Following Hispanic Male 8th Graders through College: A Digest of Longitudinal Enrollment and Graduation Patterns in Texas

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This inaugural Project MALES Research Digest explores the Texas eighth grade cohort data to look critically at longitudinal enrollment and completion patterns with a special focus on Latino male students. The data contained within this report stem from an effort by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to document educational outcomes for every student who started eighth grade in a Texas public school during the fiscal years 1998 through 2006. Students were tracked over an 11-year period to determine the percentage of Texas’ eighth grade students who eventually achieved any postsecondary certificate or degree from a Texas college or university, or who may still be enrolled in a Texas two-year or four-year institution (Murphy & Daniel, n.d.). In partnership with THECB, we examine these enrollment and completion trends by Educational Service Center (ESC) region as well as by county-level. The ESC and county-specific data is representative of the member institutions within the Texas Education Consortium for Male Students of Color [Consortium map on page 8].

As college enrollment and completion rates become increasingly challenging to forecast across sectors (i.e., 2-year and 4-year institutions), understanding these trends by gender, race, ethnicity, and region is more important than ever (Levin & Kater, 2013; Perna, 2006). This is especially urgent in a fast-growing state like Texas, where current demographic shifts portend even more change to come, particularly with the steady increase in Latino students attending public schools (NCES, 2016). Tracked from their eighth grade year to eleven years later, college enrollment for Latina/o students at Texas postsecondary institutions has steadily increased by 8% points from 38% for the 1998 cohort to 46% for the 2006 cohort (see Table 3). These encouraging figures should urge colleges and universities to systematically address the high demand for higher education by this growing segment of the population.

Examining college enrollment and completion patterns over time can also help institutions explore complex challenges such as stubborn equity gaps and retention issues for this student population. Such longitudinal patterns also present a unique opportunity to critically explore the state’s ongoing demographic changes and to work towards promoting accessibility to postsecondary education for Hispanics across the state. Coupled with the growth of Latina/o population is the concern over the growing gender gap in educational attainment, which is illustrated by fewer male students completing high school, enrolling at postsecondary institutions, and earning a degree or credential (Sáenz & Ponjuán, 2016). This is a special focus of this Research Digest, the first of many digests that will be published by the Project MALES Research Institute.

Yet another dimension we consider are the regional variances in college enrollment and completion across a state as vast as Texas, including by ESC-region and county-level data. ESC regions and counties with Consortium member institutions are highlighted throughout our tables and figures and in forthcoming policy briefs. Below are three main findings derived from our review of eighth grade cohort patterns:

**Key Finding 1:** While degree/certificate completion for Hispanic male students is increasing, it is still lagging behind as compared to the statewide male percentage. As shown in Figure 5, the statewide degree/certificate percentage for male students is 17%. While the ESC regions of El Paso and Edinburg continue to do better than most other regions, they are still lower than the average (14% and 16%, respectively). Even more concerning, key state urban ESC regions such as Lubbock, Richardson, and Austin show alarmingly low percentages. All three regions have a 9% degree/certificate completion for Hispanic male students, which is considerably lower than the statewide percentage for male students.

**Key Finding 2:** While still lower than their female counterparts, the percentage of Hispanic male students enrolled at 2-year and 4-year institutions is on the rise. In addition, the percentage of degree or certificate completion for Hispanic male students is also increasing. Figure 4 reflects the educational outcomes of Hispanic students across the state. There are three critical sections from the chart worthy of highlighting: (a) 2-year colleges have seen the highest climb in Hispanic male enrollment over the last 11 years; (b) while not as pronounced as 2-year colleges, 4-year institutions have also seen a consistent increase in Hispanic male enrollment; and (c) the gender gap between Hispanic male students and Hispanic female students appears to remain stable.
**Key Finding 3:** ESC regions reflect varying enrollment patterns for Hispanic male students throughout the state. For example, the ESC regions of El Paso and Edinburg show unusually high enrollment percentages for Hispanic male students at both 2-year and 4-year institutions. More specifically, Figure 7 reflects that the statewide percentage for male enrollment is 32% for 2-year colleges. For the ESC regions of El Paso and Edinburg, percentages for Hispanic male enrollment are 35% and 34% respectively. A similar pattern is reflected at 4-year institutions. Figure 6 shows that the statewide male enrollment percentage for 4-year institutions is 18%. Both El Paso and Edinburg show 19% for Hispanic male student enrollment, 1% higher than the statewide percentage for male student enrollment.

