

The Changing Faces of Illinois Community College Students:

Our Latino Population

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Latinos are currently the nation's largest minority group

The Latino population will triple in size and will account for most of the nation's population growth from 2005 through 2050.

In Illinois:

- Latinos are almost half of the foreign born population
- We have the 5th largest Latino population in the country
- The Latino population grew by 69%, while the non-Latino population only increased by 3.5%
- By 2020, 17% of working age adults in Illinois will be Latino

In Chicago:

- More than 1/3 of the school aged children are Latino
- We have the 3rd largest concentration of Latinos in the US

Need



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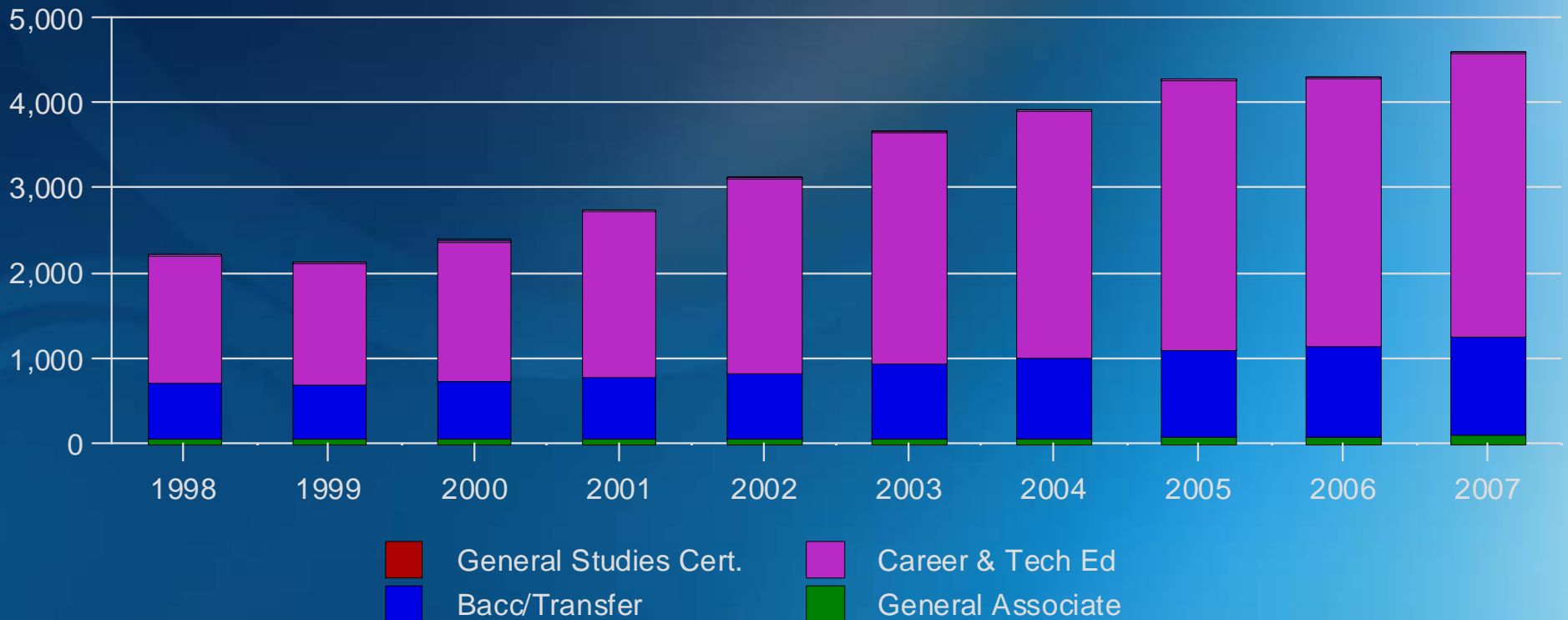
Community College Latino student population grew over 75% between 1990 and 2006.

