

BACKGROUND

This report presents summary information related to the persistence of **fall 2007** students who participated in the **Ventura College Promise** program. Persistence to the **fall 2008** semester for VC Promise students is compared to the persistence of non-VC Promise students.

VENTURA COLLEGE PROMISE STUDENTS

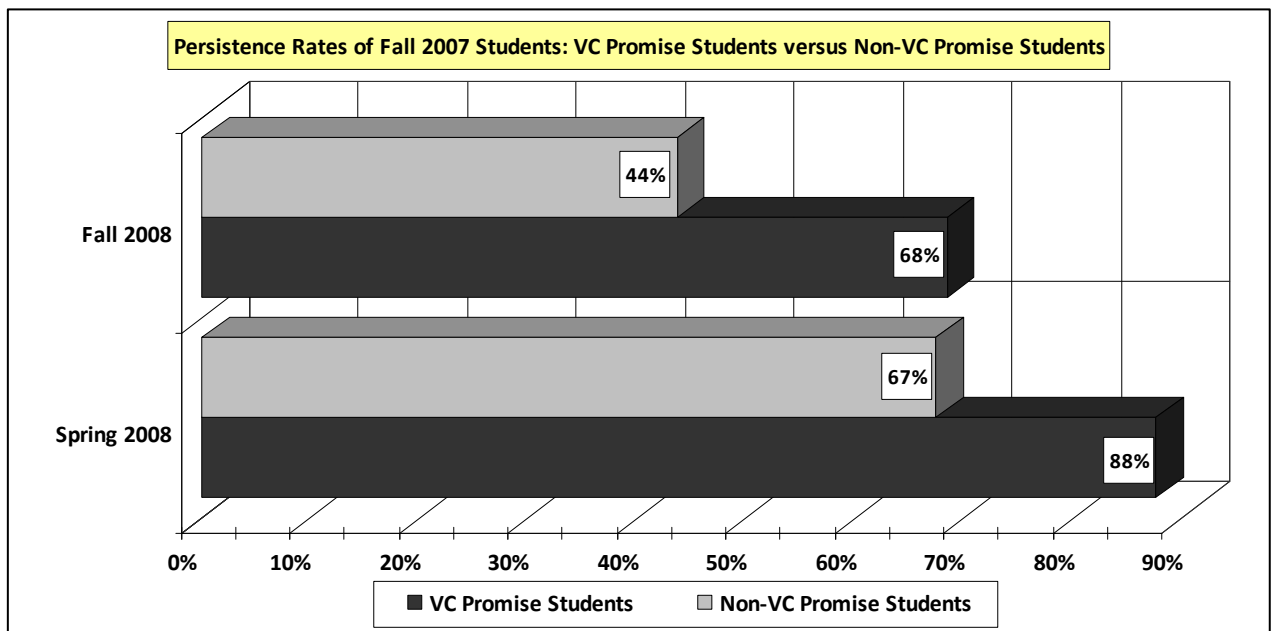
The Ventura College Promise, a program sponsored by the Ventura College Foundation, pays the first-year VC enrollment fees for students meeting the program's criteria. Student IDs for fall 2007 Ventura College Promise students were provided by the Ventura College Foundation. Of the **1,151** student IDs, **1,061** were matched to fall 2007 VC grades records. As such, students represented by these **1,061** student IDs form the cohort of VC Promise students whose persistence is being tracked.

SUMMARY

In **fall 2007**, the ages of Ventura College Promise students ranged from **16 years** to **24 years** – with **99.5% (1,056)** of the students being **17–20** years-of-age. The table below presents summary data related to students in the **17–20** year age group. **Spring 2008** data are based on student enrollments as of January 28, 2008, and **fall 2008** data are based on student enrollments on September 8, 2008.

Fall 2007 Students who were 17 – 20 Years-of-Age	Persisted to Spring 2008		Persisted to Fall 2008		
	Persistence Rate	Average Units	Persistence Rate	Average Units	Full-Time Percentage
Non-VC Promise Students	67.4%	10.8	43.6%	11.1	58.3%
VC Promise Students	87.6%	13.3	68.4%	12.5	72.6%

Persistence rates for VC Promise students are significantly higher than the corresponding rates for non-VC Promise students, as are the average units per student. The **fall 2008** persistence rates (shown above) are for those students who persisted from fall 2007 to spring 2008 and then enrolled in fall 2008. Persistence data for the fall 2007 students – who **skipped** spring 2008, but then enrolled in fall 2008 – are indicated in the tables on page 2. Persistence rates, taken from the table above, are graphically depicted in the chart that follows.



