

CREATING THE 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY COLLEGE: ALIGNING POLICY AND PRACTICE TO INCREASE STUDENT SUCCESS AND MEET WORKFORCE NEEDS

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Research that Matters

The Panel

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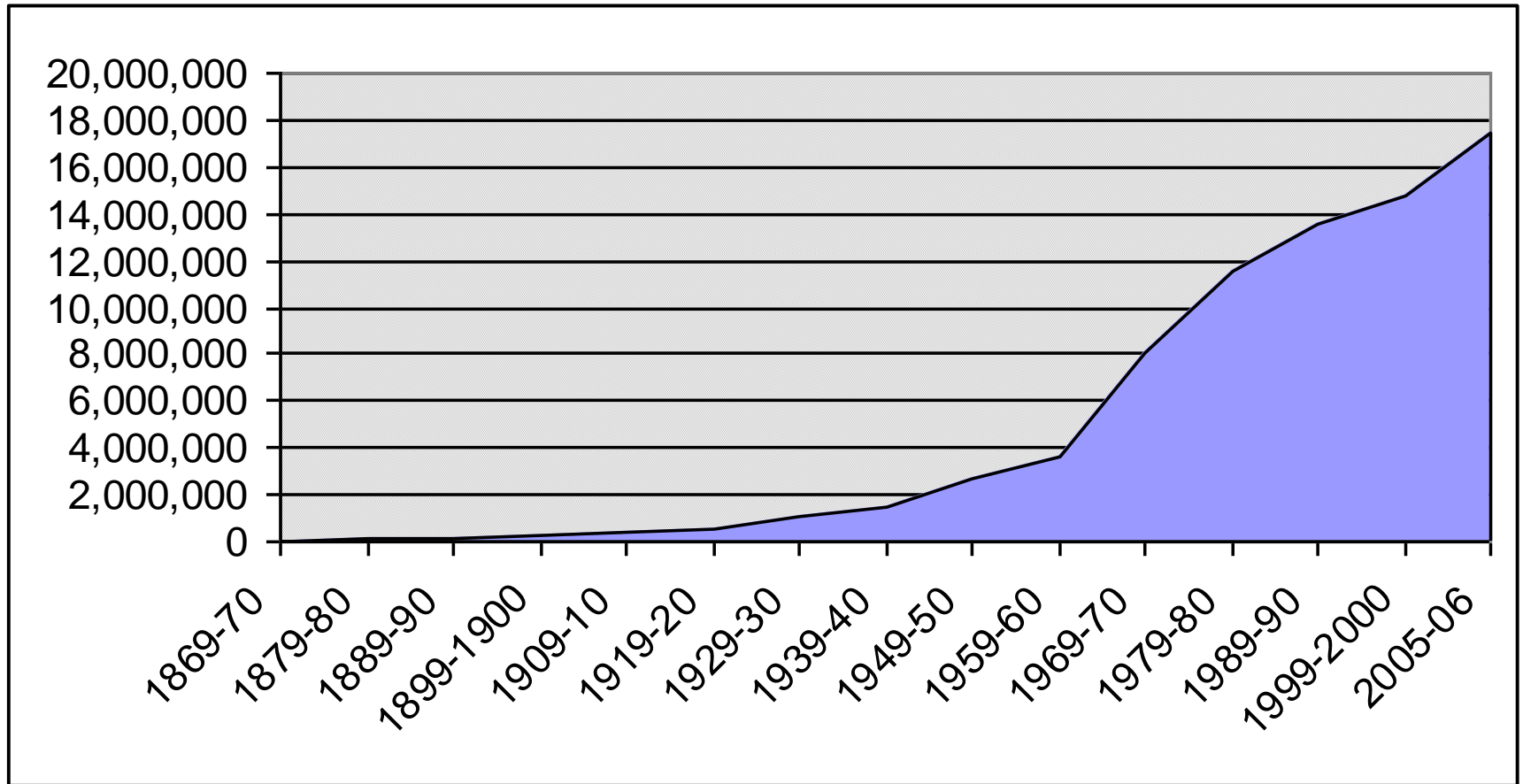
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How do community colleges effectively ensure academic success and transition into the workforce for the diverse population of students they serve?

