

*The Urban Transfer Research
Network (UTRN)
Lumina Foundation*

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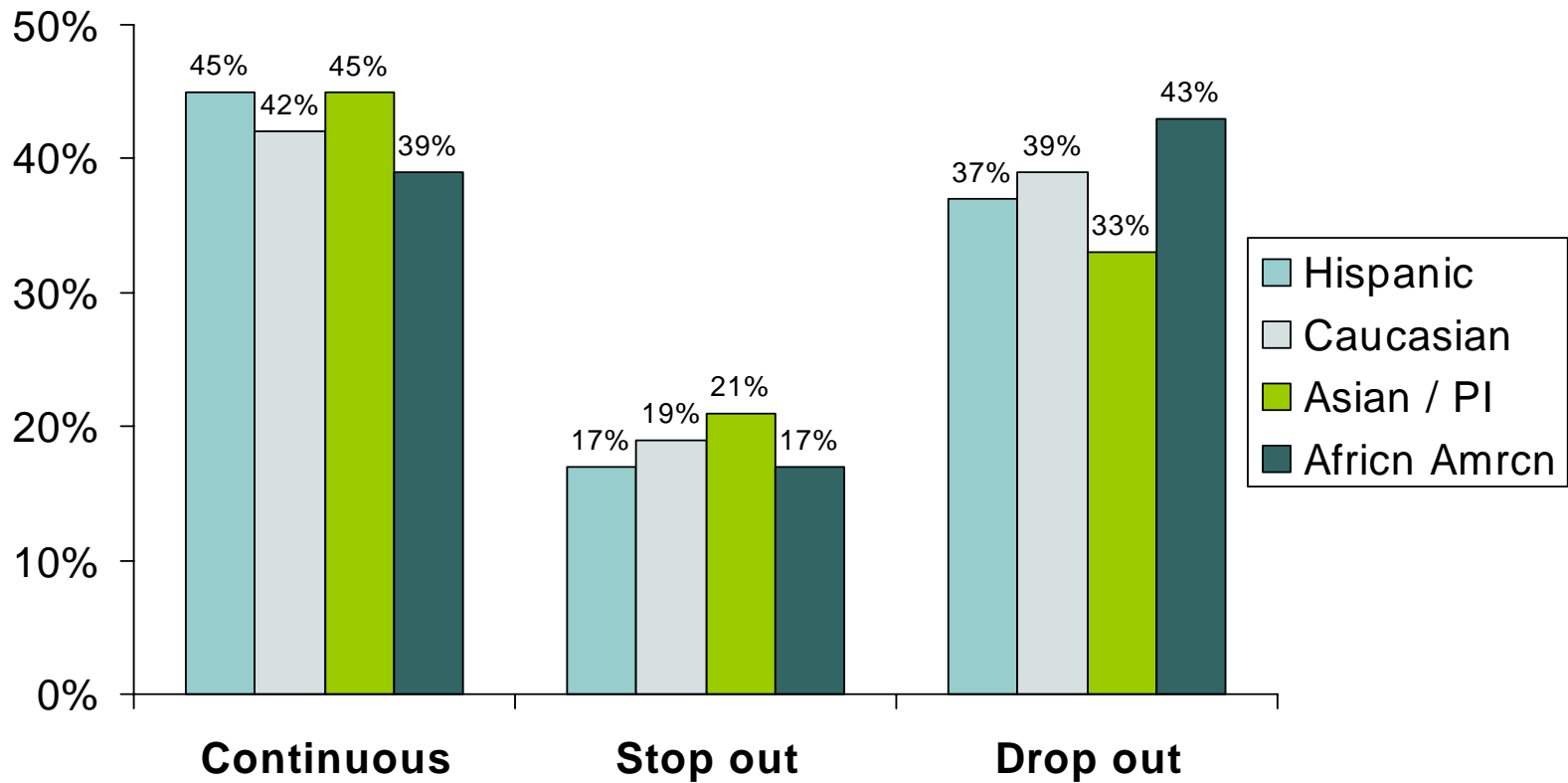
Overview of the UTRN

- Multi-institutional, multi-state research grant from Lumina
- Aims to increase the success of community college transfer students in attaining the bachelor's degree
- Special focus on the success of low-income and minority students

