

ESL Students Who Have Graduated from US High Schools Much Less Likely to Graduate from LaGuardia

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Graduates from US high schools who place into ESL are less likely to graduate from LaGuardia than students who come to college from foreign high schools, especially those on a student visa (Figure 1).

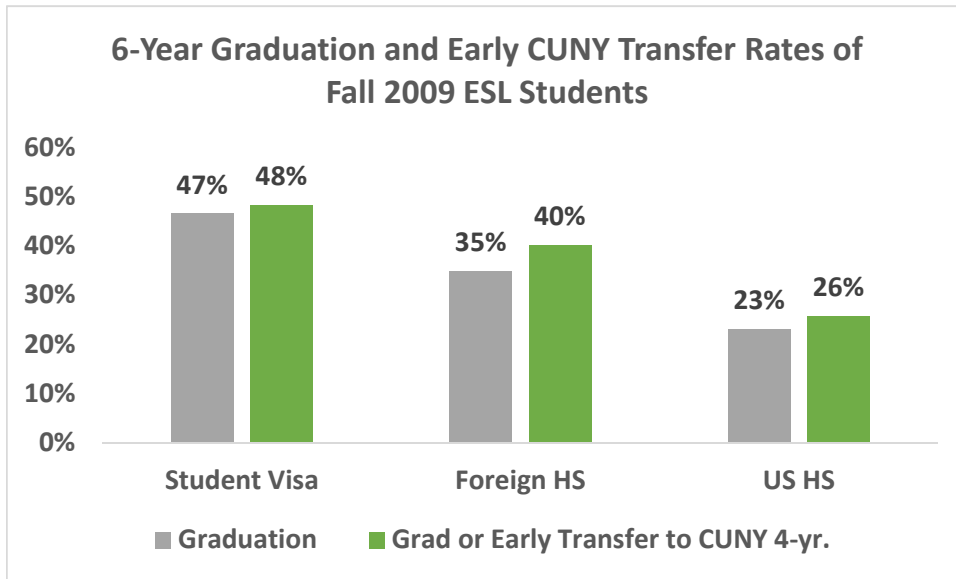


Figure 1

This is true even though there is similarity in these students' placement levels (Figure 2).

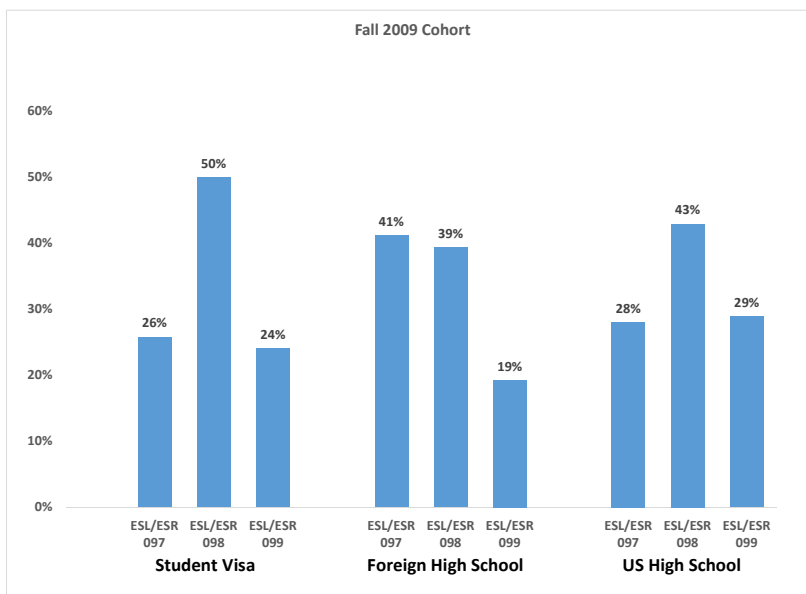


Figure 2

Another statistic that differentiates these students is the number who place into a level and never take that course, either because they skip it or they drop out before taking it. Figure 3 shows the results for those place into either ESL 099 or ESR 099.

