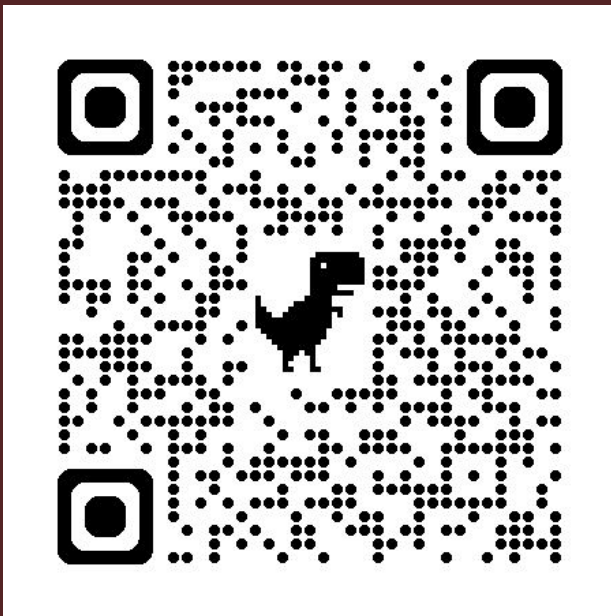


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June 2023: Supreme Court rules in *Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. v. President and Fellows of Harvard College & UNC (SFFA)* that admissions offices can no longer consider the racial or ethnic identity of an applicant in admissions decisions.

The Predictions Were Pretty Dire.

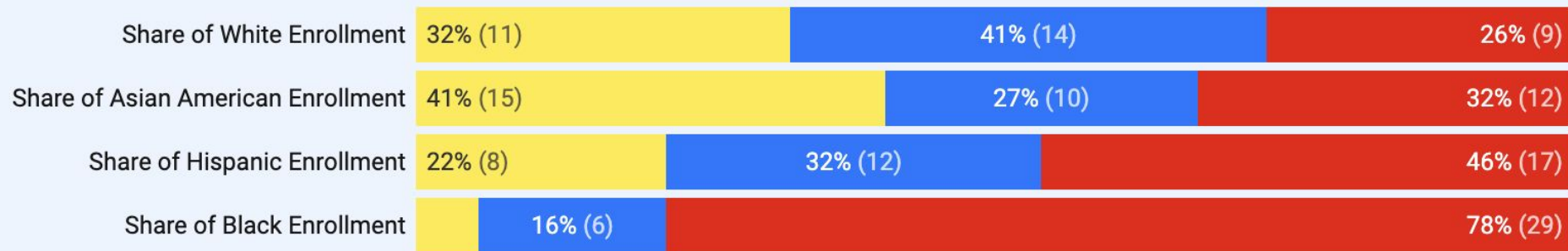
- A veteran college admissions leader: *SFFA* would lead to “a decline in students of color attending college before we see an increase again.”
- A coalition of highly selective colleges and universities: “The percentage of Black students matriculating would drop from roughly 7.1 percent of the student body to 2.1 percent.”
- Justice Sonia Sotomayor: “The devastating impact of this decision cannot be overstated.”

Early Indicators from Preliminary Data Were More Complicated.

Post-SFFA First-Year Enrollment by Number and Percentage at 35 Highly Selective Colleges and Universities

We considered "flat" all demographic shifts between 0.95 and 1.05 times the previous two years' average. Three institutions did not report data on White first-year students.

