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# CCSF Free City College Annual Data

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2019-20

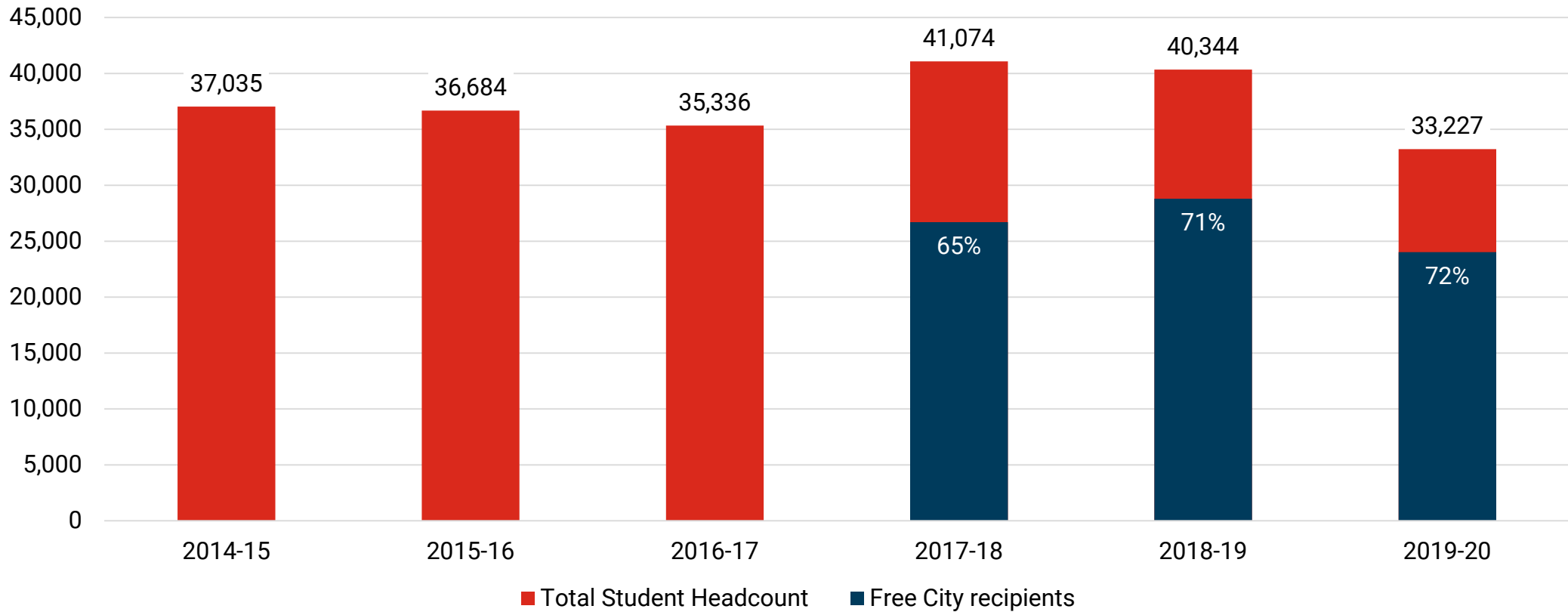
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# Introduction

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In 2017, San Francisco became the first major city in the U.S. to offer its residents a tuition-free college education, regardless of income, age, or academic standing. Through City College of San Francisco, Free City serves 25,000 San Francisco residents per year, providing San Franciscans with more affordable access to educational opportunities.

# Free City and City College



## A snapshot of Free City students

- Free City students comprise 70% of CCSF students.
- 43% of Free City students belong to a CCSF Student Equity Group.
- 28% of Free City students are eligible for financial aid.
- 7% of Free City students have participated in dual/concurrent enrollment
- Free City students earn, on average, 10 units per year.
- 5% of Free City students complete 30 units in a year.
- Each year, 6% of Free City students earn a degree or certificate.

