## Student Persistence (Fall-to-Spring)



#### State Center Community College District

Trustee Fellowship Key Performance Indicator (KPI)





#### Vision 2035

**Long-term Goals** 

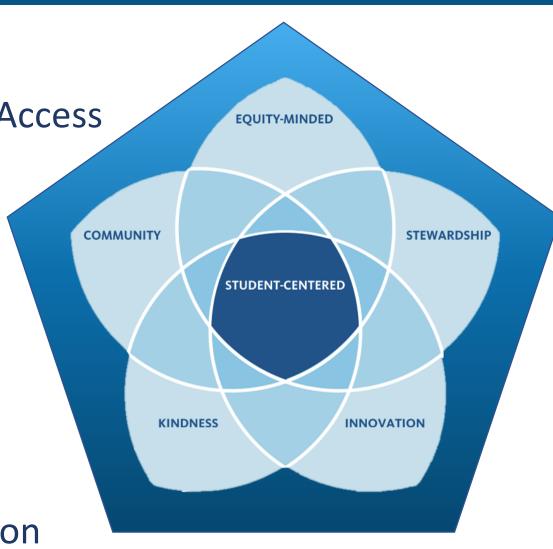
**Equitable Student Access** 

Equitable Student Achievement

Workforce & Social Mobility

Fiscal Strength

**Trust & Collaboration** 



**Aligned KPI'S** 

**Enrollment** 

**Course Retention** 

& Success

Persistence

Degree Completion

& Transfers

Employment & Living Wage

Advancing equitable student access and achievement is at the heart of our work at State Center Community College District

### Persistence Definitions & Data Sources



Term Persistence: Among students who are not dual enrolled in high school, the proportion who persisted from fall-to-spring terms at a college in an academic year, excluding students who completed an award or transferred to a postsecondary institution.

**Any college persistence** – **Statewide** students enrolled in college for fall term, then continued at *any* California Community College for the following spring term.

**District persistence** – **SCCCD** students enrolled in one of our colleges for fall term, then continued at any college *within* the district for the following spring term.

**SE Asian subgroup** – includes Cambodian, Hmong, Laotian, and Vietnamese students



#### Internal enrollment SQL query

Headcounts include non-dual students enrolled in Fall Term who did or did not persist at any college district-wide, excluding degree earners and transfers

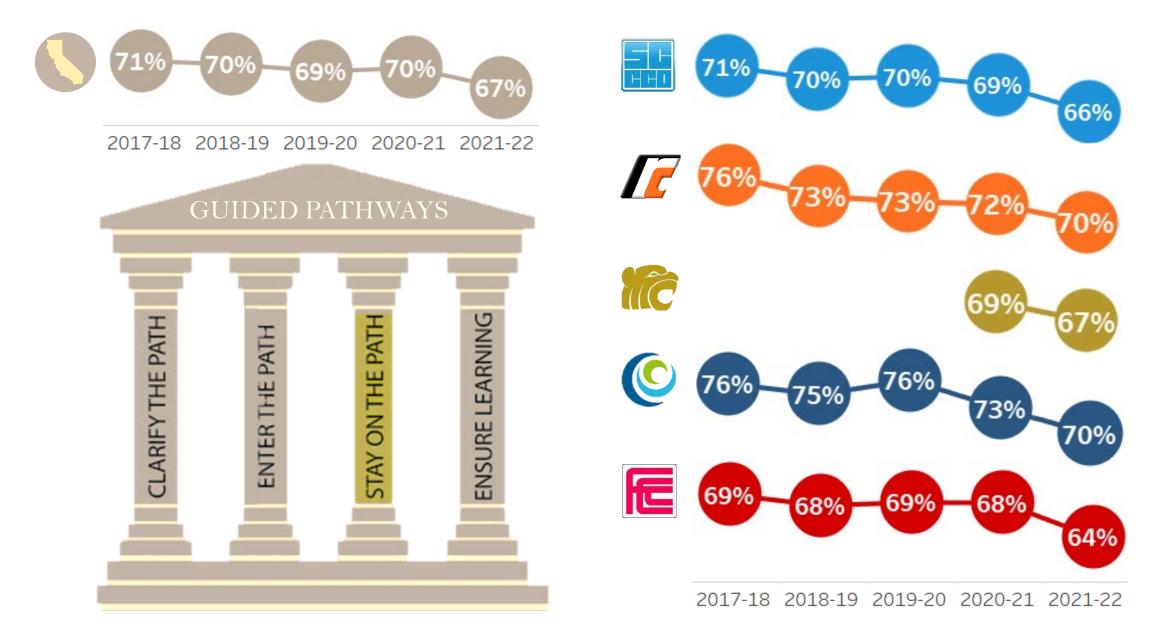
National Student Clearinghouse subsequent enrollment batch query

