Understanding where community college students come from, and how they do

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"Numbers have an important story to tell. They rely on you to give them a clear and convincing voice"

-Stephen Few, founder Perceptual edge



Overview

- ▶ Field Notes an AACC / ACT collaboration
 - Identifying a service area
 - What potential students are in the service area
- Voluntary Framework of Accountability (VFA)
 - What happened to my incoming students?
 - ▶ The value of Leading Indicators





Field Notes



Collaborative Effort

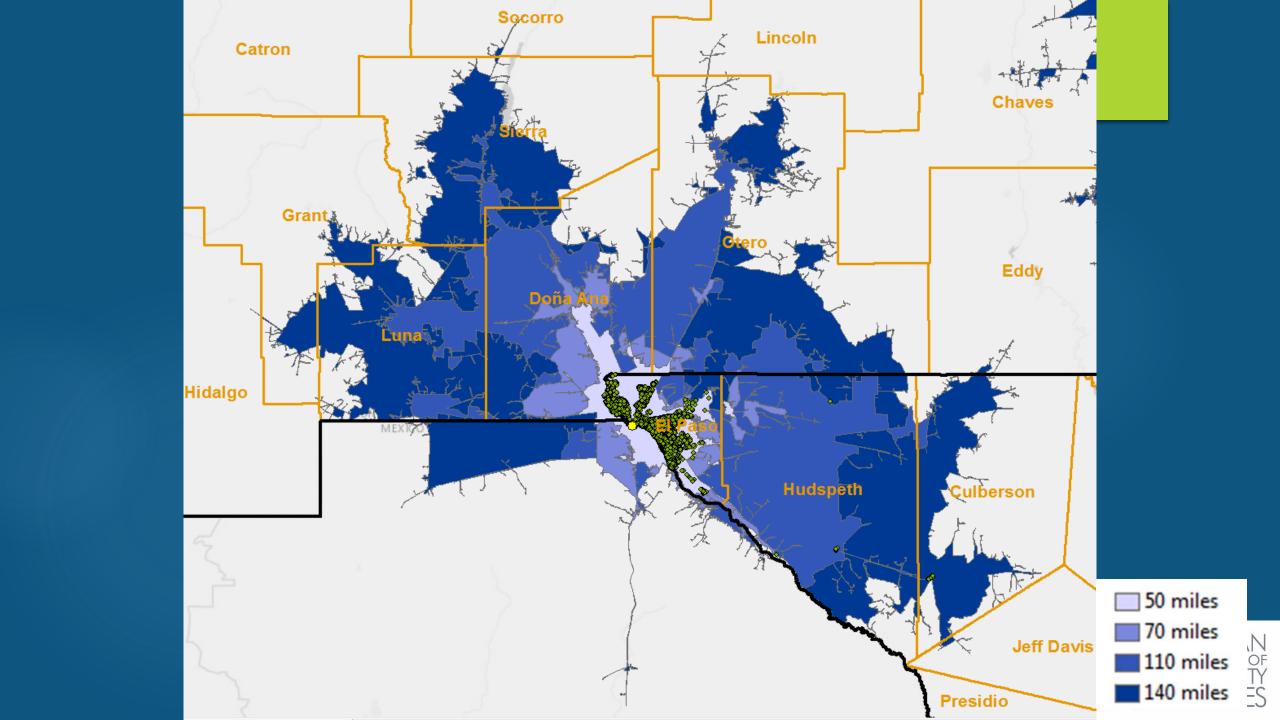
- Provided to every community college
- Second round of Field notes
- Based on ACT product, with input and modifications based on AACC recommendations
- ▶ 1st round based on congressional district
- ▶ 2nd round attempt to define service area





