## **Data Point**

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## National Student Clearinghouse (NSC): Student Completion

As displayed in Figure 55-1 (right), SPC's National Student Clearinghouse 6-year total completion rates consistently improved over 3 cohorts (fall 2011-2013) before declining during the fall 2014 cohort. This decline followed the national trend, but while the overall national completion rate fell by – 0.48%, SPC's completion rate dropped –3.70%. National and SPC completion rates demonstrate a sharper decline among female students than male students.

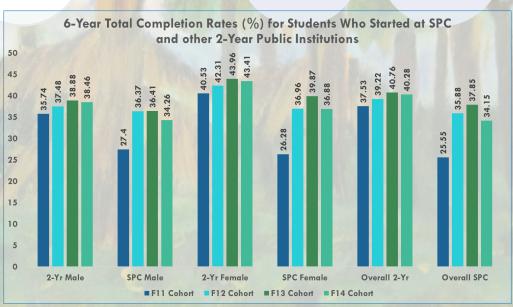


Figure 55-1 6-year outcomes by gender and starting institution (SPC and the 2-Year Public Institution National Benchmark)

Data Source: National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) Completions

Figure 55-2 (below left) highlights the percentages of student non-completers still enrolled in any institution (persistence) based on starting institution of SPC and 2-Year Public\*. As shown, following a decline between 2011 and 2012 fall cohorts, there has been an increase in student persistence among both comparison groups. Figure 55-3 (below right) features the percentages of student non-completers who are not enrolled at any institution based on starting institution of SPC and 2-Year Public\*. While SPC saw a 3-year decrease, this percentage rose slightly with the fall 2014 cohort.

\*As of the 2011 cohort, NSC study data runs through June 30th of the 6th academic year.

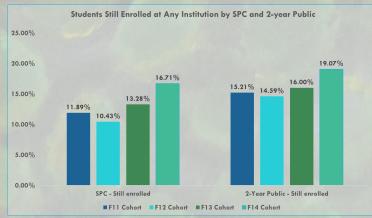


Figure 55-2 6-year outcomes by starting institution: Still Enrolled at an institution Data Source: National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) Completions

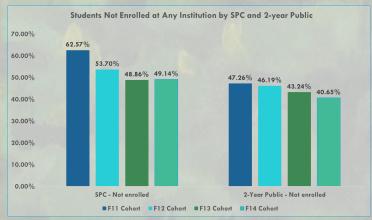


Figure 55-3 6-year outcomes by starting institution: Not Enrolled at an institution Data Source: National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) Completions

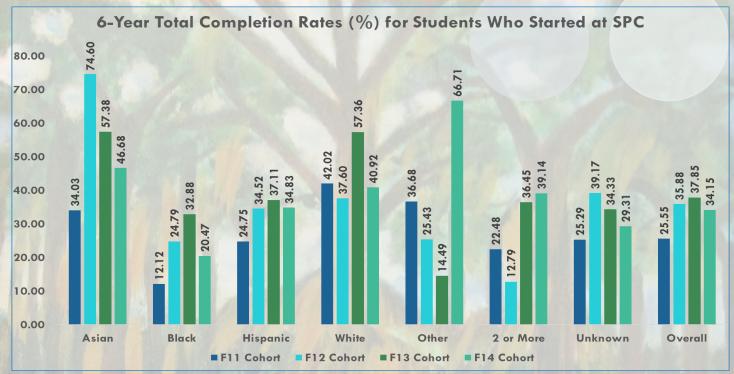


Figure 55-4 6-year outcomes by racelethnicity and starting institution SPC Data Source: National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) Completions

Figures 55-4 and 55-5 (above and right, respectively) feature NSC total completion rates by race/ethnicity. As demonstrated in Figure 55-4, SPC completion rates de-clined from the 2013 cohort to the 2014 cohort across most demographic groups, with exceptions for those identifying as Other (+52.22%) and 2 or More (+2.69%) ethnicities. Similarly, the national completion rates declined across all ethnic groups, except Asian (+1.26%) and Unknown (+0.40%). The largest declines occurred among Black -11.81%) and White 16.44%) students at SPC and Other (-1.14%) and 2 or More (-1.73%) students nationally.

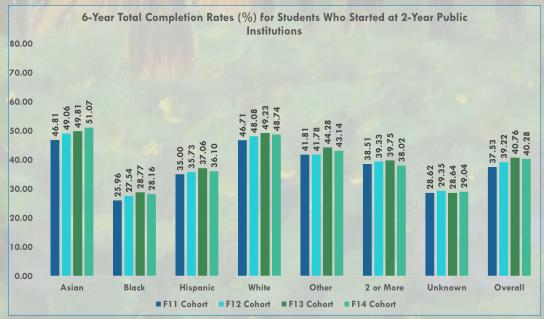


Figure 55-5 6-year outcomes by race/ethnicity and starting institution 2-Year Public Institution Data Source: National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) Completions

NOTES: NSC cohort methodology includes all-years look back for prior non-dual enrollments and removes non-first time in college (FTIC) students, excludes dual enrolled students 17 years or younger from the respective cohort dataset, and follows cohorts through June 30th of the 6th academic year.



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