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The Postsecondary Outcomes of High School Dual Enrollment Students

A National and State-by-State Analysis

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2022-23

First Ever Dual Enrollment Count in IPEDS 12-Month Enrollment Survey

Dual Enrollment Counts by Postsecondary Sector in 2022-23

	Dual Enrollment	Total Undergraduate	Percent DE
Total	2,489,859	21,220,413	12
Community colleges	1,784,966	8,618,323	21
Public four-years	445,224	7,121,611	6
Private not-for-profit	207,652	3,504,732	6
Other public two-years, less-than-two-years	46,249	237,969	19
Private for-profits	5,768	1,737,778	0

IPEDS 12-Month Enrollment Survey, 2022-23 Academic Year

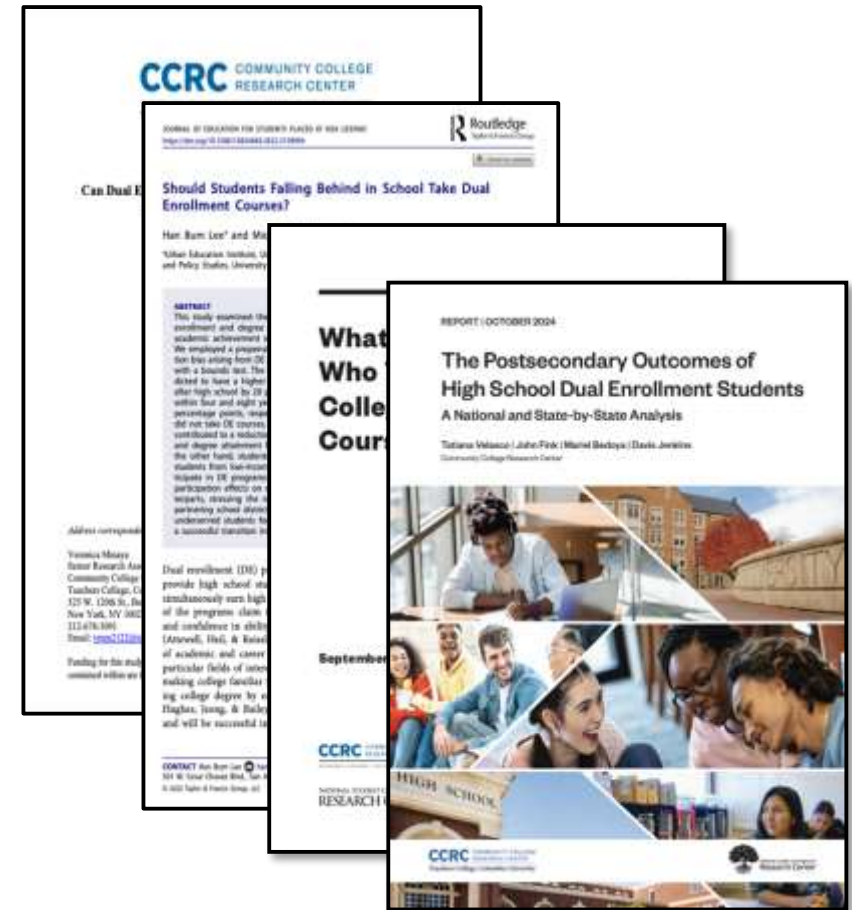
<https://ccrc.tc.columbia.edu/easyblog/how-many-students-are-taking-dual-enrollment-courses-in-high-school-new-national-state-and-college-level-data.html>

Evidence on the effects of dual enrollment

Increasing descriptive and quasi-experimental evidence for dual enrollment

- DE can benefit students who are falling behind in HS (Lee & Villarreal, 2022).
- Increase college application (Liu et al., 2022).
- Boost Black & Hispanic student entrance and persistence in STEM (Minaya, 2021).

