

Leveraging Data to Close Institutional Equity Gaps
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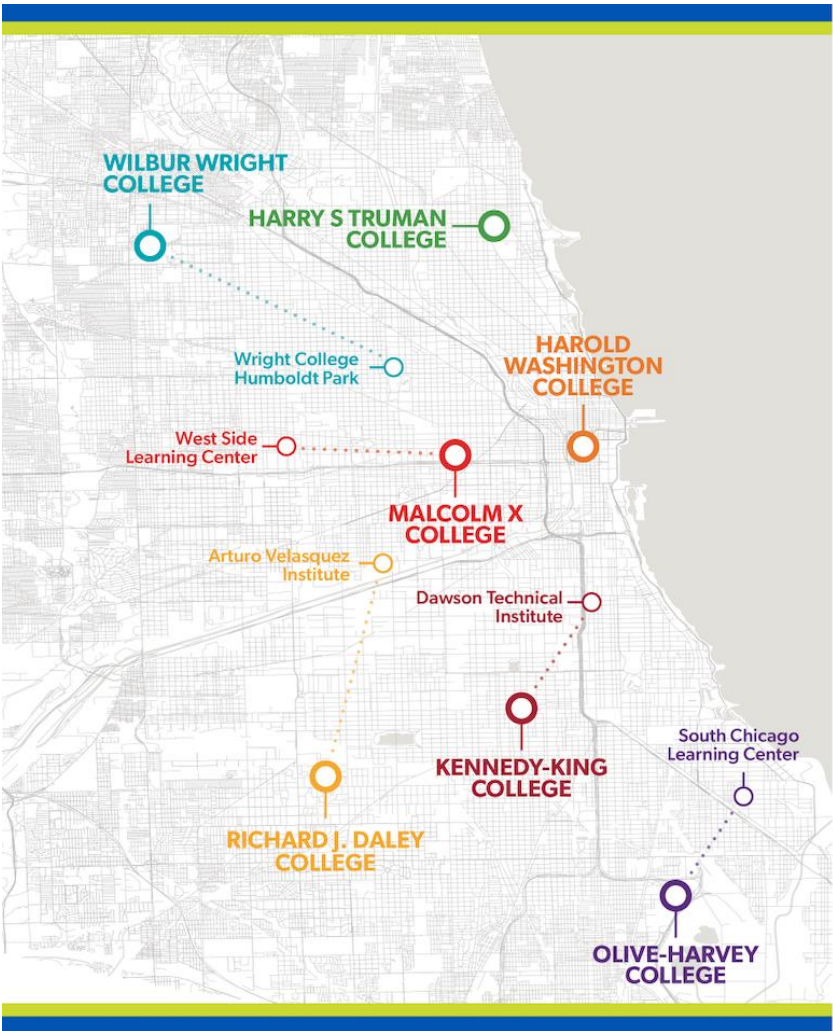
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Purpose: Decision Support is designed to provide strategy and data analysis, data capacity building, and oversight on external data compliance. By providing timely and relevant data support, we strive for data to drive decision-making at all levels of the organization and ultimately support student success at City Colleges.

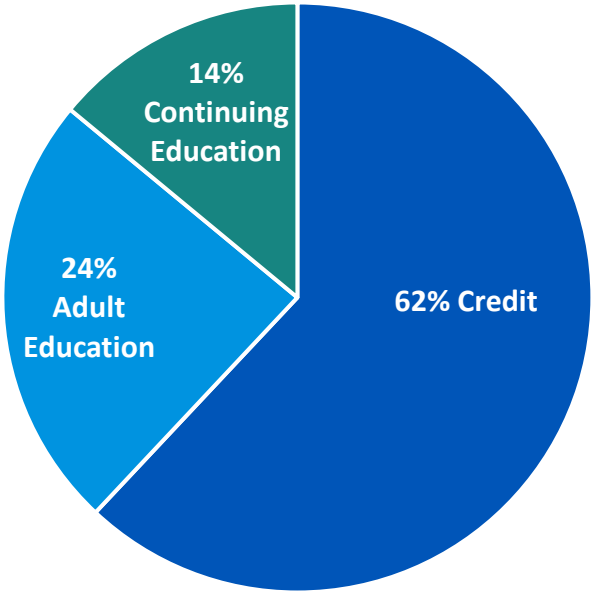
We support City Colleges through five core workstreams:

