

Undergraduate Student Success

Annual Report to the Board of Governors

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Overview

Data

- Retention and Graduation Rates
- Graduation Rates by ACT score
 - Evidence student success efforts are working.
- Retention and Graduation Rates by race/ethnicity
- GPA improvements

Strategic Plan Initiatives

Advising

DegreeWorks

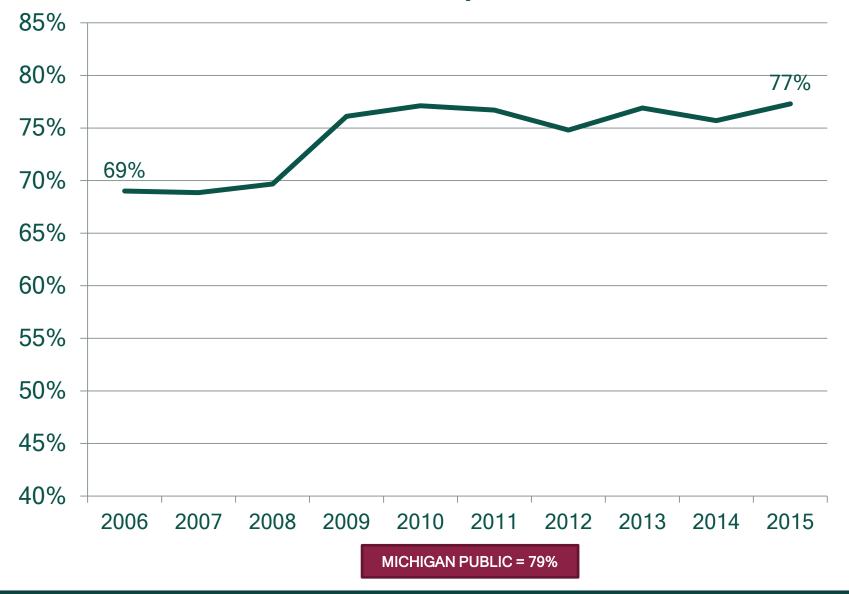
Removing Barriers

Completion Grants





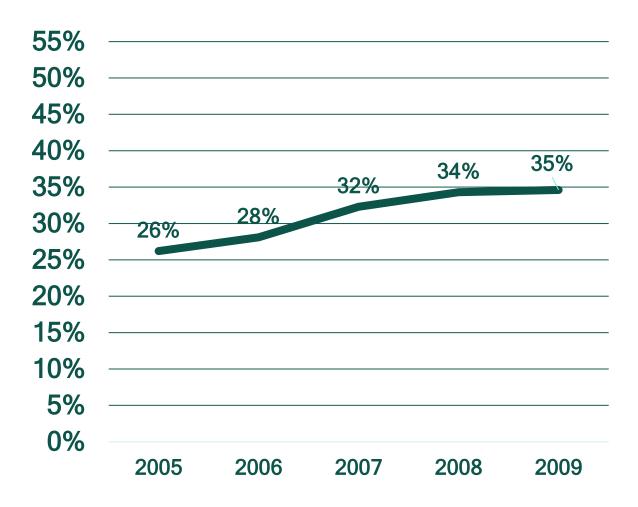
Full-Time FTIAC 1st year Retention







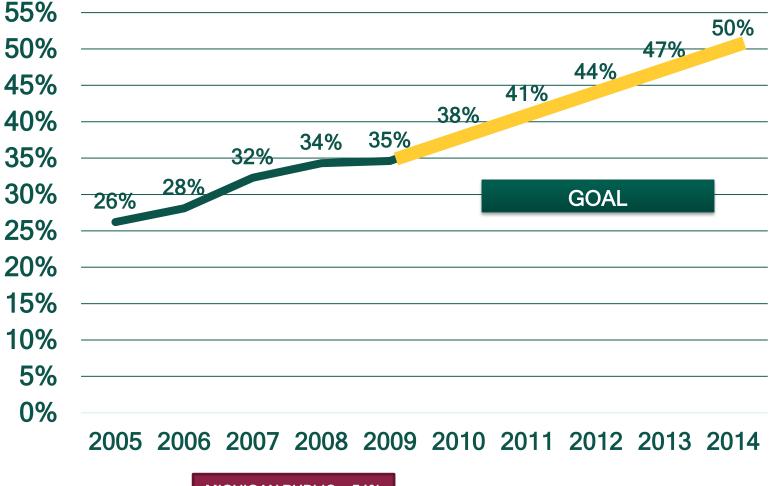
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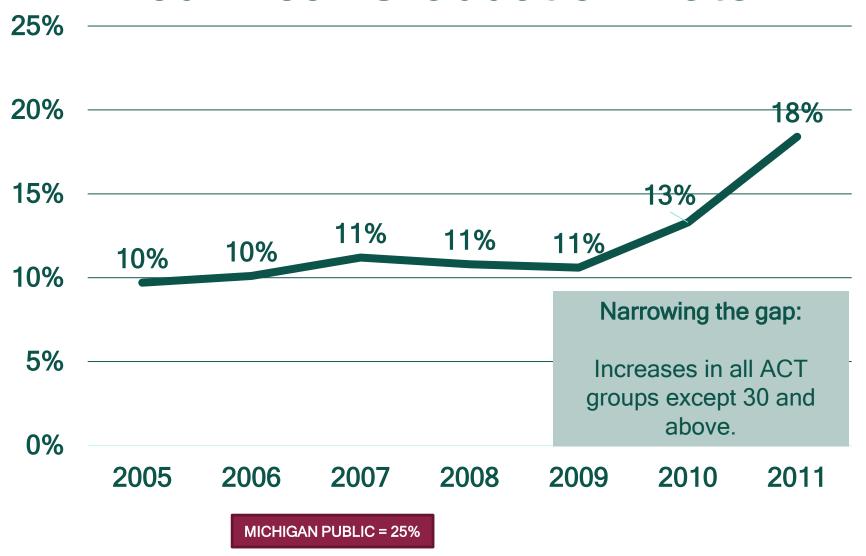
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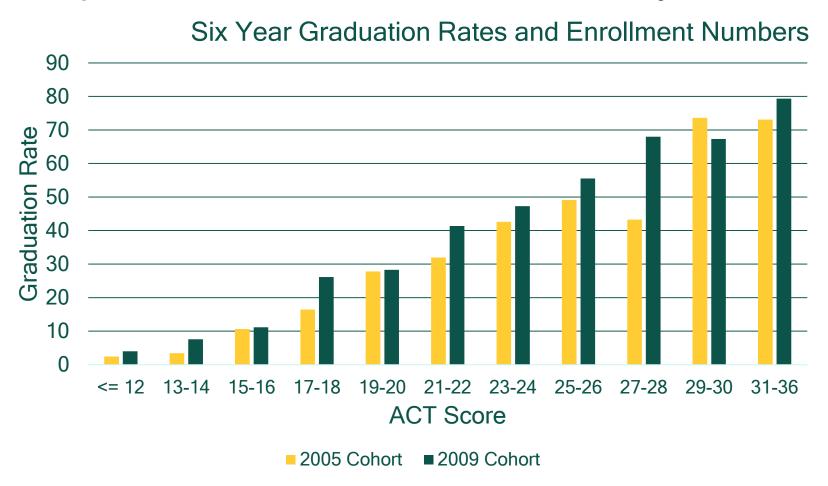


