

Community College 101

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The Community College Is “Democracy’s College” – George Boggs

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- Enroll students at all ages and from all backgrounds
- Most attend part-time and work while going to school

Low-Cost

- Average annual tuition: \$4,050
- Public four-Year college or university: \$11,610

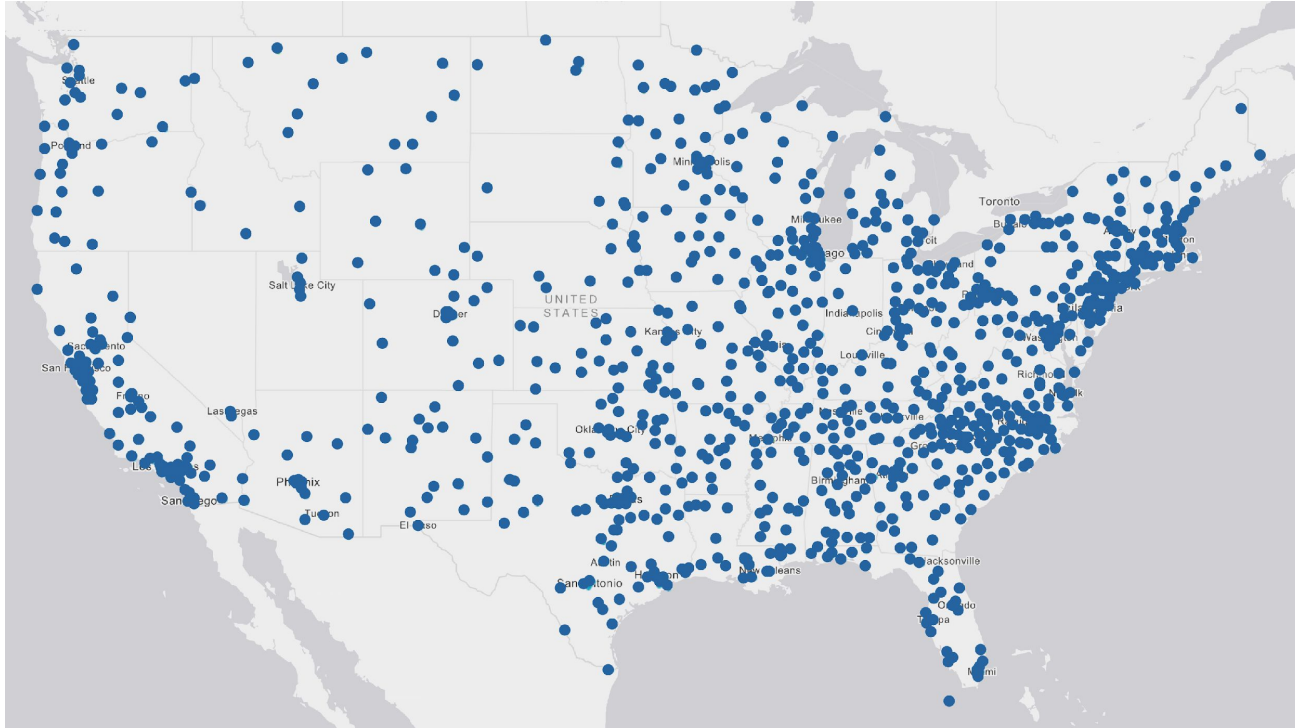
Contributes to Economy

- Health care
- Information Technology
- Construction and manufacturing

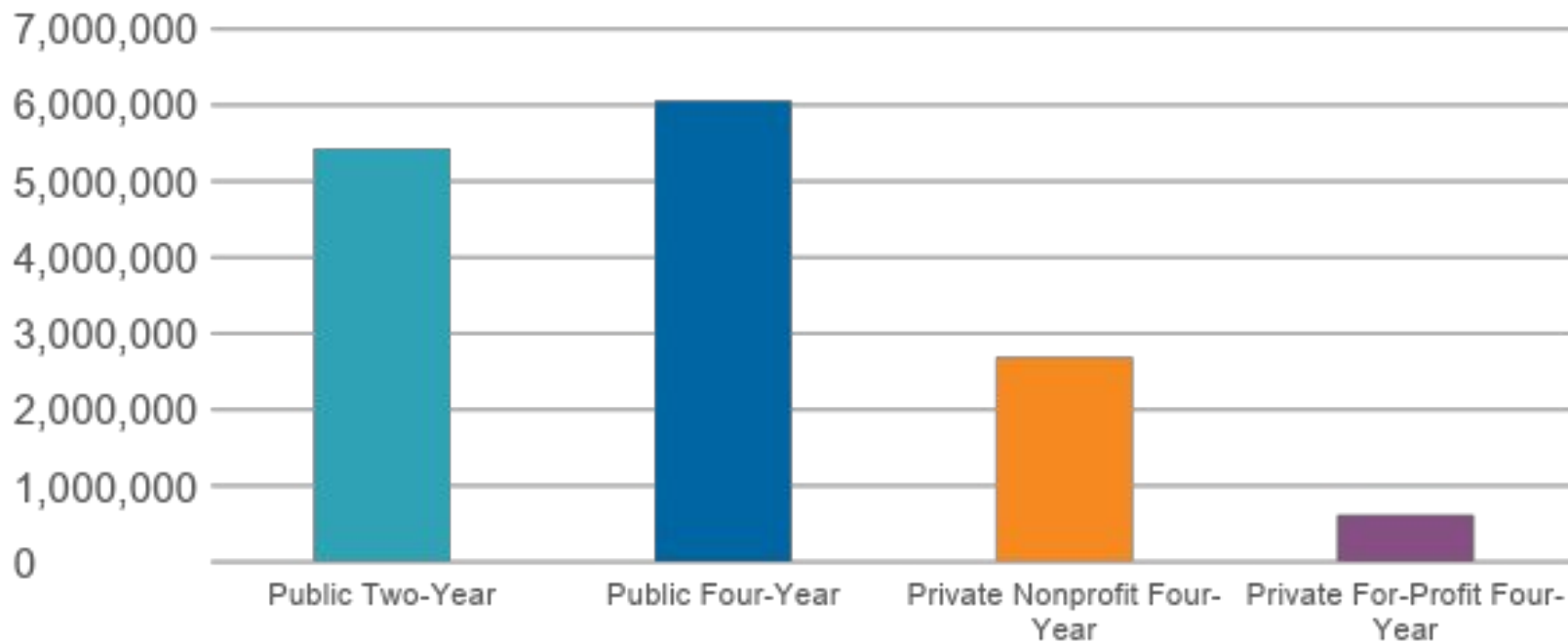
Why Do Students Choose Community College?