Institutional Data Compliance	Institutional Data Capacity	Strategy & Performance Data Monitoring	Learning Agenda
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serving as ICCB MIS Coordinator & IPEDS Keyholder • Managing external data compliance • Ensuring alignment in institutional reporting (internal + external) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building data literacy & culture • Training for OpenBook and other tools (e.g. reports, dashboards) <p><i>In collaboration with OIT:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dashboard and Data Warehouse development • Data Governance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing and monitoring Key Performance Indicators • Providing strategic analytics, evaluation, modeling and forecasting • Consulting on strategy and performance management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting development of project scopes and data sharing agreements • Providing data and context for external research teams • Sharing and socializing findings • Connecting research to practice
<p>Ad hoc data requests</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing responses to external data requests (FOIA, Solomon, reporters) • Providing summary demographic statistics; student lists for targeted outreach 		

City Colleges connects Chicago communities to economic opportunities



More than 62,000 students strive to better their life circumstances through education.

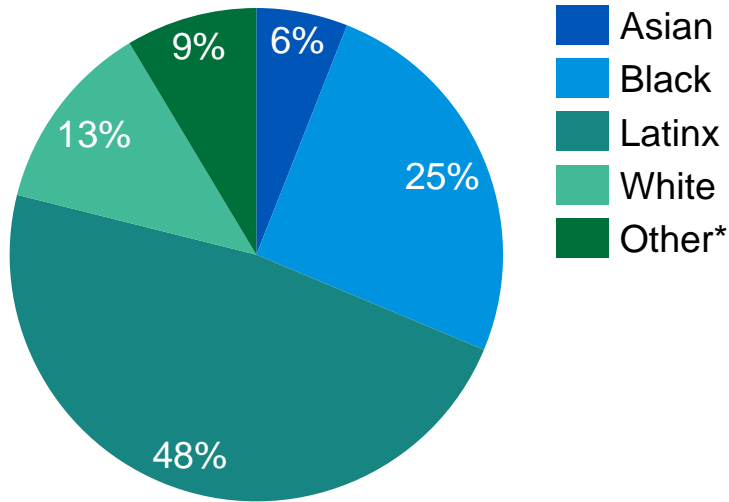


- Credit**
 - Preparing to transfer
 - Heading to work
- Adult Education**
 - Learning English
 - Earning high school diploma
 - Planning to work/transfer
- Continuing education**
 - Building personal or professional skills

FY2023 Unduplicated Headcount

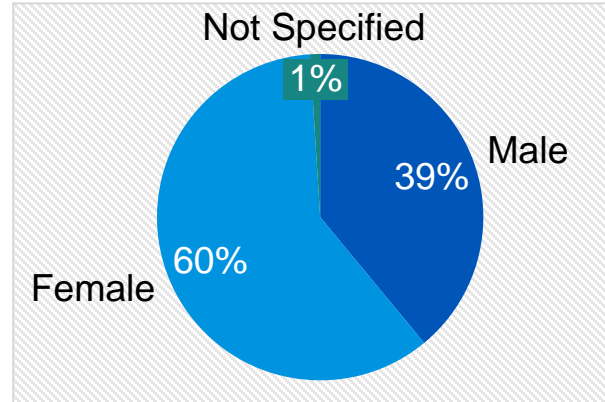
Our students are diverse, often overcoming barriers to reach their goals

Nearly 75% Black or Latinx students



*American Indian: 0.1%, Multi-Racial Non-Latinx: 2.4%, Not Specified: 5.9%

60% female students



Median Age

Credit students: 21**
 Adult Ed. students: 33
 Cont. Ed. students: 33

**changes to 22 w/out early college students

Substantial financial, housing & food needs

Real College survey taken pre-pandemic showed student respondents said:

54% identified as **housing insecure**

44% identified as **food insecure**

15% identified as **unhoused**

Of the credit students who submitted for financial aid in FY23:

74% were eligible for Pell Grants.

Federal Pell Grants provide tuition funding for students solely based on their financial need. Most of these grants go to students with family incomes under \$49,999.

Managing Complex Lives*



47% first in their family to attend college



48% working full or part-time



33% are caring for children or dependents

*data is self-reported by credit students, including early college

Our Vision

City Colleges is the city's **most accessible** higher education engine of **socioeconomic mobility** and **racial equity** — empowering all Chicagoans to take part in building a **stronger and more just city**.



