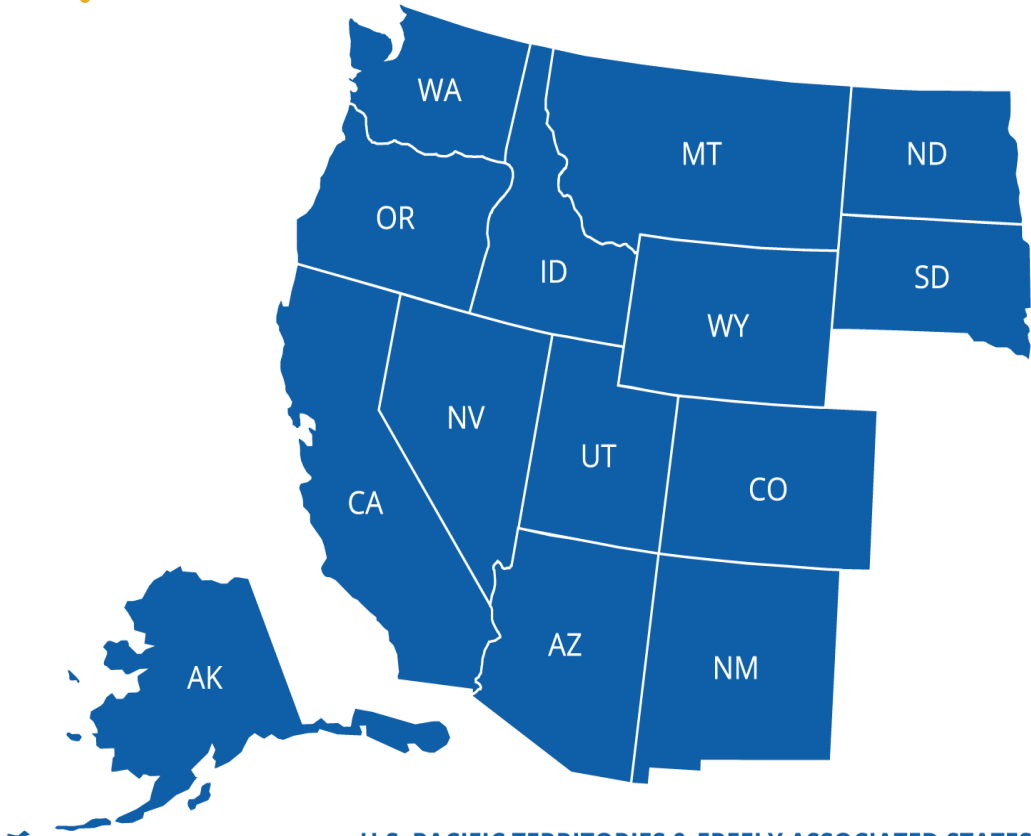




KNOCKING AT THE COLLEGE DOOR PROJECTIONS OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



What is WICHE?



U.S. PACIFIC TERRITORIES & FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES

- AMERICAN SAMOA
- COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
- FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
- GUAM
- REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS
- REPUBLIC OF PALAU

