

Long Beach College Promise Student Trajectories: The Beach & Beyond

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Research Questions

1. What is the profile of students who do not graduate?
2. How does this compare to similar students who are not Promise students?
3. How many Promise students complete a degree after leaving CSULB?
4. What actions/policies can we develop to minimize attrition among Promise students?

Introduction

This project seeks to further investigate findings from the 2024 Long Beach College Promise Data Fellows project which compared Promise students at CSULB to students from the other local districts

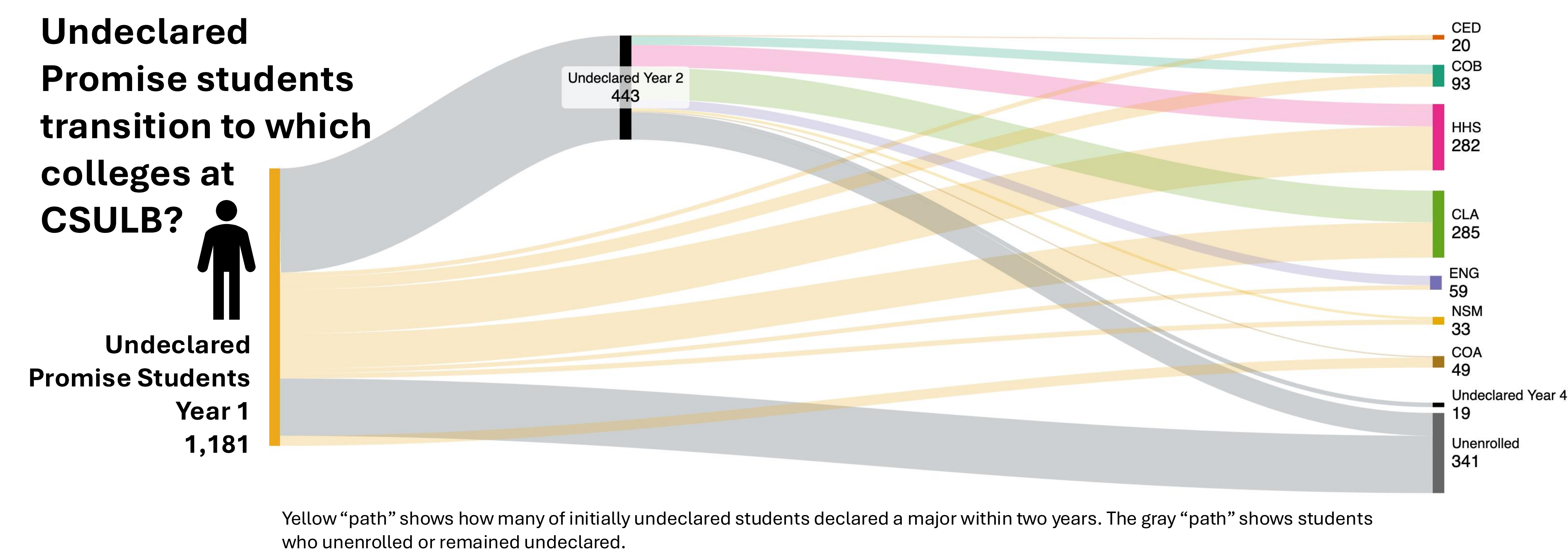
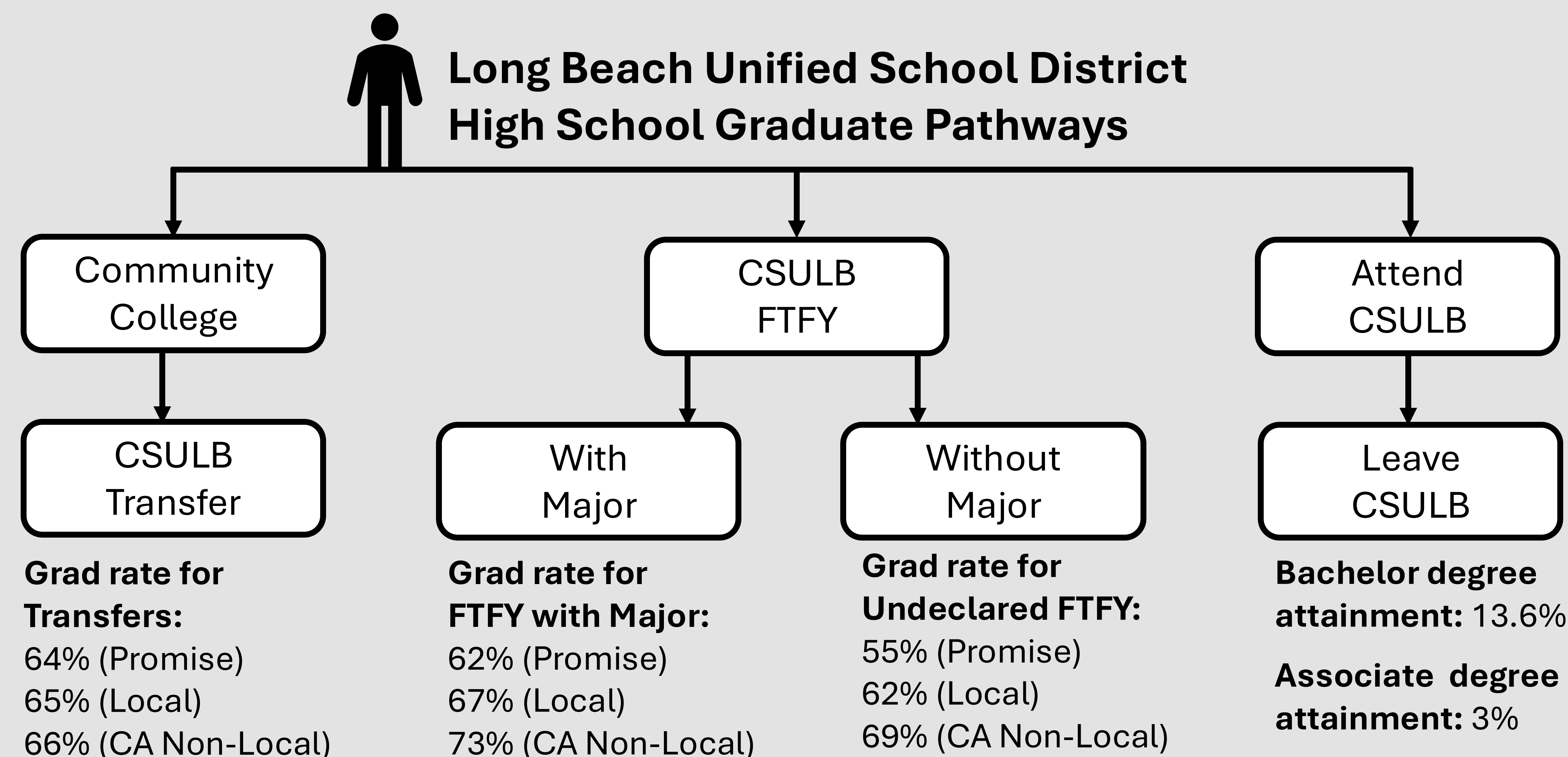
	Promise	Non-Promise Local
1 st Gen	38%	31%
Minority	58%	51%
Pell Eligible	67%	57%
Avg HS GPA	3.43	3.35
Undeclared	19%	17%
Non-CSULB Graduates	29%	24%

