

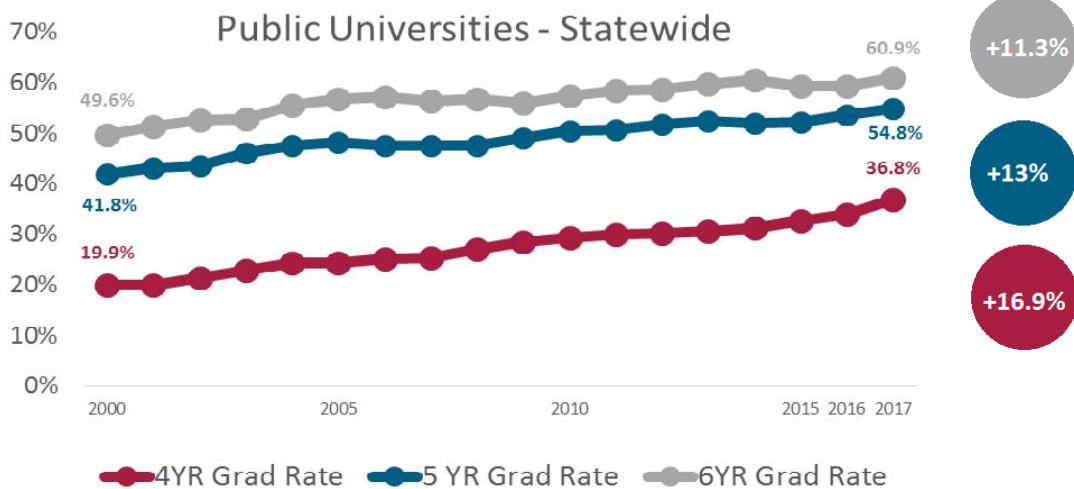
# How Rising Graduation Rates Support the Completion Goal



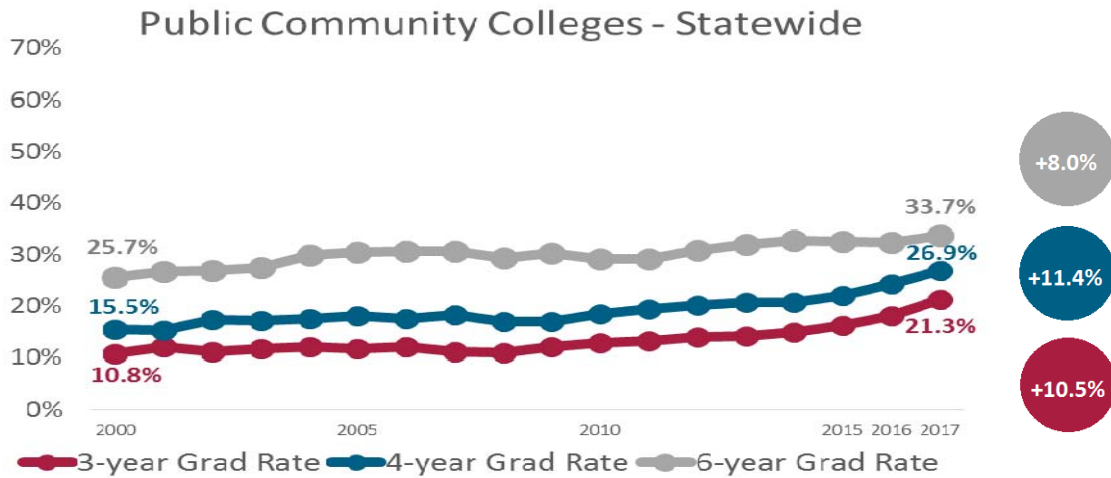
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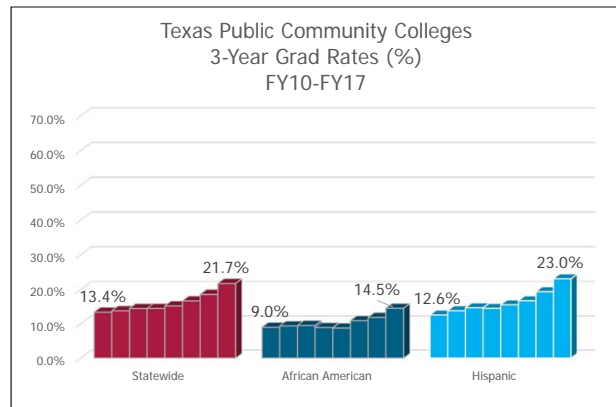
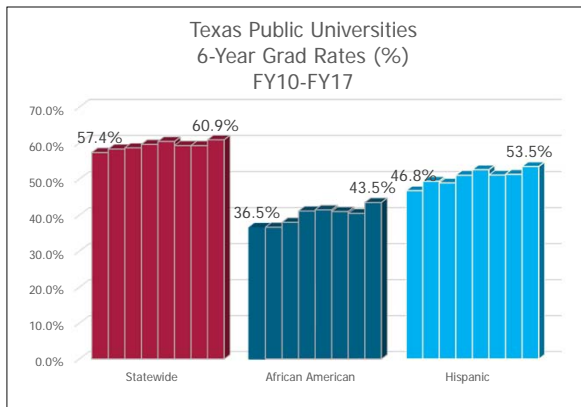
Since 2000, public universities have increased four-year graduation rates by nearly 17 percentage points