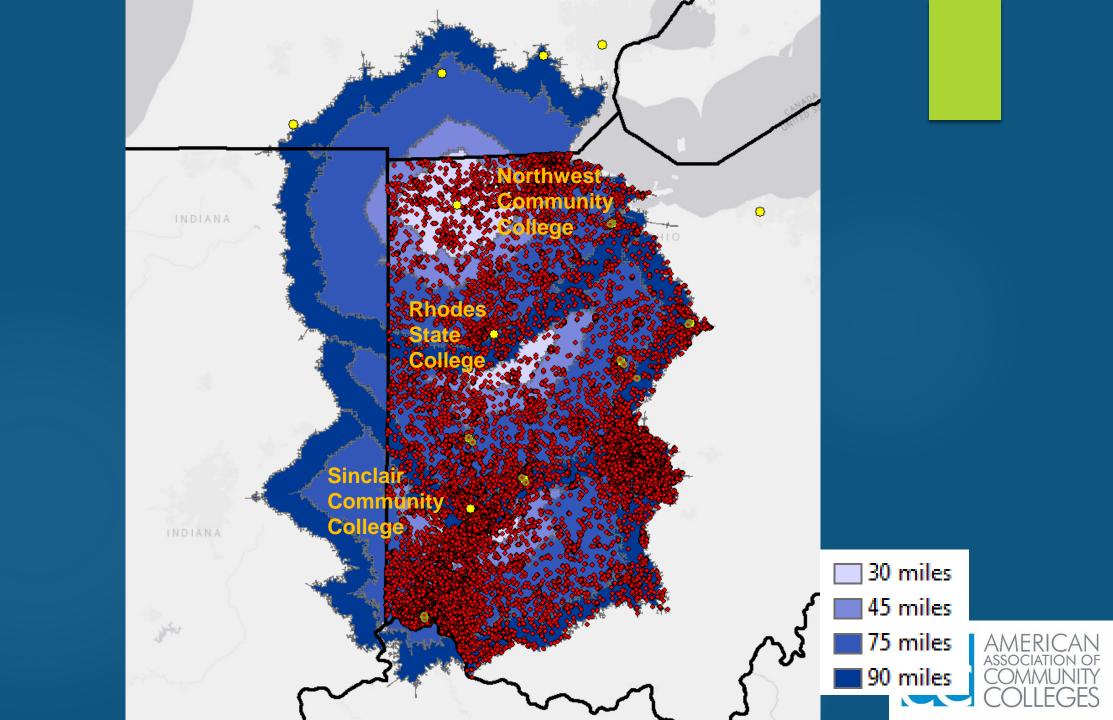
El Paso Community College Service Area

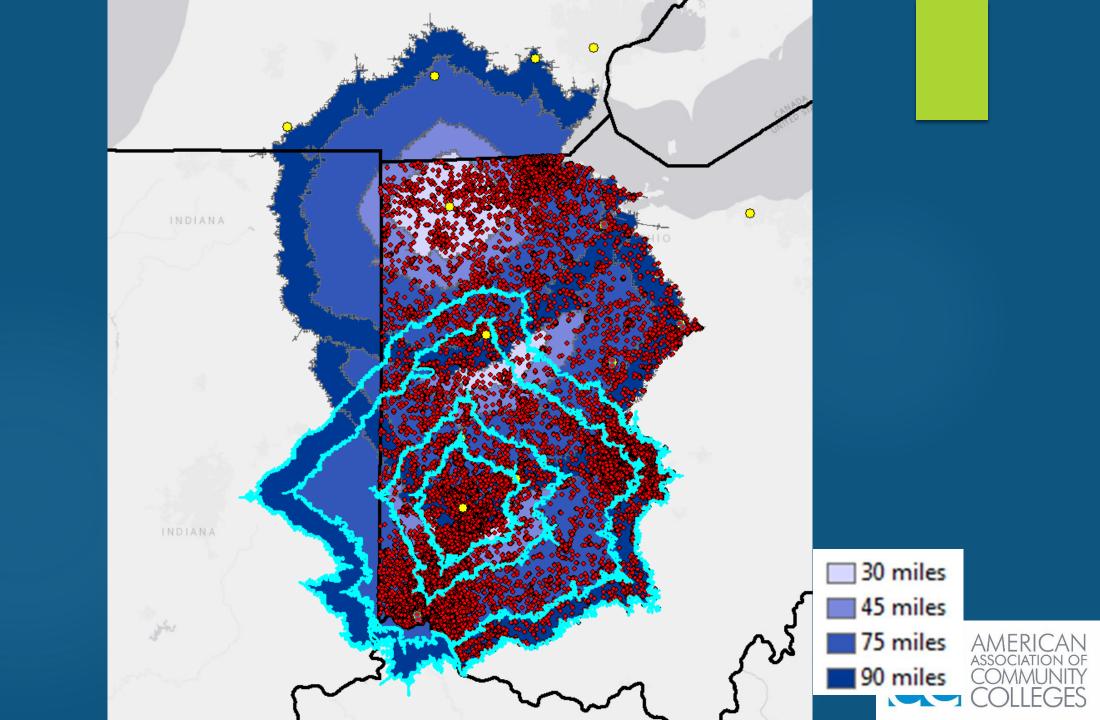




Sinclair Community College Service Area







Guide to Your Constituency

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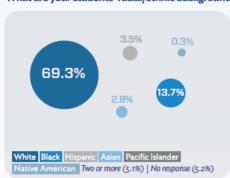
2 million students took the ACT in 2017. Of those, 92,747 students were

from your state.