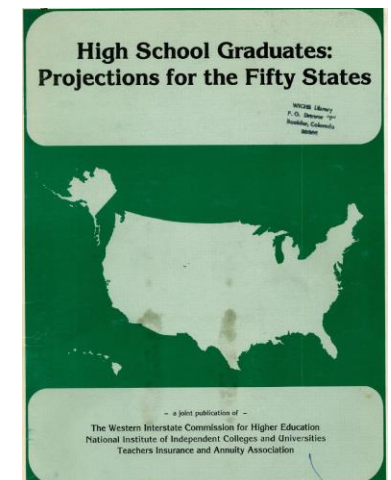
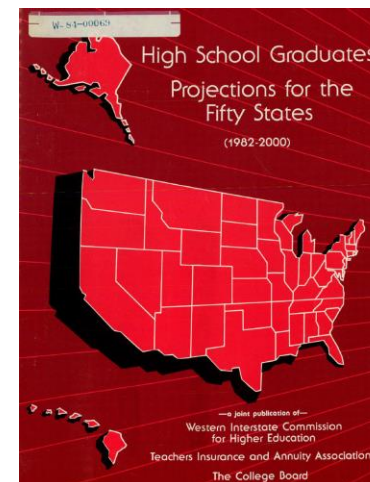
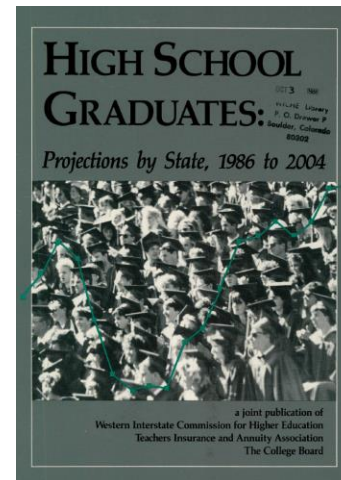
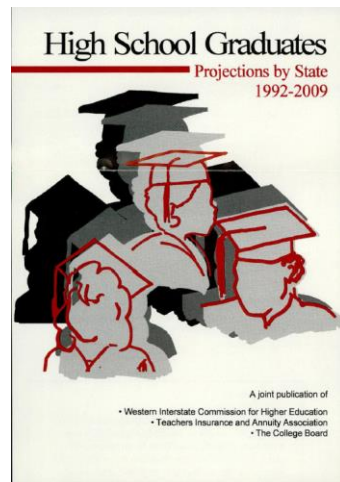
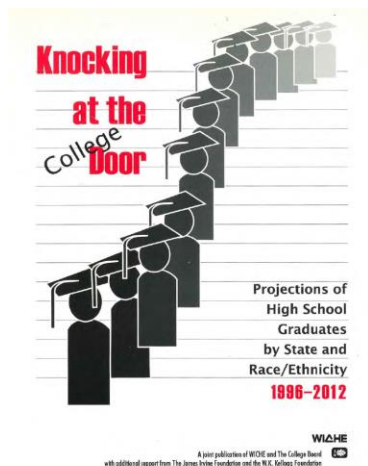
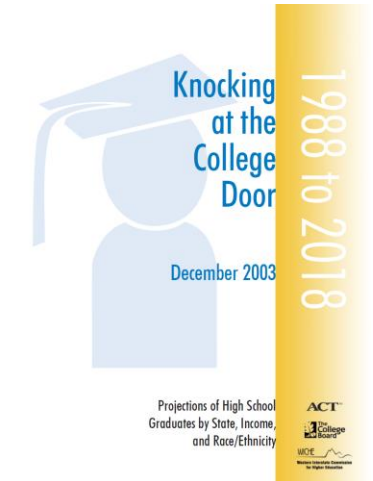
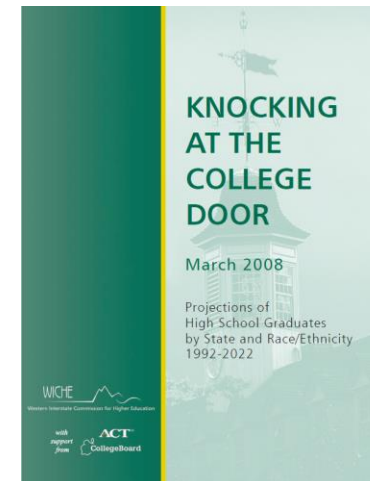
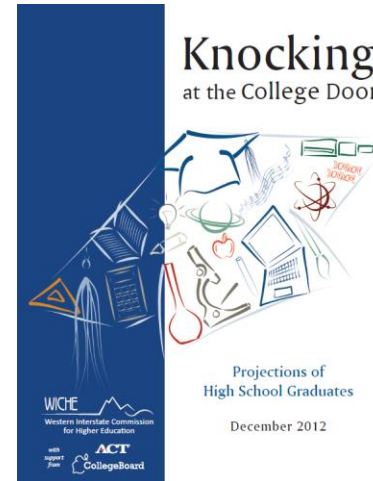
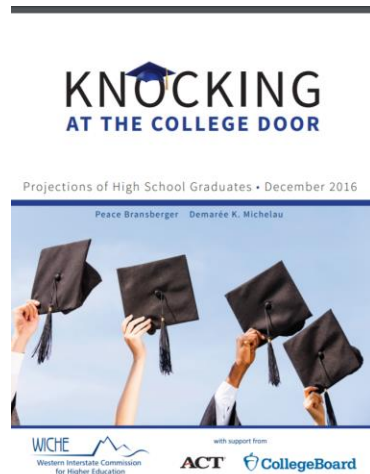
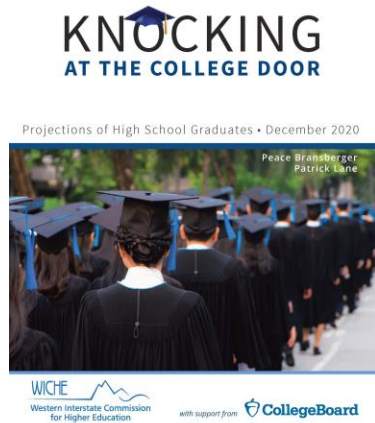
► **One of four regional interstate education compacts**

► **Established in 1953**

► **Mission:**

- Expand educational access and excellence.
- Strengthen higher ed's contributions to the region's social, economic, and civic life.

History and background: What is *Knocking*?

