South Texas Regional Roundtable

The Student Success Agenda:

Improving Educational Outcomes

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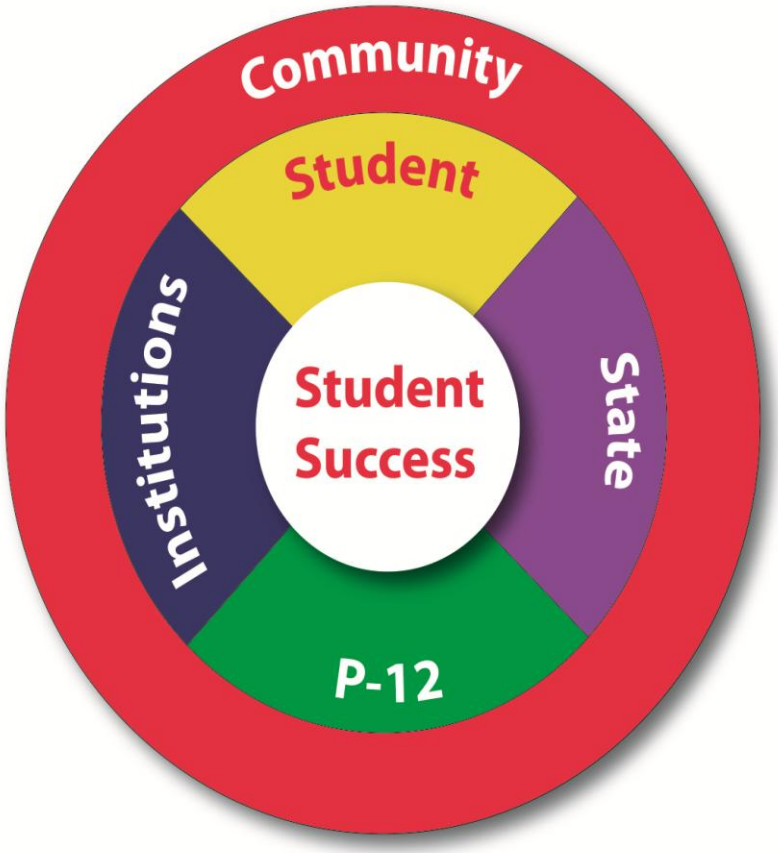
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

The Student Success Agenda:

All stakeholders have a responsibility

To ensure the long-term educational and economic vibrancy of Texas, **many stakeholders** must **play an equal and integral part** in assuring the state meets the goals of *Closing the Gaps by 2015* and beyond.



Texas Shared Responsibility Model:
"We all have a stake in student success"

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1 of 10

African Americans
earn a
degree/certificate

1 of 7

Hispanics
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Whites
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All South Texas Students
earn a
degree/certificate

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Source: THECB, 7th Grade Cohort (FY 1998-FY 2009)

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Better outcomes means higher quality of life

$15,236

Median Wage for
No HS Diploma

$19,090

Median Wage for
HS Diploma

$21,761

Median Wage for
Certificate

$26,714

Median Wage for
Associate's Degree

$38,940

Median Wage for
Bachelor's Degree

Median Wage Income by Education Level
South Texas Region

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Students who leave a university with no credential carry a great financial burden