Substantial state and institutional variation in post-HS college outcomes among former DE students



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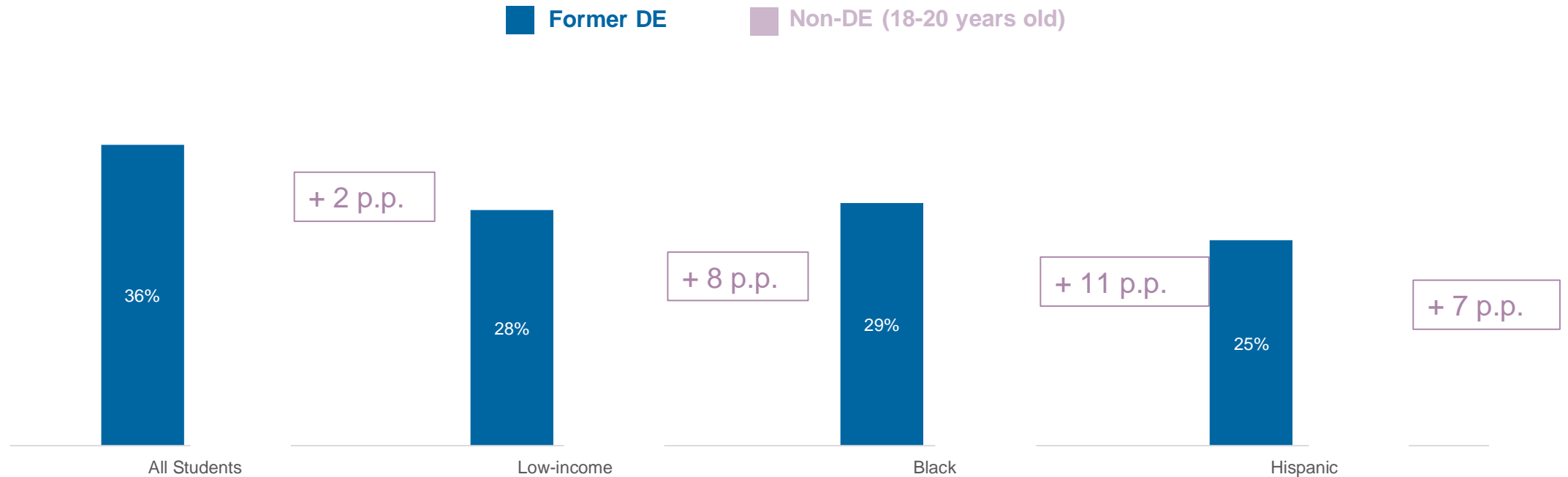
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At four-year institutions, former and current dual enrollees make 20% of the entry enrollment