Increased Flat Declined



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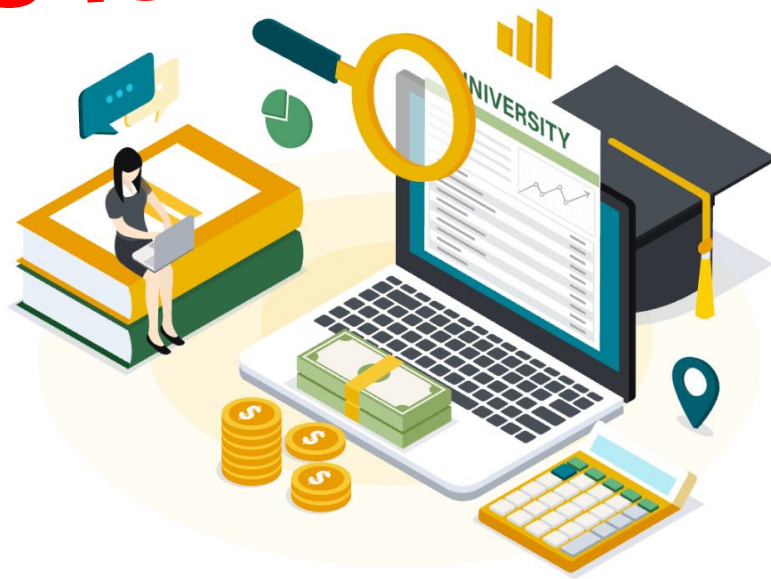
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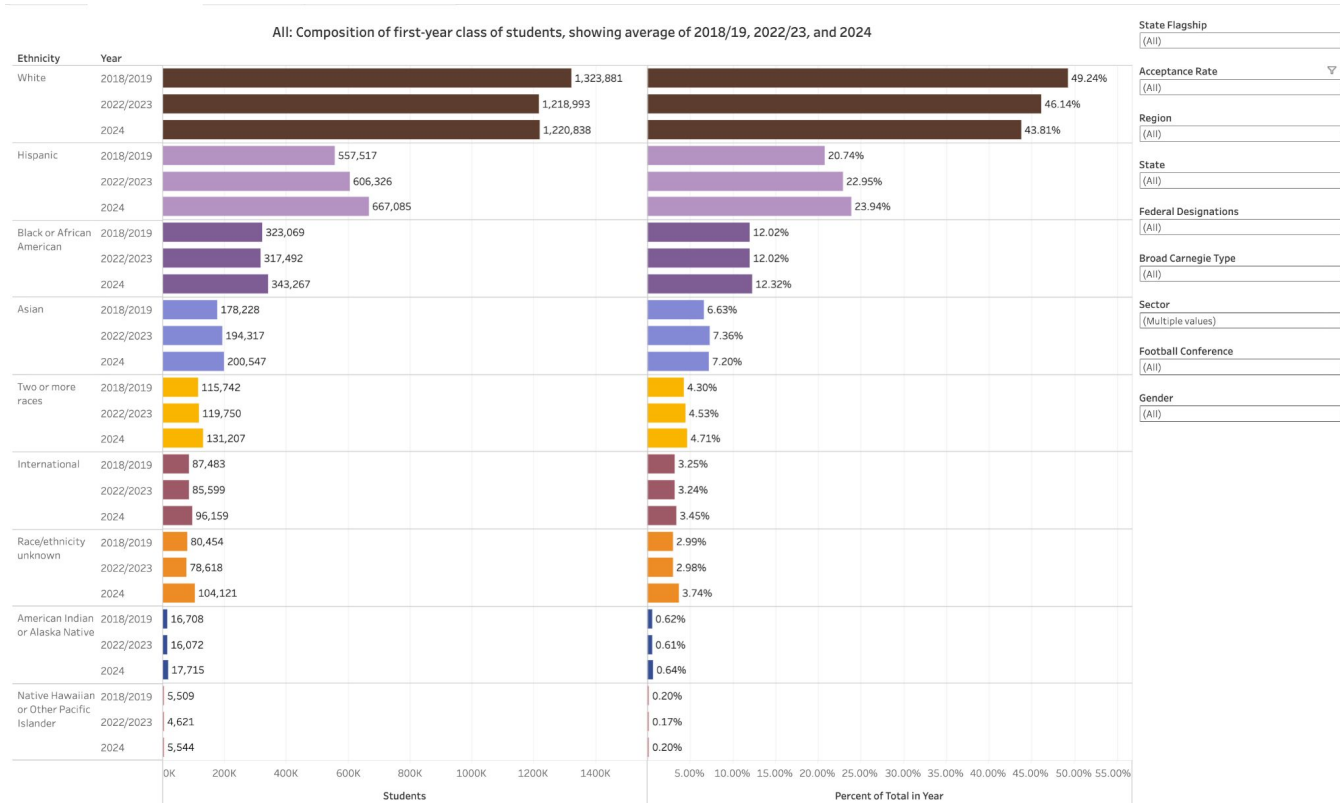
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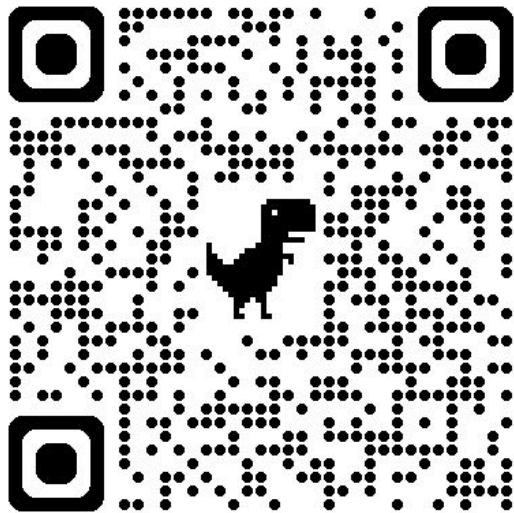
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What We Found

Changes in Shares of Total Enrollment after the SFFA Decision, by Institutional Groups

The n after each group name represents the number of institutions of higher education it includes. Institutions with freshmen classes smaller than 25 were left out of this report's analysis. These percentages represent the changes by percentage points in class share, compared to the average share in 2022 and 2023.

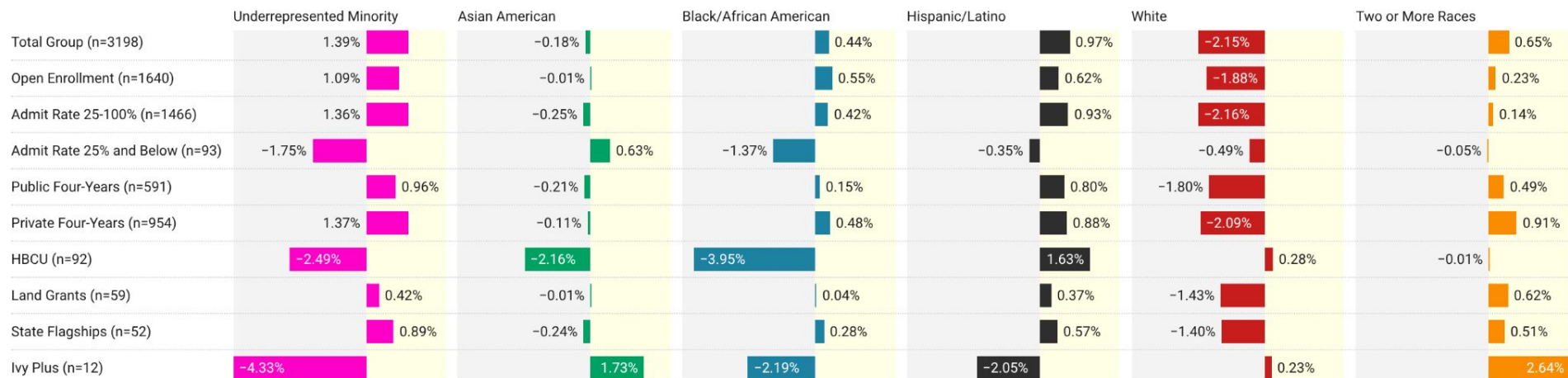


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The number (& share) of underrepresented students of color significantly declined at highly selective institutions and even more sharply at Ivy Plus schools. The largest declines were among Black students.