Some Background Data

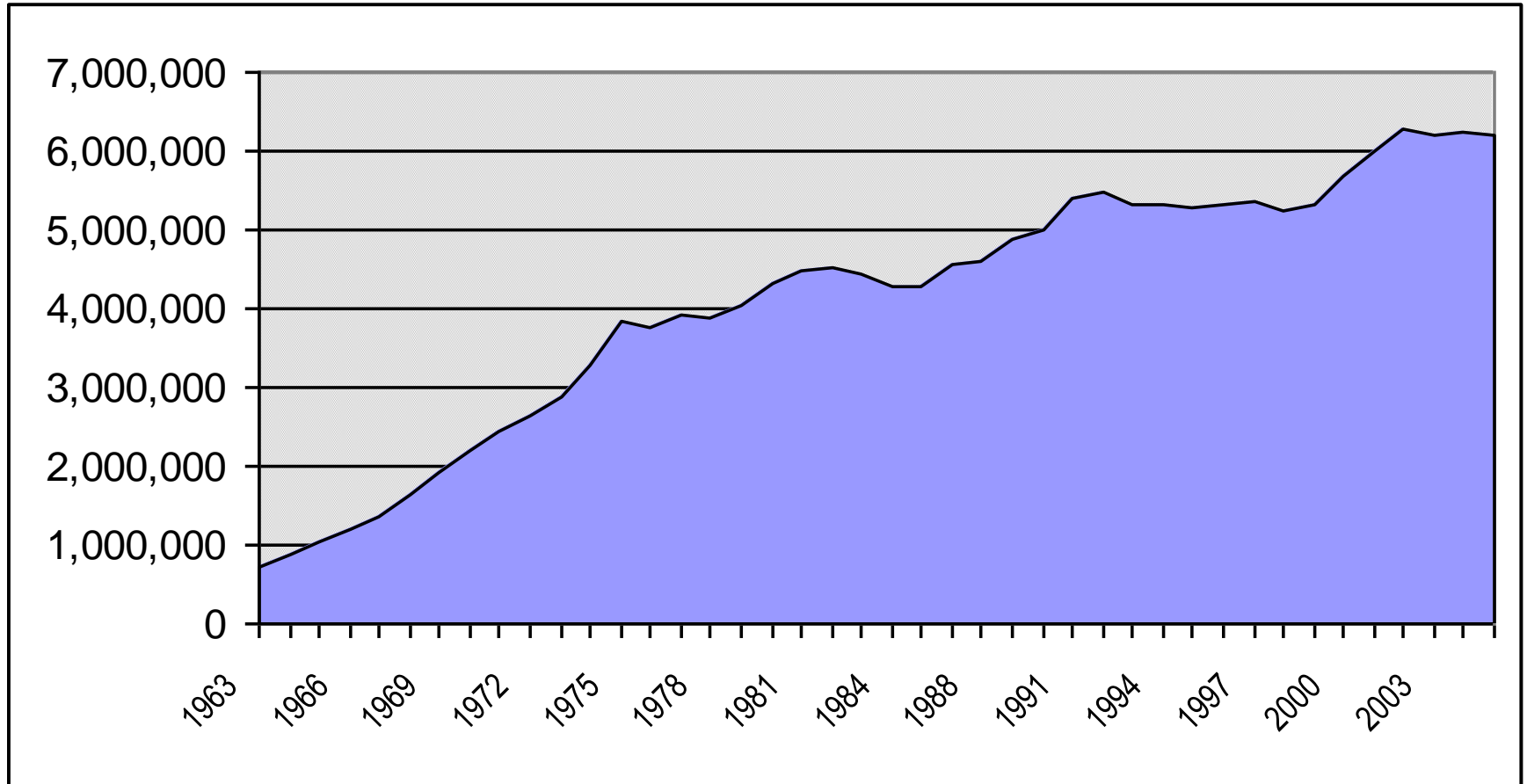
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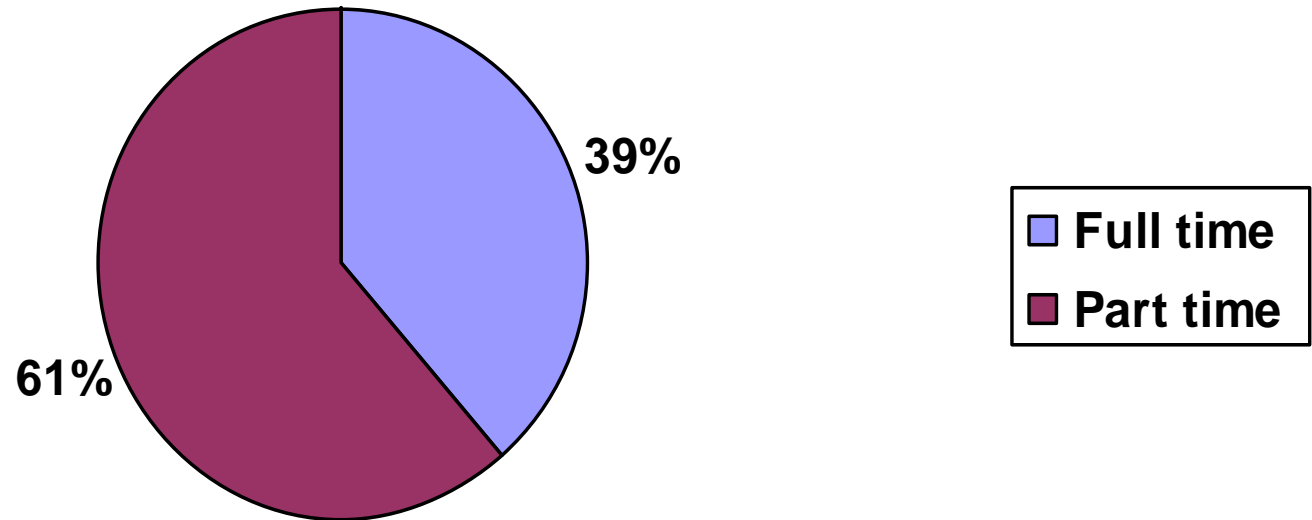
