

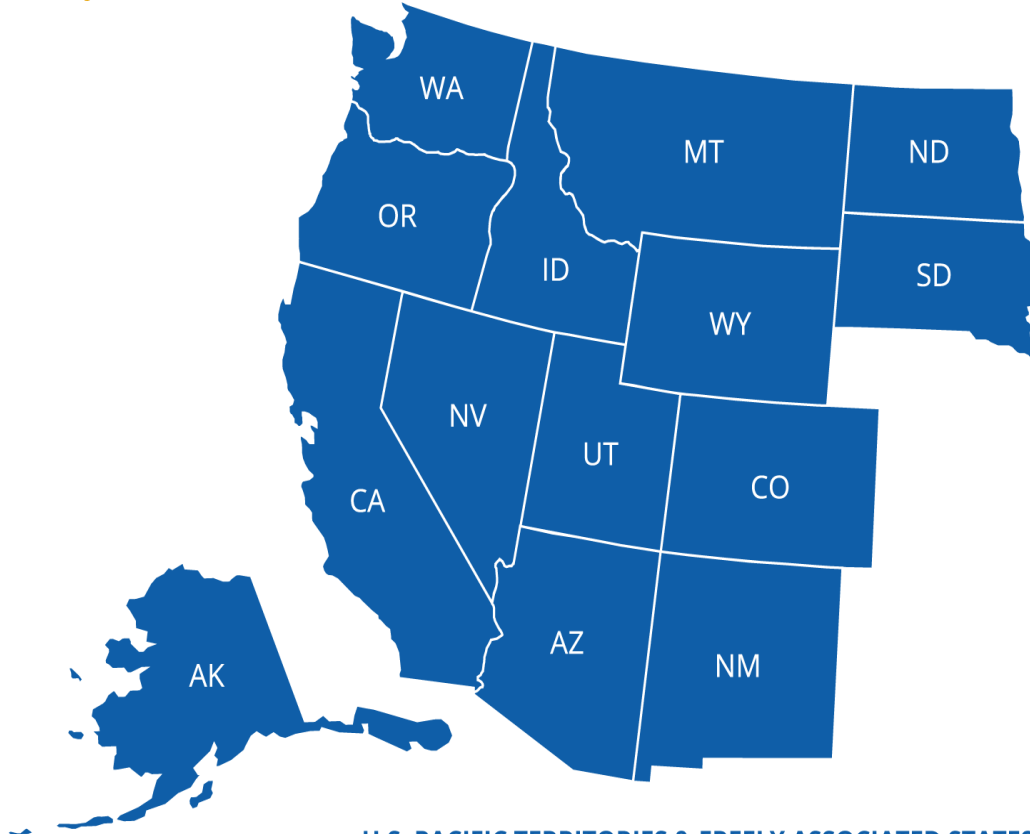
# KNOCKING

AT THE COLLEGE DOOR

## 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

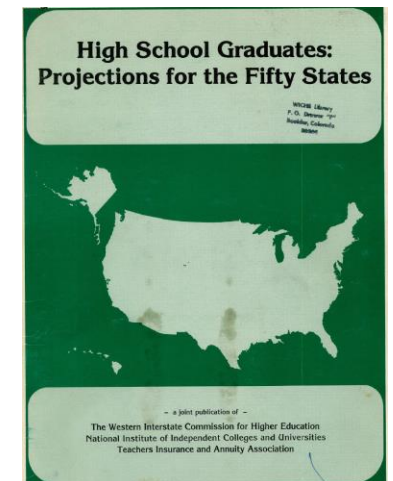
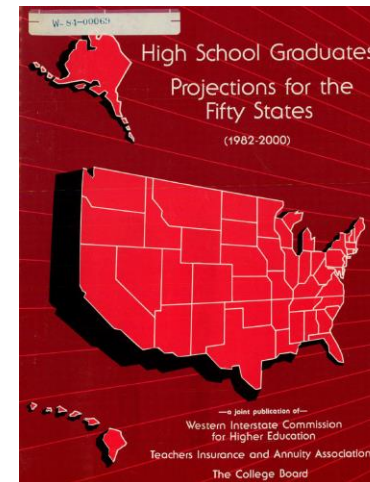
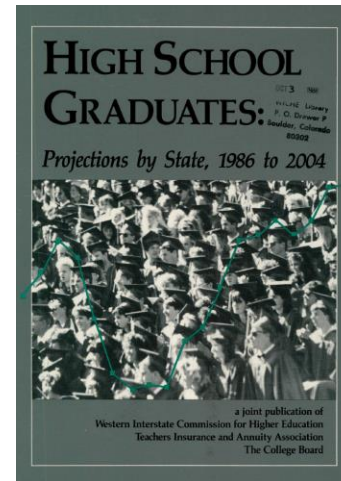
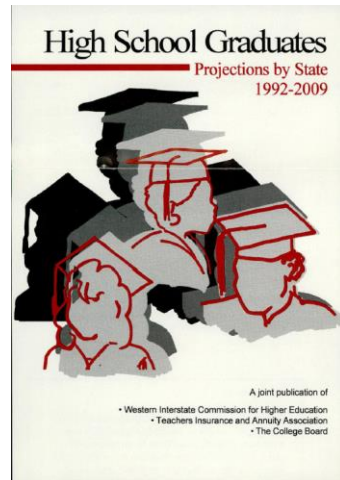
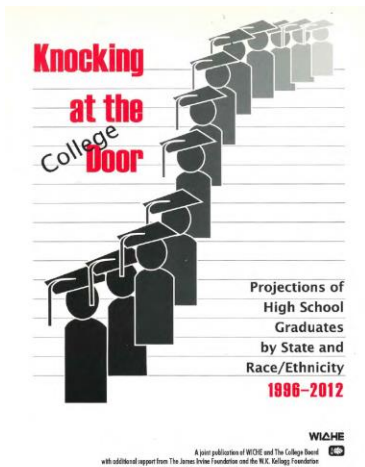