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# Data Trends

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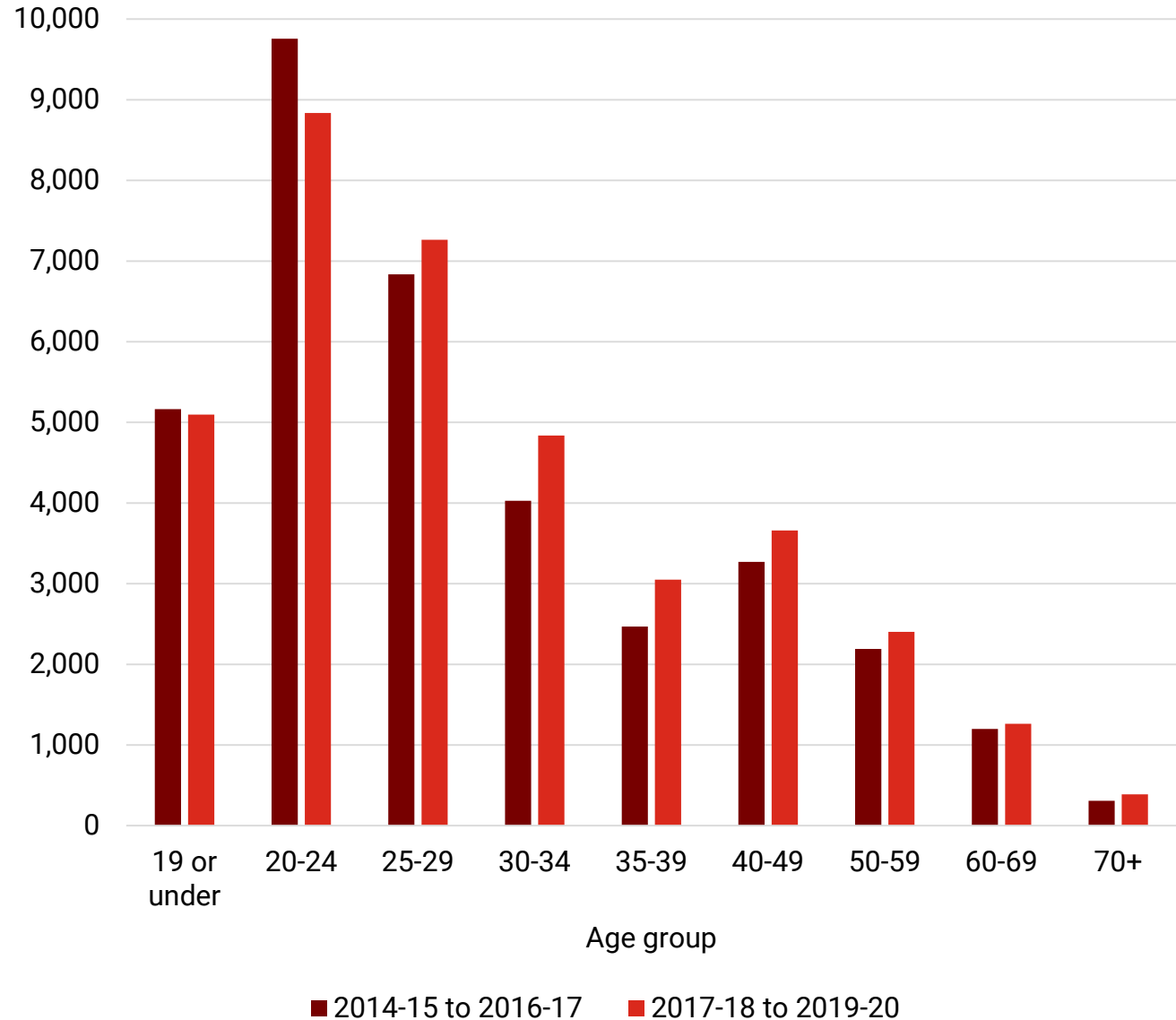


# Student Demographics: Age

Students ages 20-24 make up the largest share of City College students, both prior to and since the start of Free City. However, the proportion of students ages 30 and older has increased since 2017-18. The average age of a Free City student is 32 while the average age of a non-Free City student is 30.