Gained: 2 academic years' internal data Asian subgroup disaggregation

Lost: economically disadvantaged subgroup \*can work to add for next KPI cycle

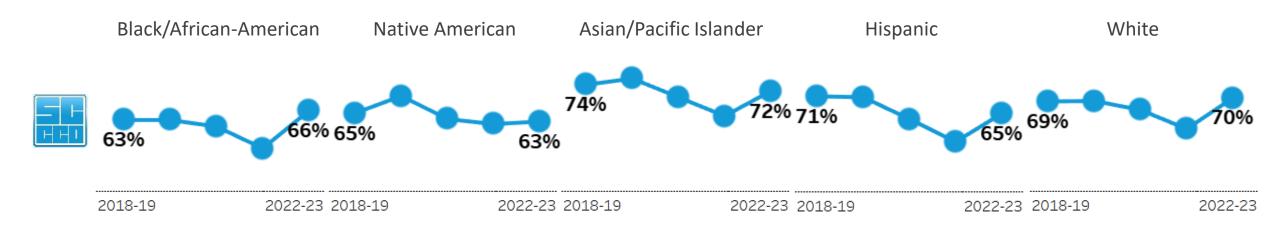
CCCCO Cal-PASS Plus (Statewide 1-yr update) Student Success Metrics (SSM) LaunchBoard

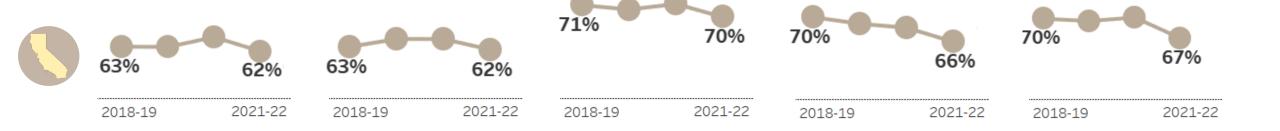
#### Student persistence across the district compared to statewide rates





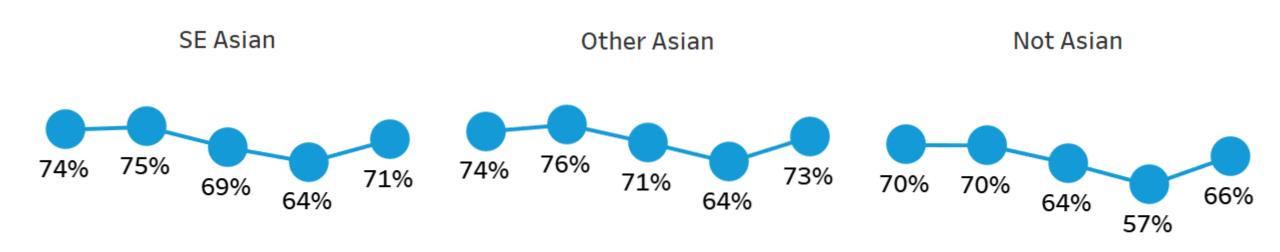
# Black/African American and White student persistence rates have reached a 5-year high