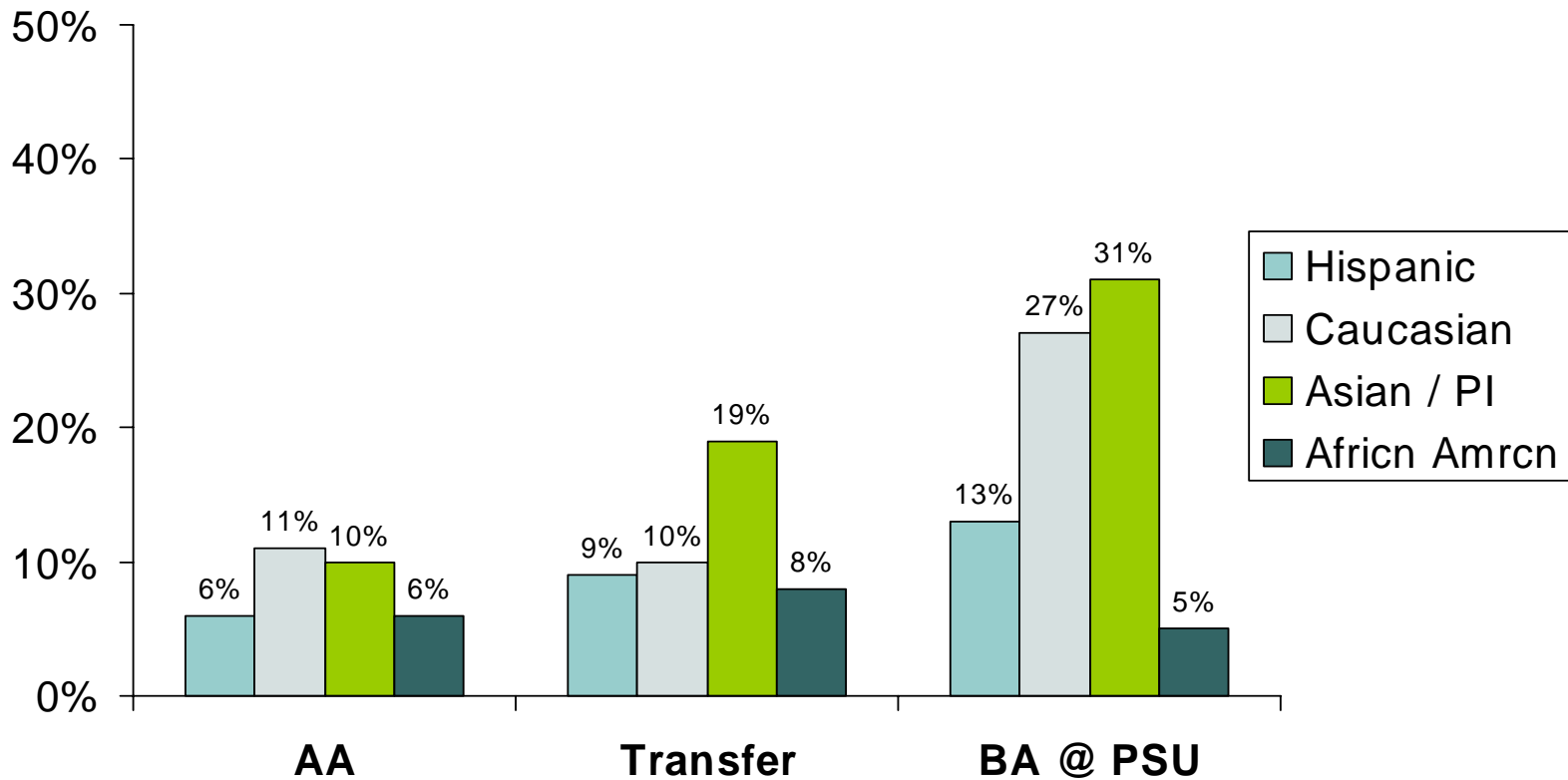
UTRN Research Questions & Design

- What are the pathways through higher education that lead to successful BA completion?
- How do transfer patterns and degree attainment rates of various sub-groups differ?
- What are the major contributors to discrepancies in attainment rates?
- What changes in current policy and practice or new policy and programs would increase attainment rates?
- Summer/Fall 1999/2000 CC students
- Term-by-term data from the CCs and PSU
- Supplemental data from the NSC
- Tracking students over a 6-year period
- Future plans to include more recent cohorts

First Year Enrollment at MHCC by Ethnic Group



Indicators of Success by Ethnic Group



Benefits of Partnering with / Participating in the Network

- Facilitate research agenda aimed at improving students' educational experience
- Coordination of various sources of information about transfer students
- Opportunities for data sharing among the community colleges and PSU
- Catalyst for reviving the PSU-CRC