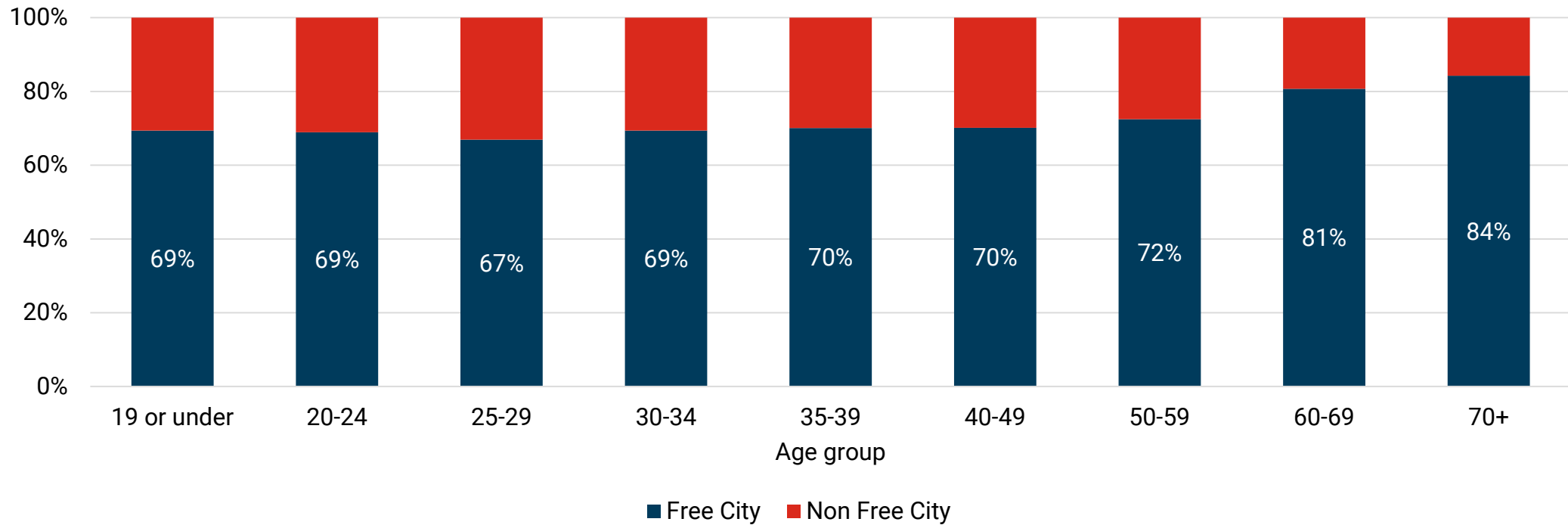
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# Student Demographics: Age

Proportion of students receiving Free City  
(2017-18 to 2019-20)



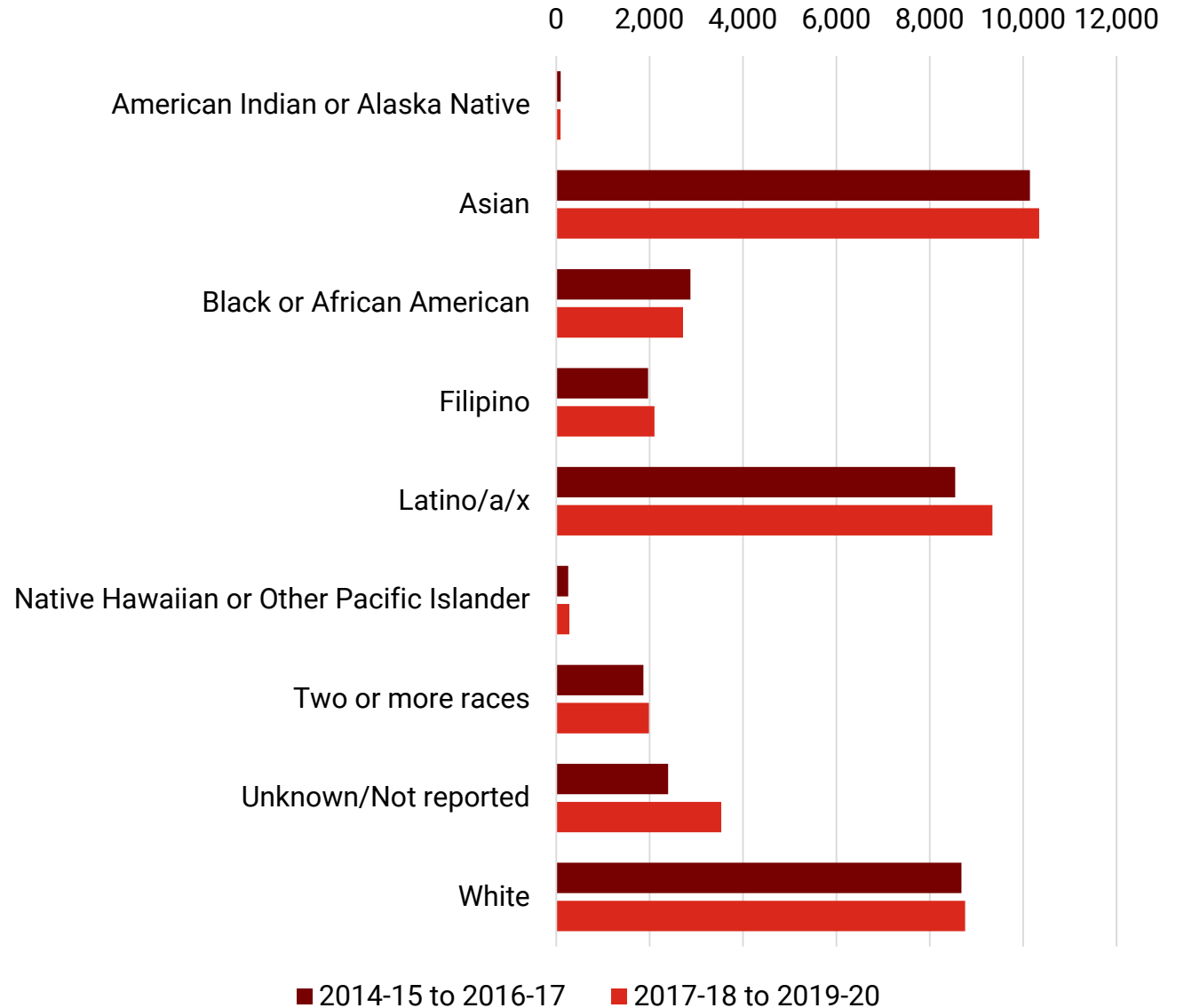
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## Comparison of average annual student headcount