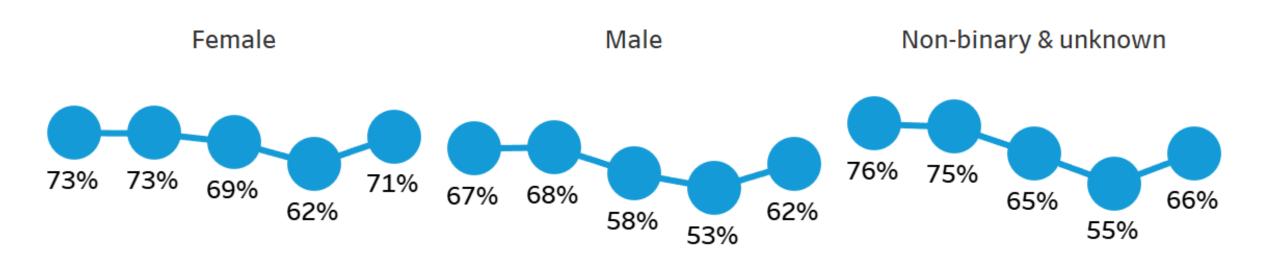


# Asian subgroups exhibit higher persistence rates compared to non-Asian students



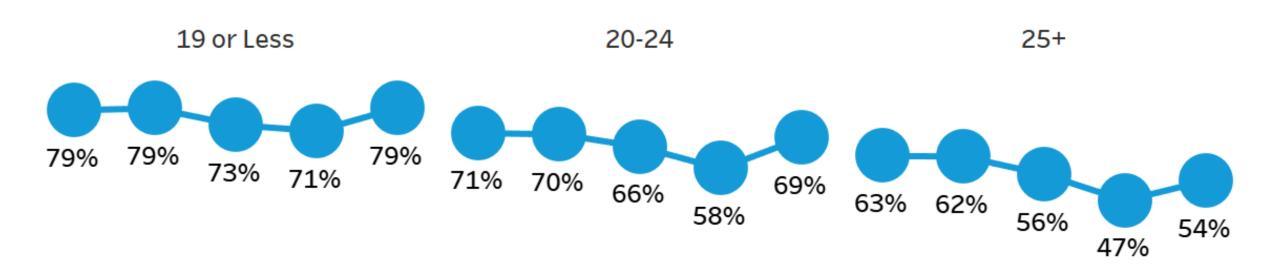


#### Persistence rates improving across genders





#### Persistence rates improving across all ages



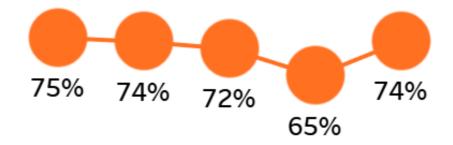
## Reedley College Student Persistence



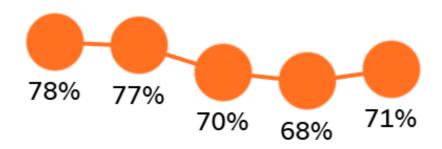


#### Persistence rates have recovered post-pandemic



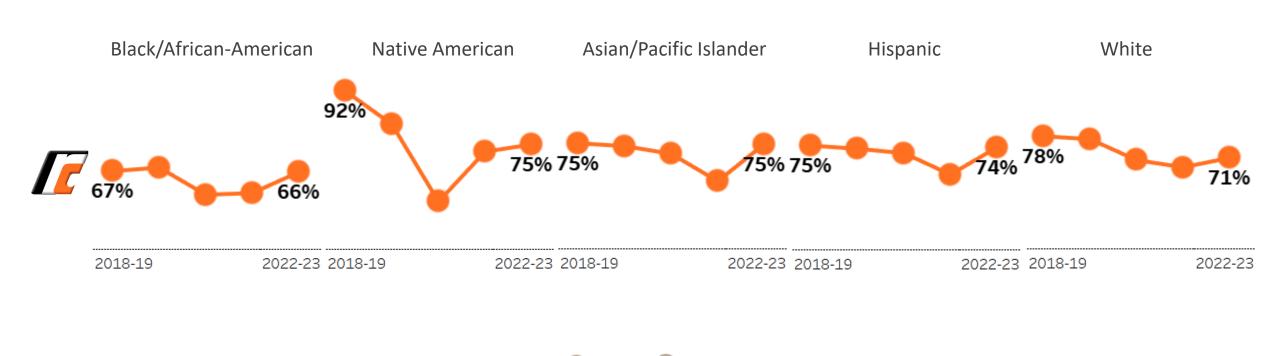


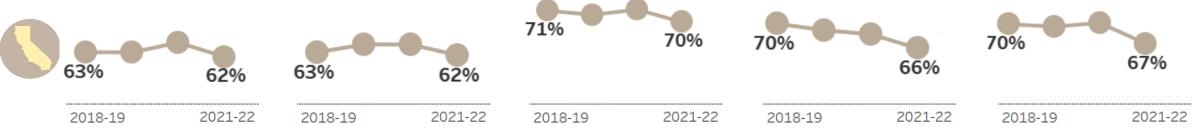
#### White





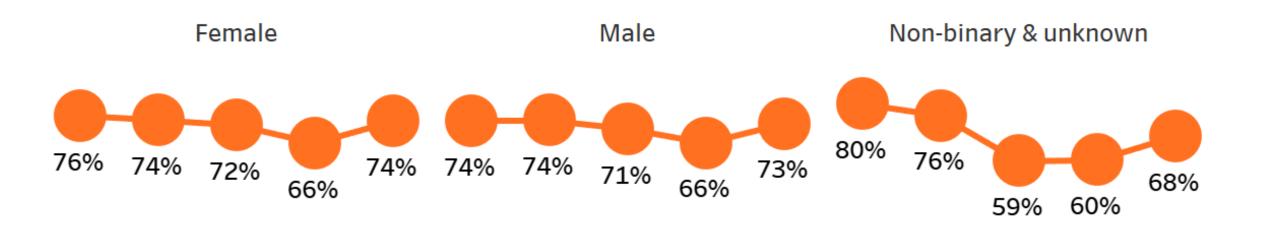
### Persistence rates by race/ethnicity







#### Persistence trends are similar for females and males







# **Summary Findings**





**Supportive Activities** 

Overall, Reedley students outperform the state averages in all groups. Students of Color outperform White students, with the exception of Black/African Americans. Southeast Asian students persist at the highest levels currently, outperforming other Asian students and

