

2024 College Completion Rates

Students Achieving Higher Education

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QUESTIONS TO COVER

- ▶ What percentage of students **graduate on-time**?
- ▶ What percentage of students **graduate within six years (extended time)**?
- ▶ How have completion rates **changed over time**?
- ▶ How is the Commission **facilitating improvement** in Indiana's on-time graduation rates?

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

- ▶ Completion rates help tell us whether students have the **resources, opportunities, and support they need.**
- ▶ Achievement gaps point out **systemic failures that need to be addressed.**
- ▶ College outcomes have **an enormous and growing influence on Indiana's economic future.**



DATA USED

- ▶ Data comes from Indiana public institutions and National Student Clearinghouse
- ▶ Focuses on first-time, full-time, degree-seeking students
- ▶ **Focuses on 2023 graduates:**
 - ▶ **On-time** (same campus/same degree): Started in Fall 2019 (4yr) or Fall 2021 (2yr)
 - ▶ **Extended 6-year** (any campus/any degree): Started in Fall 2017

METRICS

▶ On-time completion

- ▶ Four-year public institutions
- ▶ Two-year public institutions

4-YEAR ON-TIME RATES

$$= \frac{\text{Students that graduate within 4 years}}{\text{Total students in starting cohort}}$$

2-YEAR ON-TIME RATES

$$= \frac{\text{Students that graduate within 2 years}}{\text{Total students in starting cohort}}$$