“Following eighth grade cohort data over time is a unique way to track key college enrollment and completion outcomes for Latino male students, especially as we look at this data by region and county.”

Lastly, our Digest considers the overarching goals of 60X30TX. This plan aims to increase the percentage of 25- to 34-year-olds in Texas who hold a certificate or degree. Hence, Project MALES is committed to releasing a series of Policy Briefs focused on completion patterns. Ultimately, we believe in the value of producing benchmarking data to put in the hands of educational leaders and policymakers as an essential step to achieving these aspirational goals. The series of Policy Briefs will focus on the following topics:

- Completion patterns in border ESC regions (El Paso and Edinburg) as compared to urban ESC regions (Houston, Austin, Fort Worth, Richardson, and San Antonio),
- Completion patterns in 2-year colleges as compared to 4-year institutions, and
- Completion patterns for Hispanic male students as compared to Hispanic female students.

**This Research Digest** is produced by the Project MALES Research Institute team. This Digest and other research activities are developed in order to conduct and disseminate empirical research on the experiences of historically underrepresented and underserved male students of color. For more information about our research work, please visit our Research Institute webpage at: [http://diversity.utexas.edu/projectmales/research-institute/](http://diversity.utexas.edu/projectmales/research-institute/). All three forthcoming policy briefs will be also available through the Project MALES Research Institute webpage.

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1 For the purposes of this Digest, the terms Hispanic and Latino are used interchangeably.
2 Abbreviation: “Consortium”
METHODOLOGY

Data

The data for this Research Digest originate from the 8th Grade Cohort Longitudinal Study conducted by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to document educational outcomes for every student who started eighth grade in a Texas public school during the fiscal years 1998 through 2006. We acquired the initial cohort data from the Texas Higher Education Data website. This publicly available data is disaggregated by race and gender as well as by regional Education Service Center (ESC). Further, we obtained additional 8th grade cohort data at the county level from THECB in order to provide a more nuanced analysis of the local and regional contexts across the state in exploring longitudinal outcomes for eighth grade cohorts.

The 8th Grade Cohort Longitudinal Study data follows each cohort over an 11-year period to determine the percentage of Texas’ eighth grade students who eventually achieve any postsecondary certificate or degree from a Texas college or university, or who may still be enrolled in a Texas two-year or four-year institution (Murphy & Daniel, n.d.). We examine differences and changes by gender, race, and region as it pertains to percentages of: (1) 2-year enrollment; (2) 4-year enrollment; (3) overall postsecondary enrollment; (4) no record of public high school graduation; and 5) postsecondary degree or certificate completion.

Analysis

This Digest descriptively explores enrollment and completion patterns for a variety of geographic contexts across the state (i.e., State, ESC Region, county-level) with a special focus on Latino eighth grade cohorts. A few of our tables include data for all 20 ESC regions in Texas, but our primary focus is on the twelve ESC Regions where our Consortium member institutions are located (see Figure 2). We refer to these as “Consortium ESC Regions,” and these data serve as to inform the majority of our analysis in this Digest.
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NOTE: This map represents Consortium member institutions across sectors (i.e., ISDs, 2-year colleges, and 4-year institutions). The Consortium is headquartered at the University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin). The Consortium member institutions are located within 12 Educational Service Center (ESC) regions and in major urban areas in Texas – Edinburg (Region 1), Corpus Christi (Region 2), Houston (Region 4), Huntsville (Region 6), Richardson (Region 10), Fort Worth (Region 11), Waco (Region 12), Austin (Region 13), San Angelo (Region 15), Lubbock (Region 17), El Paso (Region 19), and San Antonio (Region 20).
FIGURE 2. Map of Texas Education Service Centers (ESC)