# Student Demographics: Race/Ethnicity

The distribution of students by race/ethnicity has remained relatively stable over the last six years.

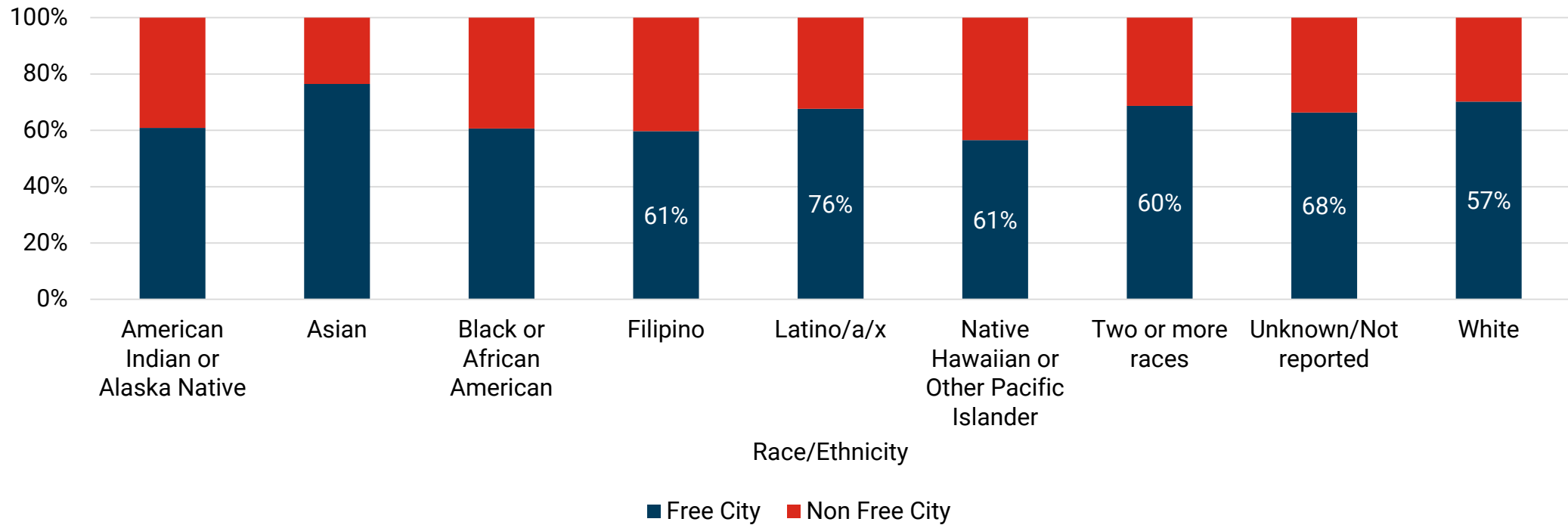
While it appears the proportion of Latino/a/x students has increased, the proportion of students not reporting their race/ethnicity has also increased in the 3 years since Free City began, which may account for changes in the apparent size of other groups.