Our work is guided by a five-year strategic framework with equity at its center

A district-wide strategic framework and strategic plans for each college for 2021-25



Create an **exceptional student experience**



Become a “student-ready” **equitable institution**



Develop and strengthen pathways that are **responsive** to the economic needs of the City



Build a **culture of excellence**



Create a **collaborative and connected ecosystem**



Monitor and ensure financial sustainability and the overall **health** of our institution



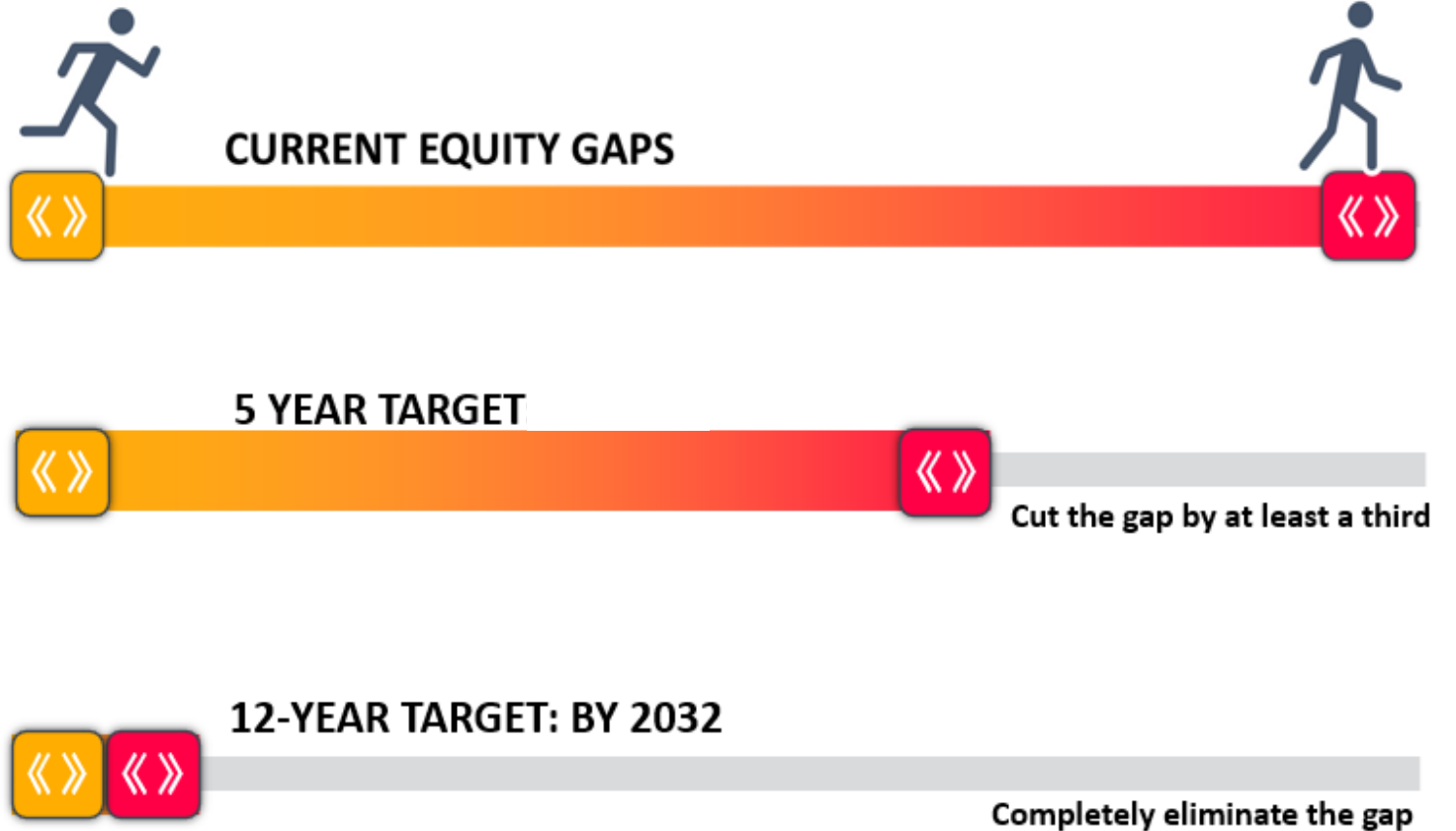
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Equity