NOTE: This map represents the Texas Educational Service Centers. 12 ESC regions represented by the Consortium member institutions include Edinburg (Region 1), Corpus Christi (Region 2), Houston (Region 4), Huntsville (Region 6), Richardson (Region 10), Fort Worth (Region 11), Waco (Region 12), Austin (Region 13), San Angelo (Region 15), Lubbock (Region 17), El Paso (Region 19), and San Antonio (Region 20).
TABLE 1. Number of 8th Graders in Texas by Gender, FY 1998 through FY 2006

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SOURCE: The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 8th grade cohorts tracked through higher education, FY 1998 through FY 2006


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FIGURE 3. Percentage of Hispanic 8th Graders in Texas by Gender, FY 1998 through FY 2006

NOTE: The data represent a proportion of all 8th graders in Texas that are labeled as Hispanic.
SOURCE: The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 8th grade cohorts tracked through higher education, FY 1998 through FY 2006


NOTE: The data displayed through the bar graph represent the total percentage of Hispanic students and their educational outcomes by gender. The line graphs represent the percentage difference (Δ) between Hispanic female and Hispanic male students from the 8th grade cohorts tracked from FY 1998-2009 to FY 2006-2017.
FIGURE 5. Earned Certificate/Degree in Texas, Hispanic Male 8th Graders by ESC Region – FY 2006 8th Grade Cohort Tracked through FY 2017

NOTE: ‹designates 12 ESC regions affiliated with the Consortium – Edinburg (Region 1), Corpus Christi (Region 2), Houston (Region 4), Huntsville (Region 6), Richardson (Region 10), Fort Worth (Region 11), Waco (Region 12), Austin (Region 13), San Angelo (Region 15), Lubbock (Region 17), El Paso (Region 19), and San Antonio (Region 20).
SOURCE: The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 8th grade cohort tracked for eleven years, FY 2006-2017

FIGURE 6. Enrolled in TX 4-Year Institutions, Hispanic Male 8th Graders by ESC Region – FY 2006 8th Grade Cohort Tracked through FY 2017

NOTE: ‹designates 12 ESC regions affiliated with the Consortium – Edinburg (Region 1), Corpus Christi (Region 2), Houston (Region 4), Huntsville (Region 6), Richardson (Region 10), Fort Worth (Region 11), Waco (Region 12), Austin (Region 13), San Angelo (Region 15), Lubbock (Region 17), El Paso (Region 19), and San Antonio (Region 20).
SOURCE: The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 8th grade cohort tracked for eleven years, FY 2006-2017
FIGURE 7. Enrolled in TX 2-Year Institutions, Hispanic Male 8th Graders by ESC Region – FY 2006 8th Grade Cohort Tracked through FY 2017

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SOURCE: The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 8th grade cohort tracked for eleven years, FY 2006-2017


NOTE: 12 ESC regions affiliated with the Consortium – Edinburg (Region 1), Corpus Christi (Region 2), Houston (Region 4), Huntsville (Region 6), Richardson (Region 10), Fort Worth (Region 11), Waco (Region 12), Austin (Region 13), San Angelo (Region 15), Lubbock (Region 17), El Paso (Region 19), and San Antonio (Region 20). The data displayed through the bar graph represent the total percentage of Hispanic students and their educational outcomes by gender. The line graphs represent the percentage difference (Δ) between Hispanic female and Hispanic male students from the 8th grade cohorts tracked from FY 1998-2009 to FY 2006-2017.

