

# Transforming Colleges and Closing Equity Gaps: AB 705 Early Outcomes

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# Overview

- Brief history of MMAP
- Overview of the community supporting AB 705 implementation
- Early Results
  - MMAP
  - AIR/Rand Texas Corequisite study
  - PPIC
- Key Resources
- Get Involved!

# A Brief History of MMAP and AB 705

- STEPS started with 14 colleges
- MMAP – started in 2014-15 with the 14 STEPS colleges
- CAI and Multiple Measures Work Group formed
- MMAP decision rules guidance released – over 90 colleges eventually join pilot
- AB 705 passed (Signed into law in October 2017)
- AB 705 Implementation Committee and ESL subcommittee formed
  - Selection bias question: Are students with a certain GPA who were placed into a course representative of all students with that GPA, including those not so placed?
  - RP Group adjusted predicted pass rates for the AB 705 Implementation Committee
- RP Group recommendations incorporated into CCCCO guidance memos on English and math
- AB 705 Implementation Committee and ESL subcommittees review new research & early results and provide additional guidance

# Statewide AB 705 Implementation Committee

<b>10 Faculty</b>	<b>2 ASCCC Representatives</b>
<b>6 Researchers</b>	<b>2 BOG Members</b>
<b>6 CCCCCO Staff</b>	<b>1 Assessment Director</b>
<b>3 Foundation Staff</b>	<b>1 VPSS</b>
<b>2 VPIs</b>	<b>1 Tech Center</b>
<b>2 Deans</b>	<b>1 CCLC Staff</b>
<b>2 CEOs</b>	<b>1 Athletic Director</b>

## AB 705 ESL Advisory Subcommittee

<b>1 Vice Chancellor at CCCO</b>	<b>1 CCCCO Staff</b>
<b>10 ESL Faculty</b>	<b>1 ASCCC Rep. (Physics)</b>
<b>2 English Faculty</b>	<b>1 VPI</b>
<b>2 Researchers</b>	
<b>1 WestEd Staff</b>	
<b>1 Math Faculty</b>	

## Where in the world have the MMAP researchers been?

- 28 webinars - with over 2,000 attendees
- 50+ Chancellor's Office committee meetings attended
- 134 presentations at individual colleges
- 200+ conference presentations, workshops or regional convenings - with over 11,000 attendees(!)

## Resources for You

- AB 705 Technical Report
  - <http://bit.ly/AB705-Tech-Report>
- Gender and Ethnicity
  - <http://bit.ly/AB705-Gender-Ethnicity>
- DSPS and EOPS -
  - <http://bit.ly/AB705-DSPS-EOPS>
- Community College Review (peer-reviewed journal article)
  - <http://bit.ly/MMAP-Comm-Coll-Review>
- AB 705 Survey Results
  - <http://bit.ly/AB705-F2018-Survey>
- ESL Assessment Measures Literature Review
  - <http://bit.ly/AB705-ESL-Lit-Review>

# AB 705 Research and Analysis Ideas for Collaboration between Researchers and Faculty

<http://bit.ly/IR-Faculty>

This document provides ideas for collaboration between faculty and institutional research, planning and effectiveness (IRPE) professionals in the California Community Colleges to examine local impacts of AB 705. The ideas from this document were generated and collated from regional workshops and events hosted by the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges for faculty and related stakeholders in spring 2019 as well as workshops and events hosted by the RP Group. The document begins by sharing opportunities for collaboration identified by faculty and IRPE professionals, followed by commonly-used definitions and terms. The document concludes with a list of considerations for both faculty and IRPE professionals as they work together in the context of AB 705 evaluation.



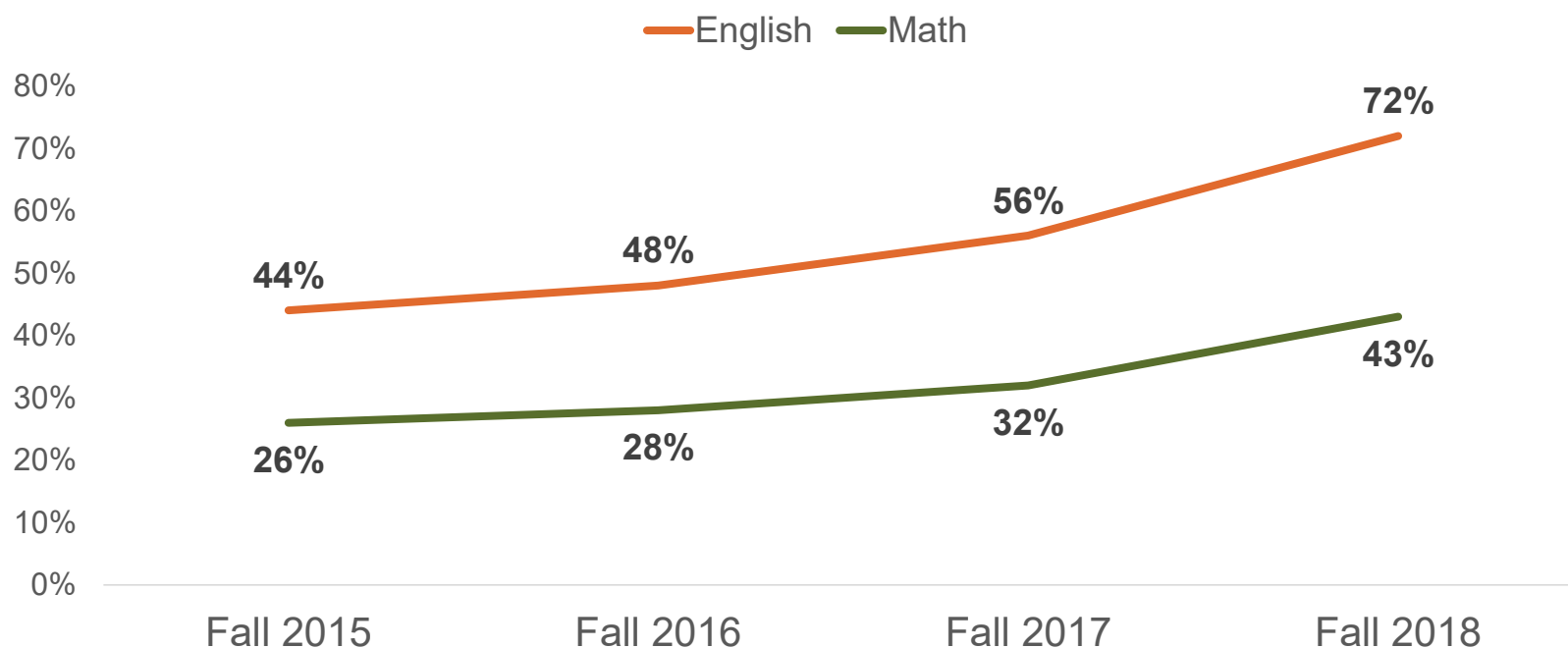
# Early Research Results

# Results from a MMAP Statewide Analysis of Enrollment and Success in Transfer-level English and Math

<http://bit.ly/F18-Transfer-Level-MMAP>

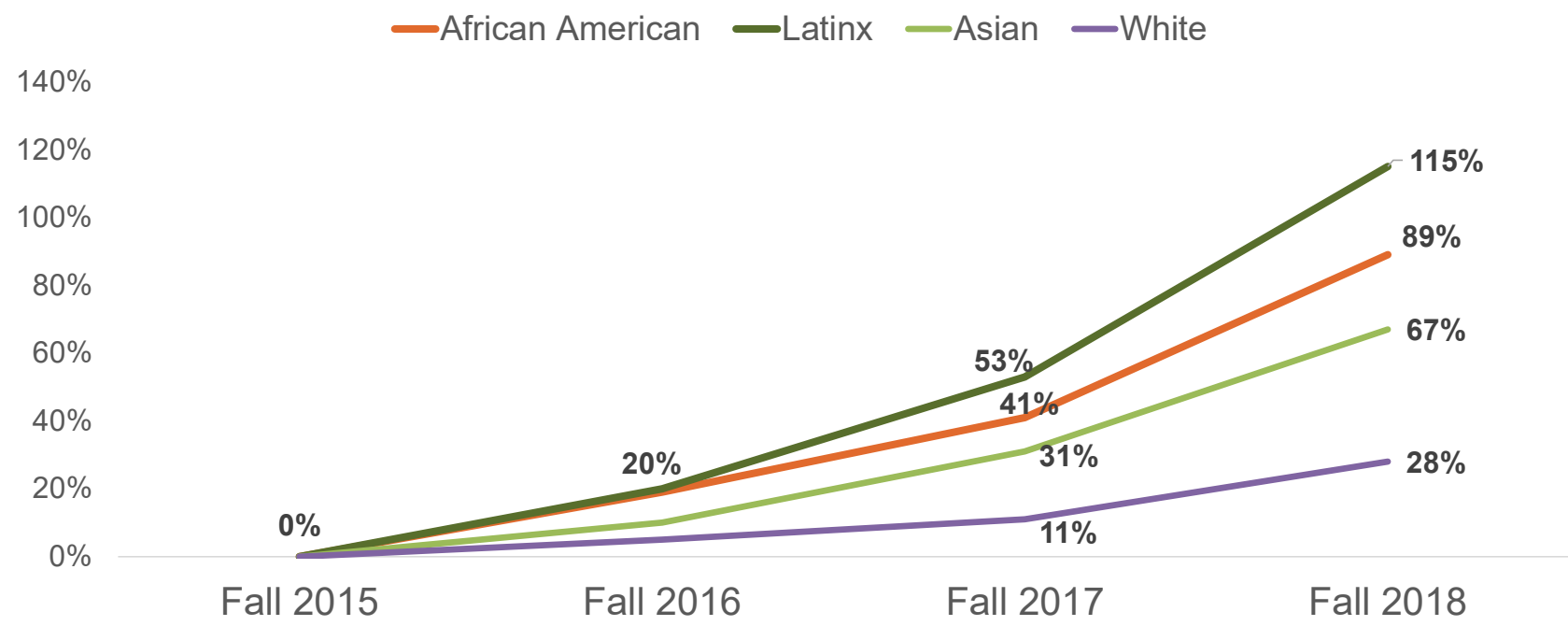
# Percentage of Students Whose First Enrollment in English and Math Sequence was at Transfer-Level

Greater Access to Transfer-Level Trend Increases in Fall 2018



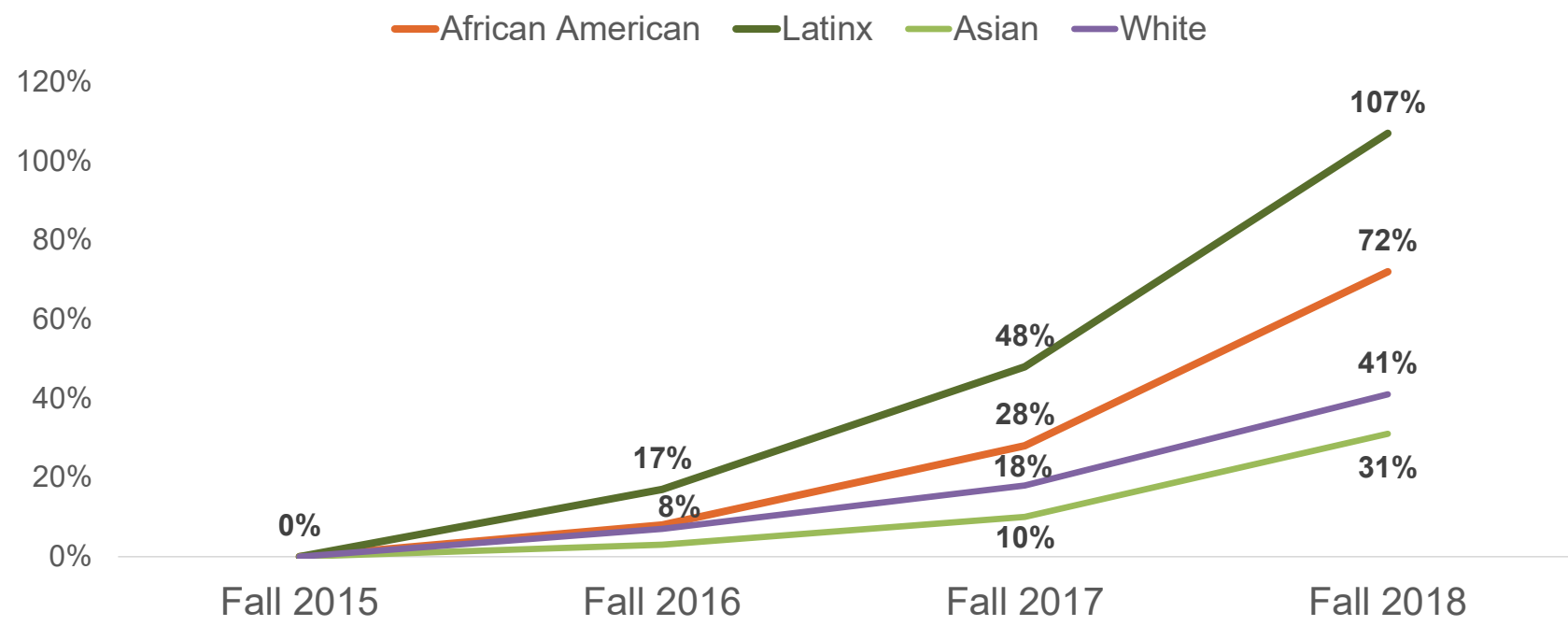
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Greatest Increase in Transfer-Level Access for Black & Latinx Students