▶ Extended time completion

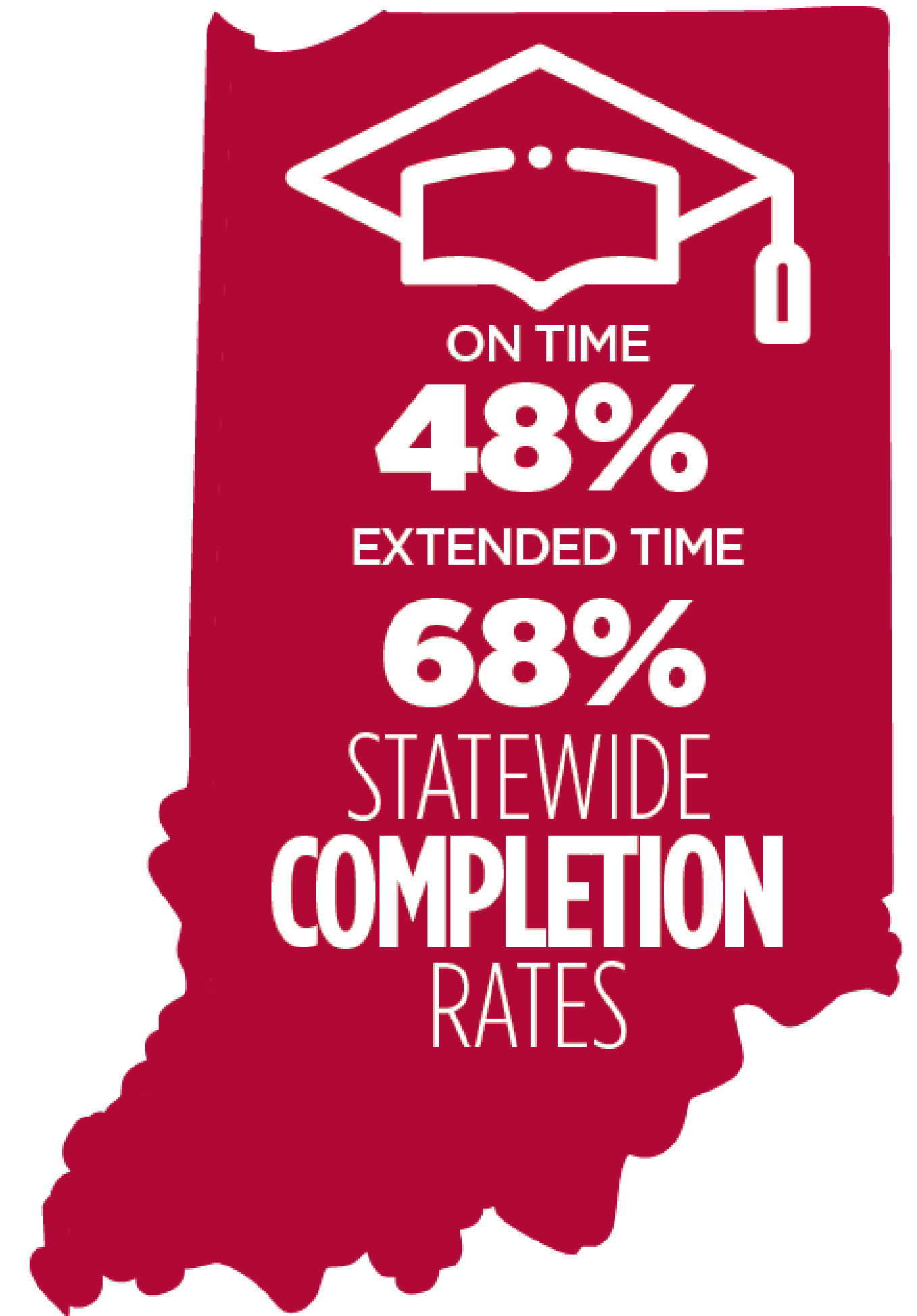
- ▶ Same for all public institutions

EXTENDED TIME RATES

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STATEWIDE COMPLETION RATES