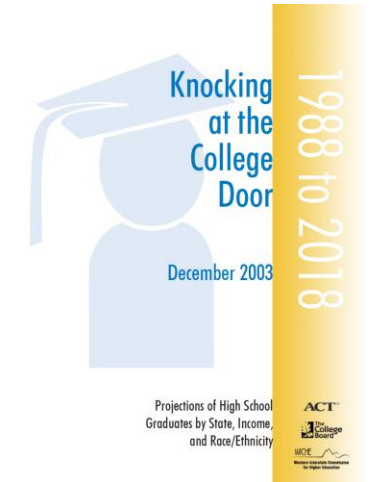
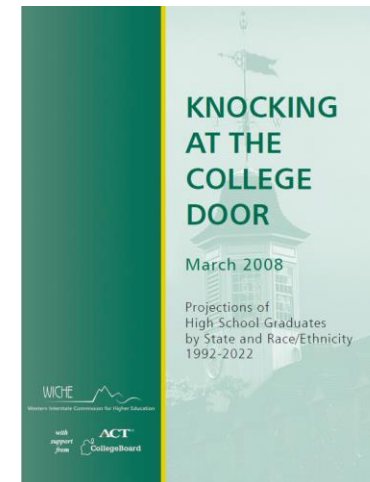
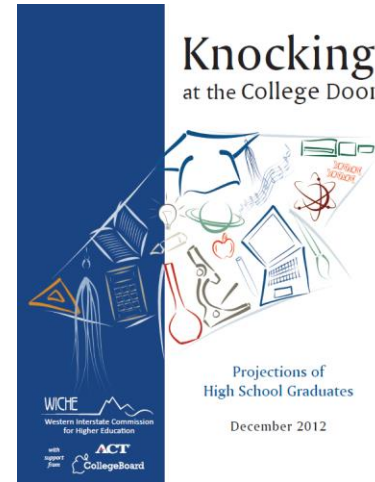
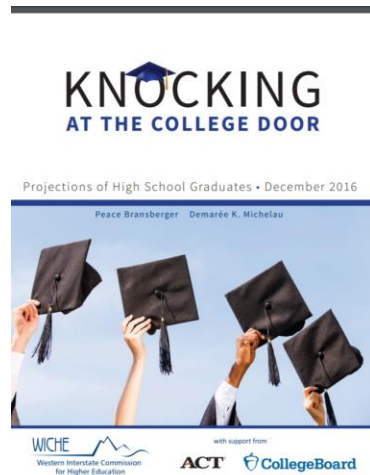
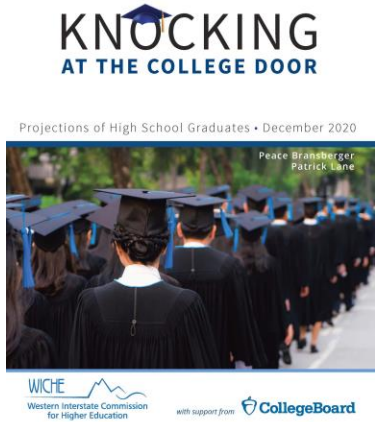
▶ **One of four regional interstate education compacts**

▶ **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*?

