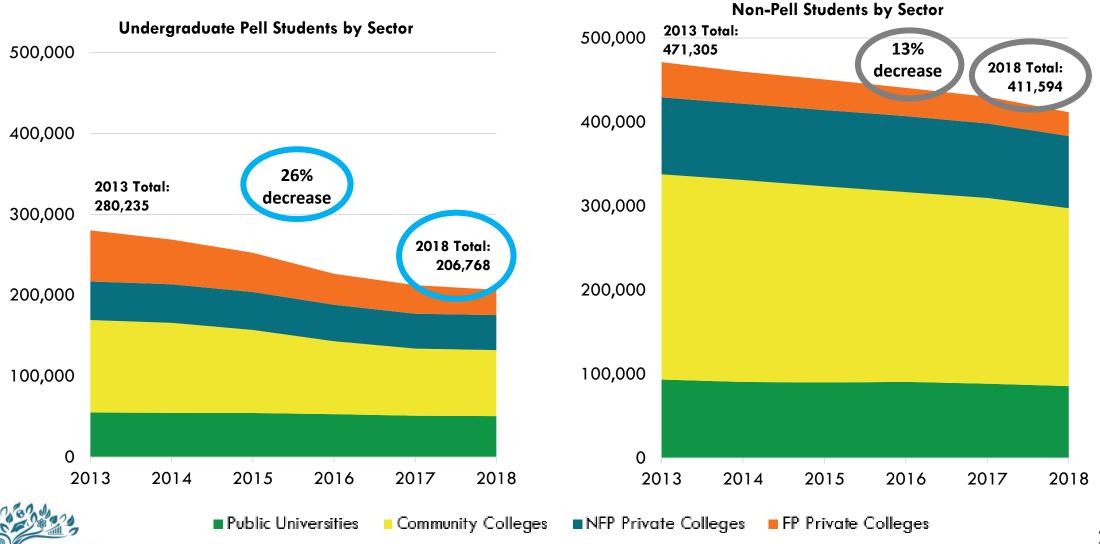


Race/Ethnicity Distribution of MAP Recipients at All Illinois Degree-granting Institutions

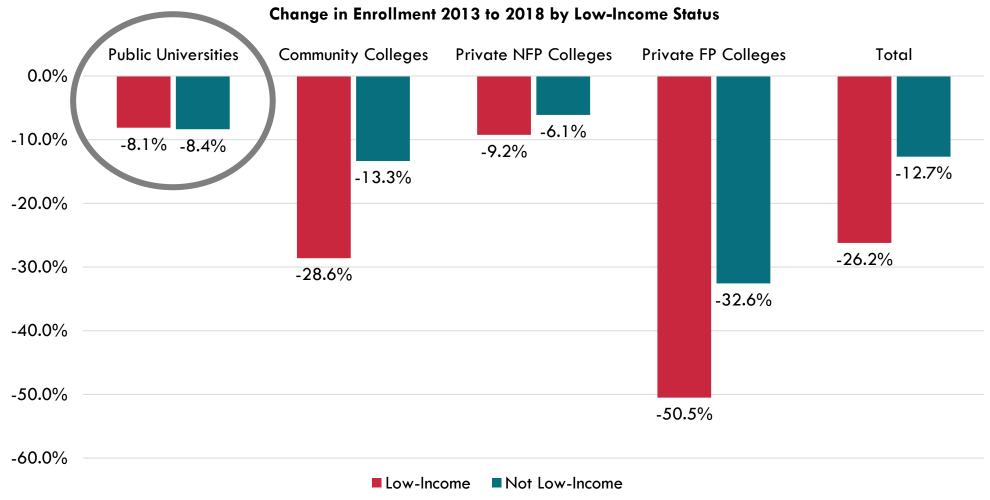




Illinois colleges lost nearly 75,000 low-income undergraduate students between 2013 and 2018...



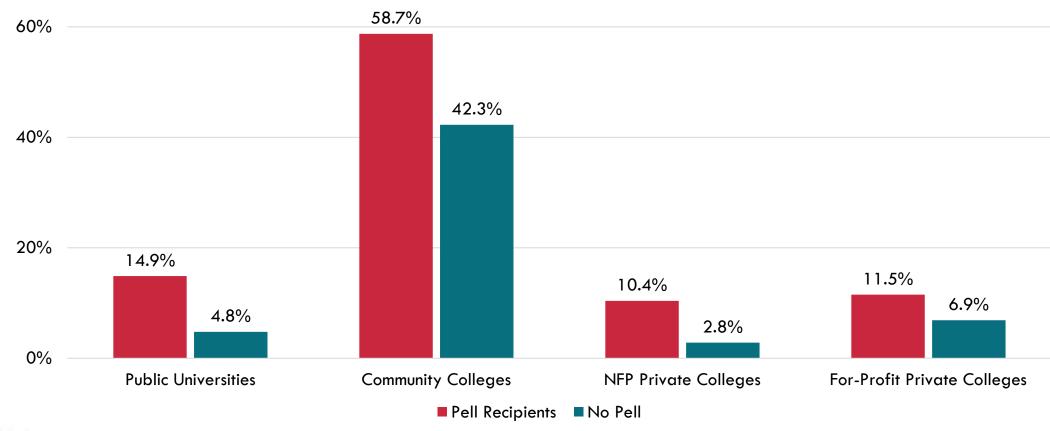
...a disproportionate share, except at public universities