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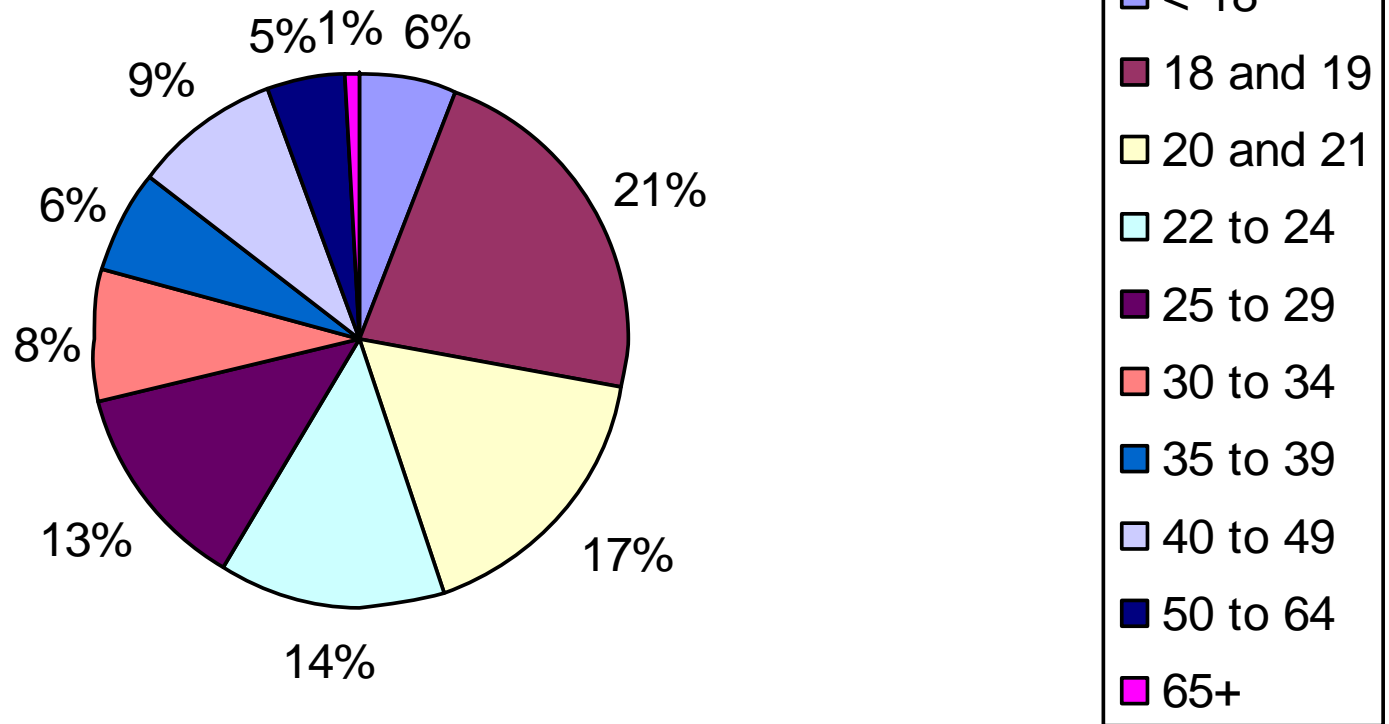
Community College FT and PT Enrollment

