
2023 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska

Section: Enrollment

Fall Enrollment Data for 2012 through 2022

12-Month Enrollment Data for 2012-13 through 2021-22

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Background

- Coordinating Commission is required by statute to report IPEDS data
 - Responsibility is fulfilled through the publication of the *Factual Look* and other reports, such as the *Nebraska Higher Education Progress Report*
- *Factual Look* is generally used by legislative staff, institutional researchers, and Commission staff
- Provides a statewide statistical analysis
 - Focuses on ten-year trends
 - Does not answer “why”

Background

- Consists of two parts:
 - Degrees and Other Awards
 - Data presented at May's Commission meeting
 - Enrollment
- Completed sections of the *Factual Look* are approved by the Commission's Executive Director after consulting with the Planning and Consumer Information Committee
 - Ensures timely dissemination of data
- *Factual Look* is primarily an online publication
 - Data corresponding to each section are available for download via the Commission's website
 - Data users can view data via a dashboard on the Commission's website: <https://ccpe.nebraska.gov/enrollment-dashboard>

Important Technical Notes

- Adjustments are occasionally made to improve data accuracy. Therefore, it is generally advisable to reference the most recent edition of this report.
- Due to rounding, percentages may not sum to 100.0% for data summarized in this report.

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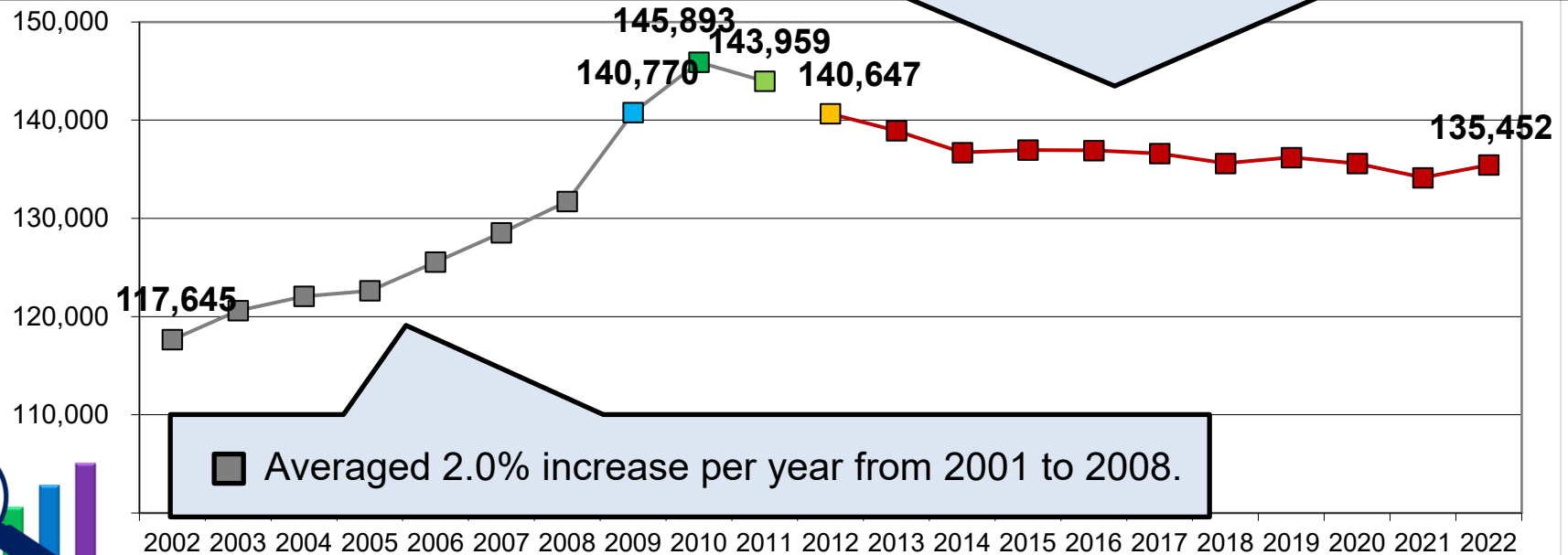
What's New for 2023

- IPEDS replaced the category “nonresident alien” with “U.S. Nonresident”
- Institution changes
 - York College is now York University
 - Capitol School of Hairstyling and Esthetics is now Capitol Beauty School

