



# Re-Engaging Adults: Supporting the Transition Back to College

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# California Competes: Higher Education for a Strong Economy

- Higher education is both a vaccine and an antidote against economic stagnation and social stratification—for individual Californians, our communities, and the state’s economy.
- Long-term economic growth for California will be accomplished through shared prosperity.



# Non-traditional students are increasingly the typical student.



More students work



More students are over 25 years old

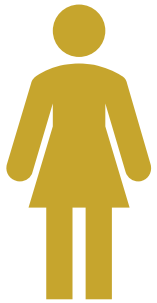


More students have dependents



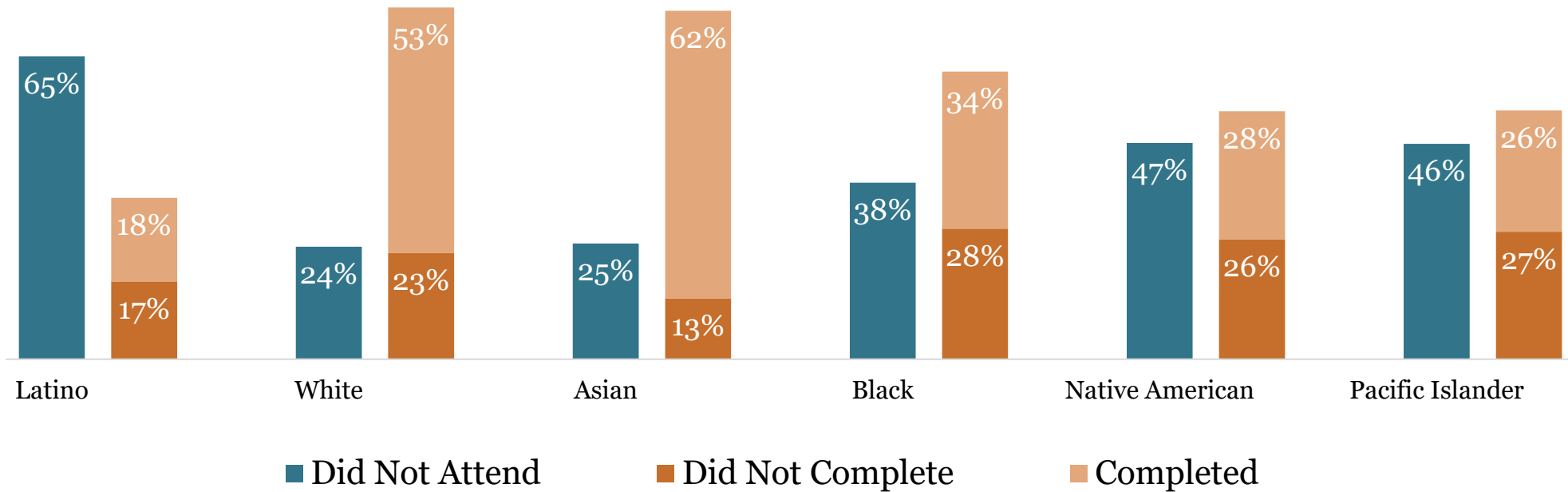
More students attend part-time

# One in five Californian adults have some college education but no degree.



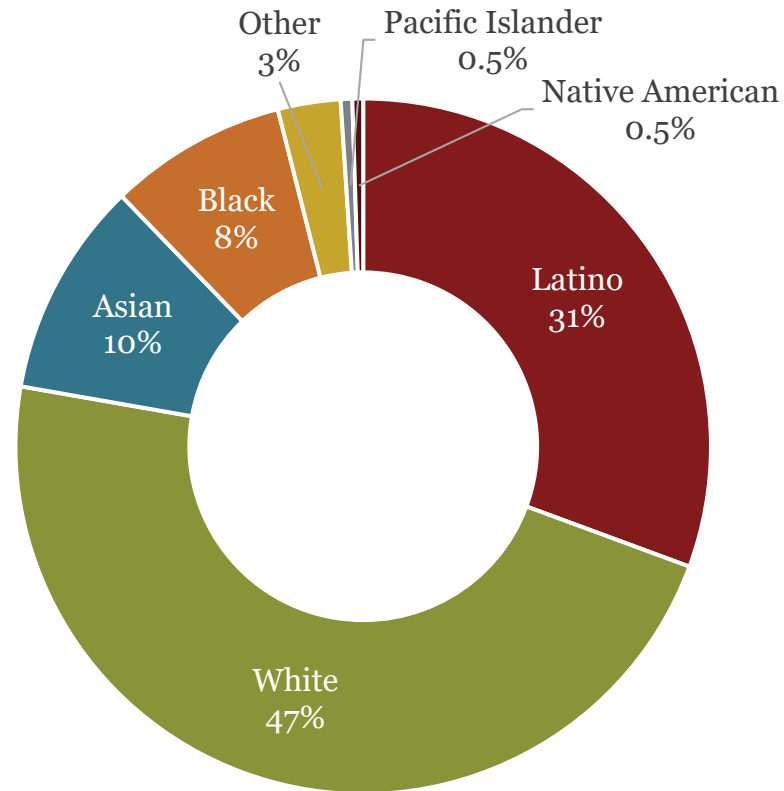
# Educational attainment is not equitable.

College Attempt and Completion Rates for California Adults (25-64 years old), 2016



# Engaging adults with some college, but no degree, will improve equity.

Californians Aged 25-64 with Some College, But No Degree, 2016



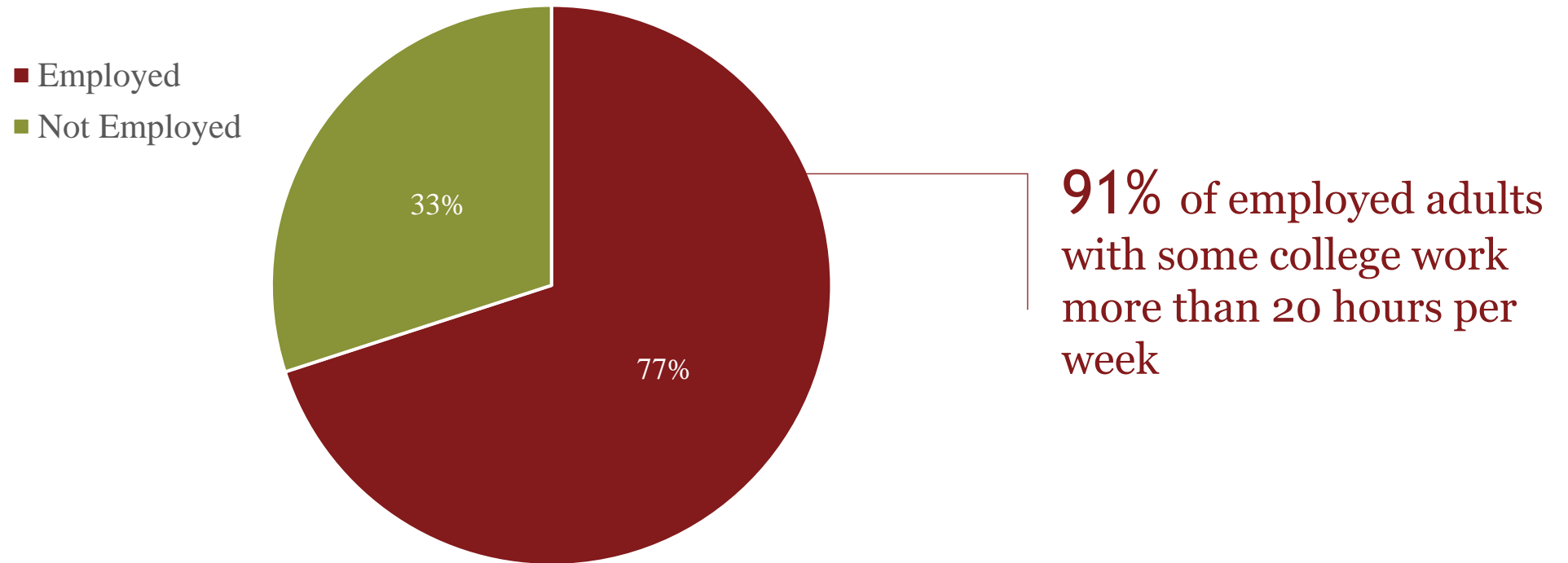
# Adults with some college, but no degree, are concentrated in lower-paying occupations