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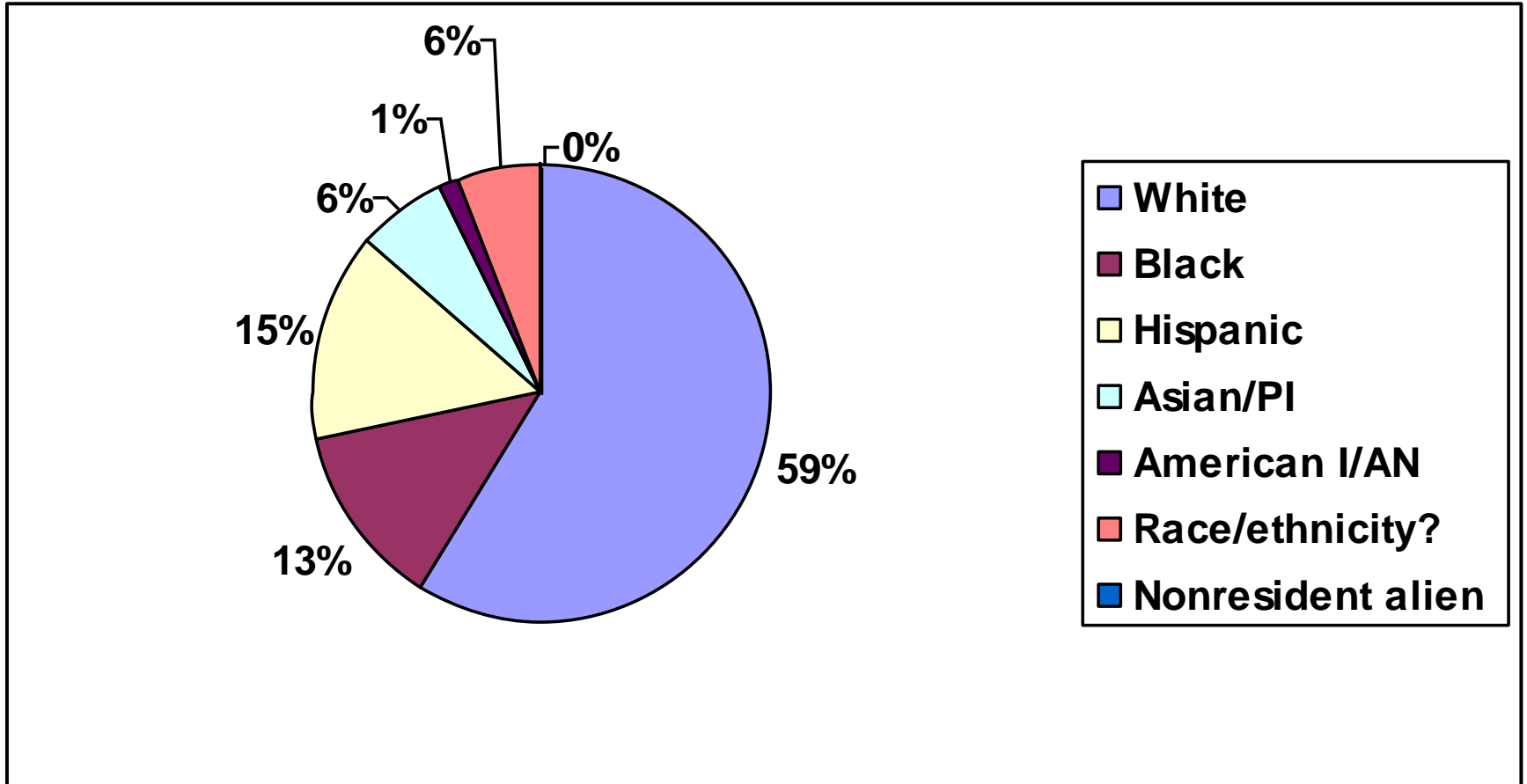