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FIGURE 8.2. Educational Outcomes of Hispanic Texas 8th Grade Cohorts by Gender, Tracked for 11 Years – Corpus Christi (ESC Region 2): FY 1998-2009 to FY 2006-2017

NOTE: The data displayed through the bar graph represent the total percentage of Hispanic students and their educational outcomes by gender. The line graphs represent the percentage difference ($\Delta$) between Hispanic female and Hispanic male students from the 8th grade cohorts tracked from FY 1998-2009 to FY 2006-2017.
FIGURE 8.3. Educational Outcomes of Hispanic Texas 8th Grade Cohorts by Gender, Tracked for 11 Years – Houston (ESC Region 4): FY 1998-2009 to FY 2006-2017

NOTE: The data displayed through the bar graph represent the total percentage of Hispanic students and their educational outcomes by gender. The line graphs represent the percentage difference (Δ) between Hispanic female and Hispanic male students from the 8th grade cohorts tracked from FY 1998-2009 to FY 2006-2017.

FIGURE 8.4. Educational Outcomes of Hispanic Texas 8th Grade Cohorts by Gender, Tracked for 11 Years – Huntsville (ESC Region 6): FY 1998-2009 to FY 2006-2017

NOTE: The data displayed through the bar graph represent the total percentage of Hispanic students and their educational outcomes by gender. The line graphs represent the percentage difference (Δ) between Hispanic female and Hispanic male students from the 8th grade cohorts tracked from FY 1998-2009 to FY 2006-2017.
FIGURE 8.5. Educational Outcomes of Hispanic Texas 8th Grade Cohorts by Gender, Tracked for 11 Years – Richardson (ESC Region 10): FY 1998-2009 to FY 2006-2017

NOTE: The data displayed through the bar graph represent the total percentage of Hispanic students and their educational outcomes by gender. The line graphs represent the percentage difference (Δ) between Hispanic female and Hispanic male students from the 8th grade cohorts tracked from FY 1998-2009 to FY 2006-2017.


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FIGURE 8.7. Educational Outcomes of Hispanic Texas 8th Grade Cohorts by Gender, Tracked for 11 Years – Waco (ESC Region 12): FY 1998-2009 to FY 2006-2017

NOTE: The data displayed through the bar graph represent the total percentage of Hispanic students and their educational outcomes by gender. The line graphs represent the percentage difference (Δ) between Hispanic female and Hispanic male students from the 8th grade cohorts tracked from FY 1998-2009 to FY 2006-2017.


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FIGURE 9.1. Educational Outcomes of Hispanic Male 8th Graders in Texas – Edinburg (ESC Region 1) by County: FY 2006 8th Grade Cohort Tracked through FY 2017

NOTE: The data displayed through the bar graph represent the total percentage of Hispanic male students and their educational outcomes. Data displayed by the “12 Consortium Regions” represent the percentage of Hispanic male educational outcomes from the 12 ESC regions in which Consortium member institutions are under.

SOURCE: The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 8th grade cohort tracked for eleven years, FY 2006-2017
FIGURE 9.2. Educational Outcomes of Hispanic Male 8th Graders in Texas – Corpus Christi (ESC Region 2) by County: FY 2006 8th Grade Cohort Tracked through FY 2017

Enrolled in TX 4-yr
Hispanic Males by County within Corpus Christi (ESC Region 2)
FY 2006 8th Grade Cohort Tracked through FY 2017 Higher Education

Enrolled in TX 2-yr
Hispanic Males by County within Corpus Christi (ESC Region 2)
FY 2006 8th Grade Cohort Tracked through FY 2017 Higher Education

Earned Certificate/Degree in Texas
Hispanic Males by County within Corpus Christi (ESC Region 2)
FY 2006 8th Grade Cohort Tracked through FY 2017 Higher Education

Not Enrolled in Higher Education
Hispanic Males by County within Corpus Christi (ESC Region 2)
FY 2006 8th Grade Cohort Tracked through FY 2017 Higher Education

NOTE: The data displayed through the bar graph represent the total percentage of Hispanic male students and their educational outcomes. Data displayed by the “12 Consortium Regions” represent the percentage of Hispanic male educational outcomes from the 12 ESC regions in which Consortium member institutions are under.

