



Building the Future We Want

Increasing Equitable Postsecondary Attainment

Welcome!

Edith Njuguna, Director

Illinois' Postsecondary Attainment Goal

The Illinois P-20 Council goal is that by 2025, **60%** of all Illinois adults will have a high-quality college degree or postsecondary credential.

> **Right now, Illinois is at 57.3%.**

A 2023 Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce report notes that **70%** of jobs in Illinois will require postsecondary training in 2031.





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Our Goal

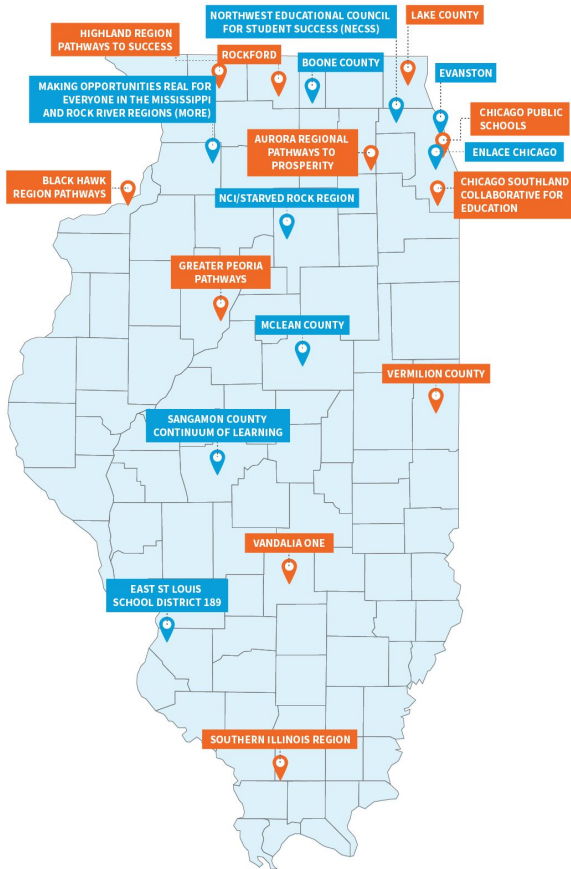
To support communities to increase meaningful and equitable postsecondary attainment



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**Aurora Regional
Pathways to Prosperity**