Key Context

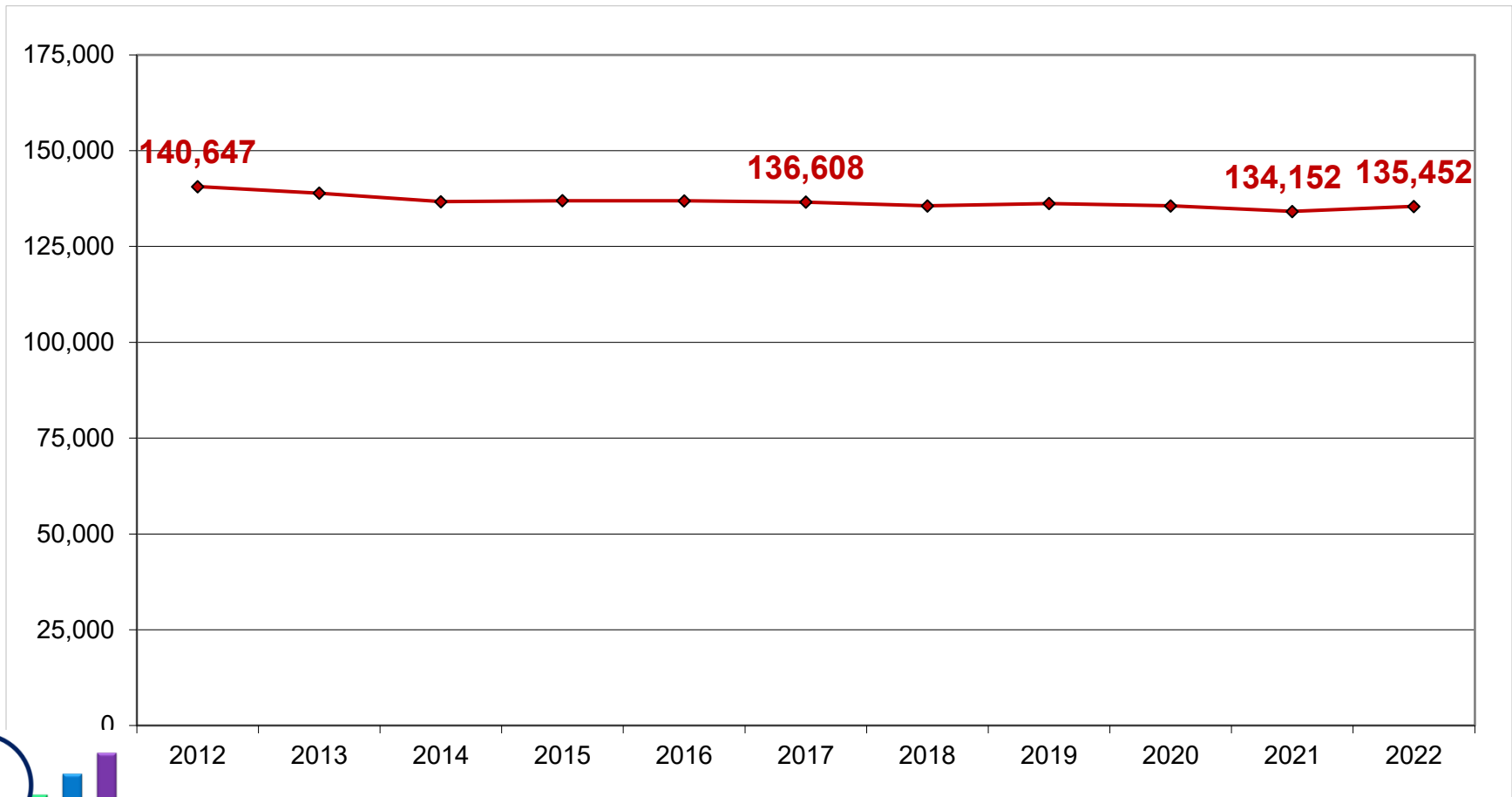
- Following the Great Recession of 2008, fall 2009 enrollment increased to 140,770 (■) and peaked the following year at 145,893 (■) .
- This report focuses on 10-year trends, and 2012 (■) is the baseline for this report.
- Since 2010, fall enrollments have steadily declined but remain higher than pre-recession levels (■) .
- The impact of COVID-19 can be seen beginning with fall 2020 enrollments, particularly at the community colleges, with U.S. Nonresidents, and distance education.

■ + 6.9% from 2008 to 2009. ■ + 3.6% from 2009 to 2010. ■ - 1.3% from 2010 to 2011.
 ■ - 2.3% from 2011 to 2012. ■ Averaged 0.5% decrease per year from 2012 to 2022.



