

# The Six-Year College Enrollment and Completion Experiences of BPS Class of 2009 Graduates

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#### **About the Study**

- This study on the BPS Class of 2009 is the third longitudinal postsecondary tracking study of BPS graduating classes. The first study *Getting to the Finish Line*, prepared by the Center for Labor Market Studies (CLMS), tracked the BPS Class of 2000. A 2013 report tracked the college completion experiences of the BPS classes of 2000, 2003, and 2005, and college persistence rates of the BPS classes of 2007-2009.
- The National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) is the primary data source for the study.
  - In 2009, the NSC captured 97% of two-year and four-year college enrollments in Massachusetts.
- The PIC and BPS link student-level information on gender, race-ethnicity, and graduating high school with the NSC data to create a longitudinal file for analysis.
- In this study, the BPS Class of 2009 (graduates from the 2008-2009 school-year) is tracked for six-years. We use multiple measures of college enrollment and completion to align with previous tracking studies and state and national studies on college completion.

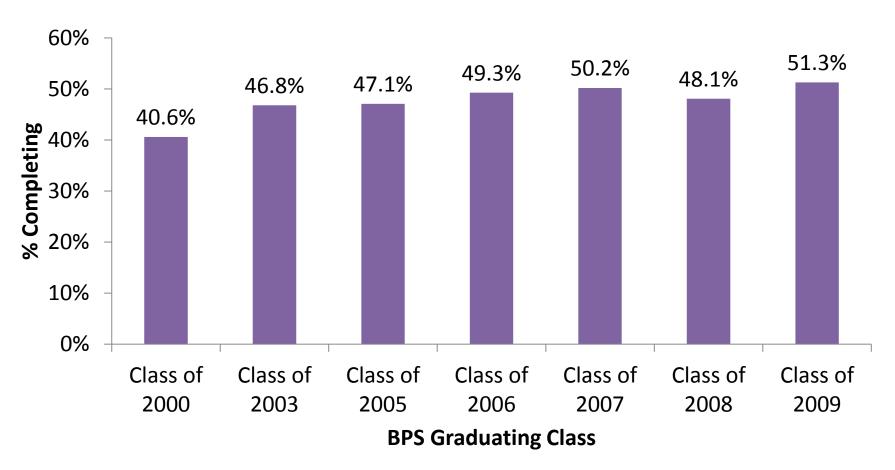


### Trends in First-Year Enrollment Levels and Rates, BPS Classes 2005 and 2007-2009

BPS Graduating Class	Number of First- Year Enrollees	Number of High School Graduates	First-Year Enrollment Rate
Class of 2005	1,860	3,045	61.1%
Class of 2007	2,064	3,282	62.9%
Class of 2008	2,249	3,534	63.6%
Class of 2009	2,430	3,597	67.6%

