

Council on Postsecondary Education

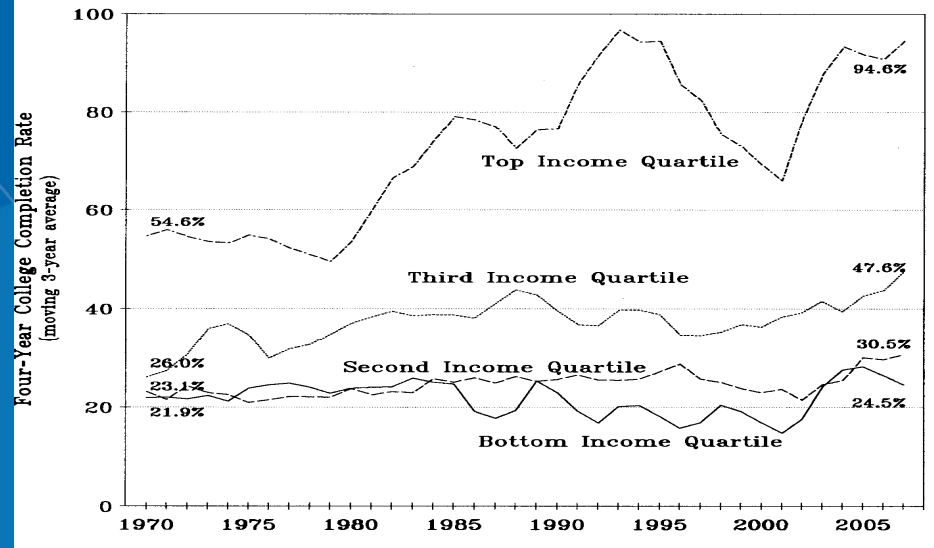
Beating the Odds: *Berea's Unlikely Story of Student Success*

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A Distinctive Mission

Estimated Bachelor's Degree Completion Rates by Age 24 by Family Income Quartiles for Dependent College Students Who Began College, 1970 to 2007



- Regional Service
- Students of Great Promise
- Interracial Education
- Service-Oriented Leadership
- Coeducation
- Demonstrated Financial Need

Institutional Assets

- **Generous Financial Aid Program**
- **Committed Faculty and Staff**
- **Strong Academic Reputation**
- **Innovative Student Work Program**
- **Attractive Campus/Facilities**
- **Determination to Succeed**




Student Population, 1997

- **Two-Thirds First Generation College Grads.**
- **41% in Top Quintile of HS Graduating Class**
- **47% Require Remediation in Mathematics**
- **21.7 ACT Composite**
- **83% Pell Eligible**
- **7% African American**
- **64% Retention Rate**
- **47% 5-Year Graduation Rate**



Ambitious Objectives



We're changing their **world**.
Get ready for them to **change** yours.