Limited access to mentors, advisors and tutors may also limit engagement,

Our Guided Pathways framework provides local student support in pathway hubs across campus. Our Starfish early alert system brings wrap-

around services to students that either indicate need or are observed to have unmet needs.

Male and Female students persist similarly at Reedley College.

Smaller student populations may have difficulty feeling part of the Reedley College community.

Affinity groups increase access to and availability of campus engagement activities for all student groups.

Persistence rates are higher among younger student populations, including dual enrollment students.

Persistence rates are similar among first-

time and returning students.

student groups.

White students.

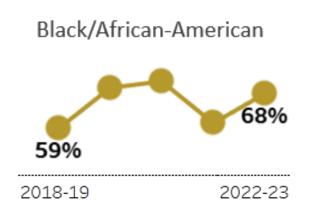
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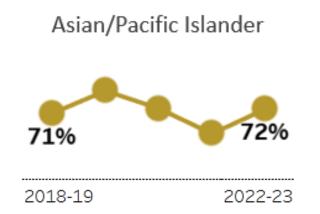
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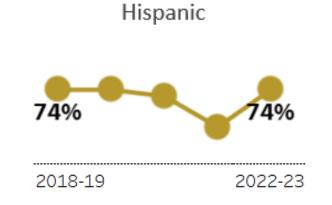