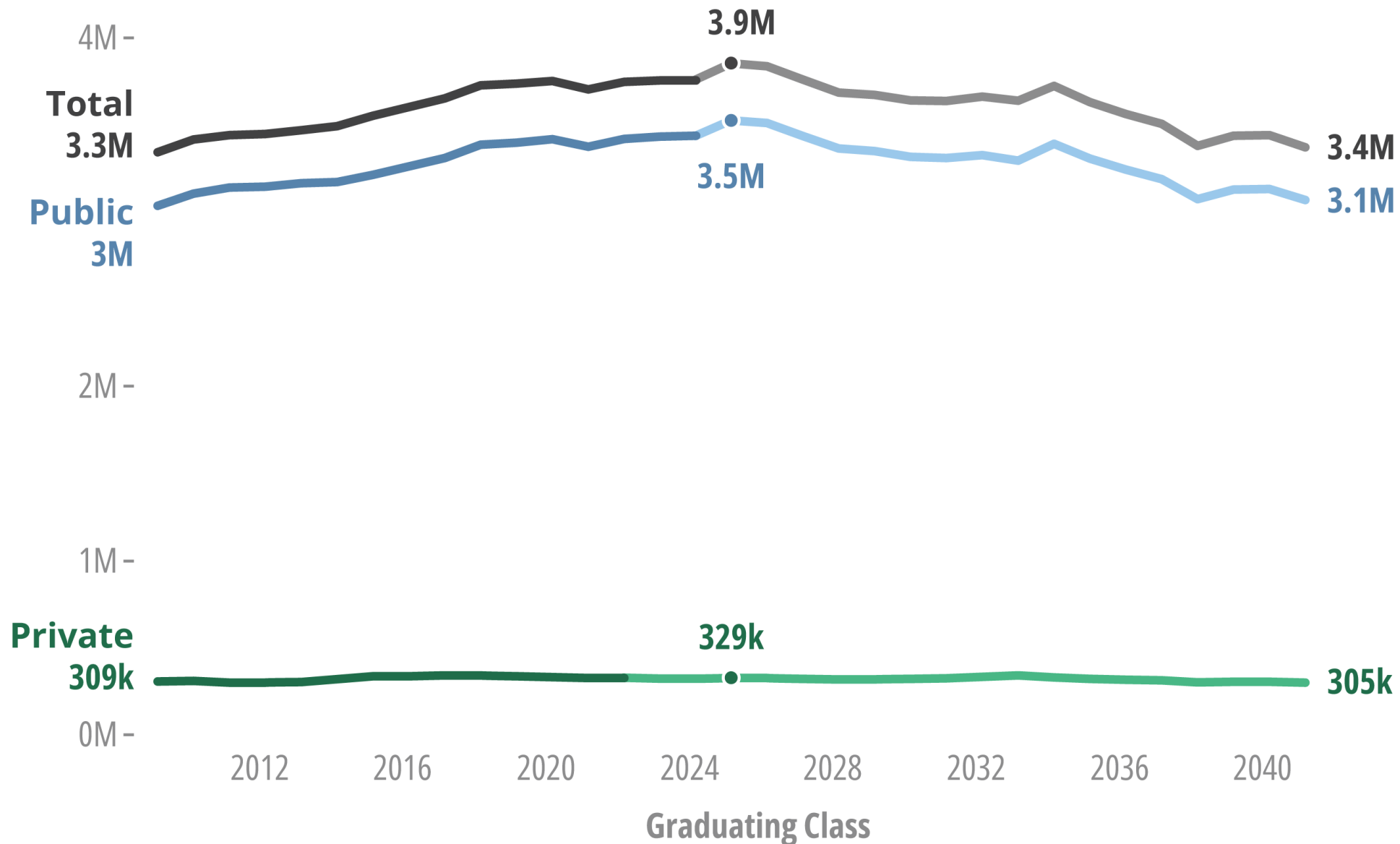




Demographic Trends

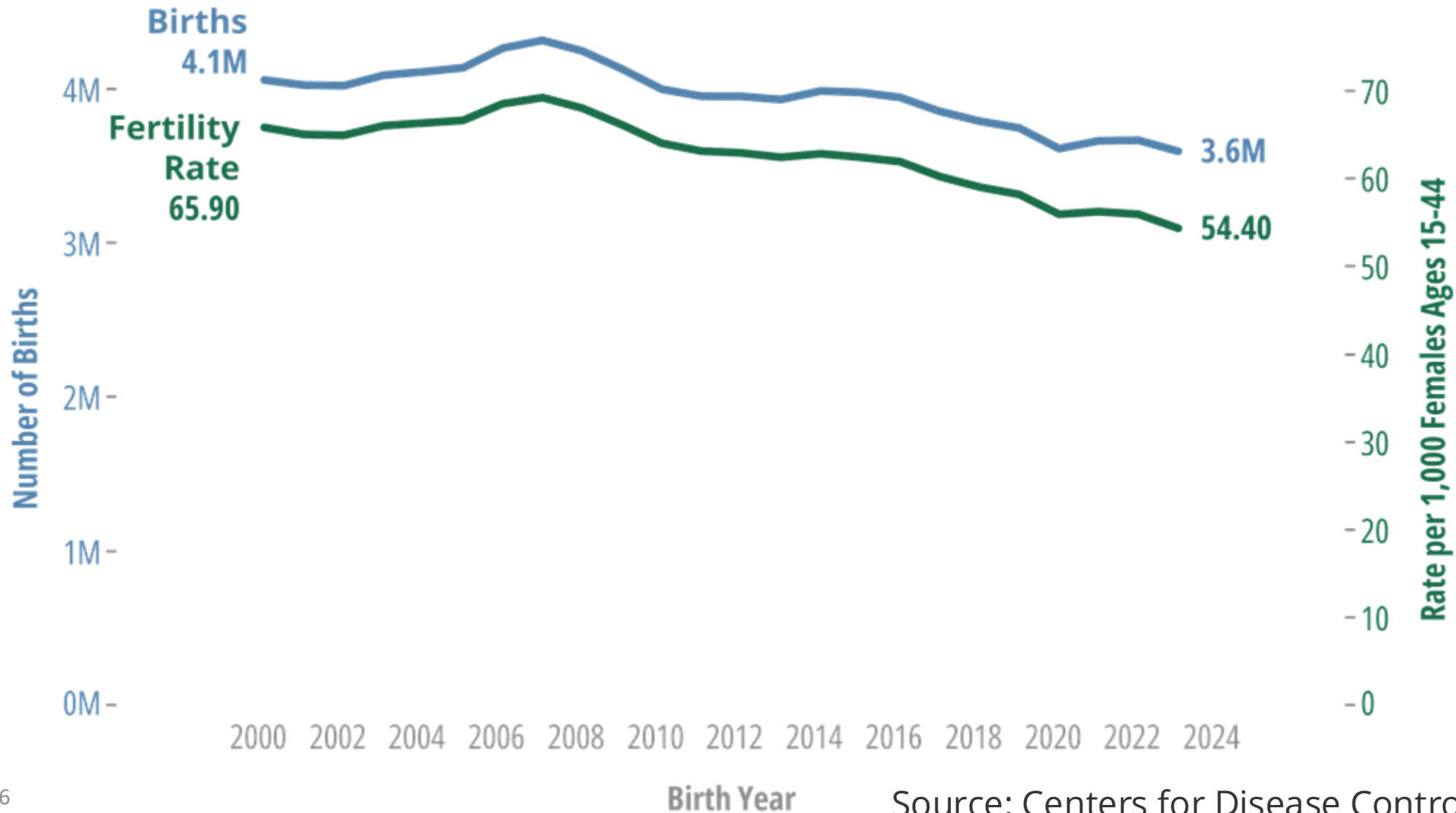
Key Finding: Nationally, the total number of high school graduates is expected to peak in 2025, then decline through 2041.

