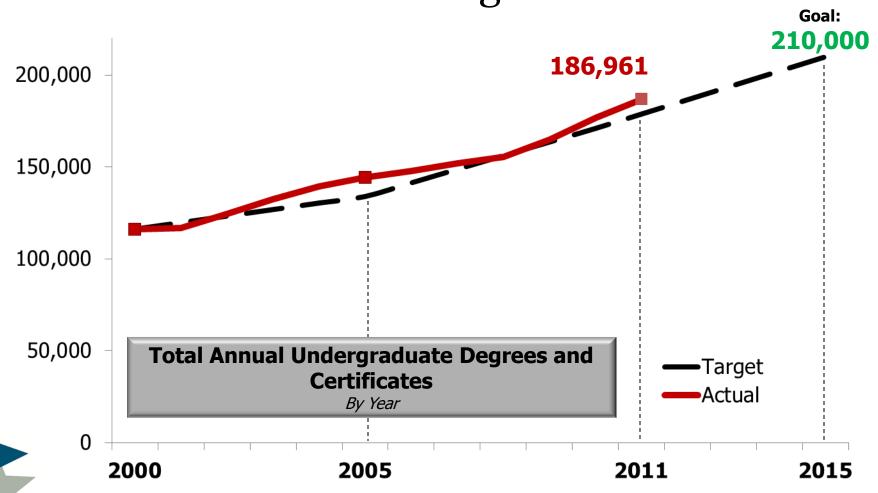


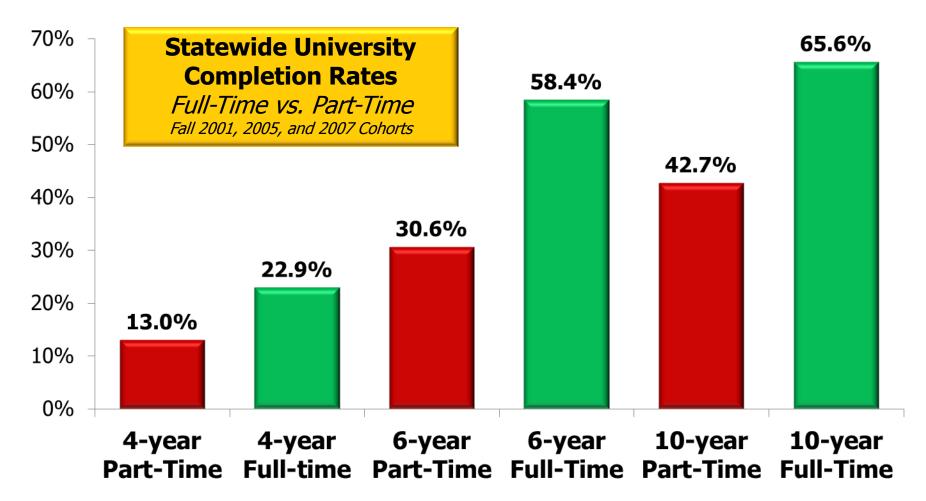
# Student Success Progress and the Future of Higher Education

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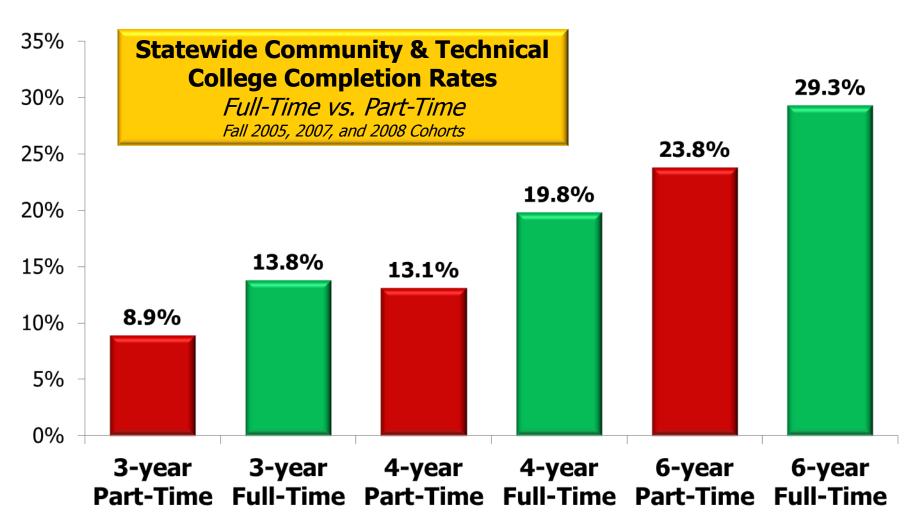
Texas is on track for meeting statewide **Success** goal