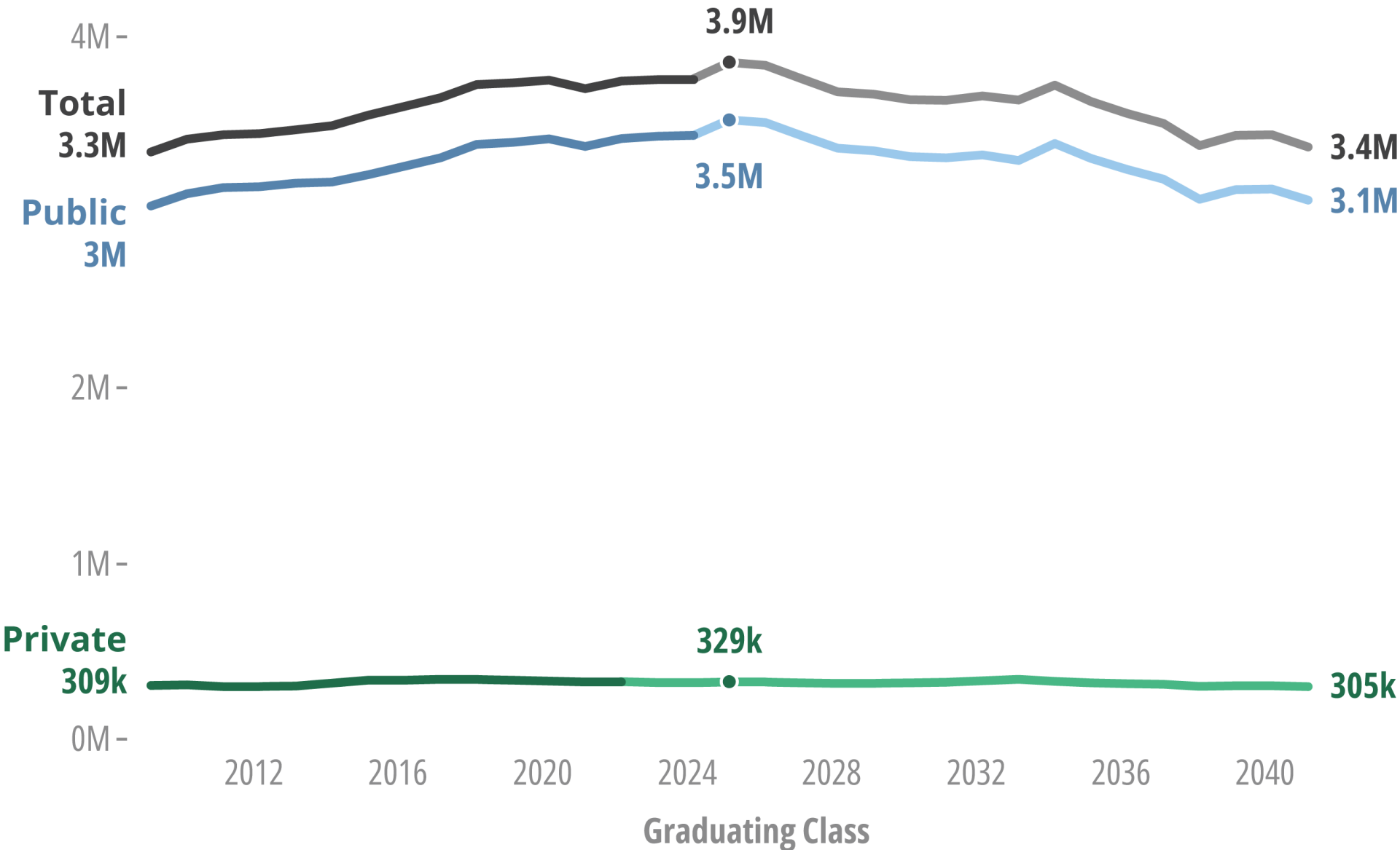




## Demographic Trends

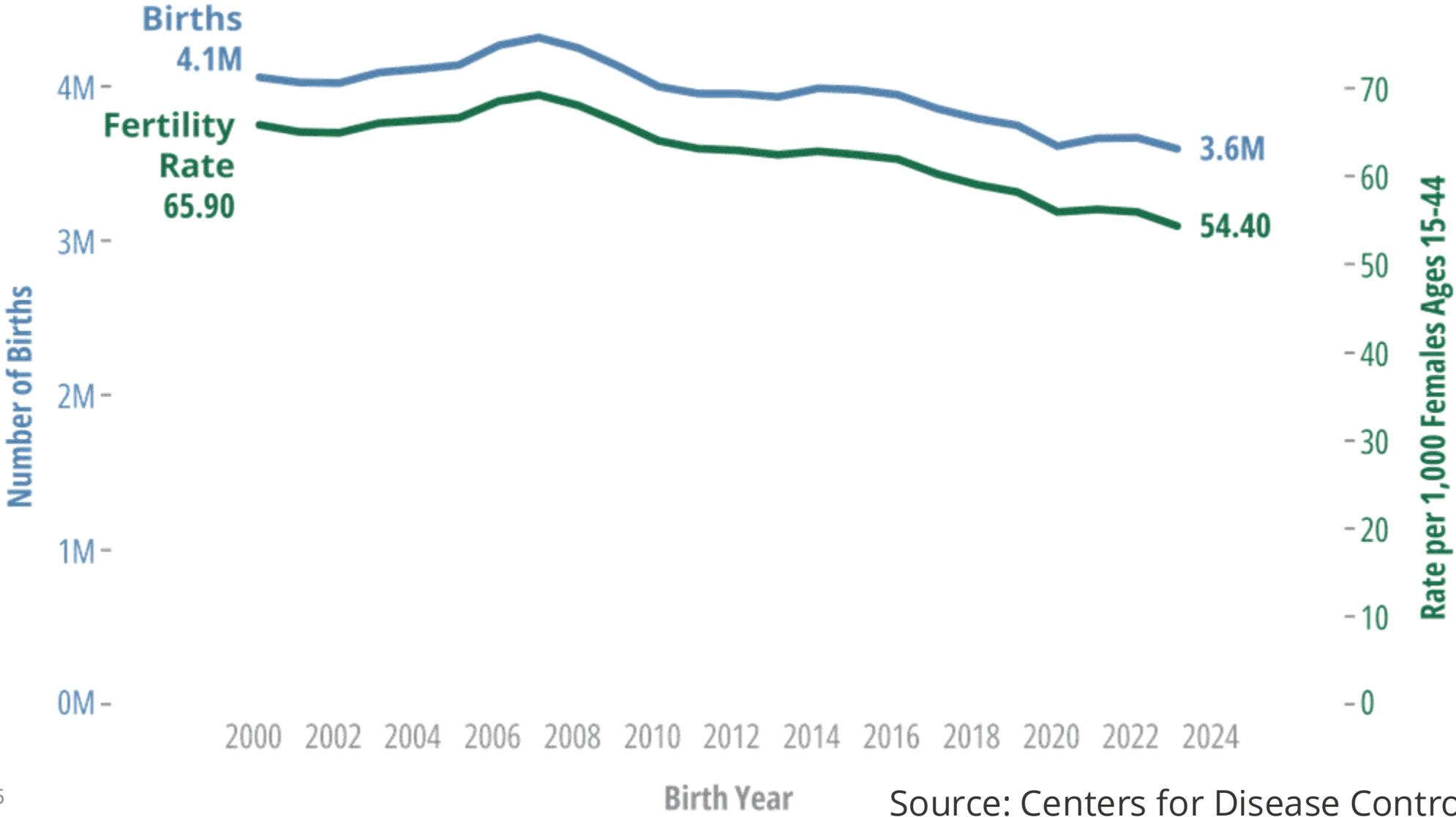
**Key Finding**: Nationally, the total number of high school graduates is expected to peak in 2025, then decline through 2041.

