



Community College to Four-Year Transfer Pathways and College Economic Outcomes

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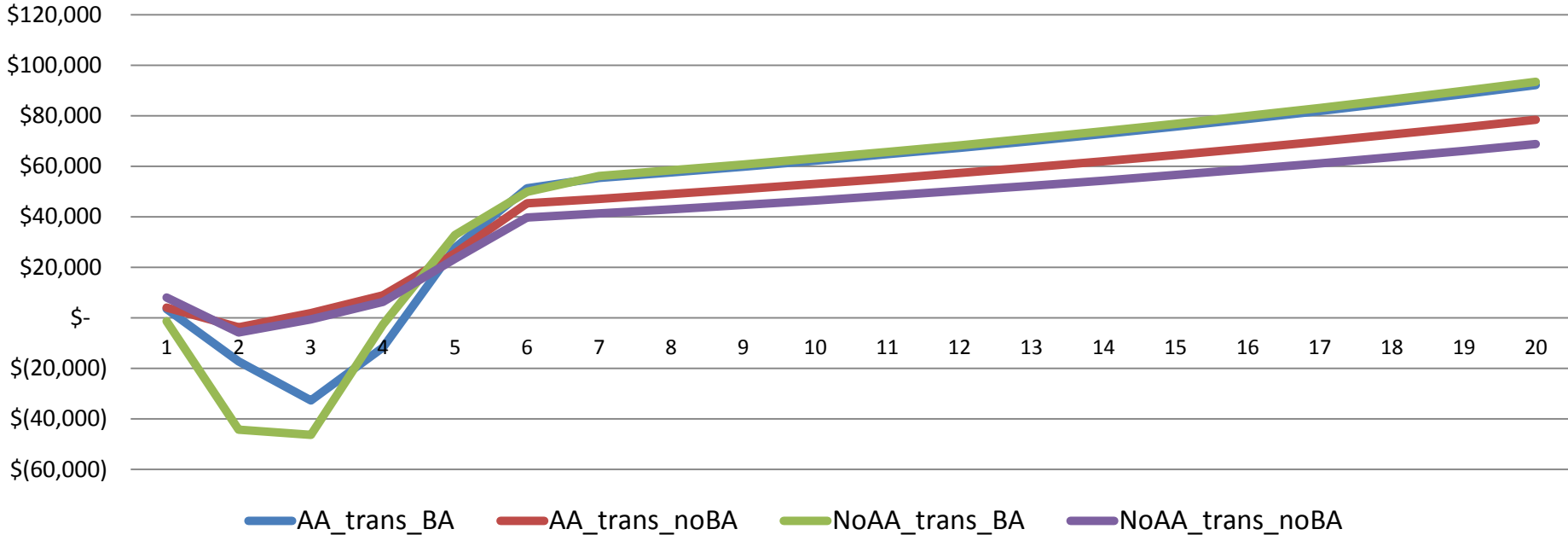
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Potential Benefits of Transfer

