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The International Quest to Define and Improve Student Success

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Student Success in Higher Education...

...What do we know?

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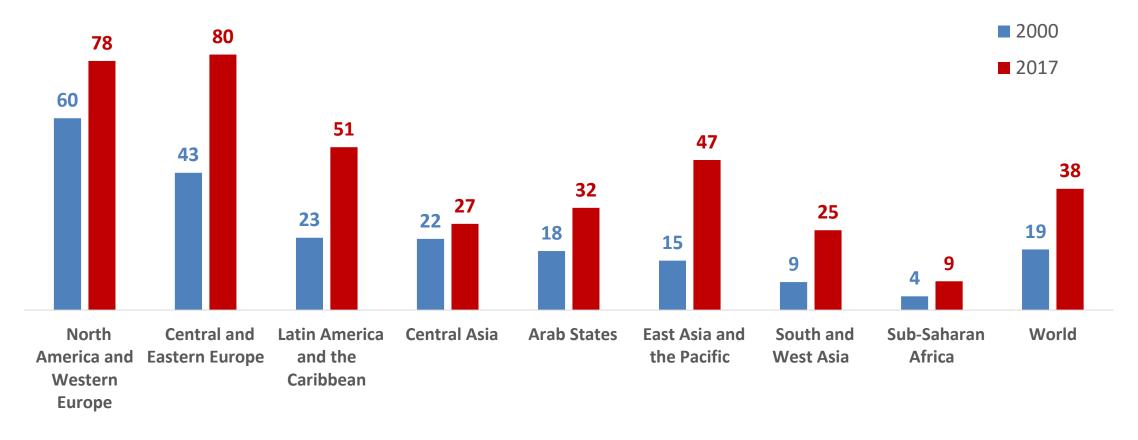


Dramatic higher education expansion prompts questions about student success



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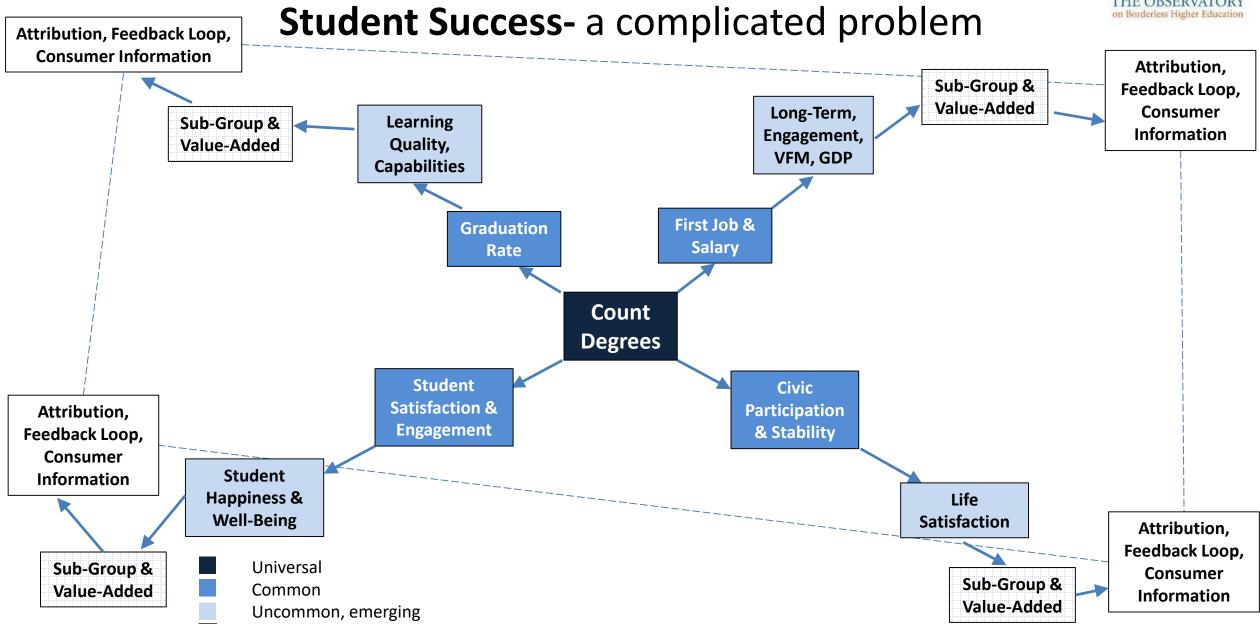




Source: OBHE analysis of UNESCO data.