# National data: High school graduates, 2009 to 2041

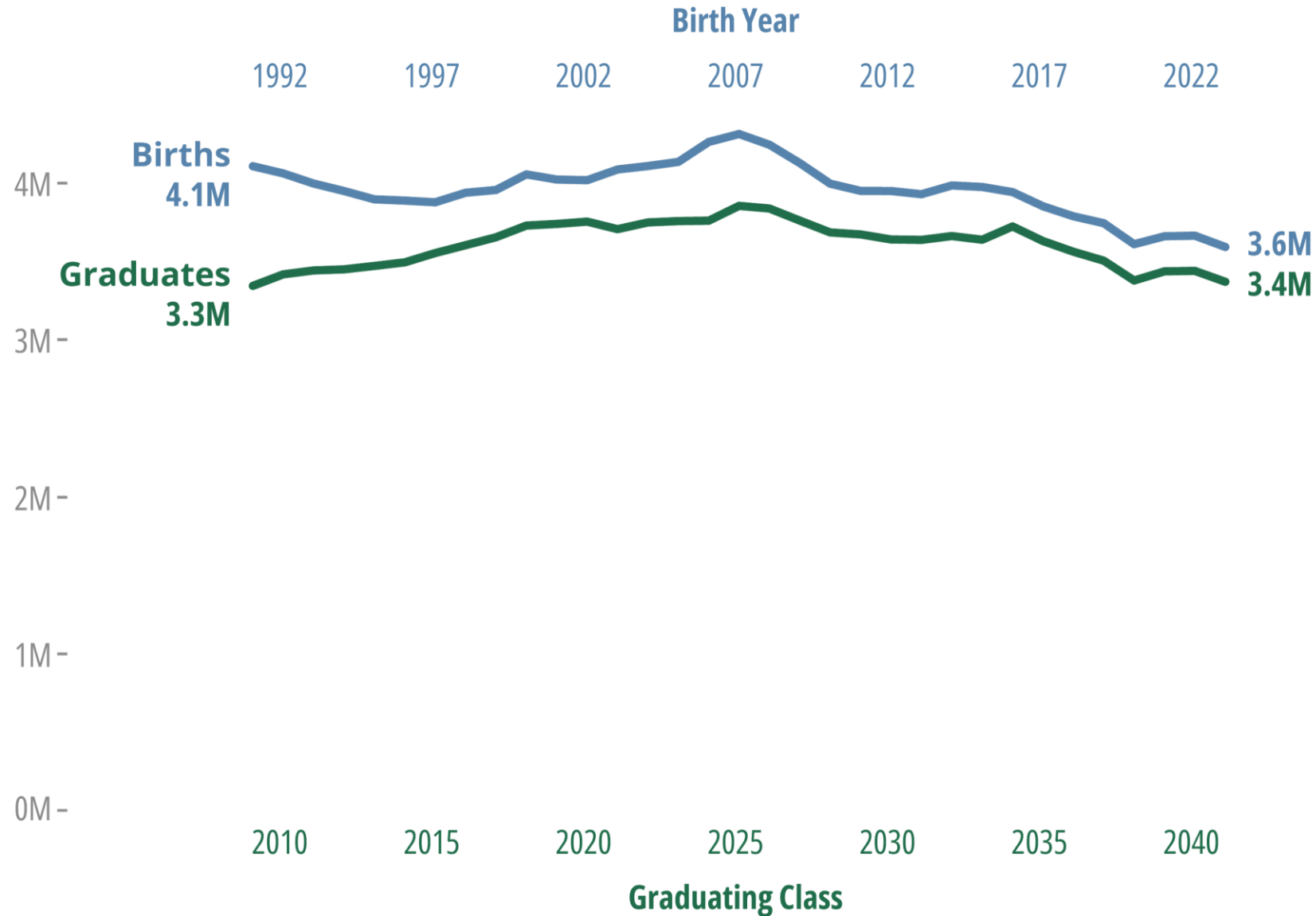


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# Factor #1: Births (actuals, 2000-2023)