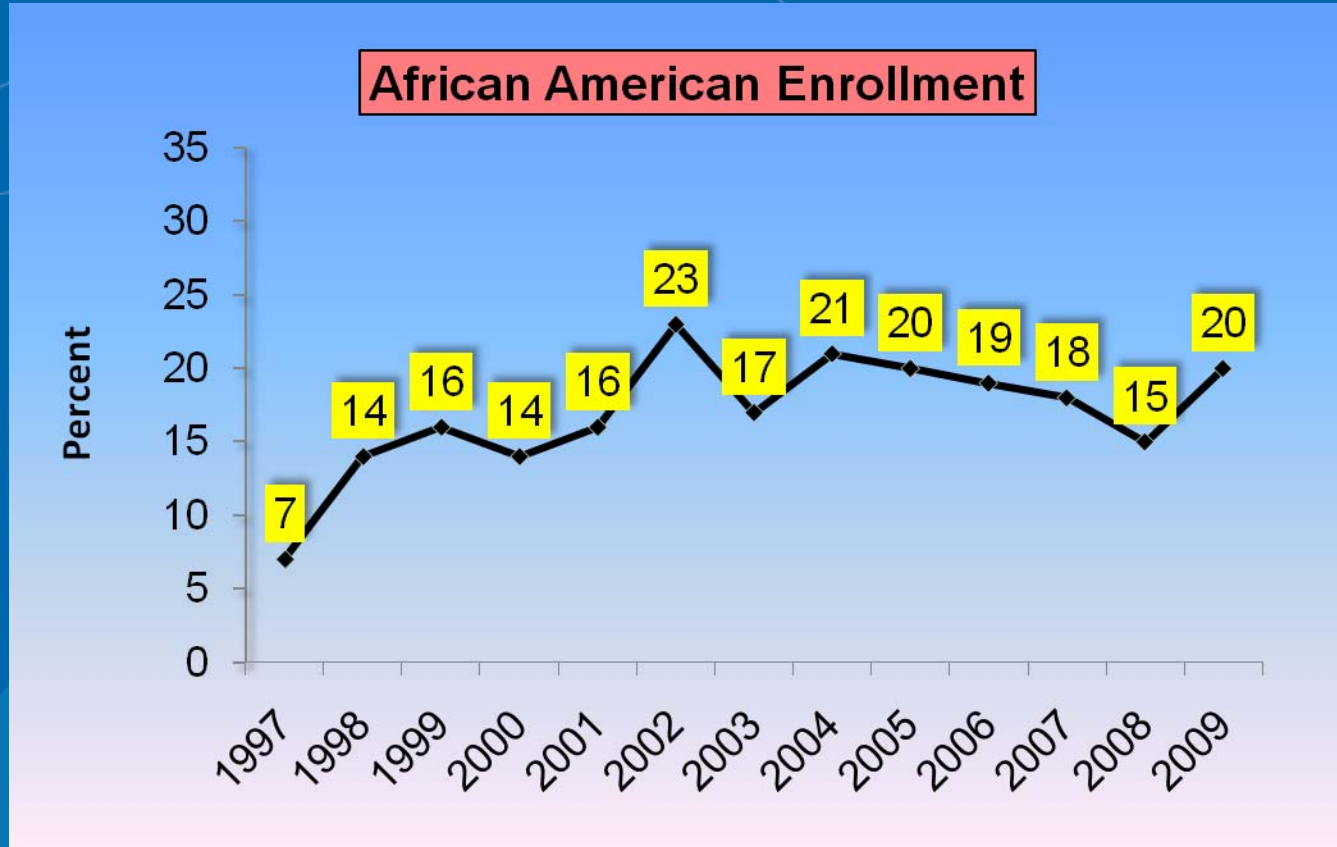
To us, they're not just students. Sure, they spend a lot of time in our classrooms and library. But they're also young professionals getting real-world experience in our innovative work-learning program. They're service-oriented leaders contributing to the lives of others, both here in Kentucky and around the globe. They're **WORLD CITIZENS** adept at considering the impact their lives could—and should—have on others.

At Berea College, we're always proud of the honors our students receive. Please join us in congratulating our award-winning students:

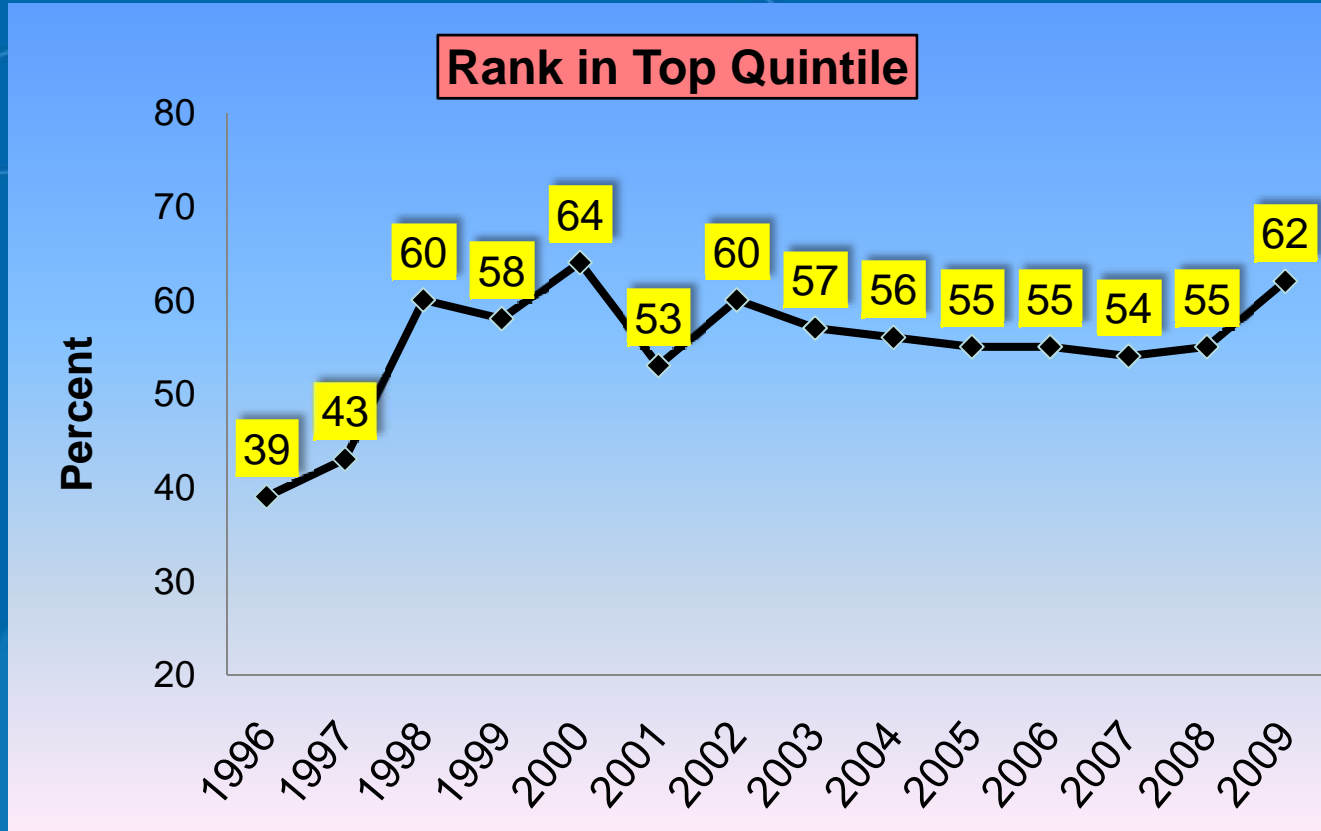
- Increase Diversity
- Improve Qualifications
- Maintain Financial Need
- Increase Retention Rates
- Increase Graduation Rates