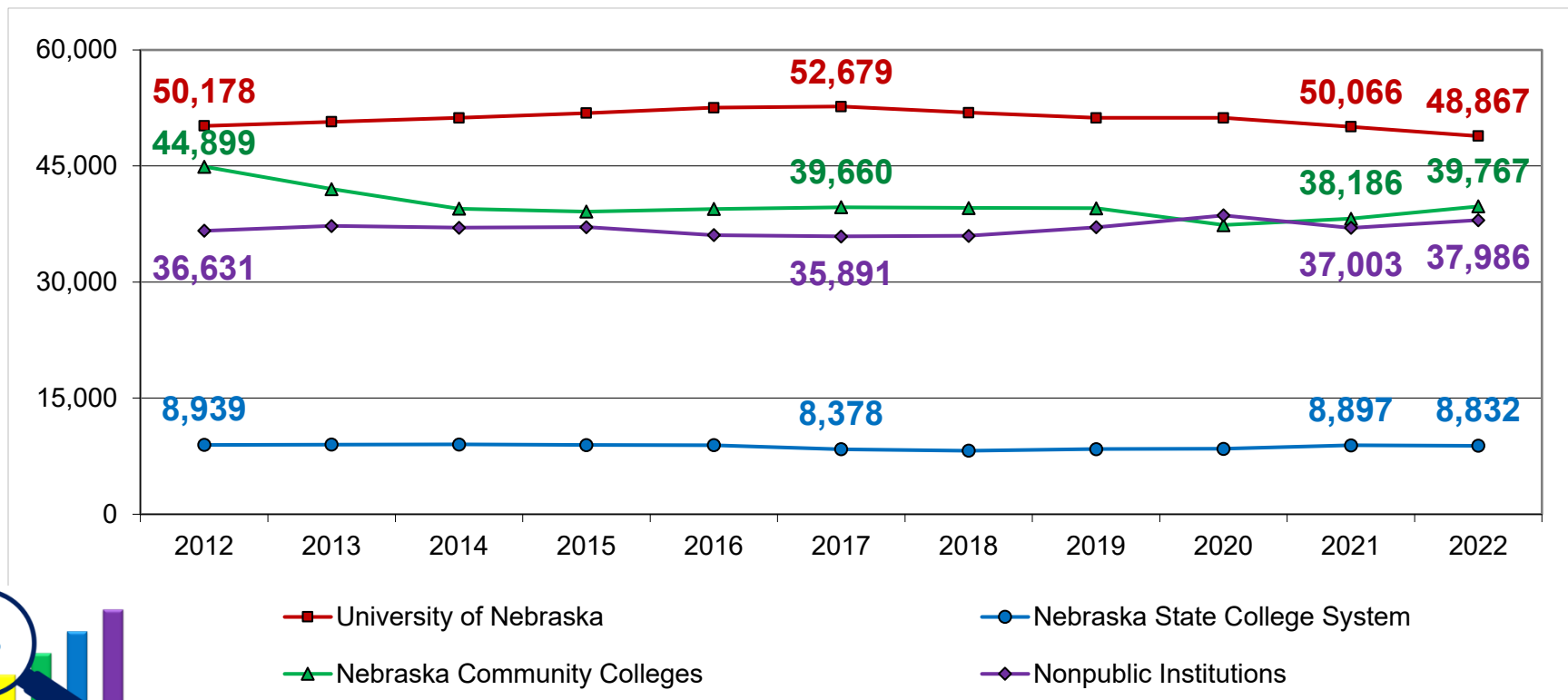
Total Fall Enrollment

SECTOR	1-YEAR CHANGE	10-YEAR CHANGE
Nebraska State Total	1.0%	-3.7%



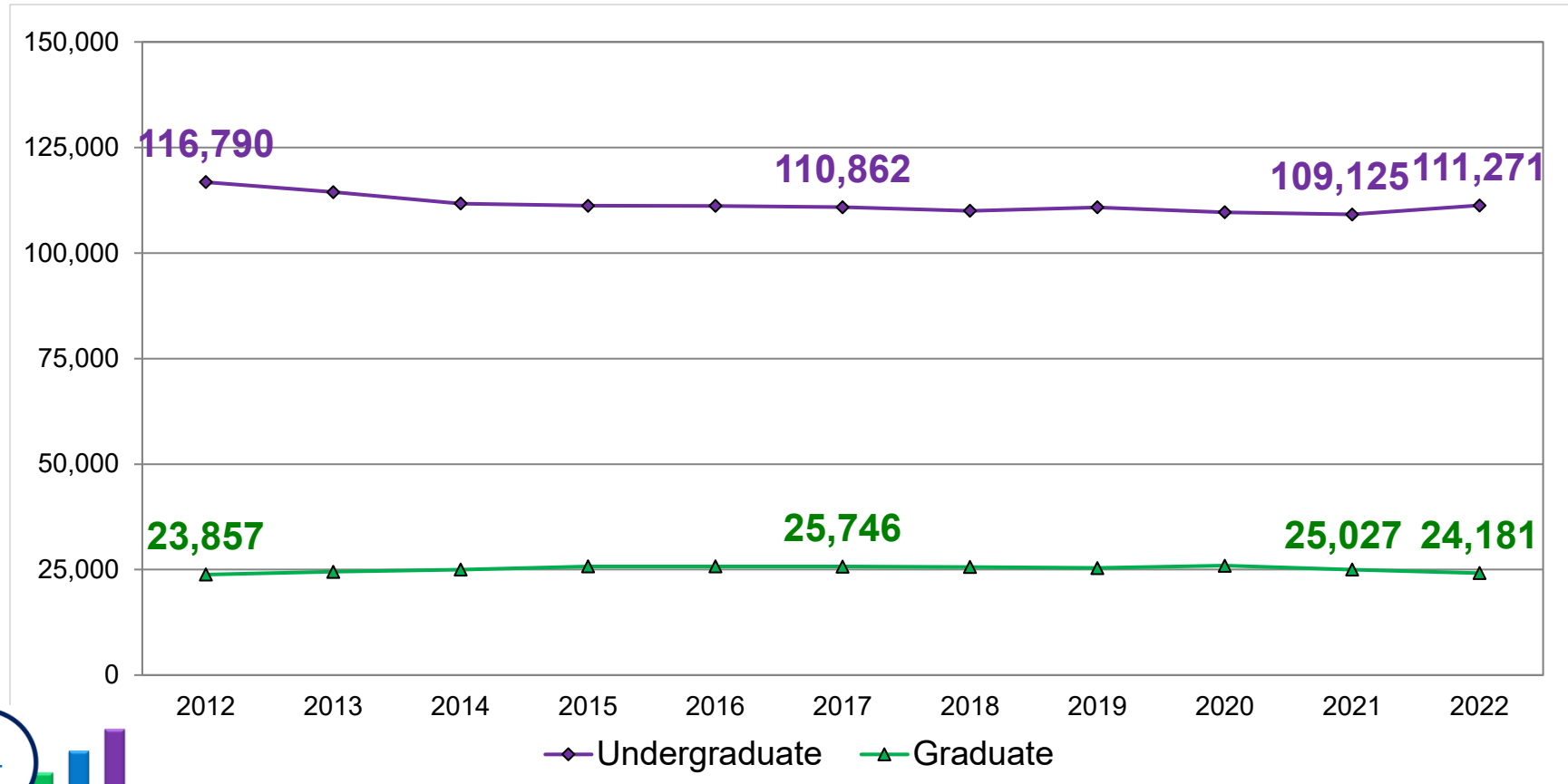
Fall Enrollment by Sector

SECTOR	1-YEAR CHANGE	10-YEAR CHANGE
■ University of Nebraska	-2.4%	-2.6%
● Nebraska State College System	-0.7%	-1.2%
▲ Nebraska Community Colleges	4.1%	-11.4%
◆ Nonpublic Institutions	2.7%	3.7%