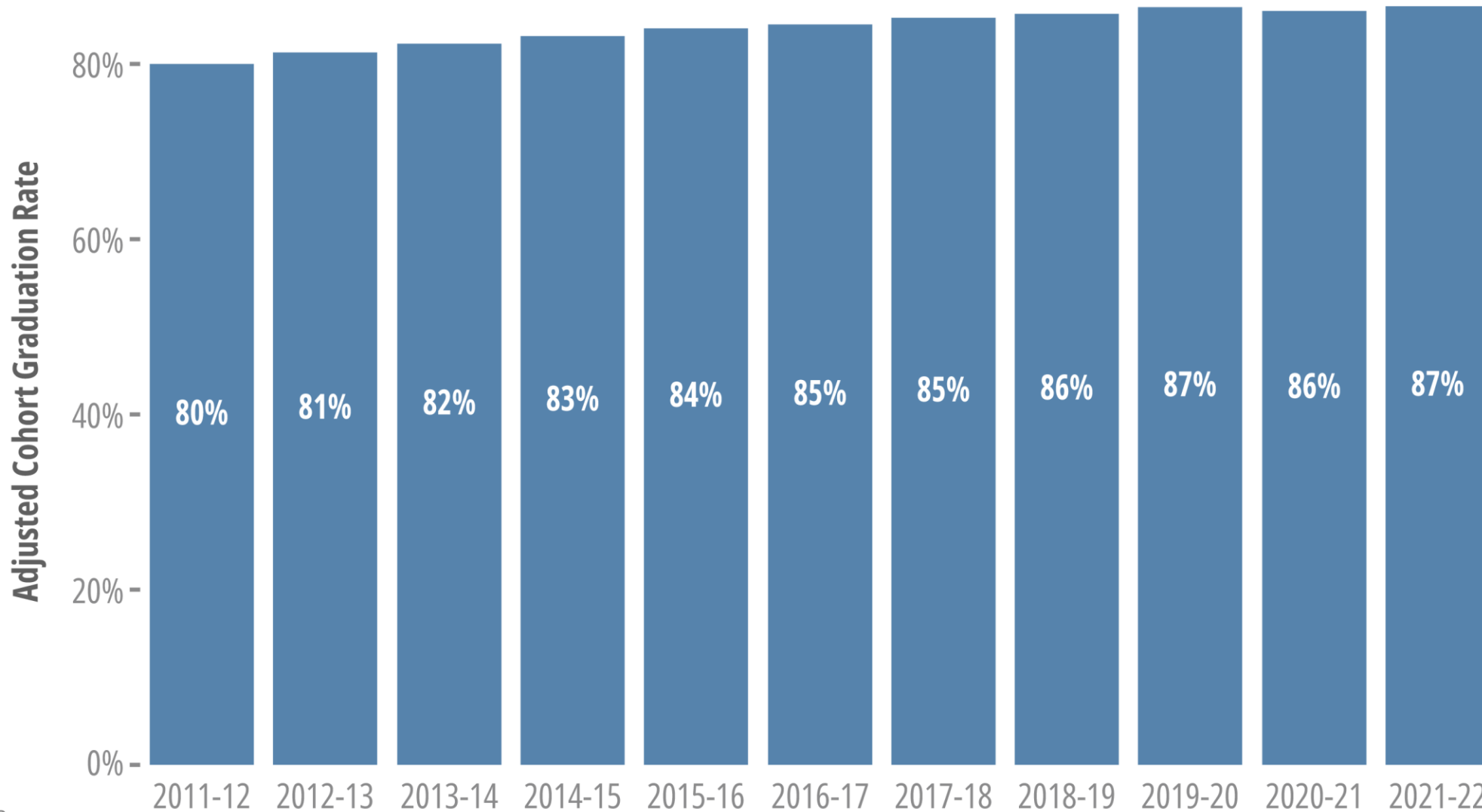


# Births & total graduates 18 yrs. later




Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; WICHE analysis

# Factor #2: K-12 retention and completion

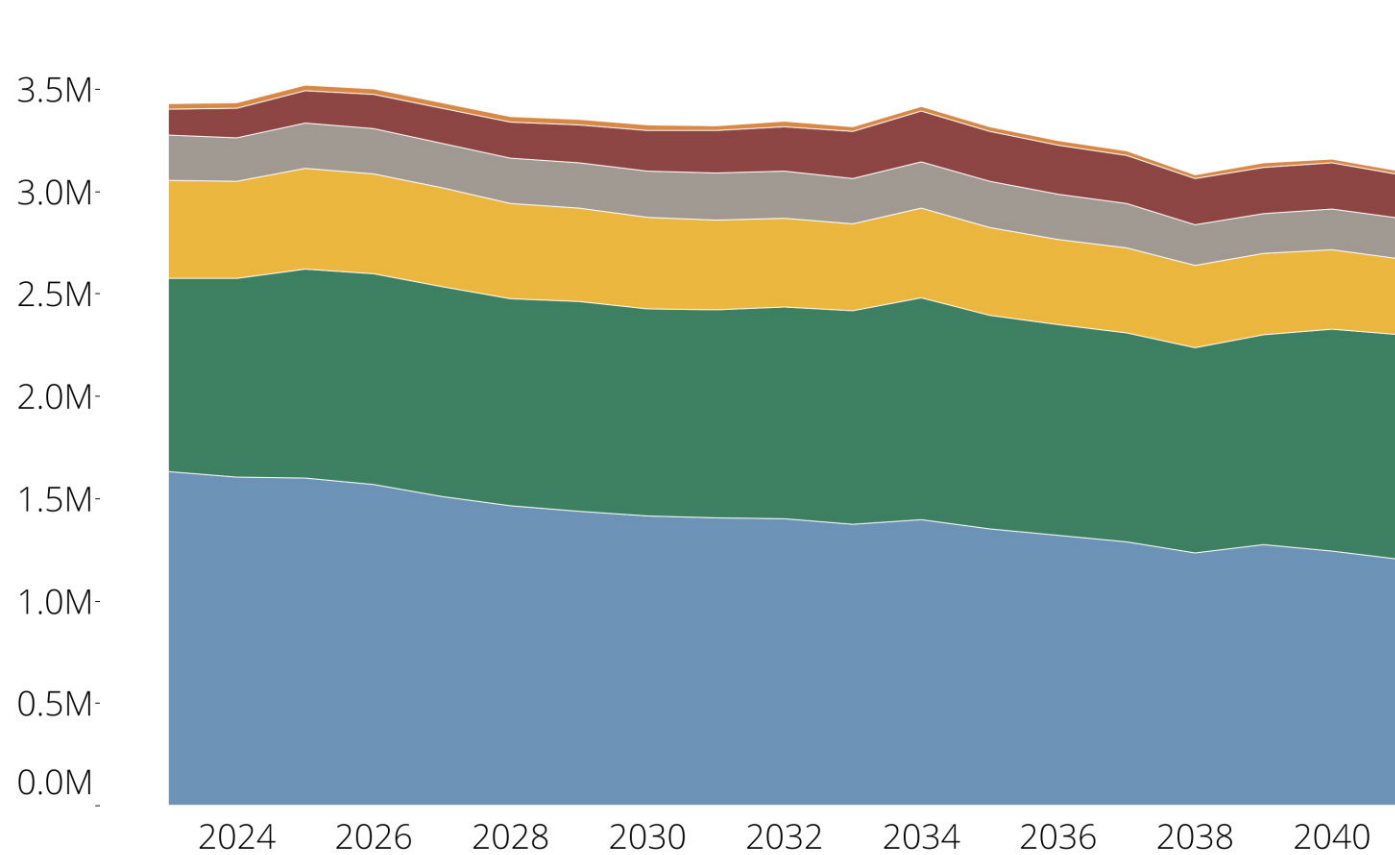