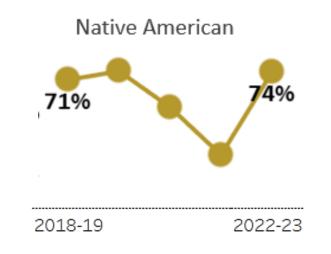


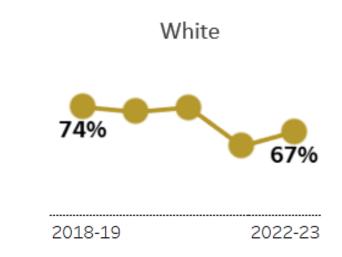
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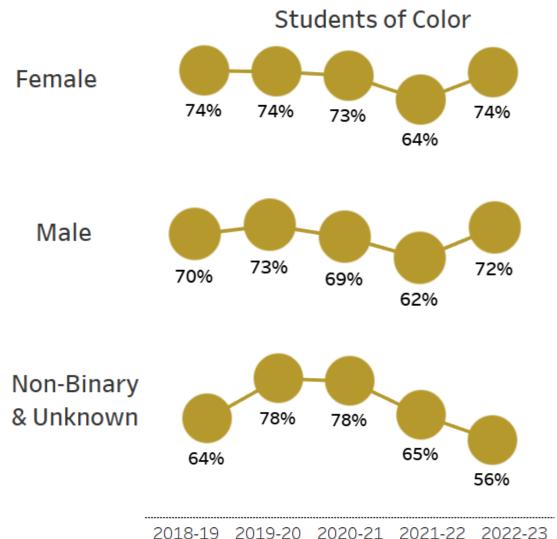


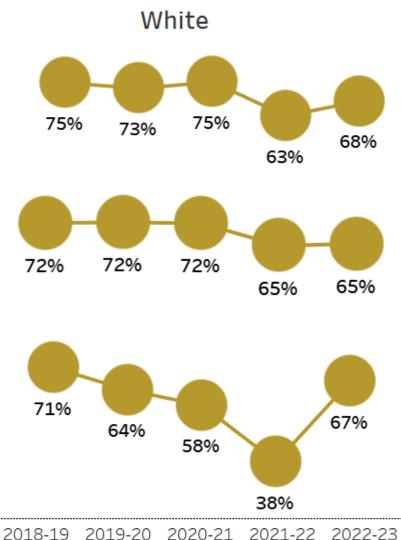






#### Both male and female Students of Color persist at higher rates than white students



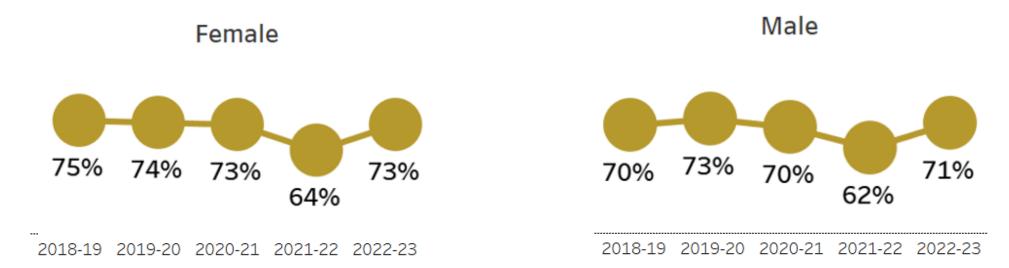


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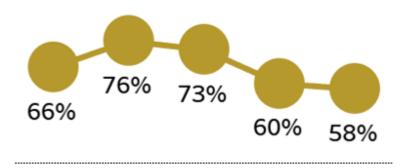
2020-21 2019-20



#### Female students persist at higher rates than males



Non-binary & unknown



2018-19 2019-20 2020-21 2021-22 2022-23





#### **Barriers to Improvements**



#### **Supportive Activities**

Females of color persistence rates are higher than Men of color and other groups.

Overall Women persist at higher

rates than Men.

Limited ability to serve students at pivotal or milestones within college journey, to support continued success.