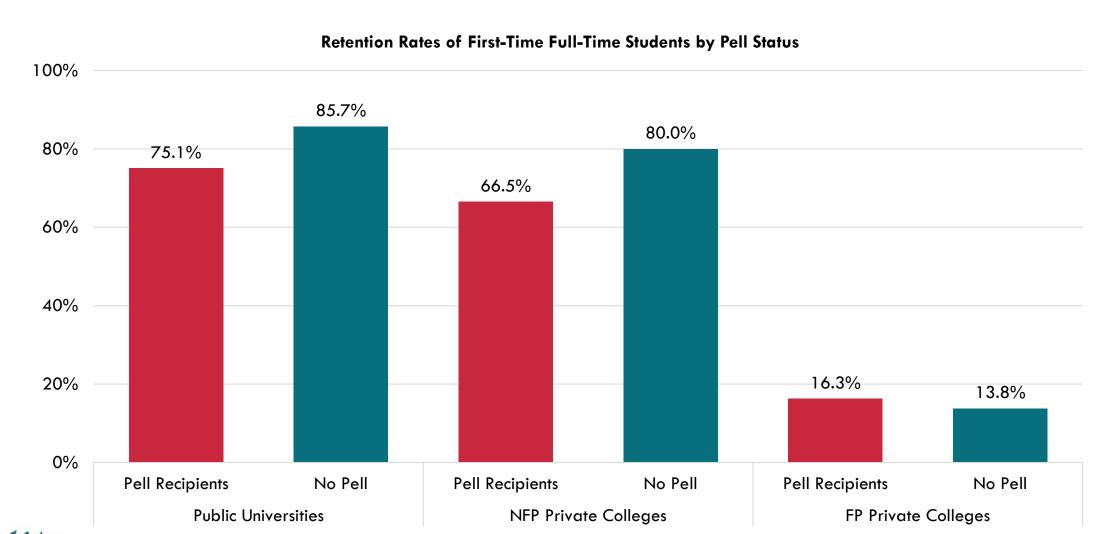
And once enrolled, low-Income students are significantly more likely to be placed in development education.

Developmental Education Placement Rates by Pell Status



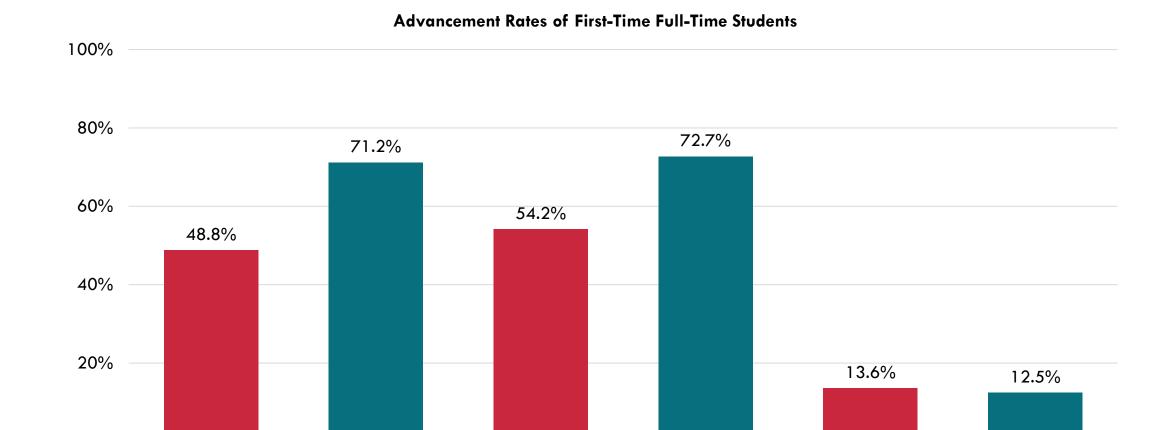


Low-Income freshman are retained at a lower rates ...





...and are advanced in class status at lower rates than non-low-income students, except at FP Colleges, where retention and advancement is extremely low