Source: National Center for Education Statistics



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

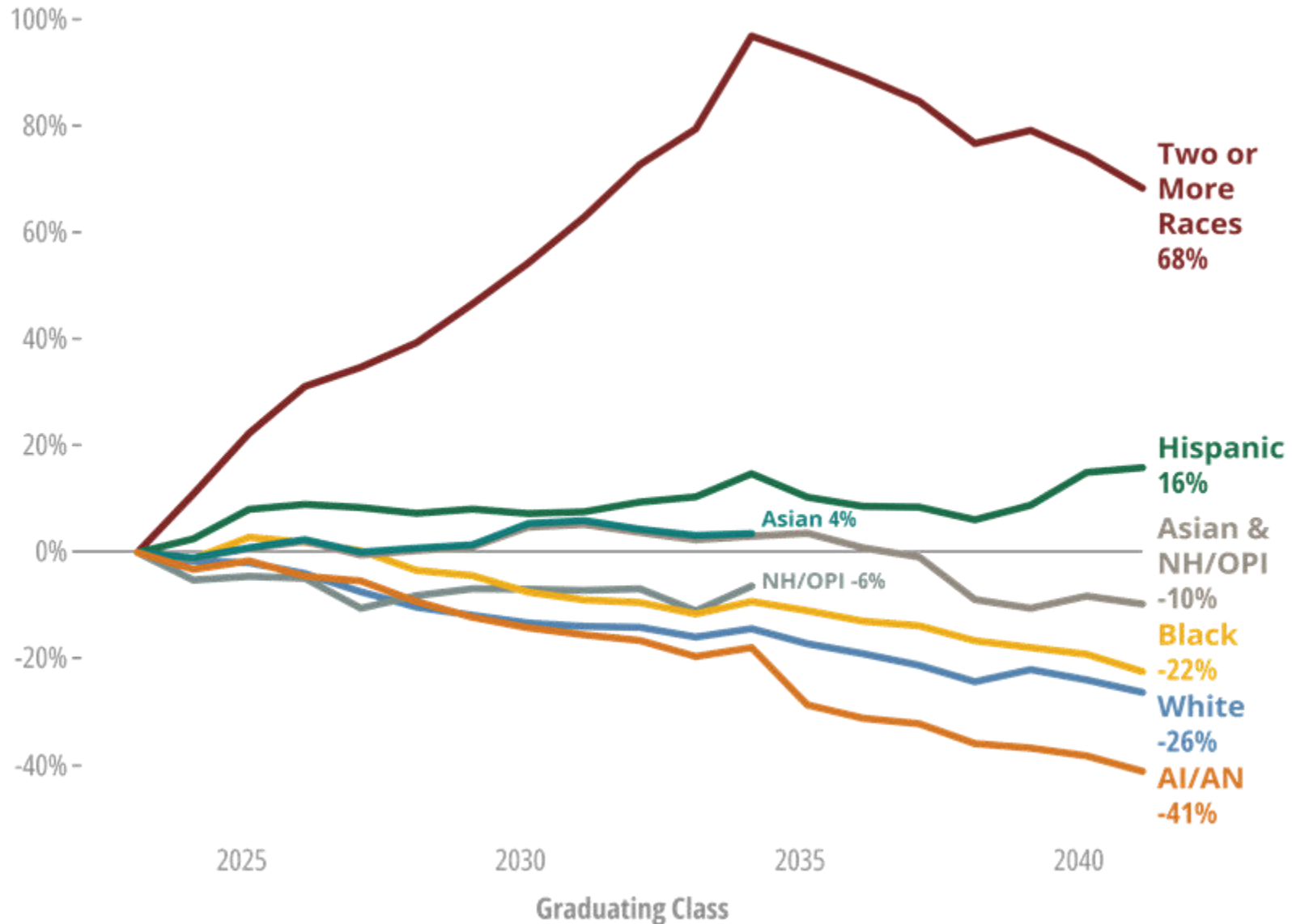
# U.S. public high school graduates by race and ethnicity