Top Occupation Categories for Californians with Some College, But No Degree, 2016

Men	%	Median Wage	Women	%	Median Wage
Sales and Related Occupations	12%	\$43,346	Office and Administrative Support	30%	\$31,561
Management	11%	\$83,367	Sales and Related Occupations	12%	\$24,657
Office and Administrative Support	10%	\$33,427	Personal Care and Service	9%	\$13,895
Construction and Extraction	10%	\$29,344	Management	8%	\$62,527
Transportation and Material Moving	10%	\$33,713	Healthcare Support	6%	\$24,621

# Reality: Balancing School with Work

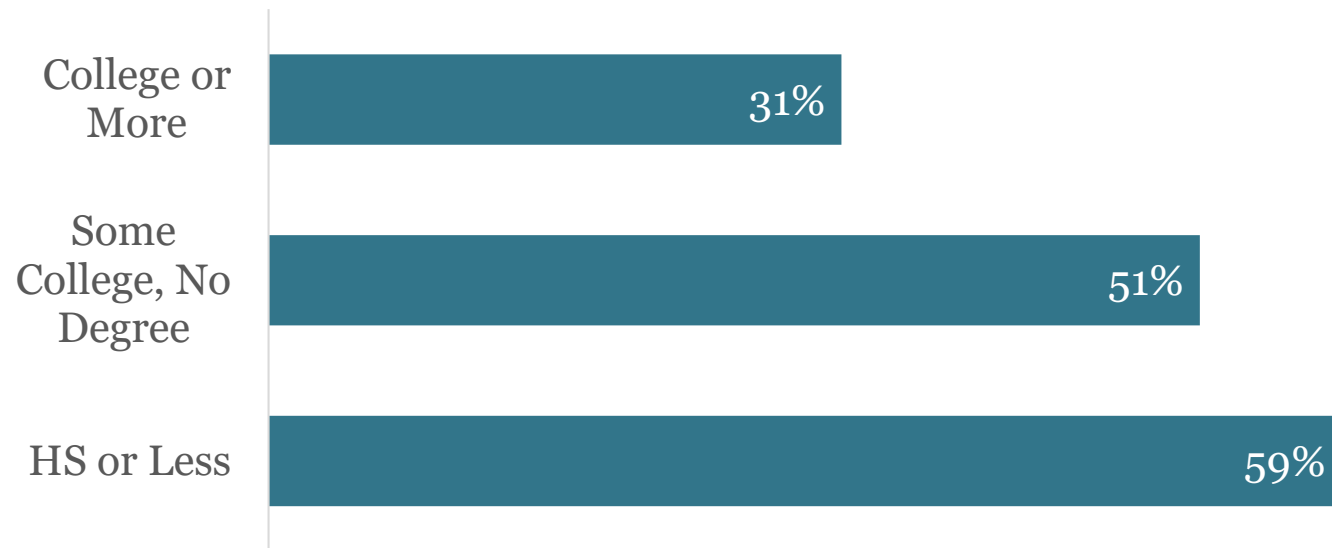
Employment Patterns for Adults Aged 25-64 with Some College, But No Degree, 2016





# Reality: Managing School with Home

% of Californians Aged 25 to 34 with Some College, But No Degree  
Living with Dependent Children, 2016



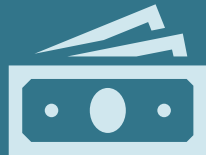
# Reality: Accessing Limited Financial Aid

Eligibility Restrictions	Policy Inequities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Age and residency restrictions</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Low probability of award receipt</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High school graduation timing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Award does not cover total cost of attendance</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Need for full time enrollment</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Historically low adjustment for inflation</li></ul>

