

Texas Transfer Students

The Policy Landscape and Predictors of Vertical Transfer

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Outline

- TACC transfer research
- TX transfer landscape
- Survey on Fall 20 transfer
- Suggested implications
- Q&A/Discussion

TACC Transfer Research



1. Texas transfer efficiency
2. Texas transfer landscape
3. Texas transfer student survey



Texas Transfer Efficiency

~80K public bachelor's grads with CC credit

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9.8 avg credits not transferred per grad

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\$449 TX public 4yr avg expense per credit hour

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\$350 million annually

(\$270 million tuition & fees)



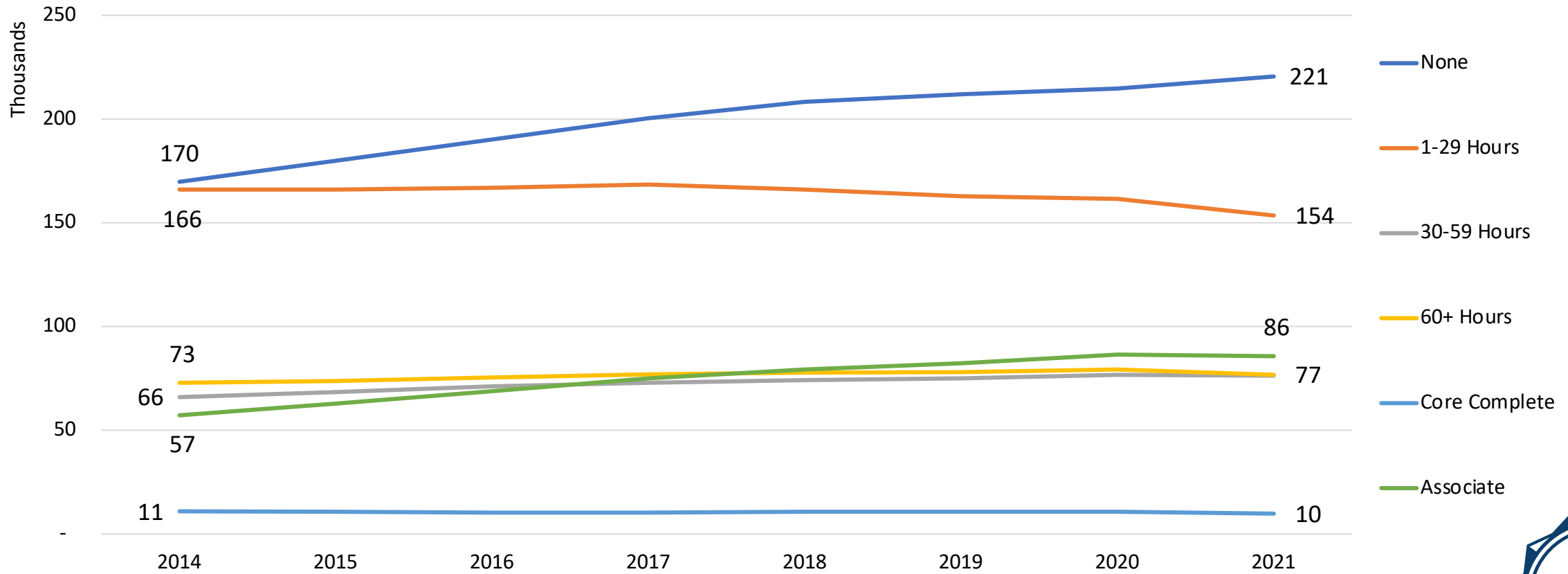
Texas Transfer Landscape

- Over 70% of bachelor's grads have CC credit; 1/3 have >30
- 13.5% of CC full-time students complete a bachelor's in 6 years