Age Distribution of CC Students

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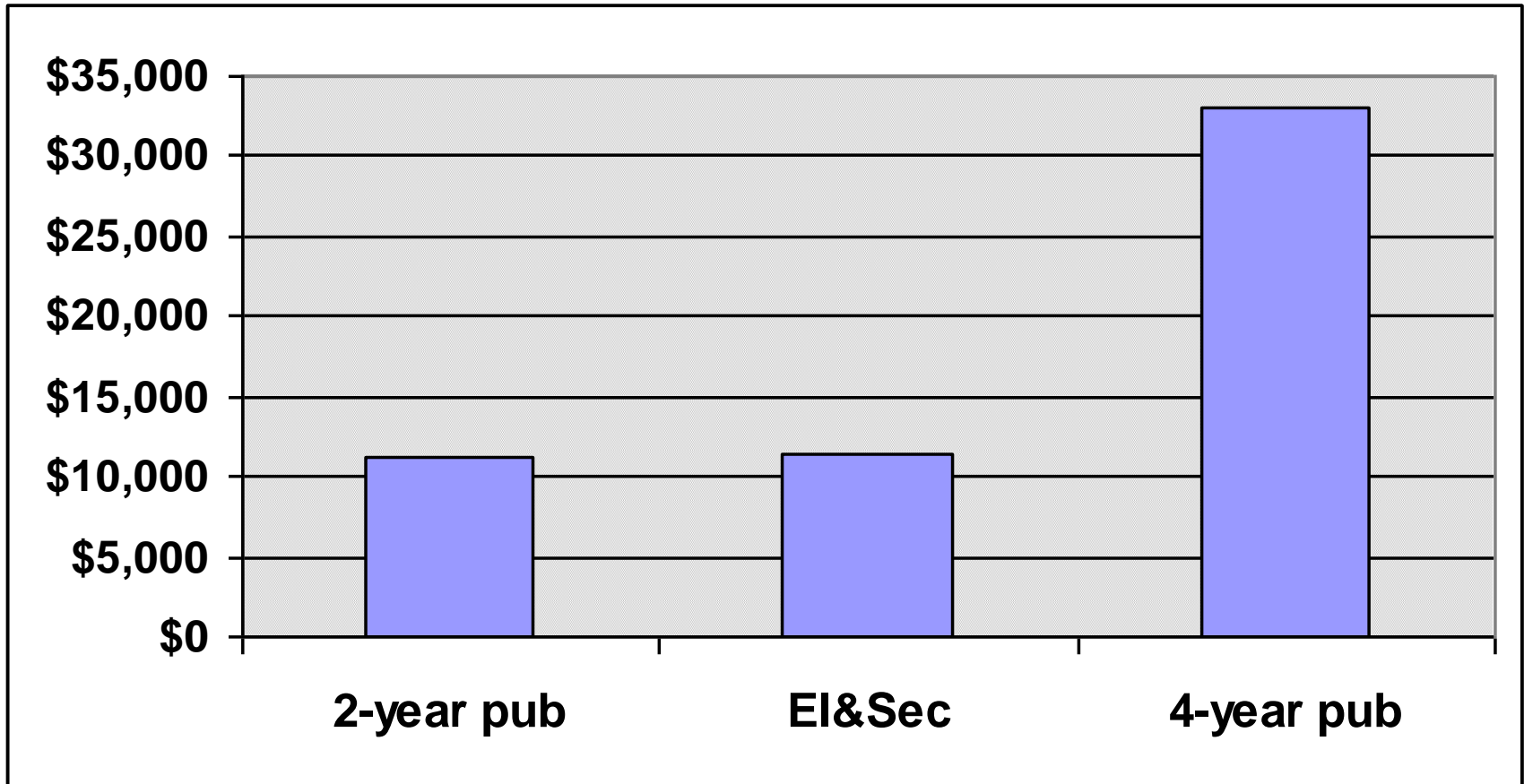
CC Enrollment Distribution by Race/Ethnicity



The Challenges

Expenditure per Student by Level of Education

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Multiple Missions

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- Academic transfer
- Terminal and applied skills
- Developmental education
- Community service