- Occupational training or “upskilling”
- Prepare for transfer to a four-year college or university
- Adult Basic Education (ABE) and English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction
- Lifelong learning

Community Colleges Are Found in All 50 States

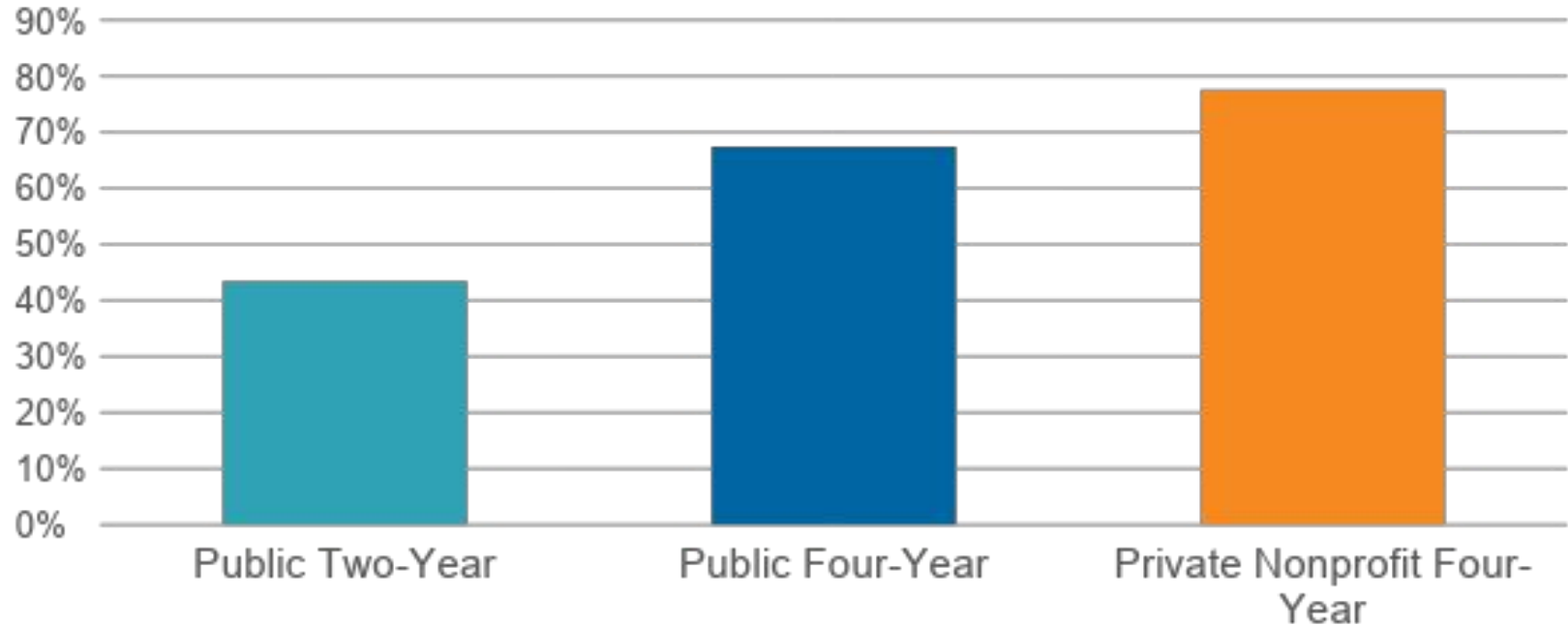


Community Colleges Enroll About 40 Percent of All U.S. Undergraduates



Source: *Current Term Enrollment Estimates Expanded Edition: Fall 2022*. National Student Clearinghouse Research Center.

About 43% of Degree-Seeking Community College Students Earn a Credential within 6 Years



Source: Completing college: National and state report with longitudinal data dashboard on six- and eight-year completion rates. National Student Clearinghouse Research Center.

Evidence-Based Strategies to Increase Completion

- Dual Enrollment
- Developmental Education Reforms
- Accelerated Study in Associate Programs (ASAP)
- Whole-College Guided Pathways Reforms

Panel Discussion

