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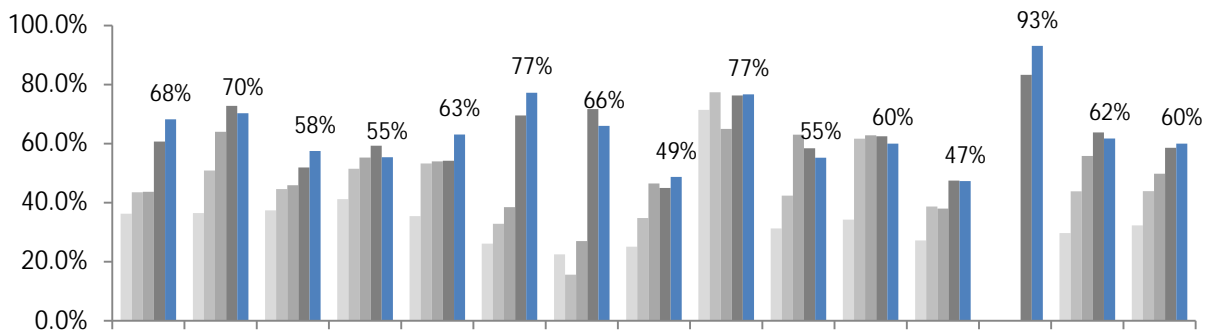


2014 Senior FAFSA Submission Summary

Did FAFSA submissions by students with economic need vary according to campus?

Although FAFSA submission rates for economically disadvantaged students continued to vary by school in 2014, submission rates for economically disadvantaged students were at an all-time high in most schools (Figure 3). This result is especially encouraging because Daun-Barnett and Mabry (2012) found low-income parents were often hesitant to provide personal information online. Additionally, low-income families, who were often first-generation college goers and members of minority populations, were less likely than were higher-income families to participate in financial aid application events.

Figure 3. FAFSA submissions by economically disadvantaged students increased significantly at all district high schools since 2010.



Sae Federal FAFSA Pilot Project and the Texas Higher Education Board FAFSA databases, 2010–2014
 * $p < .05$

Did FAFSA submissions differ between student ethnicity groups? Black and Hispanic students have had the greatest increases in FAFSA submissions since 2010. Although submission rates have increased over the years, they varied between ethnicity groups in 2014. The lower percentage of Hispanic seniors than of seniors in other ethnic groups submitting a FAFSA in 2014 was consistent with the results from the High School Senior Exit Survey (Wiggins, 2014). In this survey, significantly more Hispanic seniors than seniors from other ethnic groups were planning to pay for college by working or through scholarships, loans, and/or savings.

Figure 4. Black and Hispanic seniors have had the greatest increases in FAFSA submissions since 2010.

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