**Black Hawk Region
Pathways**

Boone County

Chicago Public Schools

**Chicago Southland
Collaborative for
Education**

East St. Louis D189

Enlace Chicago

Evanston

Greater Peoria Pathways

**Highland Region
Pathways to Success**

Lake County

**MORE in the Mississippi
and Rock River Region**

McLean County

NCI/Starved Rock Region

**Northwest Educational
Council for Student
Success (NECSS)**

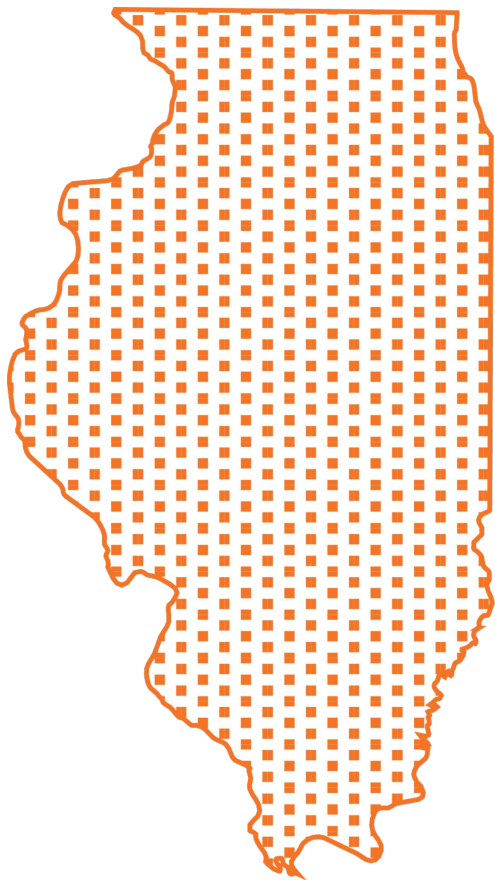
Rockford

**Sangamon County
Continuum of Learning**

Southern Illinois Region

Vandalia ONE

Vermilion County



278,662

*public high school students are
in Leadership Communities,
representing*

47%

*of Illinois' total high school
students*



How the Success Network Moves the Field Forward

- Share best practices and foster peer-to-peer learning.
- Provide technical assistance on collective impact and strategies to advance postsecondary attainment.
- Serve as a conduit for financial support to communities via innovation grants.
- Convene annual conference and regional meetings to support community engagement, data review, and action planning.
- Gather and curate critical data.

Dashboard

[ILSuccessNetwork.org/
Dashboard](https://ILSuccessNetwork.org/Dashboard)

- 9th Grade On Track
- Early College Coursework
- CTE Participation
- High School Graduation
- Postsecondary Enrollment
- Postsecondary Remediation

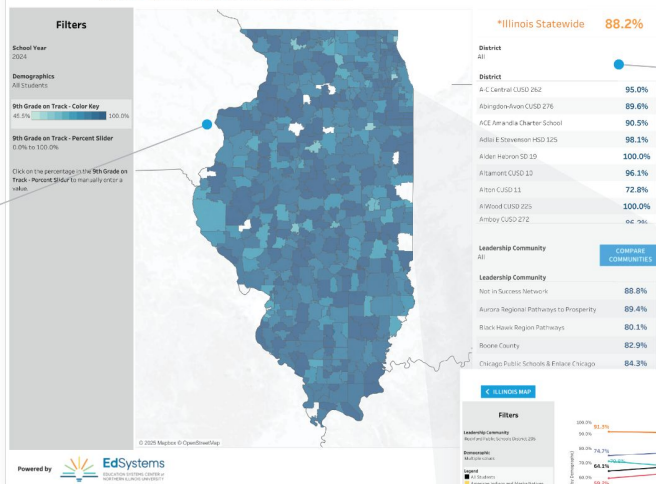
INTERACTIVE MAP

features
community
snapshots

9th Grade on Track in High School

Illinois across the years

These data display the number of 9th graders who are on track across the state of Illinois. Select one district to directly compare demographic trends for that district or click and drag the mouse over the map to select multiple districts and compare their trends. The "Compare Communities" button allows the user to compare Leadership Communities.