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# Financial Aid Metrics: All students

The percent of all CCSF students who...	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
<b>Submitted a FAFSA</b>	36%	33%	30%	28%	27%
<b>CA Dream Act application</b>	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%	0.4%	0.7%
<b>CA College Promise Grant (CCPG/BOG)</b>	38%	34%	28%	25%	25%
<b>Pell award</b>	15%	13%	10%	9%	11%
<b>Total student count</b>	<b>36,840</b>	<b>35,708</b>	<b>41,558</b>	<b>41,632</b>	<b>34,274</b>

# Financial Aid Metrics: Free City students

The number of Free City students who...	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
<b>Submitted a FAFSA</b>	-	-	32%	29%	29%
<b>CA Dream Act application</b>	-	-	1%	0%	1%
<b>CA College Promise Grant (CCPG/BOG)</b>	-	-	30%	25%	27%
<b>Pell award</b>	-	-	11%	10%	12%
<b>Total student count</b>	-	-	<b>26,224</b>	<b>28,472</b>	<b>23,834</b>

# Retention and Drop Rates

Overall the proportion of students who remain enrolled in classes, with no drops or withdrawals, has increased slightly. Despite early concern about Free City students' likelihood to drop classes, their rates of drops and withdrawals are comparable to the college overall and directly in line with rates prior to the Free City program.

\* In Spring 2020, students were able to withdraw from classes without receiving a W grade due to the impacts of COVID-19. Due to the effect of this temporary policy change, the 2019-20 year is not included in the retention data comparison.

	2014-15 to 2016-17	2017-18 to 2018-19*	2017-18 to 2018-19* Free City students
Enrolled students with no drops/Ws	62%	65%	62%
Students who ever dropped or withdrew from a class after the refund deadline	38%	35%	38%
Students who ever withdrew from a class with a W grade	29%	27%	29%
Students who dropped a class prior to the W deadline	15%	13%	14%
Students who dropped all units	3%	3%	3%