# Reality: Navigating Institutional Roadblocks



Administrative holds and fees

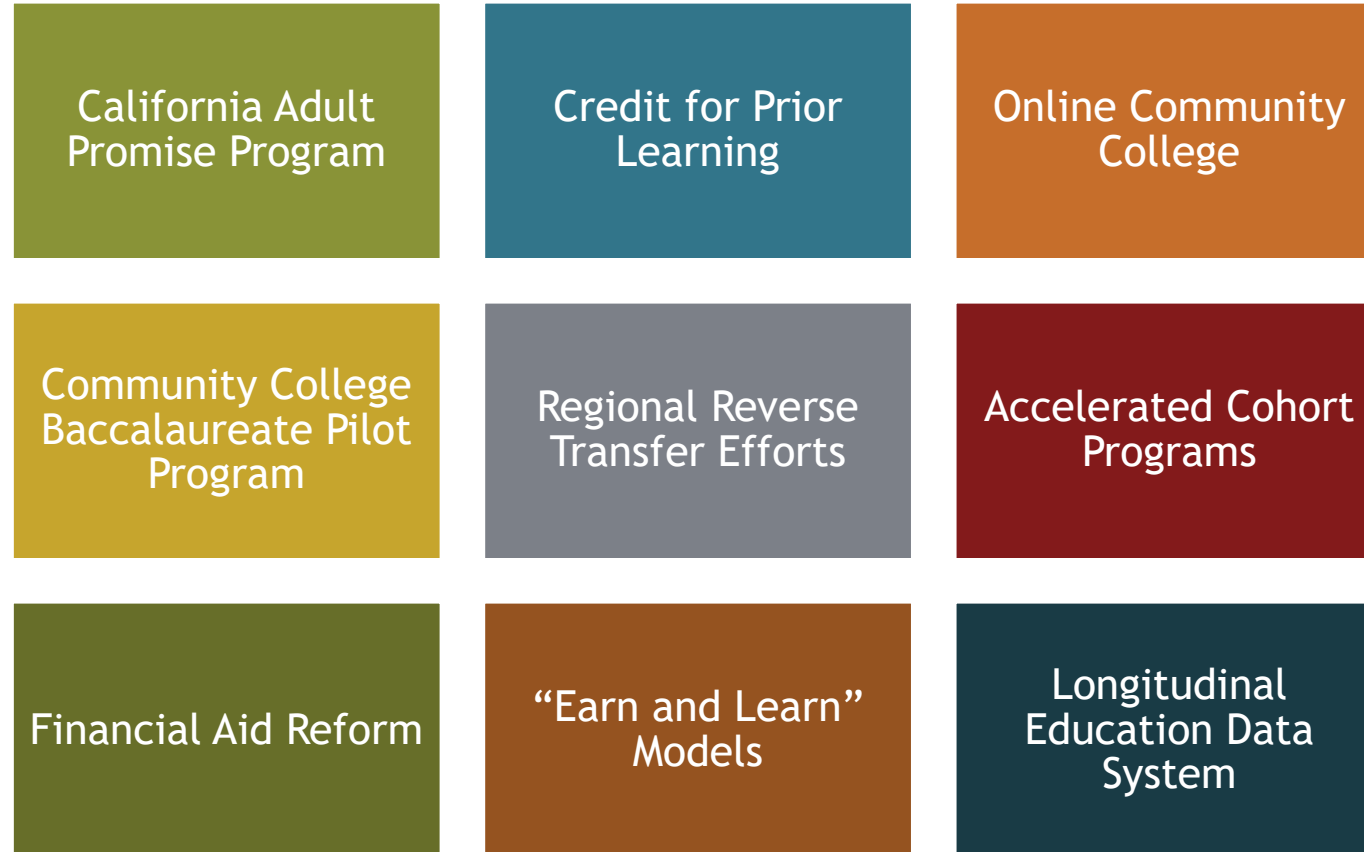


Late charges



“Opt-in” policies for degree conferral

# Current Efforts Across California



# Thank You

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