

INEQUITY IN HIGHER EDUCATIONAL ACCESS AND
SUCCESS IN THE AGE OF COVID-19:

EMERGING RESEARCH AND COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS TO
BOLSTER OUTCOMES FOR BLACK AND BROWN STUDENTS

UW-Diversity Forum
November 3rd, 2021

OVERVIEW OF PRESENTATION

- Introductions
- Questions for Panelists
- Discussion among Panelists
- Audience Question and Answer

Note: Please feel free throughout to post comments and questions in the chat. We will have team members monitoring it.

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HIGHER EDUCATION ACCESS AND INEQUALITY

The education gap between Wisconsin's Black and White students is one of the largest in the nation

High School Credential Completion Rates in Wisconsin

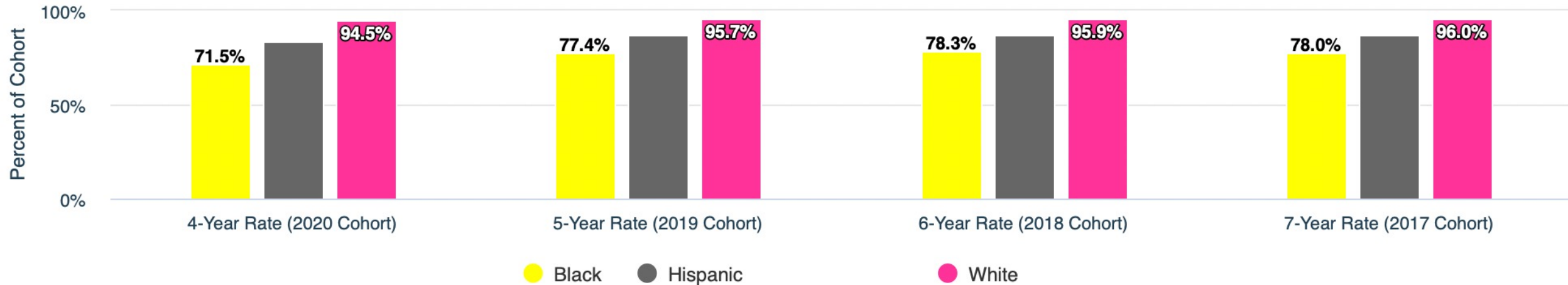
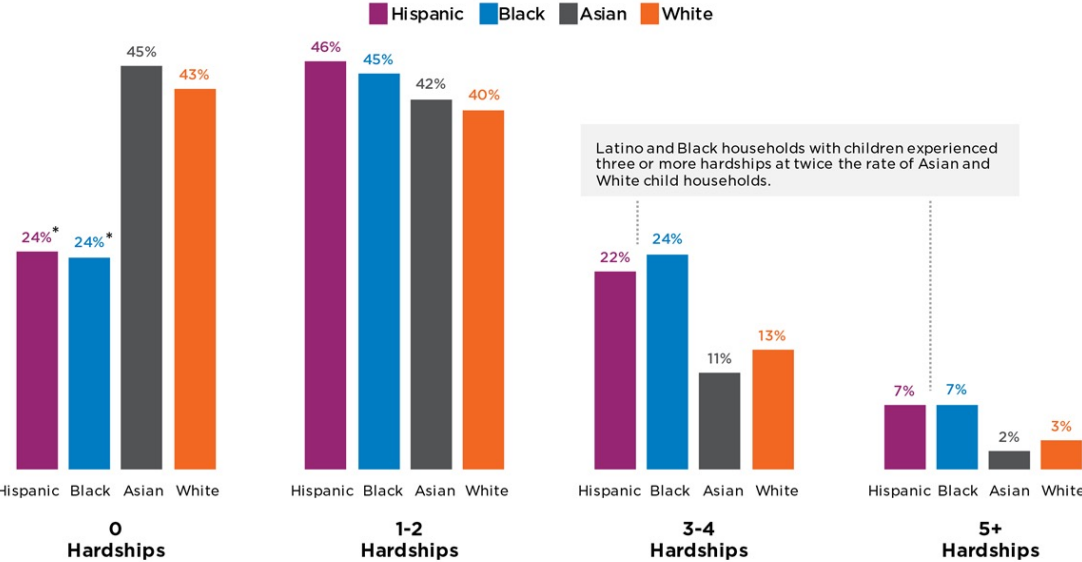