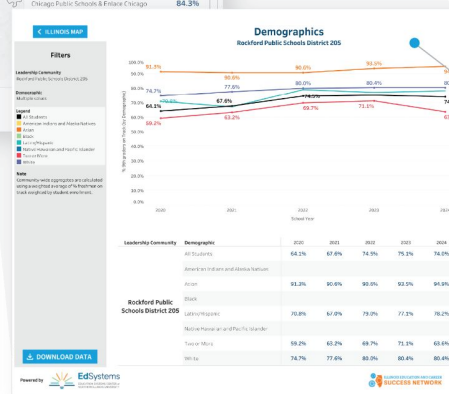


FILTER

by Leadership Community
or school district/s

DOWNLOAD

the visualizations or
data in spreadsheets



TRENDS

show the
data over
time



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Student Advisory Council

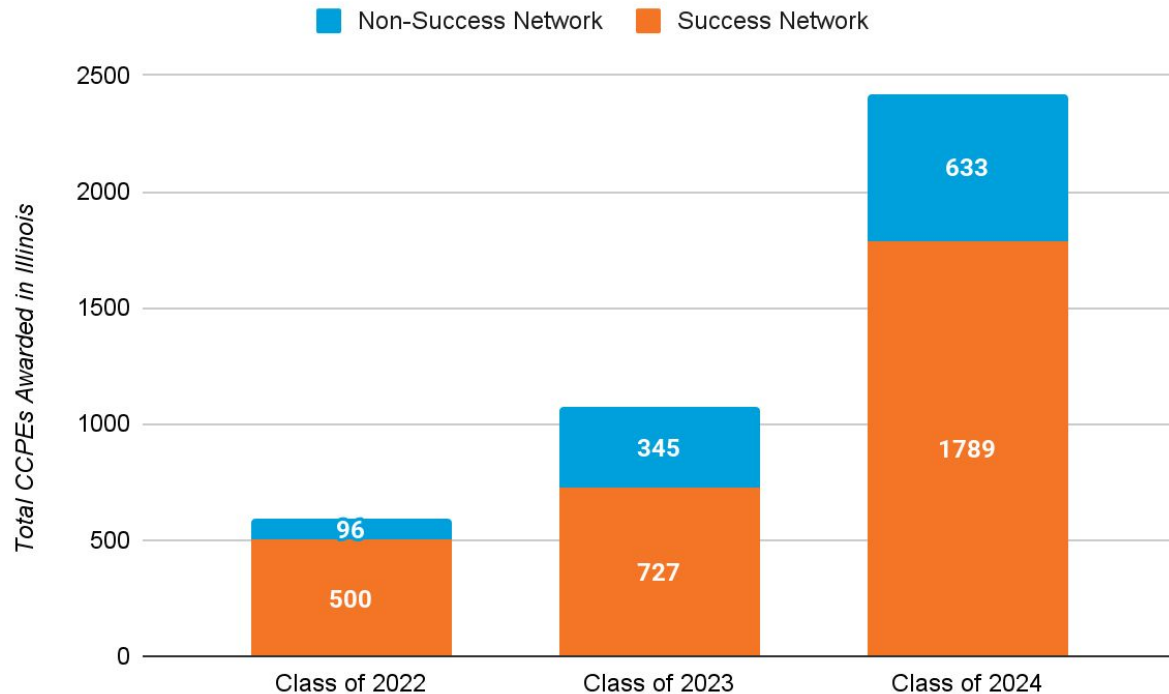


We've Made Progress



College and Career Pathway Endorsement (CCPE) Earners

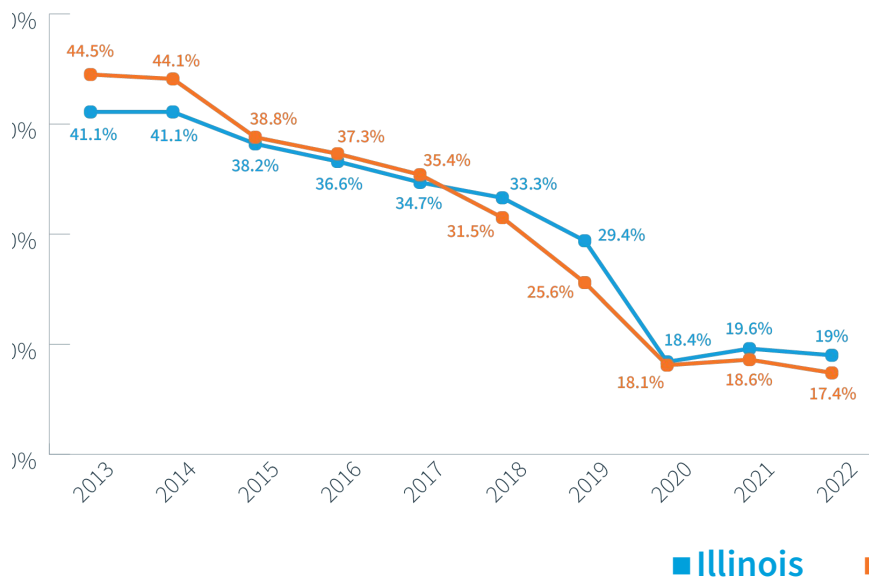
Success Network
Leadership Communities
continue to lead the way