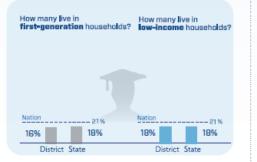




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Are your students ready for college?

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1-18	26%	28%	38%
19-23	35%	35%	30%
24-36	39%	37%	32%

...But college readiness is more than ONE number.

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STUDENTS IN YOUR DISTRICT WHO MET AT LEAST 3 OF 4 COLLEGE-READY BENCHMARK SCORES

Overall	50%	State: 46% Nation: 39%
First Generation	26%	State: 26% Nation: 19%
Low Income	25%	State: 25% Nation: 19%

How many students in your district go to college?

Unfortunately, low-income and first-generation students lag behind their peers in their college enrollment rates. Below is a comparison of the college-going rates of these traditionally underrepresented students in your district, state, and nation.

OVERALL

District	79% 5,161
State	74% 68,767
Nation	66% 1,275,164

FIRST GENERATION

District	66% 684
State	81% 10,284
Nation	53% 223,705

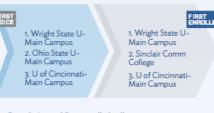
LOW INCOME

District	69%	824
State	62% 10),107
Nation	55% 235,	370

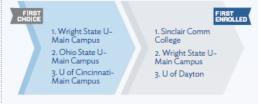
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Top 3 first-choice and first-enrolled colleges of all students



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STEM Careers: Are your students interested and ready?

In your state, **40%** of ACT-tested students from the class of 2017 reported being interested in either a STEM major or career. **26%** are prepared for first-year college coursework related to these careers.

Is your state work ready?

- 58 large employers (with 500+ employees) recognize or recommend the NCRC.
- 4% of all counties participate in ACT Work Ready Communities.
- There are 3 ACT Work Ready Certified counties in your state.

Is your workforce ready?

ACT's National Career Readiness
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NUMBER OF CERTIFIED WORKERS IN YOUR STATE BY NCRC LEVEL

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Platinum	128
Gold	1,624
Silver	5,758
Bronze	2,704





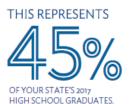
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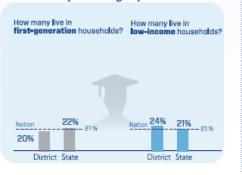




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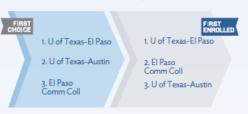
LOW INCOME

District	66%	949
State	64%	20,116
Nation	55% 23	5,670

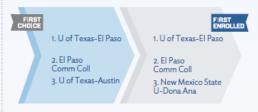
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NUMBER OF CERTIFIED WORKERS IN YOUR STATE BY NCRC LEVEL

Platinum 115	
Gold	1,641
Silver	4,768
Bronze	1,746







Measuring Community College Student Outcomes







2018 VFA Data Collection Now Closed









Developmental Outcomes across Subjects by Cohort Type Attempted Dev Course (By Referral) Became College Ready* Completed College Course* 78.3% 29.0% 19.9% Math **Main Cohort** 47.1% 35.4% 27.6% English 58.6% 54.6% Reading Measure Not Applicable 20% 40% 60% 80% 100% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100% 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100% 83.7% 59.2% 43.2% Math 50.3% 73.1% 62.1% English **Credential Seeking** 54.3% 88.1% Reading Measure Not Applicable 20% 40% 60% 80% 100% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100% 29.2% Math 85.6% 19.9% First Time in College English 53.9% 33.4% 25.7% Reading 66.7% 54.9% Measure Not Applicable 40% 60% 80% 100% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100% 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%



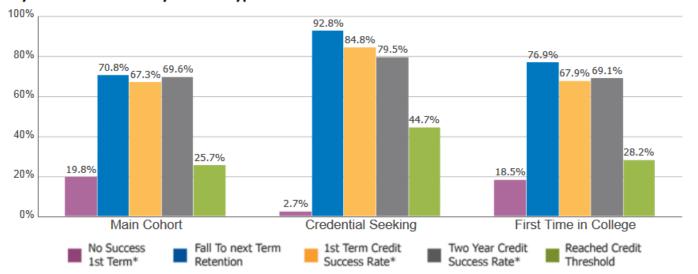
Two-Year Progress Measures

These measures report milestones along the educational pathway and persistence/attainment outcomes by the end of a student's first two years at the college.

