

Texas Success Initiative Assessment 2.0 (TSIA2) Information and Implementation Plan Overview

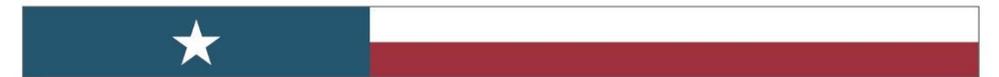
Suzanne Morales-Vale, Ph.D

Director, Developmental and Adult
Education

Keylan Morgan, M.Ed

Program Specialist V, Developmental
Education

60x30TX



Texas Higher Education
Coordinating Board

IHE Webinar
October 30, 2019

Agenda

- Overview of Texas Higher Education Strategic Plan (60x30TX)
 - www.60x30TX.com
- Overview of College Readiness
- House Bill 2223 – Corequisite Models Overview
- Texas Success Initiative Assessment, Version 2.0 (TSIA2)
- DE/TSI Professional Development and Resources
- Q&A

The four goals in the 60x30TX Plan are essential to the future prosperity of Texas.



THE OVERARCHING GOAL: 60x30

At least 60 percent of Texans ages 25-34 will have a certificate or degree.

- *Supports the economic future of the state*



THE SECOND GOAL: COMPLETION

At least 550,000 students in 2030 will complete a certificate, associate, bachelor's, or master's from an institution of higher education in Texas.

- *Requires large increases among targeted groups*



THE THIRD GOAL: MARKETABLE SKILLS

All graduates from Texas public institutions of higher education will have completed programs with identified marketable skills.

- *Emphasizes the value of higher education in the workforce*



THE FOURTH GOAL: STUDENT DEBT

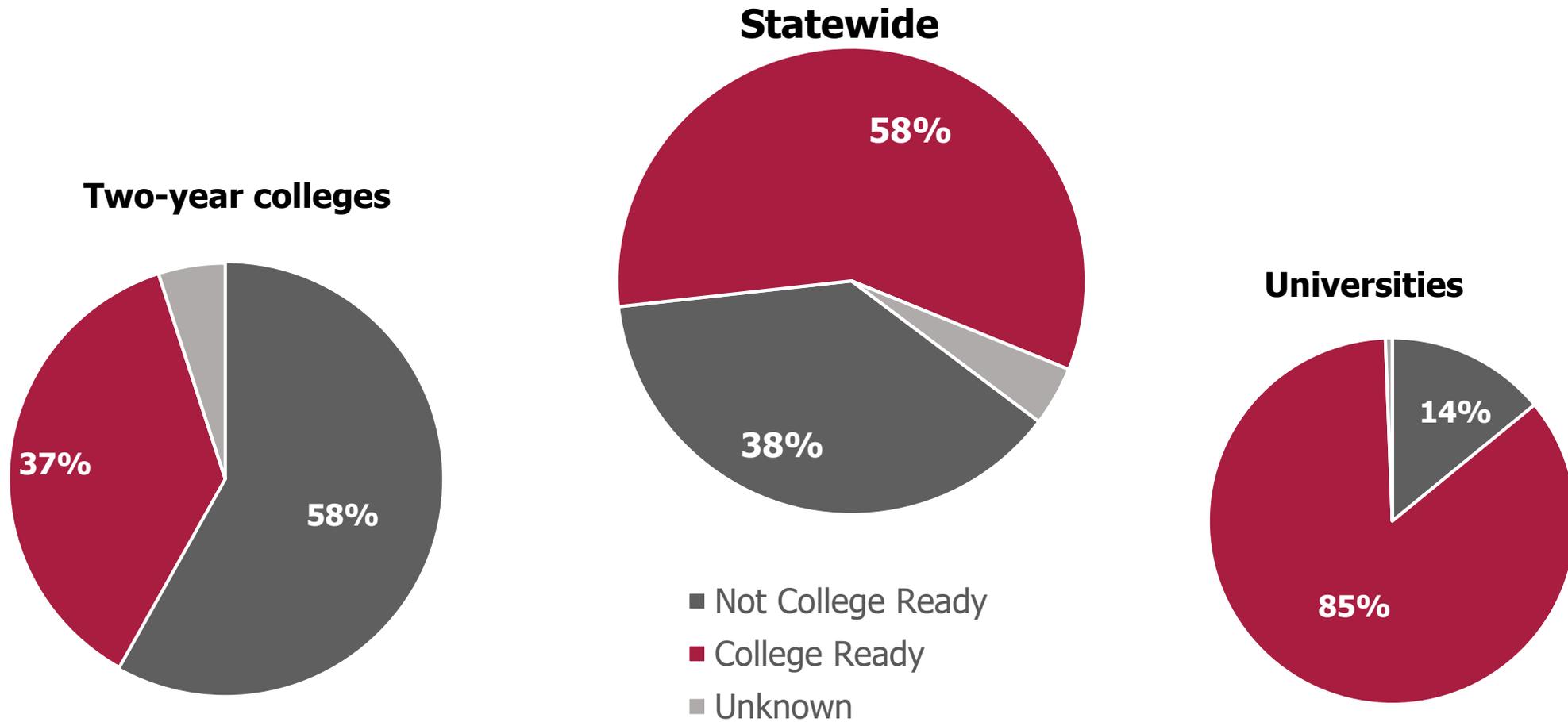
Undergraduate student loan debt will not exceed 60 percent of first-year wages for graduates of Texas public institutions.