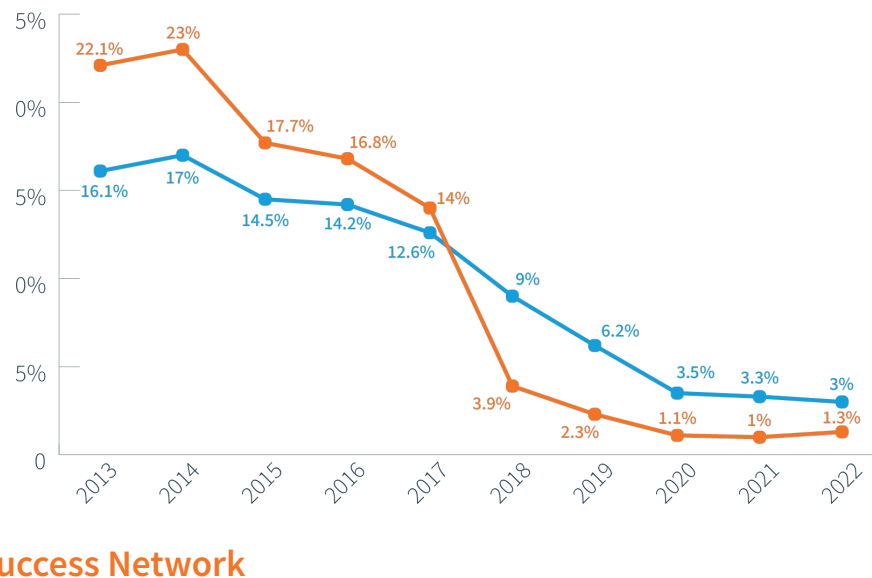
Data Source: Illinois Report Card analyzed by Success Network

Declining Remediation Rates

Math Remediation



Reading Remediation



Looking Ahead





MARCH 3

9:30–11 A.M.

Policy Committee

Quarter 1 Meeting; All Are Welcome

APRIL 1

11 A.M.–12 P.M.

Webinar

*Communicating the Value of
Postsecondary Options to High School Students*

APRIL 28

10–11 A.M.

Webinar

Building Pathways to Career, Connection, and Choice



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Bridging the Divide:

Opportunity Gaps Impacting
Students of Color and Students
from from Low-Income
Communities

Presented by:

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Senior Vice-President, Ed Trust





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Wil Del Pilar, Senior Vice President



The Education Trust

Session Overview

- Current National Education Context
- Changing Student Aspirations
- Grounding in Illinois Data
- Discussion