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Persistence of VC Promise Students: Fall 2007 to Fall 2008

Table A. Persistence of Fall 2007, VC Promise Students – By Student Age

Enrolled in Fall 2007		Persisted to Spring 2008		Persisted to Fall 2008					
Age	Count	Count	Units	Had enrolled in Spring 2008		Skipped Spring 2008		Total	
				Count	Units	Count	Units	Count	Units
16	1	1	13.0	1	10.0	-0	-0	1	10.0
17	9	8	104.5	6	66.5	-0	-0	6	66.5
18	813	710	9,526.0	567	7,093.5	23	238.0	590	7,331.5
19	211	190	2,436.5	136	1,710.0	5	56.5	141	1,766.5
20	23	17	254.5	13	171.5	-0	-0	13	171.5
Sub-total	1,056	925	12,321.5	722	9,041.5	28	294.5	750	9,336.0
21	3	3	45.0	3	40.0	-0	-0	3	40.0
22	-0	-0	-0.0	-0	-0	-0	-0	-0	-0
23	-0	-0	-0.0	-0	-0	-0	-0	-0	-0
24	1	-0	-0.0	-0	-0	-0	-0	-0	-0
Total	1,061	929	12,379.5	726	9091.5	28	294.5	754	9386.0

Table B. Persistence Rates / Full-Time Percentage: VC Promise Students (17–20 Years of Age)

Persisted to Spring 2008	Persisted to Fall 2008		
	Enrolled in Spring 2008	Skipped Spring 2008	Total
87.6%	68.4%	2.6%	71.0%
$(925 \div 1,056) \times 100$	$(722 \div 1,056) \times 100$	$(28 \div 1,056) \times 100$	$(750 \div 1,056) \times 100$
Fall 2008 Full-Time Percentage	72.6%	$(524 \div 722) \times 100$	

Table C. Persistence of Fall 2007, Non-VC Promise Students – By Student Age

Enrolled in Fall 2007		Persisted to Spring 2008		Persisted to Fall 2008					
Age	Count	Count	Units	Had enrolled in Spring 2008		Skipped Spring 2008		Total	
				Count	Units	Count	Units	Count	Units
16	266	136	754.5	85	543.0	34	151.0	119	694.0
17	477	246	1,393.0	130	1,460.5	75	813.5	205	2,274.0
18	847	570	6,438.0	407	4,943.5	59	540.0	466	5,483.5
19	1,419	1,027	11,986.0	712	7,976.5	79	669.0	791	8,645.5
20	1,282	870	9,572.0	505	5,111.5	72	560.0	577	5,671.5
Sub-total	4,025	2,713	29,389.0	1,754	19,492.0	285	2,582.5	2,039	22,074.5
21	927	544	5,213.5	303	2,877.5	61	439.5	364	3,317.0
22	768	452	4,260.5	229	2,112.5	53	324.5	282	2,437.0
23	540	295	2,606.5	176	1,572.5	29	203.0	205	1,775.5
24	466	239	2,081.0	119	1,010.0	34	224.5	153	1,234.5
Total	6,992	4,379	44,305.0	2,666	2,7607.5	496	3,925.0	3,162	31,532.5

Table D. Persistence Rates / Full-Time Percentage: Non-VC Promise Students (17–20 Years of Age)

Persisted to Spring 2008	Persisted to Fall 2008		
	Enrolled in Spring 2008	Skipped Spring 2008	Total
67.4%	43.6%	7.1%	50.7%
$(2,713 \div 4,025) \times 100$	$(1,754 \div 4,025) \times 100$	$(285 \div 4,025) \times 100$	$(2,039 \div 4,025) \times 100$
Fall 2008 Full-Time Percentage	58.3%	$(1,022 \div 1,754) \times 100$	