

STUDENT SUCCESS IN THE WORKFORCE: AN UPDATE ON JOB PLACEMENT



**STUDENT SUCCESS SNAPSHOT #29
FEBRUARY 2014**



SNAPSHOT STUDY POPULATION

53,589 students enrolled in credit instruction
at a VCCS institution in spring 2010
and subsequently “exited” college
(were not enrolled in a two- or four- year institution in fall 2010)

15 credits
or less
47%

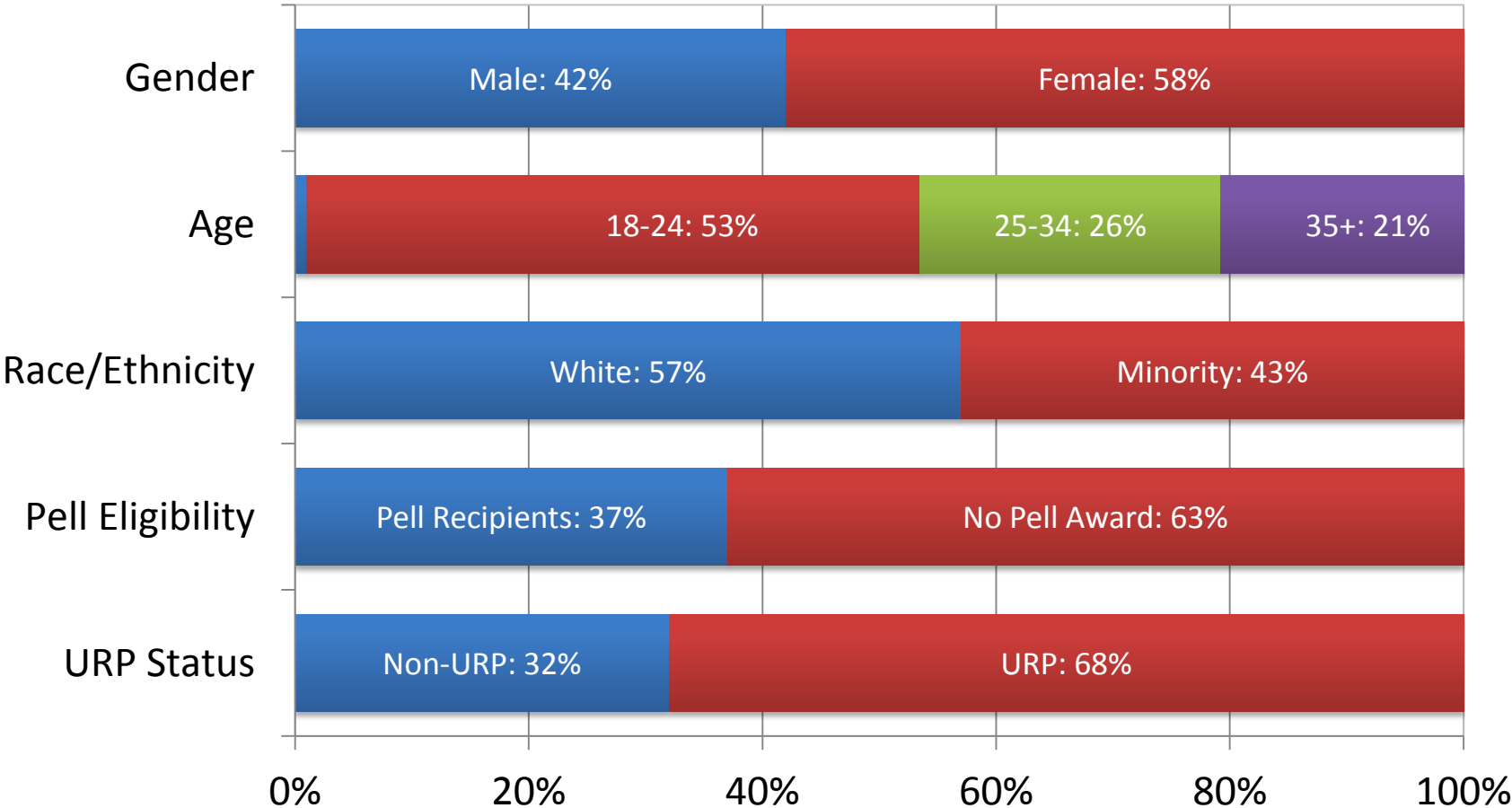
Over 15 to
30 credits
16%

Over 30 to
60 credits
14%

60 or more
credits
7%

Graduate
17%

POPULATION OVERVIEW



POPULATION OVERVIEW (CONTINUED)