- *Helps students graduate with manageable debt*

College Readiness

Definitions and Trends

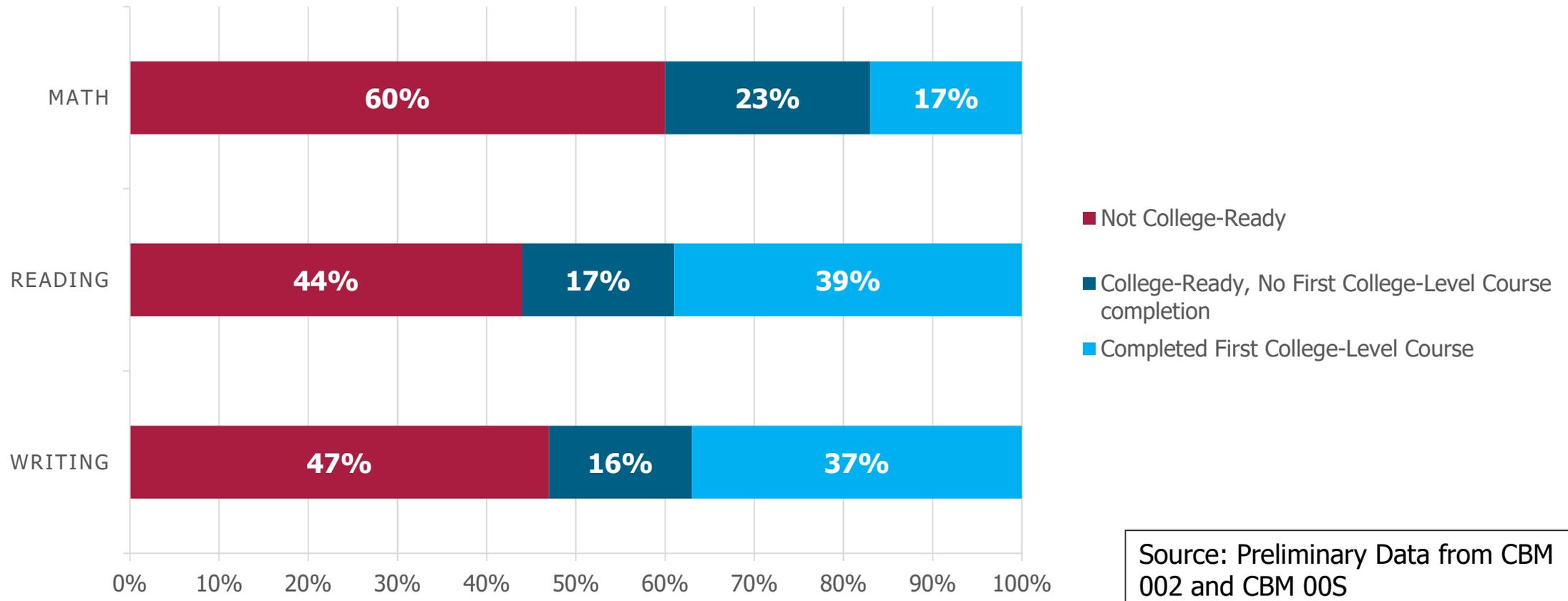
Fifty-eight percent of first-time entering students in Fall 2018 were college ready