Four Year Graduation Rate





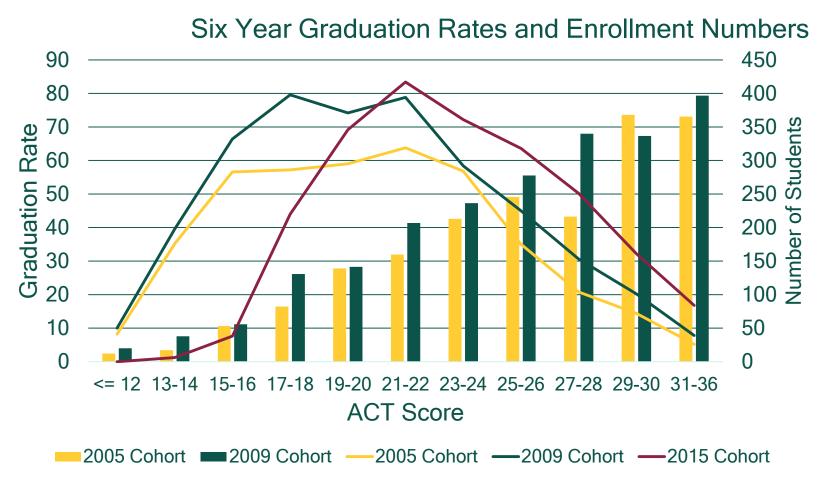
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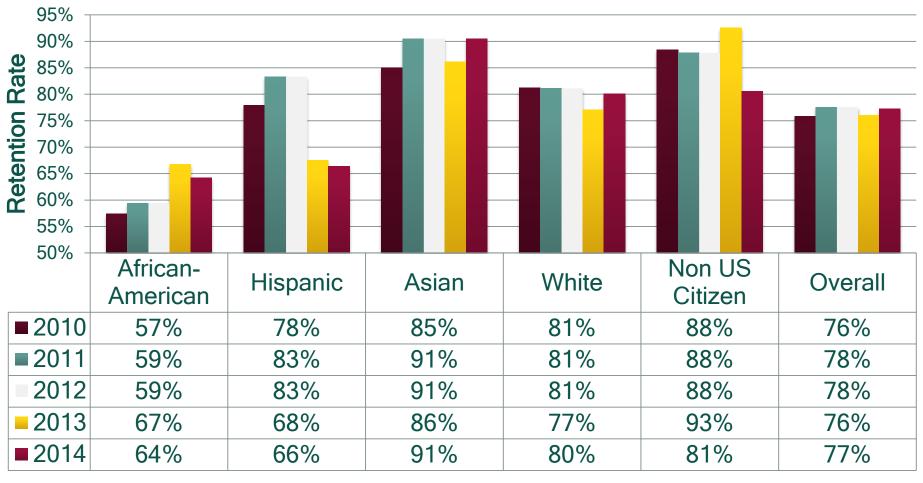


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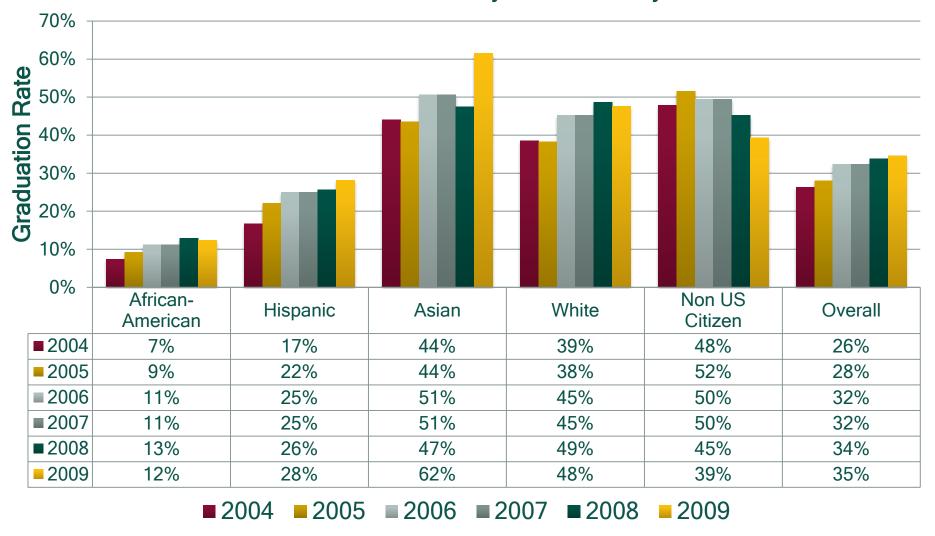
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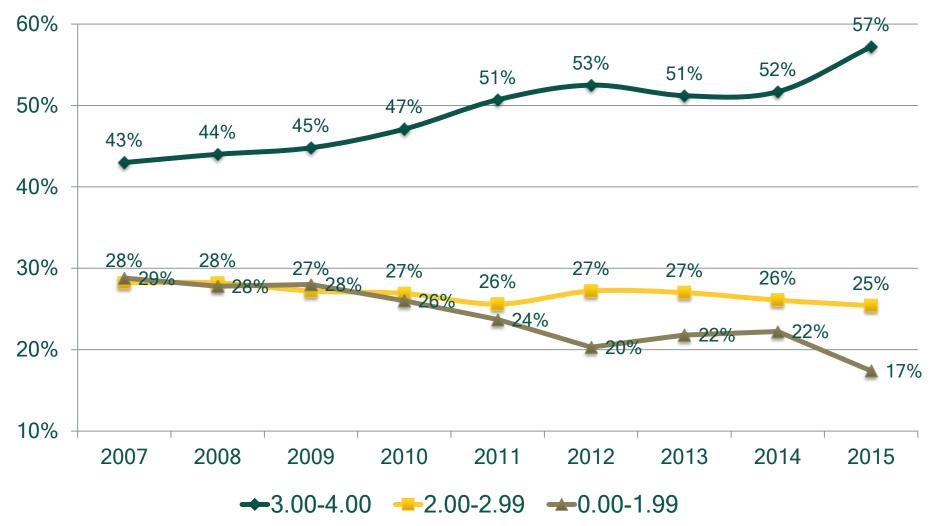