# Academic Progress

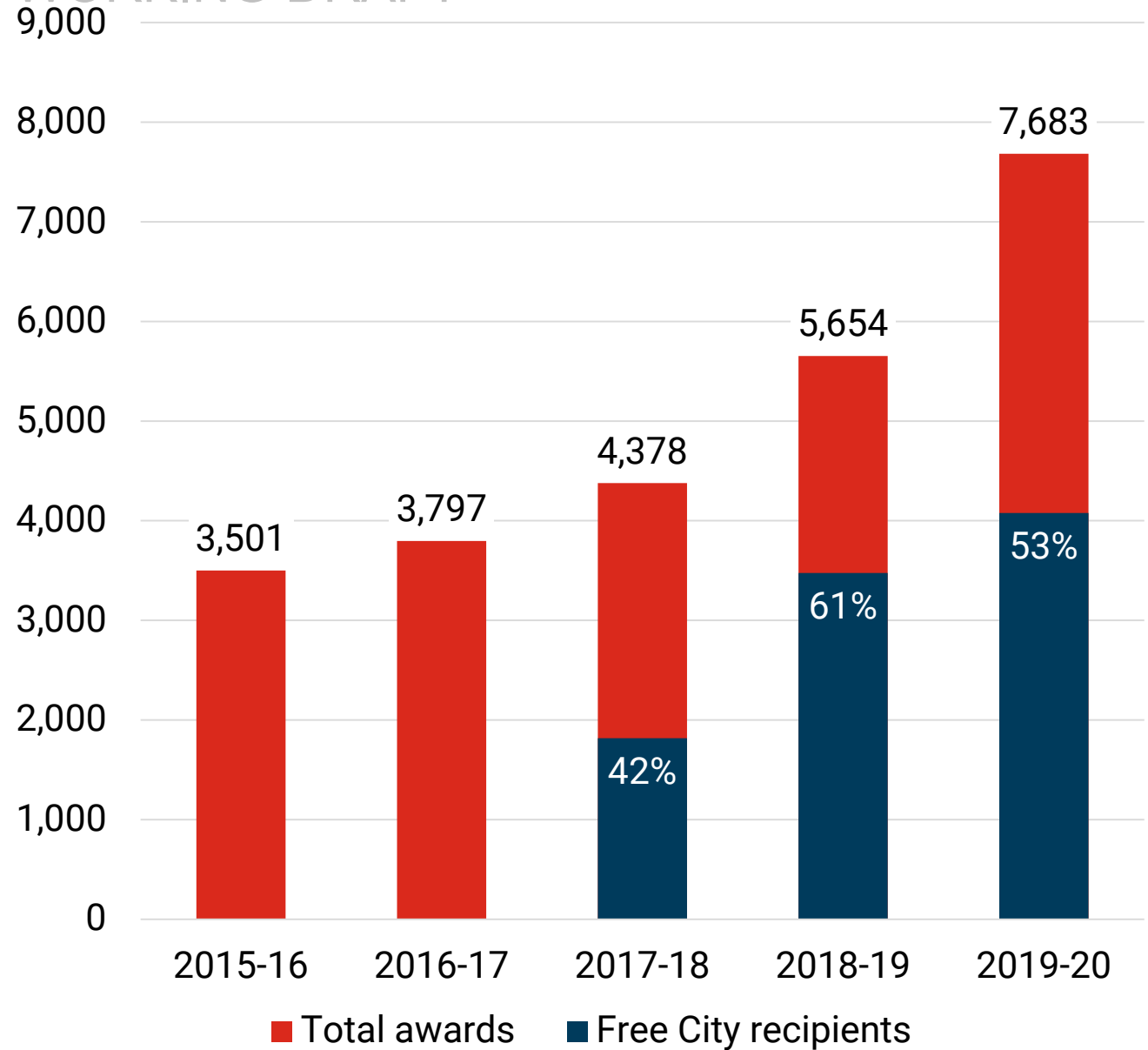
Benchmarks of academic progress have remained stable over the last six years.

Year	Average units attempted	Enrolled FT 12+ in a term	Earned 30 units	Earned an award (degree/cert)
2014-15	11.39	27.2%	4.0%	5.8%
2015-16	11.25	26.5%	4.0%	5.2%
2016-17	11.57	27.6%	5.1%	4.7%
2017-18	11.28	25.8%	5.0%	4.7%
2018-19	11.43	26.3%	5.2%	5.6%
2019-20	11.48	28.4%	5.7%	7.7%

# Outcome: Degrees and certificates

The total number of awards issued by CCSF, and the percent of those awards that were earned by students who received Free City College.

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# Next Steps

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## Potential Opportunities:

- Outreach and marketing campaigns
  - “15/30 to finish”
  - SFUSD graduates
- Student services and supports
  - Financial literacy workshops
  - Auto-petition for awards
- Pilot incentives for students
- Partner on an "Equity Audit"

# Definitions

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- Free City student – any student who received a Free City enrollment fee waiver or a Free City grant, and earned a transcriptable grade (A-F or W) in at least one class during the year.
- Aid Year/Year/AY – year includes Fall, Spring, Summer terms in the indicated year, e.g., Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Summer 2019
- Reporting Year – includes dates from July 1 to June 30. For awards, this means students who have a graduation date between 7/1 and 6/30 in the indicated years.
- Student equity groups in this dataset:
  - American Indian or Alaskan Native,
  - Black or African American,
  - Filipino,
  - Latino/a/x,
  - Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander,
  - foster or former foster youth,
  - current or former military service members,
  - students with disabilities,
  - students experiencing homelessness, and
  - students who identify as transgender or non binary gender identities.



# Definitions: Financial Aid metrics

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- FAFSA – Federal Application For Student Aid. This is a standard application for students to apply for a variety of financial assistance.
- CA Dream Act application – California state financial aid for undocumented students.
- CCPG – California College Promise Grant, formerly known as the BOG Fee Waiver. Enrollment fee waiver provided by the state for low income CA residents.
- Pell Grant – Federal student aid for low income students.