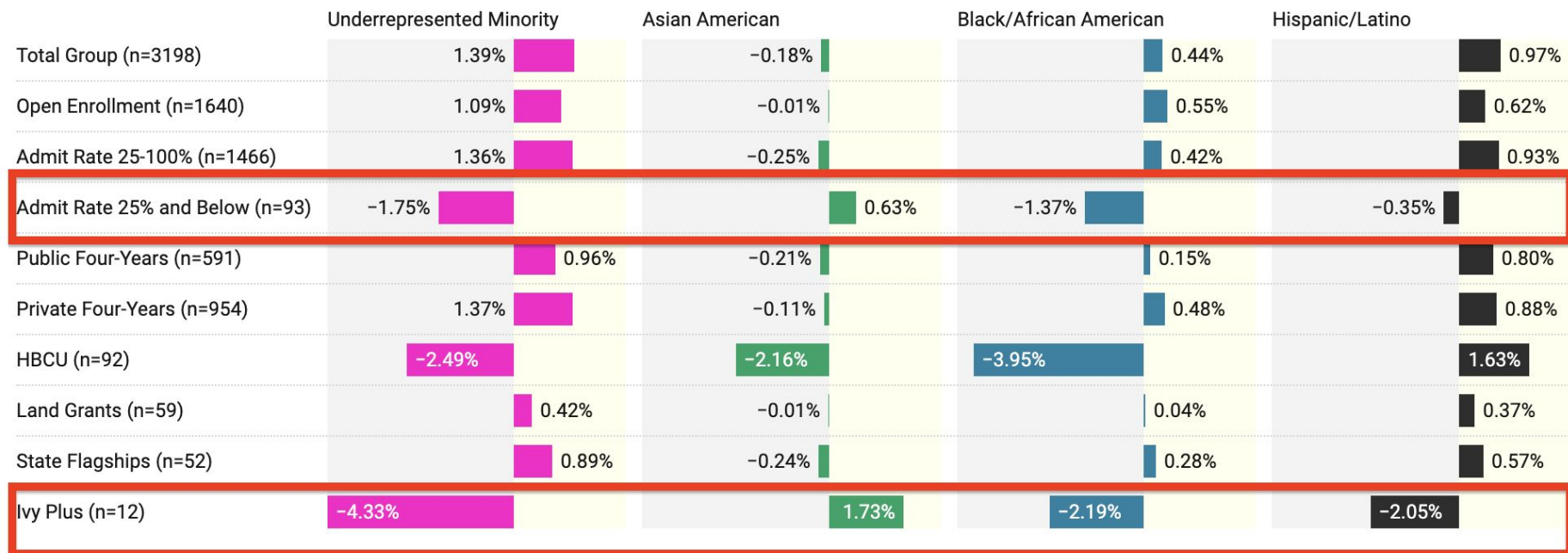


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These declines were concentrated in the very most selective institutions.

Post-SFFA Enrollment Outcomes for Underrepresented Students of Color at the Most Selective Colleges and Universities

Selectivity is based on the acceptance rate published in IPEDS for 2024. The ranking here ascends by admit rate, i.e., number one has the lowest admit rate in the group and number 200 has the highest.

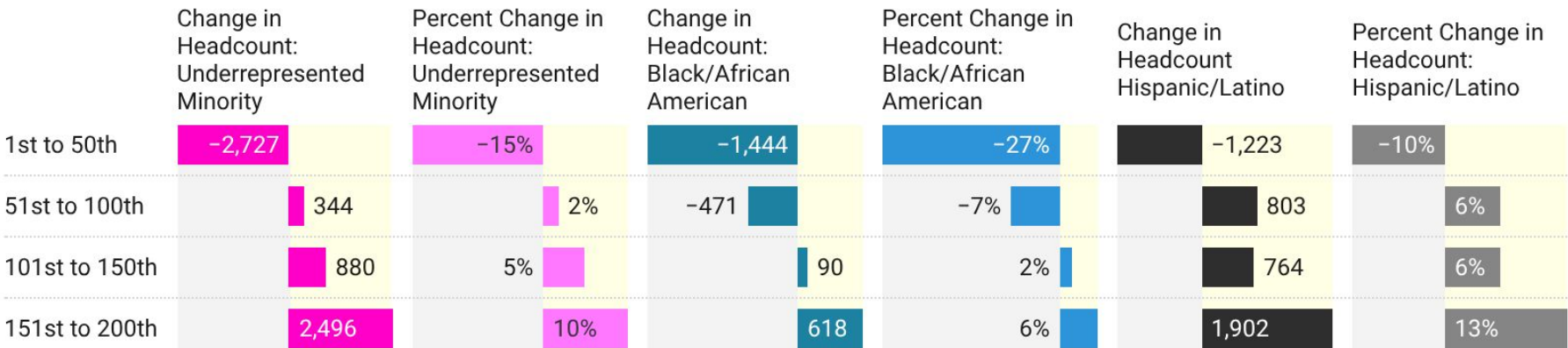
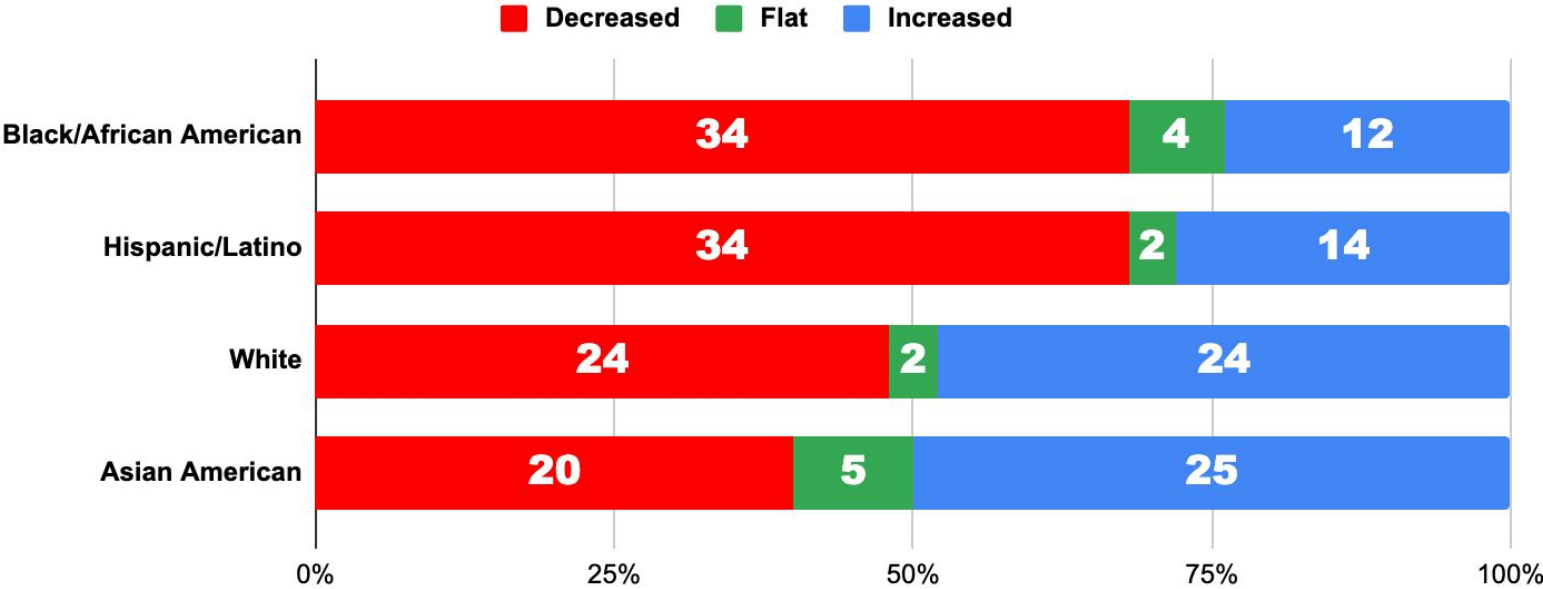