Long-term Goal: Four-Year Outcomes Measure Universal Target of 55% by FY32

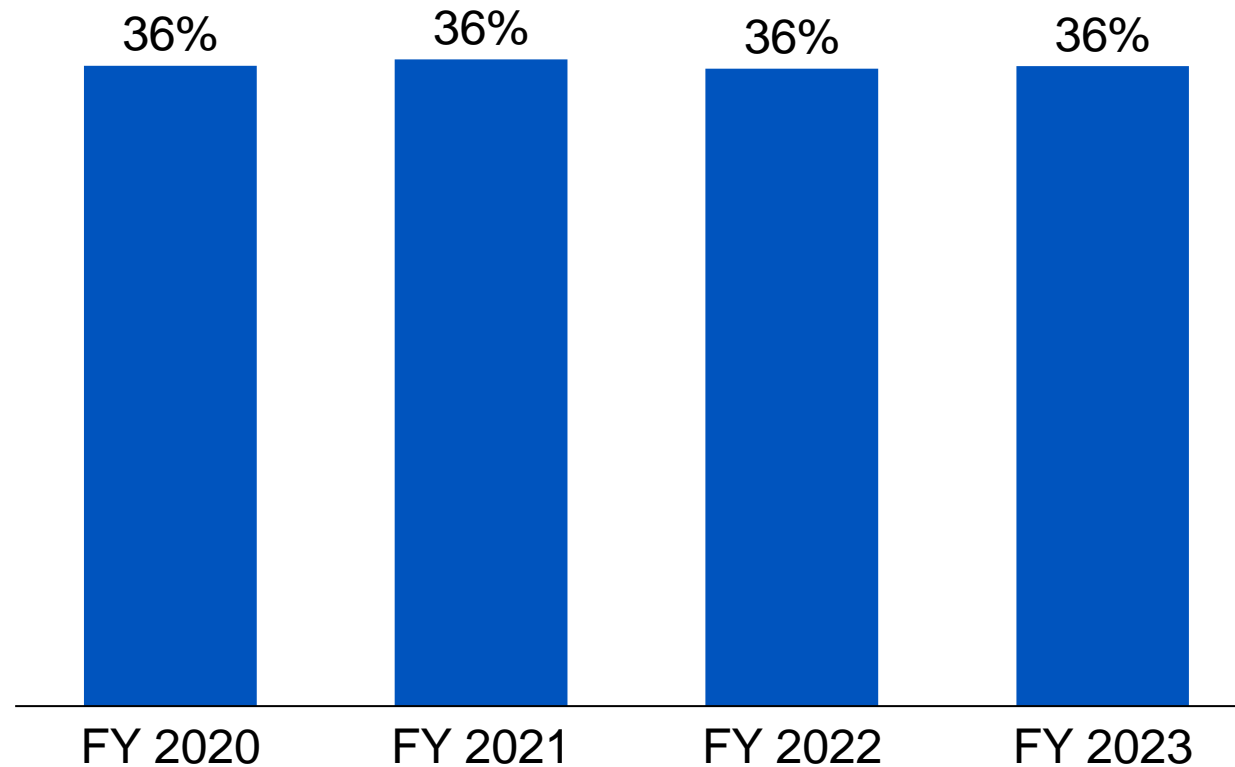
Short-term Goal: Achieve 30% progress to goal by FY26

- 38% for Black students (current rate = 30%)
- 42% for Latinx students (current rate = 35%)



4 years in, and our outcomes were stagnant

% of students earning a credential or transferring within 4 years by starting cohort

