

For Illinois to Thrive and its Black Students to Succeed, it Must Center Equity in How It Funds its Public Universities

Right now, the state has an opportunity to transform how it funds Illinois public universities to make sure every student has what they need to persist and complete their degree. Currently, however, 99.5% of state funding is distributed with no system to ensure that happens.

The result? This inequity in funding has contributed to persisting enrollment and completion gaps for Illinois' Black students as well as students from other historically minoritized groups.

Institutions with more resources are more likely to graduate the students they enroll.

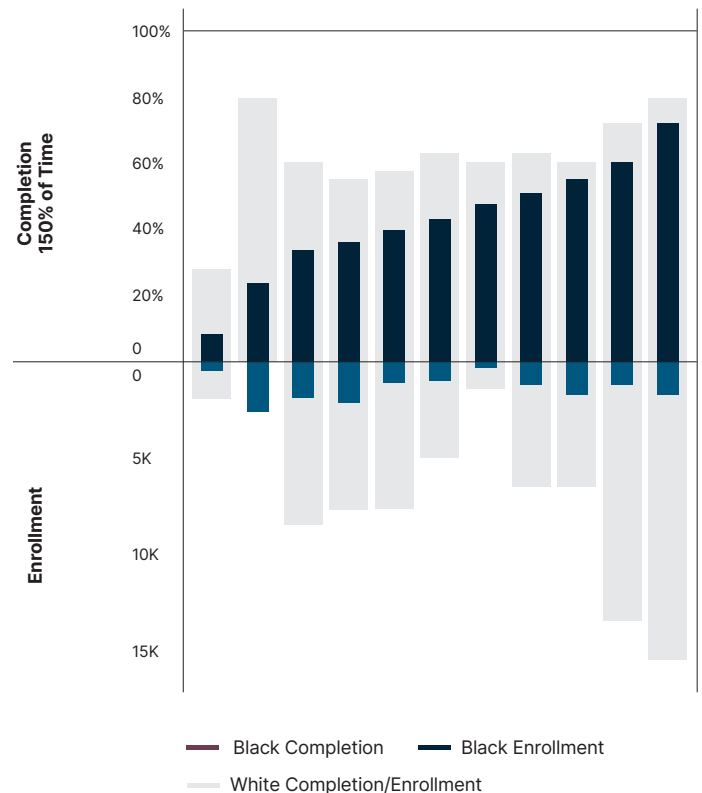
Critical resources and considerations that can make the difference between different students staying and completing or stopping out include access to:

- ➔ Financial aid
- ➔ Lower net price to attend
- ➔ Academic advising
- ➔ Mental health resources
- ➔ Housing support
- ➔ Child care
- ➔ Food assistance
- ➔ Emergency financial assistance

Illinois has the power to ensure that every student who's enrolling in a public university of their choice has what they need to complete their education and earn their college degree — setting themselves up to pursue greater lifetime income than they would without one.

At most Illinois public 4-years, there are large gaps in Black and White students' graduation rates, and Black students are under-represented at institutions with smaller completion gaps.

Public, 4-Year



Source: The College Scorecard

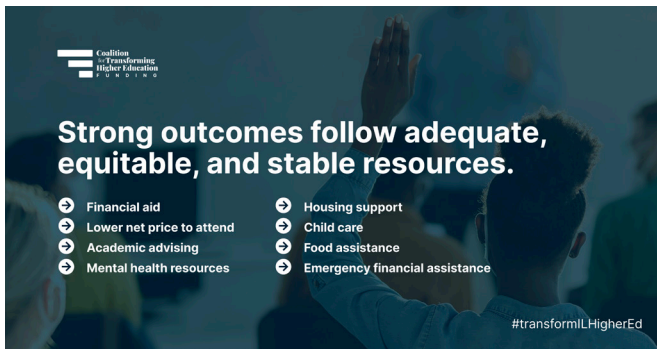
It's vital that Illinois prioritizes equity in how it funds our public universities in order for the state to thrive and its Black students to succeed.

Join the Coalition for Transforming Higher Education Funding

Join the Coalition to connect with community members from across the state who believe every Illinois student should have equitable and affordable access to any of Illinois' public universities. Become a member to advocate to ensure institutions are adequately-resourced to support student persistence through college and beyond.

Let's work together towards a more adequate, equitable, and stable higher education funding system for our state.

Raise Awareness on Social Media

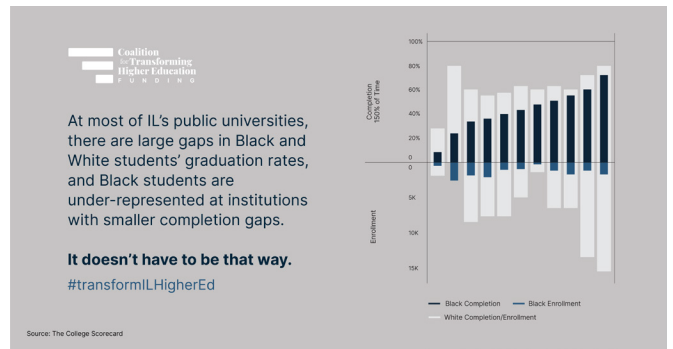


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