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Even among the fifty most selective institutions, there was variation, and enrollment patterns were not clear for White and Asian American students.

Enrollment outcomes at the 50 most selective colleges and universities, by institution

I treated enrollment shifts between -1% and 1% as flat. Source: IPEDS



The number and share of underrepresented students of color increased almost everywhere else, most notably at state flagship universities

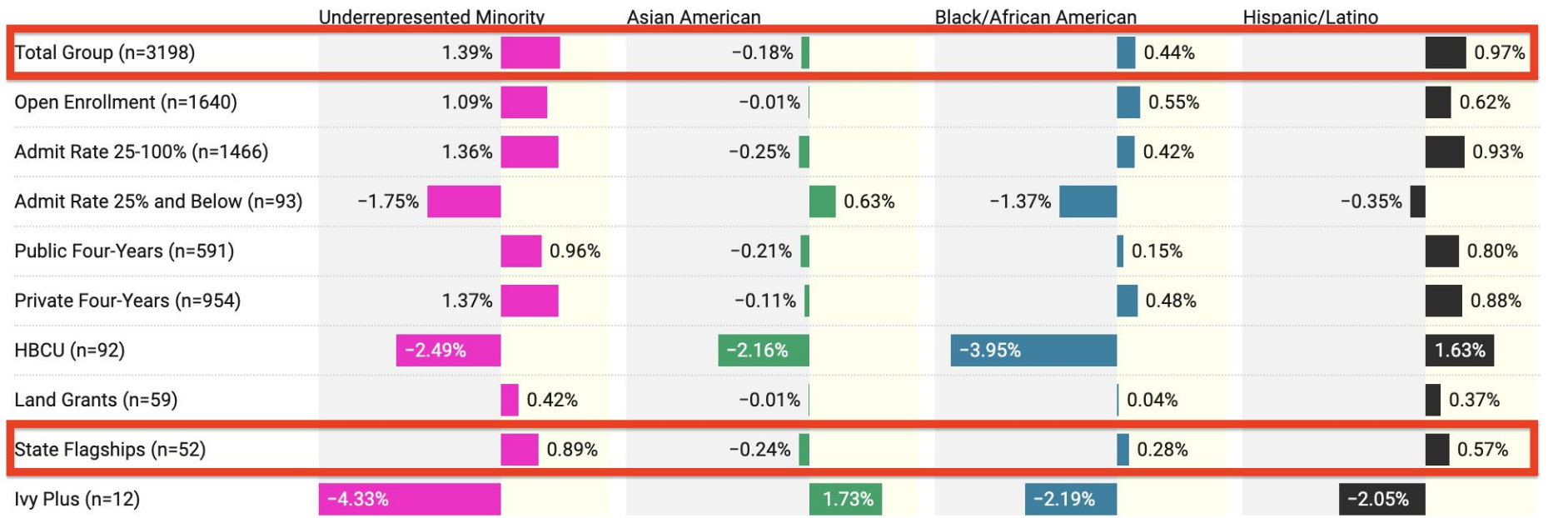


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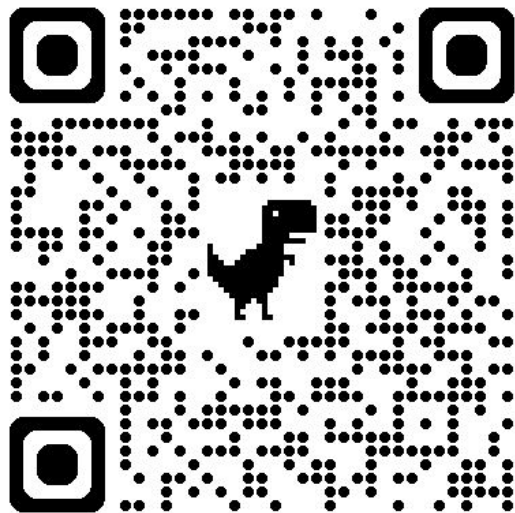


What should we make of these enrollment outcomes?



- Not too much: it's 1 year of data
- Enrollment outcomes take place in a complex ecosystem
- What happens at 1 institution shapes and is shaped by what happens at many others
- No data points can tell you why something happened at 1 institution or in 1 state/region.

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First-year undergraduate enrollment, 2018 to 2024

Notes on data: The base data include all first-year undergraduate enrollment at approximately 3,200 US colleges and universities, including institutions that primarily award associate's degrees and certificates. Institutions that enrolled fewer than 25 first-year students or that did not report disaggregated data on race were excluded from the analysis. The data were extracted in January 2026 from the U.S. Department of Education's annual IPEDS survey. Some of the data from 2024 are still subject to minor revisions. Data for 2018/2019 and 2022/2023 are averages for each of those two year spans.

The displays are interactive. On the first dashboard, you can use the filter(s) to select a subset of institutions (such as Private, four-year colleges, or state). The default display is all students, but you can select male or female. Note that percentages of the totals by ethnicity in year will update to include only those students selected.