National data: High school graduates, 2009 to 2041

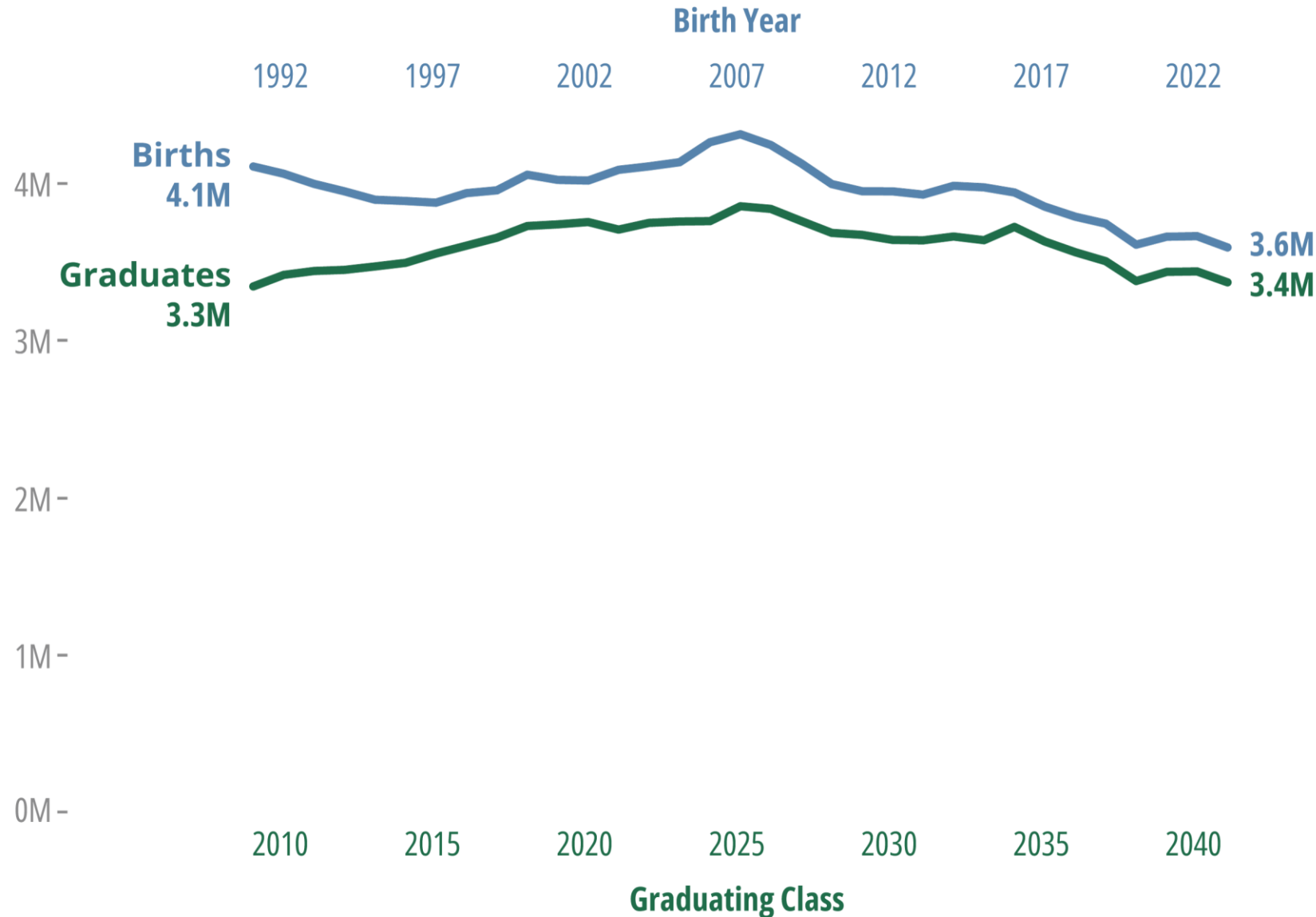


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Factor #1: Births (actuals, 2000-2023)