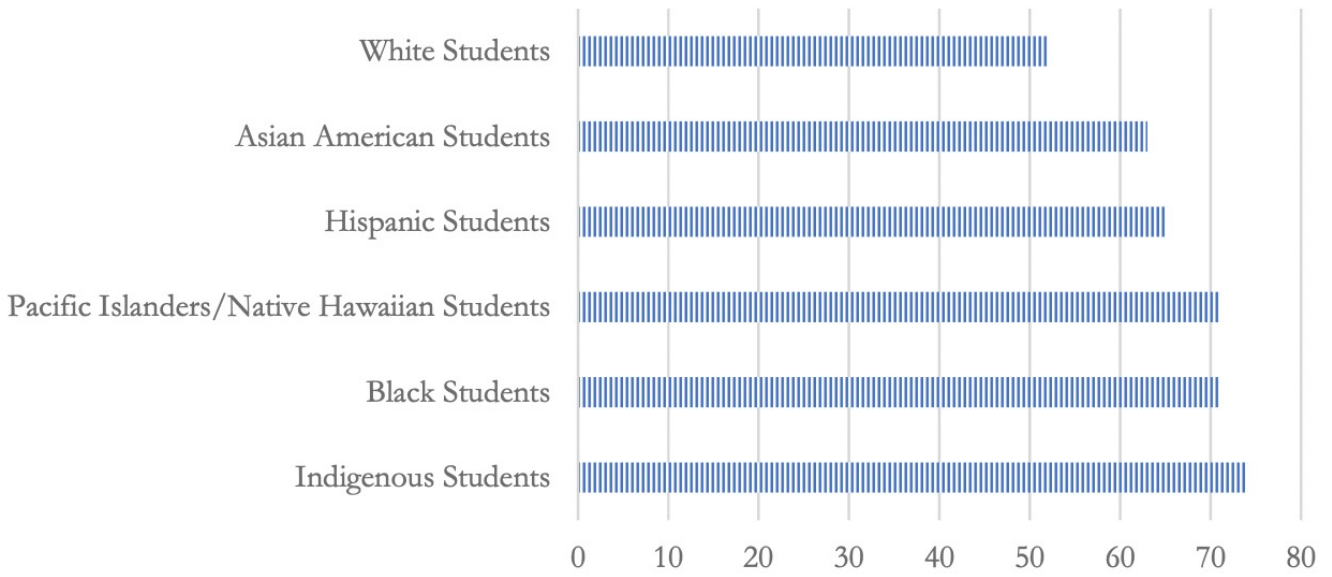
Figure 1. During COVID-19, Hispanic and Black households with children experienced three or more hardships at greater rates than Asian and White child households.



*The bars representing the rate of zero hardships for Hispanic and Black households with children are both labeled as 24% but are slightly different heights due to rounding (i.e., 24.49% for Hispanic child households and 23.89% for Black child households).

Source: The Census Bureau Household Pulse Survey, Weeks 13-20 (August 19-December 7, 2020). Data are weighted to be nationally representative.

Percentage Of Students Reporting Basic Needs Insecurities



COVID'S UNEQUAL IMPACTS

QUESTIONS FOR PANELISTS

What are priorities to supporting underrepresented students' higher education access given COVID-19's impacts?

What gives you hope despite these challenges?

AUDIENCE QUESTION AND ANSWER



THE PANDEMIC'S IMPACTS ON PATHWAYS TO HIGHER EDUCATION ACCESS

Nationwide

- College enrollments declined 2.5 percent in Fall 2020.
- This is twice the rate of decline reported in Fall 2019.

FAFSA and Wisconsin Students

- 46% completion for state and 47% for Milwaukee (32% drop for MPS)

And This Is Just the Beginning

- Altered career paths
- Financial constraints
- Mental and physical health consequences

RESOURCES AND
FOLLOW UP LINKS

- Marquette University's [Center for Urban Research, Teaching, and Outreach](#)
- [Black and Latino/a Ecosystem and Support Transition Hub](#)
- [2021 State of the Ecosystem Report](#)
- [Ecosystem Map](#)
- [Moonshot for Equity](#)
- [Higher Education Regional Alliance \(HERA\)](#)
- [UWM's Roberto Hernandez Center](#)
- [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at MATC](#)



THANK
YOU

We appreciate your time and
engagement, and please reach out!

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