Texas Transfer Landscape

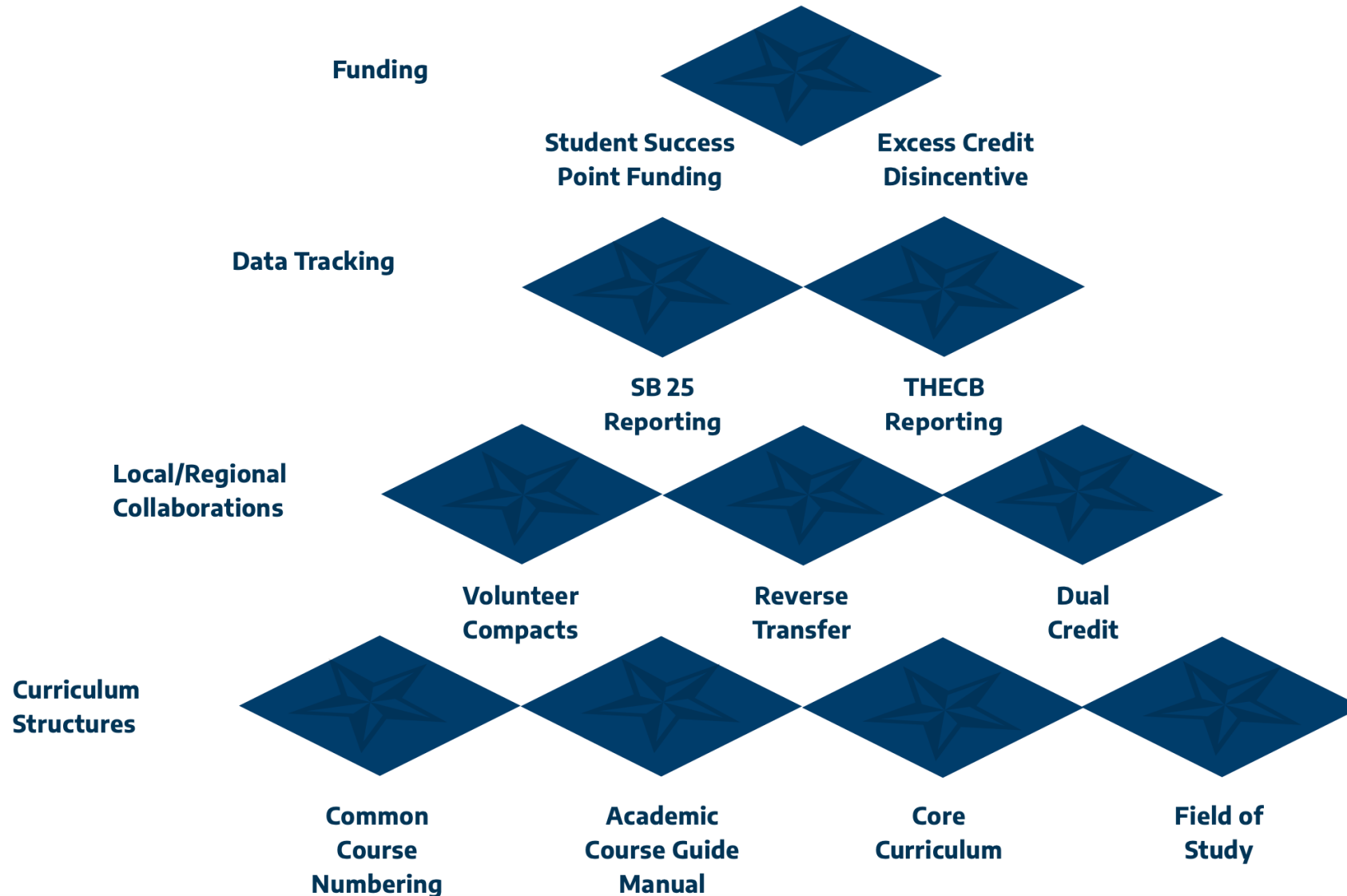
TX 4yr Public Undergrad Enrollment by Public 2yr Credit Attainment, 2014-21 (thousands)