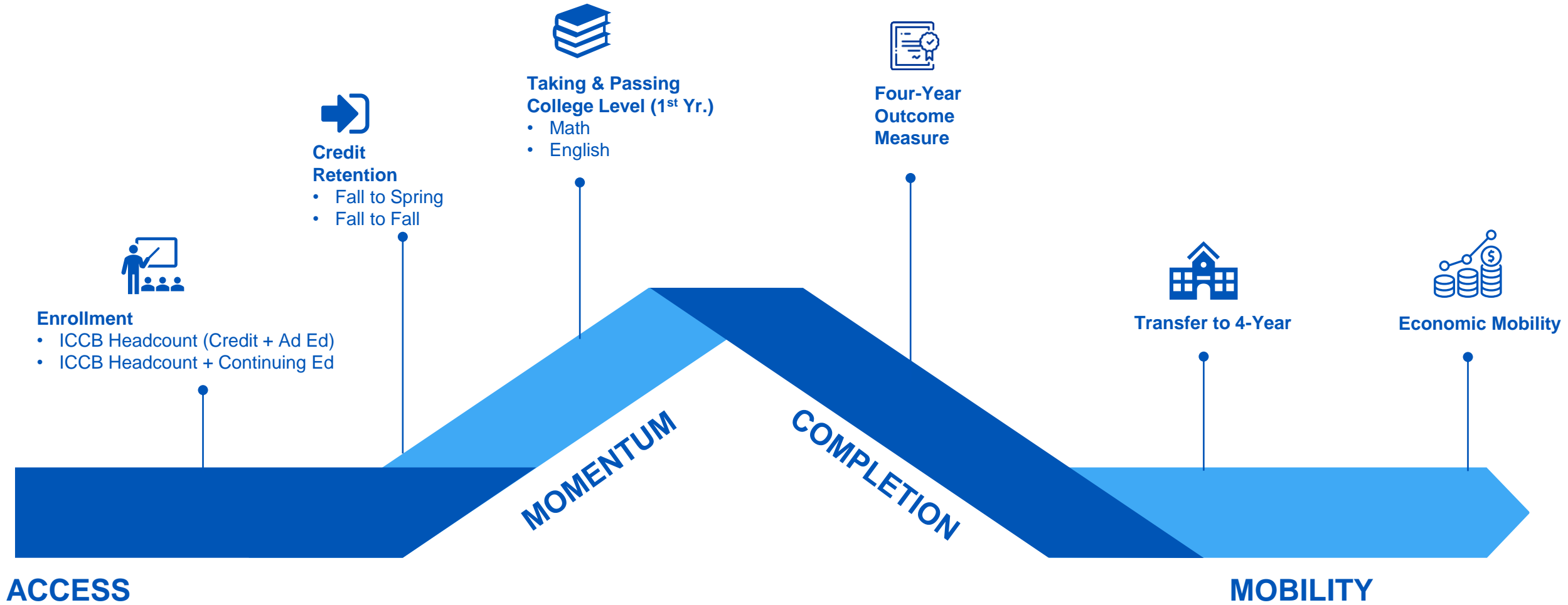


How do we change
outcomes?



1. Set a ***measurable, ambitious goal*** rooted in your mission. At CCC, we aim for at least 55% of all students to earn a credential or transfer to a 4YR within four years of starting at CCC by 2032. Everything else is in service of that goal.
2. Determine what leads to that goal and measure it.
3. Build a culture of data-driven decision-making