On the "Single Institution" and "Gender Breakouts" view you can start to type any part of the college name and press "Enter" and then select from the options. That college can be removed by clicking the X next to its name.

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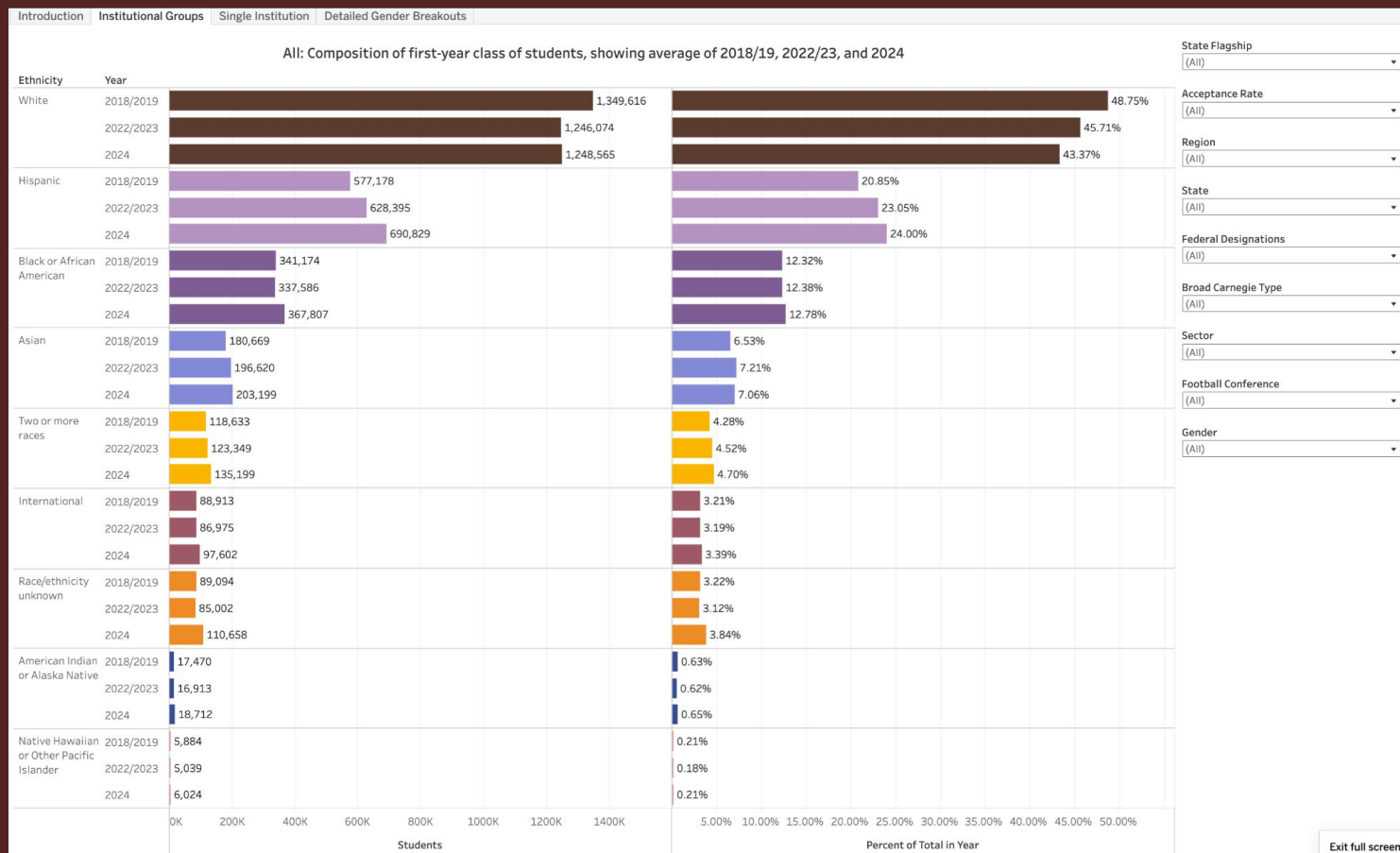
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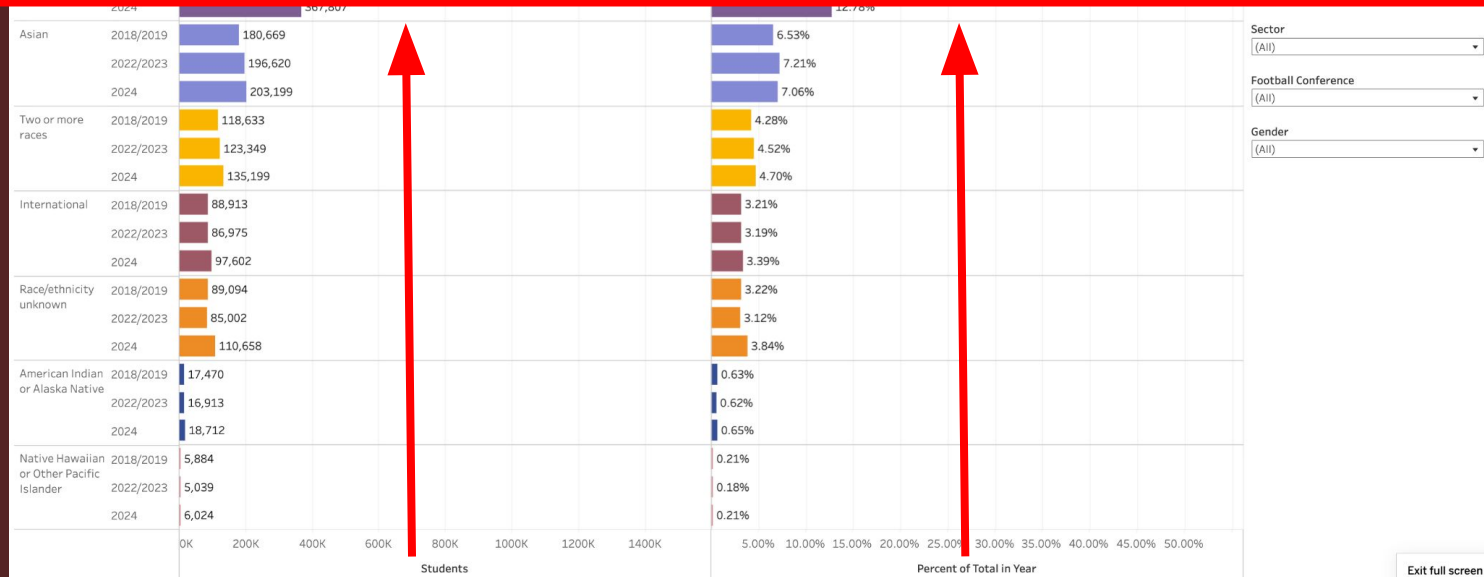