Current Context



Why this ***MOMENT*** Matters



Reconciliation

Student Debt

Vouchers

**Pell
Grant**

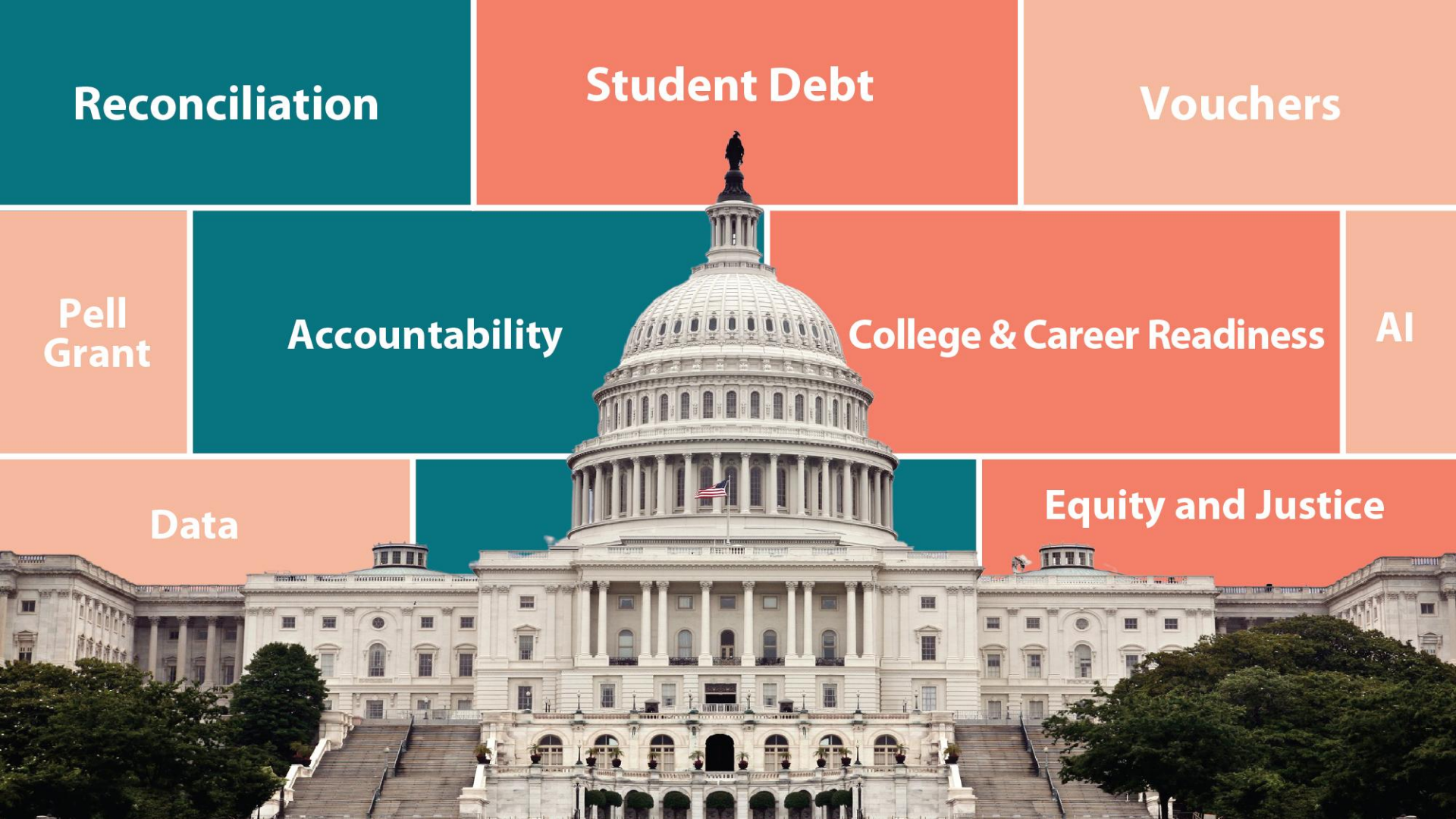
Accountability

College & Career Readiness

AI

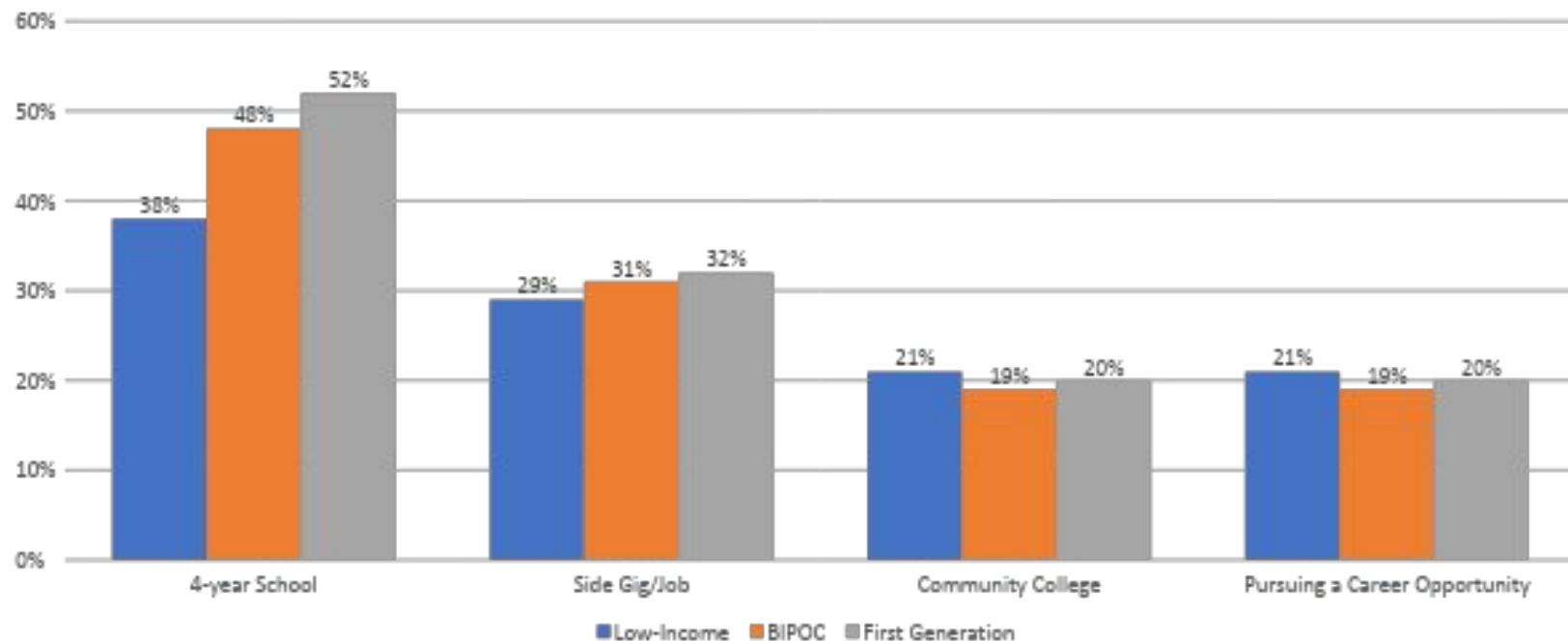
Data

Equity and Justice





Post-High School Plans



McMurry University 2020 SR Latino Access Score

- In fall 2020, McMurry University enrolled 214 first-time students*. Since McMurry University is in Texas, we use Texas Census data from 2020 to calculate the percentage of Latino Texas Residents ages 18-24 years old.

$$\left(\frac{1300531 \text{ Latino Texas Residents ages 18- to 24-years-old in 2020}}{2804109 \text{ Texas Residents ages 18- to 24-years-old in 2020}} \right) = 46.37\% \text{ (Latino Enrollment Benchmark)}$$

Since we want to avoid anomalies in undergraduate enrollments, we take the average percent of Latino undergraduates at McMurry from 2019 through 2021, which is 30.48%.