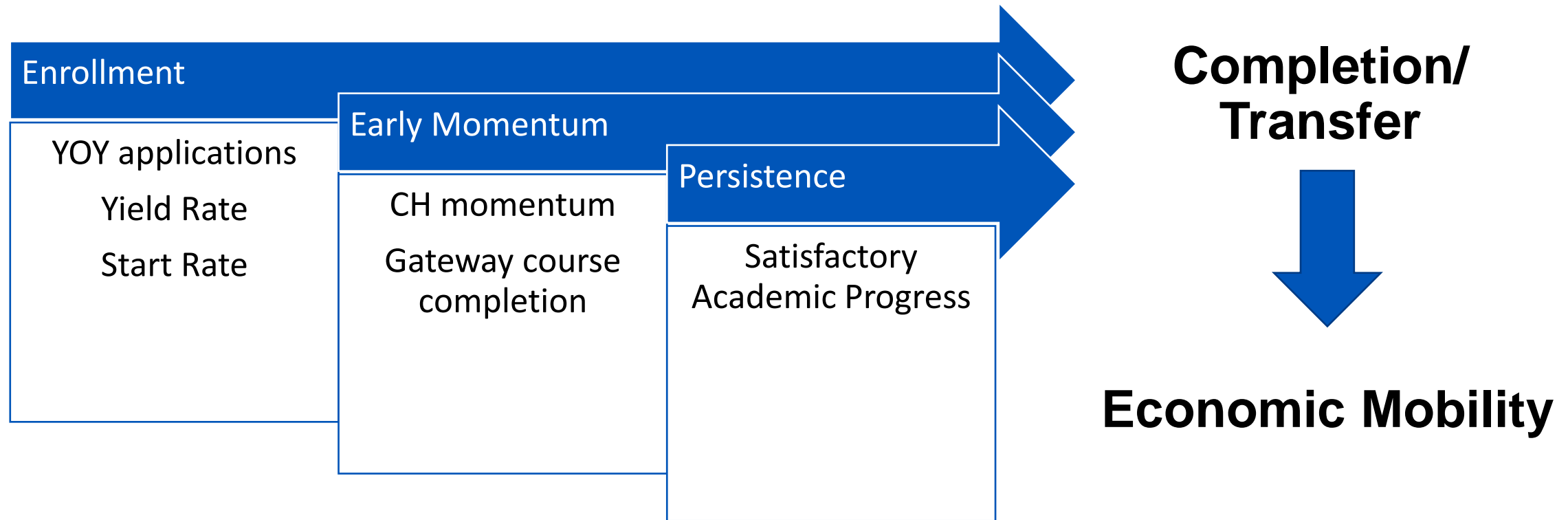
HOW WE MEASURE PROGRESS - KPIs



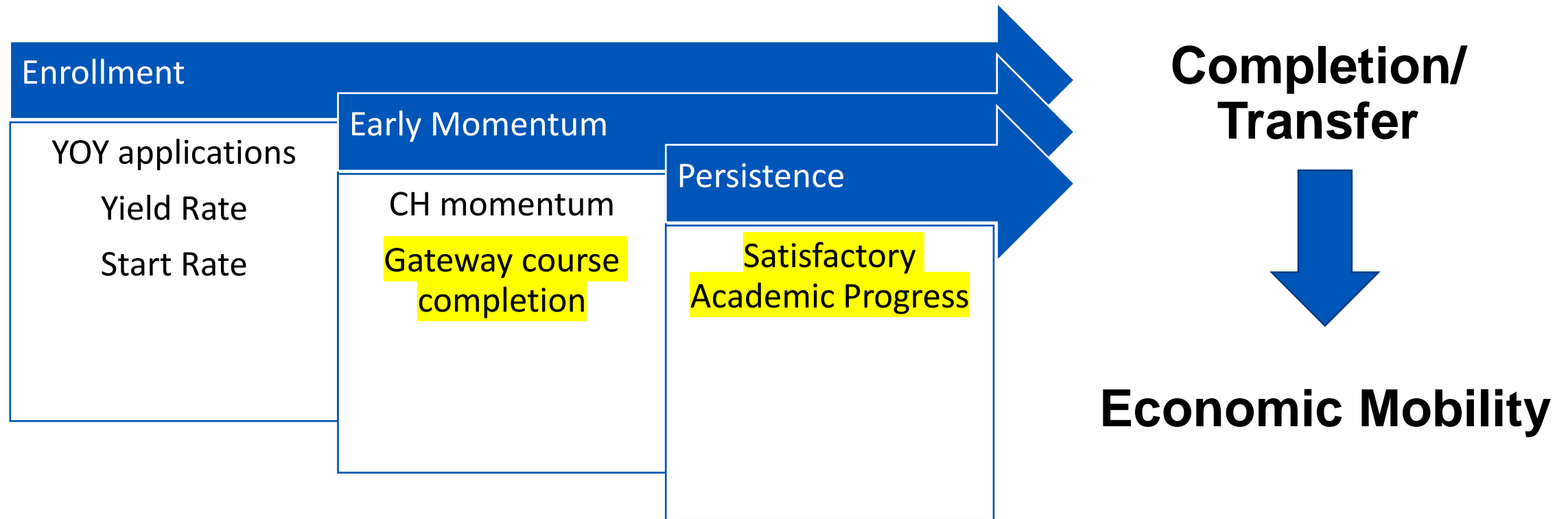
Data will not do the work but it will guide it, so what you measure matters.

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Tool 1.2: Identify Leading Indicators, Real-Time Metrics, Strategies, and Disaggregations					
KPIs	Leading Indicators	Real-Time Metrics	Student Success Strategies	Standard Disaggregations	Additional Disaggregations
KPI 1	Leading Indicator 1	Metric 1		Race/Ethnicity, Pell Status, Gender, Age, Full-Time/Part-Time	
		Metric 2			
		Metric 3			
		Metric 4			