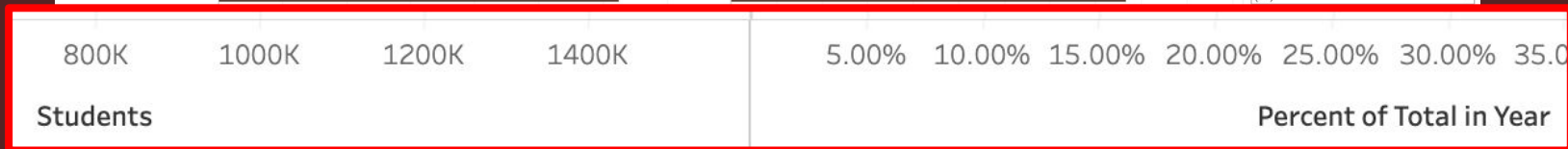
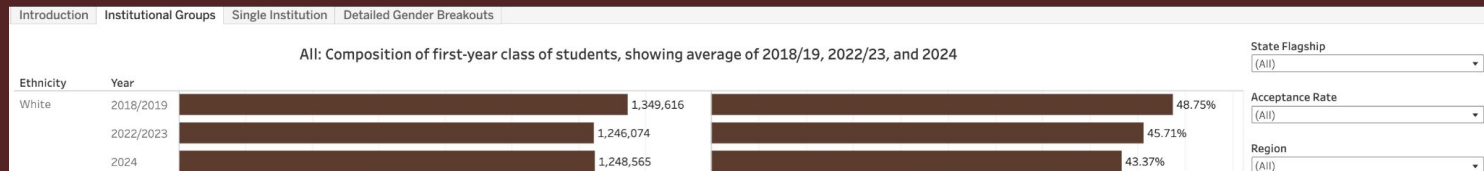
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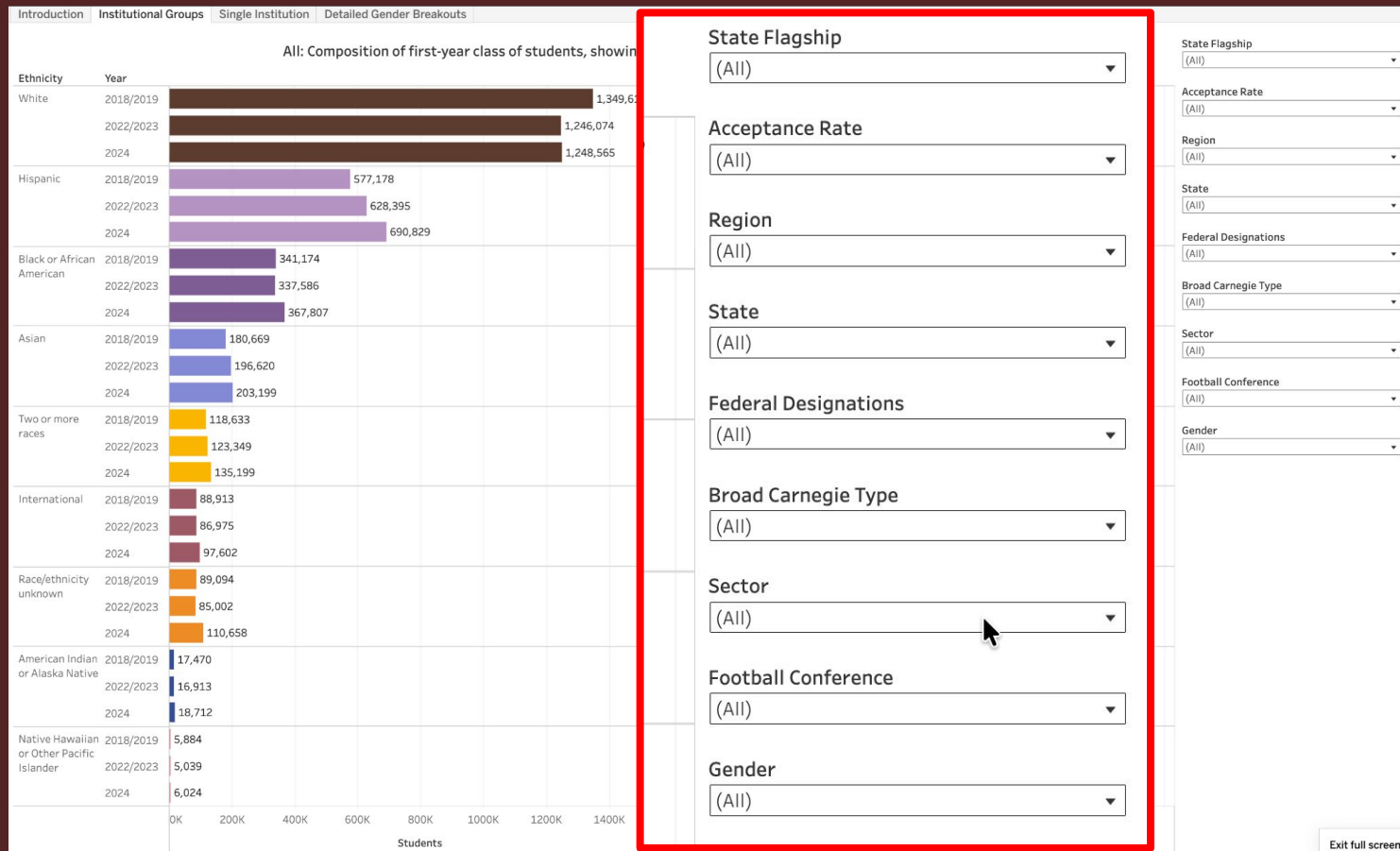
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Did 4-year enrollment numbers for African American students increase or decrease in your state in 2024 vs 2022/23?