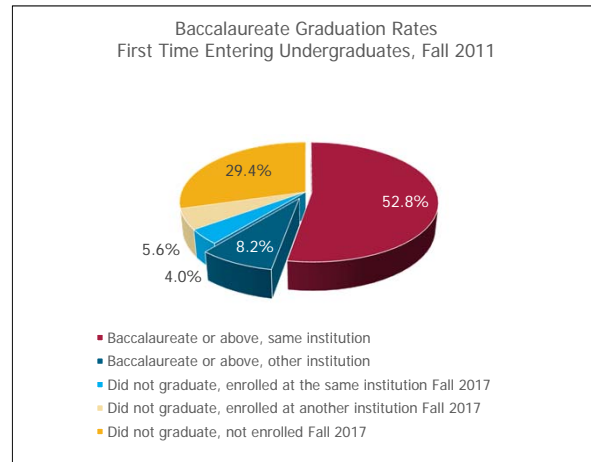
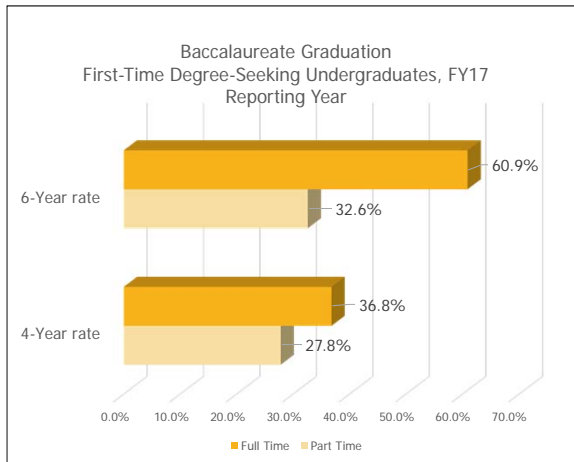
### Three-year graduation rates at community colleges have almost doubled between 2000 and 2017



### Improving graduation rates among African American and Hispanic students drive statewide improvements



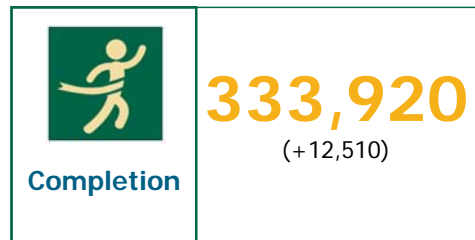
## Enrollment status and transfer are two factors that influence graduation rates in Texas



Despite improvements, data show ongoing efforts are needed to support more on-time completions. Those efforts can produce substantial private and public benefits.

- At universities, still just 1 in 3 students is completing within 4 years
- At community colleges just 1 in 5 complete within 3 years
- On-time completers benefit Texas in many ways
  - Lower levels of student debt
  - Fewer excess credit hours
  - Faster participation in the workforce

Improvements in graduation rates will help accelerate progress toward the Completion Goal



60x30 Educated Population Goal increased 1.2 percentage points from 2016 to 2017