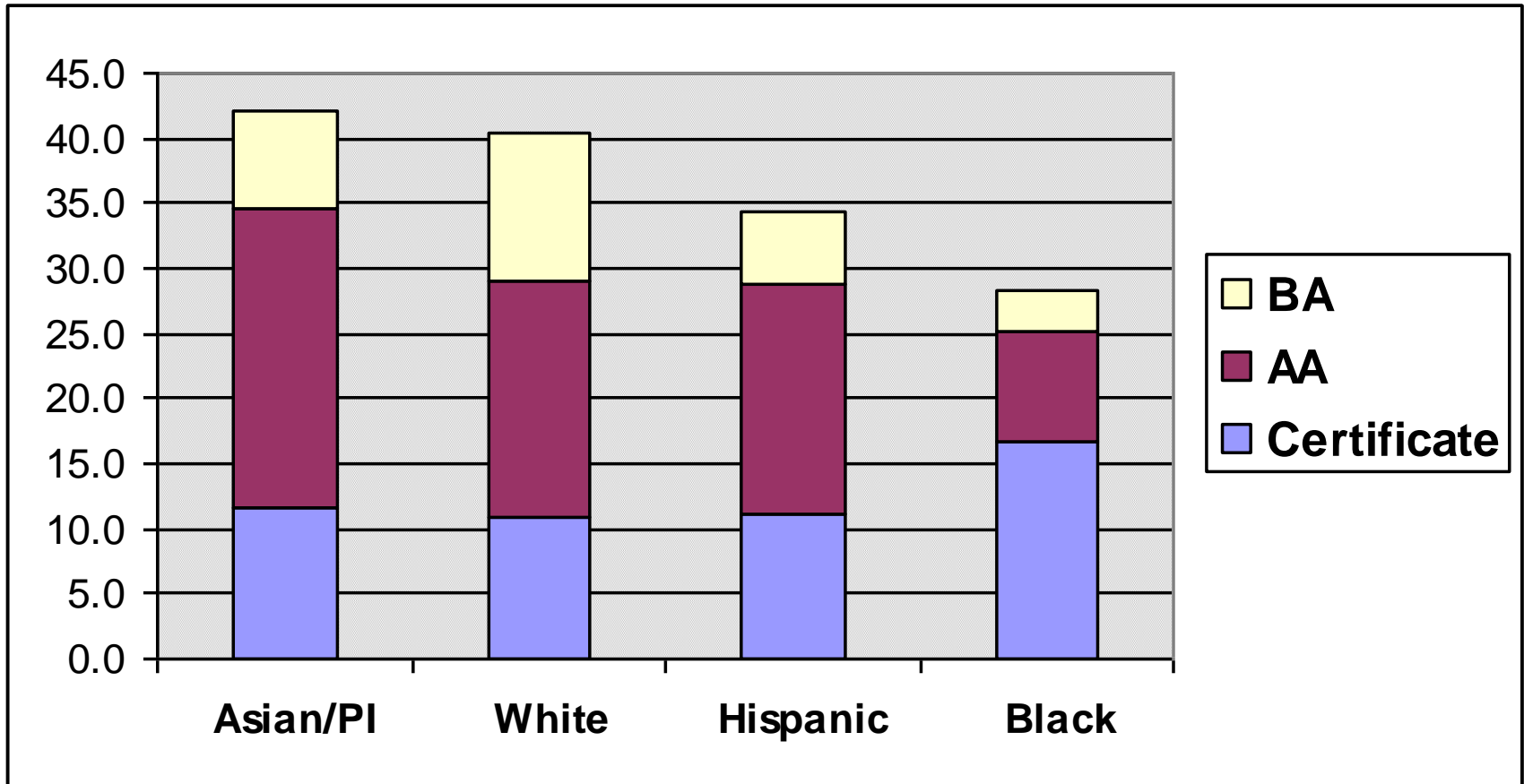
Special Populations Served by CCs

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- Immigrants
- Foster care youth
- Limited English proficient individuals
- Individuals with disabilities
- Single parents
- Students on probation

% of CC Students Attaining any Degree or Certificate After 6 Years (1995-2001)

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Moving Toward Solutions

Increasing Interest in Improving CC's

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- Achieving the Dream (Lumina)
- College Board, National Commission on Community Colleges
- Community Colleges Can! (OVAE)
- Career Pathways (Workforce Strategy Center)
- Breaking Through (Jobs for the Future)

What are the key issues that must be addressed if community colleges are to maintain access and ensure the success of students?

What are the key issues that state policy can address to support access and success in community colleges?

What are the key issues that must be addressed to align access and success efforts with workforce/economic development strategies?