SOURCE: The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 8th grade cohort tracked for eleven years, FY 2006-2017
FIGURE 9.3. Educational Outcomes of Hispanic Male 8th Graders in Texas – Houston (ESC Region 4) by County: FY 2006 8th Grade Cohort Tracked through FY 2017

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SOURCE: The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 8th grade cohort tracked for eleven years, FY 2006-2017
FIGURE 9.4. Educational Outcomes of Hispanic Male 8th Graders in Texas – Huntsville (ESC Region 6) by County: FY 2006 8th Grade Cohort Tracked through FY 2017

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SOURCE: The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 8th grade cohort tracked for eleven years, FY 2006-2017
FIGURE 9.5. Educational Outcomes of Hispanic Male 8th Graders in Texas – Richardson (ESC Region 10) by County: FY 2006 8th Grade Cohort Tracked through FY 2017

**Enrolled in TX 4-yr**
Hispanic Males by County within Richardson (ESC Region 10)
FY 2006 8th Grade Cohort Tracked through FY 2017 Higher Education

**Enrolled in TX 2-yr**
Hispanic Males by County within Richardson (ESC Region 10)
FY 2006 8th Grade Cohort Tracked through FY 2017 Higher Education

**Earned Certificate/Degree in Texas**
Hispanic Males by County within Richardson (ESC Region 10)
FY 2006 8th Grade Cohort Tracked through FY 2017 Higher Education

**Not Enrolled in Higher Education**
Hispanic Males by County within Richardson (ESC Region 10)
FY 2006 8th Grade Cohort Tracked through FY 2017 Higher Education

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SOURCE: The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 8th grade cohort tracked for eleven years, FY 2006-2017
FIGURE 9.6. Educational Outcomes of Hispanic Male 8th Graders in Texas – Fort Worth (ESC Region 11) by County: FY 2006 8th Grade Cohort Tracked through FY 2017

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SOURCE: The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 8th grade cohort tracked for eleven years, FY 2006-2017
FIGURE 9.7. Educational Outcomes of Hispanic Male 8th Graders in Texas – Waco (ESC Region 12) by County: FY 2006 8th Grade Cohort Tracked through FY 2017

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SOURCE: The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 8th grade cohort tracked for eleven years, FY 2006-2017
FIGURE 9.8. Educational Outcomes of Hispanic Male 8th Graders in Texas – Austin (ESC Region 13) by County: FY 2006 8th Grade Cohort Tracked through FY 2017

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SOURCE: The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 8th grade cohort tracked for eleven years, FY 2006-2017
FIGURE 9.9. Educational Outcomes of Hispanic Male 8th Graders in Texas – San Angelo (ESC Region 15) by County: FY 2006 8th Grade Cohort Tracked through FY 2017

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SOURCE: The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 8th grade cohort tracked for eleven years, FY 2006-2017
FIGURE 9.10. Educational Outcomes of Hispanic Male 8th Graders in Texas – Lubbock (ESC Region 17) by County: FY 2006 8th Grade Cohort Tracked through FY 2017

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SOURCE: The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 8th grade cohort tracked for eleven years, FY 2006-2017
FIGURE 9.11. Educational Outcomes of Hispanic Male 8th Graders in Texas – El Paso (ESC Region 19) by County: FY 2006 8th Grade Cohort Tracked through FY 2017

**Enrolled in TX 4-yr**

Hispanic Males by County within El Paso (ESC Region 19)
FY 2006 8th Grade Cohort Tracked through FY 2017 Higher Education

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Hispanic Males by County within El Paso (ESC Region 19)
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**Earned Certificate/Degree in Texas**

Hispanic Males by County within El Paso (ESC Region 19)
FY 2006 8th Grade Cohort Tracked through FY 2017 Higher Education

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**Not Enrolled in Higher Education**

Hispanic Males by County within El Paso (ESC Region 19)
FY 2006 8th Grade Cohort Tracked through FY 2017 Higher Education

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SOURCE: The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 8th grade cohort tracked for eleven years, FY 2006-2017
FIGURE 9.12. Educational Outcomes of Hispanic Male 8th Graders in Texas – San Antonio (ESC Region 20) by County: FY 2006 8th Grade Cohort Tracked through FY 2017

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SOURCE: The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 8th grade cohort tracked for eleven years, FY 2006-2017
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