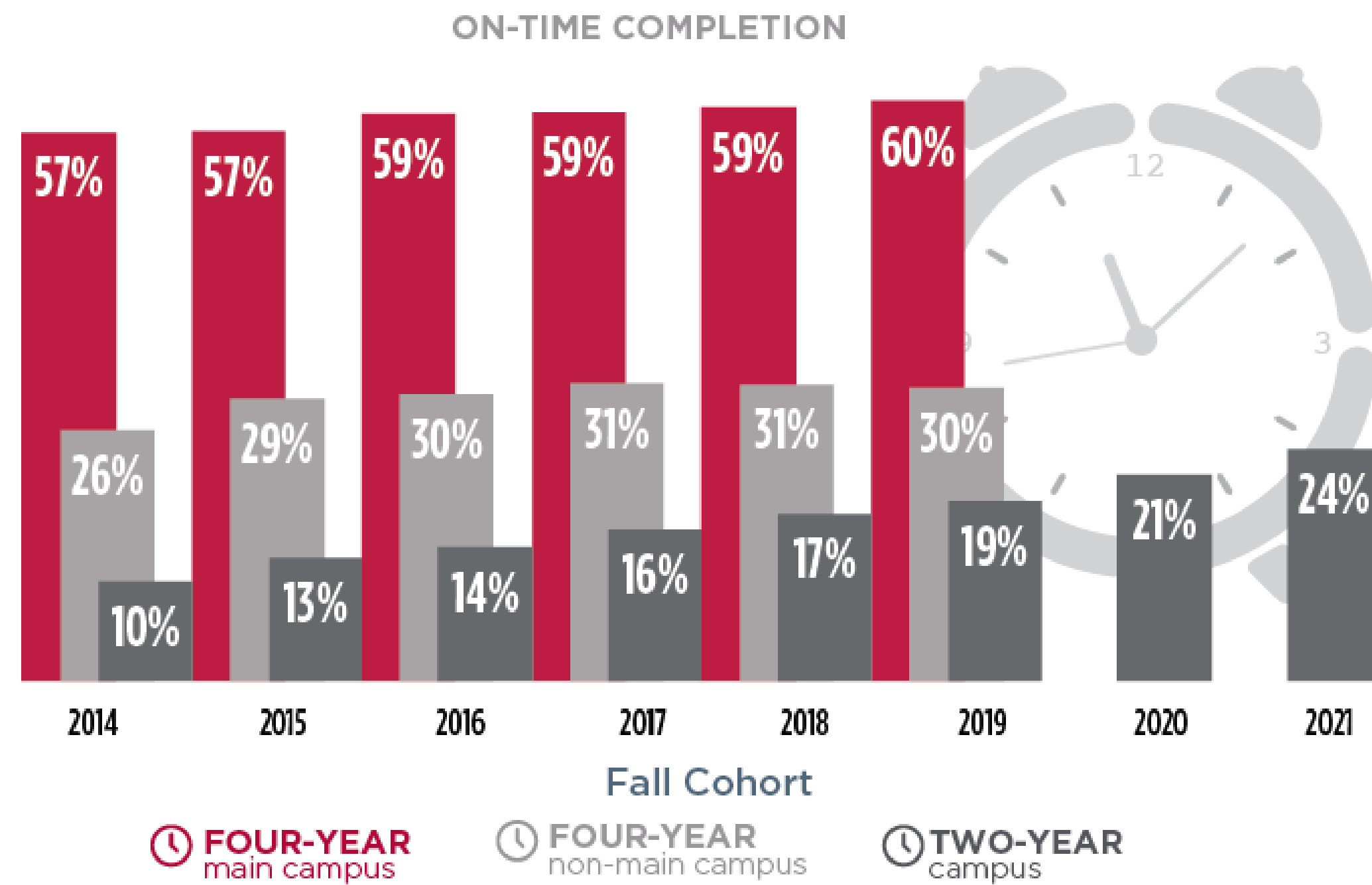
- ▶ On-time completion rate increase
 - ▶ One-year change: 1%
 - ▶ Five-year change: 7%
- ▶ Extended time completion rate increase
 - ▶ One-year change: 1%
 - ▶ Five-year change: 6%