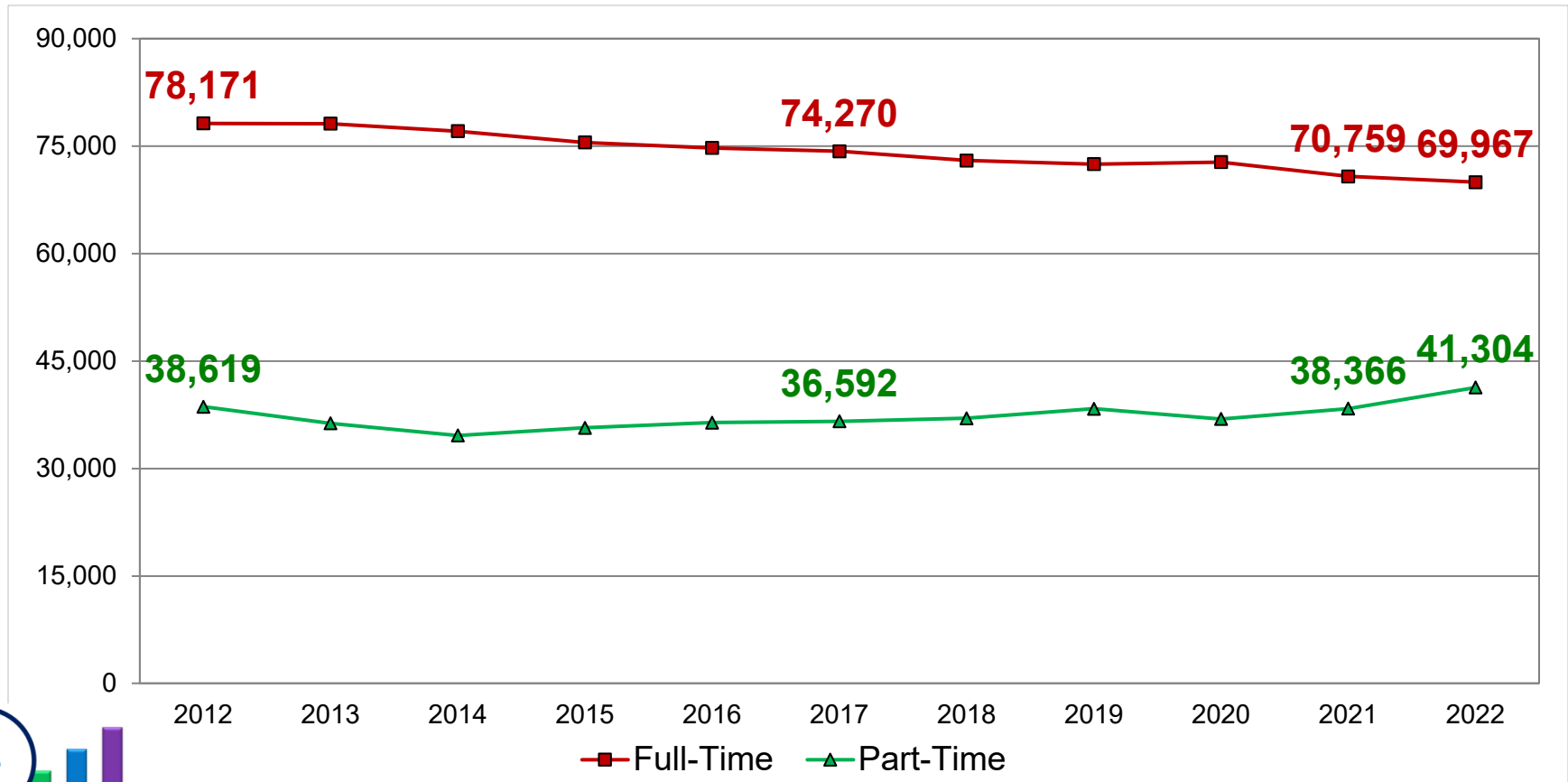
Fall Enrollment by Student Level

LEVEL	1-YEAR CHANGE	10-YEAR CHANGE
◆ Undergraduates	2.0%	-4.7%
▲ Graduates	-3.4%	1.4%



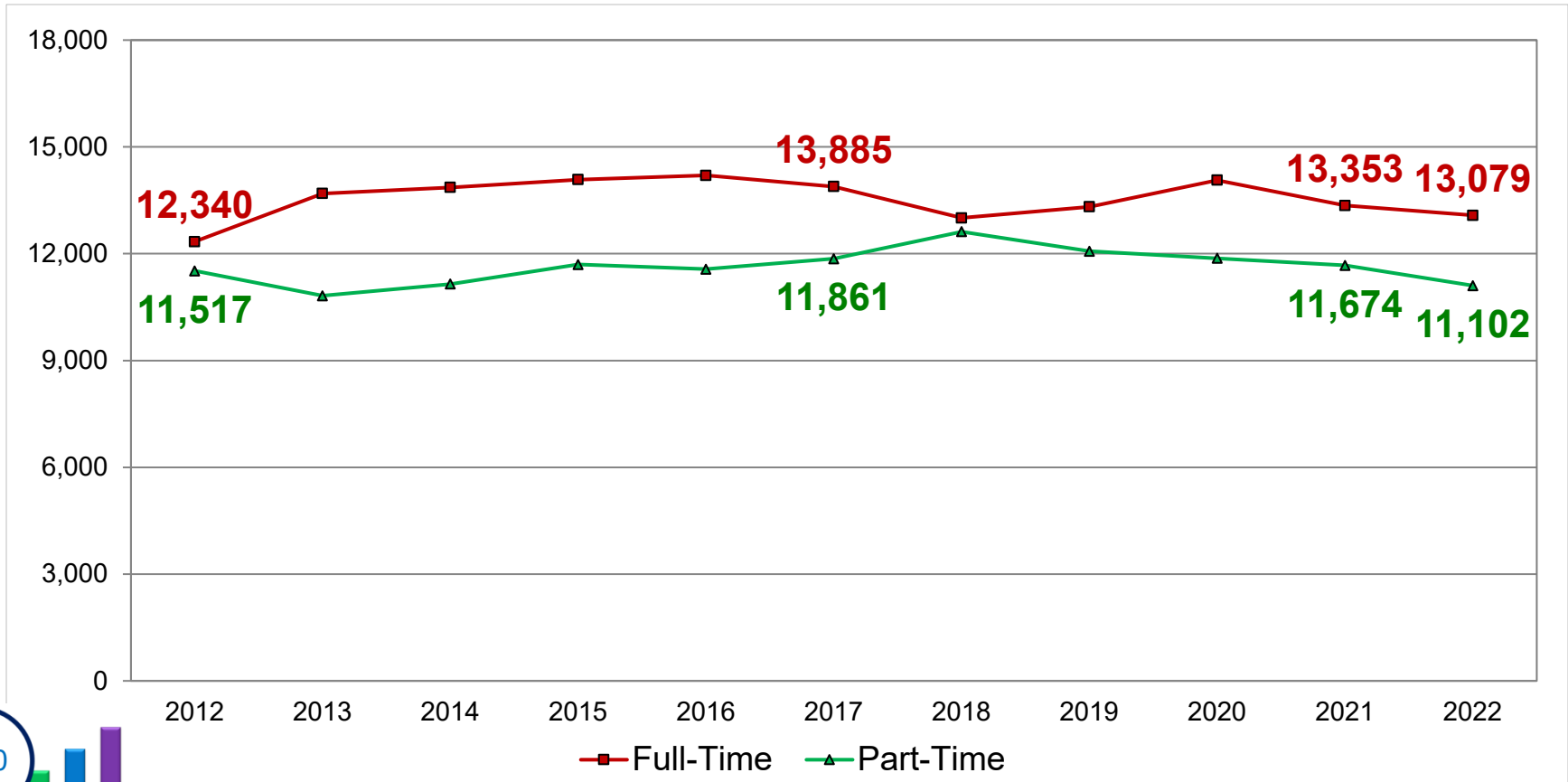
Undergraduate Fall Enrollment by Full-Time/Part-Time Classification