The persistence/attainment outcomes by the end of year two provide an early indicator of the cohort's performance. These outcomes are not exhaustive and will not sum to 100% of the students in the cohort. The outcomes are:

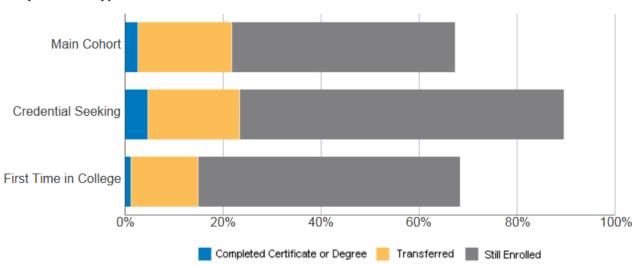
- Unduplicated
- Hierarchical
- Achieved by the end of two years
- Credentials earned at the reporting college

Progress by End of Year Two by Cohort Type



Persistence/Attainment Outcomes by End of Year Two by Cohort Type

	Cohort Count	Completed	Transferred	Still Enrolled	
Main Cohort	11,102	2.7%	19.1%	45.6%	
Credential Seeking	6,352	4.8%	18.7%	66.1%	
First Time in College	5,382	1.4%	13.7%	53.4%	





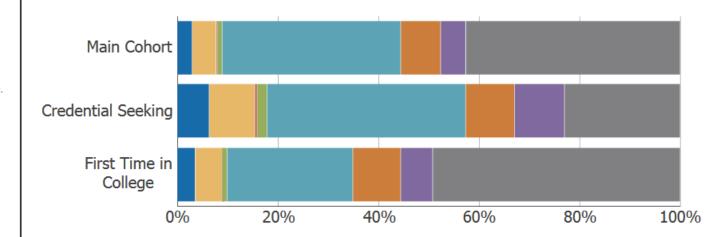
Six-Year Outcomes

Each student in the cohort is counted in only one of the Six-Year Outcomes and the sum of all of the outcomes will total 100% of the cohort.

The Six-Year Outcomes are:

- Unduplicated
- Hierarchical
- Achieved by the end of six years
- Credentials earned at your college.

Outcomes by the end of Six Years by Cohort Type

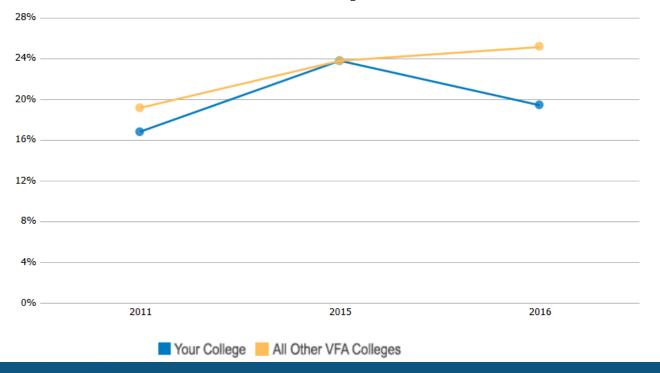


Outcomes	Main Cohort	Credential Seeking	First Time in College	
Cohort Count	13,406	6,277	5,951	
Bachelor's	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Associate (Transfer)	3.0%	6.2%	3.6%	
Associate (No Transfer)	4.6%	9.3%	5.2%	
Certificate (Transfer)	0.2%	0.4%	0.1%	
Certificate (No Transfer)	1.1%	2.0%	0.9%	
No Award (Transfer)	35.6%	39.5%	25.2%	
Still Enrolled	7.9%	9.6%	9.5%	
Left with > or = 30 credits	5.0%	10.0%	6.3%	
Left with < 30 credits	42.6%	22.9%	49.2%	



Gateway Completion, Persistence, and College Course Completion KPIs											
Cohort Year	Passed college math in year 1		Passed college English in year 1		Passed college English & math in year 1		Persisted from term 1 to term 2		Total college Total college Credits credits pass attempted completed		Credit pass rate
2011	16.8%	114	51.8%	351	12.6%	85	82.0%	555	13,983	10,037	71.8%
2015	23.8%	125	50.1%	263	17.9%	94	76.6%	402	10,396	7,667	73.7%
2016	19.4%	90	47.1%	218	17.3%	80	72.8%	337	8,580	6,185	72.1%

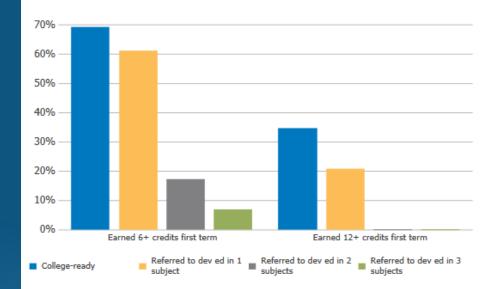
Main Cohort Passed College Math in Year 1