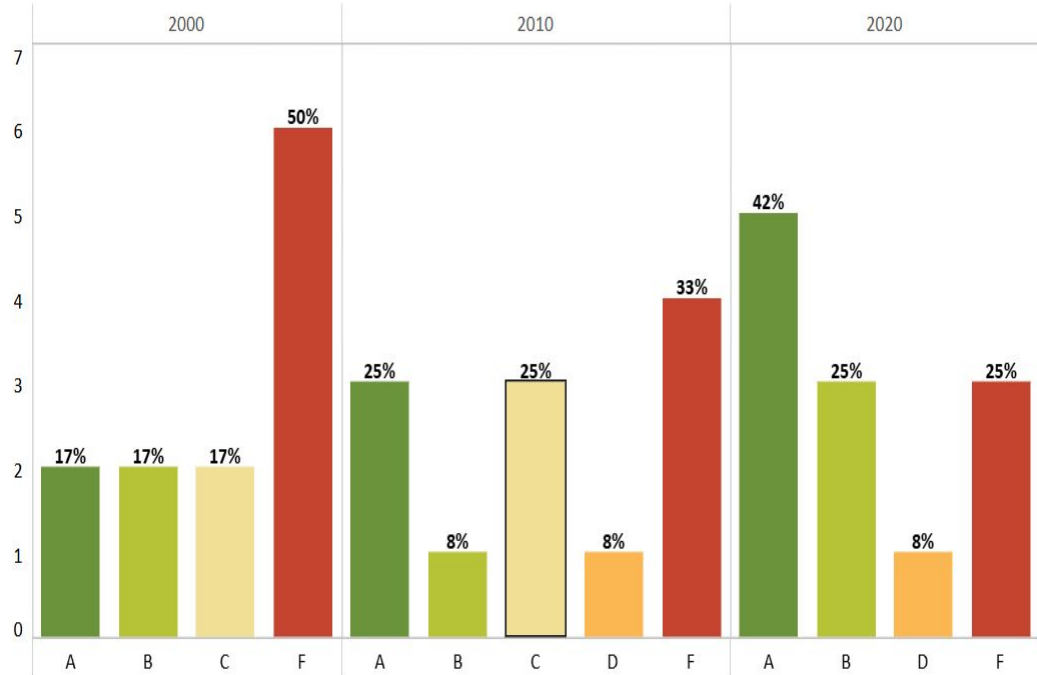
$$\left(\frac{30.48\% \text{ Average Latino undergraduates 2019-2021}}{46.37\% \text{ Latino enrollment benchmark}} \right) \times 100 = 66 \text{ (D)}$$

- Access Score – How well the institution’s undergraduate population represents that of the 18–24-year-old population in the state for a specific racial or ethnic group.
- Range: 0-100+
- Grade: <60 (F), 60 to <70 (D), 70 to <80 (C), 80 to <90 (B), 90+ (A)

Access in Illinois for Black Students

- The average change in enrollment of Black students in Illinois is 2.41%
- 8 Institutions Increased enrollment
- Enrollment of Black students decreased at 4 institutions