Continued investments in Guided Pathways; Pathway support teams including counselors.

Opportunities to "Learn & Earn"

Opportunities to attain credit for work experience/credit for prior learning

Supporting students to complete math and English in their first year (transfer students)

Joined Achieving the Dream

Data & Leadership Coach

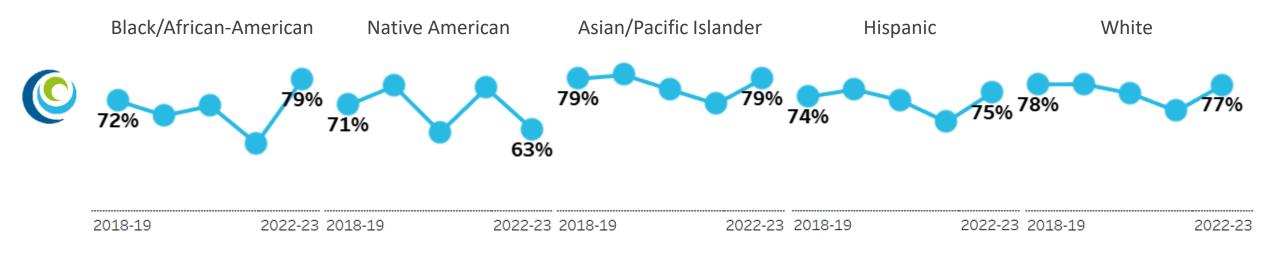
- Yr. 1: Will develop an action plan, based on a systematic review of the data
- Yr. 2: Implementation
  - Yr. 3: Evaluation

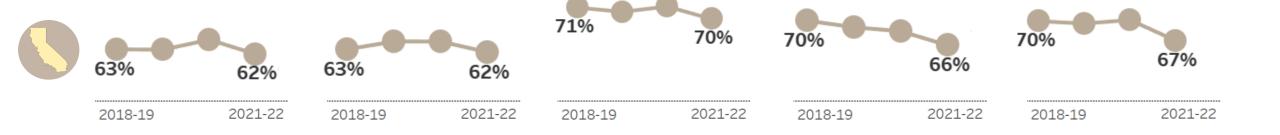
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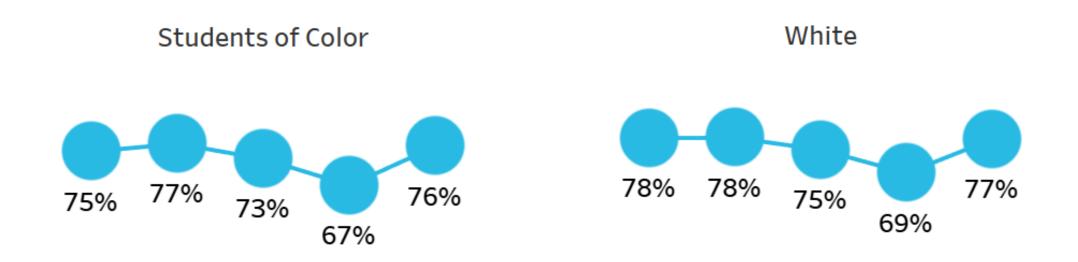
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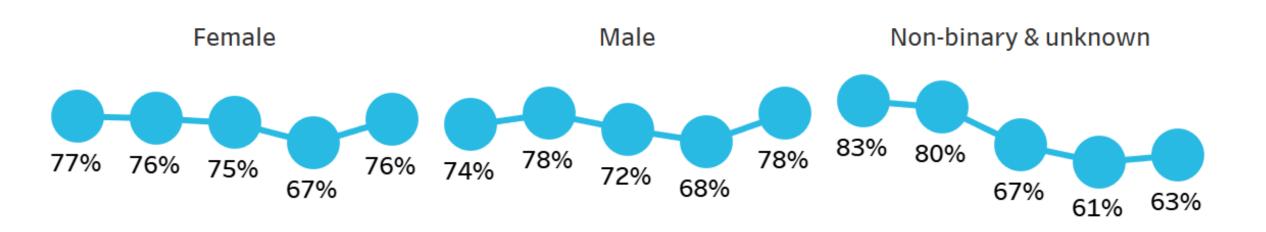