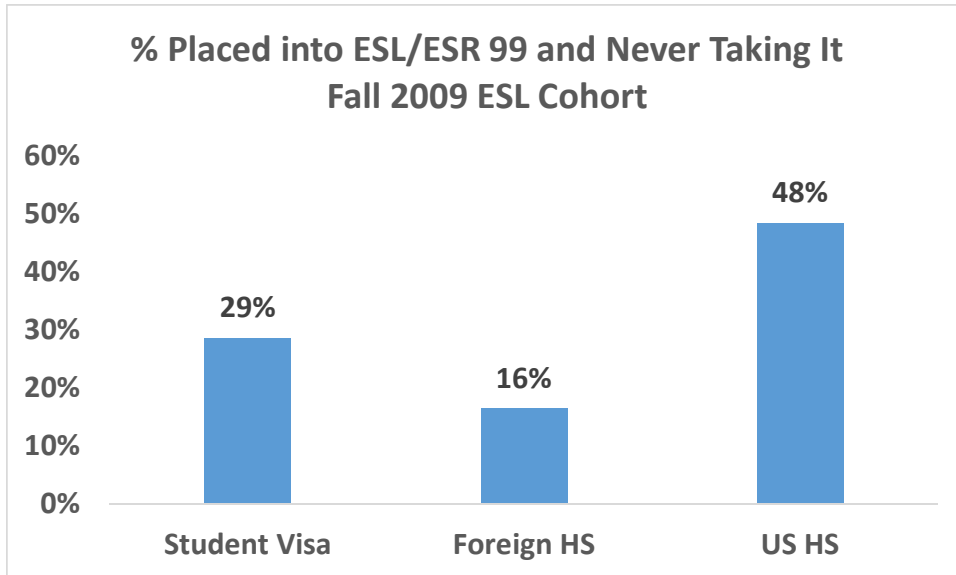


Figure 3

As Figure 4 shows, this performance difference also exists among students not needing ESL.

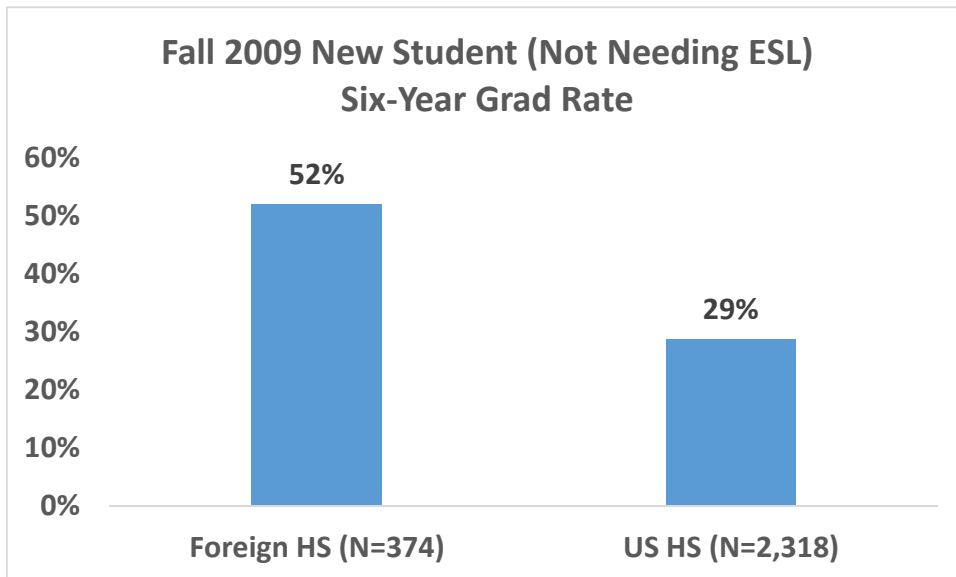


Figure 4

Interpretation

Students with foreign high school preparation are more prepared for a college like LaGuardia than students coming from US high schools, even with the same English language deficits.