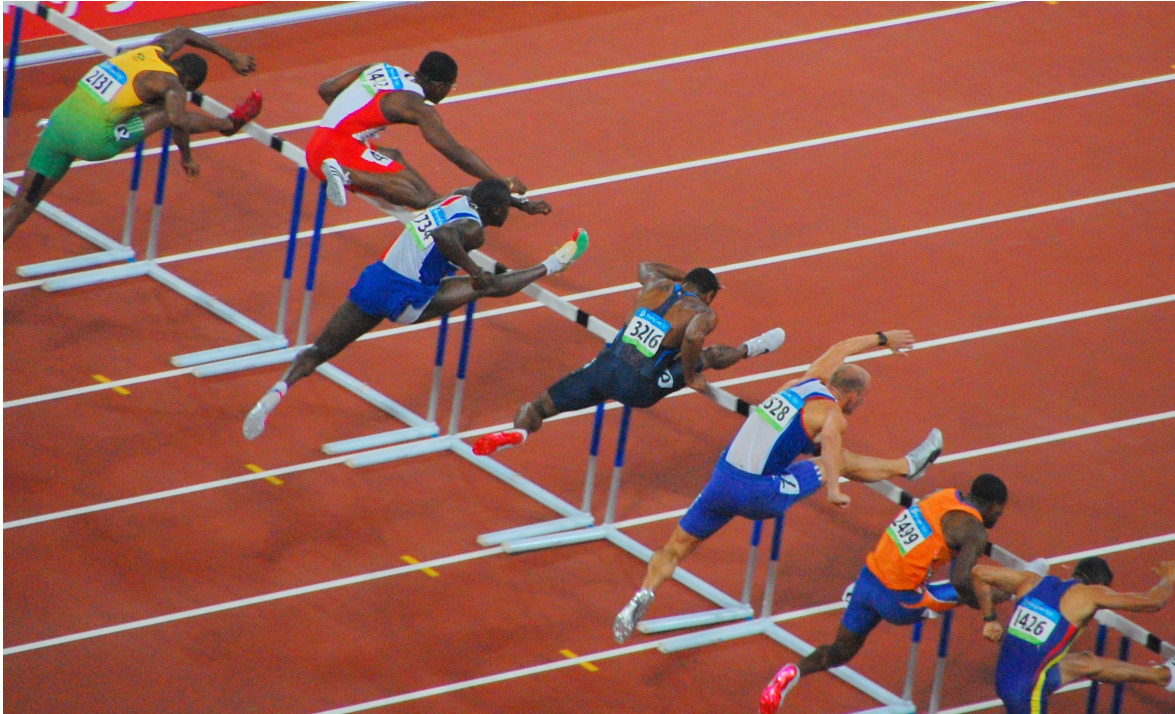
Source: THECB



Texas Transfer Landscape: Building Block Policies



Texas Transfer Landscape: Hurdles



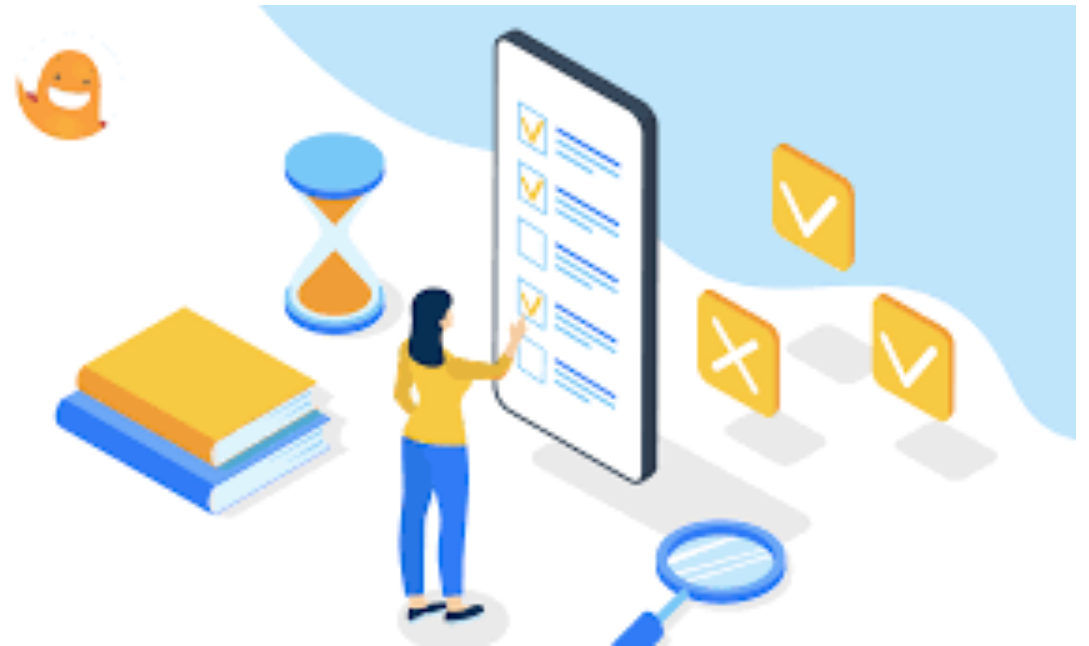
- Dispersed and decentralized
- Lack of enforcement
- Incentives mismatch
- Lack of good data



Texas Transfer Survey

Methodology:

- 6 CCs, 5 Pub 4yrs, n~1900
- First semester transfer v. Jan. '20 intent to transfer but didn't
- Factors: economic/basic needs, family, attitudinal/goals, administrative, campus services
- Descriptive analysis with confidence testing



Texas Transfer Survey

Findings- Transfers more often:

- Married/partnered (22% v. 6%); older than 26 (59% v. 18%); caregivers (34% v. 19%)
- White, non-Hispanic (35% v. 21%)
- Working for pay (51% v. 34%)
- Saw more post-pandemic care burdens (74% v. 61%)
- Believed bachelor's completers get more respect (67% v. 39%)
- Focused on completion/earnings, not campus life
- Reported more need to contribute to family after graduation (85% v. 77%)
- Reported more urgency to finish as soon as possible (67% v. 56%)
- Had worse basic needs security and felt less supported academically



TAKE-AWAYS



- Advising matters- that's not changing
- Advisor/policymaker disconnect
- Vital local/regional work
- Labor market insights
 - [Texaslaboranalysis.com](https://www.texaslaboranalysis.com)
 - [TexasLMI.com](https://www.texaslmi.com)
- Campus life matters to *some*

Questions?

Thanks!

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