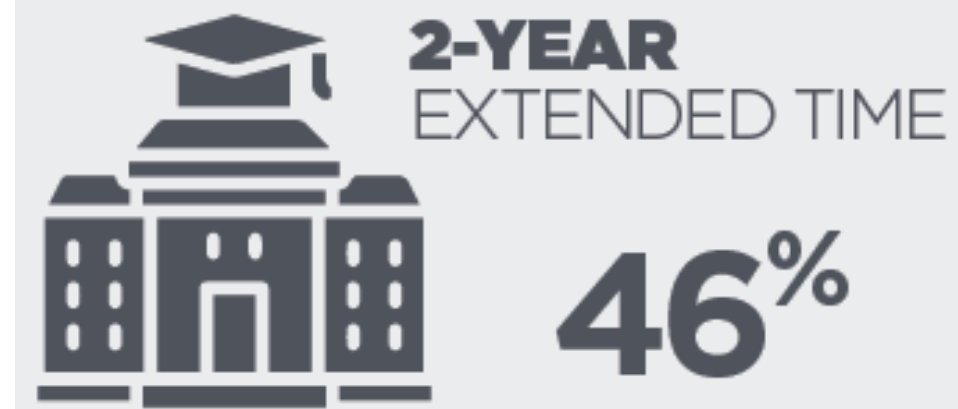
SECTOR-LEVEL RATES

ON-TIME COMPLETION

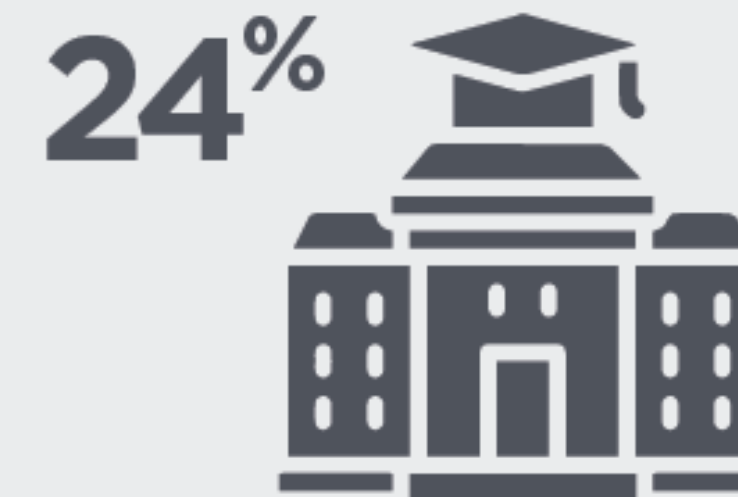
Same campus and degree level



COMPLETION ACROSS 2-YEAR CAMPUSES



2-YEAR ON TIME



COMPLETION ACROSS 4-YEAR CAMPUSES



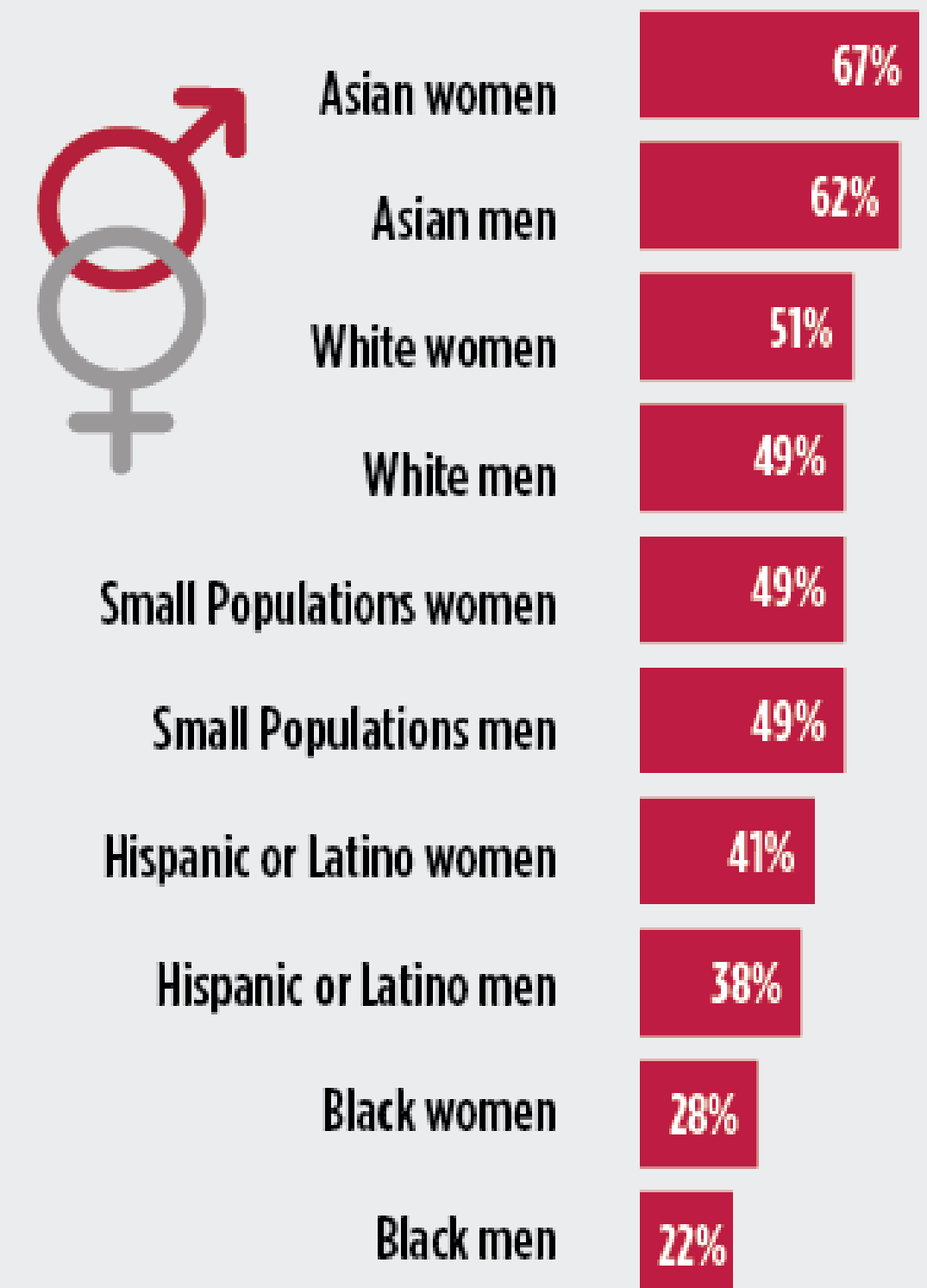
4-YEAR ON TIME



CROSS SECTION DEMOGRAPHICS

- ▶ Trends vary among student groups of differing race, ethnicity, and gender
- ▶ Male students consistently have lower completion rates
- ▶ Layered demographic categories further accentuate differences
- ▶ E.g., Black students overall have a 25% completion rate but Black men are at 22%