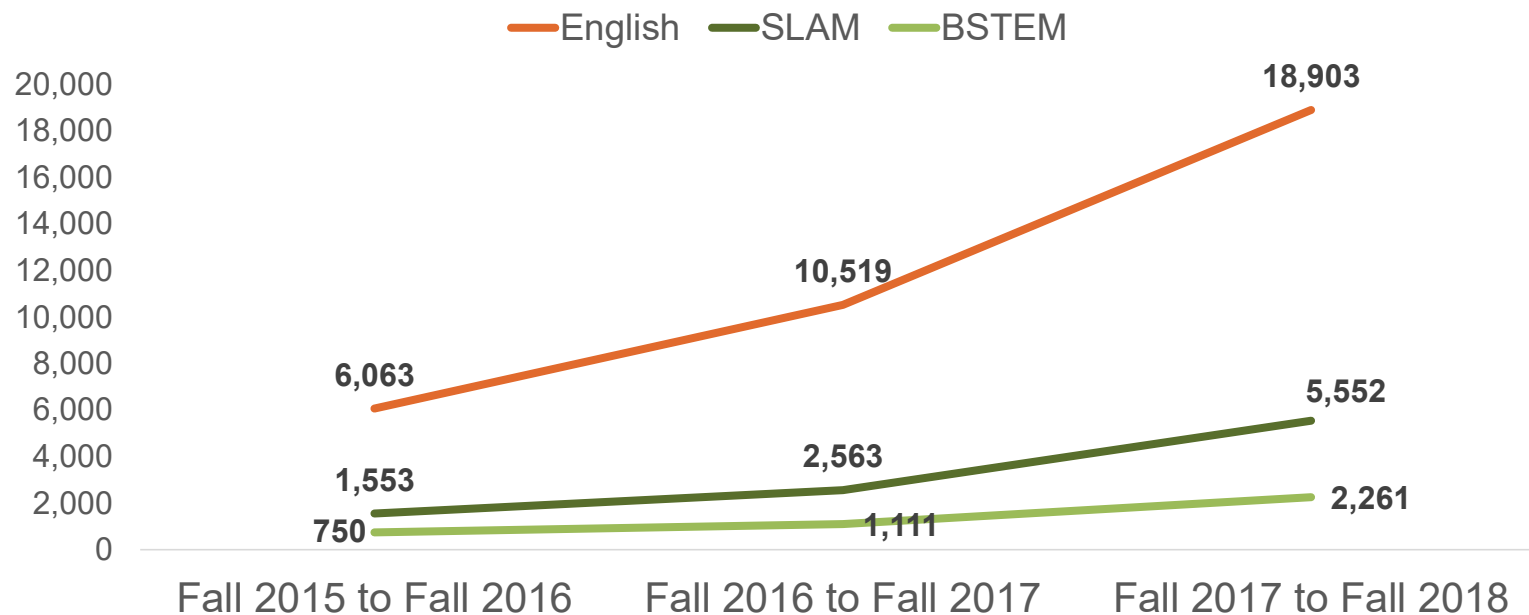
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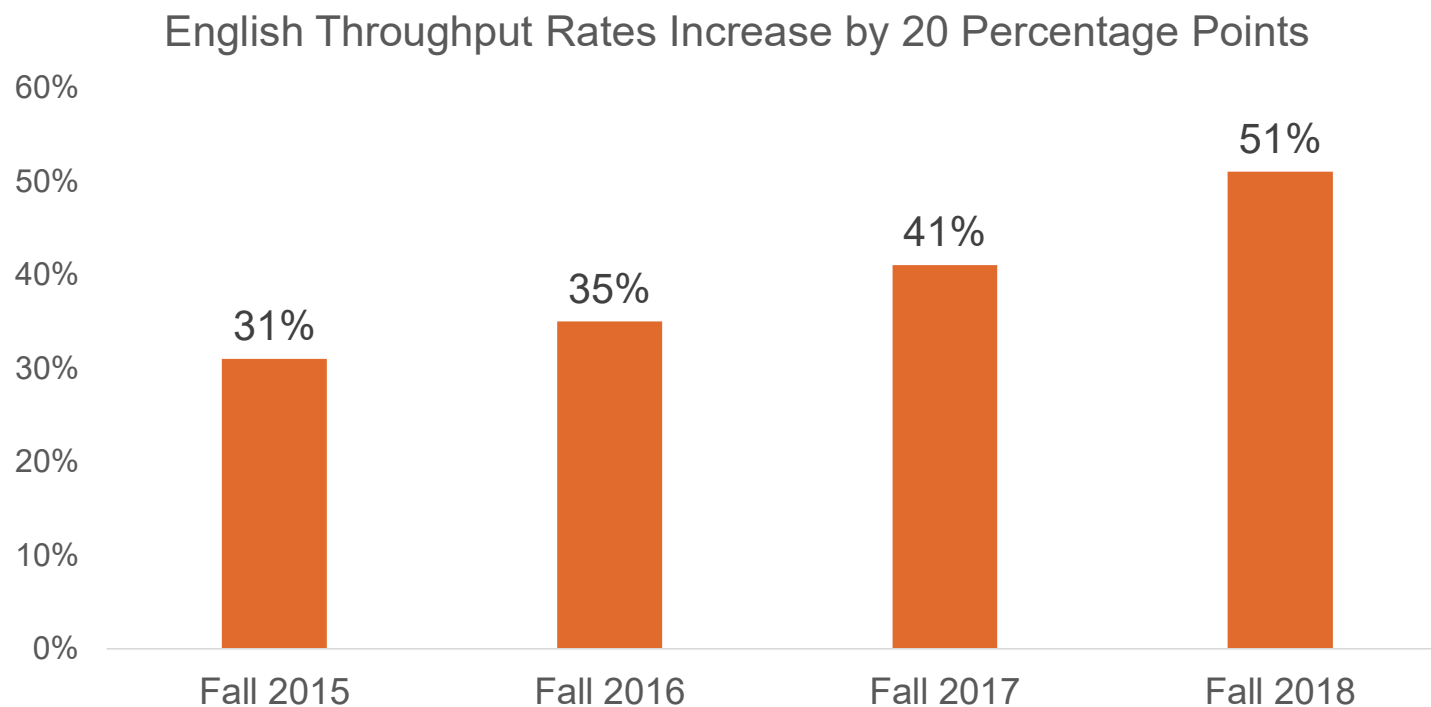


# Year-over-Year Change in the Number of Successful Completions of Transfer-Level English and Math

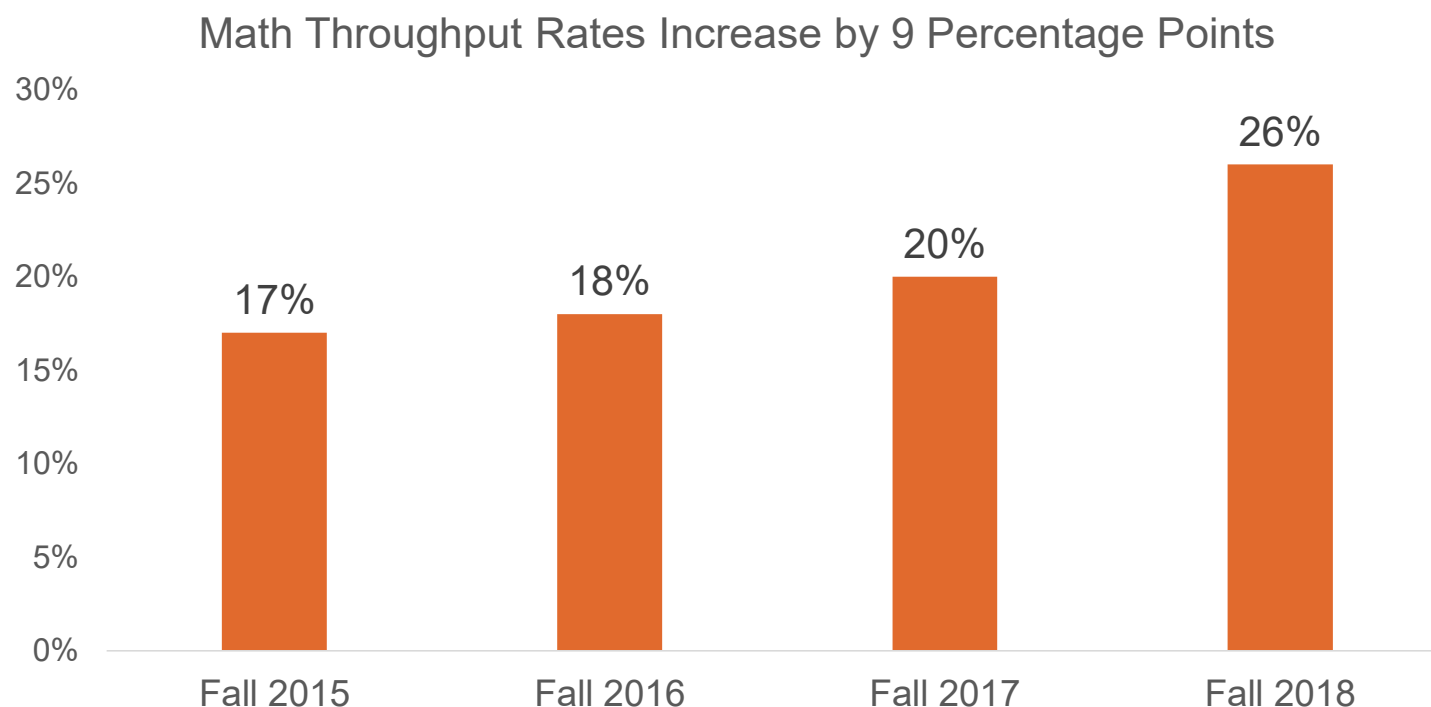
Successful Transfer-Level Math Completions Double in Fall 2018



# One-Term Throughput Rates for Transfer-Level English



# One-Term Throughput Rates for Transfer-Level Math

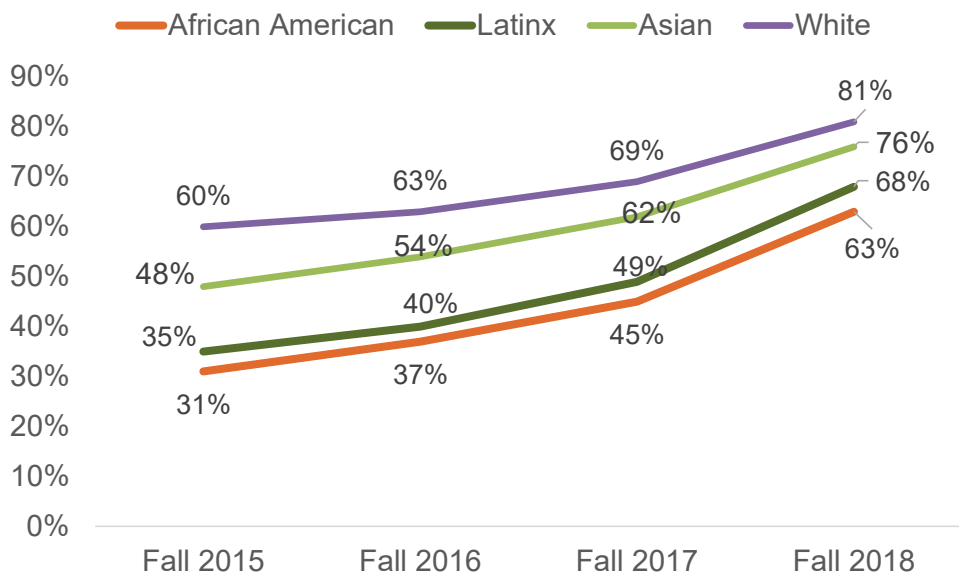




# Ethnicity Breakout: English

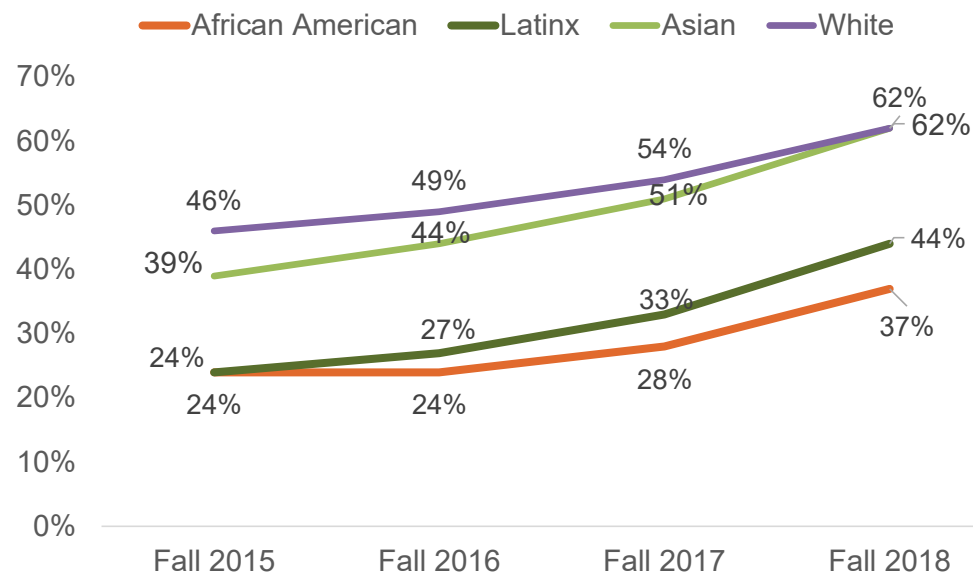
First English Enrollment at Transfer-Level by Ethnicity

Equity in Access Increasing over Time



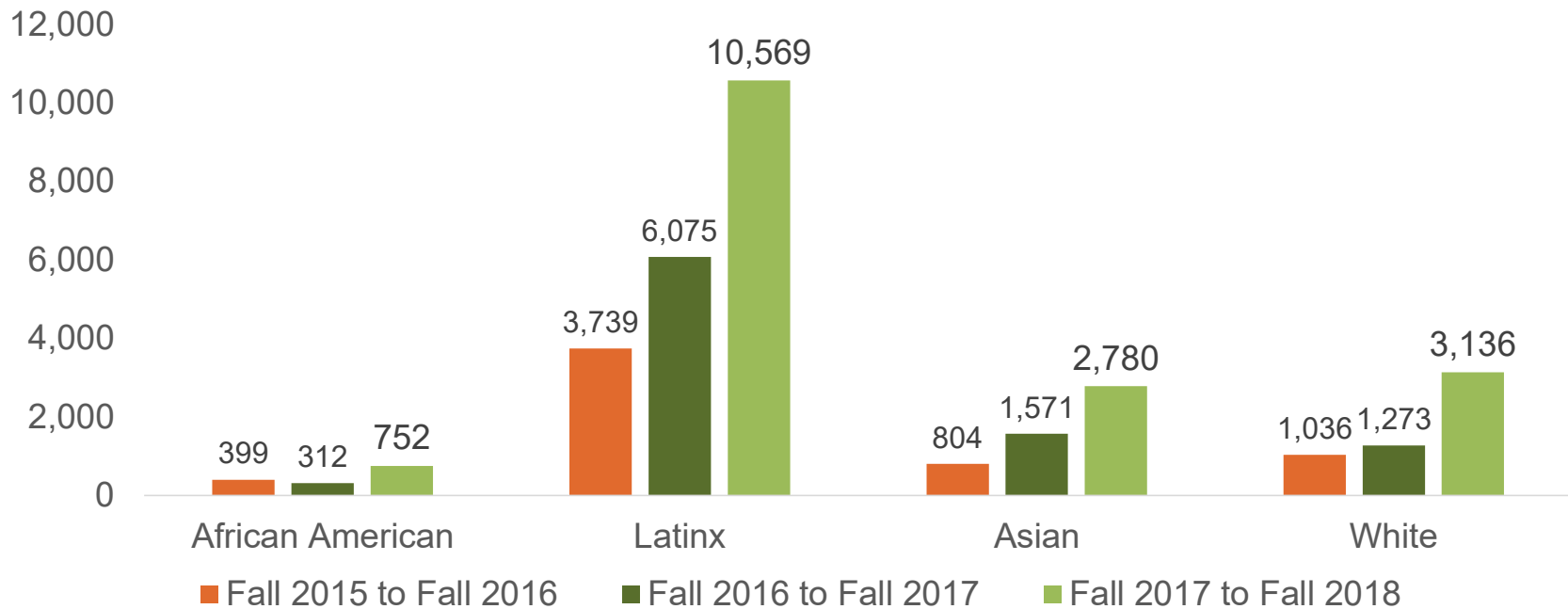
One-Term Throughput Rates in Transfer-Level English by Ethnicity

Equity in Throughput Improves for Asian & Latinx



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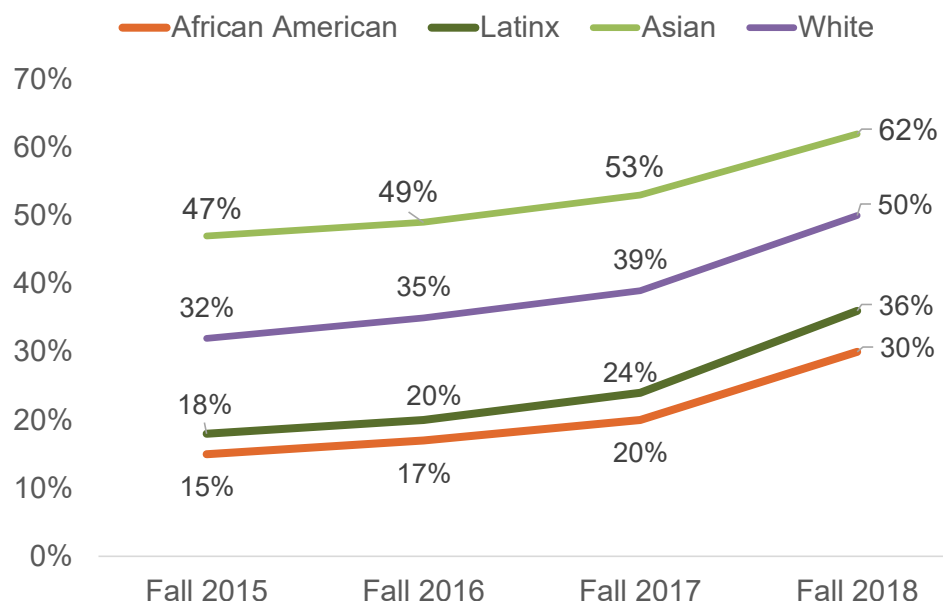
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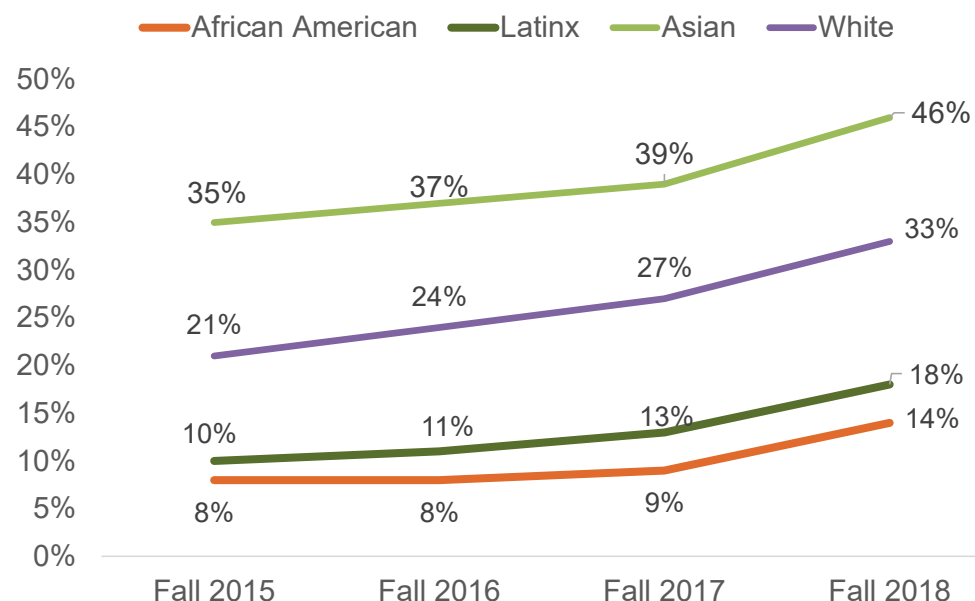
## First Math Enrollment at Transfer-level by Ethnicity

