The best strategy for reducing the cost of college is to ensure more students take the credits needed to graduate on time. The consequences are clear when so few college students graduate on time. For starters, the longer it takes to graduate, the more it costs students and the taxpayers who subsidize them. An extra year of college costs the typical university student more than $68,000 in tuition, fees, room and board, and lost wages. At community colleges, each extra year costs students more than $50,000.

**Percent of Students Completing 30 Credits Per Year (On-Time Students)**

- **All Students**
  - 2-Year: 14%
  - 4-Year NF: 40%
  - 4-Year Flagship: 43%
  - Overall: 29%

**Percent of Students Completing 24 Credits Per Year (Full-Time but Not On-Time)**

- **All Students**
  - 2-Year: 38%
  - 4-Year NF: 70%
  - 4-Year Flagship: 81%
  - Overall: 58%

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**Percent of Students Completing the Introductory Courses Within 1 Year**

- 2-Year: 18%
- 4-Year NF: 41%
- 4-Year Flagship: 49%

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**Time to Degree (Full-Time Students)**

- **2-Year**
  - 3.6 YEARS

- **4-Year (Non-Flagship)**
  - 4.7 YEARS

- **4-Year (Flagship)**
  - 4.3 YEARS
**Data by Race**

### Percent of Students Completing 30 Credits Per Year (On-Time Students)

- **2-Year:**
  - African American: 4%
  - Asian: 13%
  - Hispanic: 11%
  - White: 16%
- **4-Year Non-flagship:**
  - African American: 29%
  - Asian: 50%
  - Hispanic: 37%
  - White: 43%
- **4-Year Flagship:**
  - African American: 22%
  - Asian: 52%
  - Hispanic: 44%
  - White: 45%

### Percent of Students Completing 24 Credits Per Year (Full-Time but Not On-Time)

- **2-Year:**
  - African American: 13%
  - Asian: 37%
  - Hispanic: 34%
  - White: 42%
- **4-Year Non-Flagship:**
  - African American: 52%
  - Asian: 78%
  - Hispanic: 69%
  - White: 75%
- **4-Year Flagship:**
  - African American: 62%
  - Asian: 84%
  - Hispanic: 79%
  - White: 84%

### Percent of Students Completing Introductory Math and English Within 1 Year

- **2-Year:**
  - African American: 4%
  - Asian: 22%
  - Hispanic: 14%
  - White: 21%
- **4-Year Non-Flagship:**
  - African American: 23%
  - Asian: 52%
  - Hispanic: 38%
  - White: 45%
- **4-Year Flagship:**
  - African American: 31%
  - Asian: 54%
  - Hispanic: 47%
  - White: 52%