### Students of Color are closing the persistence gap



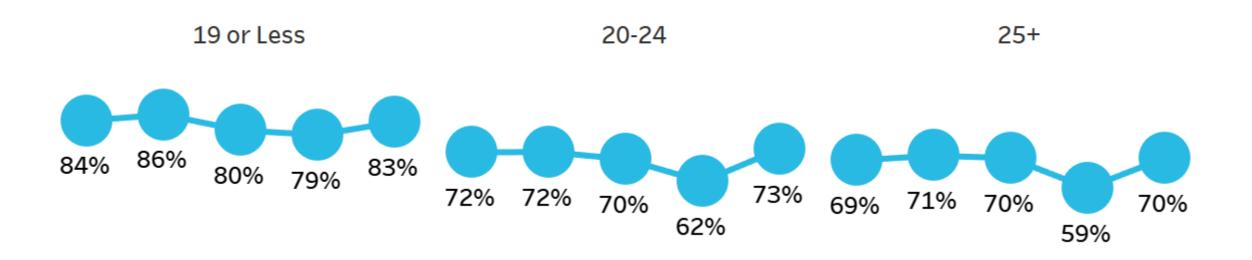


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#### Highest persistence rates in youngest age group





### Barriers to Improvements



- 50% Law
- Basic Needs housing, transport
- Limited number of Student
   Success Coaches & counselors
- Increased need for mental health services post COVID
- Textbook cost

Achieving the Dream

- Completed 1st year with African American Student Success Coach
- Completed 1st year with Men of Color initiative
- Title V funding supports field trips, study hours, research symposium
- CCAP program is successful program for Dual Enrollment students of color
- Surveyed students to find out their input in "Belonging."

Review course offering patterns for non-traditional

Improvement in persistence rates based on age and gender.

- students

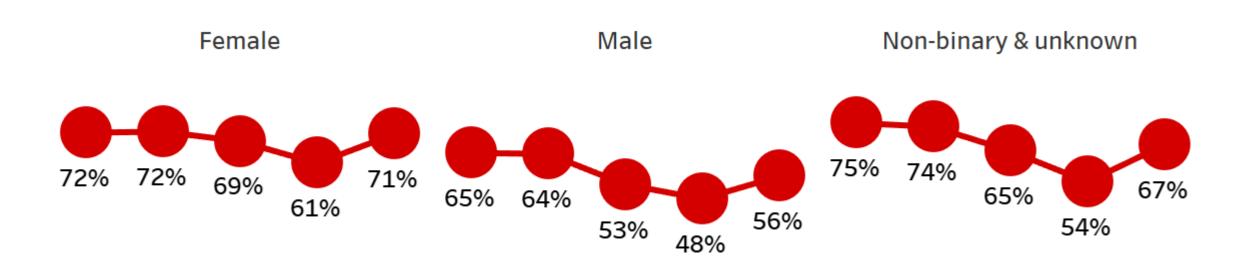
  Added tutorial se
- Added tutorial services Sunday hours
- Increased student engagement activities and affinity groups
- ZTC + OER initiatives with stipends to faculty
- Guided Pathways
- Intrusive advising

