RPA Research and In-Depth Analyses

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GEORGIA MATCH Data Update

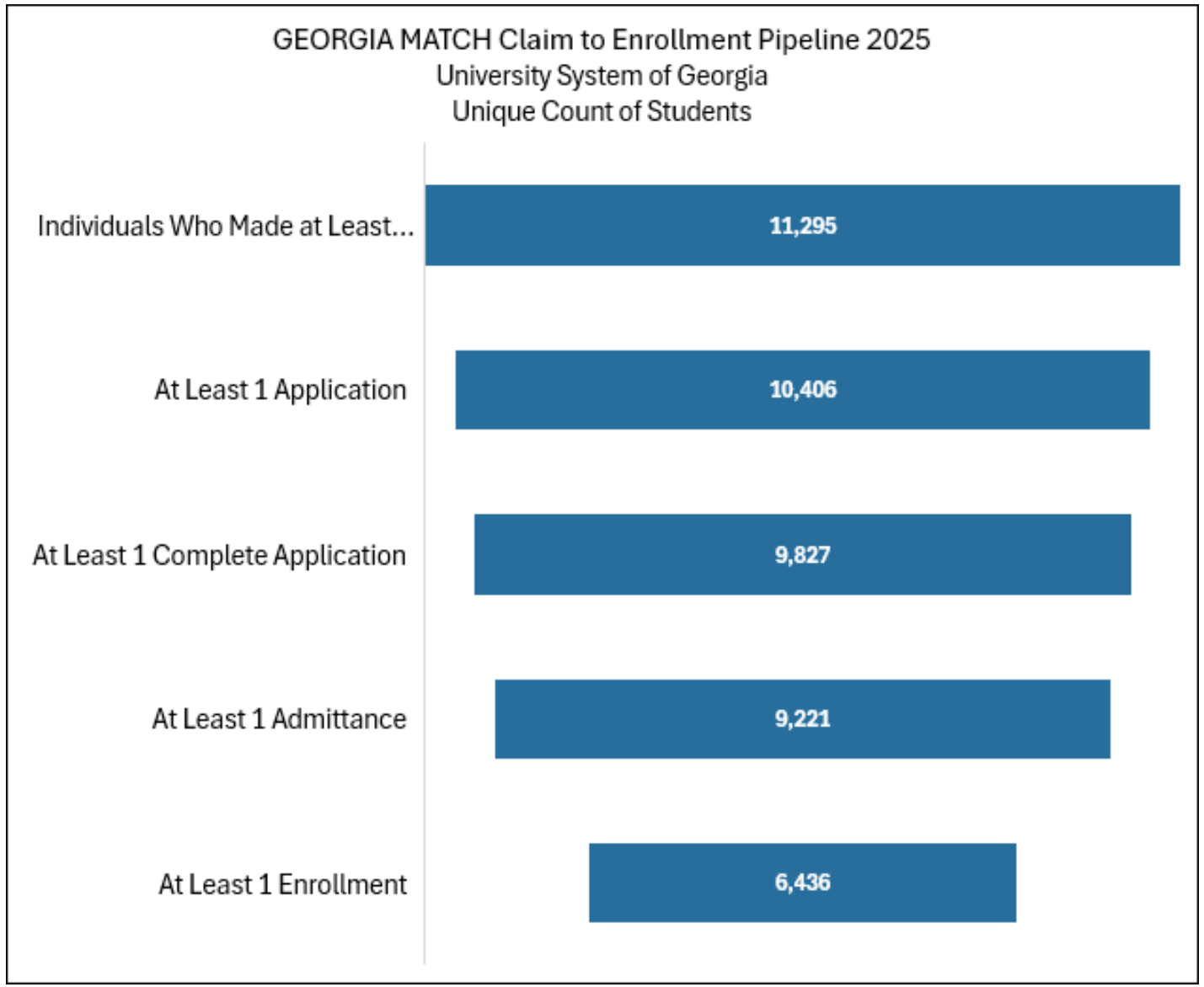
Leslie Hodges

Purpose

Update the GEORGIA MATCH reporting with data from fall 2025 application to enrollment cycle.

