

# Data Highlight: Efficiencies in Student Pathways to Completion

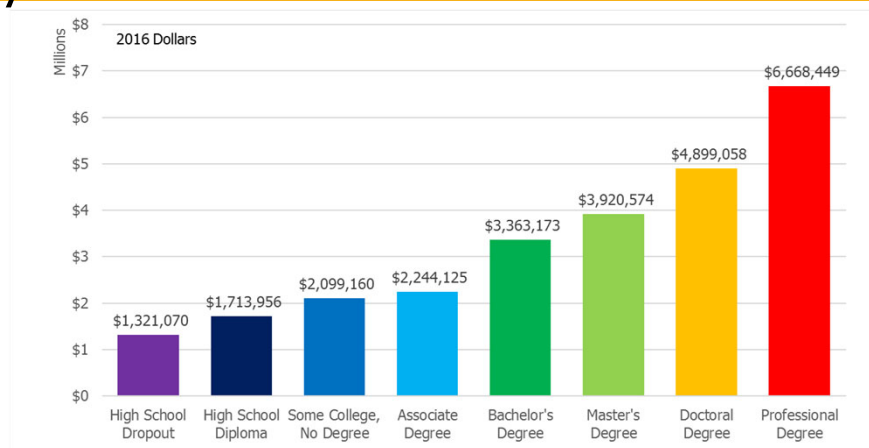


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Investing in higher education is an important priority for the state and for individuals



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Communities Survey, 2014, 2015, and 2016.  
3-Year average inflation-adjusted earnings summed for ages 25 to 64 by educational attainment for those working more than 32 hours per week and 49 weeks per year.  
Inflation indices from Consumer Price Index Detailed Report Tables - [https://www.bls.gov/cpi/cpi\\_dr.htm#2017](https://www.bls.gov/cpi/cpi_dr.htm#2017)

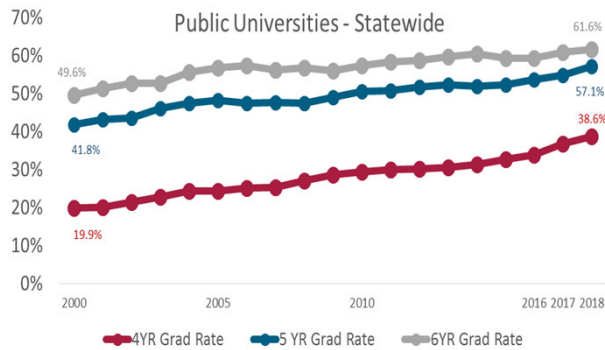


## As student success improves, so does efficiency

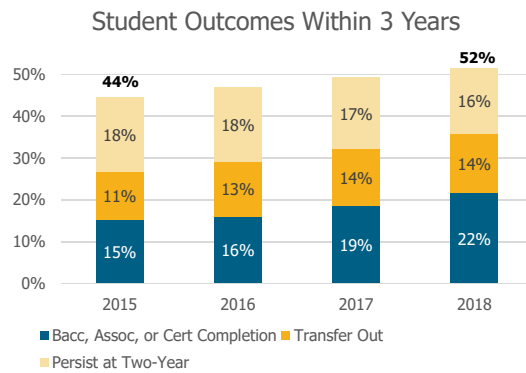
- Graduation and completion success rates
- Excess semester credit hours
- Developmental education contact hours

## A larger percentage of students are successfully earning degrees and certificates and doing so more quickly

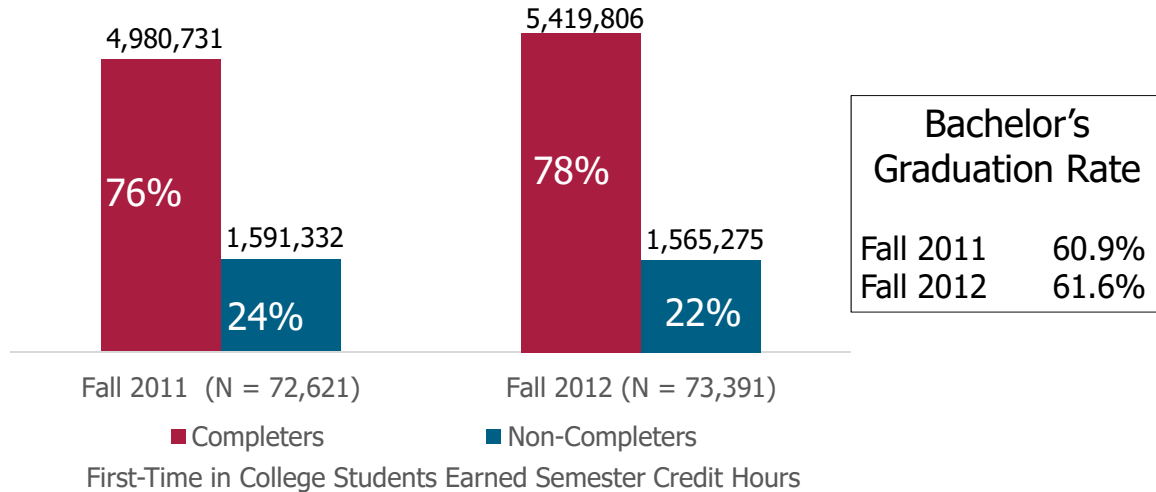
### Public Universities – Statewide



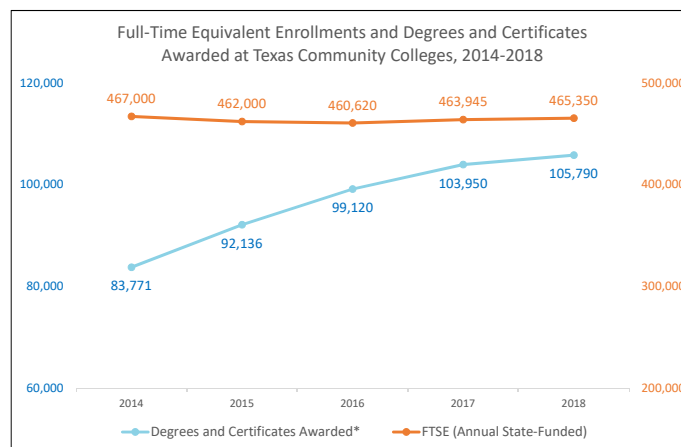
### Public Two-Year Colleges - Statewide