Note: Numbers are calculated with uncertified data from one institution whose data was not certified at time of publication

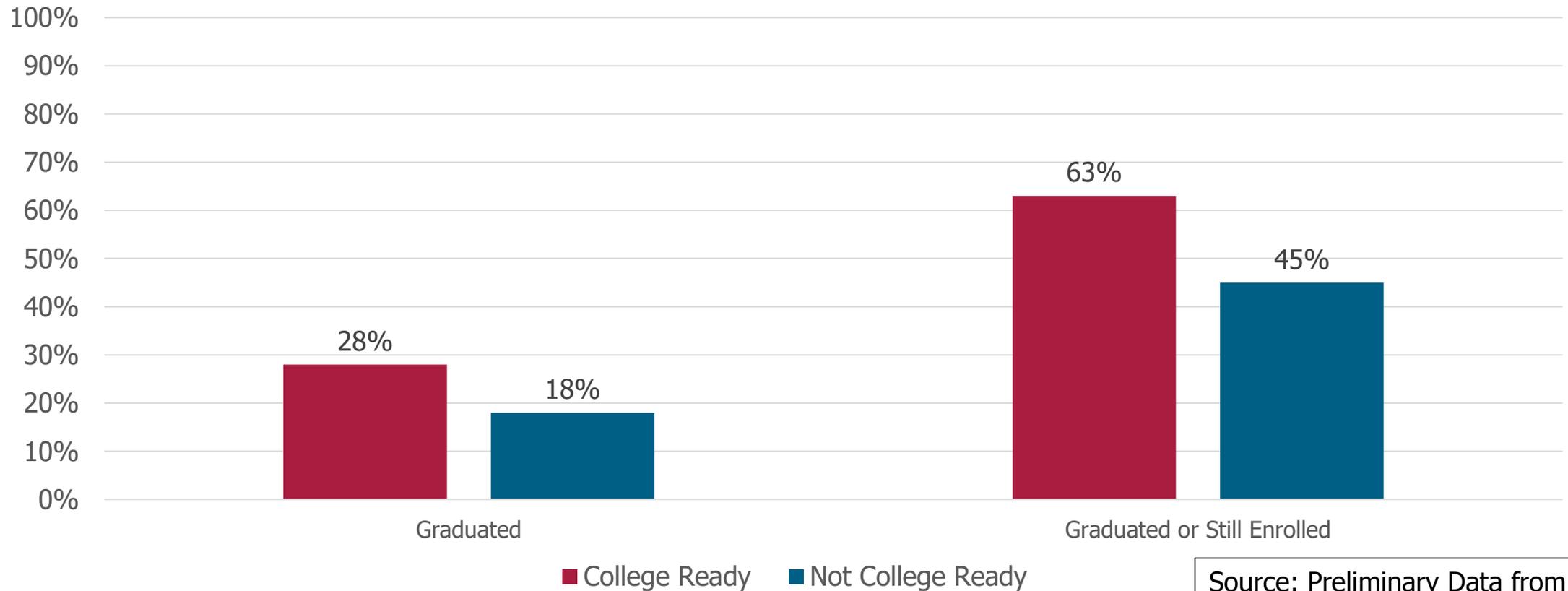
Almost half of non-college-ready students from Fall 2017 remained not-ready after 1 year

Statewide: Fall 2017 Percent Of Students Not-ready, 1 Year Follow-up



Completion rates at two-year colleges are 10 percentage points higher for college-ready students compared to students who enter not college-ready.

