

It is Never to Early

Preparing K-12 students for college

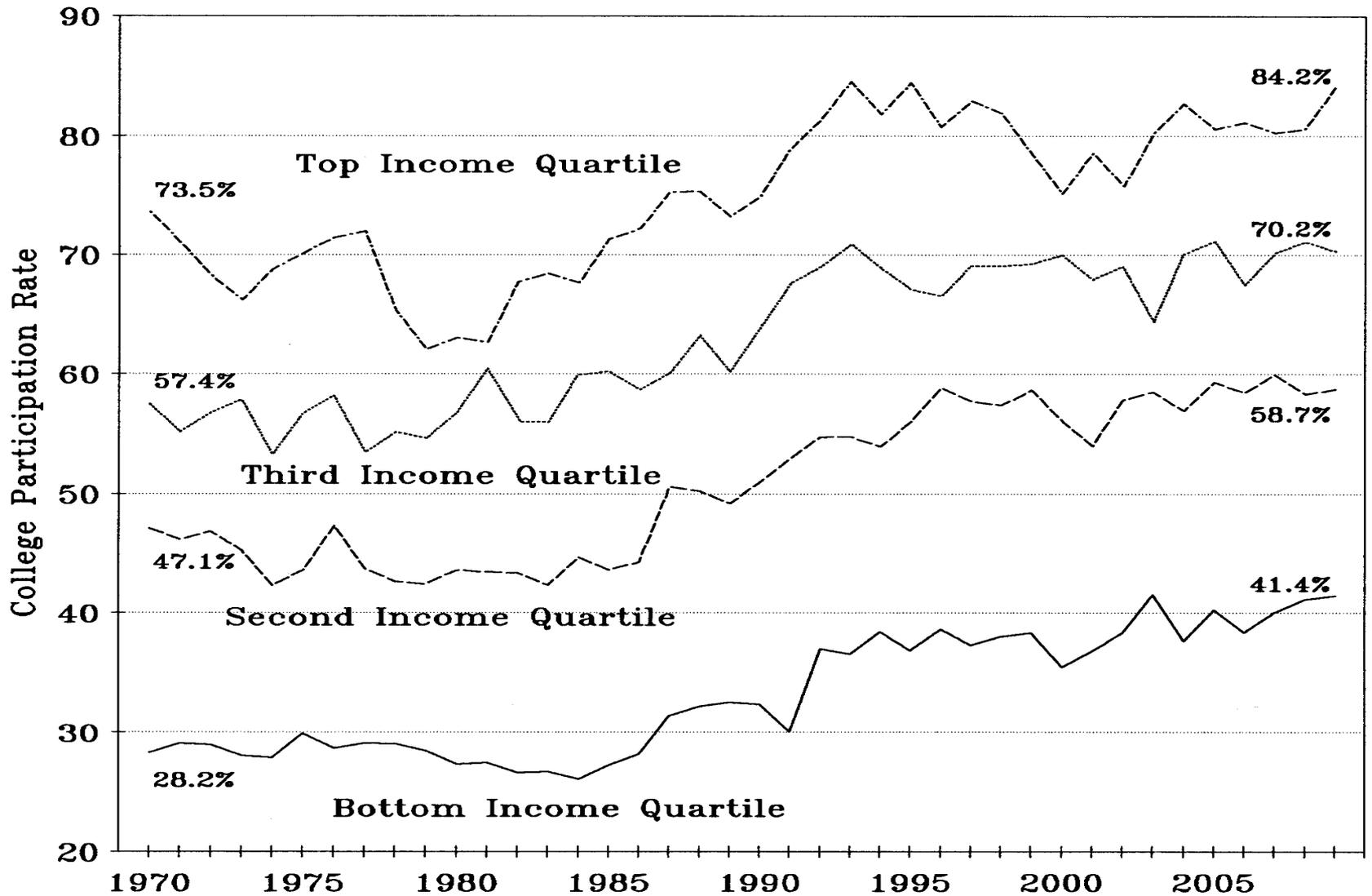


Types of Colleges: The Higher Education Landscape

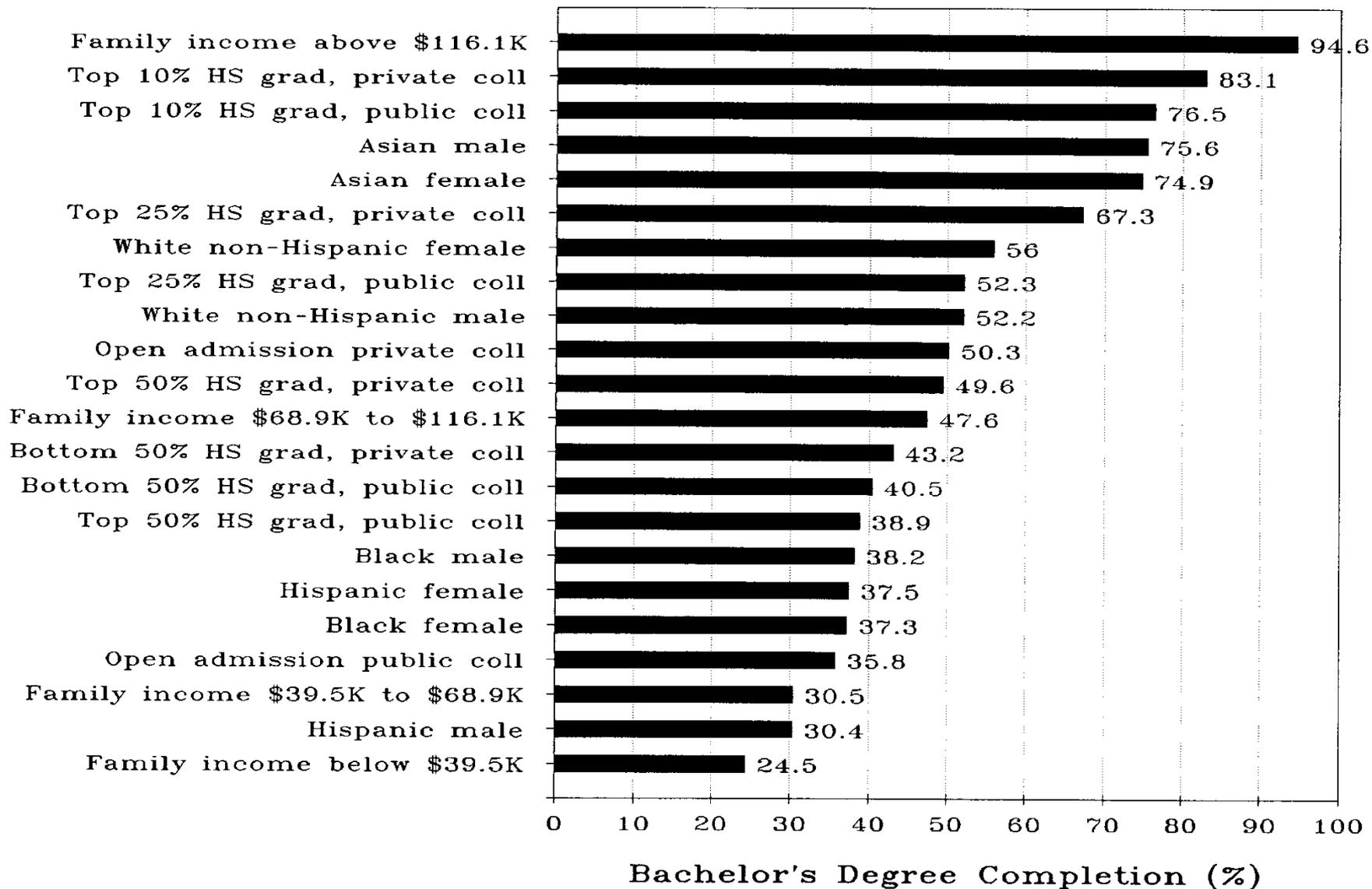
- **There are 4,726 colleges in US**
- **Community Colleges**
- **Liberal Arts Colleges**
- **Regional Comprehensives**
- **Research Universities**

- **Public, Private, For-Profit, PWI, MSI**

College Participation Rates by Family Income Quartiles for Dependent 18 to 24 Year Olds 1970 to 2009



Bachelor's Degree Completion Rates by Student Characteristics 2005 to 2008



Why Go to College

- **Income (earn \$ 1 million more)**
- **Career**
- **Greater Civic Engagement**
- **Life Long Learning**
- **Critical Thinking**
- **Longevity**
- **Health**
- **Quality of Life**
- **Affect on family**
- **Other?**

Barriers to College

- Cost (EFC)
- Deferred Income
- Family Expectations
- Adequate Preparation
- Ability
- Others?

Predictors of College Access

- **High School Graduation**
- **Academic Ability**
 - **HS GPA**
 - **Test Scores**
 - **Class Rank**
- **Curriculum**
 - **Advanced Classes (AP, IB, CC)**
 - **Math (in 8th grade)**
 - **Foreign Language**

Predictors of College Access

- **Involvement in School**
 - **Sports**
 - **Music & Art**
 - **Clubs**
- **Peers**
- **Parents**
- **School Resources**
 - **Teachers**
 - **Counselors**
 - **Courses**