Equity in Access Relatively Stable over Time



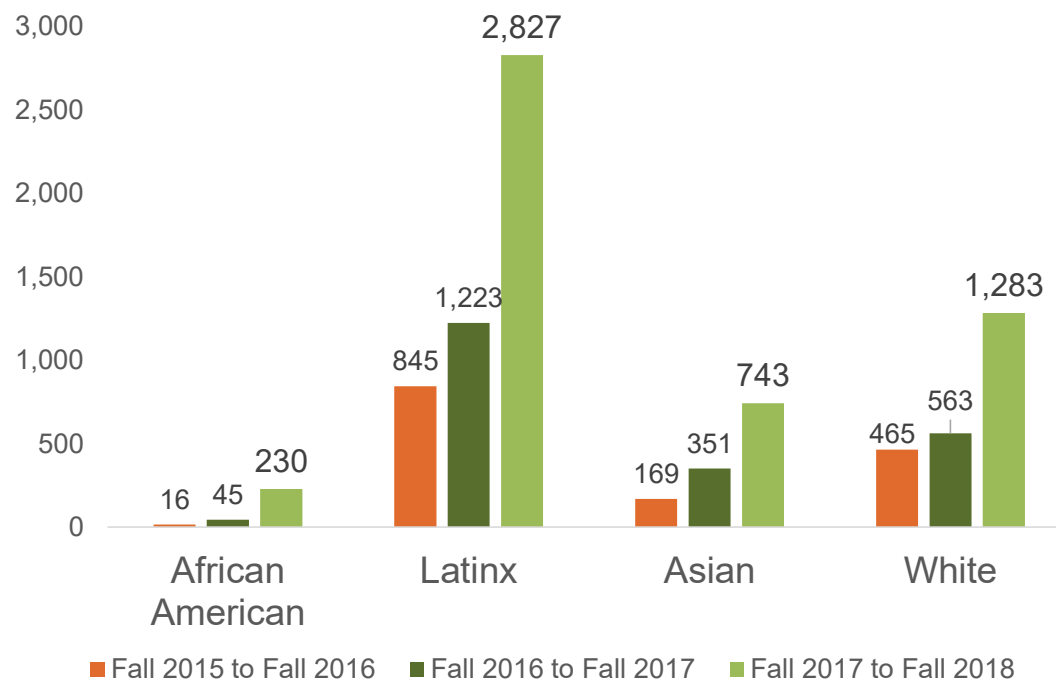
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Overall Math Throughput Improves but not Equity

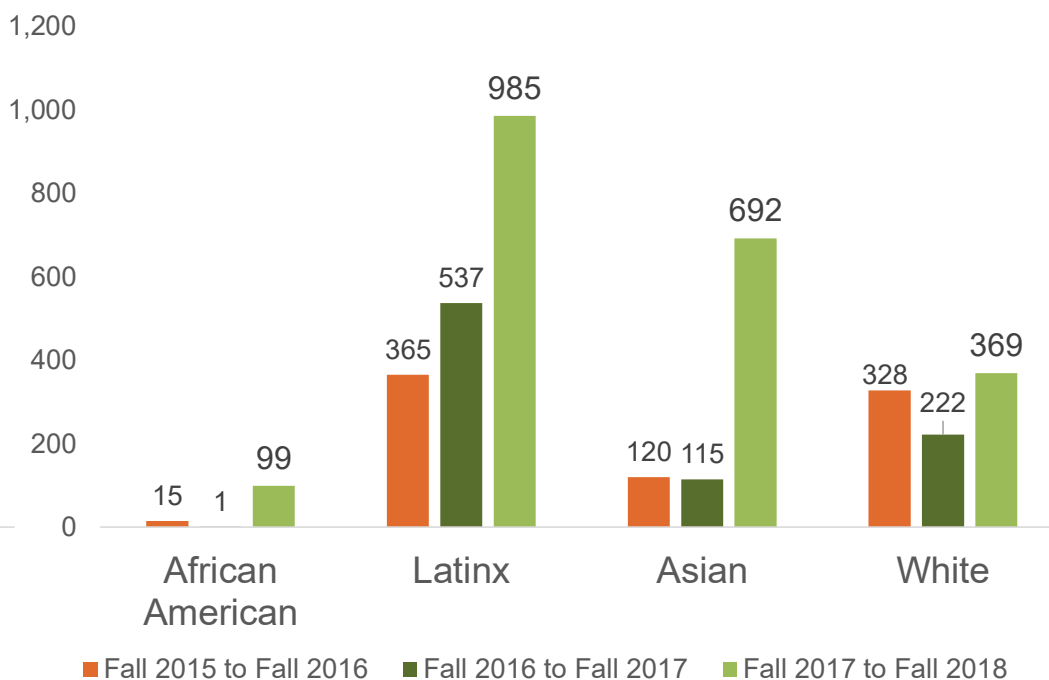


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Additional Successful Completions of Transfer-level SLAM  
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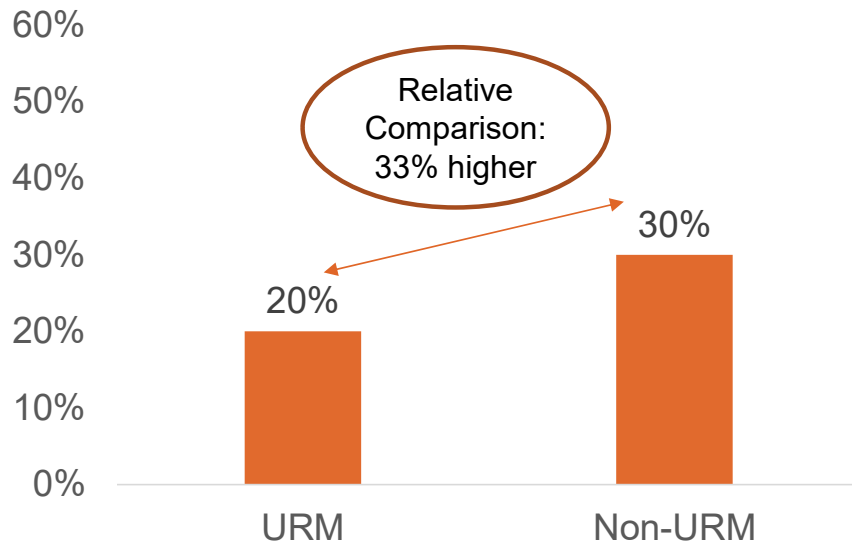


Additional Successful Completions of Transfer-level BSTEM  
Term-to-Term by Ethnicity

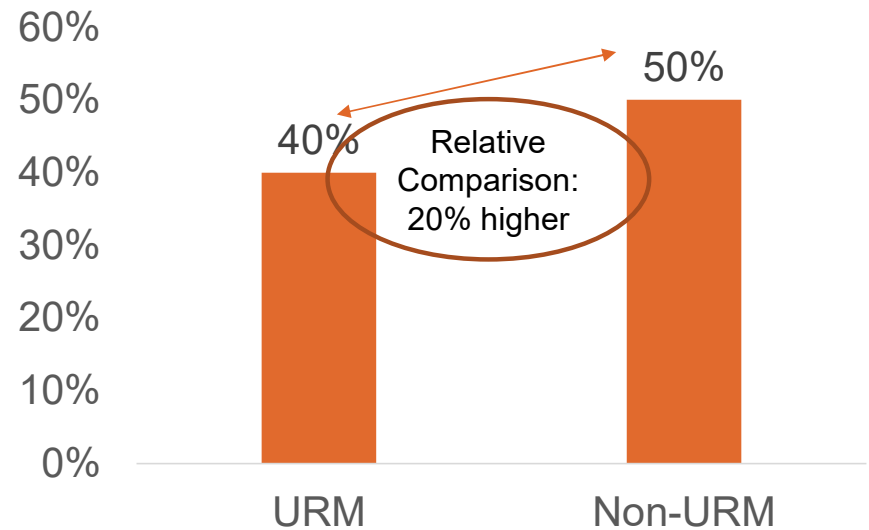


# Closing the Equity Gap: Example

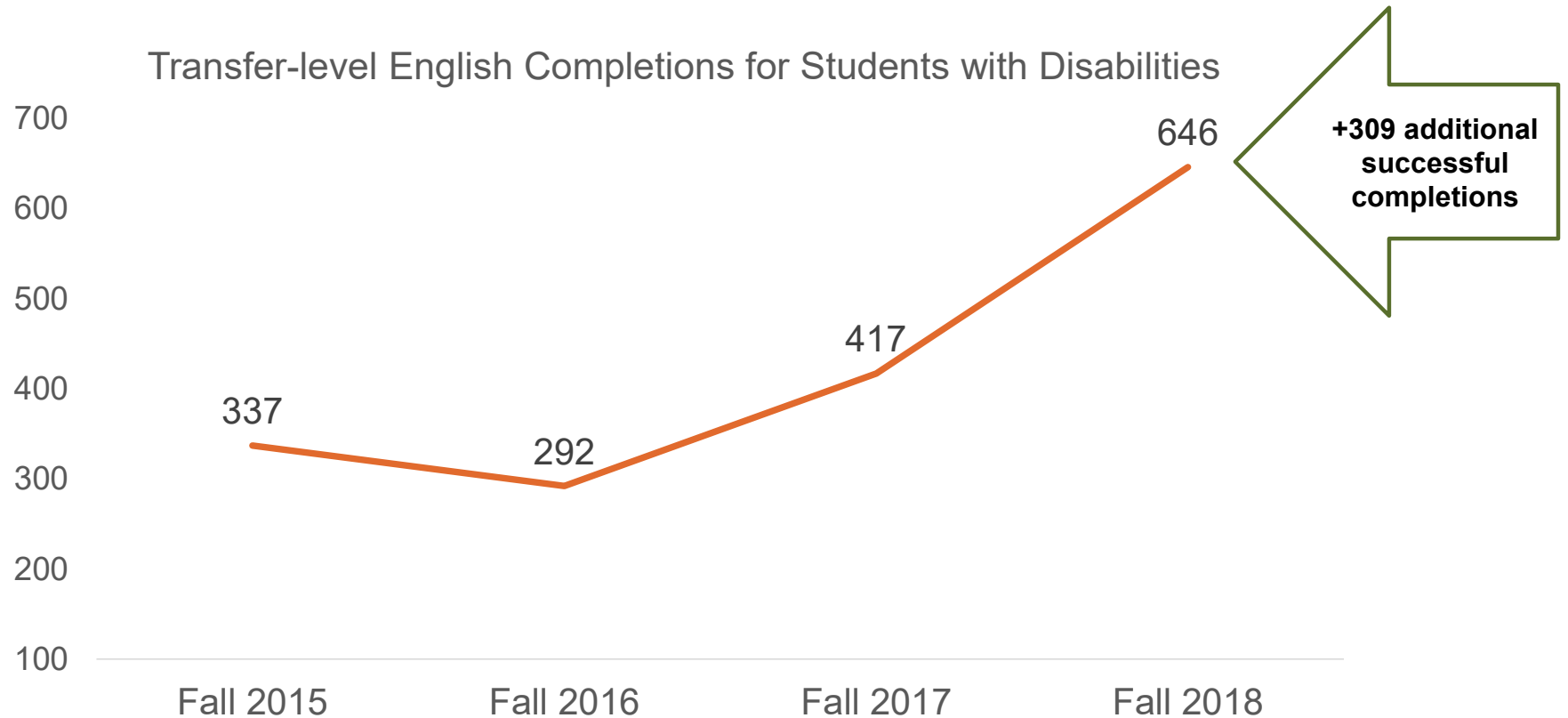
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in the First Year: Time 1