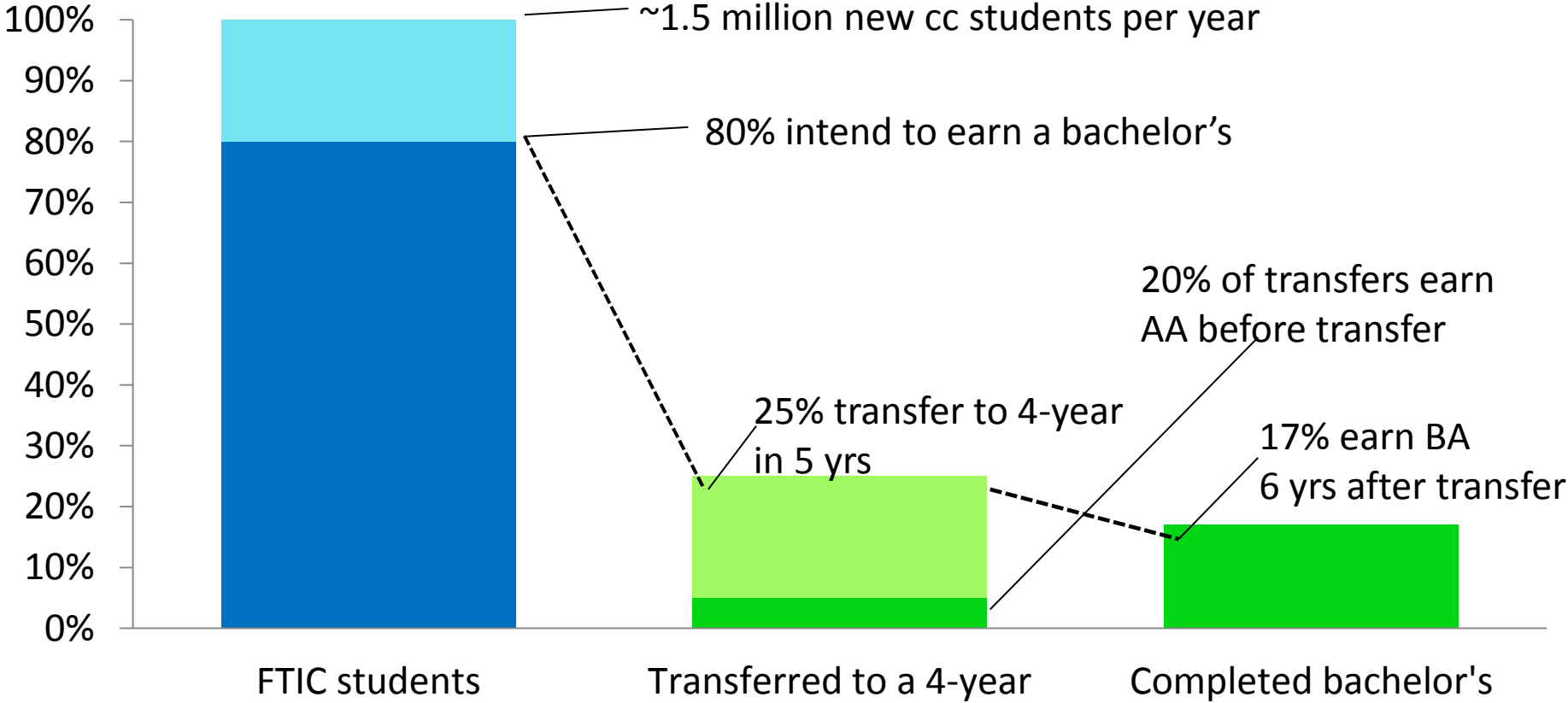
- Majority of cc students aspire to BA
- “2+2” potentially more affordable route to bachelor’s for students and taxpayers
- Critical route to upward mobility
- Strategy for meeting regional labor market needs

Transfer Path Net Benefits

Net Benefits of Community College by Outcome – Transfer Students:
Earnings Minus Total Cost
(Undiscounted 2010 dollars; 20-year window)