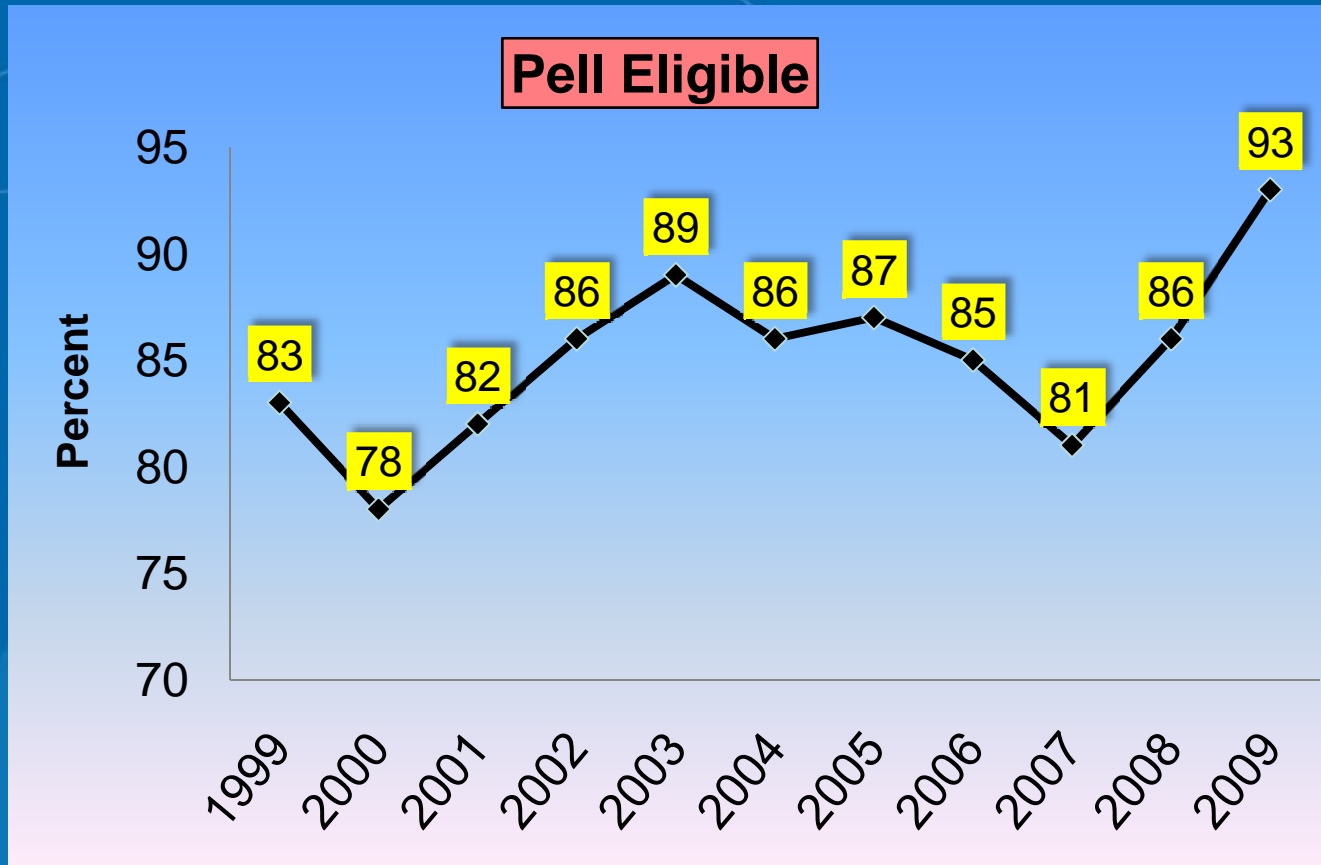
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