

### **First Time, Full time Freshmen Graduation Rates – 2014-2015**

Current 4-year graduation rate for the first time freshmen entering in fall 2011 is 24%, unchanged from the 2010 freshman class. This is the highest 4-year graduation rate ever achieved by CSU, Chico that can be tracked from electronic records dating back to 1983. Chico ranks 6<sup>th</sup> in the CSU system for 4 year graduation rate of first time, full time freshmen.

Current 6 year graduation rate for the freshmen class of 2009 is 64%, an increase of 5% from 59% in the previous year. This marks the highest 6-year graduation rate achieved by CSU, Chico. Chico ranks 5<sup>th</sup> in the CSU system for 6 year graduation rate of first time, full time freshmen.

**Table 1. First Time, Full-time Freshman Graduation Rates**

	<b>Academic Year Degrees Awarded</b>						
	<b>2008-2009</b>	<b>2009-2010</b>	<b>2010-2011</b>	<b>2011-2012</b>	<b>2012-2013</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>2014-2015</b>
All First Time Fulltime Freshmen 4 Years	17%	15%	15%	18%	21%	24%	24%
All First Time Fulltime Freshmen 5 Years	49%	47%	47%	46%	49%	53%	59%
All First Time Fulltime Freshmen 6 Years	57%	61%	61%	60%	57%	59%	64%

### **Underrepresented Minority (URM) Freshmen**

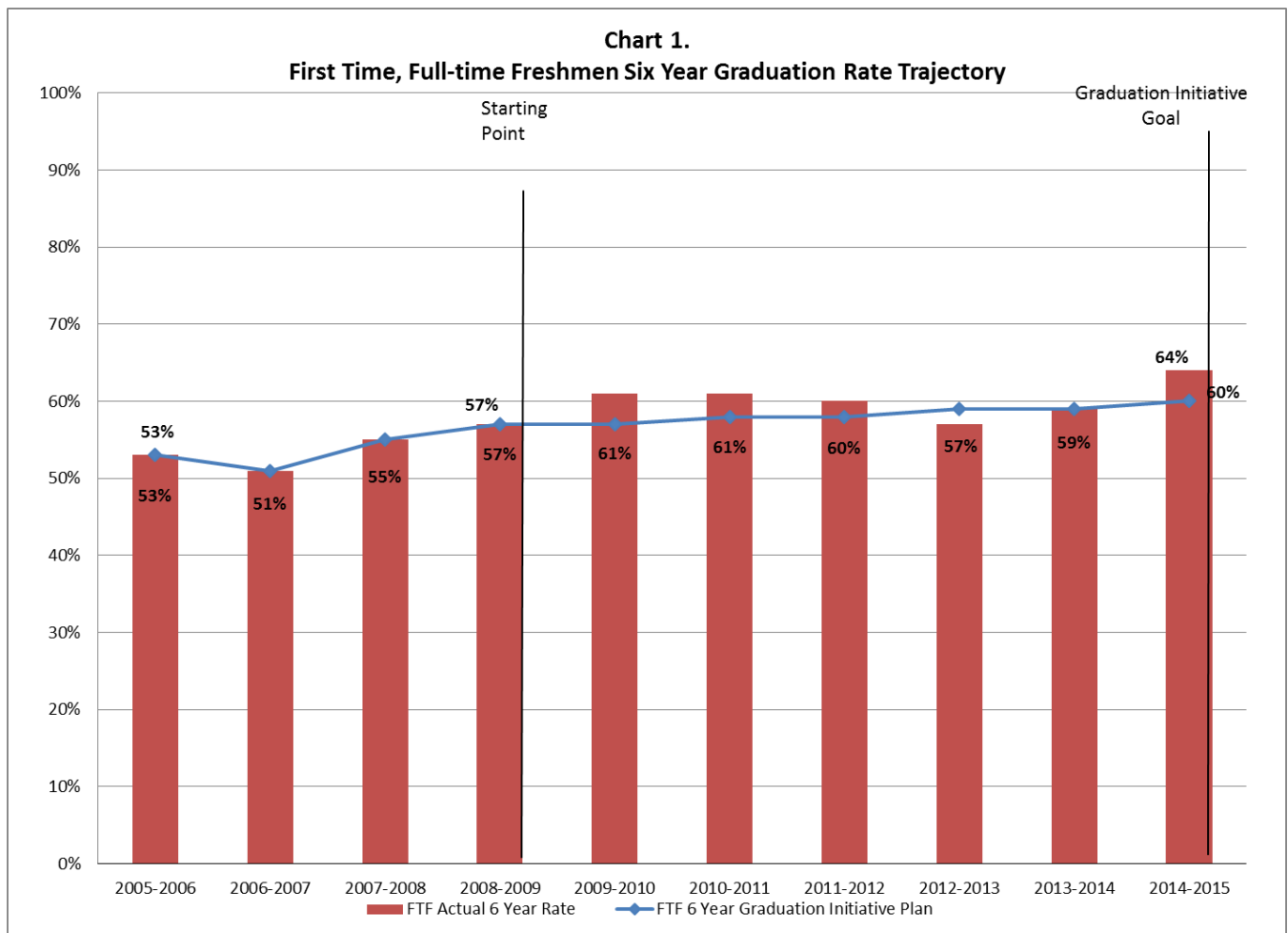
Underrepresented minority students are students who identify themselves as African American, Native American, and Hispanic/Latino. The 4-year graduation rate for URM freshman students in the 2011 class is 15%, down 2%% from the previous year's high of 17%. The 6-year graduation rate for URM freshman students in the class of 2009 rose to 56%, an increase of 10% over the previous year's 46%. This is the highest 6-year graduation rate of URM students tracked at CSU, Chico.