	Time to Bachelor's (4-year degree)	Credits to Bachelor's (120 Hr. Degree)
State	5.3 years	147

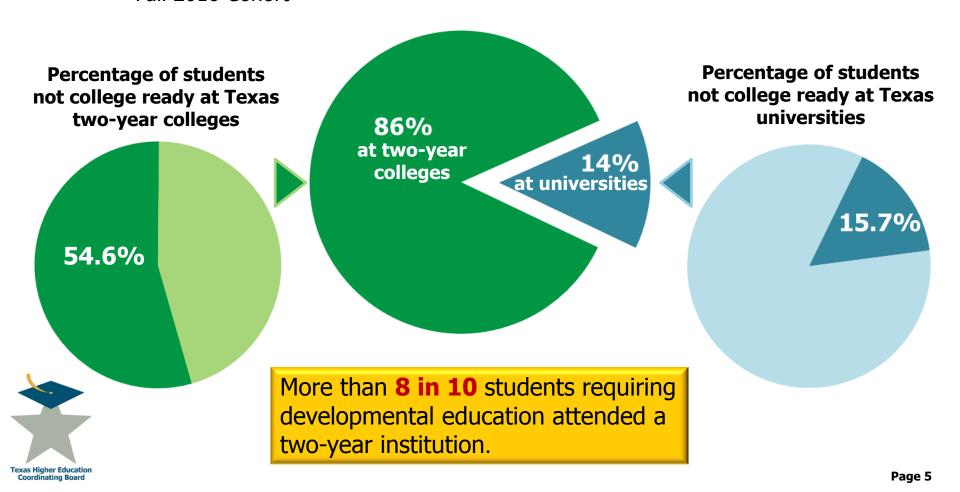




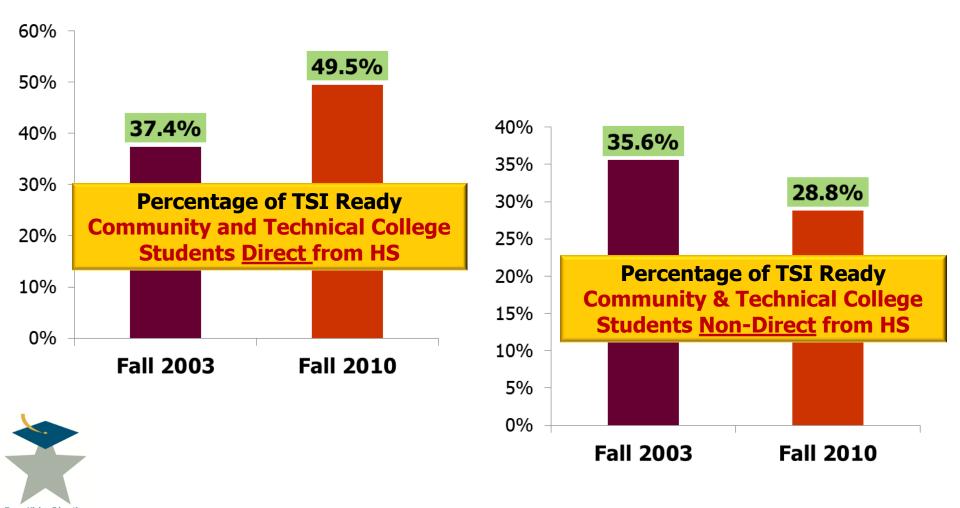
	Time to Associate's (2-year degree)	Credits to Associate's (60 Hr. Degree)
State	4.7 years	98

### Too many students are not prepared to succeed in postsecondary education

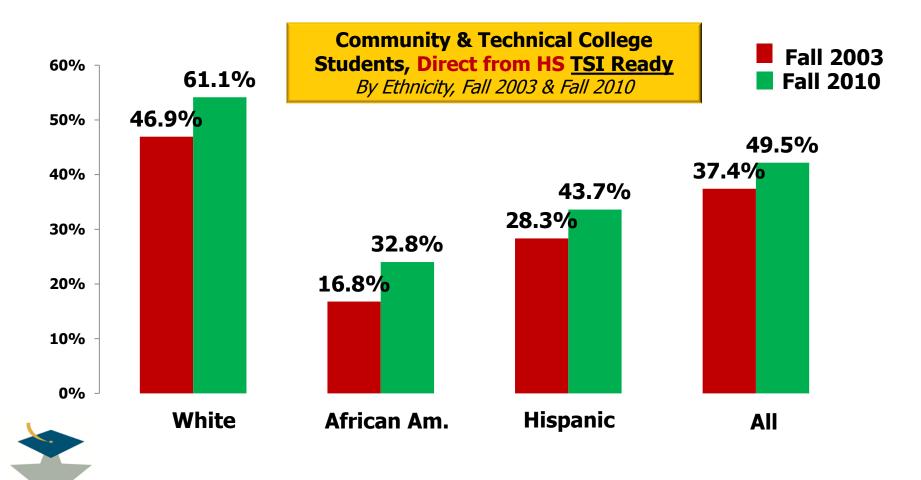
**College Readiness of First-Time Entering Students by Sector** *Fall 2010 Cohort* 



