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Further Education Student Destinations & Impact of Learning Research

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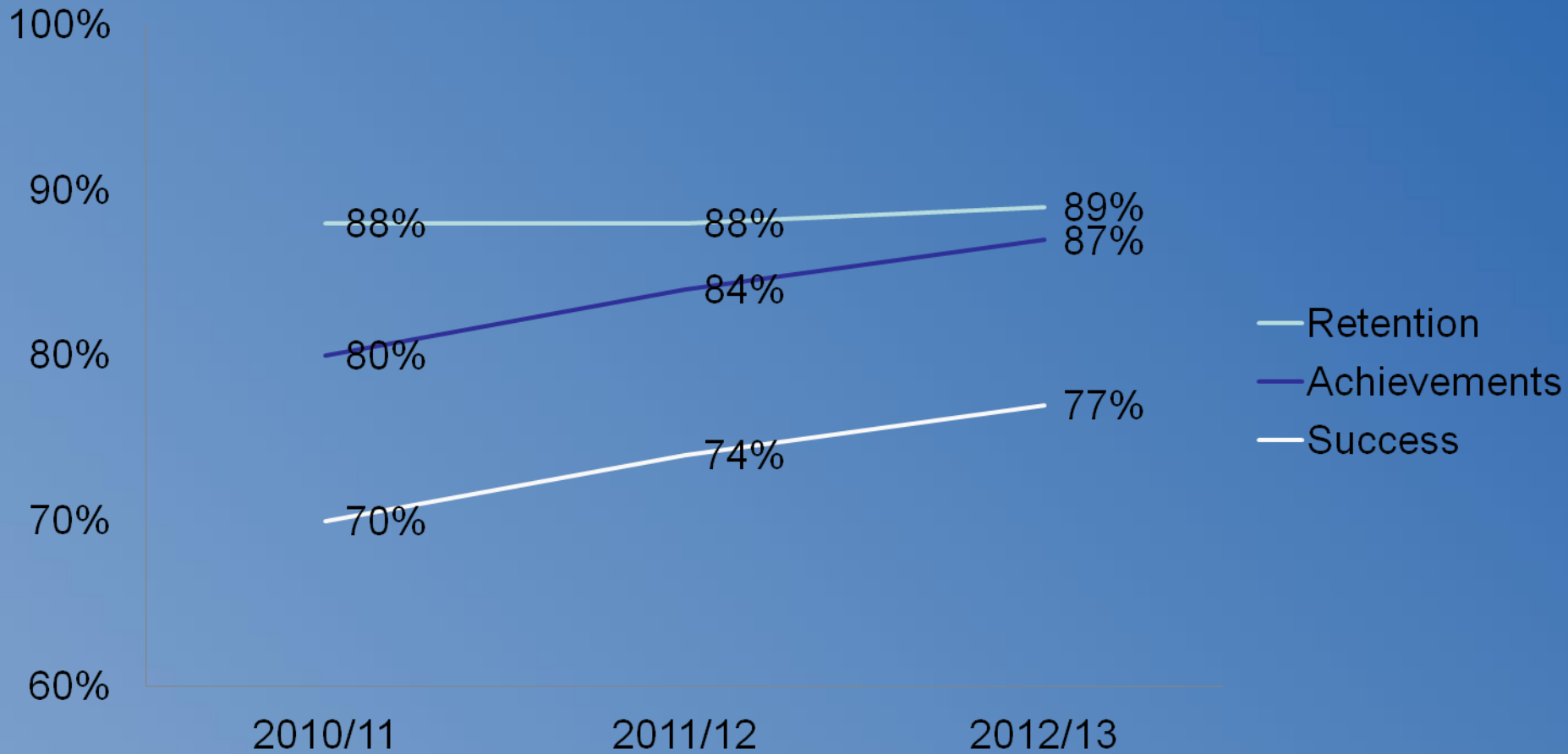
Background:

- Substantial data availability governing student enrolments
- Recent development of retention/achievement/success statistics
- Much less is known about outcomes/outputs
- Where do leavers from FE courses end up?
- What is added economic/non-economic value/impact of FE learning?
- Key Trends?