$7,681

Avg. Loan Debt
African American

$7,257

Avg. Loan Debt
Hispanic

$7,995

Avg. Loan Debt
White

$7,477

Avg. Loan Debt
All Students

Median Income
(HS Diploma, Some College)
$20,685

43% of non-completers had loan debt

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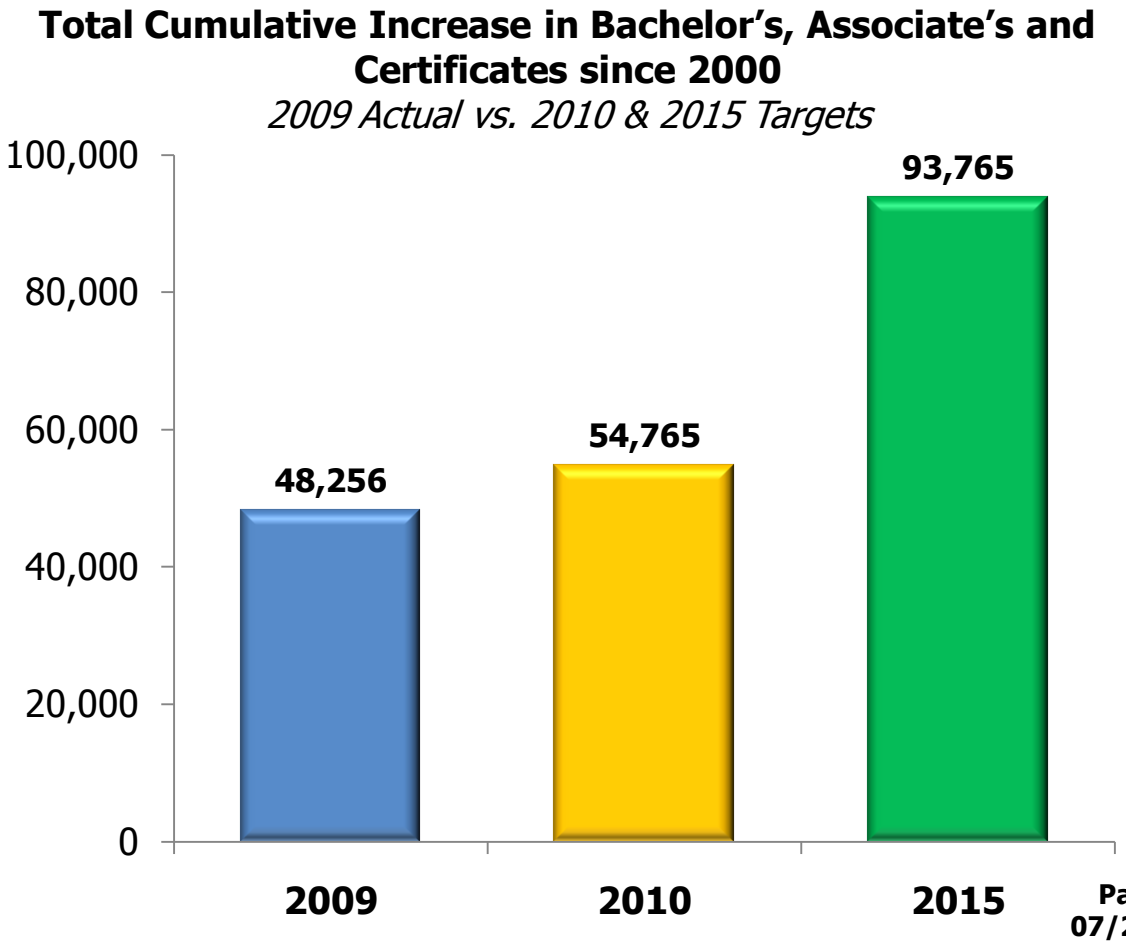
NOTE: First-time, full-time undergraduates enrolling in Fall 2003 at TAMIU, UT-Pan American, TAMUCC, Sul Ross State, and TAMU-Kingsville that were no longer enrolled at any institution of higher education and **did not receive a degree** by Fall 2009. Does not include UT-Brownsville because no students enrolled as undergraduates at that institution in this cohort.

The Student Success Agenda:

Business as usual is no longer an option

✓ Texas and the region **must accelerate progress** if we are to meet our *Closing the Gaps* goals.

✓ For Texas to meet 2015 targets, we must **double current gains** in annual bachelor's, associate's and certificate awards.