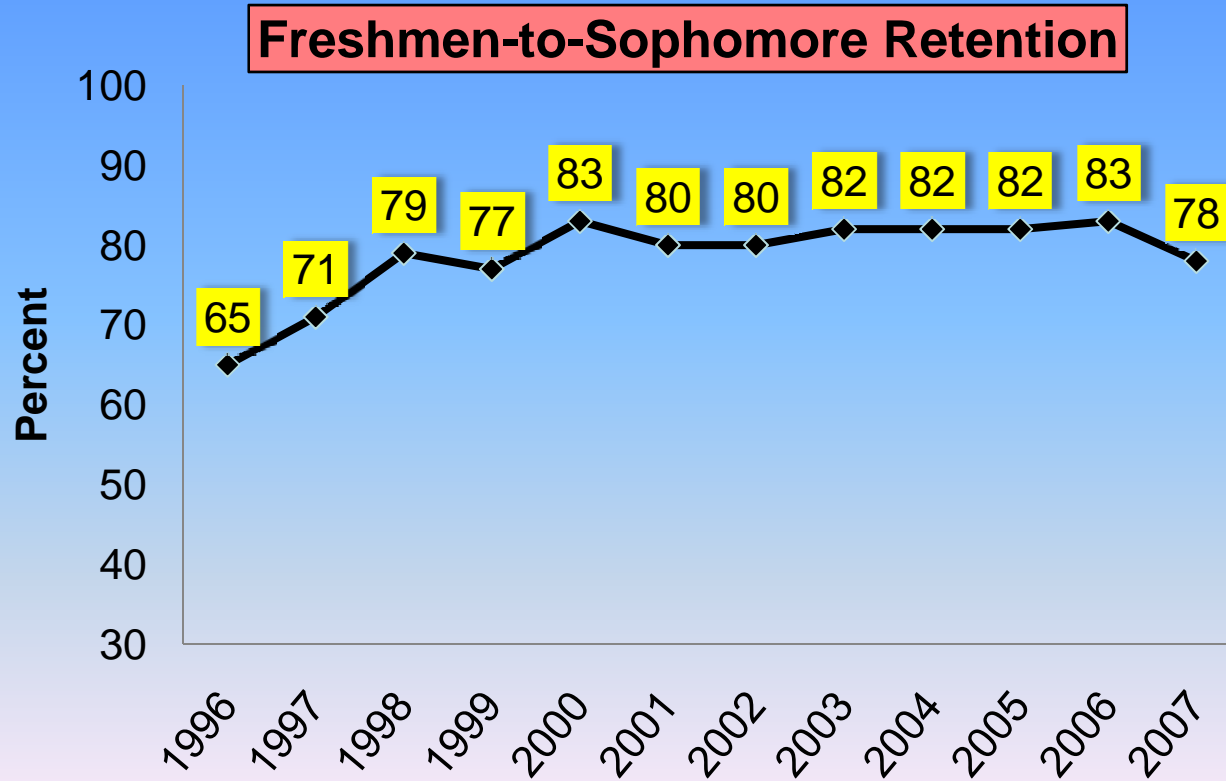
Improve Institutional Fit