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



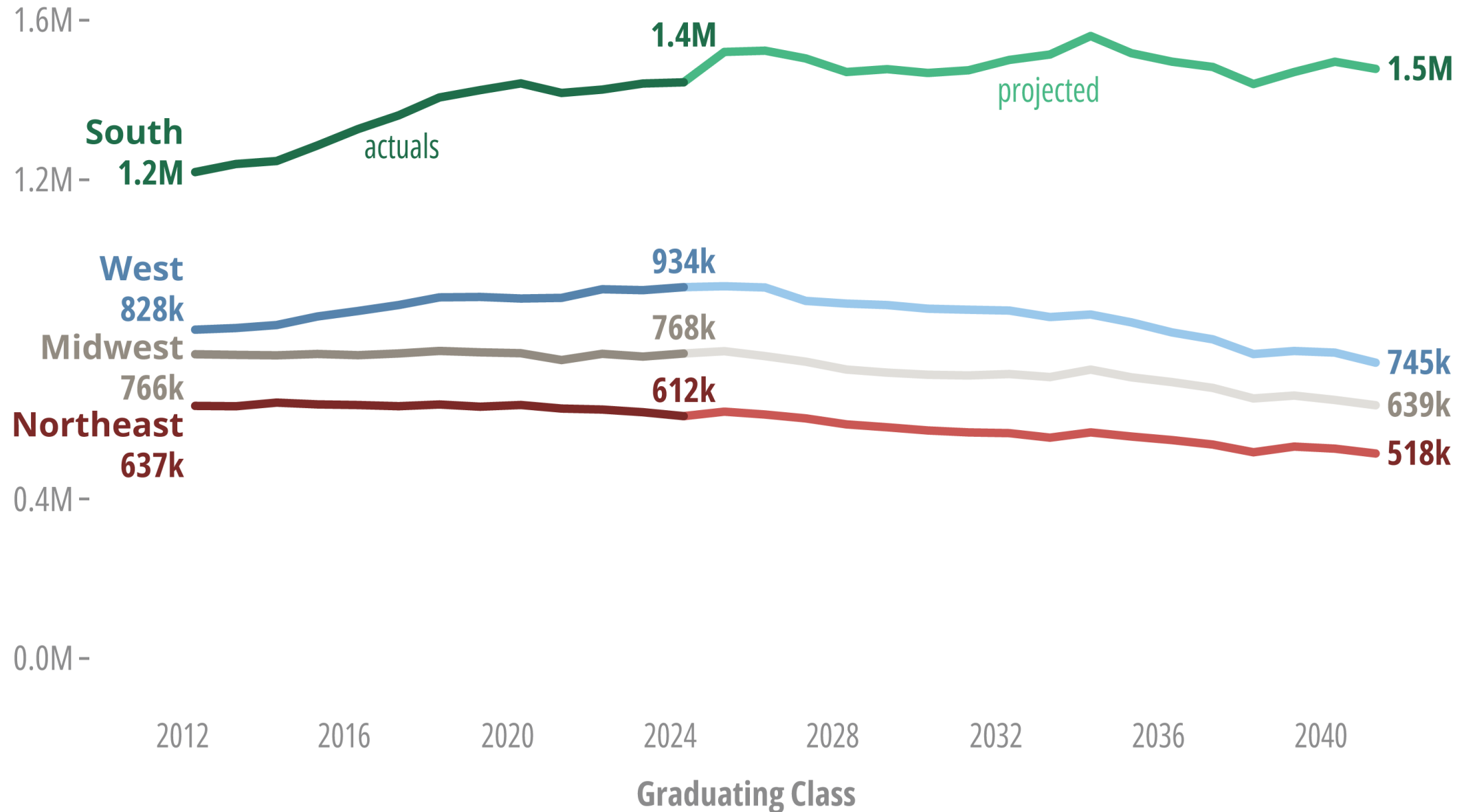
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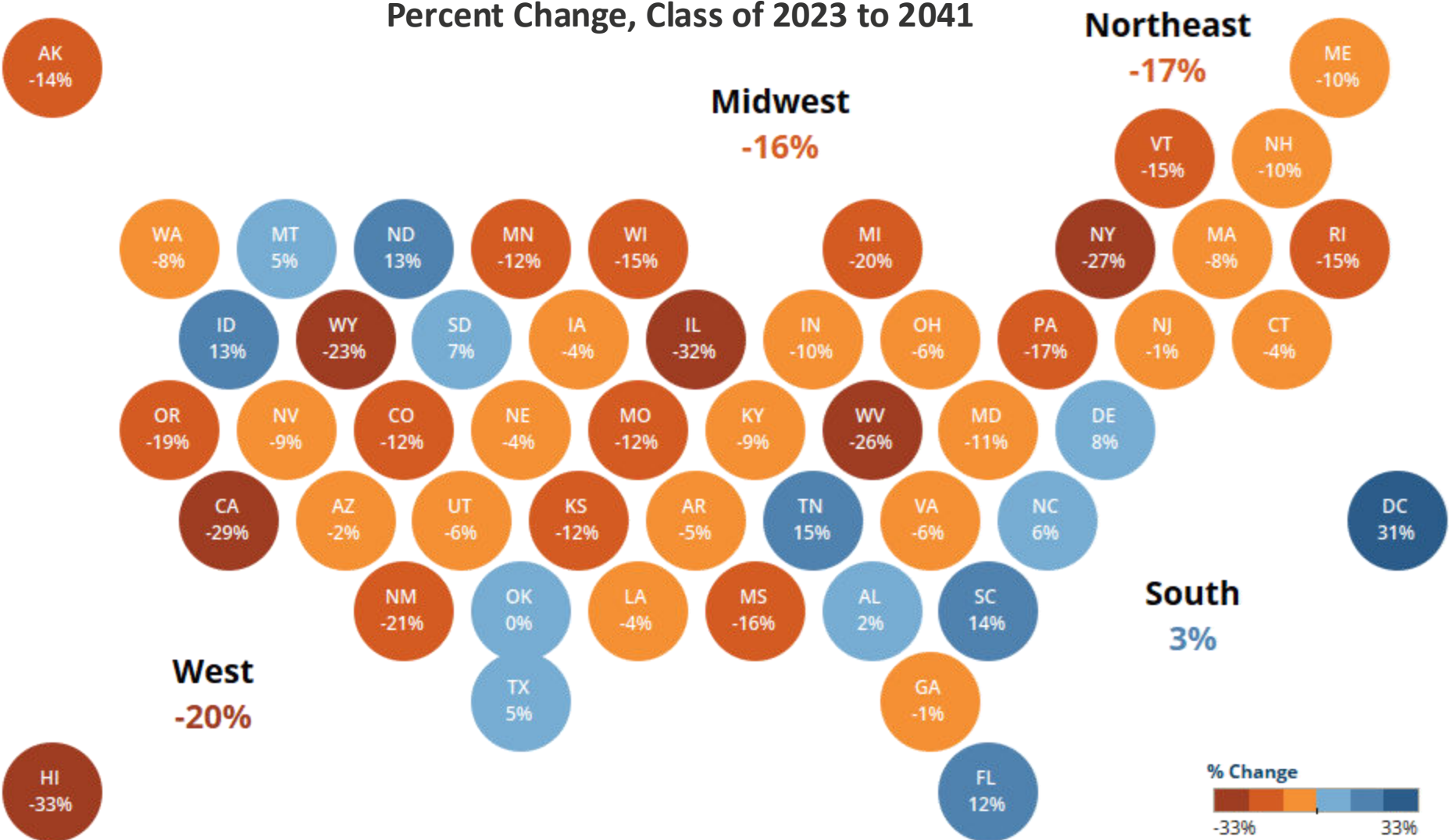
So what do the data say?

