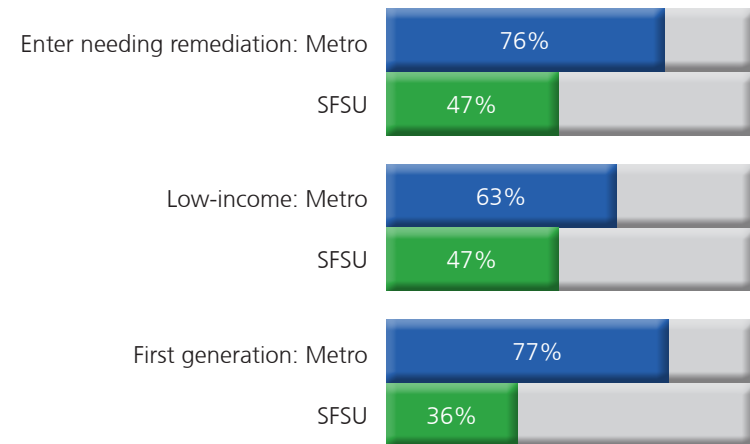
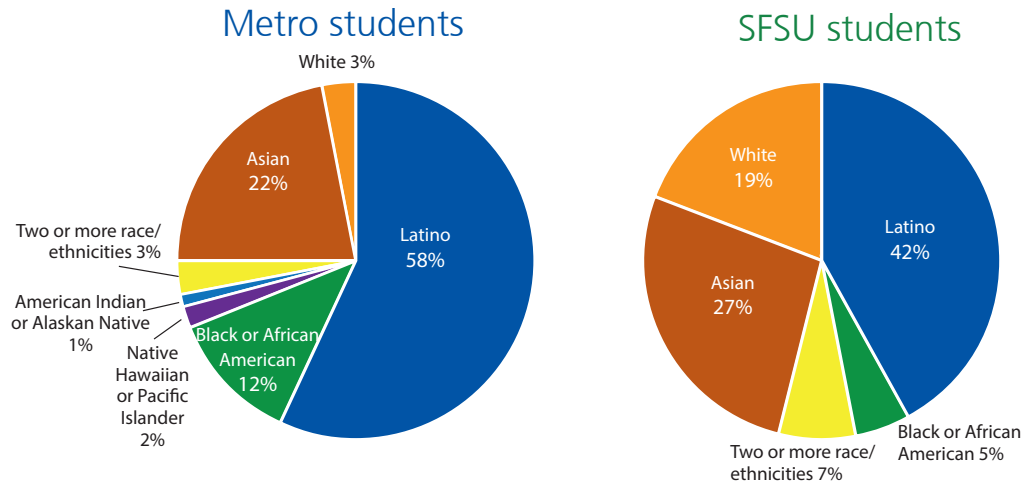
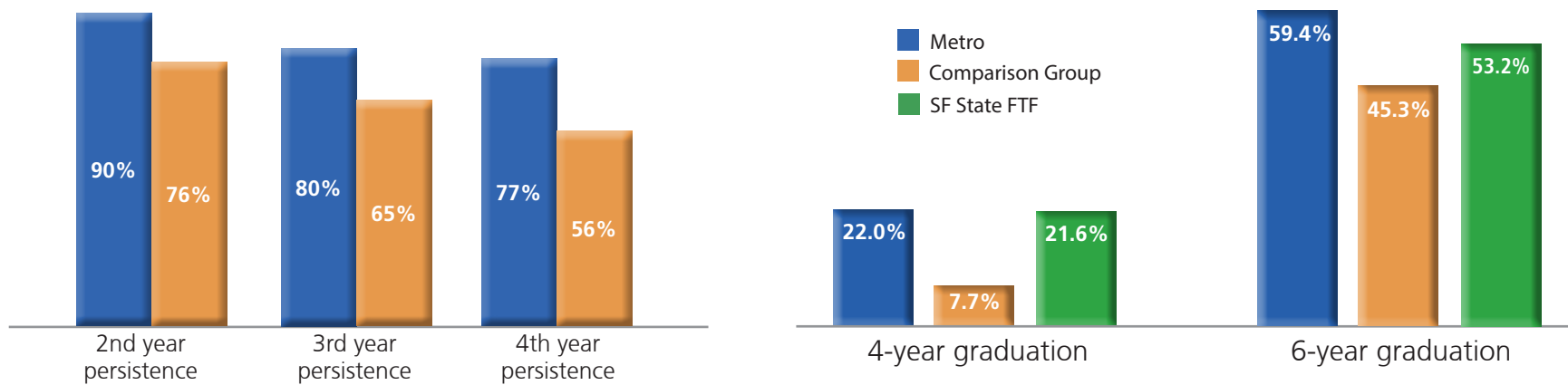


Who are Metro students?

Metro students come from diverse communities and are often the first in their families to attend college. In fact, 95% are either low-income, first-generation college-going, or underrepresented students. 47% of all SF State first-year students enter needing remediation in math and/or English, compared to 76% of Metro students. Despite this disadvantage at the starting line, Metro students outperform their peers in persistence and graduation. The graphs below represent the demographics of the 2016 cohorts and the most recent outcomes for Metro cohorts 2010 - 2014 and their matched comparison groups.



77% of Metro students persist into their senior year and almost 60% graduate within five years. That's more than 14 percentage points higher than a comparison group at SF State, matched on ethnicity, income level, needing remediation, first-generation status, start term, and subject enrollment.



Metro College Success Program is a redesign of the first two years of college to prepare students for graduation, community engagement, and meaningful careers. Metro students are grouped in student learning communities ("Academies") to prepare for a variety of majors and fields of interest, with a Metro Academy in each college at SF State. Each Academy is a 'school within a school' for up to 140 students. The distinguishing feature of the program is a cohort design in which a group of students take two linked general education classes together each semester over four semesters. Metro started in 2007, growing out of a long-standing partnership between SF State and City College of San Francisco since 1992.