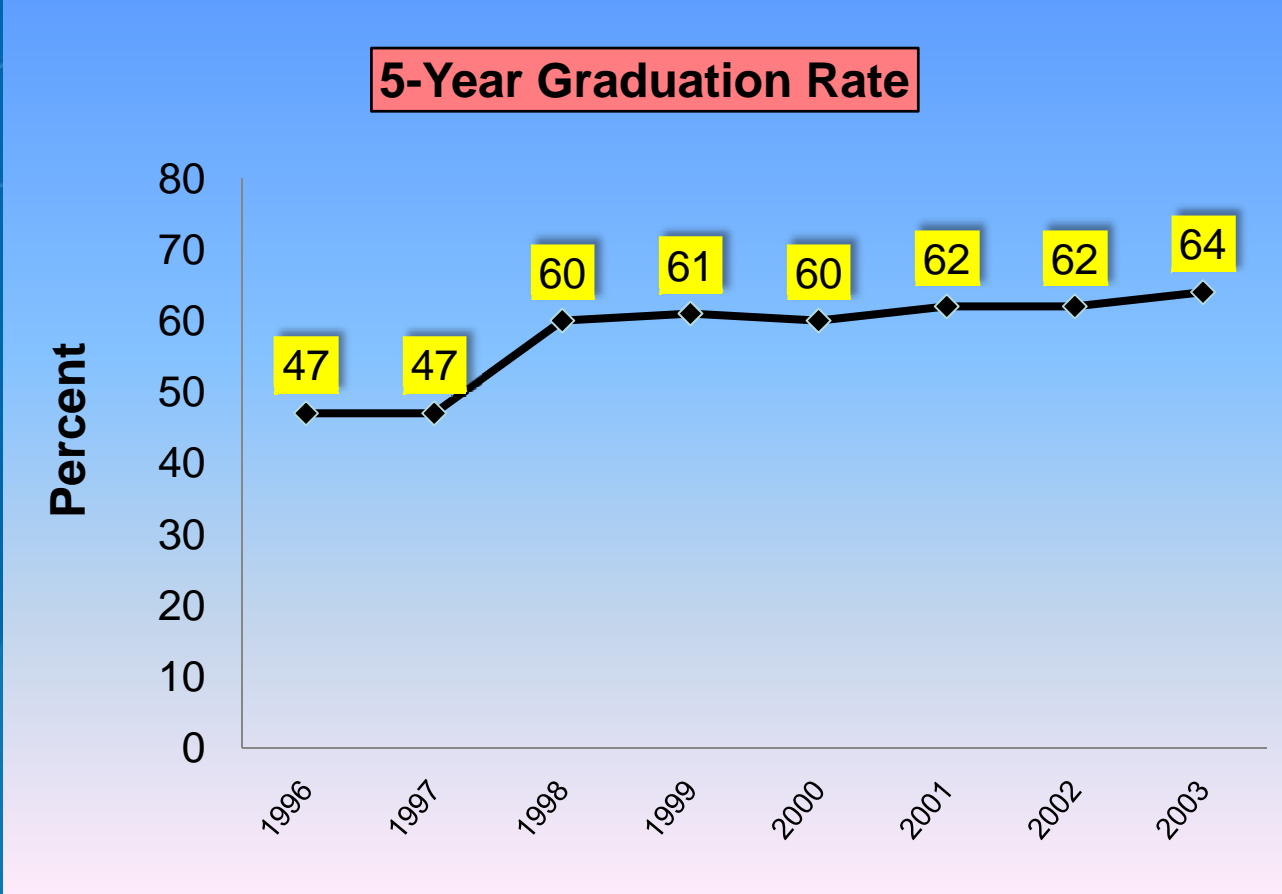
Maintain Financial Need



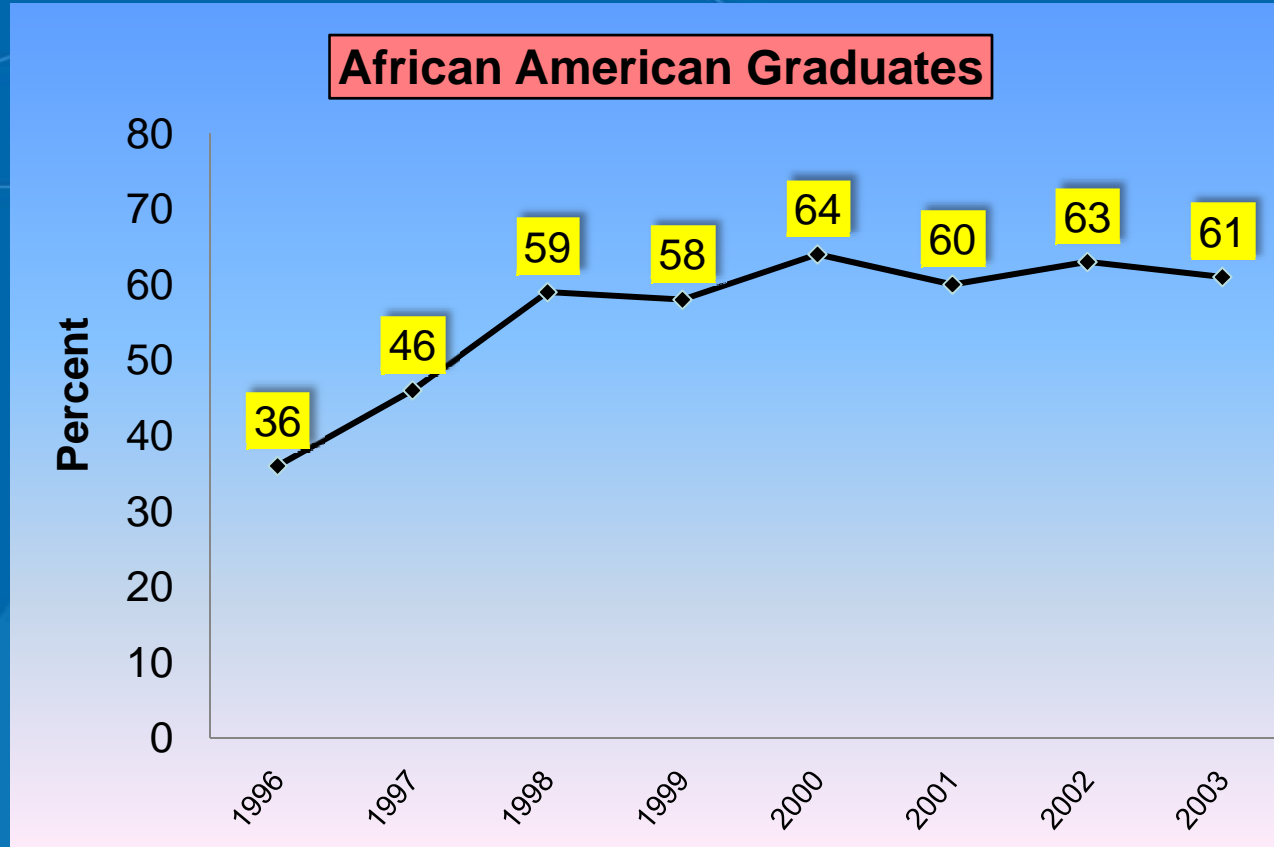
Increase Retention Rates