Pell Recipients

No Pell

NFP Private Colleges

Pell Recipients

FP Private Colleges



0%

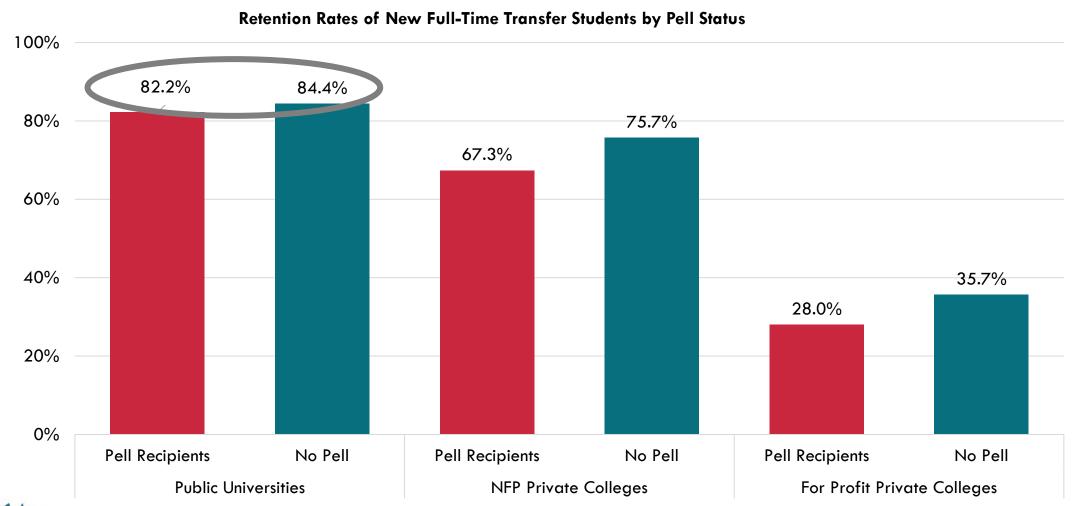
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Public Universities

No Pell

Pell Recipients

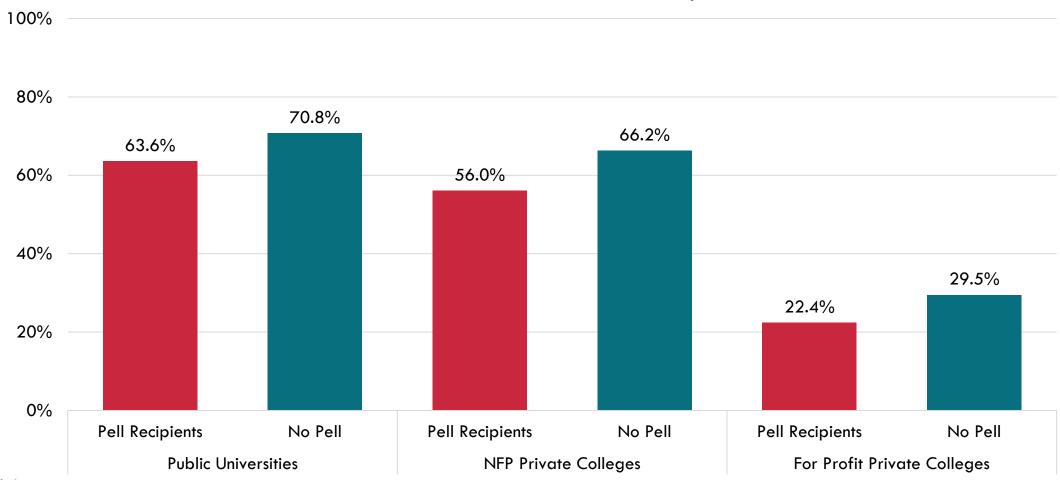
Retention of low-income transfer students is lower than for non-low-income, with the gap at public universities small





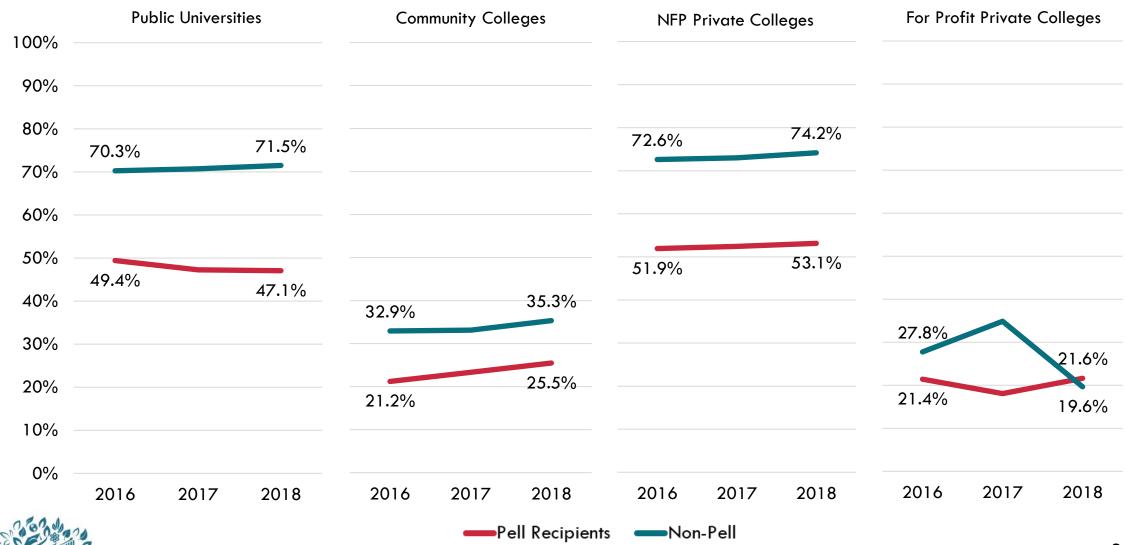
But the gap widens for transfer students advancing in class status







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





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?