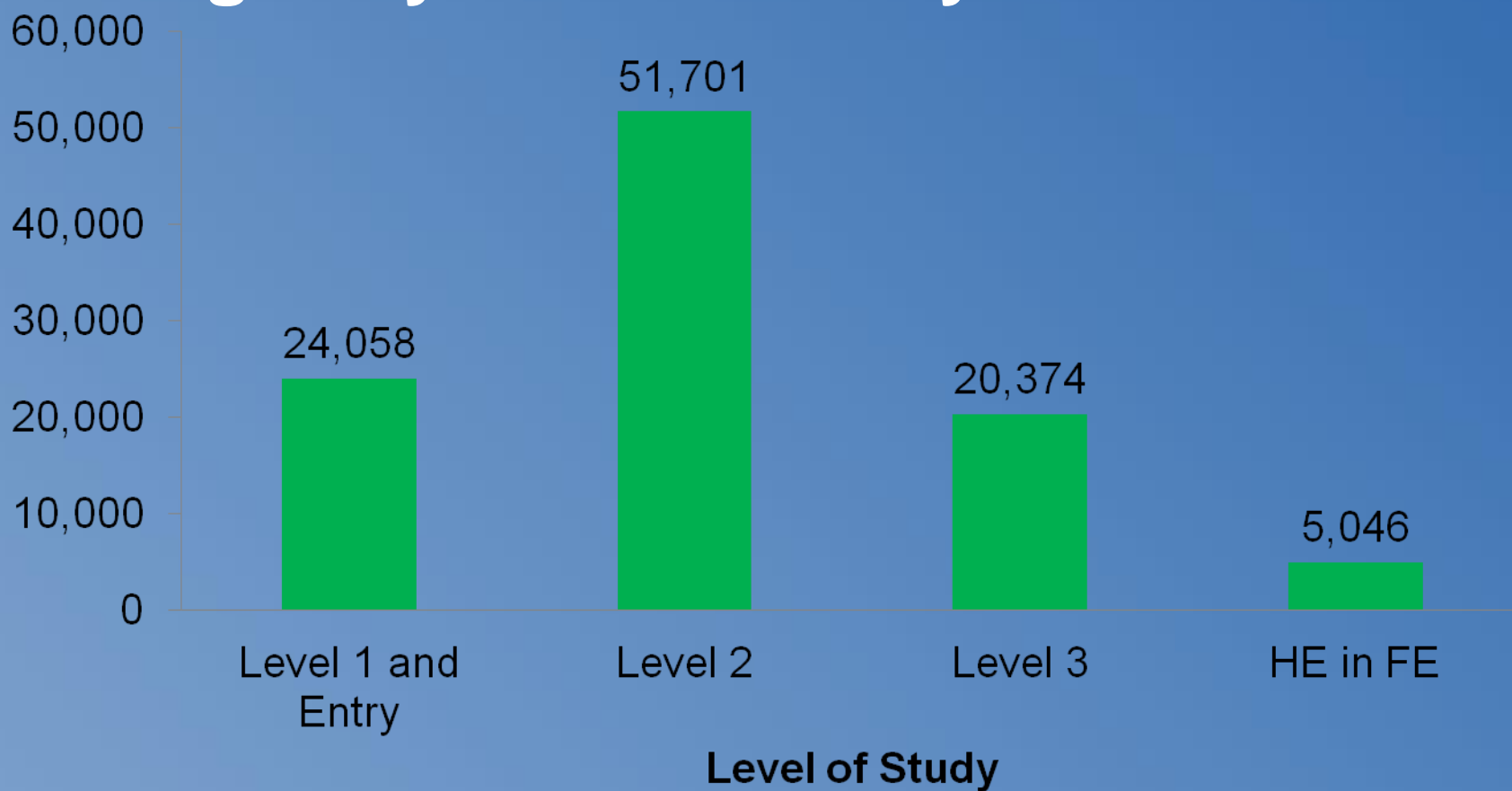
Key Statistics 2012/13 FE in NI

- 156,000 enrolments (90,000 individuals)
- 129,000 'final year'
- 116,073 'completers'
- 101,000 'achievements/qualifications'
- PfG DEL 211,000+ level 2 and above qualifications by 2015

FE Retention/Achievement/Success Rates 2010/11 – 2012/13



Qualifications Gained from NI FE Colleges by Level of study 2012/13



Key Questions

- What was reason for enrolling on course?
- Economic activity prior to course?
- Level of study & mode of attendance of course?
- Focus on those completing/achieving?
- Time period after leaving course?

Economic Benefits of FE Learning:

- Did Individual progress into employment?
- Did individual achieve better job/promotion?
- Has salary changed as result of FE learning?
- Does subject area of employment map with that of FE course?
- Progression to further study (what level and what subject area?), gaining required qualifications?

Non-Economic Benefits

- Practical Skills?
- Gain Confidence/Self Esteem?
- Improve Quality of Life?
- Help Children with Homework?
- Want to undertake further learning at a higher level?
- Health/Social Benefits?

Qualitative/Quantitative Research

- Pilot Study underway (should be completed Jan 2014)
- Stratified Sample – college, age, gender, subject, mode & level of study
- Full telephone survey expected to commence April/May 2014 (6 weeks for approx 3,000 sample size)
- Research report and dataset expected to be available summer 2014
- Can merge with original enrolment dataset

Further Information

- More detailed information can be obtained by contacting Thomas Coyle by email at:
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- Additional FE NI statistical/research information can be found on the DEL website:
www.delni.gov.uk/index/statsandresearch.htm
- Related Research by BIS in England:
www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/69179/bis-13-597-impact-of-further-education-learning.pdf