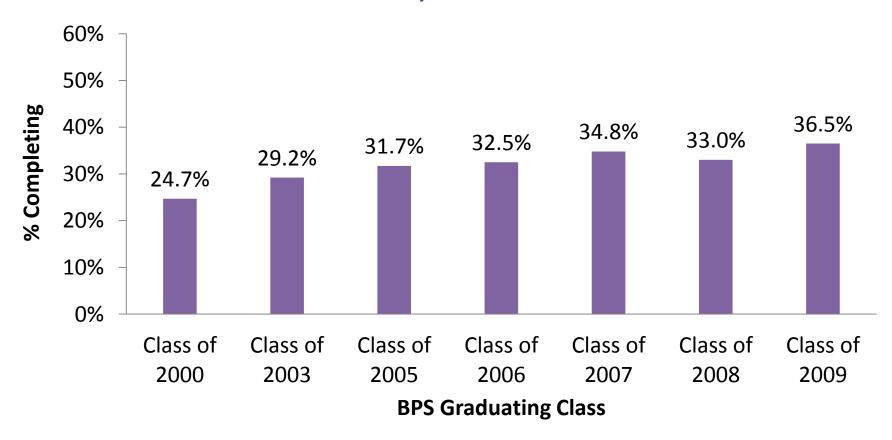


### Trends in the Six-Year College Completion Rate of First-Year Enrollees, Selected BPS Classes



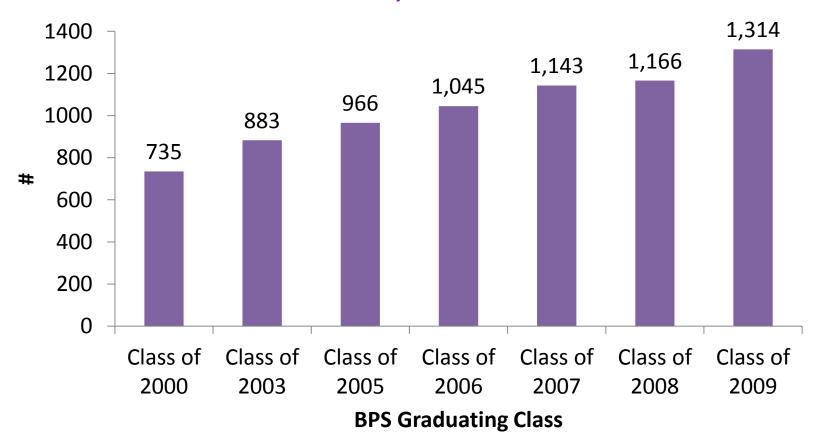


## Percent of the BPS Class Completing a Postsecondary Credential Within Six Years of High School Graduation, Selected Years, 2000-2009



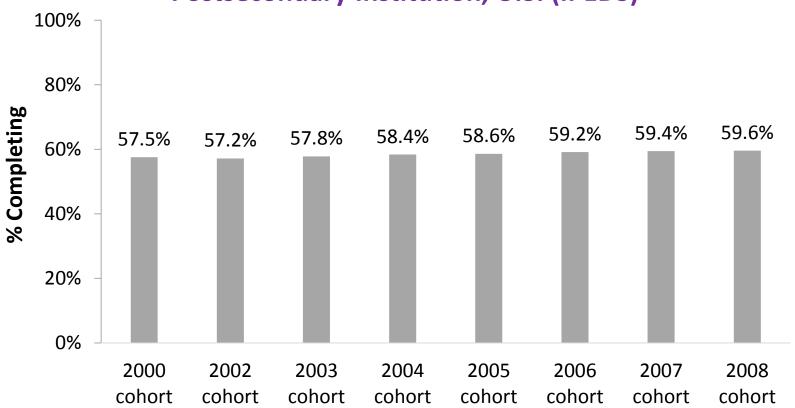


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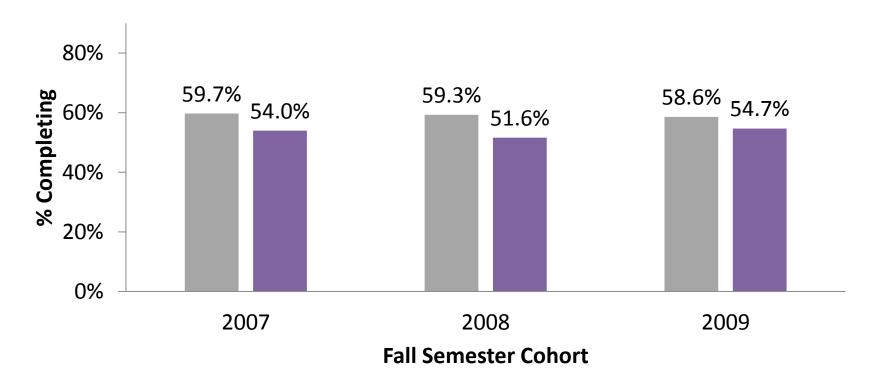


## Six-Year College Graduation Rate from First Institution Attended for First-time, Full-time Bachelor's Degree-seeking Students at 4-year Postsecondary Institution, U.S. (IPEDS)





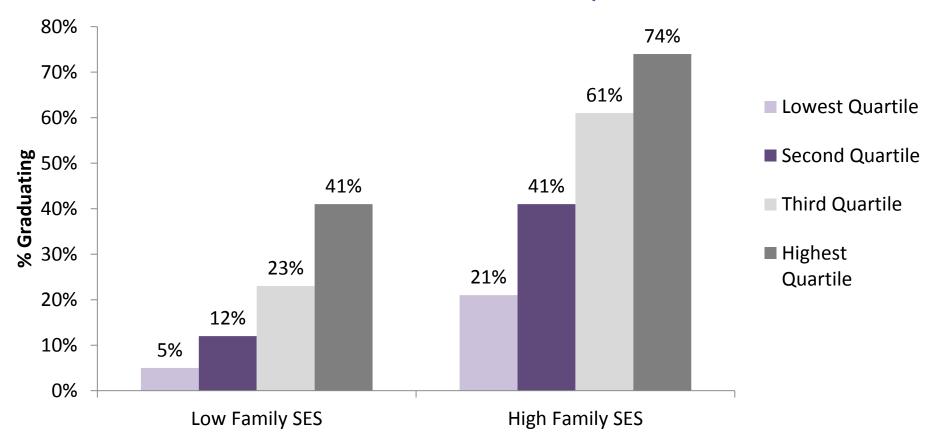
#### Comparison of Six-Year College Completion Rates of BPS and National Cohorts of First-Time, Fall Enrollees, Fall 2007-2009 Semesters