**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



# Regional and state 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**

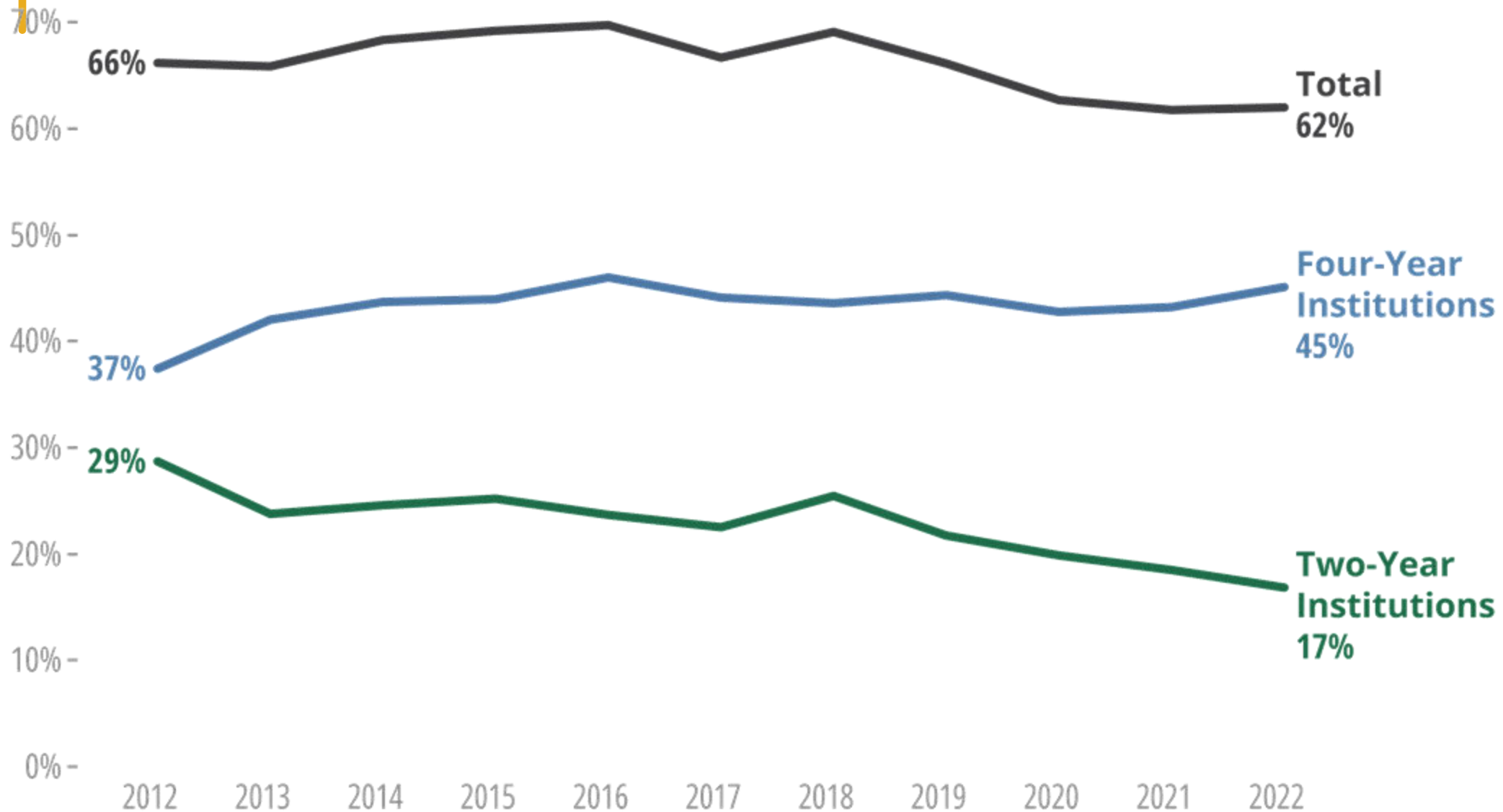
**There are jobs in ag, but not enough grads to fill them**

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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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