ON-TIME COMPLETION BY RACE, ETHNICITY AND GENDER

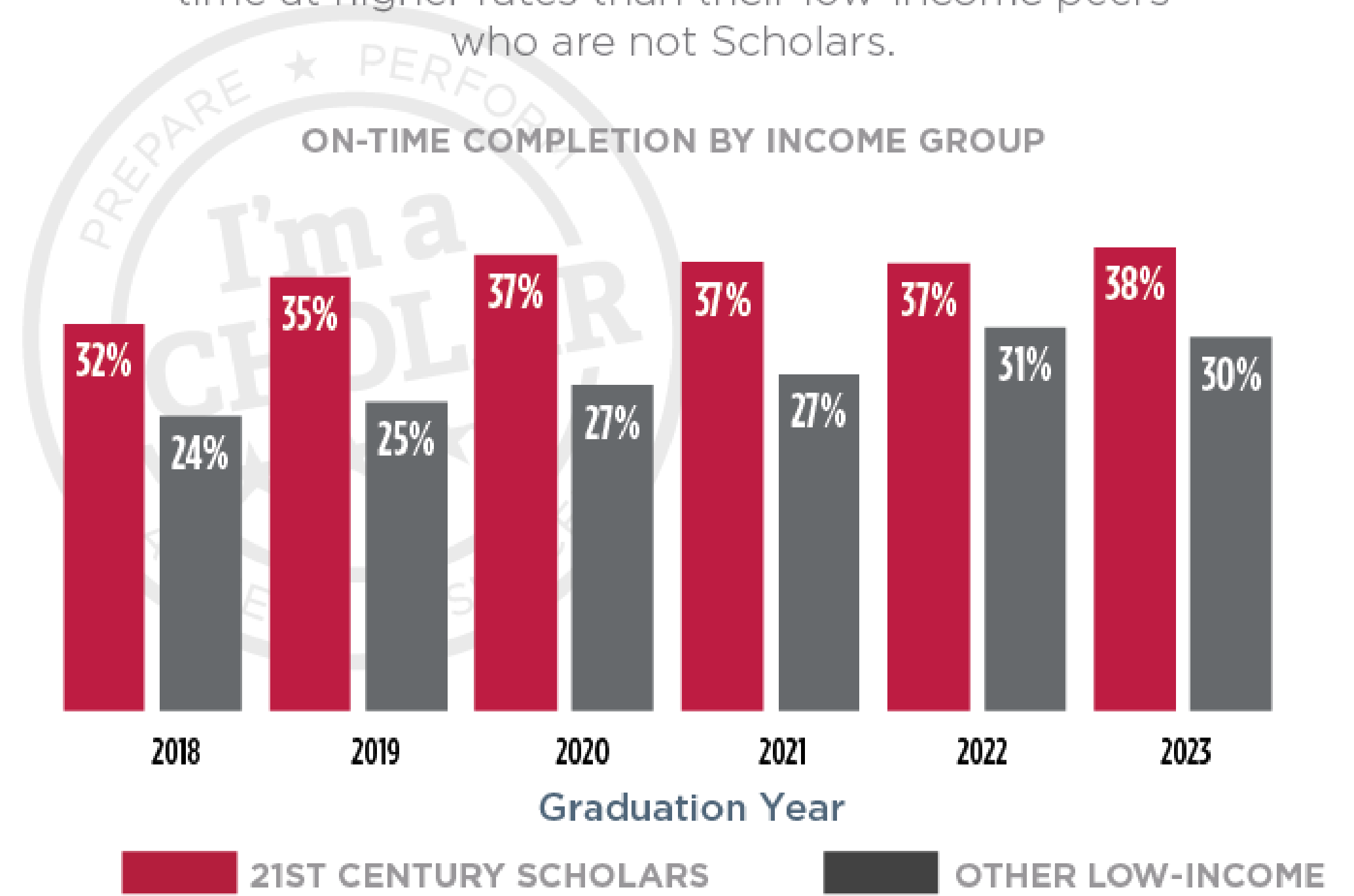


21ST CENTURY SCHOLARS

- ▶ Scholars consistently have higher on-time graduation rates compared to their other low-income peers
- ▶ Scholars are required to complete 30 credit hours each academic year to maintain scholarship

SCHOLARS ON TRACK

21st Century Scholars consistently graduate on time at higher rates than their low-income peers who are not Scholars.



COMMISSION INITIATIVES

- ▶ Financial Aid

- ▶ **21st Century Scholars Program**

- ▶ ***Impact:*** Incentivizes students to graduate on-time by requiring recipients to earn 30 credit hours each academic year

- ▶ **Frank O'Bannon / Freedom of Choice Awards**

- ▶ ***Impact:*** Incentivizes students to graduate on-time by requiring recipients to be enrolled full-time

COMMISSION INITIATIVES

- ▶ Outcome Based Performance Funding (OBPF) Model
 - ▶ **Impact:** Incentivizes institutions to graduate students on-time
- ▶ 2024 Senate Enrolled Act 8 (SEA 8)
 - ▶ **Impact:** Requires all public four-year institutions to review each of its bachelor degree programs to determine the feasibility of offering those programs for completion in three years instead of four
 - ▶ **Impact:** Requires all public four-year institutions to offer at least one bachelor degree program that can be completed in three years by July 2025
 - ▶ Three-year degree programs incentivize students to complete faster

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