Methods

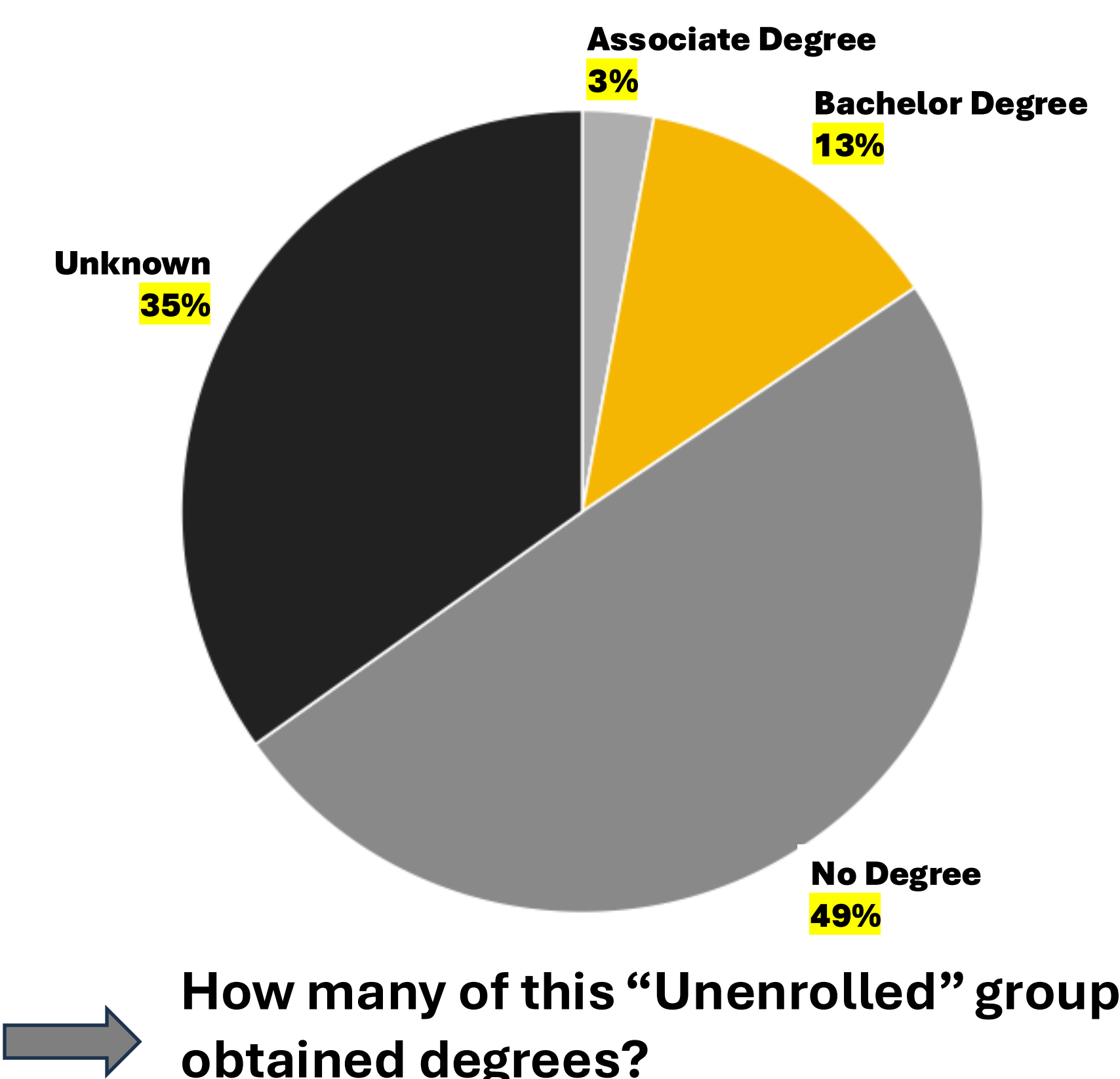
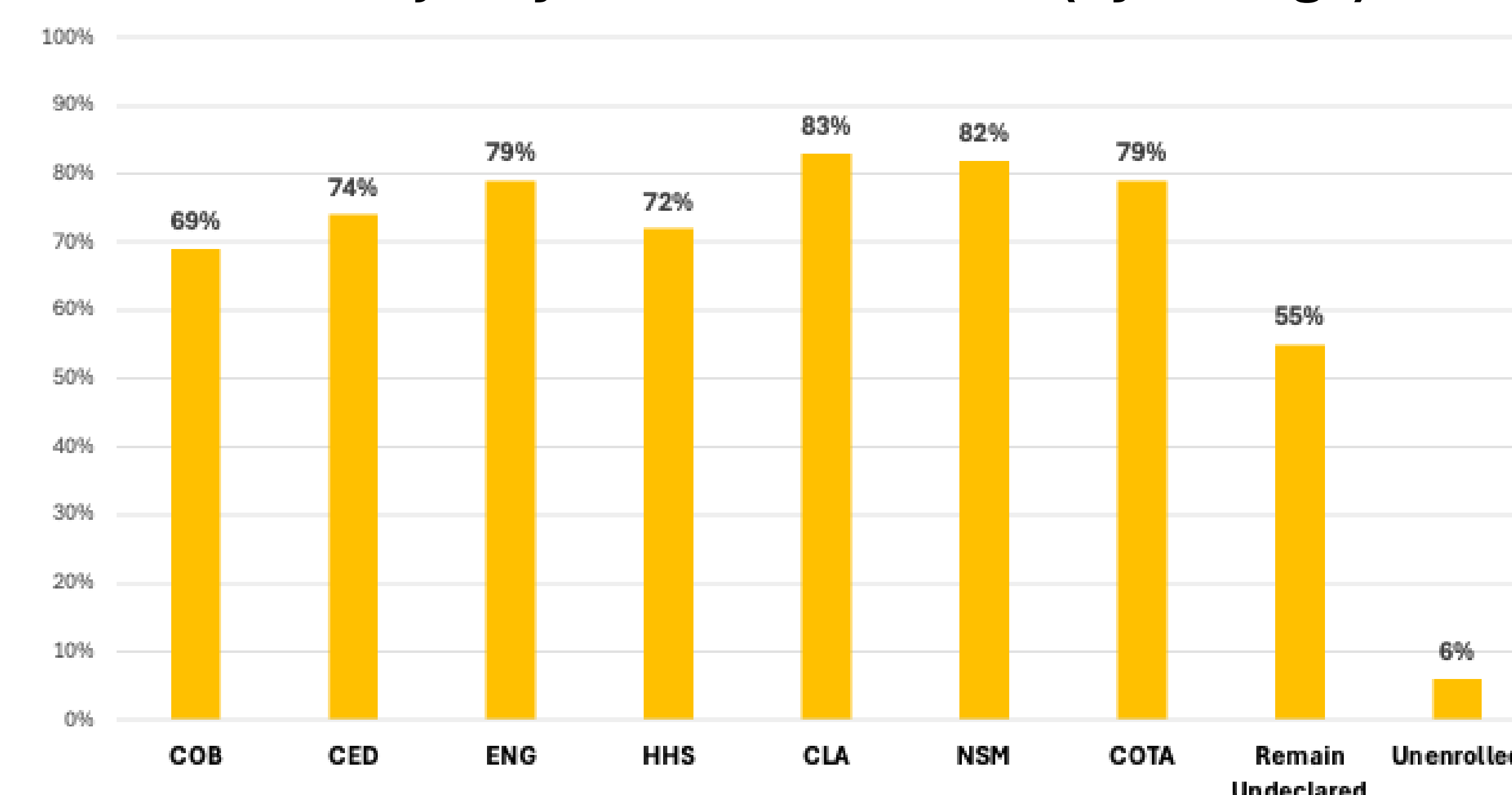
Using FTFY Cohorts Fall 2012-2017 and Transfer Cohorts 2012 – 2022, we...