Did the 4-year enrollment share of Asian American students increase or decrease in your state in 2024 vs 2022/23?

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Did 4-year enrollment numbers in a relevant football conference increase or decrease for White students in 2024 vs 2022/23?

Did 4-year enrollment numbers in a relevant football conference increase or decrease for Hispanic students in 2024 vs 2022/23?

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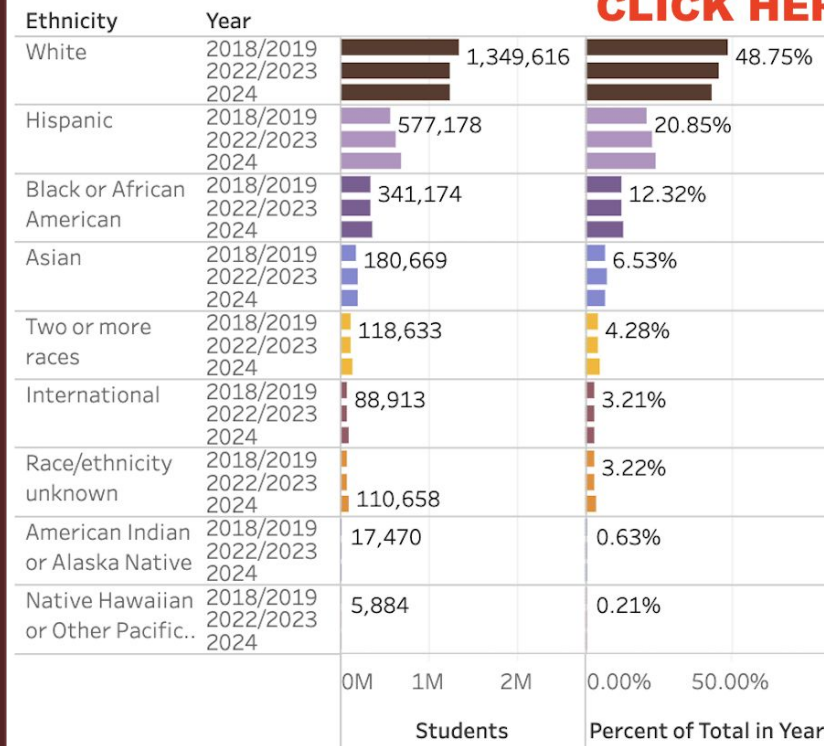
Some questions to ask / Stories to pursue:

- Does the overall pattern in your state change if the selectivity (acceptance rate) or type of institution changes?
- Did your state make other significant changes in their admissions/financial aid packages? (talk to admissions office, new state laws)
- Did your state already ban race-conscious admissions? Did that play a role in how outcomes changed?
- Has campus climate been affected on any campuses? (talk to students and staff)
- What's happening in neighboring/competing states?
- What do you know about state/applicant/admit demographics?

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All: Composition of first-year class of students, showing average of 2018/19, 2022/23, and 2024