- NSC (All Fall 2009 First-Time Enrollees, 20 Years of Age and Younger)
- BPS Class of 2009 Immediate Fall 2009 Enrollees



### Percentage of 10<sup>th</sup> Graders in 2002 Who Earned a Bachelor's or Higher Degree by 2012, by Socioeconomic Status (SES) and Mathematics Achievement Quartile



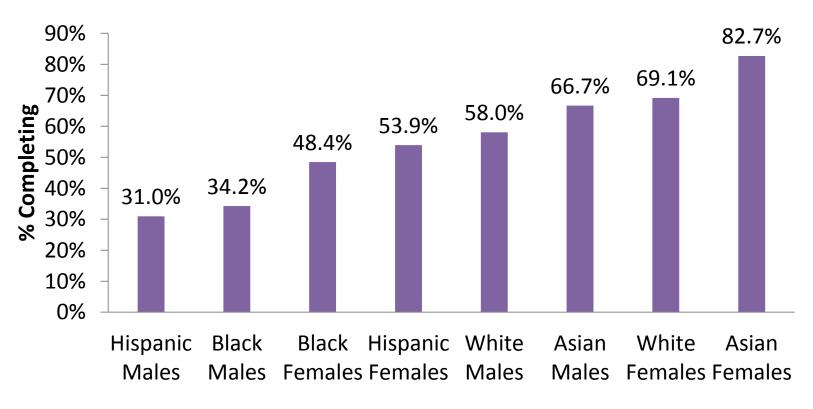


#### Six-Year College Graduation Status of First-Year Enrollees from the BPS Class of 2009, All and By Gender and Race/Ethnicity

Group	First-Year Enrollees	College Graduates	College Graduates as a Percent of First- Year Enrollees
Total	2,430	1,246	51.3%
Female	1,379	800	58.0%
Male	1,051	446	42.4%
Asian	320	241	75.3%
Black	988	416	42.1%
Hispanic	647	291	45.0%
White	448	287	64.1%
Other	27	11	40.7%



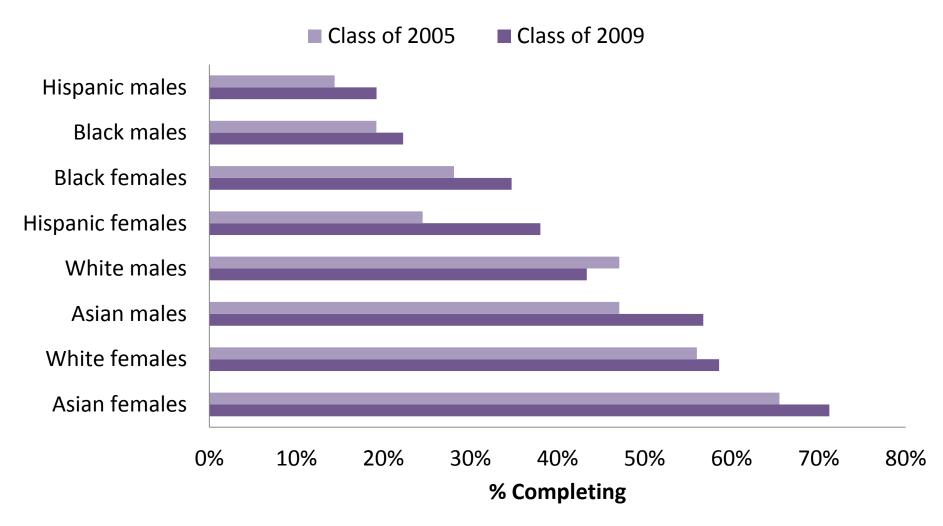
### Six- Year College Completion Rates of First-Year Enrollees from the Class of 2009 By Gender and Race/Ethnic Subgroup



**Gender/ Race/ethnic Group** 



#### Comparisons of the Percent of College Graduates from the BPS Classes of 2005 and 2009 by Gender and Race/Ethnic Subgroup





#### Six-Year College Completion Rates of First Year Enrollees from the Class of 2009 by Type of College First Attended

Type of College	Total First Year Enrollees	College Graduates	College Completion Rate
Two-year public	738	187	25.3%
Four-year private	1,130	707	62.6%
Four-year public	546	341	62.5%



#### Comparison of the Six-Year Graduation Rates of Class of 2009 and Class of 2005 Inactive Enrollees By Type of First Institution Attended