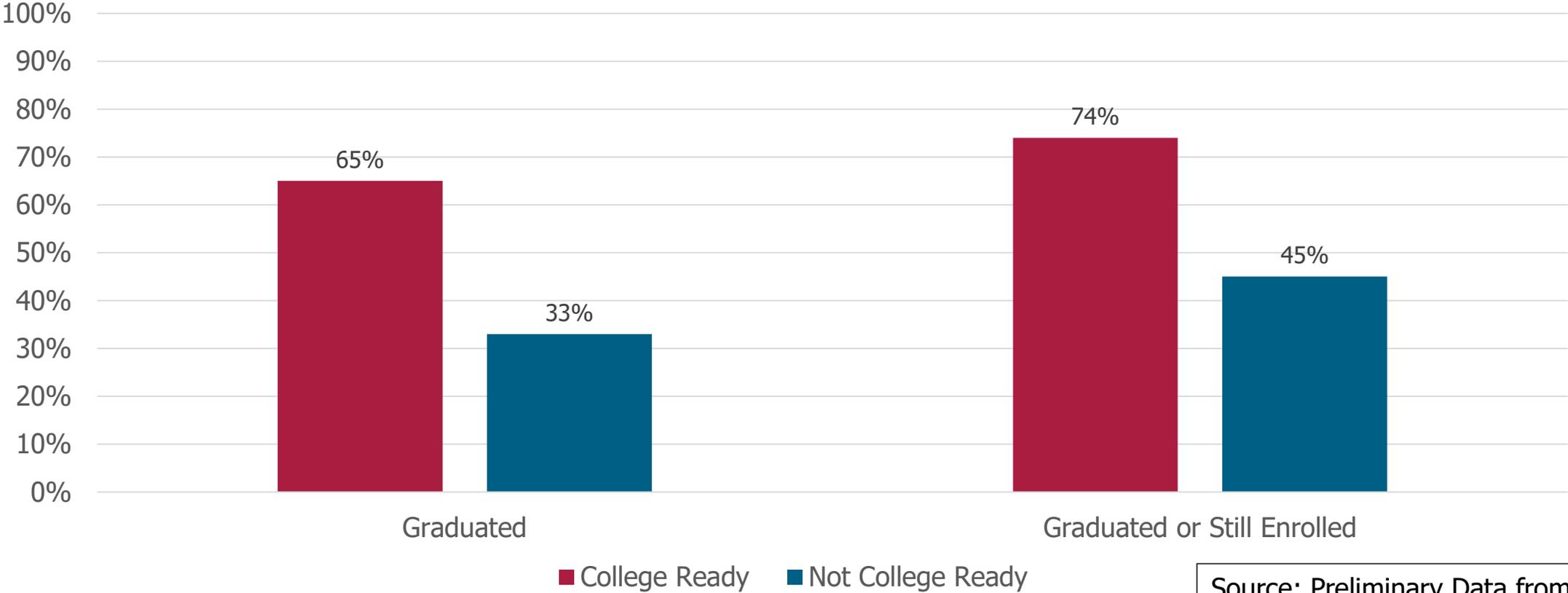
Status after 3-years (2015 Entering Cohort)



Source: Preliminary Data from CBM 002 and CBM 00S

At universities, completion rates are more than 30 percentage points higher for college-ready students

Status after 6-years (2012 Entering Cohort)



Source: Preliminary Data from CBM 002 and CBM 00S

What is College Readiness (THECB)?

College readiness is the ability to successfully complete without remediation a freshman-level college course.

Texas Success Initiative (TSI) (TEC, Chapter 51, Subchapter F-1)

- All non-exempt, entering undergraduates must be tested for college readiness in **reading, writing, and math** using the TSI Assessment (TSIA) [Rule §4.55](#)

An institution may not use the TSI as a condition of admission to the institution or as a condition of admission to a specific program offered by the institution (Rule §4.55(e)).

Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSIA)

- As of Fall 2013, the TSIA is the ONLY assessment instrument approved by the THECB for IHEs to assess students' readiness for freshman-level academic coursework.
- The TSIA has three subject areas: (Reading, Writing, and Math)
 - Writing section has two components (**Objective** (multiple choice) and an **Essay**).
- **TSIA2 will replace the current TSIA effective fall 2020 (more details upcoming...)**

TSIA: Pre-Assessment Activity (PAA)

Prior to taking the TSIA , each student is required to complete a PAA addressing minimally the following components:

1. Importance of assessment in students' academic career;
2. Assessment process and components, including practice with feedback of sample test questions in all disciplinary areas;
3. Developmental education options including corequisite, course-pairing, non-course-based, modular, and other non-conventional interventions;
4. Institutional and/or community student resources (e.g., supplemental instruction, tutoring, transportation, childcare, financial aid).

TSIA: Pre-Assessment Activity (PAA)

- Test Administrators (ISD/IHE) may create their own PAA, use a PAA from another Texas public institution of higher education, OR
- use the [Querium Texas PAA Online](#) that is FREE and sponsored and funded by the THECB. For more information:
 - [Querium.com](#) ("Colleges and High Schools", click "Texas PAA")
 - Querium's PAA Online meets all requirements of *TAC Rule §4.55(b)*.
- Test Administrators may develop local PAA policy with regard to students who are **retesting** on the TSIA.

TSI Pre-Assessment Activity

The Importance of Placement Tests



It's hard to reach incoming college students and even harder to change their behavior. Querium's Online PAA is FREE to Texas colleges & school districts and positions students for success by teaching them the importance of the TSI Assessment in less than 30 minutes.

THECB approved! Querium's PAA Online is funded by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) and meets all requirements of TSI Rule §4.55(b)

[Test drive our PAA!](#)

Querium's PAA Online is designed for today's students and easy to implement for campuses.

TSIA: College Readiness Benchmarks

Current TSIA Section	Minimum Passing Score(s)
Reading	351
Mathematics	350
*Writing	340 (Objective) and 4 (Essay)
*Writing	< 340 (Objective) and ABE Diagnostic \geq 4 and Essay \geq 5

TSIA2 Section	Minimum Passing Score(s)
English Language Arts & Reading (ELAR) + Writing	TBA
Mathematics	TBA

TSIA: Understanding the Scores

Subject Area	Placement Test Max Range(s)	If student is NOT college ready, then use Diagnostic for placement
Reading	310 – 390 (College Ready: Yes or No)	Institutions should provide a range of developmental interventions to best meet students needs.
Mathematics		
Writing		
Writing (Essay)	1 - 8	

[TSIA Interpreting Your Score Document](#)

- The TSIA is computer-adaptive.
- The first 20 questions (per subject) yield the Placement Test Score (310-390).
- If the college readiness benchmark is NOT met, student completes a diagnostic.
- Diagnostic provides feedback on specific areas of strength and weakness.
- Diagnostic results should be used in placing students into developmental coursework/interventions (*high school complete students*) or College Prep Course (*high school students*).

Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSIA)

- A student may retake the TSIA at any time. (19 Tex. Admin. Code § 4.59(d)).
- As a best practice, engage in some type of intervention or refresher **BEFORE** attempting the TSIA again.

How can a student demonstrate College Readiness? (THECB)

- TSIA or TSIA2
- ACT
- SAT
- STAAR EOC – English III and Algebra II (4000)
- College Preparatory Course (at IHE with MOU with ISD)
- Earned college credit in reading, writing, or math-intensive course (application by TSIA subject area is based on policies of receiving institution)
 - Could be through AP, dual credit
- *See [TAC Rule 4.54](#) for all exemptions, exceptions, and waivers*

TEA: College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR)

4/20/18

College Ready

- *Meet criteria of 3 on AP or 4 on IB examinations*
- **Meet TSI criteria (SAT/ACT/TSIA/College Prep course) in reading and mathematics**
- *Complete a course for dual credit (9 hours or more in any subject or 3 hours or more in ELAR/mathematics)*
- **Earn an associate's degree**
- *Complete an OnRamps course**
- *Meet standards on a composite of indicators indicating college readiness**

