

First Year Experience, Persistence, and Attainment of First-generation College Students

IN THEIR FIRST YEAR IN POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION:



Enrolled **full-time**

65% of **first-generation** students
75% of **continuing-generation** students



Completed a **college-level** (but not advanced-level) math course such as **general statistics**

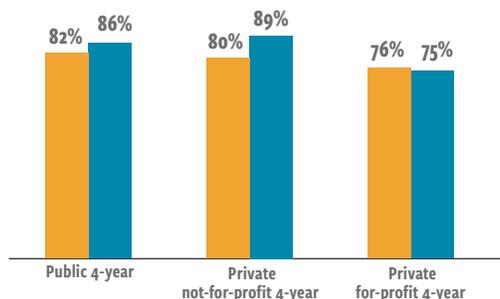
23% of **first-generation** students
24% of **continuing-generation** students



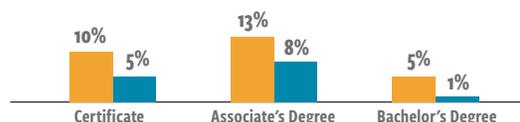
Completed an **advanced-level** math course such as **calculus**

6% of **first-generation** students
18% of **continuing-generation** students

Percentage of Bachelor's Degree Students Who Persisted at Their First Institution After the First Year, by Institution Type

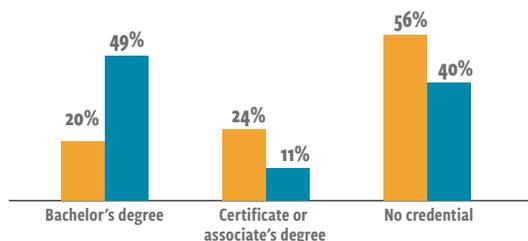


Percentage Who Departed from Postsecondary Education Without a Credential After the First Year and Did not Enroll Again, by Level of Degree Program



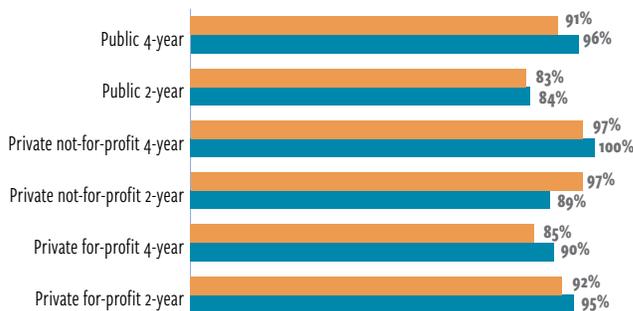
■ First-generation students ■ Continuing-generation students

Attainment 6 Years After Entering Postsecondary Education*



* Higher percentages of first-generation than continuing-generation students first enrolled in certificate and associate degree programs.

Median Percentage of Attempted Credits Completed 6 Years After Entering Postsecondary Education, by Sector



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First-generation college student is defined as an undergraduate whose parents do not have a bachelor's or higher degree. Continuing-generation college student is defined as an undergraduate who has at least one parent with a bachelor's or higher degree. Students are considered to have departed if they left postsecondary education without re-enrolling within the next 5 years. Data source is U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 2004/09 Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study (BPS:04/09). Dataset represents students who entered postsecondary education for the first time in academic year 2003-04. Total number of study respondents is 19,000. Weighted sample size (population size) is 3.7 million. Fact sheet produced by RTI International.

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