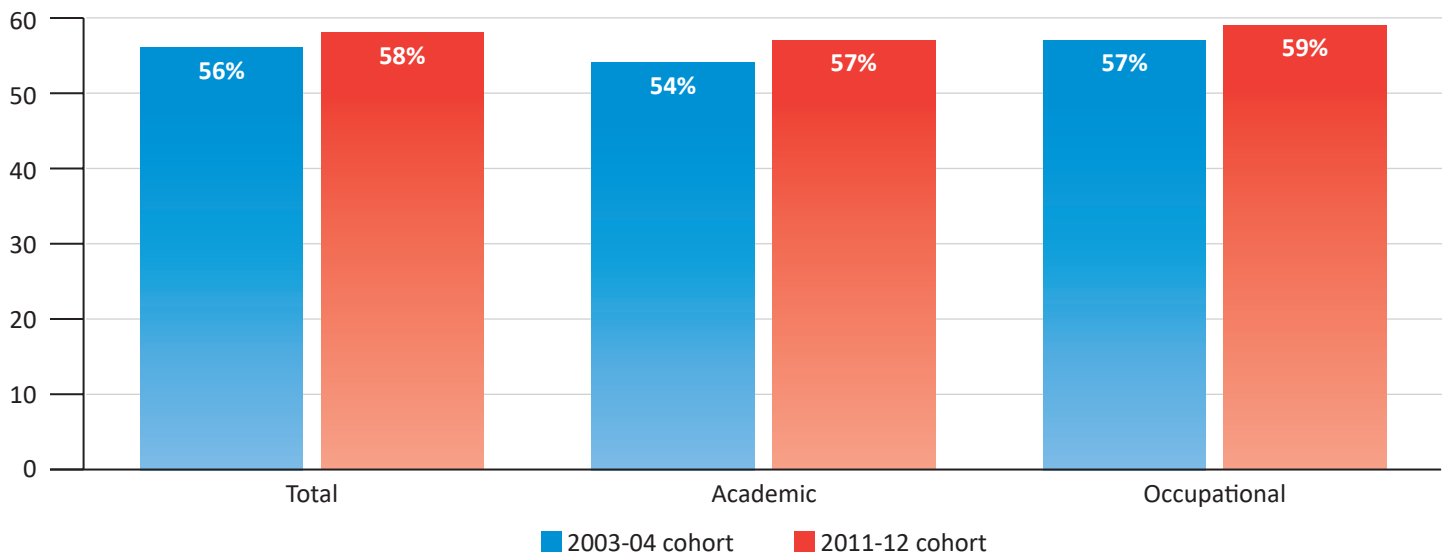


Staying and completing

Persistence and attainment rates have increased for sub-baccalaureate students.

Persistence and attainment rates of students seeking a sub-baccalaureate credential after three years, by curriculum: 2006 and 2014



Source: AACC analysis of National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS) 2015-16 Undergraduate Data Sets, U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, December 2018.



Students who began sub-baccalaureate credential programs in the 2011-12 academic year were more likely to attain a credential or still be enrolled (persist) compared to students who began in the 2003-04 academic year, according to data from the National Center for Education Statistics. Students seeking occupational credentials were more likely to attain or persist than students who were seeking a non-occupational credential. Further analysis of these data indicate that public community college persistence and attainment rates are slightly below the overall rates (56 percent for the 2011-12 beginning community college students compared to 58 percent for all students).

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