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State Flagship

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Acceptance Rate

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Region

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State

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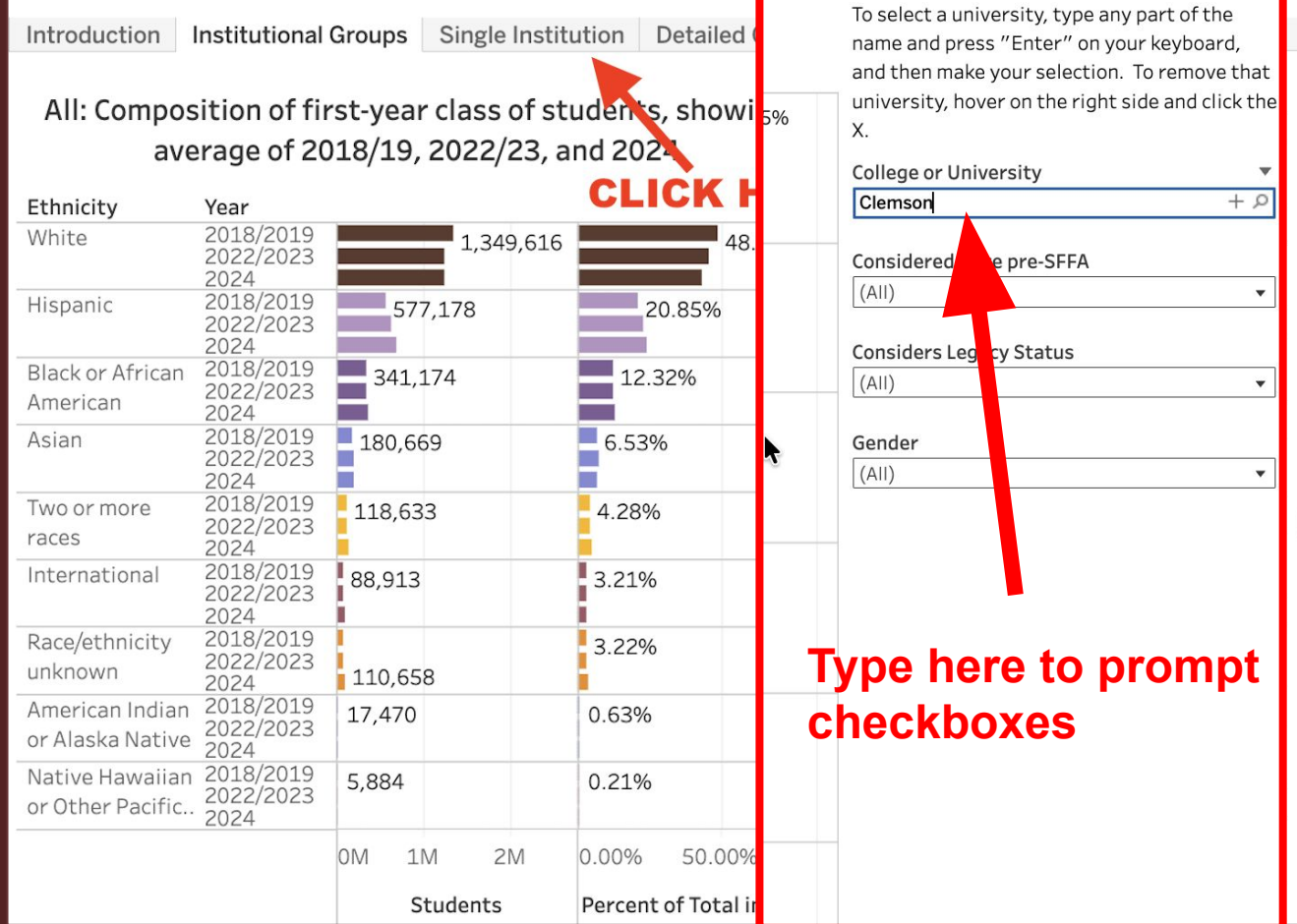
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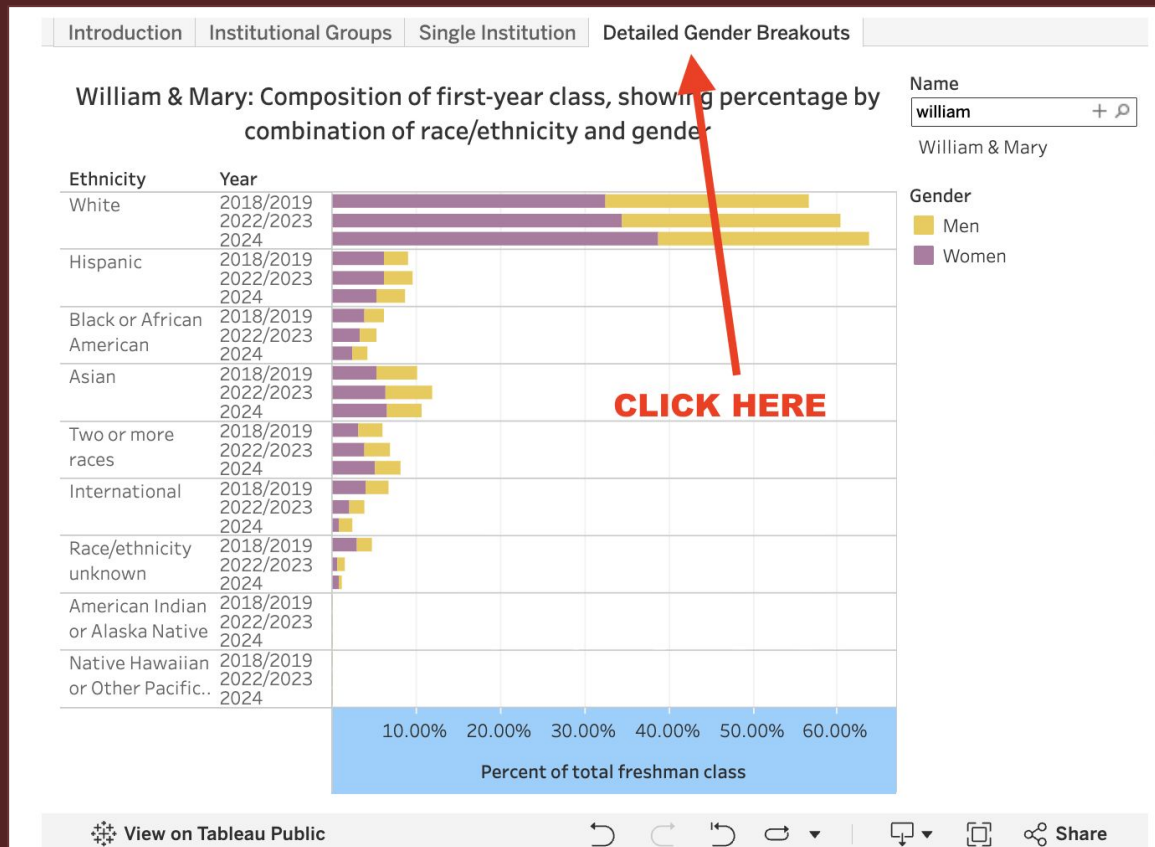
Find an institution in your state and identify whether the number of African American students it enrolled in 2024 went up or down vs 2022/23?

Find a second institution in your state and identify whether the share of unknowns it enrolled in 2024 went up or down vs 2022/23?

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You Can Also Look at Enrollment Data by Gender



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Look at a small college, HBCU, Tribal College, or a STEM school in your state or region to see if there are any large disparities in enrollment by gender.

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Some questions to ask / Stories to pursue at institutions:

- **How do its outcomes compare to the state overall?**
- **Did the institutions make other significant changes in their admissions/financial aid packages? (talk to admissions office)**
- **Did the institutions already ban race-conscious admissions? Did that play a role?**
- **Does the institution provide a legacy preference or recruit athletes?**
- **Has campus climate been affected on campus? How did students choose to enroll? (talk to students and staff)**
- **What's happening in neighboring/competing institutions?**

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What Happens Next?

Trump Moves to Strip Tax Exemption From Schools That Aid Minority Students

The Treasury Department released rules that would strip tax-exempt status from schools with race-based programs from quasi-independent status, a threat to both higher education and

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U.S. Department of Education Investigates Five Medical Schools as Trump Administration Pushes to End Racial Discrimination in Admissions

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ACTS Survey Blocked for Hundreds More Schools, but Thousands Still Must Comply

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- **Between October and December 2026, IPEDS data for fall 2025 will be released. We'll update the dashboard.**
 - **It will include for the first time trustworthy demographic data on all applicants and admitted students. VERY IMPT!**
- **At some point, the Dept of Education will release ACTS data.**
 - **Be very careful with that data!**
 - **It will likely be used to go after institutions.**
 - **Any legal claims based on it are very likely to be contested in court.**
- **The Trump Administration is threatening to strip non-profit status from institutions it deems are in violation of civil rights law.**

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