**Table 2. URM First Time, Full-time Freshman Graduation Rates**

	<b>Academic Year Degrees Awarded</b>						
	<b>2008-2009</b>	<b>2009-2010</b>	<b>2010-2011</b>	<b>2011-2012</b>	<b>2012-2013</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>2014-2015</b>
All First Time Fulltime URM Freshmen 4 Years	10%	9%	9%	12%	14%	17%	15%
All First Time Fulltime URM Freshmen 5 Years	36%	34%	35%	32%	34%	45%	51%
All First Time Fulltime URM Freshmen 6 Years	50%	50%	49%	47%	45%	46%	56%

### **CSU Graduation Initiative**

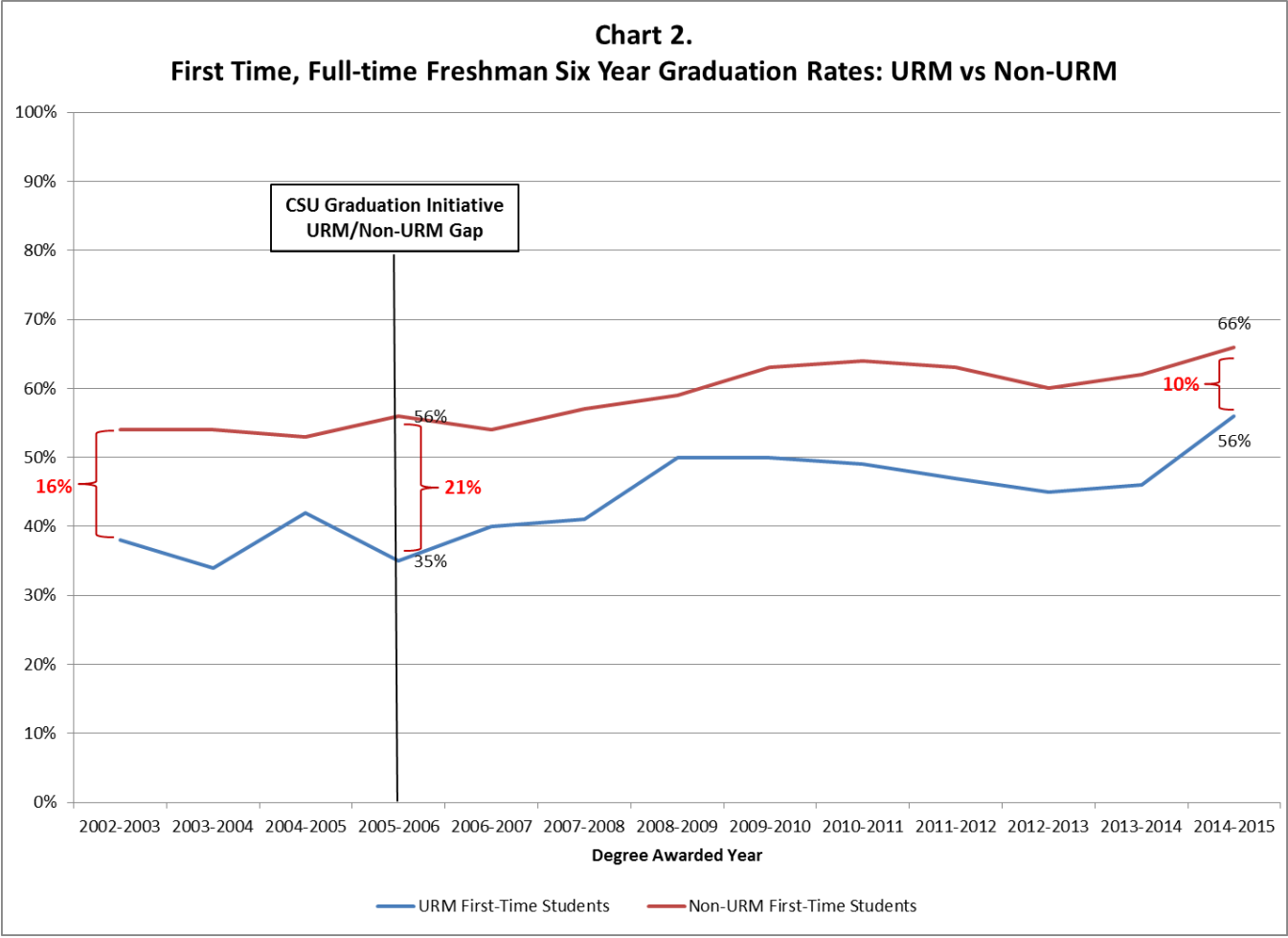
The CSU Graduation Initiative (CGI) goals are to increase the campus' and system's 6 year graduation rates. Benchmark data provided by the Chancellor's Office was the 6 year graduation rate for first time students graduating in the 2007-2008 college year—the freshman class for measurement started in fall 2002. Chico's 6 year graduation rate for the class of 2002 is 55% and the goal set by the Graduation Initiative is to increase that rate by 5% to 60% by the 2014-2015 college year. Chico' overall first time, full-time freshman six-year graduation rate for the class of 2009 is 64% and we achieved and exceeded our overall first time freshman 6-year graduation goal of 60%. Chart 1 shows the actual 6-year graduation rates against the proposed trajectory for meeting the Graduation Initiative Goals.