LEVEL	1-YEAR CHANGE	10-YEAR CHANGE
■ Undergraduate Full-Time	-1.1%	-10.5%
▲ Undergraduate Part-Time	7.7%	7.0%



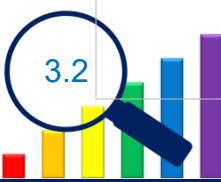
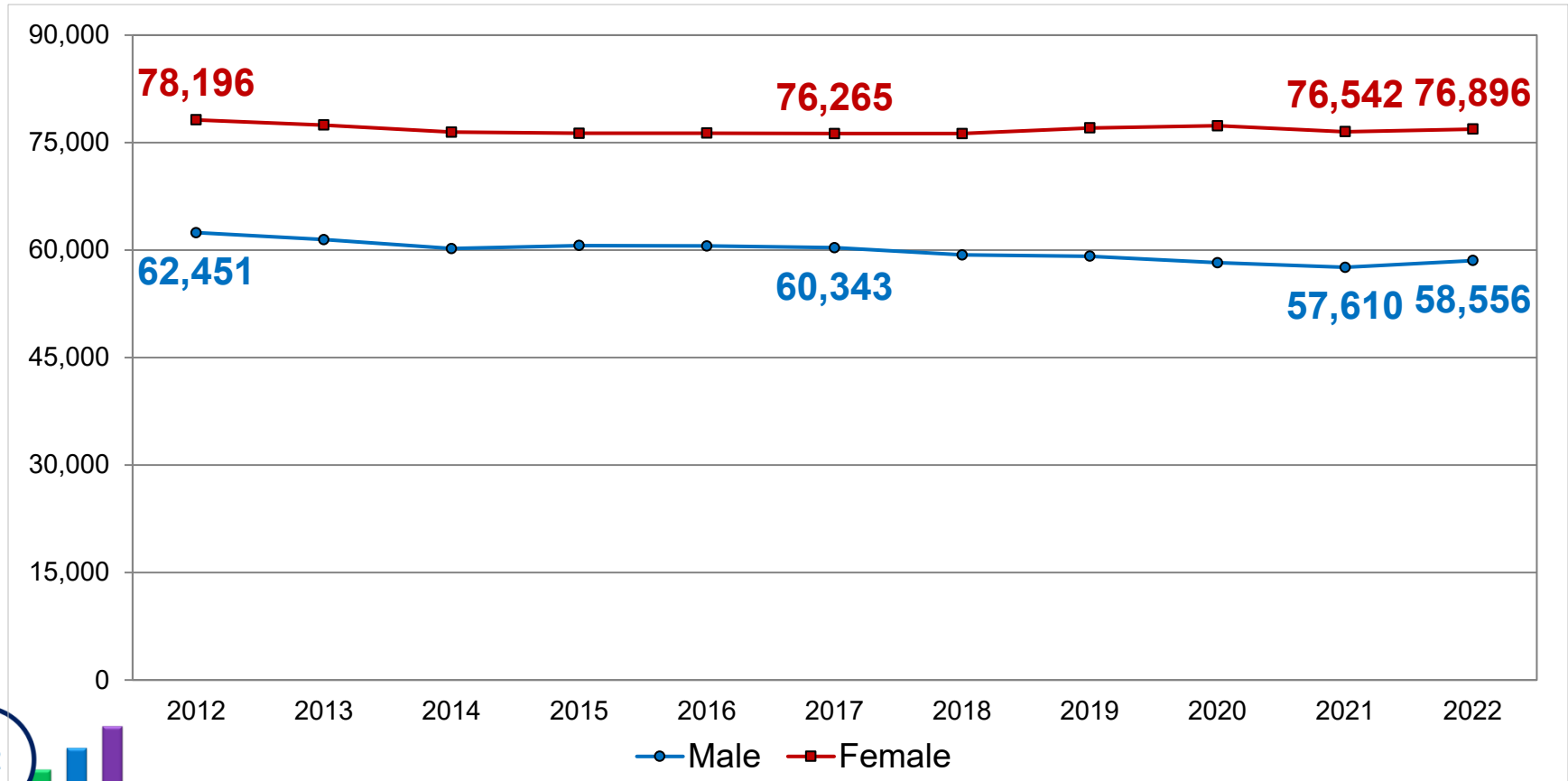
Graduate Fall Enrollment by Full-Time/Part-Time Classification