Program of Study

49% Career
Technical

51% College
Transfer

Status

33% Full-time

67% Part-time

Award Sought

80% Associate
Degree

12% Career
Studies Certificate

8% Certificate or
Diploma

METHODOLOGY

Unemployment Insurance (UI) wage records from Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, and the District of Columbia examined to assess VCCS students' job placement and wage earnings

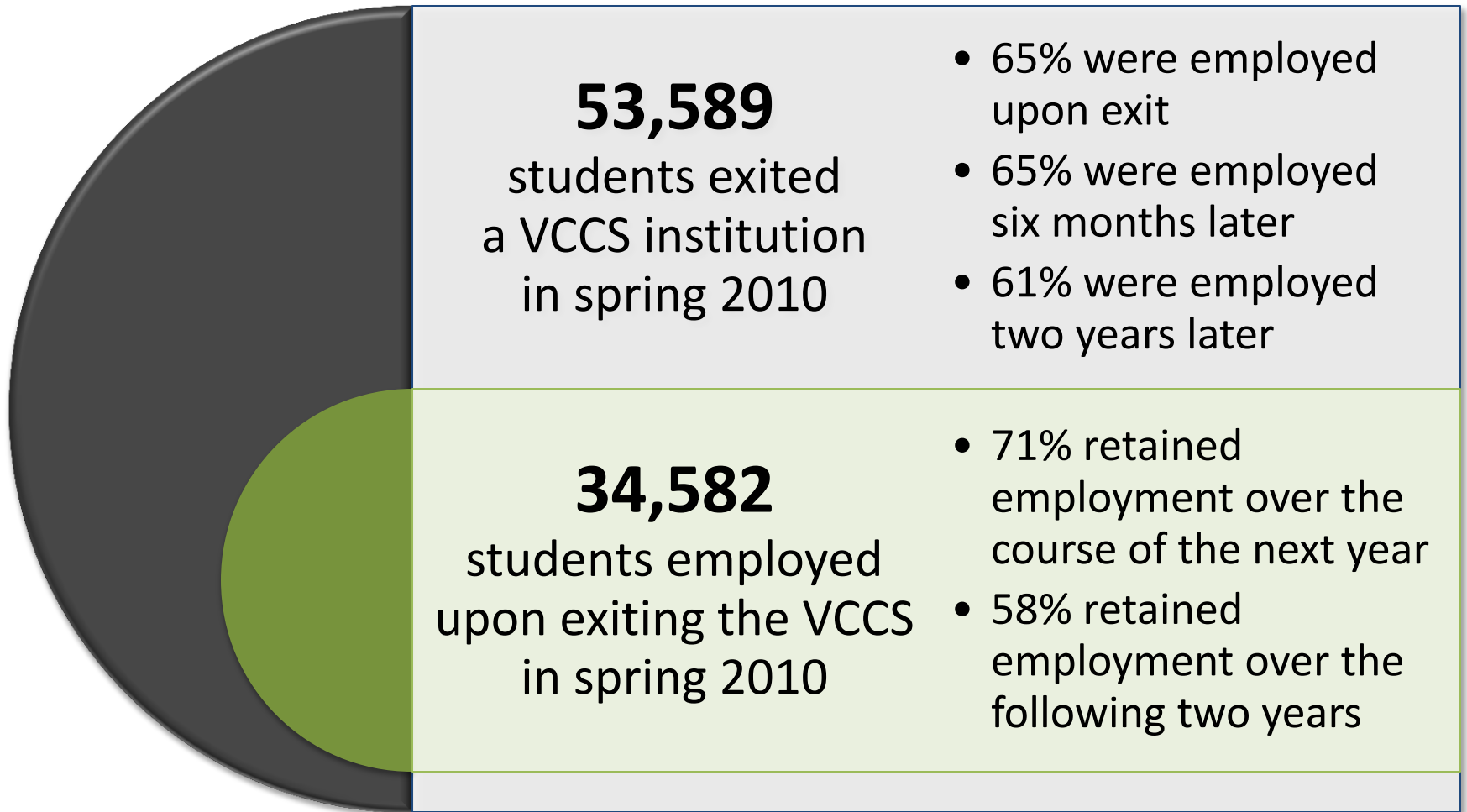
Focused on three points in time:

Spring 2010
(point of exit)

Fall 2010
(six months later)

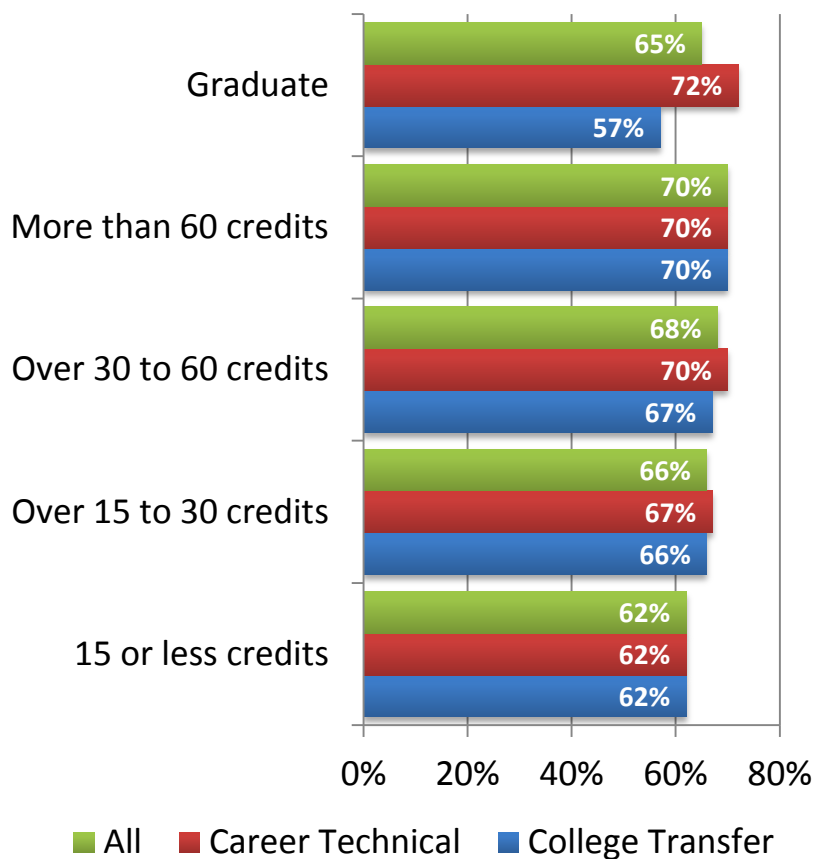
Spring 2012
(two years later)