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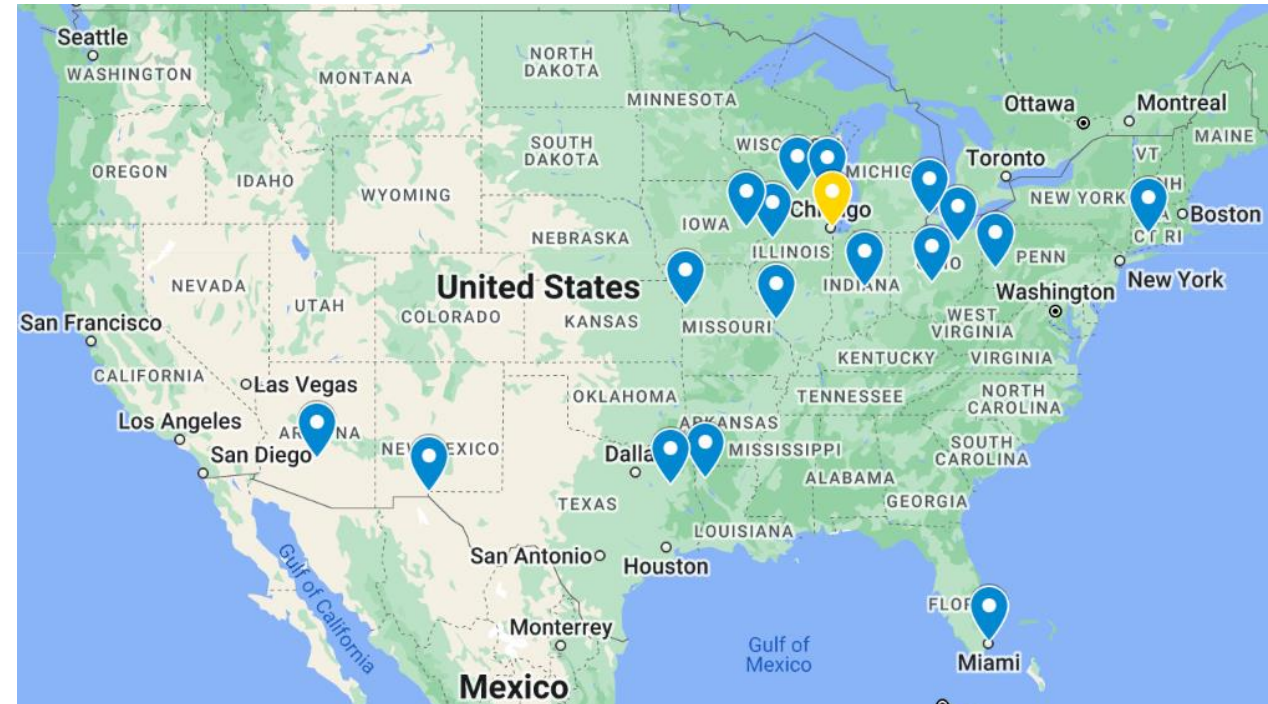
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But where do we prioritize our improvement efforts?

Peer Institutions

Black Hawk College (IL),
Bossier Parish Community College (LA),
Columbus State Community College (OH),
Community College of Allegheny County (PA),
CT State Colleges and Universities (System Office) (CT),
Cuyahoga Community College (OH),
Dona Ana Community College (NM),
Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana (IN, 19 Campuses),
Kirkwood Community College (IA),
Madison Area Technical College (WI),
Mesa Community College (AZ),
Metropolitan Community College (MO),
Miami Dade College (FL),
Milwaukee Area Technical College (WI),
St. Louis Community College (MO),
Tyler Junior College (TX),
Wayne County Community College District (MI)



NCCBP Course-Level Success Rates

NCCBP Course Retention, Enrollee Success, and Completer Success (Fall 2022)

Metric	CCC Reported Value	NCCBP Percentile	Peer Percentile
Credit College-level Retention Rate	86%	8%	14%
Credit College-Level Enrollee Success Rate	71%	7%	7%
Credit College-Level Completer Success Rate	82%	13%	29%
English-101 Retention Rate	85%	10%	12%
English-101 Enrollee Success Rate	65%	12%	26%
English-101 Completer Success Rate	76%	19%	54%
Gateway Math Retention Rate	83%	28%	24%
Gateway Math Enrollee Success Rate	61%	28%	63%
Gateway Math Completer Success Rate	73%	47%	63%

Areas of Opportunity – Course Success

CCC is well below the national and peer averages for Course Success

For every **100 students** who enroll in a college-level course at CCC...



14 students withdraw from that course (*8th percentile nation-wide, 14th percentile among peers*)



15 students remain enrolled, but do not successfully complete the course (*13th percentile nation-wide, 29th percentile among peers*)



71 students successfully complete the course (*7th percentile nation-wide, **7th percentile among peers***)

Source: NCCBP National Report accessed March 2024; Cohort Tracking Period is 2022.

Course Success – English 101

CCC students complete English 101 are rates below national and peer averages

For every **100 students** who enroll in **English 101** at CCC...



15 students withdraw from that course (*10th percentile nation-wide, 12th percentile among peers*)



20 students remain enrolled, but do not successfully complete the course (*19th percentile nation-wide, 54th percentile among peers*)



65 students successfully complete the course (*12th percentile nation-wide, **26th percentile among peers***)

Source: NCCBP National Report accessed March 2024; Cohort Tracking Period is 2022.