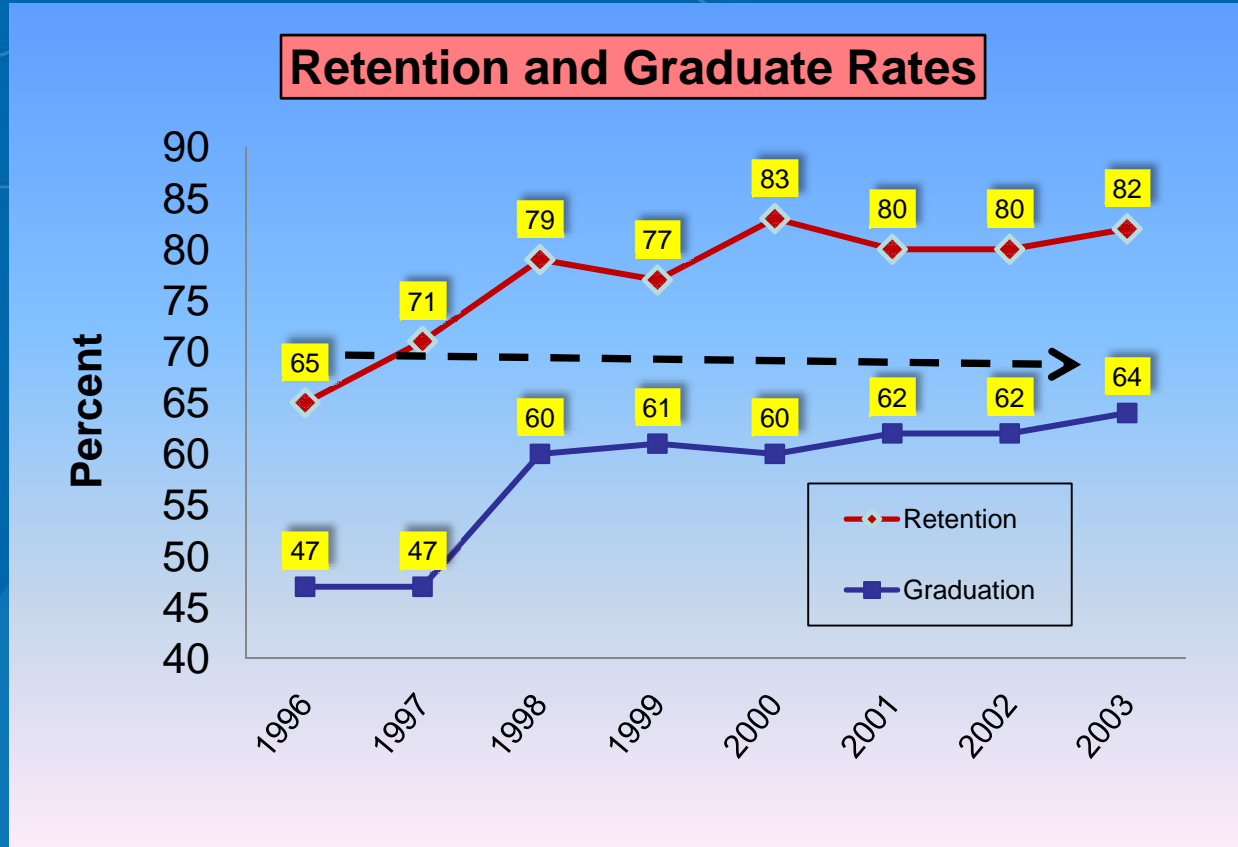
Increase Graduation Rates



African American 5-Year Graduation Rates



Persistence



Questions