LEVEL	1-YEAR CHANGE	10-YEAR CHANGE
■ Graduate Full-Time	-2.1%	6.0%
▲ Graduate Part-Time	-4.9%	-3.6%



Fall Enrollment by Gender

LEVEL	1-YEAR CHANGE	10-YEAR CHANGE
● Males	1.6%	-6.2%
■ Females	0.5%	-1.7%



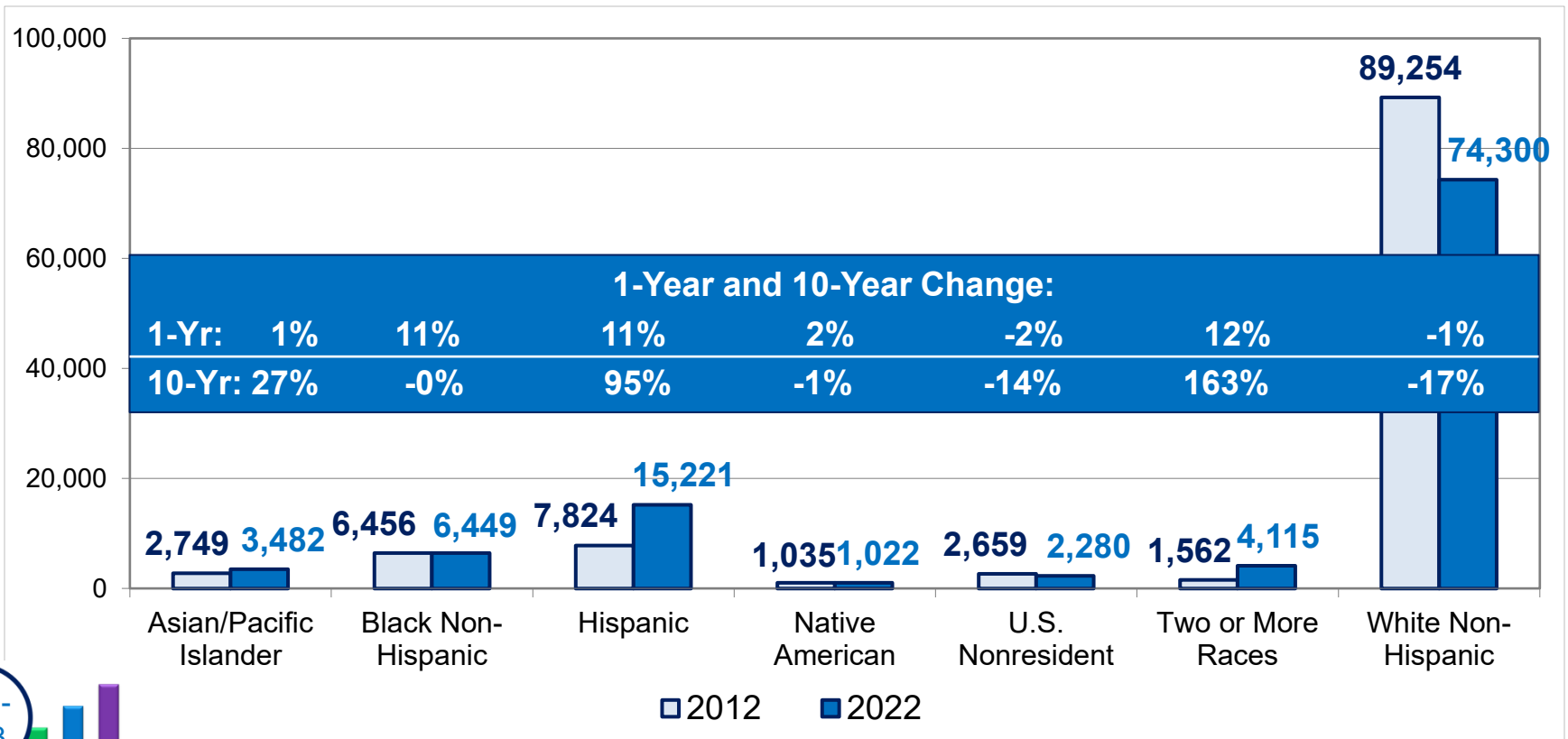
Undergraduate Fall Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity

% of 2012 Fall Enrollment:

80% White non-Hispanic
18% Minority
2% U.S. Nonresident

% of 2022 Fall Enrollment:

↓ 70% White non-Hispanic
↑ 28% Minority
2% U.S. Nonresident



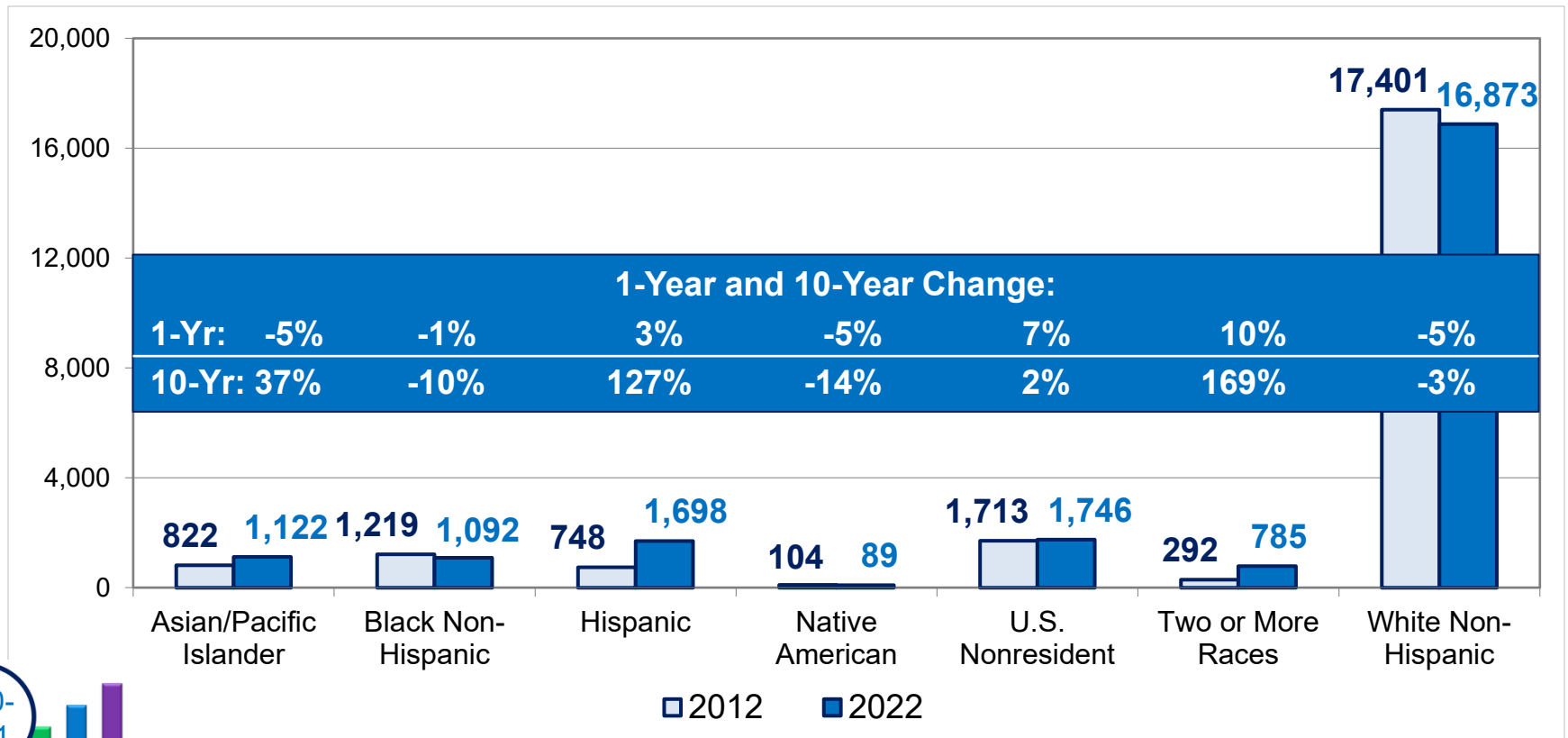
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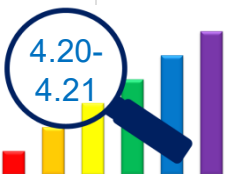
78% White non-Hispanic
14% Minority
8% U.S. Nonresident

% of 2022 Fall Enrollment:

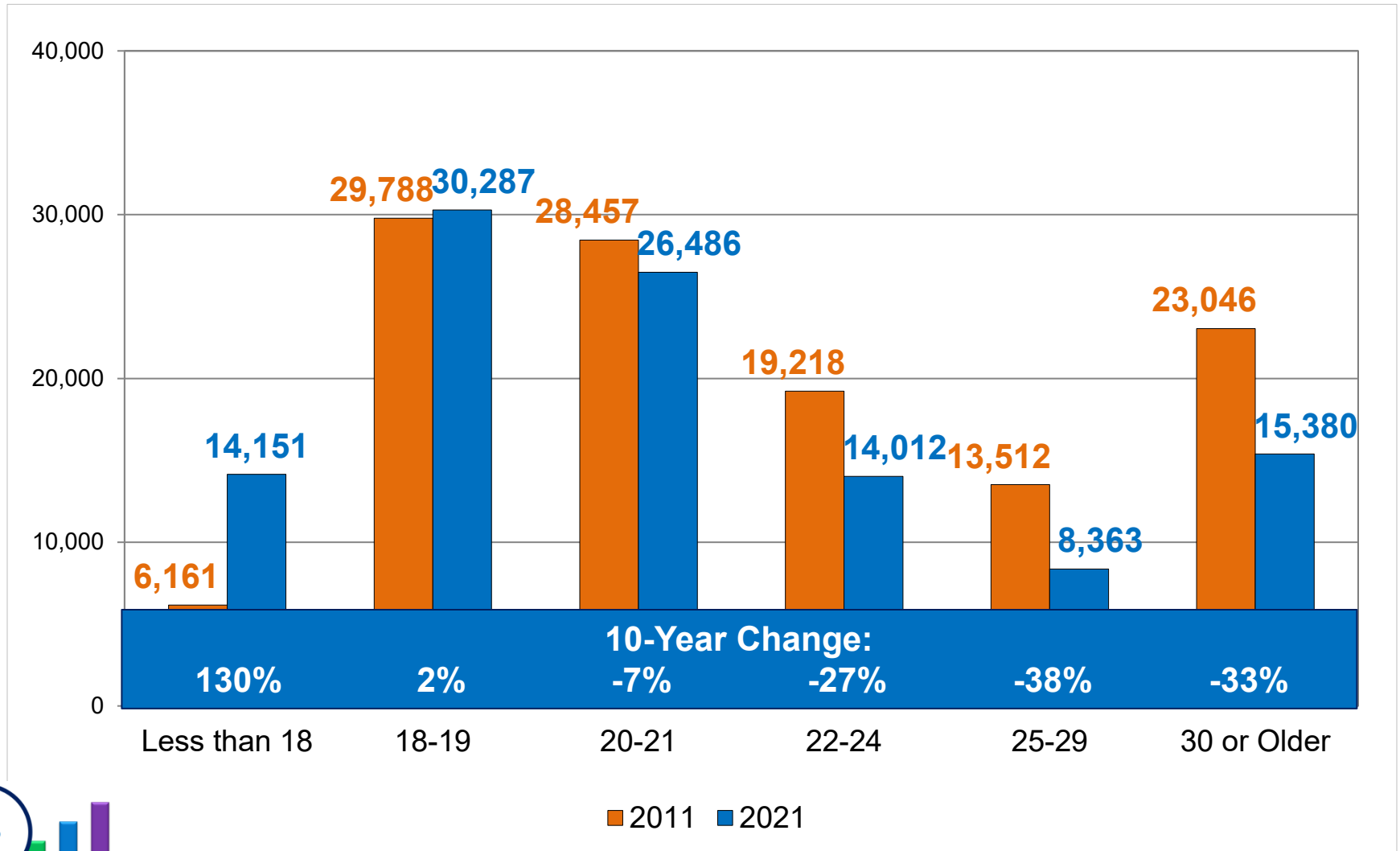
↓ 72% White non-Hispanic
↑ 20% Minority
8% U.S. Nonresident