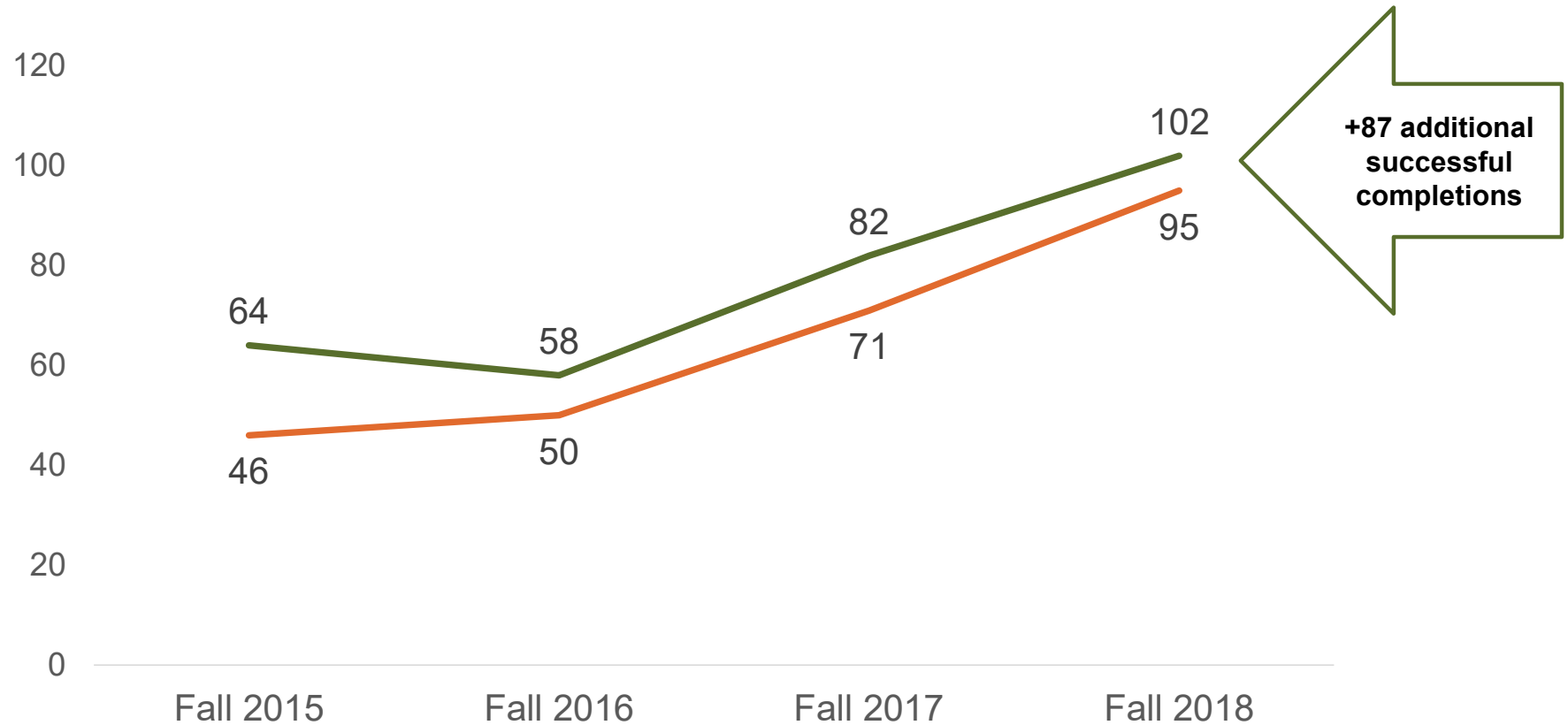
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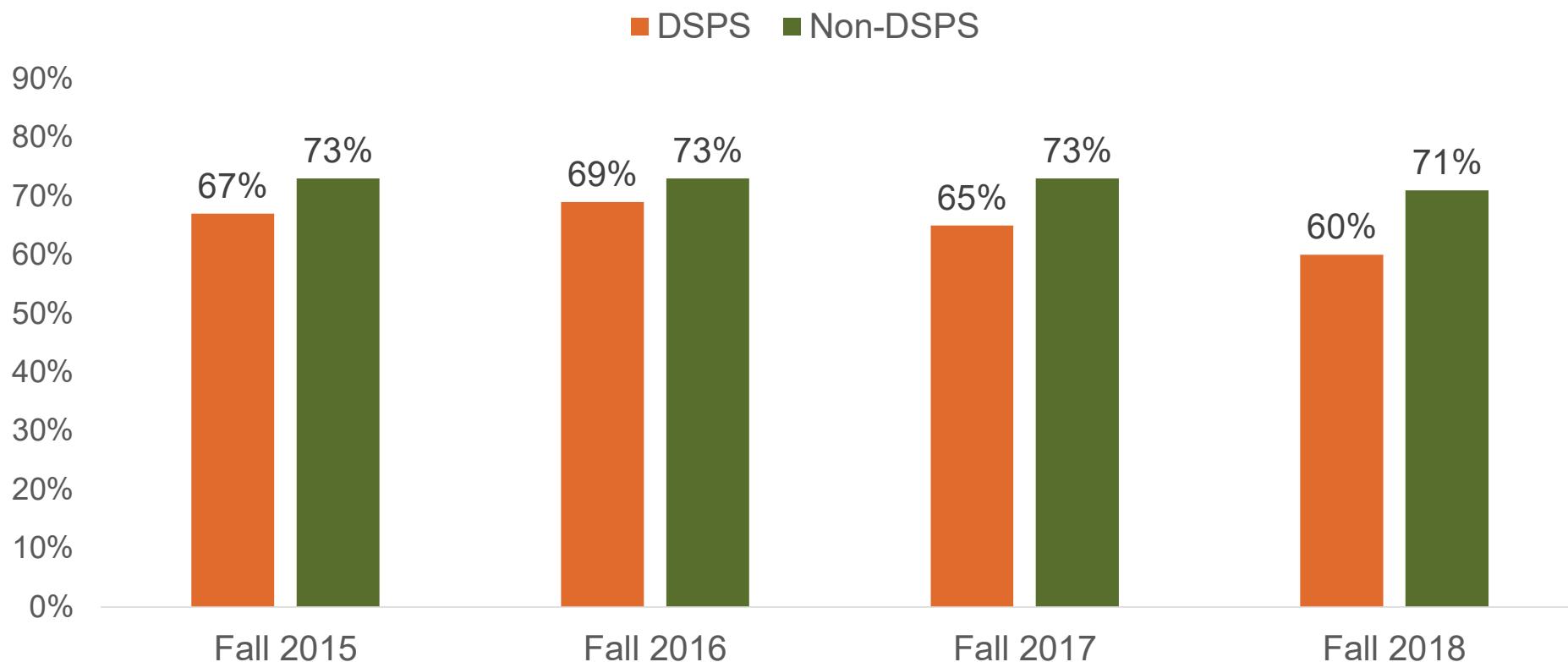
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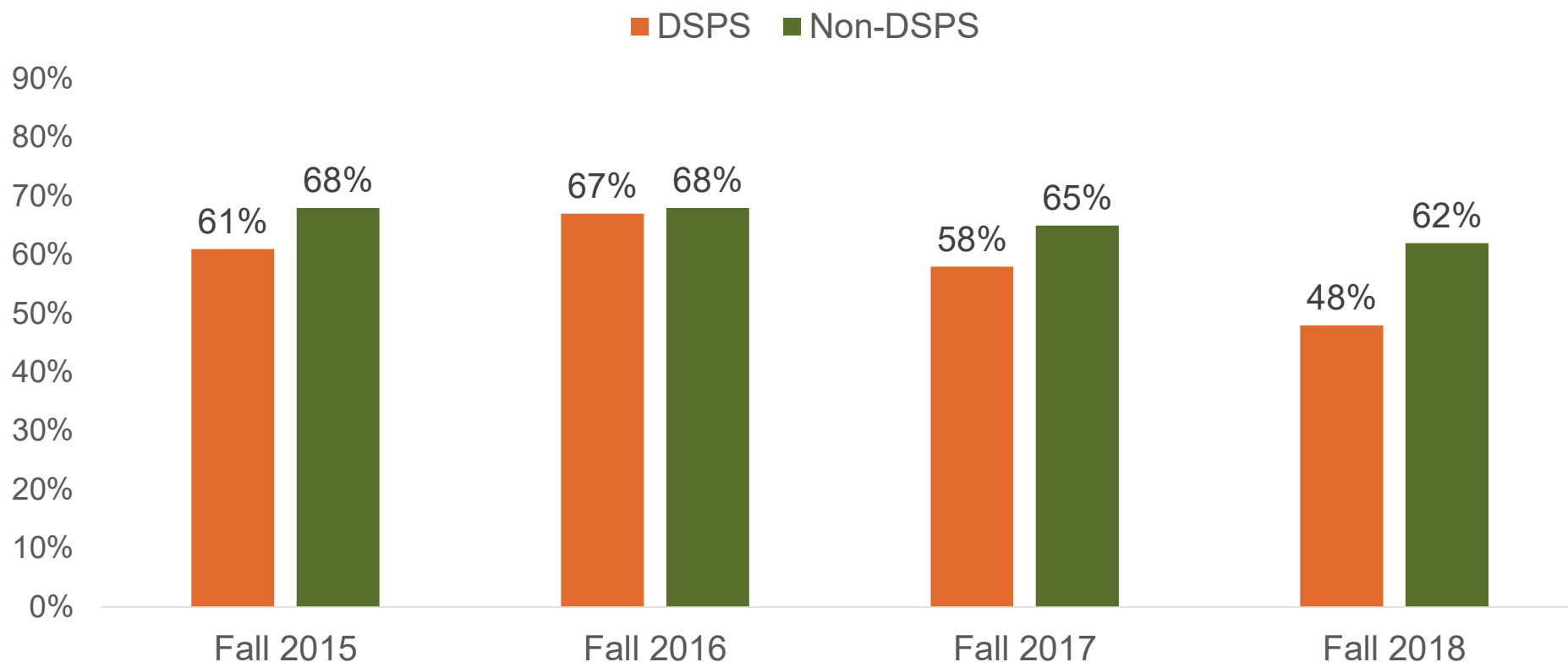


## Transfer-Level English Success Rates of DSPS Students



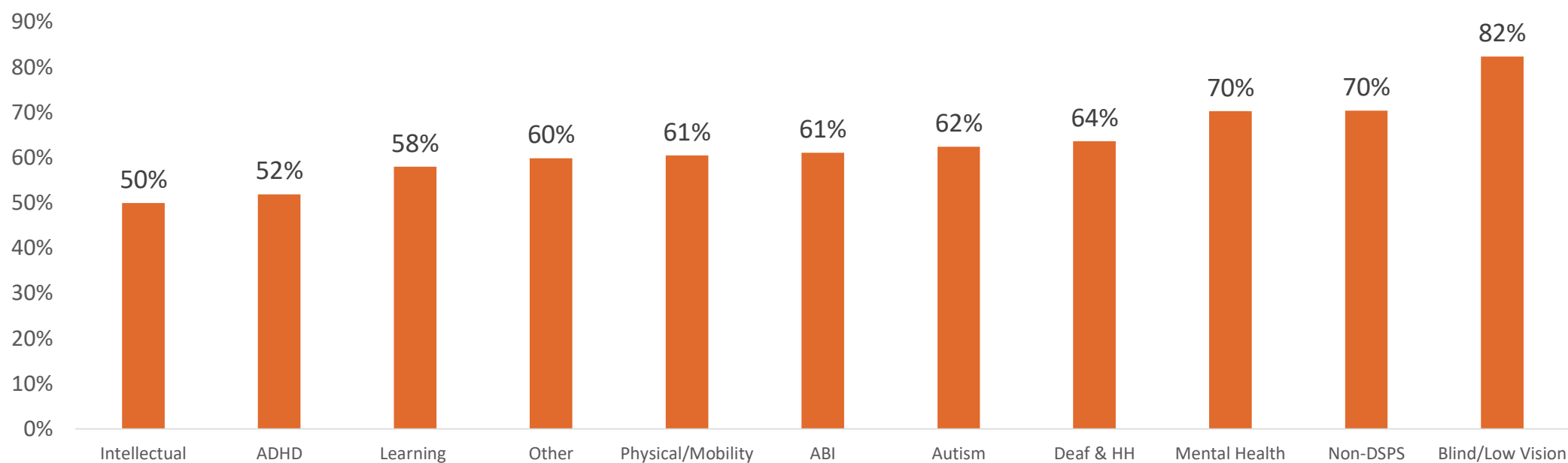


## Transfer-Level SLAM Success Rates of DSPS Students



# Transfer-level English Success Rates Disaggregated by Primary Disability

F18 Transfer-level English Pass Rates by Disability



**Sure, there are more  
successes, but aren't there  
more non-successes, too?**

Chart 12. Success Rates of Transfer-Level SLAM Students, Disaggregated by High School GPA Band

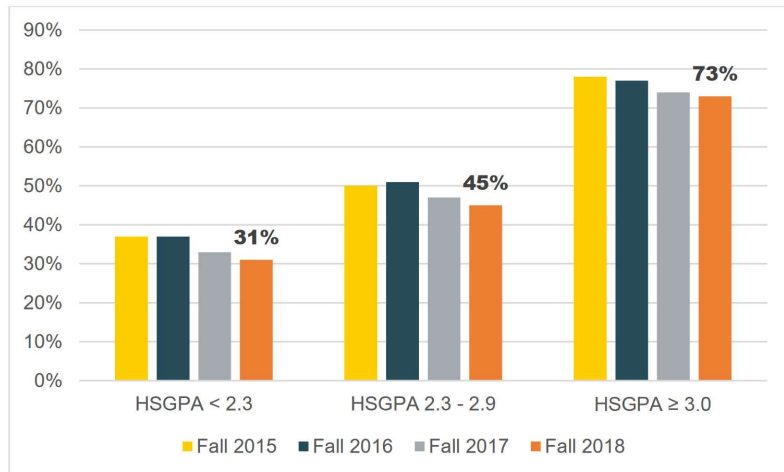
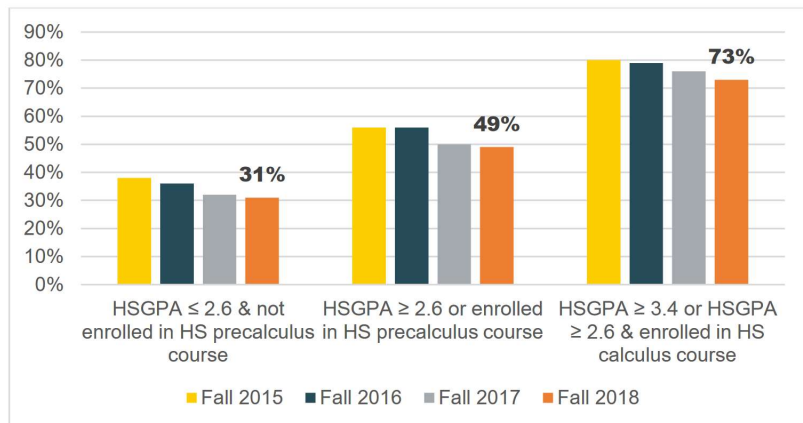
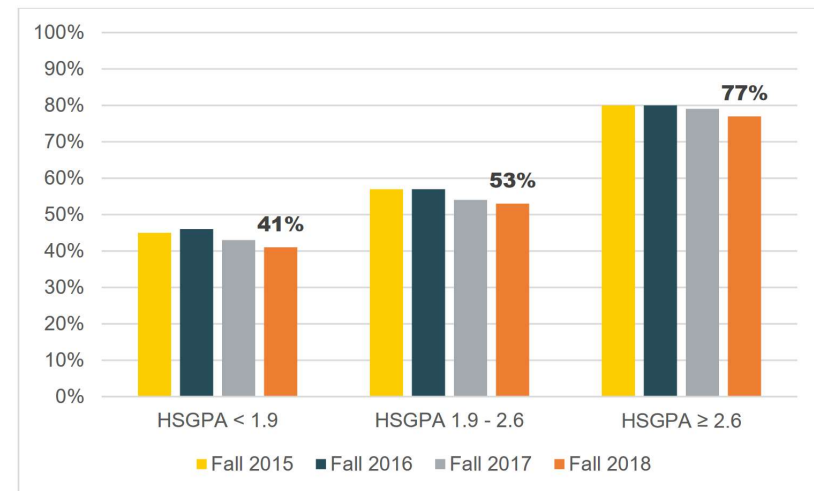


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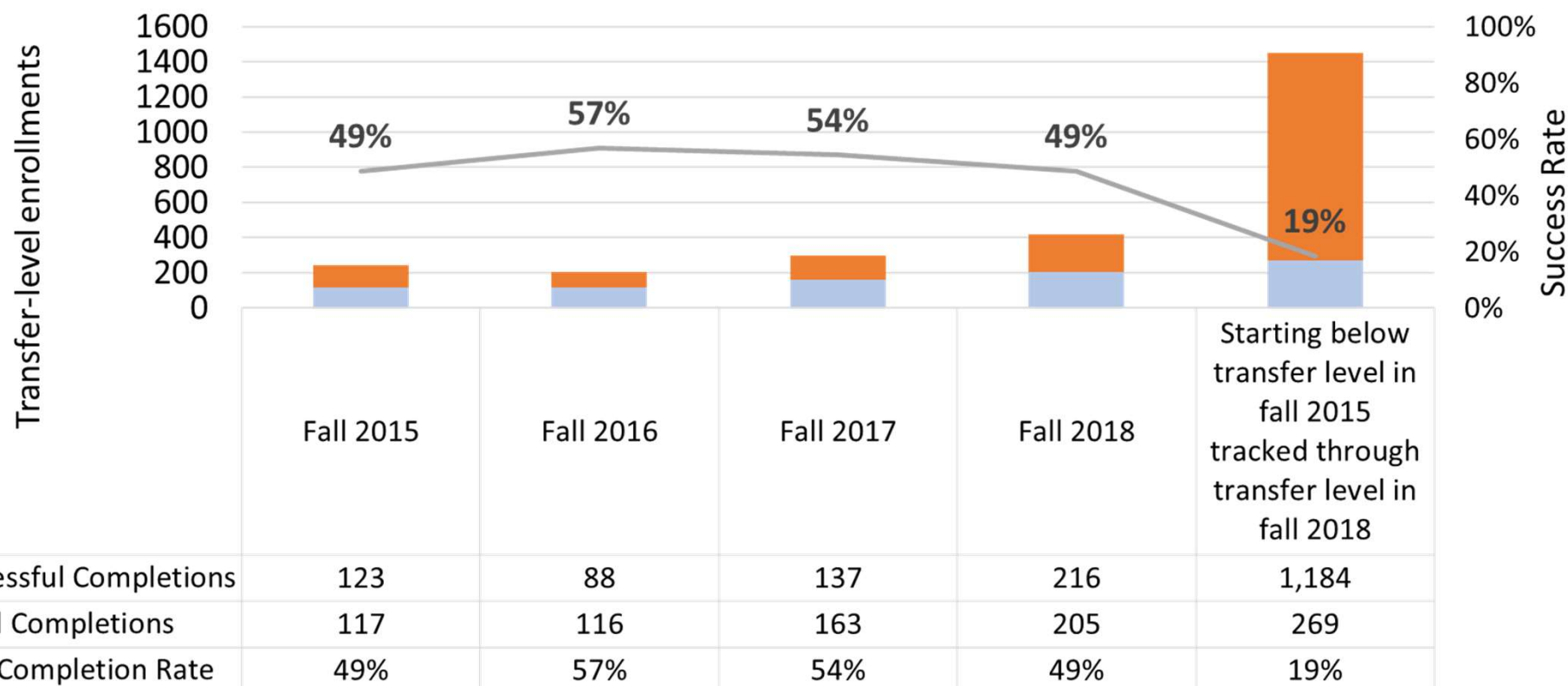