Overview of what was provided

GEORGIA MATCH Claim to Enrollment Pipeline 2025 University System of Georgia Total Count of Actions						
	Individuals Who Made at Least 1 Claim	Total Claims	Total Applications	Total Complete Applications	Total Admits	Total Enrollments
2024 Claim to Enrollment Pipeline	12,515	22,376	37,198	28,402	22,987	7,942
2025 Claim to Enrollment Pipeline	11,295	19,549	32,210	25,211	17,844	7,002


GEORGIA MATCH Claim to Enrollment Pipeline 2025
University System of Georgia
Unique Count of Students
Individuals Who Made at Least...
11,295
At Least 1 Application
10,406
At Least 1 Complete Application
9,827
At Least 1 Admittance
9,221
At Least 1 Enrollment
6,436

Online Credit Hours

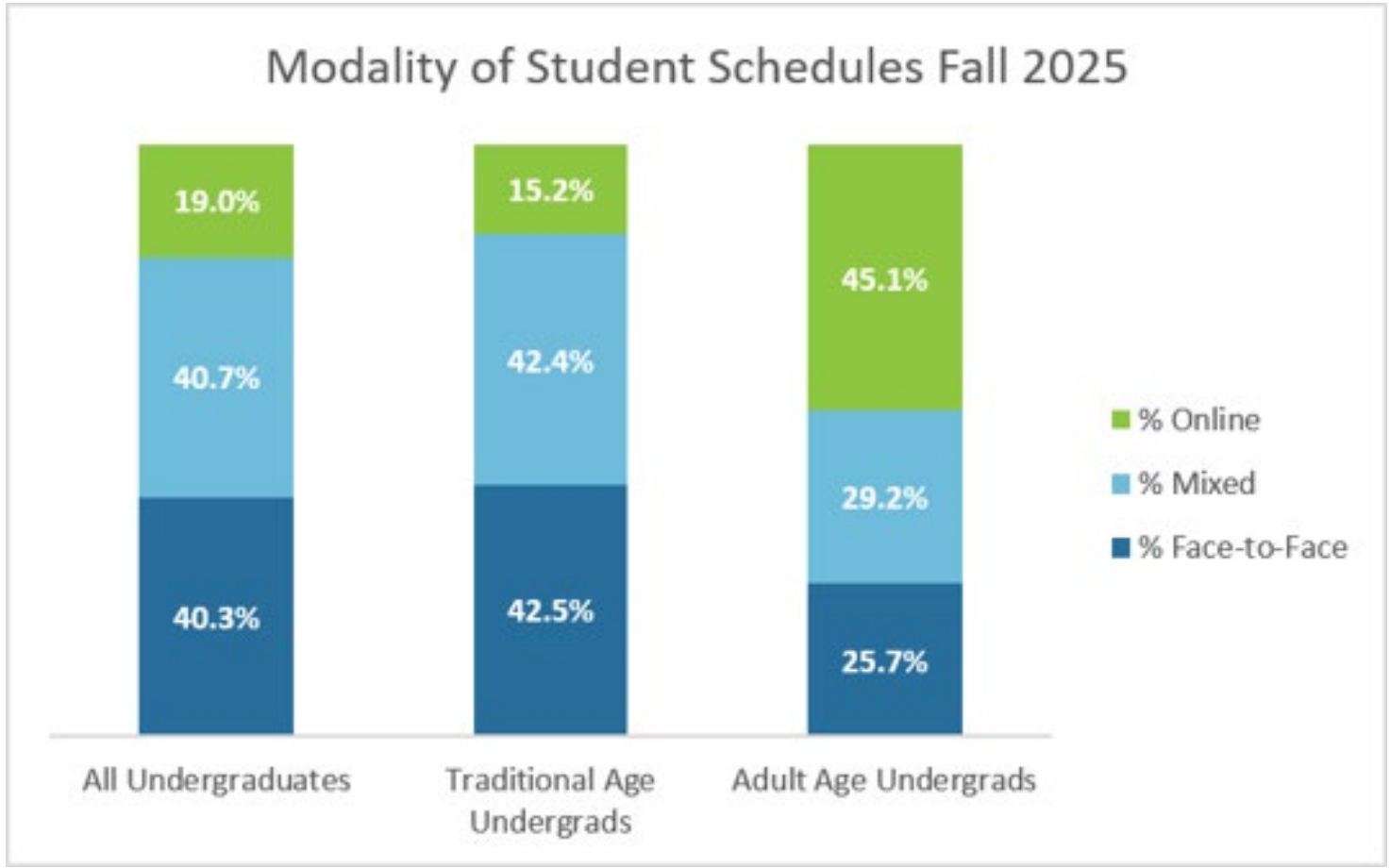
Angie Bell, RPA, EDMA

Purpose

Provide information/context for on online credit hours for legislative committee.

Overview of what was provided

- Online credit hours and enrollment by modality
  - By age/non-traditional status
  - By dependent/independent status for FAFSA filers
  - For undergraduates with dependents among FAFSA filers
  - By estimated hours worked per week


Modality of Student Schedules Fall 2025
19.0%
40.7%
40.3%
15.2%
42.4%
42.5%
45.1%
29.2%
25.7%
% Online
% Mixed
% Face-to-Face
All Undergraduates
Traditional Age Undergrads
Adult Age Undergrads

Predictors of Dropout & Wage Outcomes for Dropouts

Leslie Hodges & Lori Prince Hagood

Purpose

One of the Regents is interested in knowing more about the return on investment for students who start a degree but do not earn the credential. Additionally, they wanted to know what are the key predictors of dropout for students who have made progress toward a degree.

Overview of Projects

- Comparison of wage outcomes for 3 groups:
  - Fall 2018 FTF who earned a bachelor's degree within 5 years
  - Fall 2018 FTF who dropped out after enrolling for 2 consecutive years
  - HS grads in 2018 who never enrolled in college
- Predictors of dropout:
  - What student characteristics, academic preparation, enrollment behavior, academic performance, and financial aid elements predict the likelihood of dropout for students who enrolled for 2 consecutive years?
- Findings:
  - Bachelor's degree earners far out earn HS grads and dropouts
  - Dropouts have higher earnings compared to HS grads, but not by much
  - Key predictors of dropout are academic preparation (DE credit) and academic performance

Time to Degree

Jeffrey Smith

Purpose

Benchmarking data request from Columbus State regarding time to degree for EdD program. We are also using this project as an opportunity to consider modifications to existing time to degree reports.

Overview of Project

Exploring different definitions of time to degree:

- Current USG/SREB reporting approach
- Time in years
- Number of terms (including/excluding summer terms)

For the EdD program also looking at time to dissertation and duration of dissertation.

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AIR Proposals

Half-way There: Predicting College Dropout After Two Years

Lori Prince Hagood & Leslie Hodges

Does HOPE Matter? The Effect of Merit Aid on Post-Secondary Enrollment

Yanling Ma & Leslie Hodges

Beyond Campus Retention: Mapping Student Pathways Across a System

Lisa Li

AI and the Workforce: Choosing and Changing Majors Across USG

Patrick Harris

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Other Projects

- DREAMS Data Collection
  - Want to have a preliminary look at DREAMS funds offered and paid for 2026-27 award year to address legislative and other questions
  - Requested offered amount for fall 26, spring 26, and summer 26 and paid amount for fall 26
- Applicant Data Collection—due 11/20/2026
  - Beginning freshmen applicant data collection
  - Continuing to assess applications and subsequent enrollment (including NSC data)
  - This data supports analysis of the GEORGIA MATCH program and materials for the Board retreat in March
- Cognos to Power BI transition
  - Reports on the RPA website will be available as Power BI reports between now and June 2027

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