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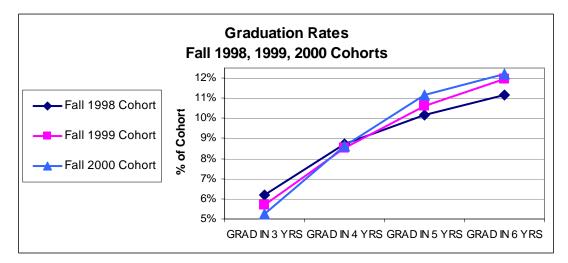
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Introduction

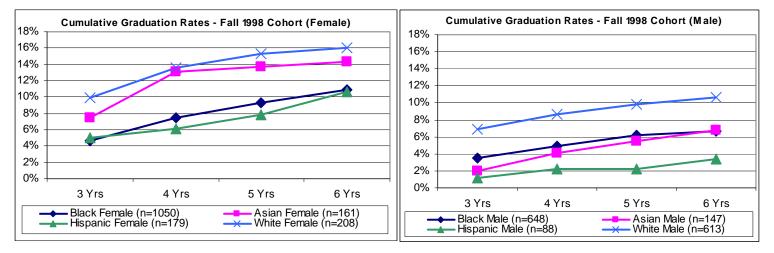
This fact sheet addresses the graduation rates of three CCP cohorts: Fall 1998 first-time students (n=4130); Fall 1999 first-time students (n=4348); and Fall 2000 first-time students (n=4494). Graduation rates are reported at four different points: three, four, five, and six years after initial enrollment. The graduation rates are cumulative (the rate at six years includes all graduates from previous years).

Graduation Rates

Overall, the Fall 1998 cohort had a 5.7% graduation rate after three years, 8.2% after four years, 9.7% after five years, and 10.7% after six years. The Fall 1999 cohort had a 5.2% graduation rate after three years, 8.0% after four years, 10.1% after five years, and 11.4% after six years. The Fall 2000 cohort had a 4.8% graduation rate after three years, 8.1% after four years, 10.6% after five years, and 11.7% after six years. Graduation rates in three years, dropped over time. While the three year graduation rate has declined, the five and six year graduation rates have increased.



The student group with the highest graduation rate was white females who, after six years, had a graduation rate of 16.1%. Hispanic males had the worst graduation rate after three years, 1.1%, as well as after six years, 3.4%. The 1.1% graduation rate of Hispanic males was the lowest graduation rate of all the cohorts examined. Overall females were more successful than their male counterparts.



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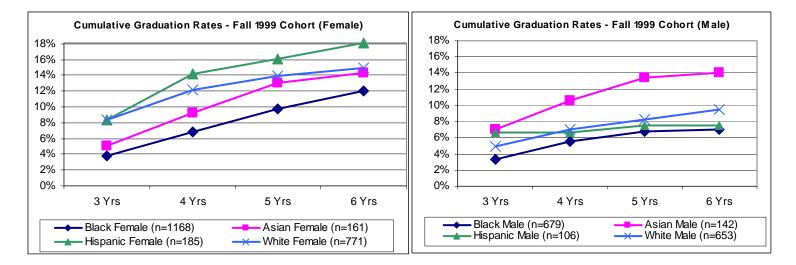
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In the Fall 1999 cohort, the student group that was most likely to graduate was Hispanic females who after six years had a graduation rate of 18.1%, the highest over the three examined cohorts. Black and Hispanic males had the worst graduation rates after six years, 7.0% and 9.3% respectively. In the Fall 1999 cohort, the Asian male graduation rate was higher than their female counterpart.



In the Fall 2000 cohort the three student groups with the highest graduation rates were Hispanic, White, and Asian females who after six years had graduation rates of 14.9%, 14.3%, and 14.2% respectively. Black males had the lowest graduation rate after six years at 7.0%. Once again, female student groups were more persistent than their male counterparts.