### **Halving the Gap: URM to Non-URM Six-year Graduation Rates**

The CSU Graduation Initiative also set a goal for the campus to halve the six-year graduation rate gap between underrepresented minority students (URM) and non-underrepresented students. The measurement of the gap was taken from the URM versus non-URM students who graduated in the 2005-06 college year. The six-year graduation rates for Chico in 2005-06 were 35% for URM and 56% for non-URM for a gap in graduation rates of 21%. The goal for Chico to halve the gap is to raise the graduation rates for URM students to 53% by the 2014-15 graduation year.

The six-year graduation rate for URM freshmen in the class of 2009 is 56% and Chico has achieved the “halving the gap” goal set in the Graduation Initiative. Chart 2 shows the history of the URM to Non-URM 6-year graduation gap. It is noted that significant improvement can be seen in the URM graduation rates as well as improvements in the Non-URM 6-year graduation rates. The gap between URM and Non-URM freshmen has closed from 21% in 2005-06, at the start of the Graduation Initiative, to 10% in 2014-15.



**Resources**

Persistence and Graduation Rates: [http://ir.csuchico.edu/ERSDB\\_Reports/PersistenceAndGraduation/](http://ir.csuchico.edu/ERSDB_Reports/PersistenceAndGraduation/)

Graduation Initiative Specific Reports:  
<https://insight-int.csuchico.edu/Reports/Pages/Folder.aspx?ItemPath=%2fInstitutional+Research%2fGraduation+Initiative+Reports&ViewMode=List>