POPULATION OUTCOMES

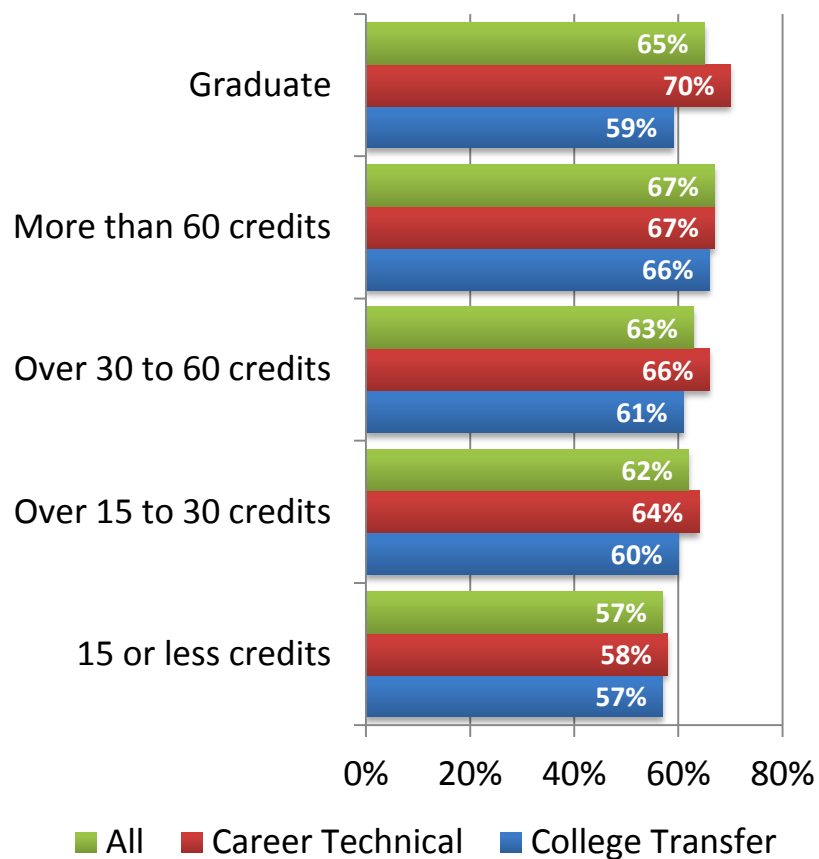


RATES OF EMPLOYMENT FOR SPRING 2010 EXITERS BY CREDITS EARNED AND CURRICULUM TYPE

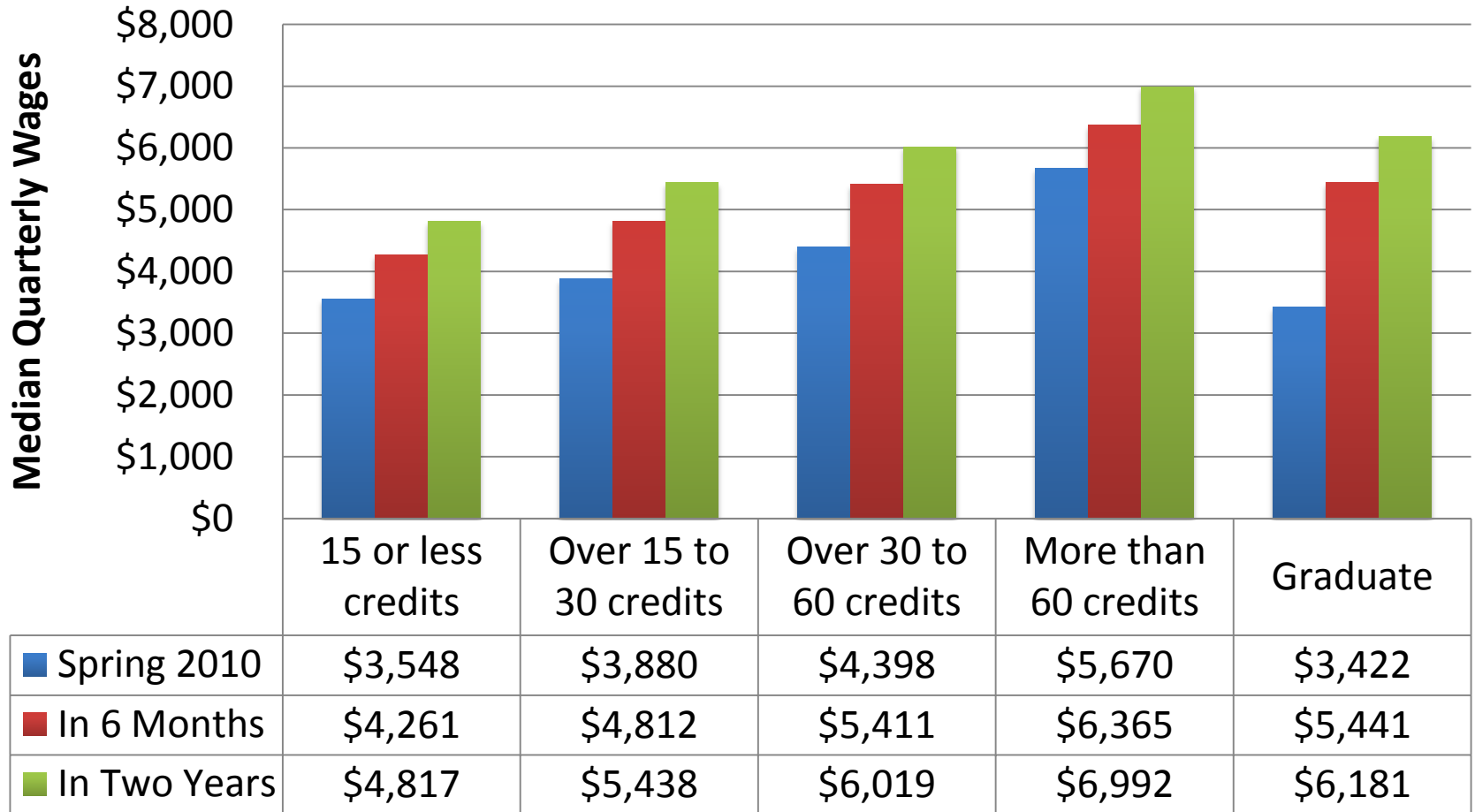
IN SIX MONTHS



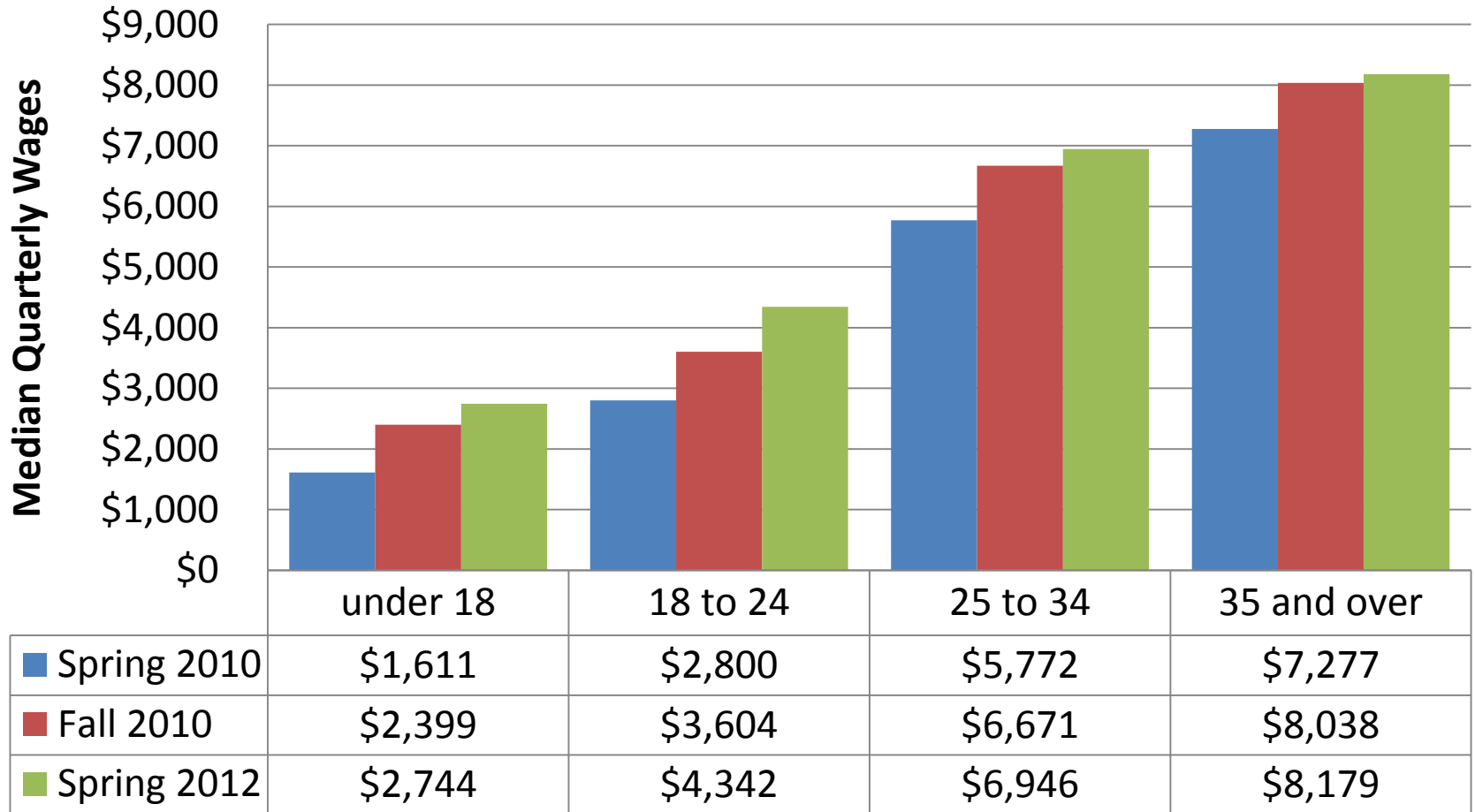
IN TWO YEARS