# Pass Rates: A Limited Perspective

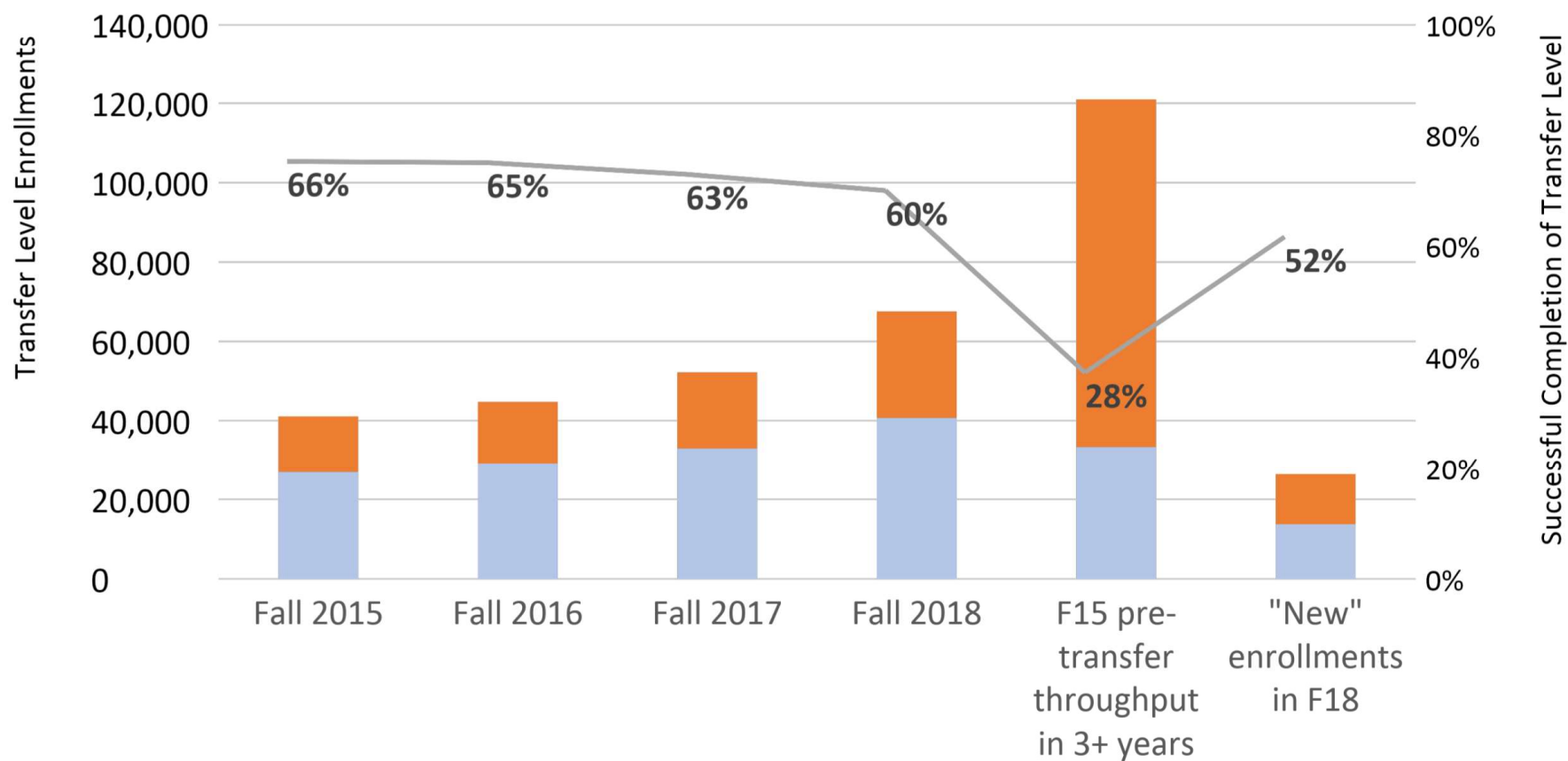
Chart 11. Success Rates in Transfer-Level English, Disaggregated by High School GPA Band



## Volume of Successful and Non-Successful Completions and Success Rates for Transfer Level Math - DSPS students



## Volume of Successful and Non Successful Completions and Success Rates for Transfer-Level Math



F2015 through F2018, first attempts in math at transfer level per term and success rate;  
 F2015 transfer level completion for all students starting below transfer level in F2015 through F2018  
 "New" enrollments is the additional successful and non successful completions F2018 compared to F2015

# Attrition: A Plague of Invisible Failure

	Expected Prerequisite Success Rate	Expected Persistence into Transfer-level Course the Following Term	Expected Success Rate in Transfer-level Course	
Lowest performance band: High school GPA < 1.90	60%	80%	60%	

# Other Relevant Research

RCTs in Texas

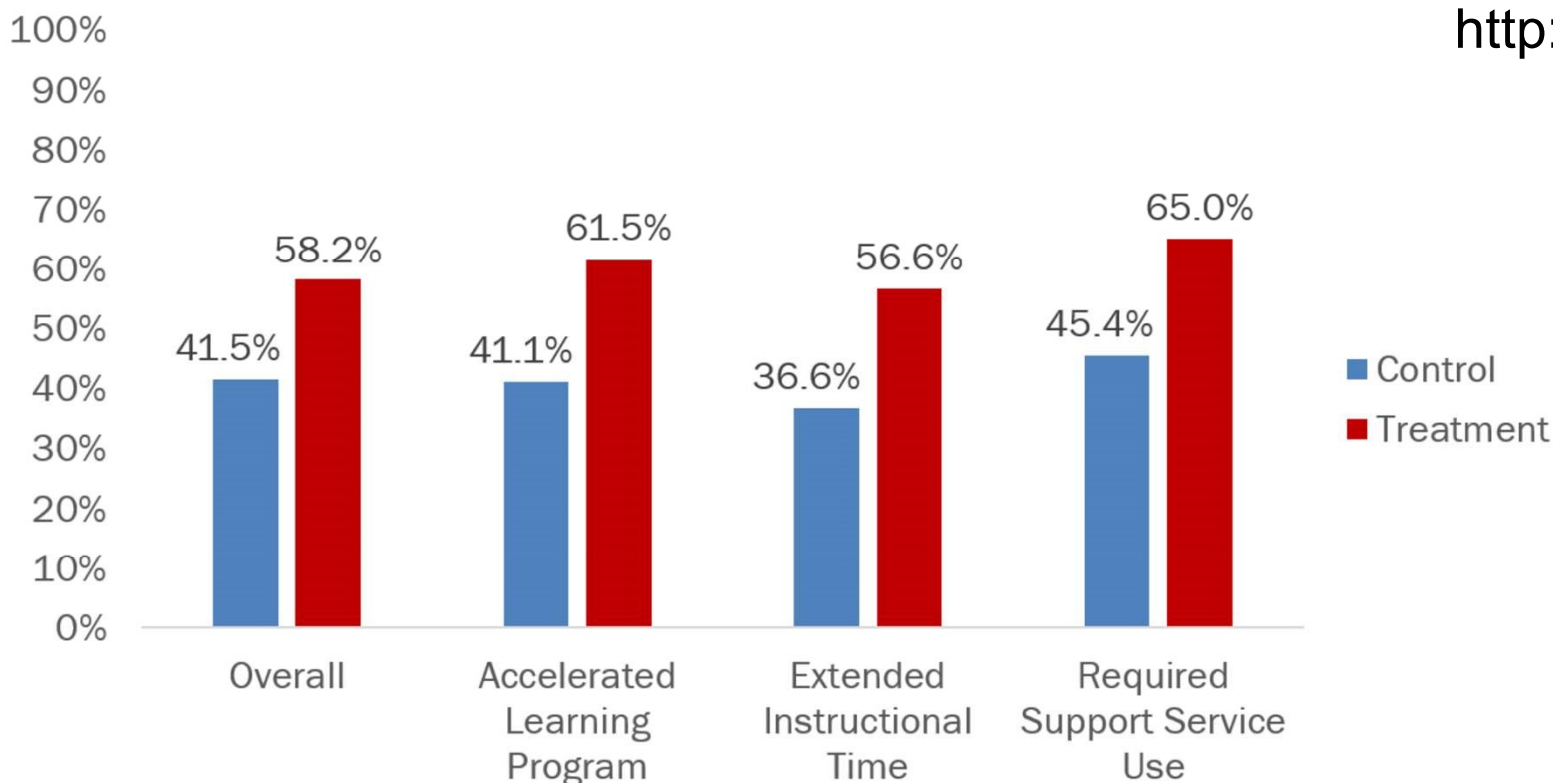
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## All three corequisite models in the RCT showed positive one-year impacts

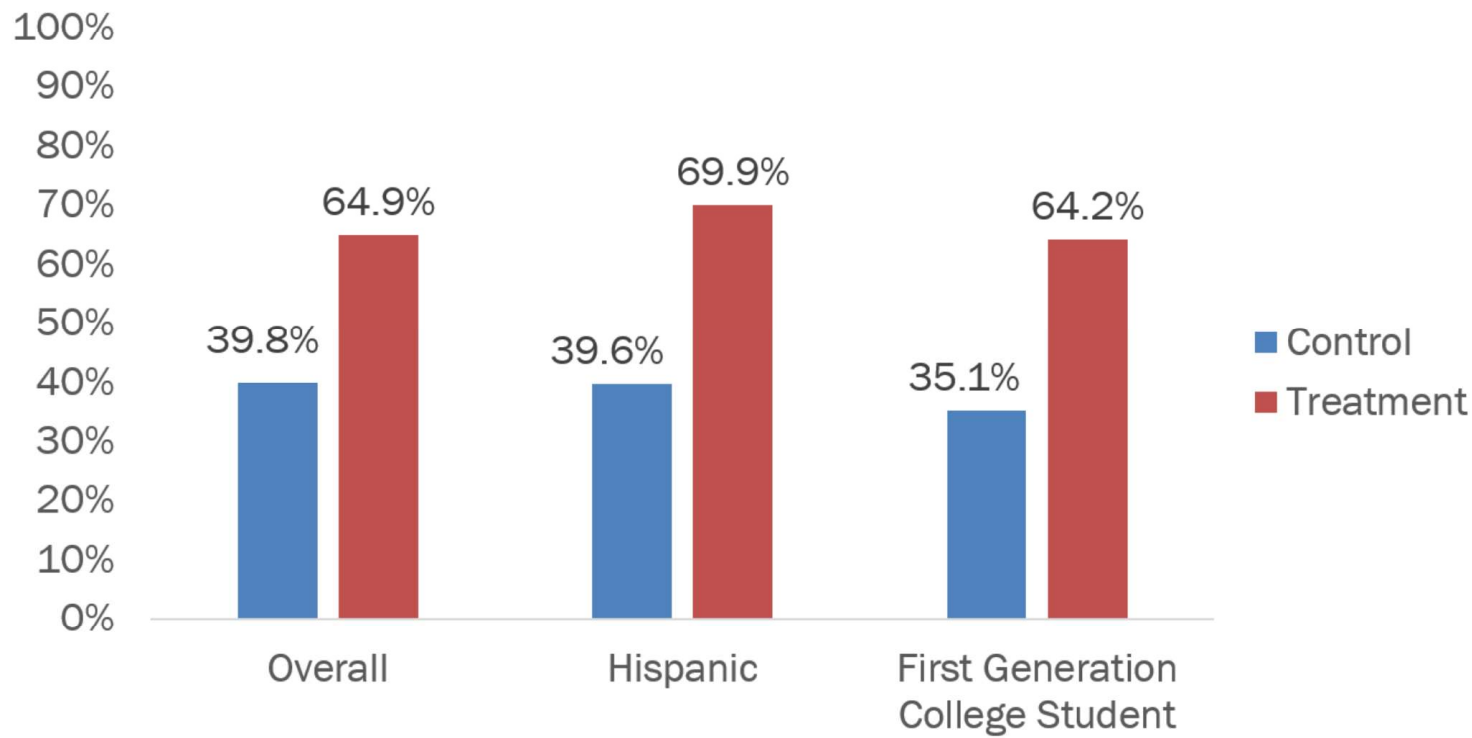
Percentage Passing English 1301 within One Academic Year

<http://bit.ly/TX-Coreq-RCT>



# One-year RCT impact results are promising and aligned with previous studies

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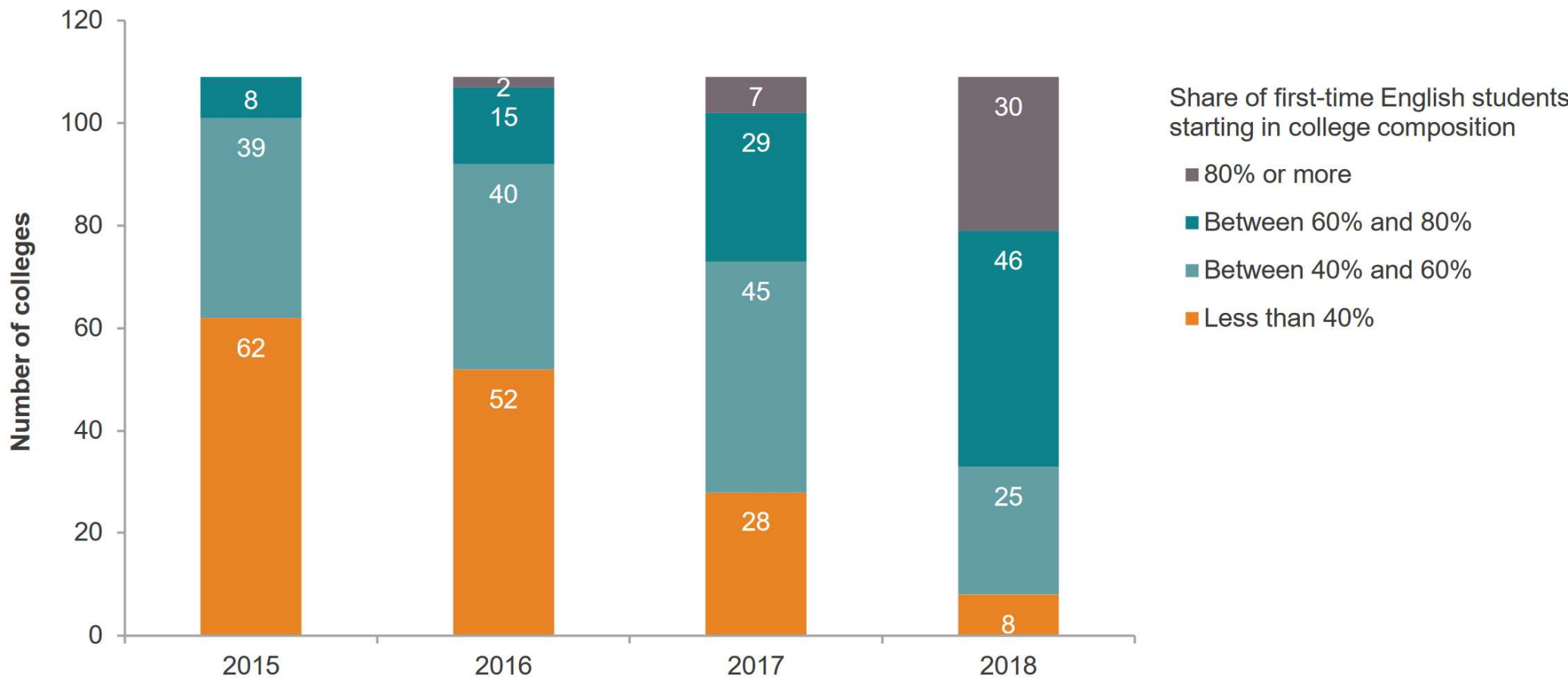
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Note: All differences between control and treatment 1301 passing rates were statistically significant at the  $p < 0.01$  level.