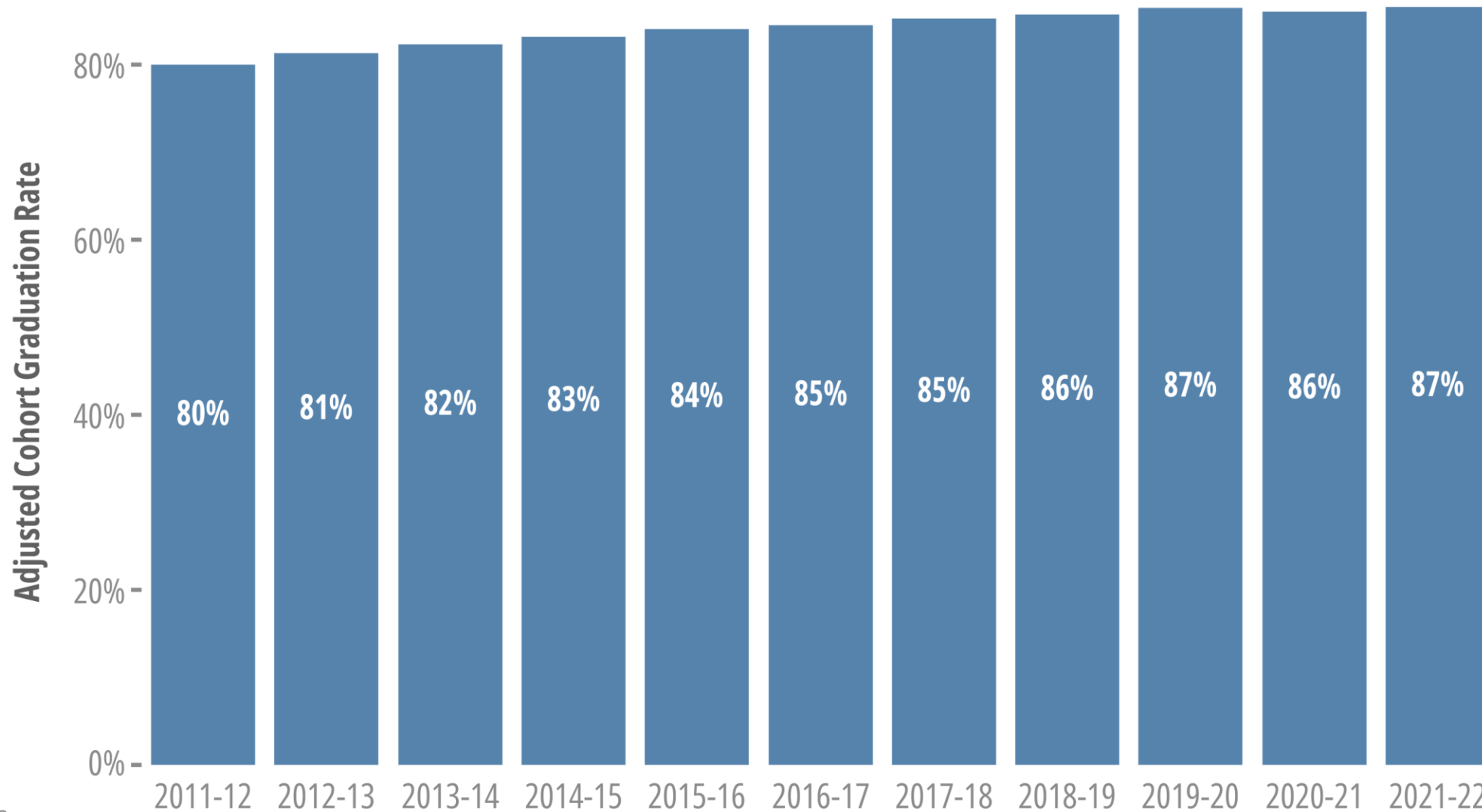


Births & total graduates 18 yrs. later




Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; WICHE analysis

Factor #2: K-12 retention and completion

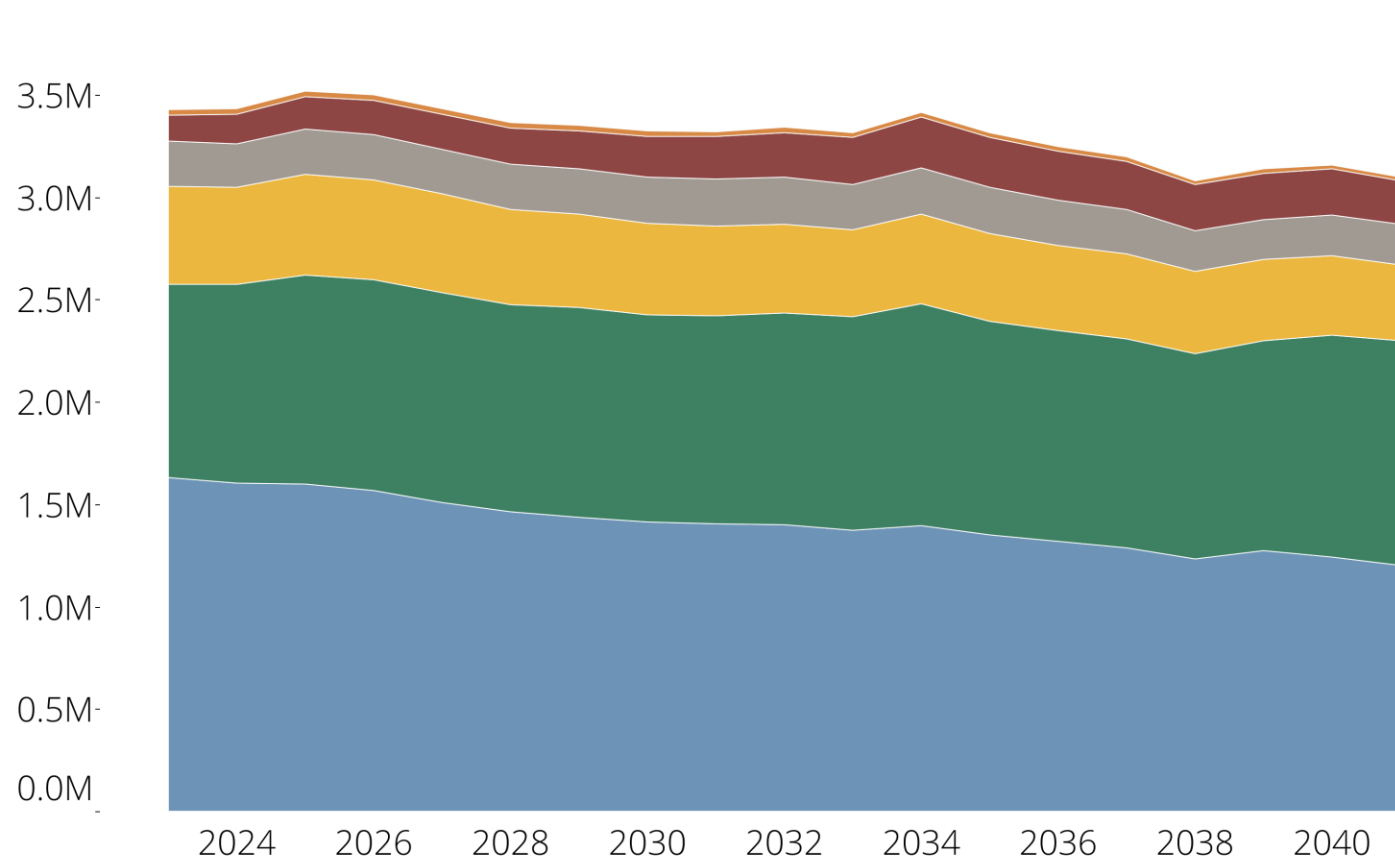


Source: National
Center for
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Statistics



Key Finding #2: Future public graduating classes will be composed of higher proportions of underrepresented students, especially Hispanic and Multiracial graduates.