COMPARISON OF MEDIAN QUARTERLY WAGES BY CREDITS EARNED AND GRADUATION



AGE DISTRIBUTION OF EXITERS BY CREDITS EARNED



COMPARISON OF MEDIAN QUARTERLY WAGES BY CURRICULUM TYPE

**Spring
2010**

**Fall
2010**

**Spring
2012**

**College
Transfer**

\$3,504

\$4,292

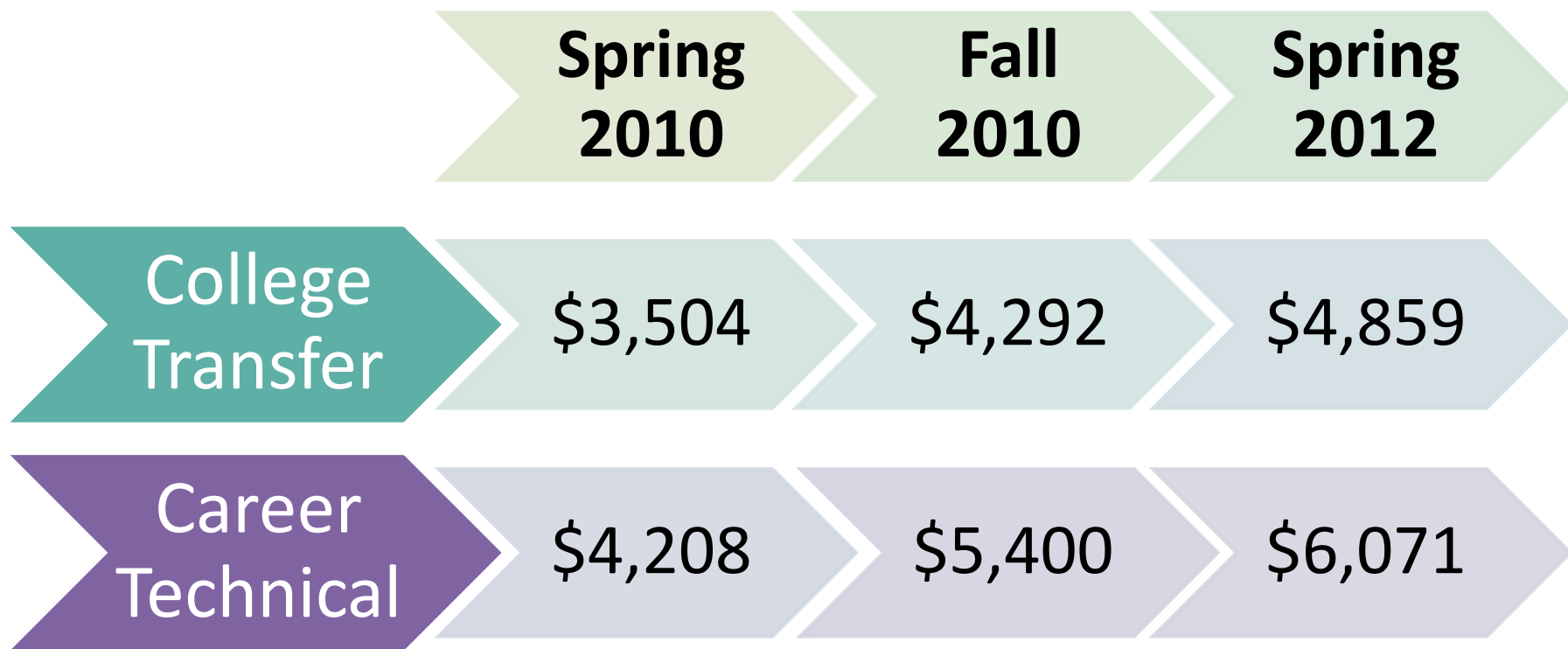
\$4,859

**Career
Technical**

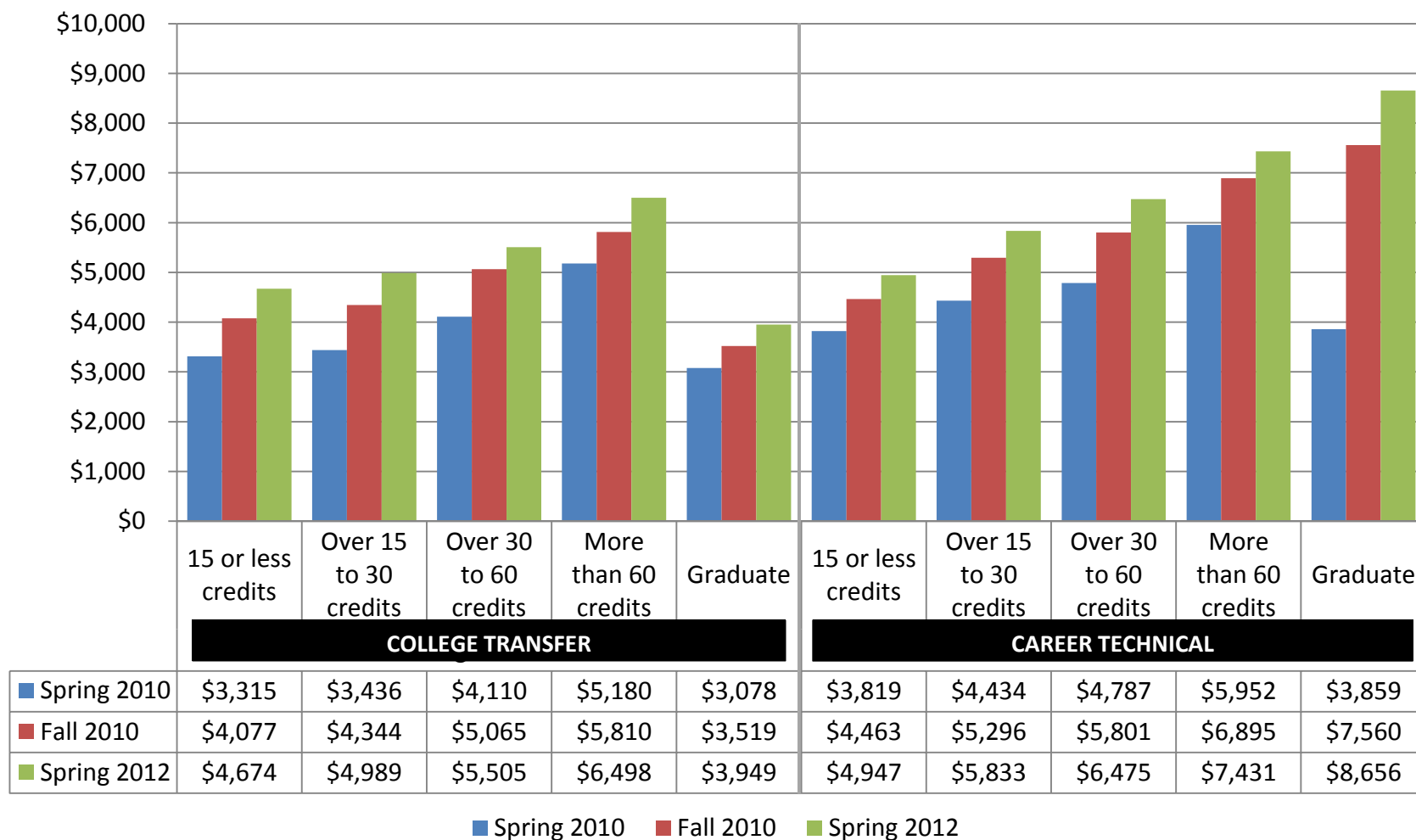
\$4,208

\$5,400

\$6,071



COMPARISON OF MEDIAN QUARTERLY WAGES BY CREDITS EARNED AND CURRICULUM TYPE



GAINS IN MEDIAN WAGES OVER TIME