# PPIC Report

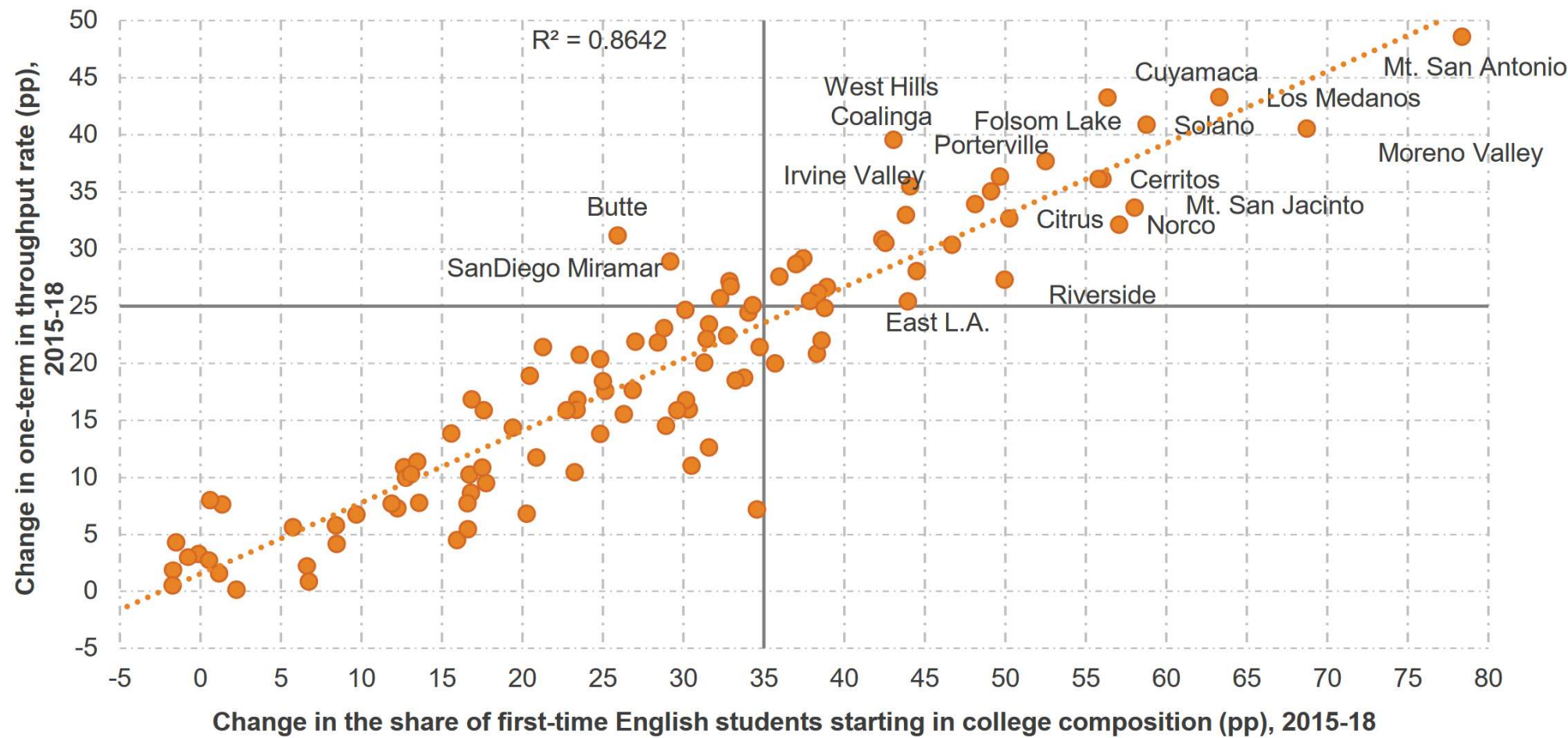
What Happens When Colleges Broaden Access to Transfer-Level Courses?

Access to college composition has expanded unevenly across the system



SOURCE: Authors' calculations based on CCCO MIS data.  
NOTE: Fall of each year. Based on 109 colleges. See [Technical Appendix C](#) for more details.

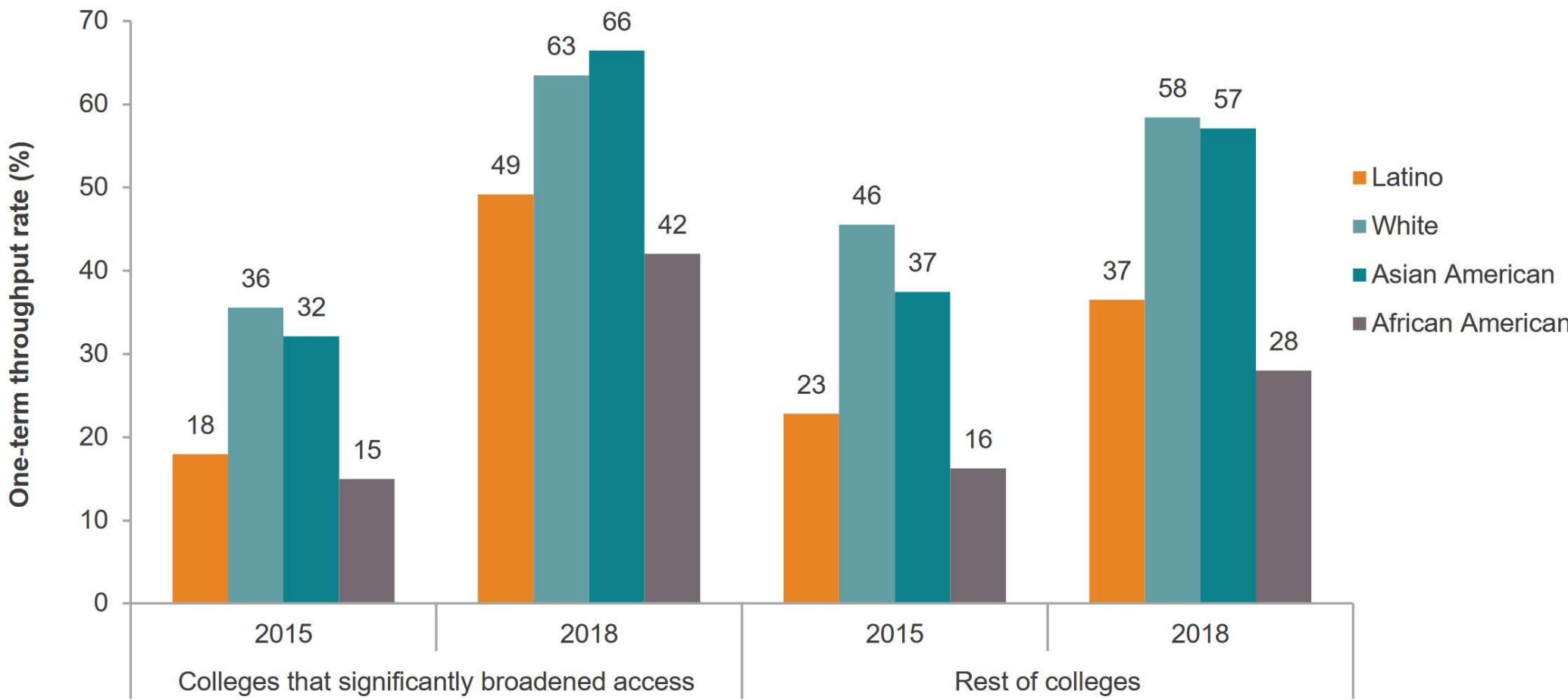
There is a strong and positive relationship between changes in access and changes in throughput



SOURCE: Authors' calculation using MIS data.

NOTES: Fall of each year. Based on 109 colleges. It is important to note that even though this evidence is consistent or suggestive it is not sufficient to infer causality.

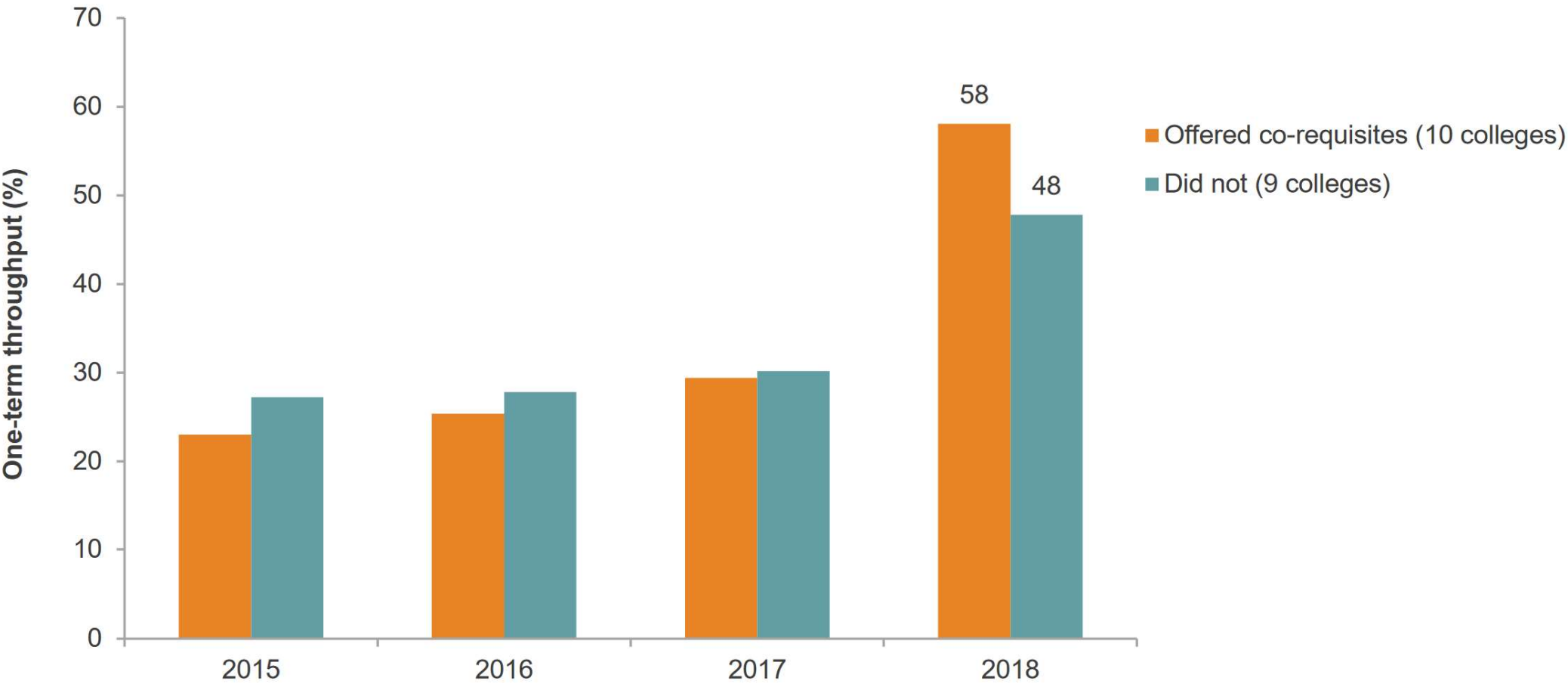
All four major racial/ethnic groups saw larger increases in throughput at colleges that broadened access



SOURCE: Authors' calculation using MIS data.

NOTE: Fall of each year. There are 39 colleges that significantly broadened access and 70 colleges in the "rest of colleges" category. See [Table E6 in Technical Appendix E](#).

Among colleges that broadened access in 2018, throughput rates increased more in colleges offered co-requisites

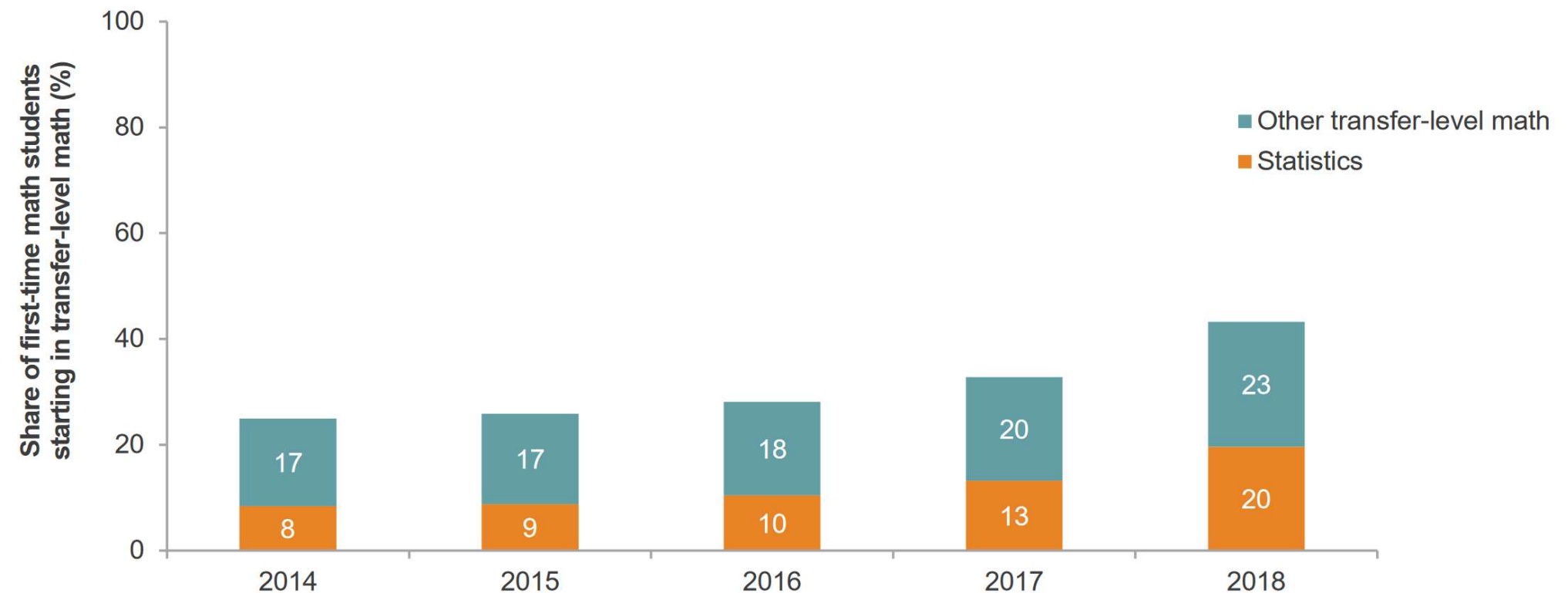


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NOTES: Fall of each year. Sample restricted to the group of colleges that broadened access to college composition in fall 2018: 19,000 students versus 13,000.