As higher percentages of students graduate, the number and proportion of credit hours earned by students who did not graduate decreases



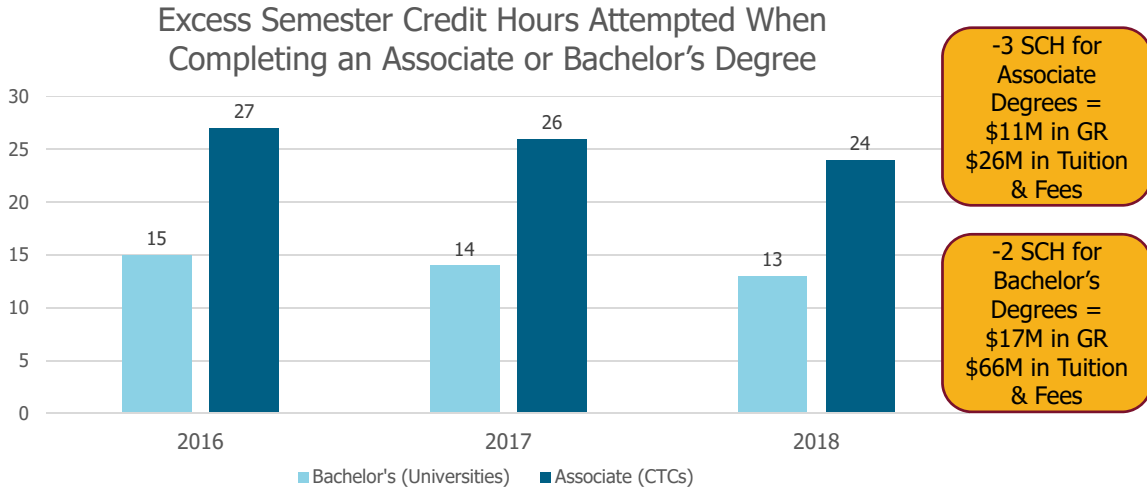
Degrees and certificates awarded increased 26.3% from 2014 to 2018 while FTSEs (full-time student equivalents) remained stable



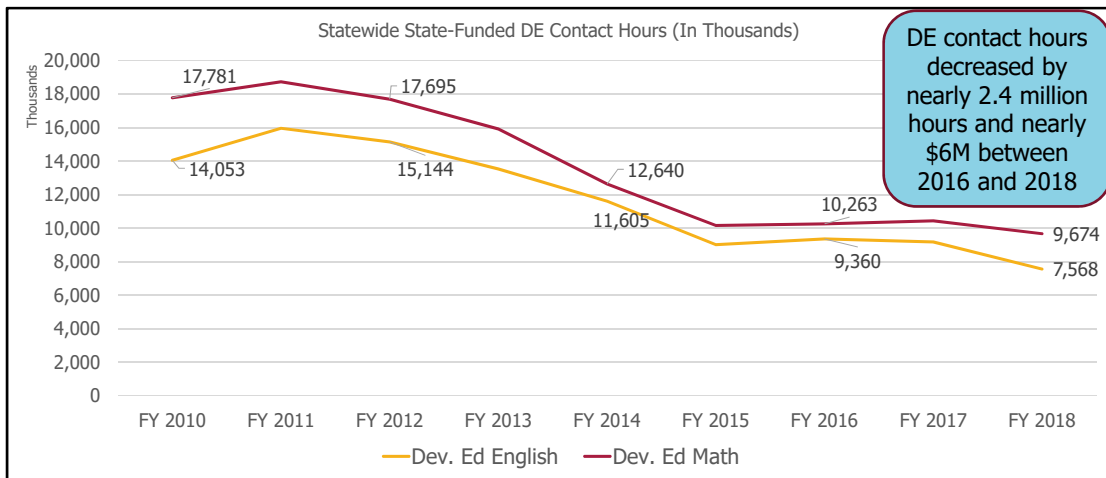
\* Does not include Core Completers, which are included in success points. Core completers grew 40.2% from 2014-2018



## Students are graduating more efficiently, with fewer excess semester credit hours



## Community and technical colleges are accelerating student progress through developmental education (DE)



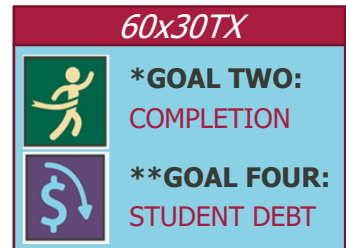
## Institutions are improving outcomes for students and using resources more efficiently

### Benefits for students

- Increased degree and certificate attainment\*
- Faster access to the job market
- Reduced debt\*\*

### Benefits for institutions and the state

- Creates more openings for enrollment at IHEs
- Increases capacity for student services (advising, tutoring, etc.)
- Reinvests public resources in higher education to help more students complete a degree or certificate



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**\*GOAL TWO: COMPLETION**

**\*\*GOAL FOUR: STUDENT DEBT**

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