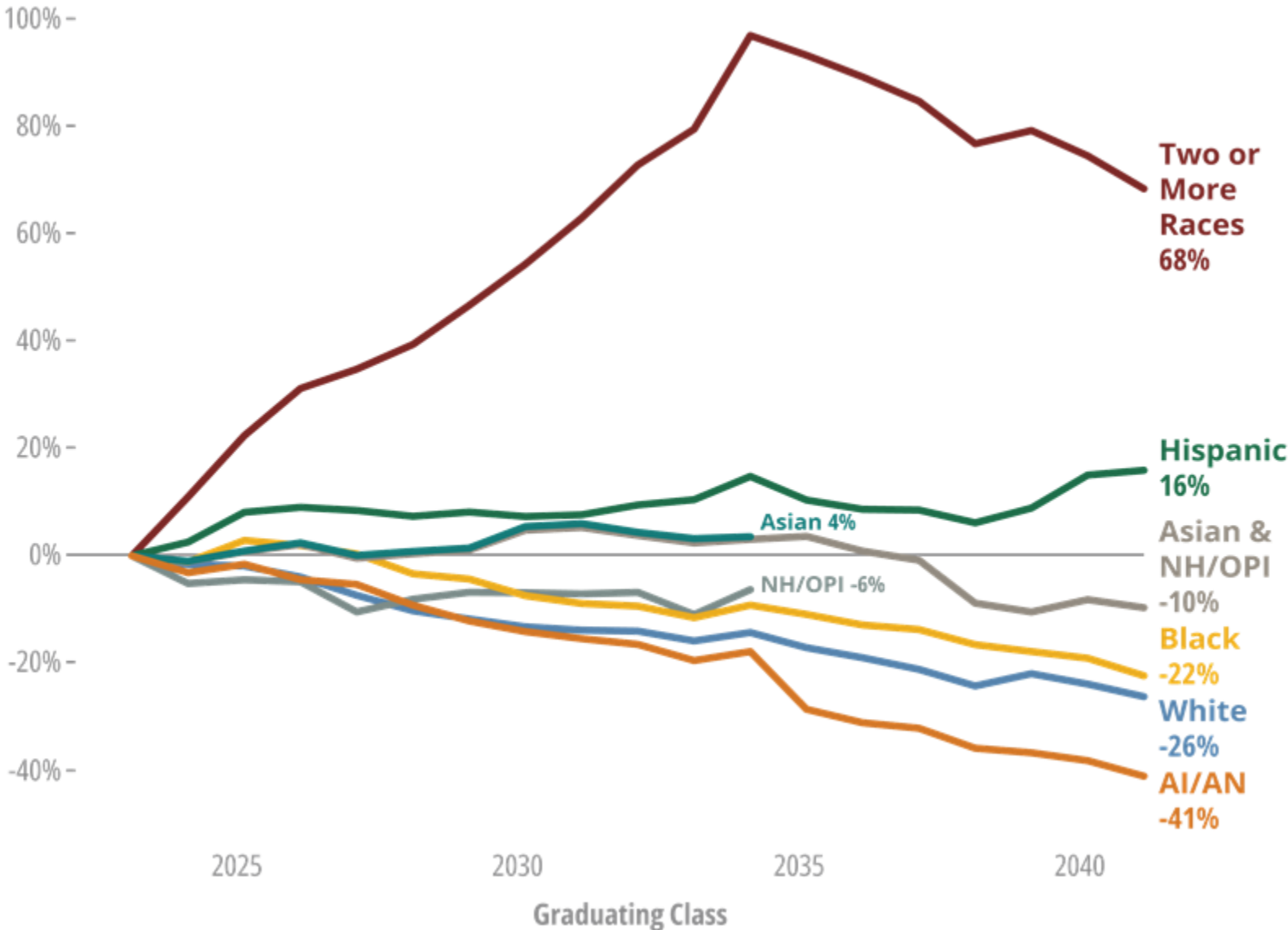
U.S. public high school graduates by race and ethnicity



Race/Ethnicity	2023	2041
AI/AN	29,706	17,566
Multiracial	127,352	214,303
Asian & NHOPI	217,616	196,667
Black	480,224	372,960
Hispanic	944,299	1,094,165
White	1,629,974	1,202,287