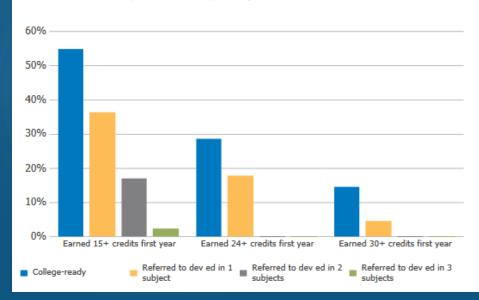


College Readiness Status Disaggregation - Fall 2016 Main Cohort

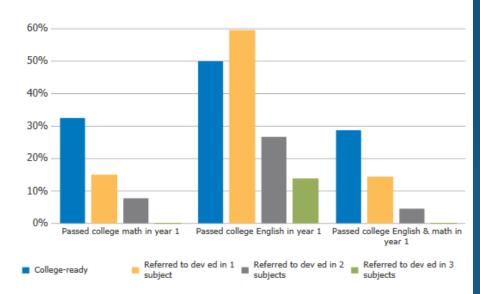
First Term Credit Completion Rate by College Readiness



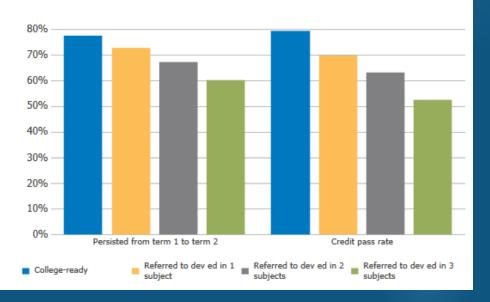
Year 1 Credit Completion Rate by College Readiness Status



College Course Completion Rate by College Readiness Status



Persistence and Credit Pass Rate by College Readiness Status





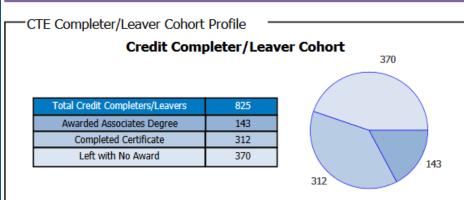
Early support for value of leading indicators for predicting success

Correlation between VFA Colleges for Select Early Indicators and Select Six-Year Outcomes: 2011 Main Cohort

Six Year Outcome	Earned 6 Credits Term One	Earned 15 Credits Year One	Reached Credit Threshold	Completed College English	Completed College Math
Persistence/Completion Rate	0.518 **	0.532 **	0.575 **	0.453 **	0.437 **
Credential Completion Rate	0.549 **	0.639 **	0.777 **	0.378 **	0.531 **
Transfer Rate (with or without credential)	0.211 **	0.193 *	0.207 **	0.305 **	0.142



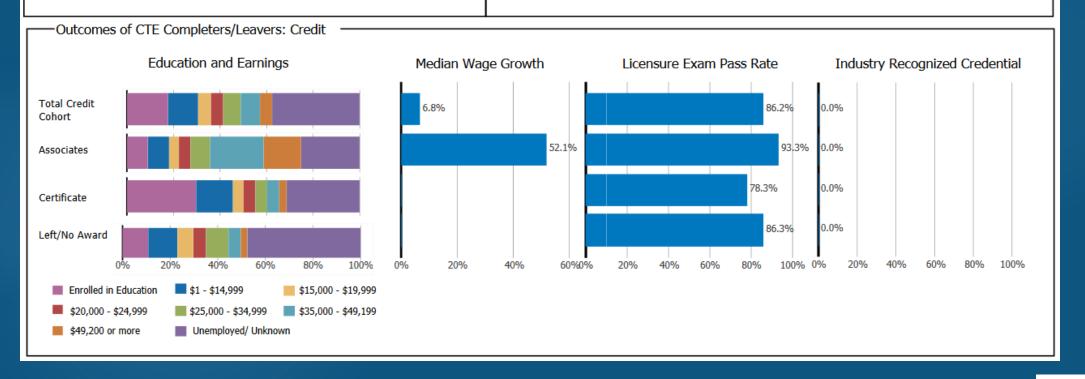
Credit Career & Technical Education (CTE) Measures



Credit Completers/Leavers With Prior Awards

Prior Bachelor's + Prior Associate Total Prior Awards

Total Credit Cohort	10	(1.2%)	2	(0.2%)	12	(1.5%)
Awarded Associates	2	(1.4%)	N/A	(0.0%)	2	(1.4%)
Completed Certificate	4	(1.3%)	1	(0.3%)	5	(1.6%)
Left with No Award	4	(1.1%)	1	(0.3%)	5	(1.4%)







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