**Student must earn and accept college credit*

TEA: College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR)

4/20/18

Career Ready

- Earn industry-based certification
- CTE coherent sequence coursework completion and credit aligned with approved industry-based certifications (one-half point credit)
- Graduate with completed IEP and workforce readiness (graduation type code of 04, 05, 54, or 55)
- Be admitted to postsecondary industry certification program*

Military Ready

- Enlist in the United States Armed Forces

House Bill 2223 – Corequisite Models

House Bill 2223 – Corequisite Models

- HB2223 requires each IHE to develop and scale corequisite model(s) for certain undergraduate (**high school complete only**) underprepared students.
- Each institution shall ensure that at least 75 percent of the institution's undergraduate students enrolled in developmental coursework, other than adult basic education or basic academic skills education, are enrolled in developmental **corequisite models**.

Definition of Undergraduate Student

- [Rule 4.53\(24\)](#):
- (24) Undergraduate student—a student, other than a high school student enrolled in college-level coursework for dual credit, who enrolls at a Texas public institution of higher education in a field or program of study.
- *Corequisite models are for high school complete students **only***

Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSIA2)

Development Timeline | Enhancements | Implementation

Texas Success Initiative Assessment, Version 2.0 (TSIA2)

TSAI2 Development Timeline	
Process	Date
College Board selected as vendor	August 2019
Test Design Meeting	September 2019
Assessment Task Force Review	November 2019, meets quarterly
Item Review	February 2020
Standards Setting	April 2020
New College Readiness Benchmarks to be Released	April 2020, <i>Upon approval by the THECB Board</i>
Beta Testing	June 2020
Launch Date	August 2020

Texas Success Initiative Assessment, Version 2.0 (TSIA2)

Anticipated Enhancements:

- Alignment to revised standards
 - TxCCR, Revised TEKS, AEL 2.0 Standards, NRS EFLDs
- Integration of Reading and Writing
- Reduce diagnostics to one test
- Improve transportability of test results for students and test administrators
- Test administrator training and data matching
- Free, customized online learning support for students not meeting the college readiness benchmarks
- Effective date: Fall 2020*

Texas Success Initiative Assessment, Version 2.0 (TSIA2)

Implementation Details:

- Launch date: August 31, 2020 (for both K-12 & IHEs)
- Current TSIA scores remain valid for 5 years from date of testing

Retesting:

- For students who are **retesting**, students cannot combine TSIA and TSIA2 test results.

Texas Success Initiative Assessment, Version 2.0 (TSIA2)

Improve transportability of test results for students and test administrators

- Student Portal
 - At completion of testing, students can send test results to up to 3 institutions (additional, free sending options also available)
 - Tutorials for calculators (math) and highlighting features (ELAR)
 - Math basic four-function, square root, graphing
 - Calculator may not be available for all questions

Free, customized online learning support (*Perspectives*)

- Available to students not meeting the college readiness benchmarks
- Recommended for use with high school College Prep Course and TSIA/College Readiness classes/workshops

Texas Success Initiative Assessment, Version 2.0 (TSIA2)

Data Matching

- Working with TEA to require the use of county-district-campus numbers to improve statewide data matching for TEA accountability
- Details forthcoming