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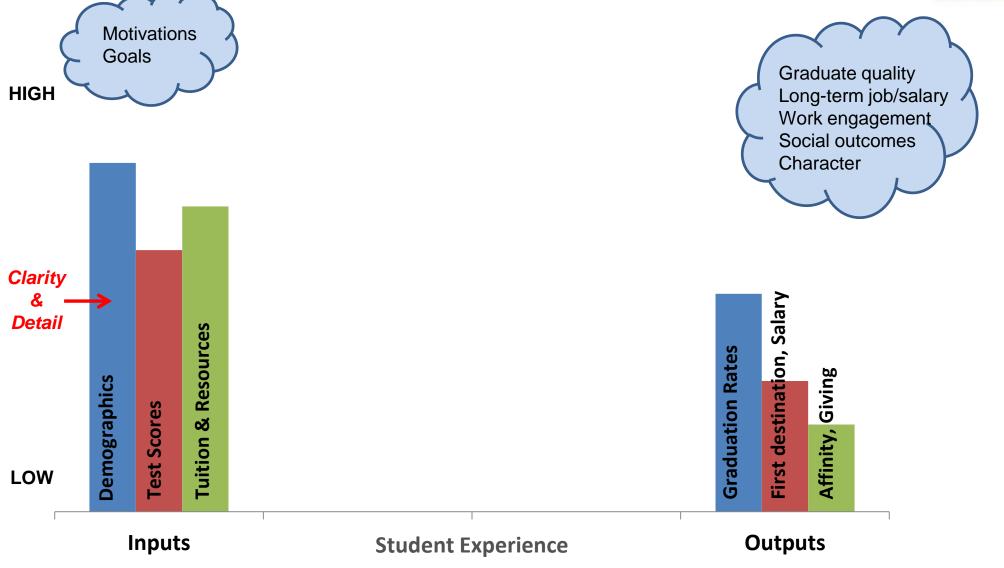
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Variable, limited

Aspirational

Cause and effect in higher education

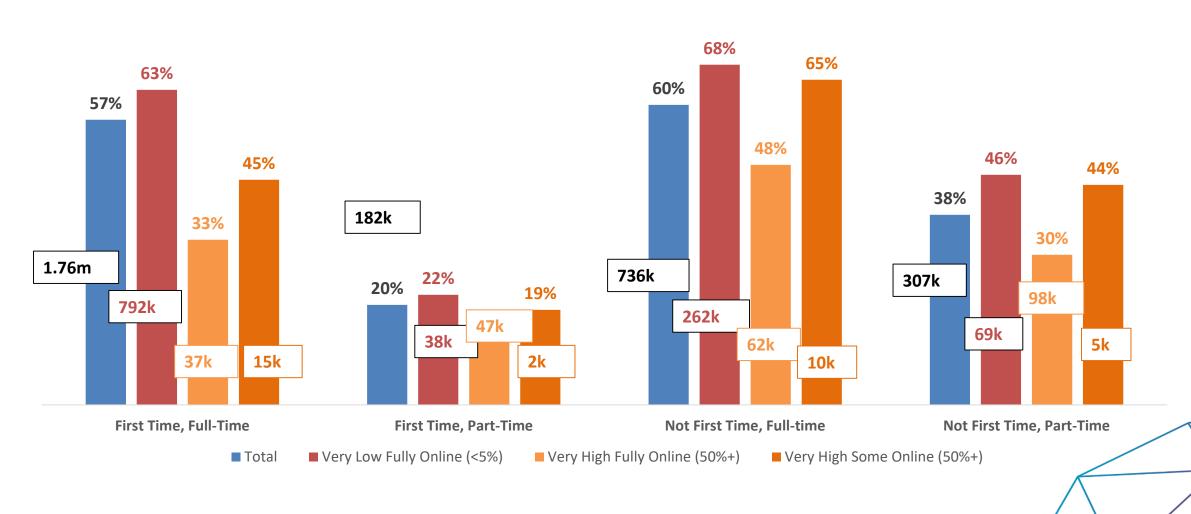




New US data permits more granular analysis of student success but still leaves many unanswered questions



8 Year Outcomes-% of 2008 cohort receiving award from same school



Source: Eduventures analysis of IPEDS data. 2 and 4-year schools.



Further Complexities...

- Quantity v. quality
- Averages v. individuals
- Getting the data; privacy
- Cause and effect
- Higher education as a system v. social and personal
- Volume of data v. utility
- Student success as something purchased v. something earned
- Evidence v. trust

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Innovative ways to measure student success...













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