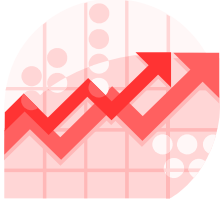


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Passport to College Outcomes



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Passport To College (PTC) was an initiative that started in 1996 at the Riverside Community College District (RCCD). The concept was to infuse a college-going expectation into students in the 5th grade. One of the incentives was a promise by RCCD to pay for the first two years of college if the student enrolled at RCCD.

PTC students were targeted to start college in Fall 2004. There were 6,142 first-time college students (FTCS) in Fall 2004 and of these 1,426 (23.2%) were identified as PTC students. PTC

was not intended for students to attend only RCCD. Of the 3,573 students that were tracked from the beginning of the program, the number identified as FTCS at RCCD in Fall 2004 (1,426) accounted for 39.9% of the entire PTC population.

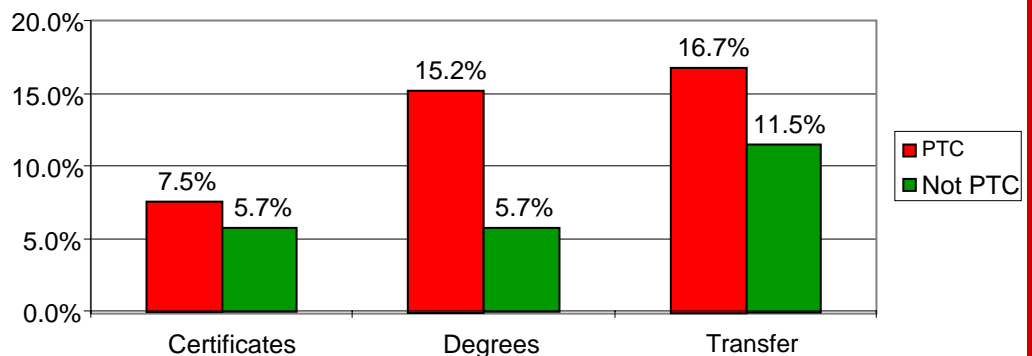
A major goal of PTC was to get students to transfer to a 4-year postsecondary institution. Utilizing data from the National Student Clearing House, a service established to assist institutions as they administer financial aid, FTCS in Fall

2004 were tracked to see how many had transferred three years later.

Results show that FTCS who were PTC students were more likely to have enrolled at a 4-year postsecondary institution within three years than FTCS who were not FTCS.

In addition, PTC students were more likely to earn a degree or certificate than FTCS who were not PTC.

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First-time College Students, Fall 2004



All differences were statistically significant.

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