The development of math pathways resulted in broadening access to statistics courses

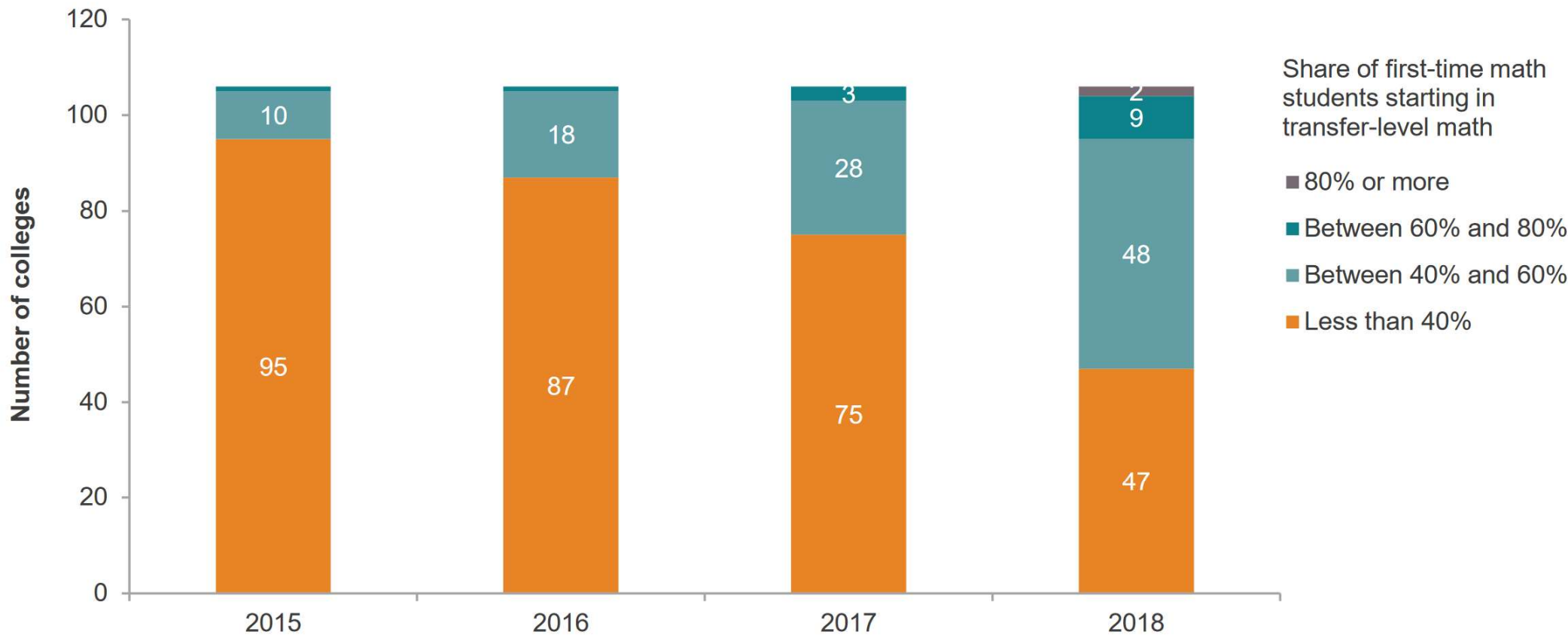


SOURCE: Authors' calculations based on CCCCO MIS data.

NOTES: Fall of each year. Based on 106 colleges. Other transfer-level math courses include both BSTEM math and liberal arts math courses. The number of first-time math students remained stable between 2015 and 2018 at around 153,000. See [Technical Appendix C](#) for more details.



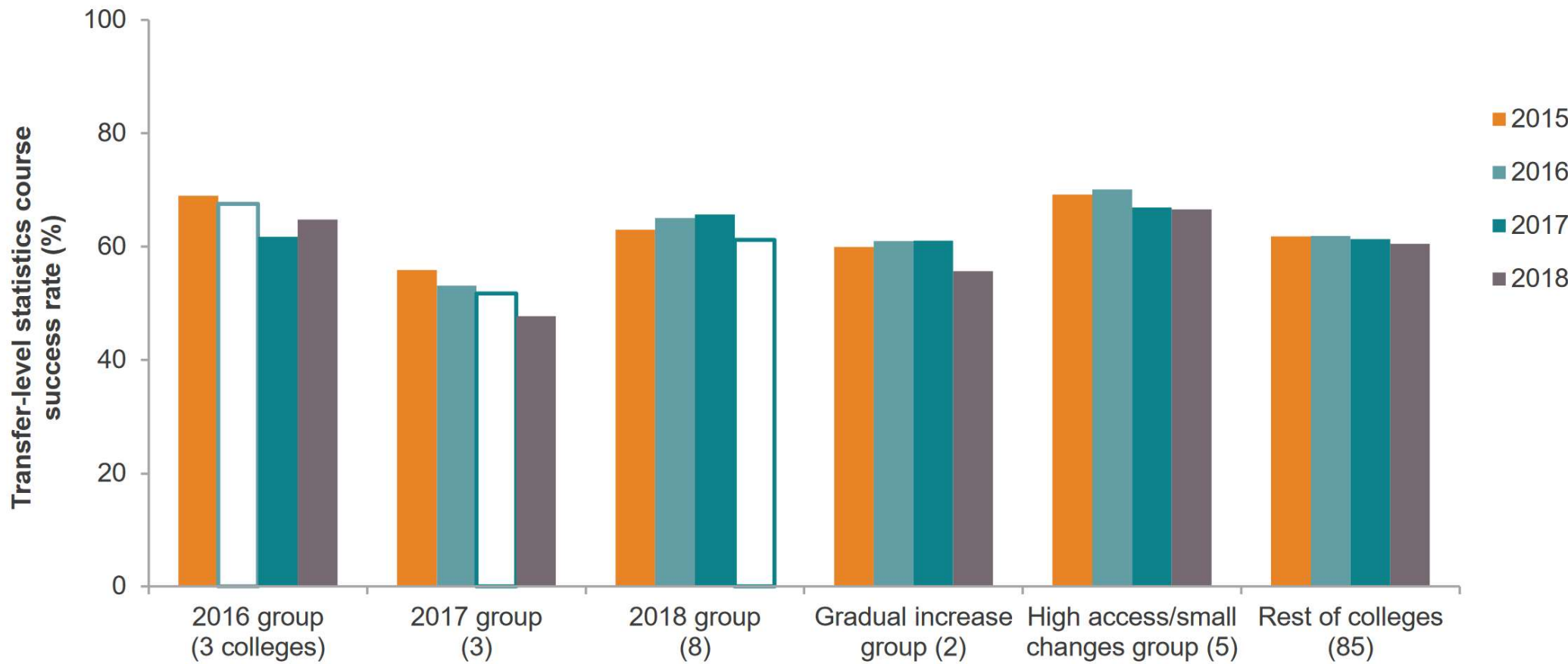
At 11 colleges, more than 60 percent of first-time math students started at transfer level in 2018



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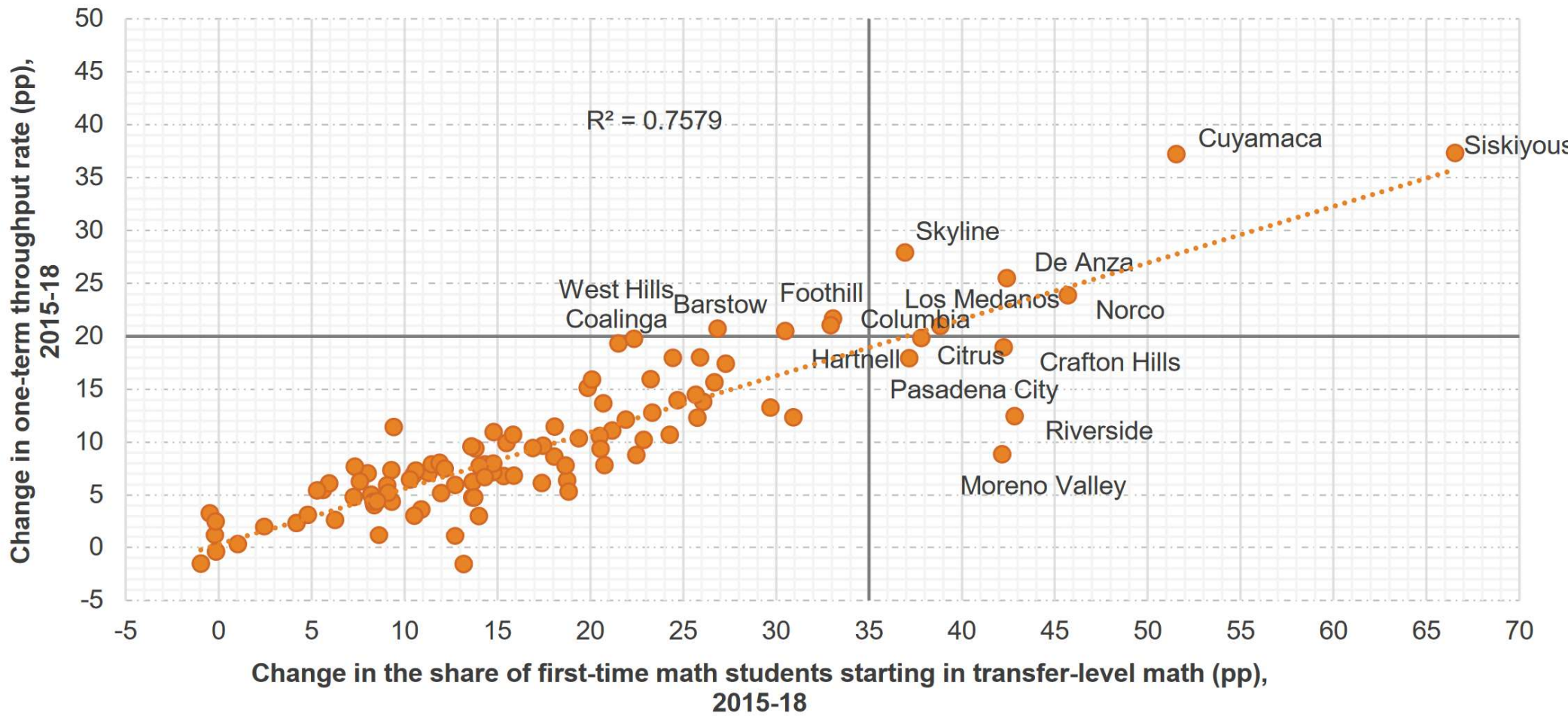
Success rates dipped at most colleges that broadened access



SOURCE: Authors' calculations based on CCCC MIS data.

NOTE: Fall of each year. Based on 106 colleges. Unfilled bars represent the year when the big gains in access to transfer-level math happened.

There is a strong and positive relationship between expanded access to transfer-level math and changes in throughput



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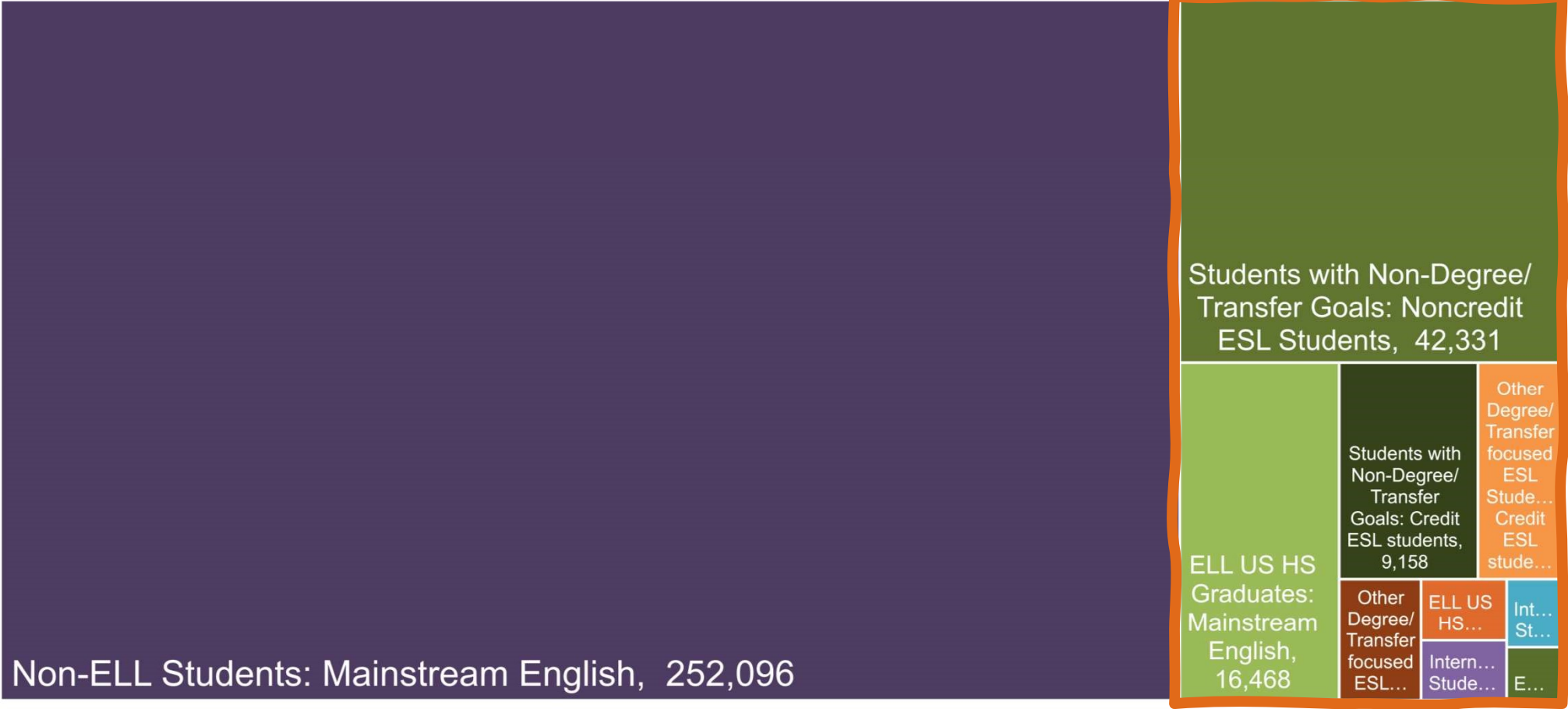
# What about ESL?

## Degree/Transfer-seeking ESL Student Types that are Affected by AB 705

1. English Language Learner (ELL) U.S. High School Graduates
2. International Students (IS)
3. Non-IS, non-U.S. high school graduate ESL students who are degree/transfer seeking