**Community Colleges are the first
choice for postsecondary studies for
Latino students**

Since 1998, completions among
Latinos have increased 107%

Annual Latino Completions in Illinois Community Colleges

Fiscal Years 1998 - 2007 by Award Type

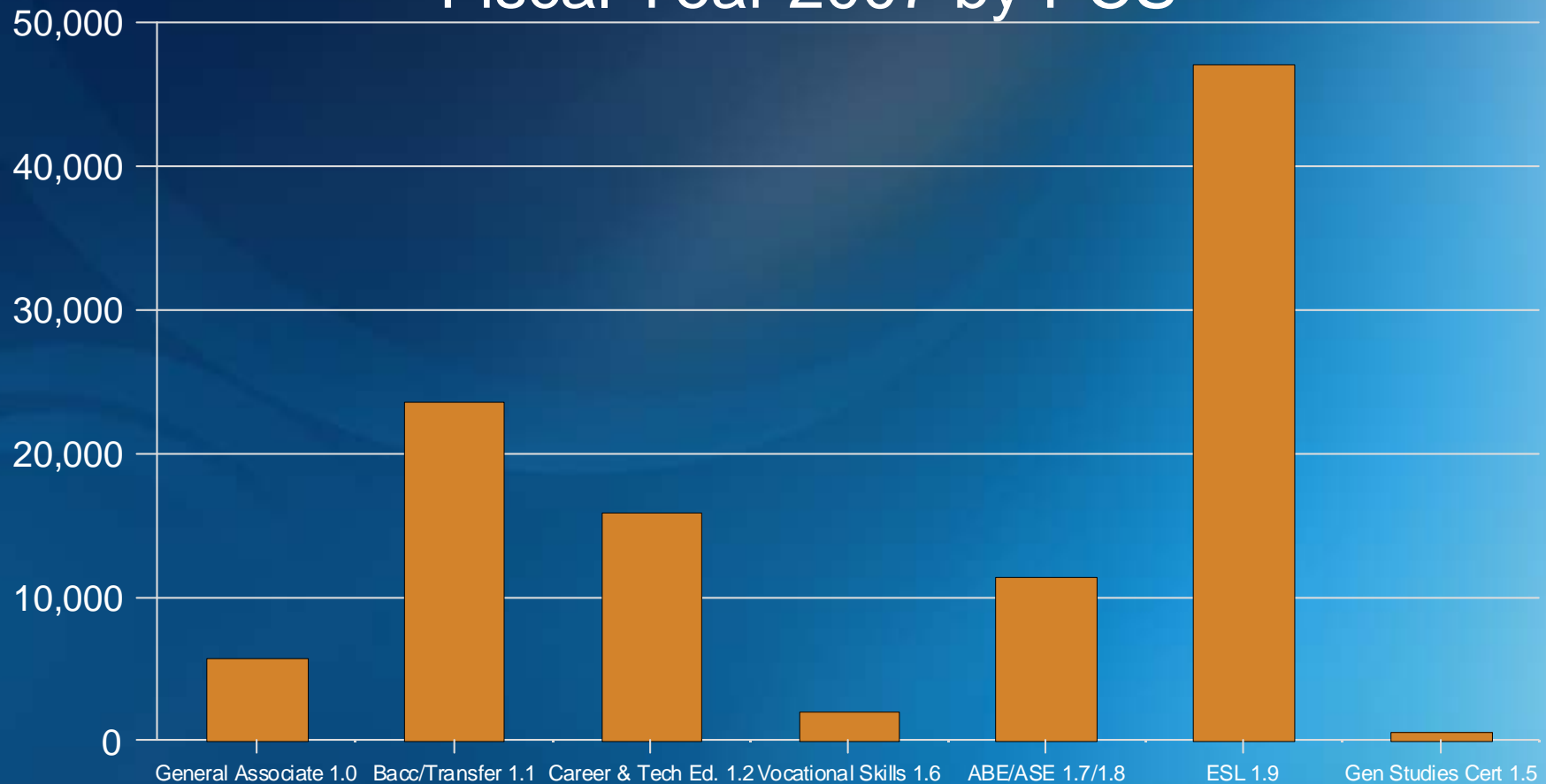


In 2007:

- Latinos accounted for almost 1/5 of our credit enrollees
- Nine out of 10 Latino students were enrolled in credit generating courses
- Nearly 4,600 Latinos graduated from an Illinois community college
- 72.4% of those completions were in career & technical education programs
- Almost 50% of the Adult Education students in Illinois are Latinos

Annual Latino Enrollments in Illinois Community Colleges

Fiscal Year 2007 by PCS



Why



**We recognize the importance of
addressing the needs of this
population...**

But there are barriers

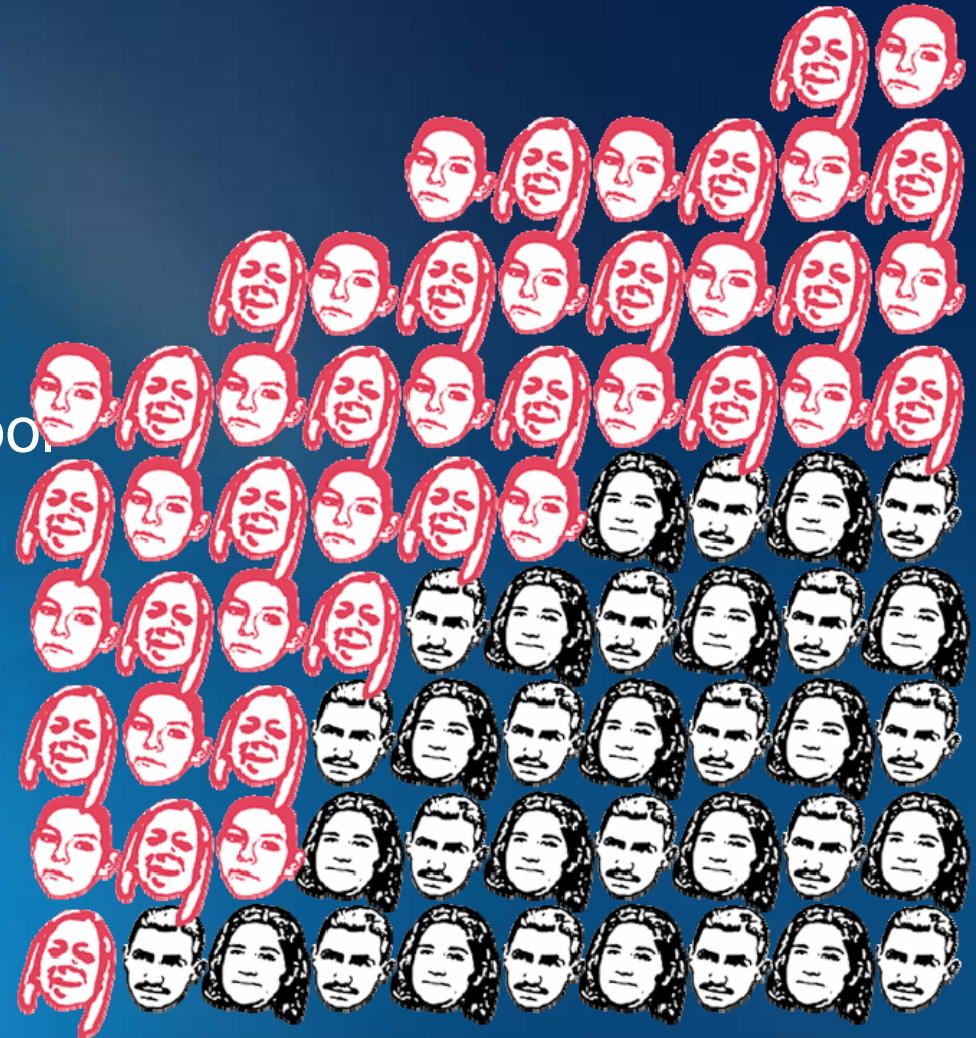
Latino Education Pipeline

100 kindergarten students



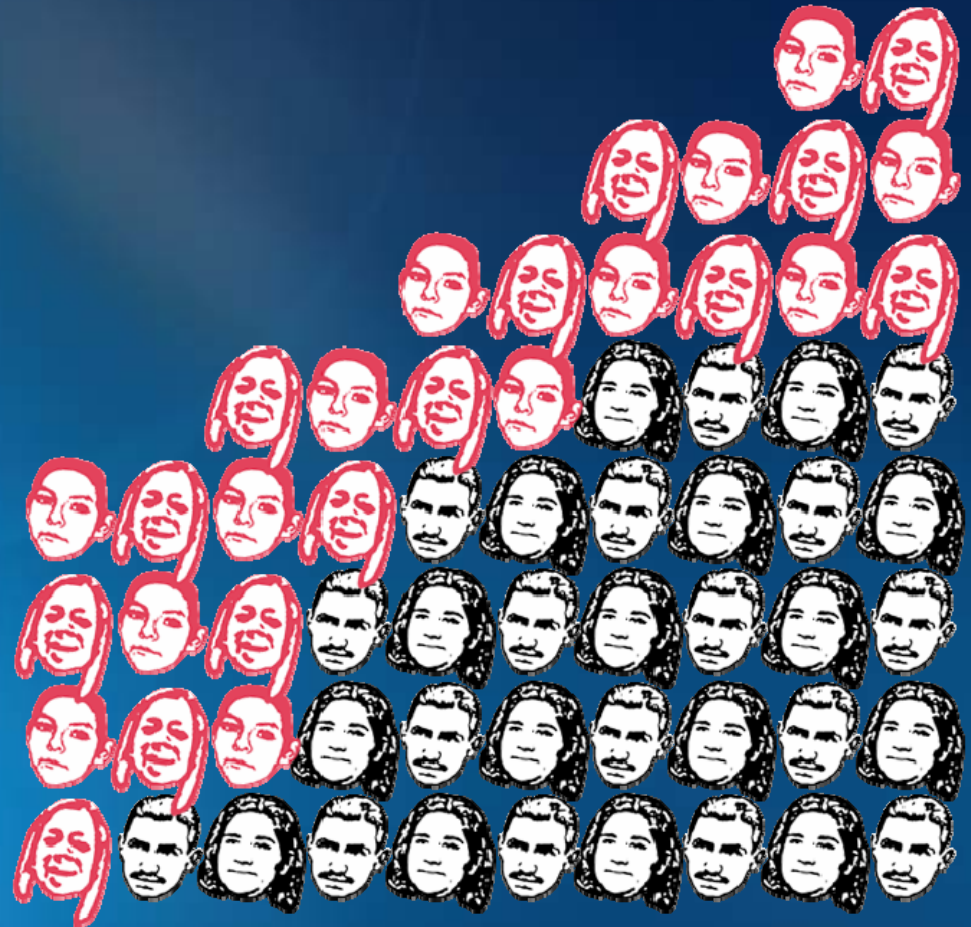
Latino Education Pipeline

76 complete middle school



Latino Education Pipeline

60 graduate high school



Latino Education Pipeline

33 continue to college



Latino Education Pipeline

18 go to community college



Latino Education Pipeline

12 graduate from a 4-year



Latino Education Pipeline

4 graduate with a graduate or professional degree



Difficulties



We offer solutions

ESL Programs

(English as a Second Language)

- Almost 660,000 immigrants are currently residing in Illinois
- Approximately 2.3 million Illinois residents speak a language other than English in their homes
- ESL learners make up almost 60% of Adult Education in Illinois
- 82 Adult Education programs provide ESL instruction in Illinois (almost 75,000 students)

GED Preparation

(General Education Development)

- Over 13,000 people earned GED's in Illinois in 2007
- The ICCB is the state administrator for the GED Testing Program in Illinois

Illinois Latino Family Commission Act

- To advise the Governor and General Assembly to improve and expand existing policies, services, programs, and opportunities for Latino families
- To build the needed infrastructure in state agencies to support the special needs of Latino families

ICCB Latino Advisory Committee

- To examine the educational policies of Illinois Community Colleges that relate to Latino student needs
- To make recommendations to the ICCB to improve the educational pipeline for Latino students

Hope



Sources of Information

- Illinois Community College Board Annual Enrollment and Completion (A1) data
- US Census Bureau, 2000
- STAIRS
- University of Notre Dame Institute for Latino Studies
- Illinois General Assembly

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