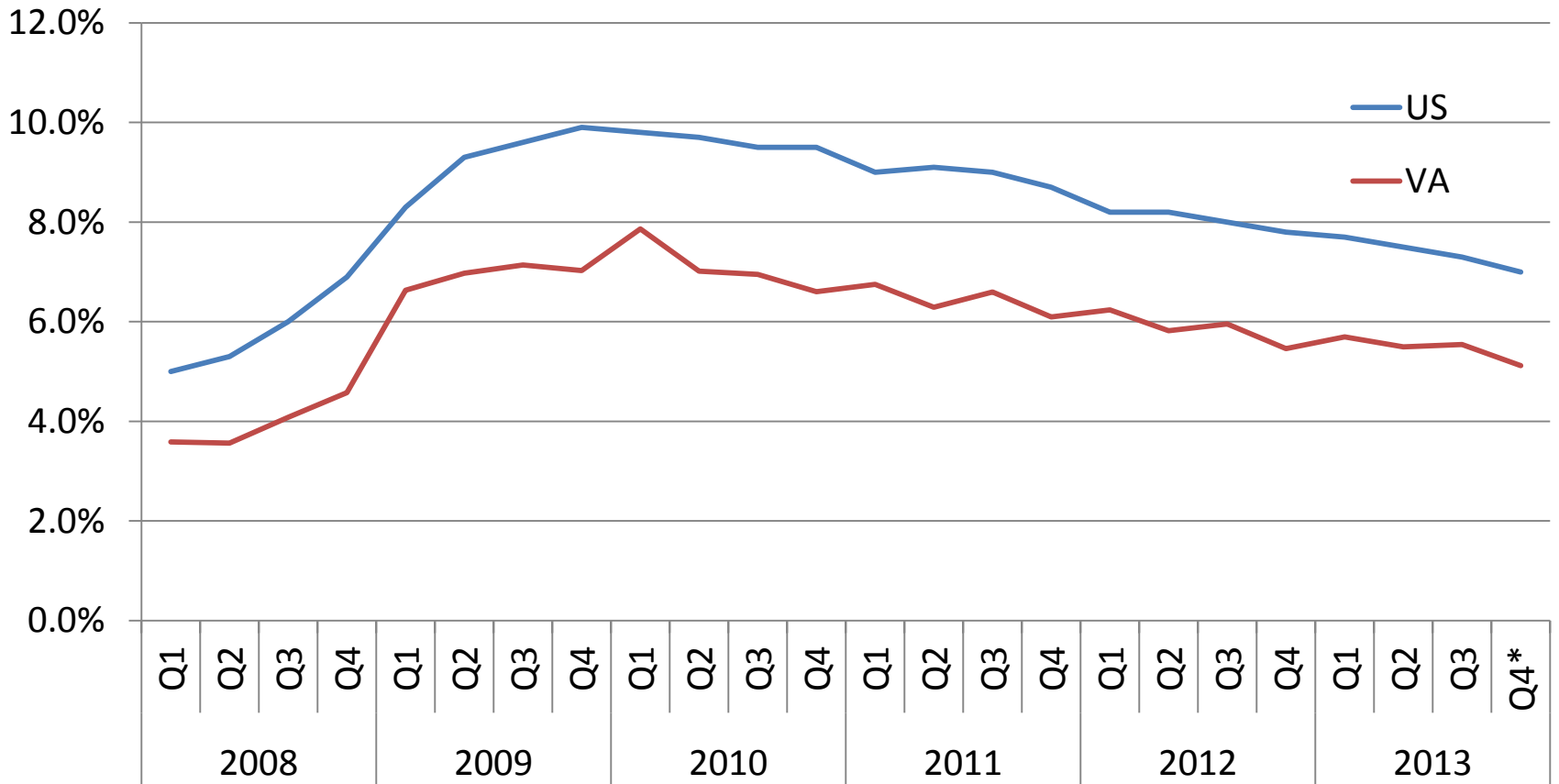
Students who left the VCCS in spring 2010 saw gains in median wages:

Within the first six months

After two years



NATIONAL AND VIRGINIA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES 2008-2013



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

* - Q4 of 2013 based on preliminary data

CONCLUSIONS

- Job placement rates and services differ across Virginia's community colleges
- Colleges play a critical role in economic development and assuring individuals develop employability skills