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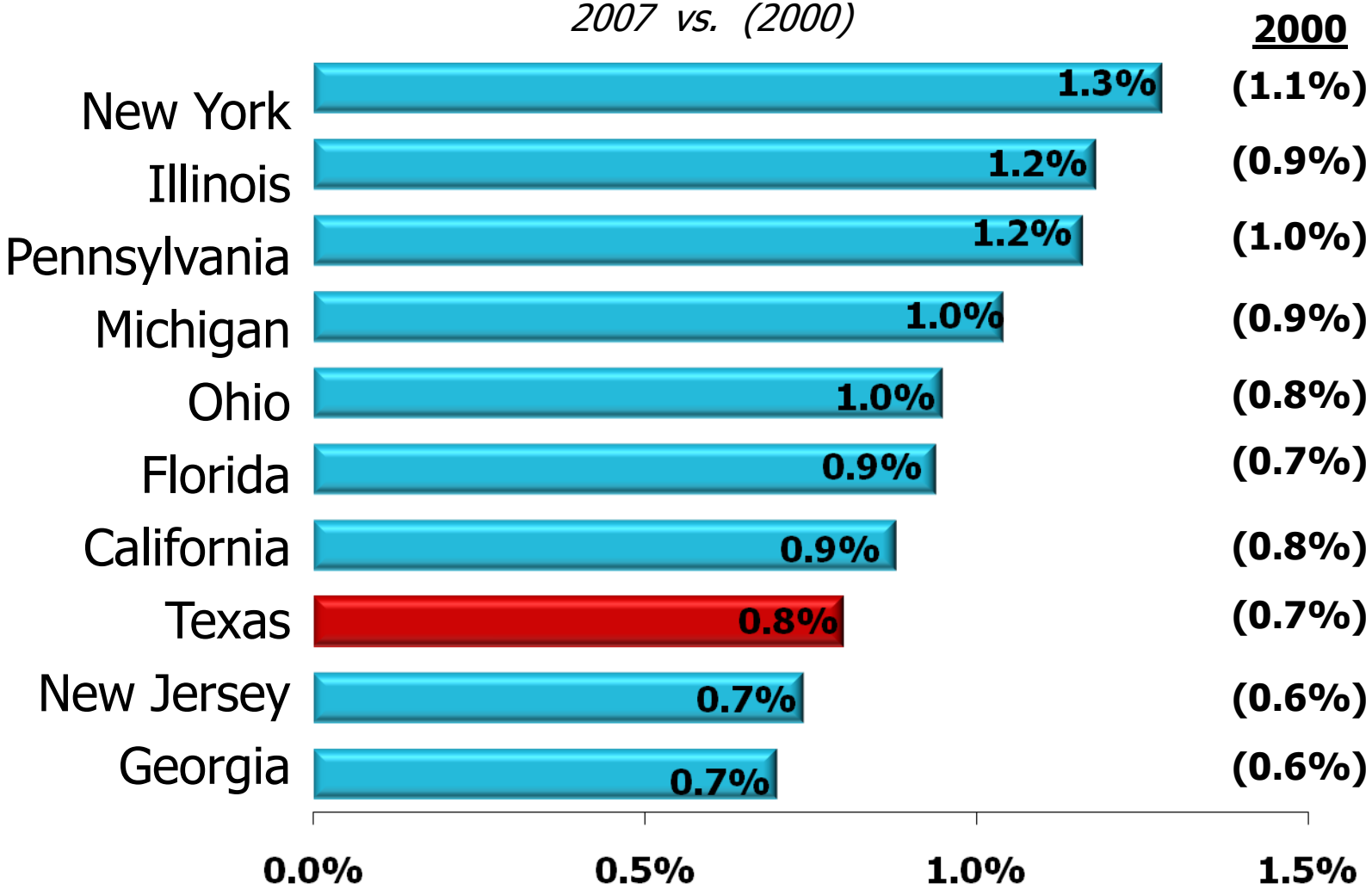
Degrees Awarded as Percentage of Total Population for Ten Most Populous States

2007 vs. (2000)



Source: U.S.DOE, IPEDS, and Census Bureau

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The legislative session next year marks the **last opportunity to take meaningful steps** to meet our 2015 goals. To this end, the Coordinating Board is proposing a comprehensive agenda that includes:

- ✓ **Reforming** higher education funding models to promote student success (e.g. course and program completion).
- ✓ **Targeting** TEXAS Grants to low-income, college ready students.
- ✓ **Reinventing** developmental education.

- ✓ **Increasing** transfers from 2-year to 4-year institutions.
- ✓ **Institutionalizing** College & Career Readiness Standards and increasing teacher effectiveness.
- ✓ **Strengthening** a college and career-ready culture throughout Texas (e.g. GenTX campaign)