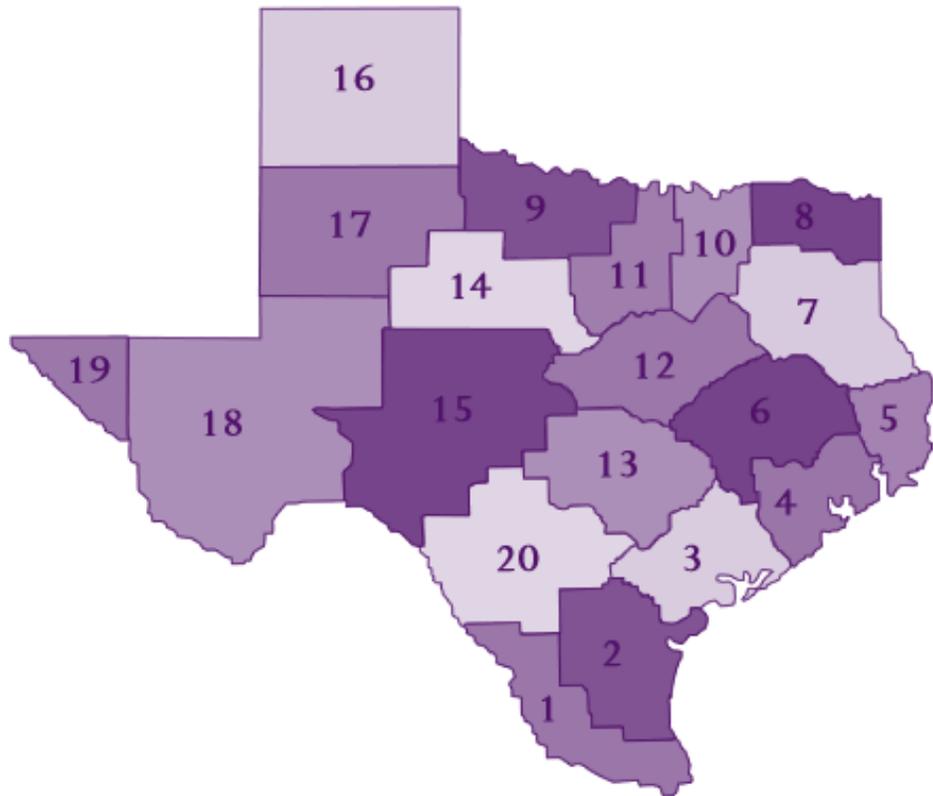
Accommodations

- Must work with partnering IHE to determine appropriate accommodation(s)
- For independent TSIA administration by K-12, THECB is working with College Board to establish protocols and guidelines (details forthcoming)

Mandatory TSIA/TSIA2 Training

- Initial Certification
- Annual Certification Updates
- Training Topics
 - Account related permissions and logins
 - Pre-registration/Voucher system
 - Test Administration, Proctoring, and Security Requirements (wearables)
 - Reports, including customized
 - Accommodations

TSIA 2.0 Training Plan (Draft)



FYI: Additional trainings will be available via webex format. Dates to be announced.

TSIA 2 Training Dates & Locations In-Person Trainings			
January 27-31, 2020	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3
February 10-14, 2020	Region 4	Region 4	Region 5
February 24-28, 2020	Region 19	Region 18	
March 2-6, 2020	Region 9	Region 10	Region 11
March 23-27, 2020	Region 13	Region 20	Region 20
April 13-17, 2020	Region 8	Region 7	Region 6
May 4-8, 2020	Region 16	Region 17	Region 14
May 18-22, 2020	Region 15	Region 12	
June 11, 2020	Region 13		

*Schedule is tentative based on facility availability and subject to change

TSIA 2.0

Additional Training Opportunities

- Webinars with Live Demos
 - 1 hr sessions covering the following topics:
 - Account Hierarchy, User Roles & Permissions, & Account Management (recommended for IA/SM Only)
 - Pre-registration/Voucher system
 - Test Administration and Proctoring
 - Course Placement Messages for Individual Student Score Report (recommended for Higher Ed)
 - Reports
- Pre-Recorded Individual Topic Sessions
- Train the Trainer Materials

Discussion/Q&A

THECB Contacts:

- **Suzanne Morales-Vale, PhD** 512.427.6262
Director, Adult and Developmental Education
Division of College Readiness and Success
- **Keylan Morgan, MEd** 512.427.6244
Program Specialist, Developmental Education
Division of College Readiness and Success
- **Melissa Humphries, PhD** 512.427.6546
Senior Research Specialist, Research and Evaluation
Division of Strategic Planning and Funding
 - HB2223 Reporting
- **Yughi Kim, PhD** 512.427.6145
Program Director, Research and Evaluation
Division of Strategic Planning and Funding
 - DE/TSI Reporting