- Compared graduation rates for each “pathway” for Promise students using data from SSD
- Used National Clearinghouse data to find pathways taken by Promise students who left CSULB before graduating

Results



6-year grad rates for undeclared Promise students who declare a major by end of Semester 4 (by College)



Conclusion / Discussion

FTFY PROMISE STUDENTS ADMITTED AS UNDECLARED FACE AN UNCERTAIN PATH TO DEGREE COMPLETION

- As a mechanism of local preference, CSULB-eligible students not admitted to their major through competitive review are admitted as Undeclared
- Some undeclared students do not know or do not understand that they have *not* been admitted to their major
- As a result of math sequencing and impaction, some students may not be able to declare their intended major
- 55% of undeclared Promise students will graduate from CSULB within 6 years (local non-Promise: 62%)
- 17% of Promise students who leave CSULB before graduating will go on to earn a bachelor or associate degree

Implications for Action

GIVE STUDENTS MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO START IN A MAJOR

- Consider a second major in Cal State Apply for Promise students
- Create meta majors for students interested in fields such as technology, law, or medicine
- Campaign for Promise students to declare a major in their 1st year

Next Steps / Future Directions

- Enhance outreach to Promise high school students
- Explore the trajectory of undeclared Promise students who applied to the School of Nursing
- Determine what percentage of undeclared Promise students are able to declare their first choice major