**37%** of ESL students fall  
into one of these  
three student types

# Relative Sizes of All First-time English Language Arts Pathways in 2017-18

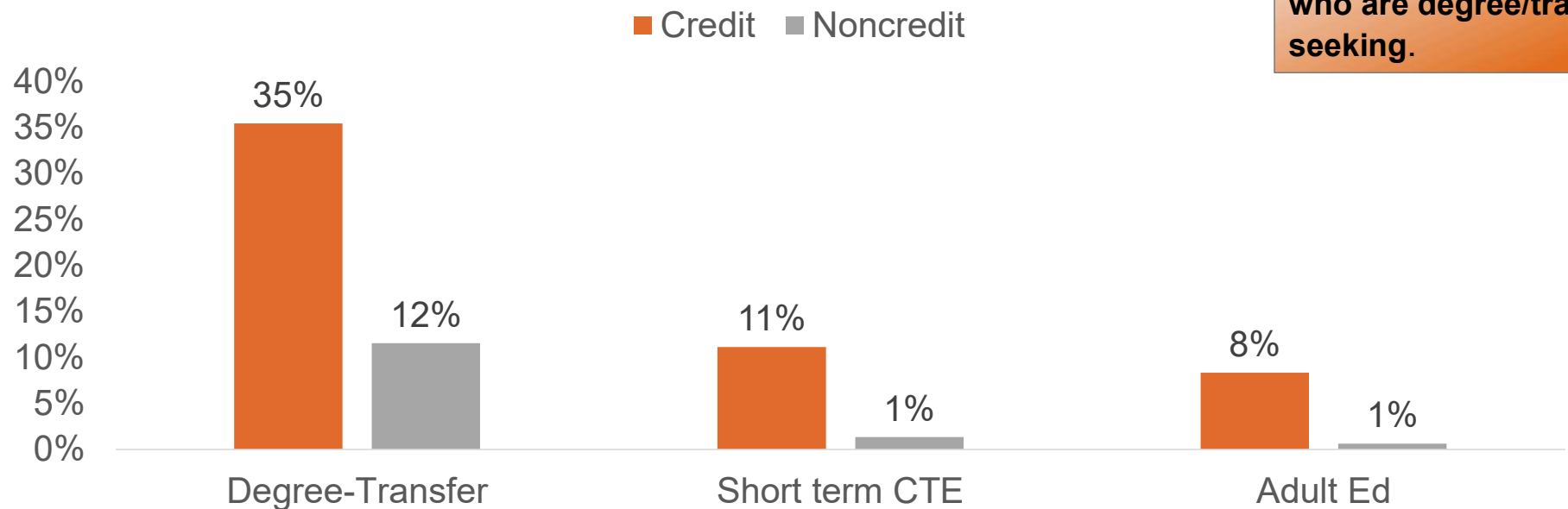




## Relative Sizes of First-time English Language Arts Pathways in 2017-18 for ELL/ESL Students



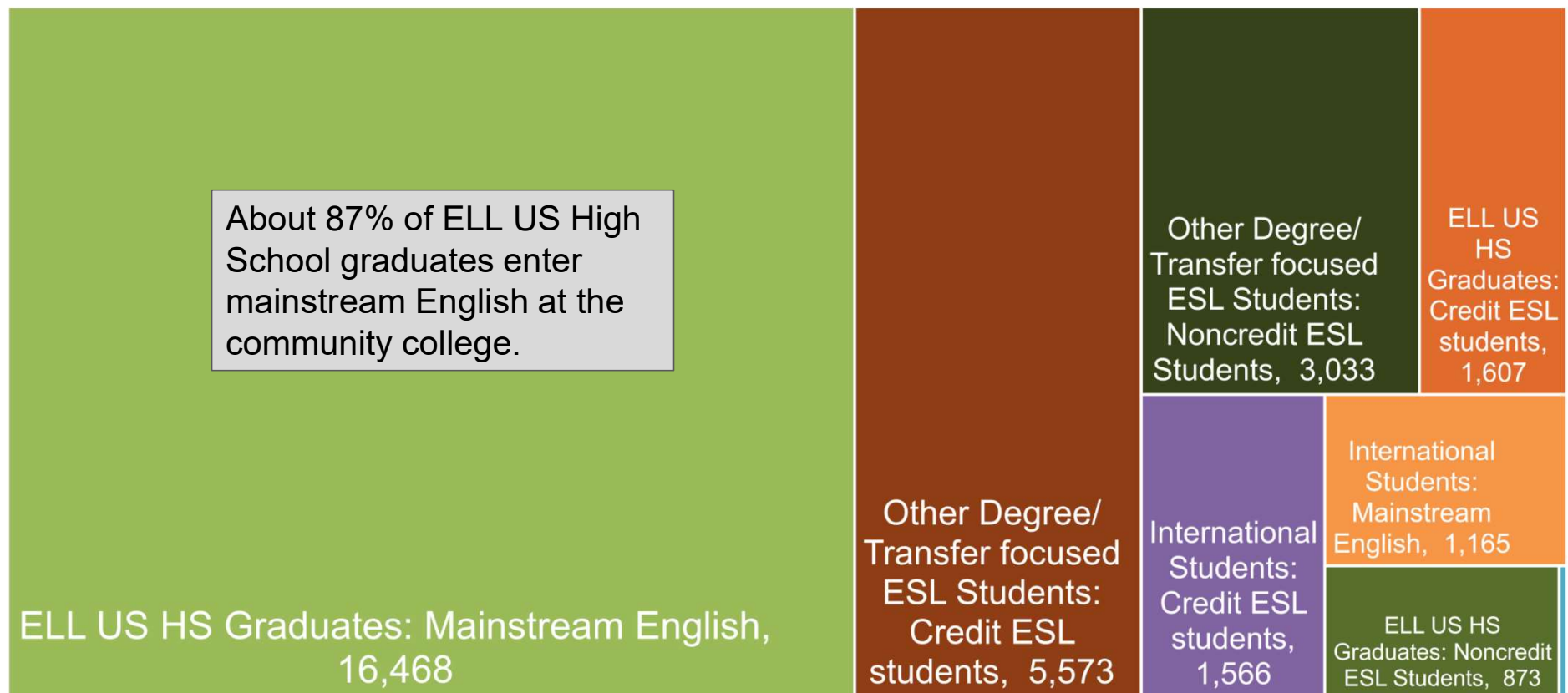
# TLC Throughput by Credit/Noncredit and Student Journey Type



**Nota Bene: AB 705 only applies to ESL students who are degree/transfer-seeking.**

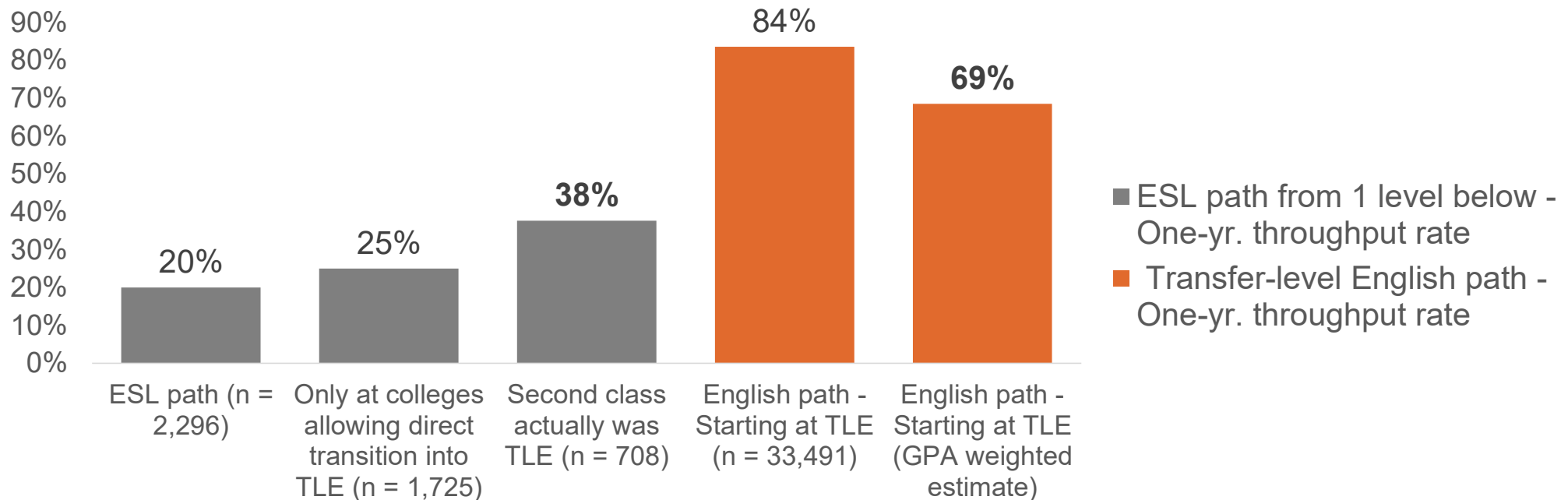


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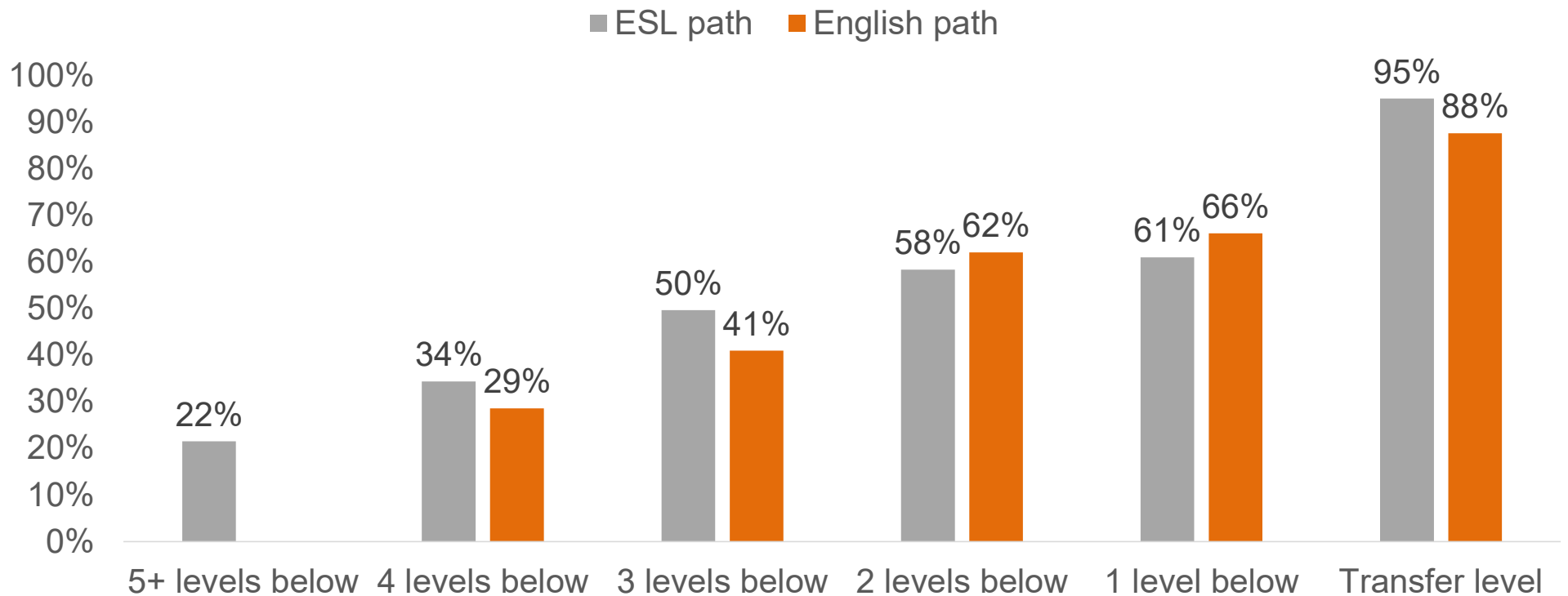


# English Language Learners: ESL vs. English Pathways

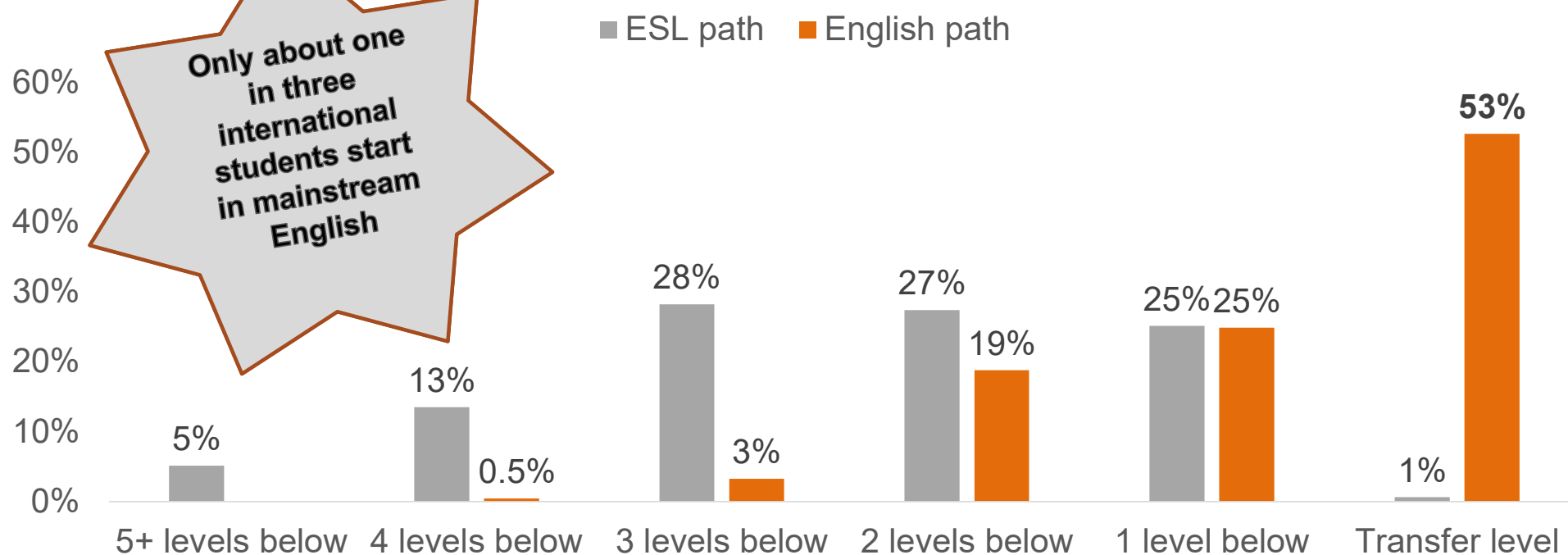
1-yr. Throughput of ELL US HS Graduates: 1-level below ESL vs. Transfer-level English



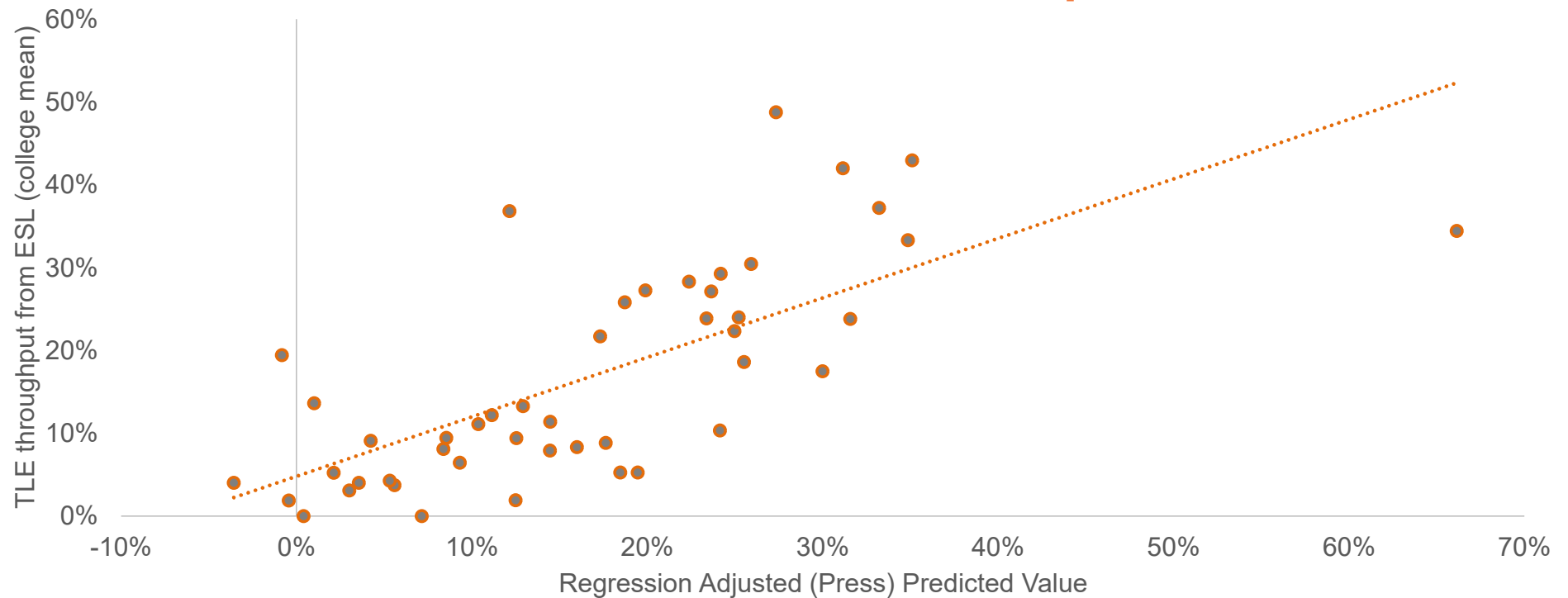
# International Student TLE Throughput Rates



# Majority of International Students on English Path Start at Transfer-level



# College throughput rates for degree-seeking ESL students with no diploma



N = 47 colleges with 30+ students of this type – no U.S. HS diploma

**Adj. R<sup>2</sup> = 0.68**

Independent Variable = Starting ESL level

Controls = age, language group, citizenship status

# What lessons can we draw about ESL?

- U.S. High School Graduates
  - 87% of English Language Learners who graduate high school enroll in mainstream English at the community college
  - US high school graduates who take the English path realize much higher transfer-level English completion rates than those who take the ESL path, even after controlling for differences in high school GPA and years of participation in a US high school
- International Students:
  - Majority of international students start in ESL (63%)
  - International students who start at transfer-level have the highest throughput
  - International students do not have a high school GPA or similar measure that allows for independent assessment of capacity
- Other ESL Students (“Third Group”)
  - Throughput rates for this group vary widely across colleges
  - ESL placement practices and ESL curriculum interact such that at colleges where third group ESL students are typically placed into higher levels, the average throughput rate is commensurately higher.

## Interactive Activity:

### Build a supportive community on your campus

From what you learned in this session, what is one thing you can do on your campus to support/advance/influence AB 705 efforts in the next 90 days?

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