Students enrolling in colleges directly from high school are meeting TSI standards at higher rates while others experience a decline in readiness



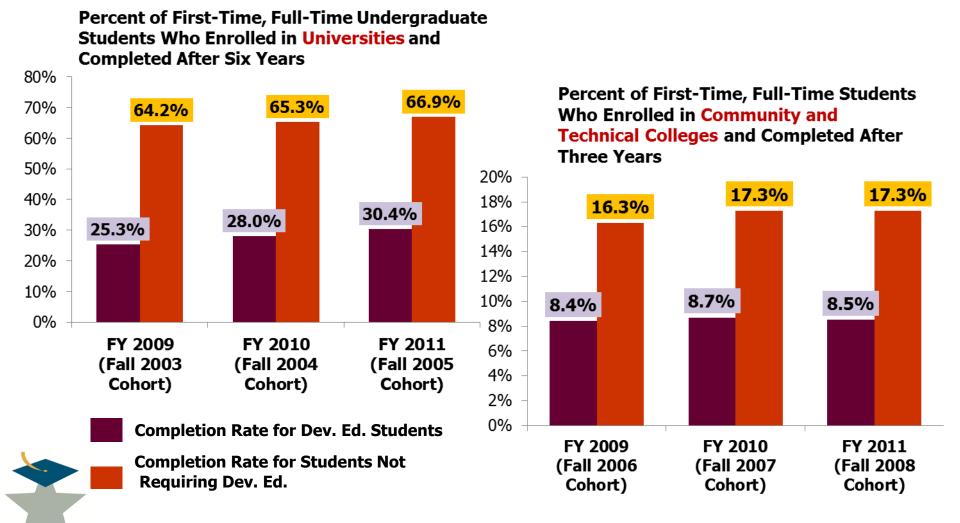
Community and technical college students enrolling directly from high school are meeting TSI standards at higher rates



**NOTE:** Includes only first-time-in-college, degree seeking students

**Texas Higher Education** 

Not surprisingly, students who are underprepared for the rigors of higher education complete programs at lower rates



# Our vision for the next generation of learners will require "disruptive innovation"

Improving the availability and effectiveness of technology on campus is an **opportunity** for institutions:

- **43%** of students agree their institutions need more technology
- Only 1 in 4 (22%) students strongly agrees their institutions use the technology they have effectively.

### Texas Affordable Baccalaureate Program









Source: EDUCAUSE Center for Applied Research

## Texas must support the integration of a competency-based education model

#### **Competency Based Education:**

- Evaluates mastery of skills according to a performance-based process
- ✓ Accelerates time to degree by allowing students to advance once they have demonstrated mastery of a competency
- ✓ Ties competencies to workforce needs

Western Governor's University Texas leverages this approach.

In 2009, the THECB adopted a plan to <u>accelerate progress</u> in participation and student success goals....

Launched **GenerationTX**—a grassroots movement to create a **college-ready**, **college-going culture** with special emphasis on Hispanic students and their families





Launched AdviseTX—a school-based, studentoriented college advising corps designed to help students, particularly in low-income areas, navigate the college application process

**Grad TX** is designed to help **adults** return to college and finish their bachelor's degrees through specifically designed degree programs and flexible options.





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### Key strategies and initiatives

- Expanding Access to Higher Education
  - Restructuring Financial Aid
  - Low-cost degrees
  - The institutionalizing LEAN culture of continuous improvement
  - Strengthening Community Colleges
    (Including improving transfer and aligning outcomes with workforce needs)
- Sustaining collaboration with P-12
  - \*\* College Readiness
  - Professional Development for Teachers
  - Attracting more high achieving students into teaching and better pre-service preparation
- Improving higher education outcomes
  - Reinventing Developmental Education/ABE
  - Outcomes-based Funding for Institutions