# Fresno City College Student Persistence



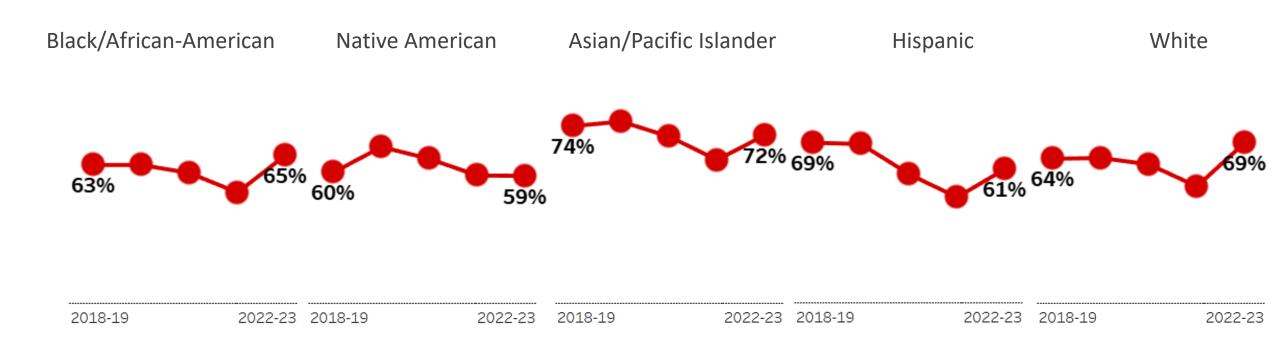


# All gender groups persistence trending upward after declining during COVID



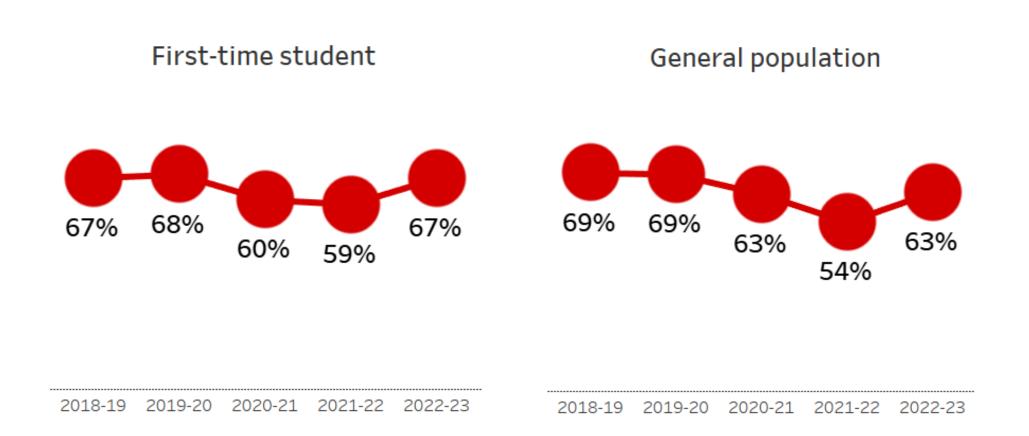


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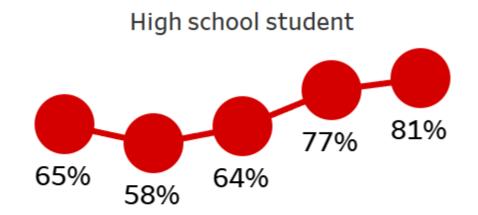


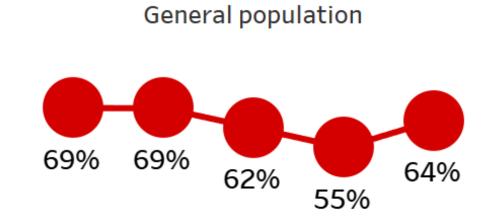
For the past two years, persistence rates were higher for first-time students than the general student population





# Persistence rates for dual enrolled students trend higher than rates for the general student population







### Barriers to Improvements



**Supportive Activities** 

Recently hired African American

Males continue to persist at lower levels than females

Competition with industry partnerspaying higher wages

Men of Color summit

Counselor

 People are discouraged from attending college, especially men of color

Mentoring Project

First-time students have higher persistence rates

- Trouble finding school support systems
- Cost of school vs working
- Mental Health issues

- First year experience project
- Ram Ready Orientation
- Developing OER Resources
- Basic Needs Center



Questions?