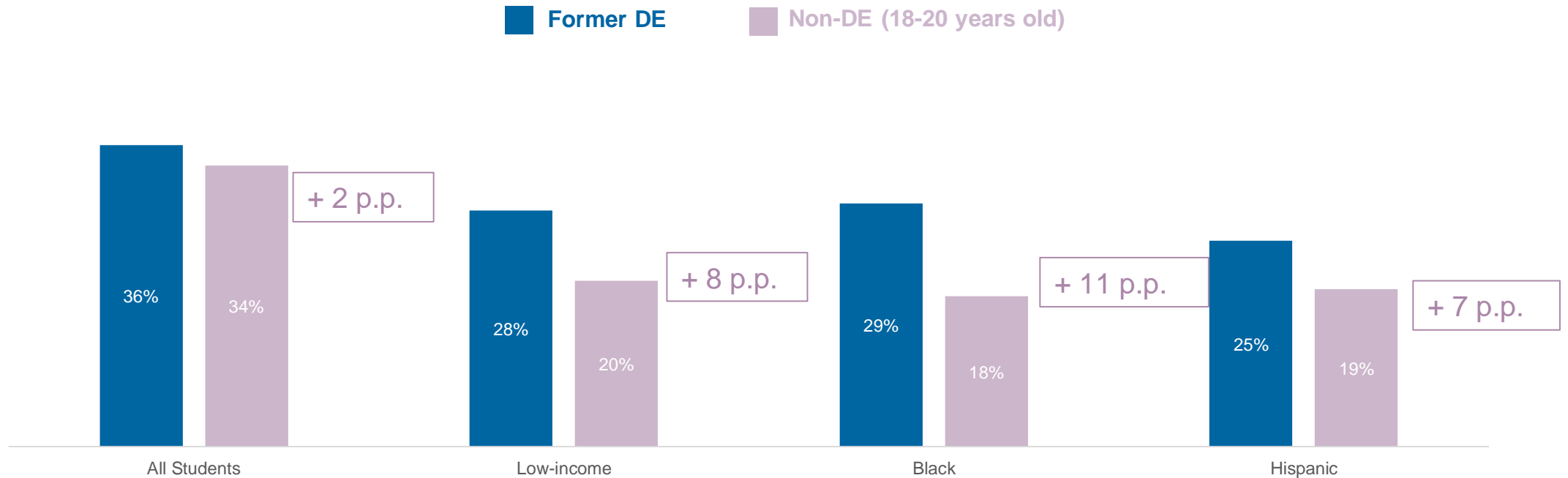
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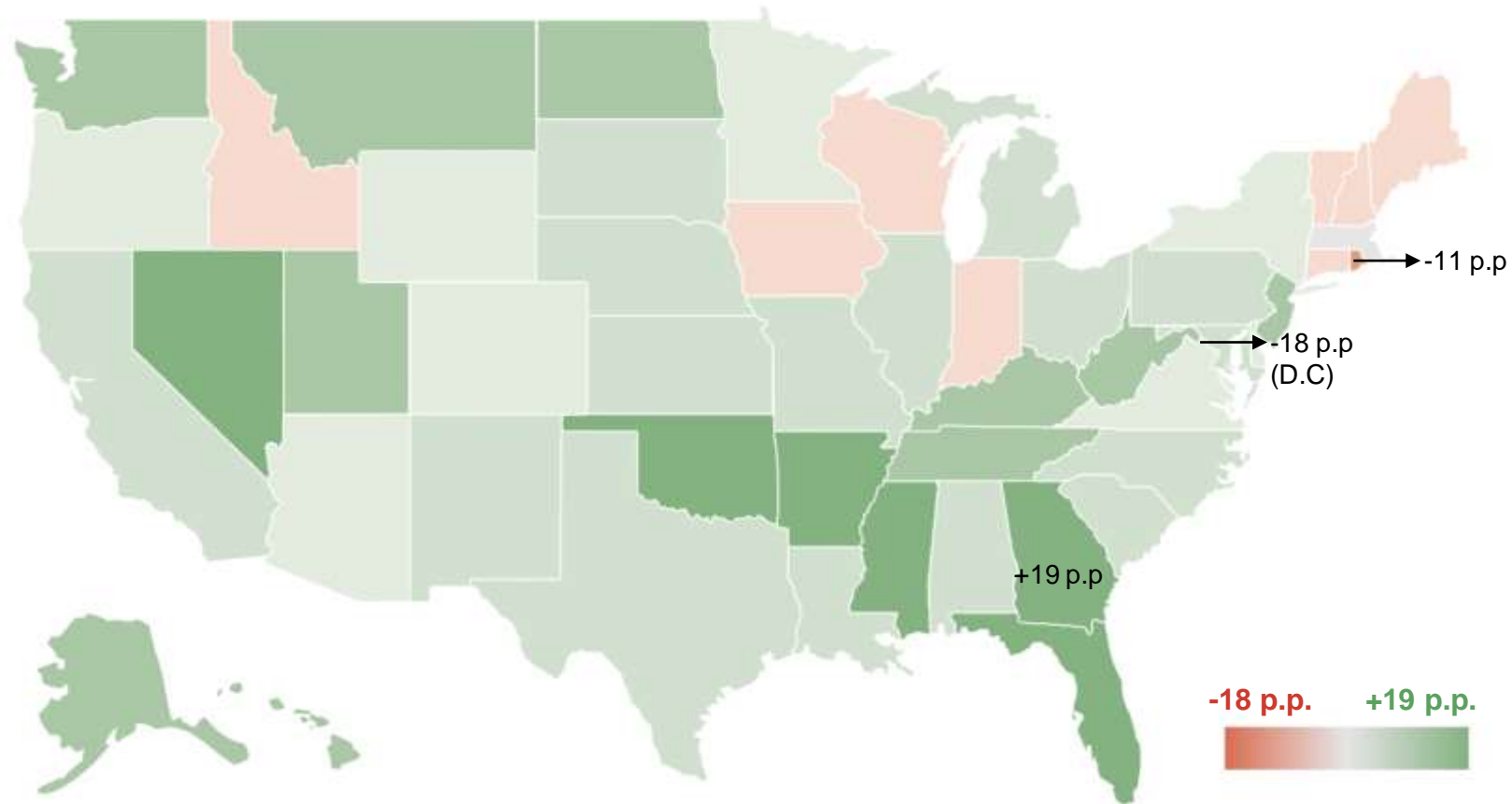


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In 41 states, DE was associated with higher college completion rates, and in 16 states, DE students showed double-digit higher completion rates.



“Programs of Privilege” access to dual enrollment is uneven

Representation in Dual Enrollment Compared to School Population

2017-2018