Source: *Knocking at the College Door*, 2024

Projected national change in graduates by race/ethnicity



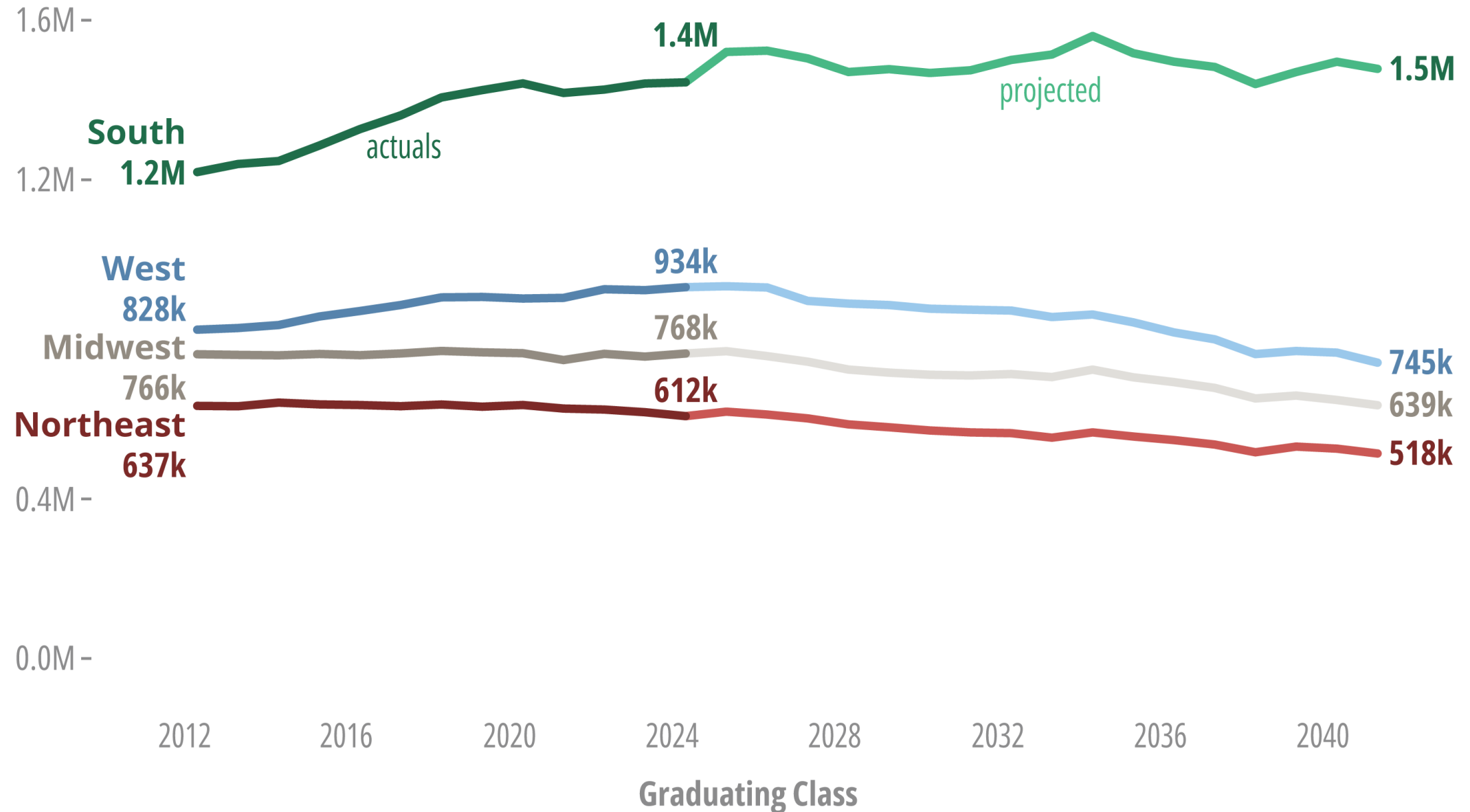
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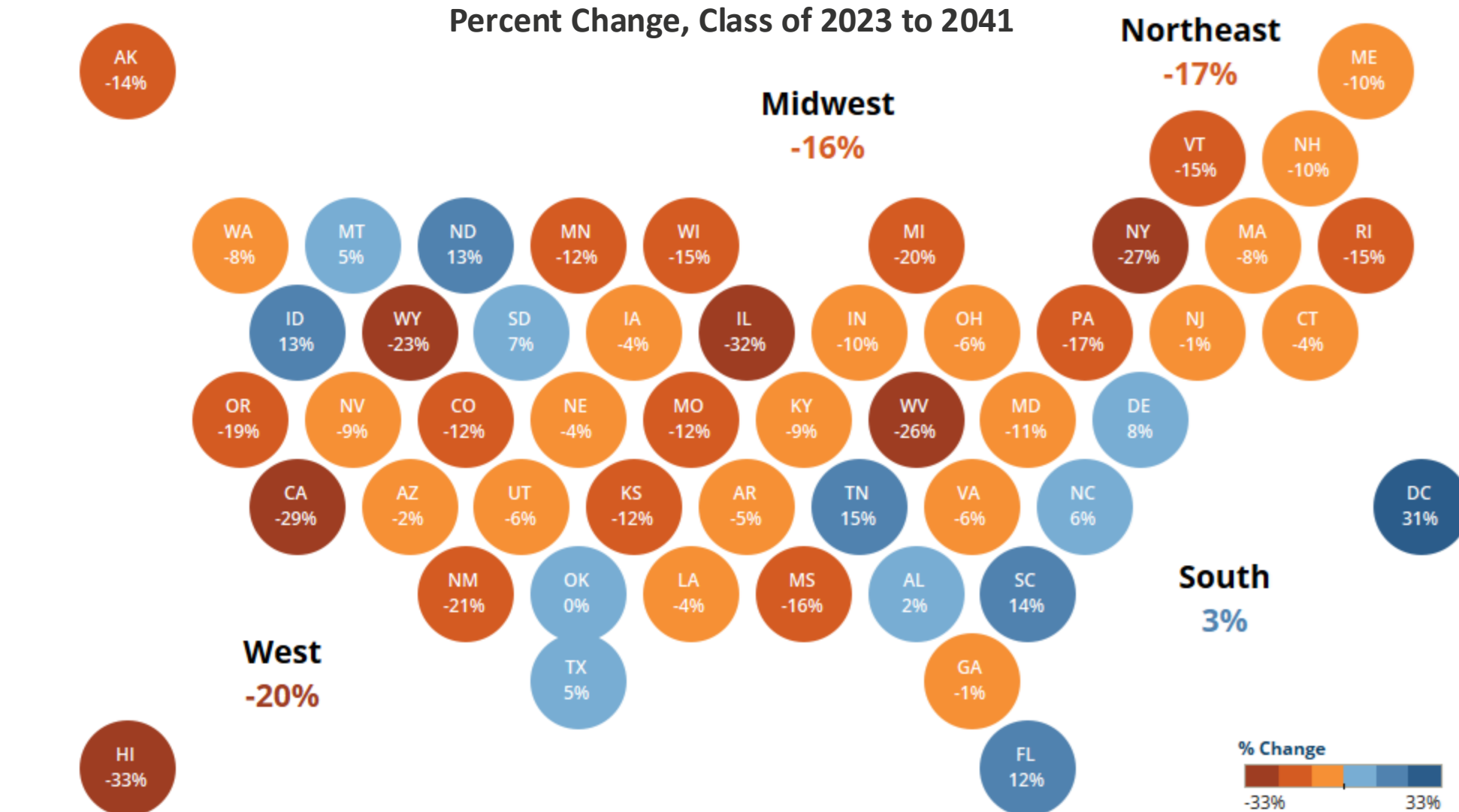


So what do the data say?

