



65%

of U.S. jobs will require education or training beyond high school by 2020 ¹



This means a postsecondary degree or certificate is now an essential gateway in the middle class and is critical for our state to thrive economically



To meet this need, Texas has set a goal through its **60x30TX Plan** that at least **60%** of Texans ages 25-34 will hold a post-secondary credential by 2030



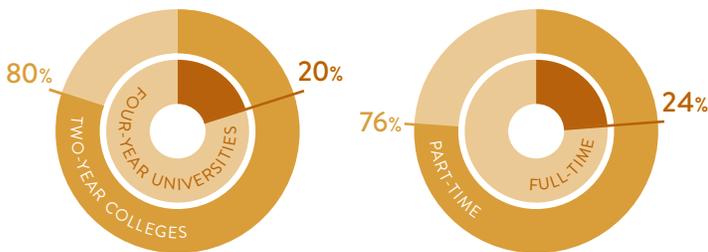
AT THE SAME TIME, COLLEGE IS NOW MORE EXPENSIVE THAN EVER



RELIANCE ON COMMUNITY COLLEGES ^{2,3,4,5}

Texas relies more heavily on community colleges to deliver undergraduate education than any state in the U.S.

Students classified as freshmen attend Community College students attend



73% of bachelor graduates have community college hours

42% of bachelor's graduates start in a different institution

ONCE COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS SUCCESSFULLY TRANSFER, THEY COMPLETE AT SIMILAR RATES TO NON-TRANSFER STUDENTS (60%). HOWEVER, NOT ENOUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE TRANSFERRING TO PURSUE 4-YEAR DEGREES.

THE TRANSFER PROCESS ^{2,6}

The transfer process is inefficient, and the pathway to a bachelor's is rarely clear, increasing cost and decreasing completion.



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average credit hours a Texas student takes for a bachelor's degree, 19 more than is needed or almost one extra year



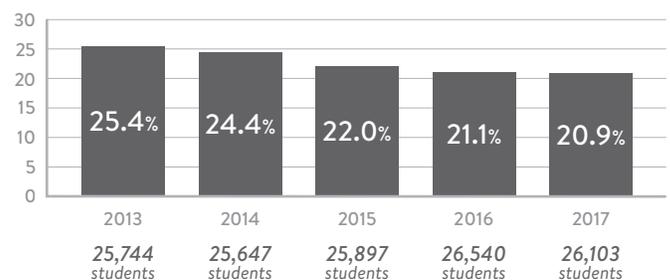
\$120m

annual cost of excess credit to Texas taxpayers and students

TEXAS TRANSFER HISTORY ⁷

Even as enrollment grows, transfer rates from 2-year colleges are stagnating.

Percent and Number of Fall FTIC Students who transferred from a Two-Year to a Senior Institution within Six Years (2013-2017)



POLICIES MUST CHANGE TO SUPPORT THE NEEDS OF TODAY'S TEXAS STUDENTS

Most students are attending more than one institution. Many are attending part time, and all are facing increasing costs – policies must change to support the student of today so that all students are provided the opportunity to succeed in higher education and in their careers.



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