Course Success – Gateway Math

CCC students complete Gateway Math courses at rates above peer averages

For every **100 students** who enroll in a **Gateway Math** course at CCC...



17 students withdraw from that course (*28th percentile nation-wide, 24th percentile among peers*)



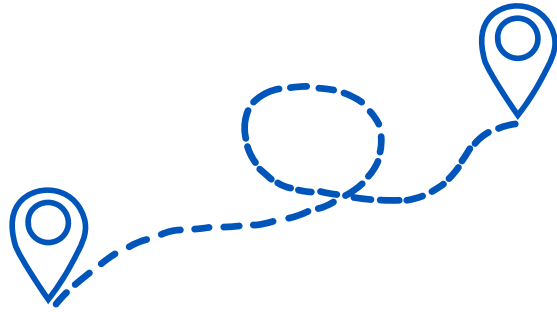
22 students remain enrolled, but do not successfully complete the course (*47th percentile nation-wide, 63rd percentile among peers*)



61 students successfully complete the course (*28th percentile nation-wide, **63rd percentile among peers***)

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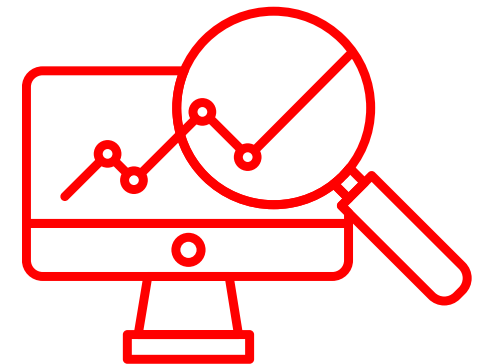
Acknowledge where you are
and where you want to go



Translate the data *back* into
people



Red does not *necessarily*
mean bad, it means focus



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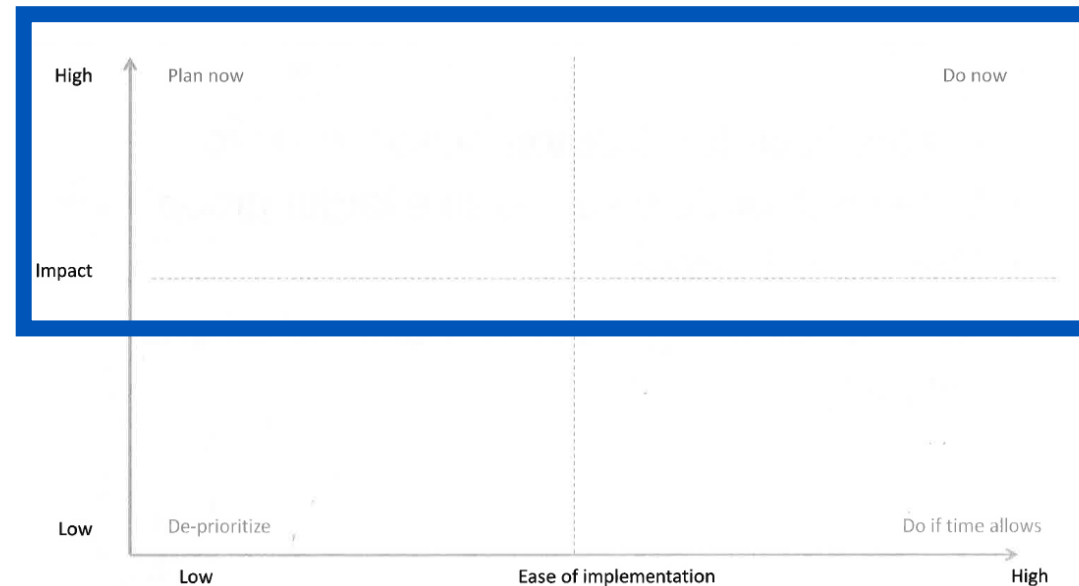
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Planning & Prioritizing

Compile your planning documents to determine:

1. If you have to pick 1-2 problems to solve, which would have the most impact?
2. What are the consequences of not solving each problem?¹
3. If you focus on solving this problem, what other initiatives/work will be sacrificed? Is this most important?

If it's not clear which problem(s) you should solve, plot them out on the 2x2 prioritization matrix
2x2 prioritization matrix²



[*A Problem-Solving Approach to Designing and Implementing a Strategy to Improve Performance*](#)