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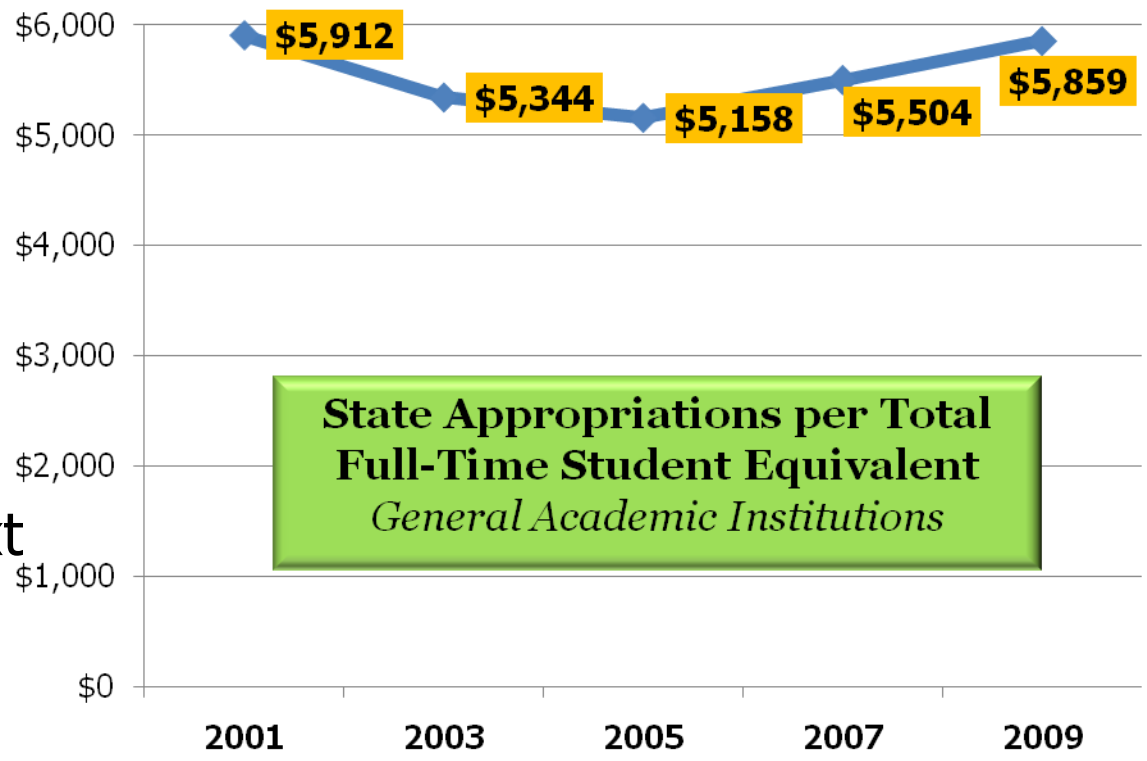
Texas must do better with limited resources

Texas is facing very serious fiscal challenges over the next few years. According to some estimates, the **budget shortfall could be in the range of $15B to $18B** by the start of next Legislative session.



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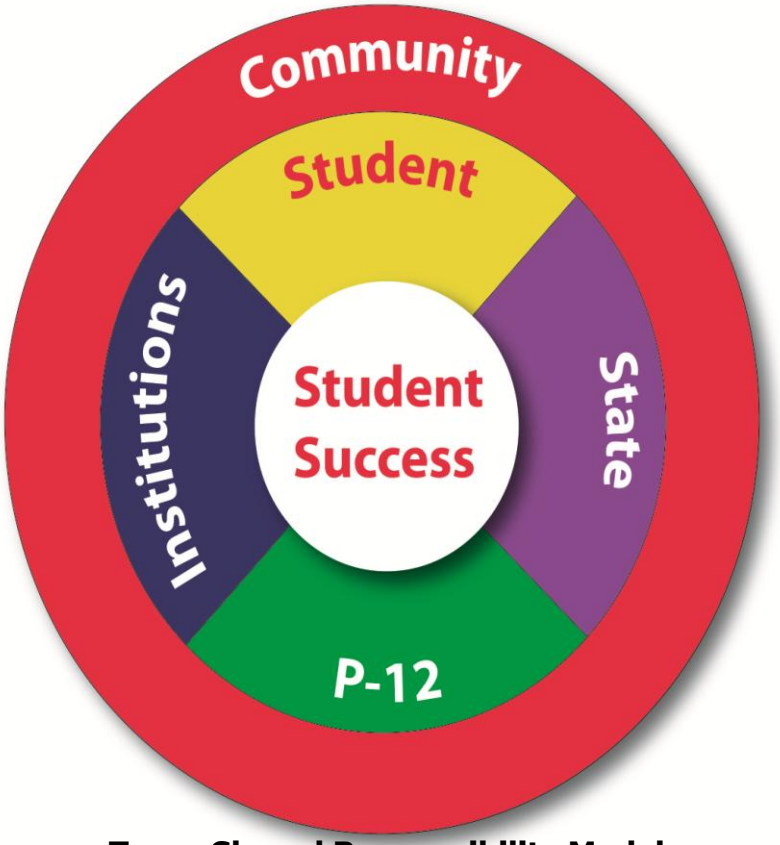
Success in South Texas will help the state achieve its educational and workforce goals



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