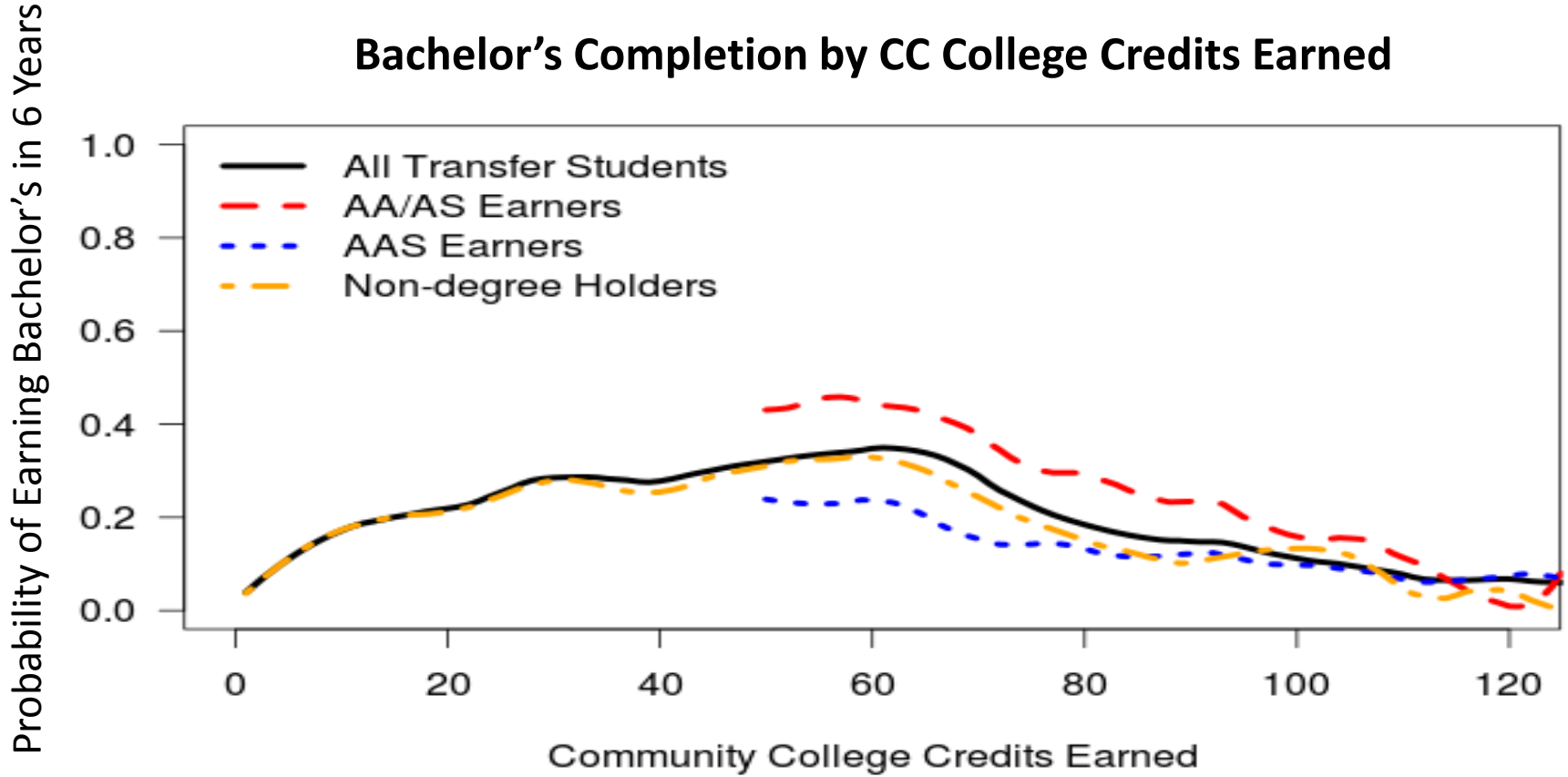


Unfulfilled Expectations

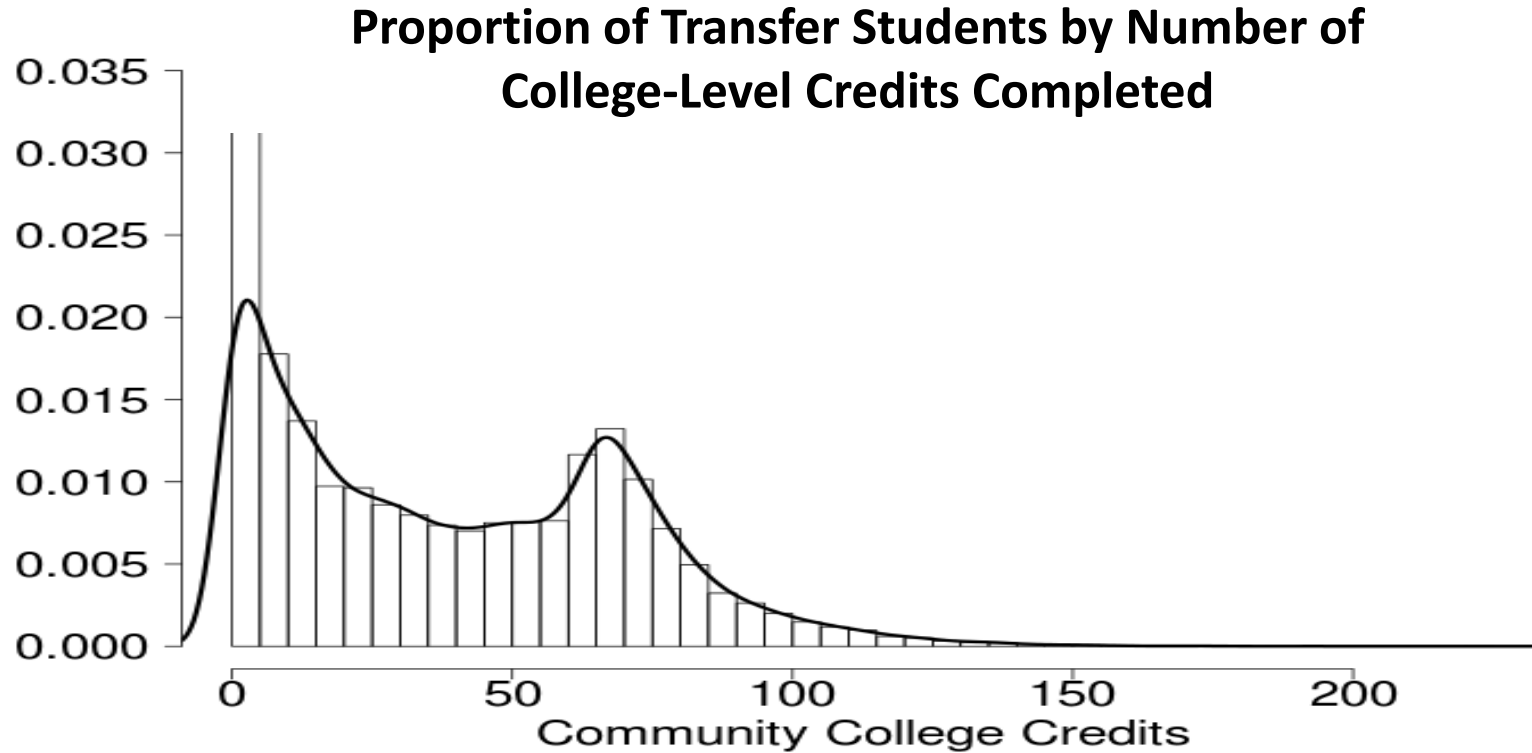


Transfer Outcomes

Bachelor's Completion by CC College Credits Earned

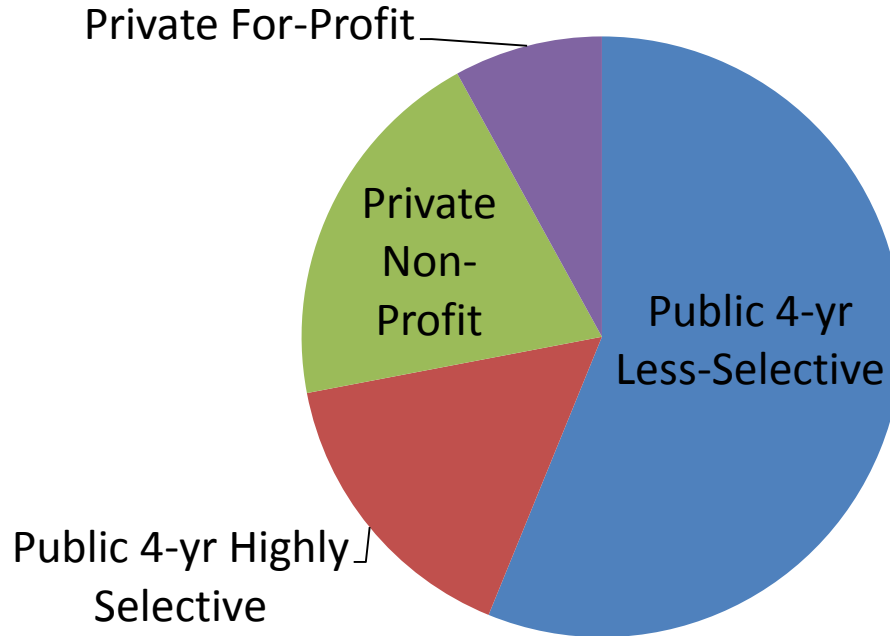


Transfer Timing



CC Transfer Destinations

Community College Transfer Student Four-Year Destinations by Institution Type



Transfer Completion Rates

Share of CC Transfers and Completion Rates For CC Students 6 Years After Transfer

4-Year Institution Type	Share of Transfers	Transfer Completion Rate
Public	72%	65%
Private Non-Profit	20%	60%
Private For-Profit	8%	35%

Transfer Inefficiencies

- Most bachelor's wannabes don't transfer
- Most students transfer early
- Many credits not accepted toward major
- Financial aid exhausted
- Nearly 40% of transfers fail to earn BA
- Increased time to degree
- Students not steered to lucrative majors

Transfer Pathways Compared

Self-Guided (Status Quo)	Guided Pathways
Paths unclear, too many choices	Clear, default roadmaps to transfer w/ junior standing in major
Limited transfer guidance	Built-in transfer guidance
Inaccurate, inaccessible info	Accurate, accessible info
Students' progress not monitored	Progress tracking, regular feedback & support
Limited support for transfers by 4-years	Specialized intake and supports for transfer students
Little communication between 2- and 4-years	Active collaboration between 2- and 4-years

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