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Full Time FTIACs First Year GPA



Percent ending their first year in each GPA Range.



Goal #1: Cultivate a Culture of Student Success

"Promote relationships between students and other members of the campus community who support student learning and success"

First Year Students (National Survey of Student Engagement)

Discussed academic interests, course selections, or academic performance with academic advisor?

WSU Comparison Universities

2.4 times during the past year*** 2.1 times during the past year***

Academic advisors reached out to student about academic progress or performance?.

2.1 times during the past year***

1.9 times during the past year***

*** statistically significant; p < 0.005

WSU Students (Frequently or Often)

Freshman Senior

Perceive that they have moderate or high quality interactions with advisors

90% 91%



Goal #2: Create Clear Academic Pathways That Support Student Success

"Develop clear curricular pathways and learning outcomes that lead to timely degree attainment."

DegreeWorks:



Over 148,805 degree audits within first six months...



Goal #3: Increase Retention, Progress to Degree, and Graduation Rates for All Students

"Remove course-scheduling barriers, which impede expeditious degree attainment."

Provost Office Initiatives:

- Priority Registration sequences student registration to help students close to graduation get needed courses.
 - Registration for Spring/Summer up more than 20% year to date.
- Course scheduling matrix eliminates overlap between classes, enables more efficient scheduling for students.
 - Set to launch Winter 2017.
- DegreeWorks Exceptions
 - September March: 7106.

Especially thanks to Joe Rankin's efforts...



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"Tailor financial aid options to maximize student retention and degree attainment."

New Completion Grant Program for 2016-2017.

- \$50,000 award from APLU/Urban Serving Universities.
- WSU Commitment: Fund 40% of seniors who
 - Have GPA > 2.5
 - Can graduate within one year
 - Have financial need
 - Have remaining balance of \$1200 or less after other sources paid.
- Seeking external support for the other 60%.



Summary: Results

- First-to-second year retention rates remain competitive, but haven't increased.
- Four year graduation rate nearly doubled in two years.
- Continued gain in six year graduation rates.
- Increases across ability ranges show initiatives are working.
- Continued improvement in credit attainment and academic outcomes.
- Gaps in outcomes by race/ethnicity require continued attention.



Student Success: Strategic Plan Priority Area 1

- Advising initiative maturing and showing impact.
- Many barriers to course scheduling are being removed.
- Students can better monitor and track progress to degree.
- Completion grants will help students through the last mile to degree