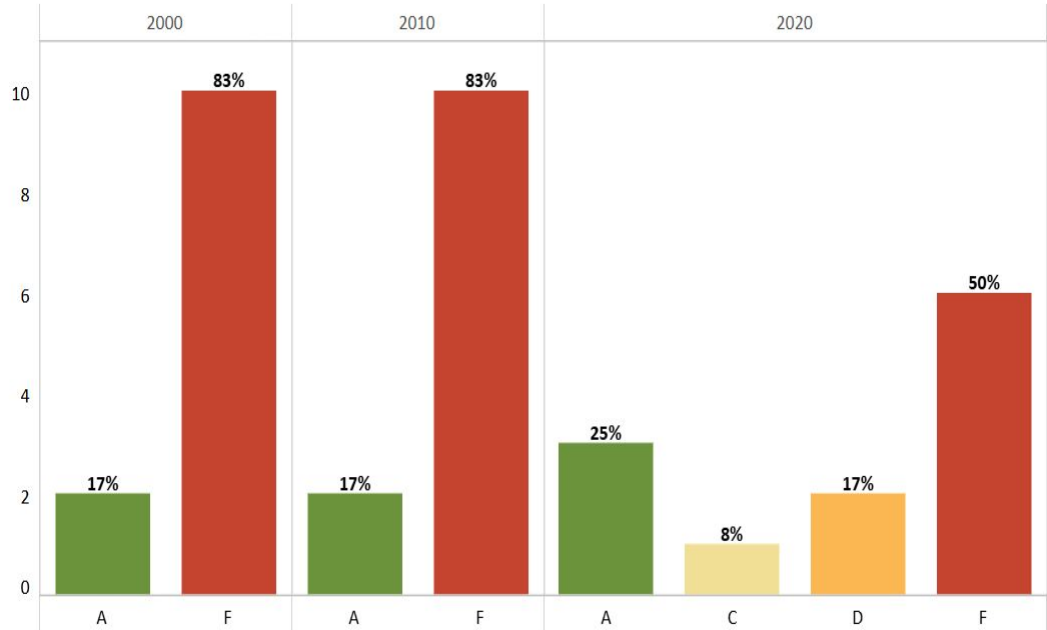
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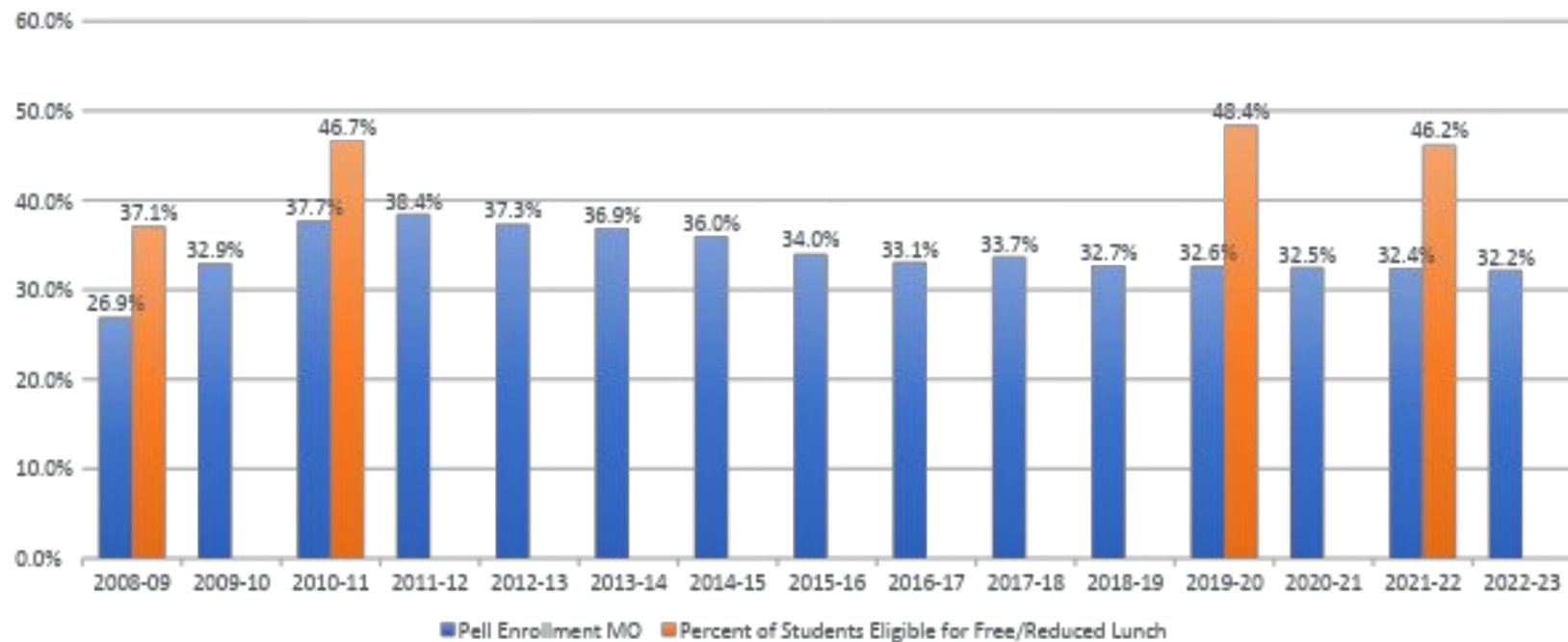
Access in Illinois for Latino Students

- The average change in enrollment of Latino students in Illinois is 10.28%
- Every public Institution in Illinois Increased enrollment
- No institutions decreased enrollments of Latino students.

"Segregation Forever"? Latino Undergraduate Access to Public 4-year Institutions in the U.S.



Pell Enrollment in Illinois



Discussion

- What needs to change at the institutional level to address these disparities in enrollment?
- What can be done at the state level to address these disparities?
- Is there a federal response?



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Thank You