Key Finding #3: Declines in the West, Midwest, and Northeast will be steeper than previously projected; the number of graduates in the South is projected to increase.

Regional variation







So what? Why do we care? What can be done?

Workforce shortages

Governors Address Healthcare Labor Shortages

Addressing Medi-Cal Behavioral Health Workforce Shortages Through Non-financial Incentives

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Data Deep Dive: A National Nursing Crisis

The United States is currently grappling with a nursing shortage that is causing a

Collaborating with schools key to solving diesel technician shortage

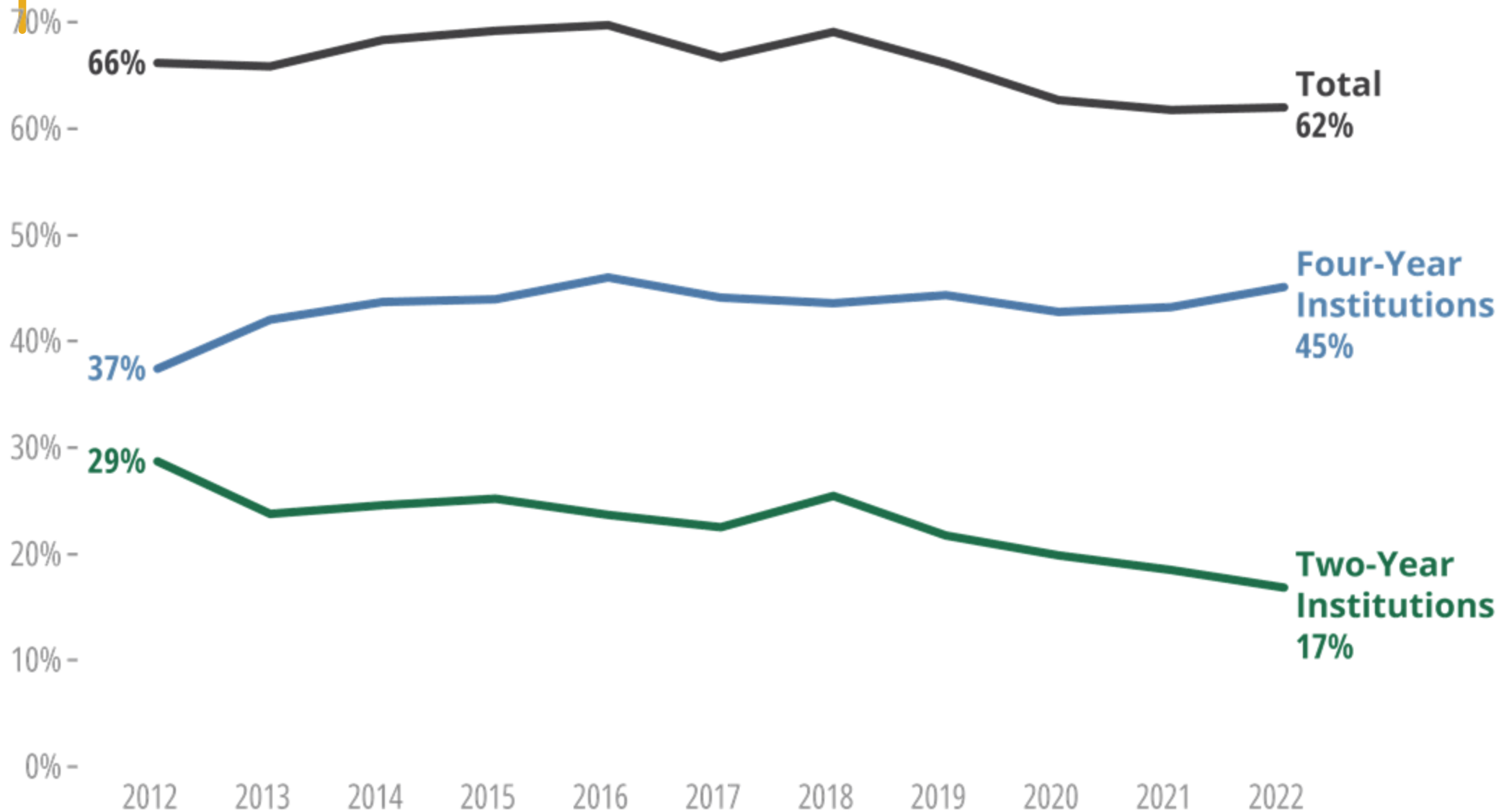
There are jobs in ag, but not enough grads to fill them

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IT Skills Shortage Expected to Impact Nine out of Ten Organizations by 2026 with a Cost of \$5.5 Trillion in Delays, Quality Issues and Revenue Loss, According to IDC

Transportation industry must step up to solve engineering talent shortage

Immediate college-going, national



Sources: BLS, National Center for Education Statistics

Evidence-backed approaches



Wrap Around Services



Simplifying the College-Going Process



Reducing Costs of Postsecondary Education



Attracting and Supporting Adult Learners



Thank you!

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