Predictors of College Access

- **Demographics**
 - **Race/ethnicity**
 - **SES**
 - **IEP**
 - **First Language**
- **Other?**

The College Choice Process

- **3 Stage Model (Hossler & Gallagher)**
 - **Aspirations**
 - **Search**
 - **Choice**

Increasing Aspirations

- Hold High Expectations
- Talk about College
 - Benefits
 - Cost
 - Options
- Campus Visits
- College Artifacts (Swag)
- Career Days
- Talking to Parents

What Teachers Can Do?

- Elementary Level
 - Introduce notions of college
 - Visit colleges
 - Introduce role models
 - Talk about careers
 - Involve parents
 - Other?

What Teachers Can Do?

- Middle School
 - Visit College
 - Introduce role models
 - Talk about careers
 - Encourage independence
 - Critical Thinking
 - Math
 - Involvement in School
 - Other?

What Teachers Can Do?

- High School
 - Help with search
 - Test Prep
 - Increase college knowledge
 - Encourage college visits
 - FAFSA assistance
 - Communicate college options
 - Encourage College Now (or AP)

What Influences College Success

- Involvement
- Engagement
- Academic and Social Integration
- Initiative
- Time Management
- Knowing “norms”
- Self Advocacy
- Time on Task
- Minimizing Distractions
- Living on Campus

What Schools Can Do to Improve College Success

- Active Learning
- Less Lecture
- Critical Thinking
- Independence
- Writing
- Reading
- Math
- Curriculum
- Advising