Note. Excludes students of unknown race/ethnicity.



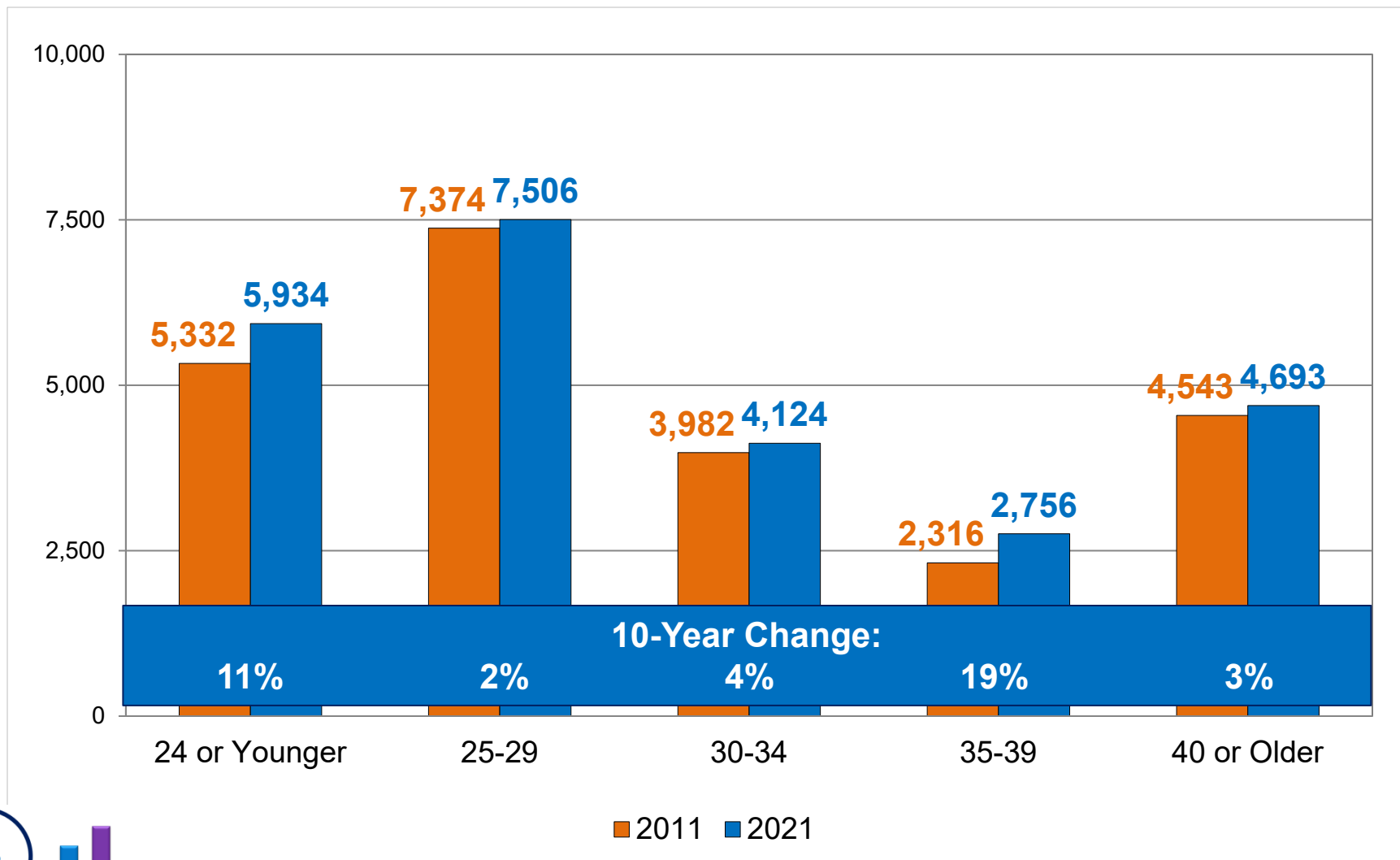
Undergraduate Fall Enrollment by Age



Note. Excludes students of unknown age. Fall enrollments by age are collected only for odd numbered years.



Graduate Fall Enrollment by Age



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Undergraduate Fall Enrollment by Distance Education Status

% of Fall 2012:

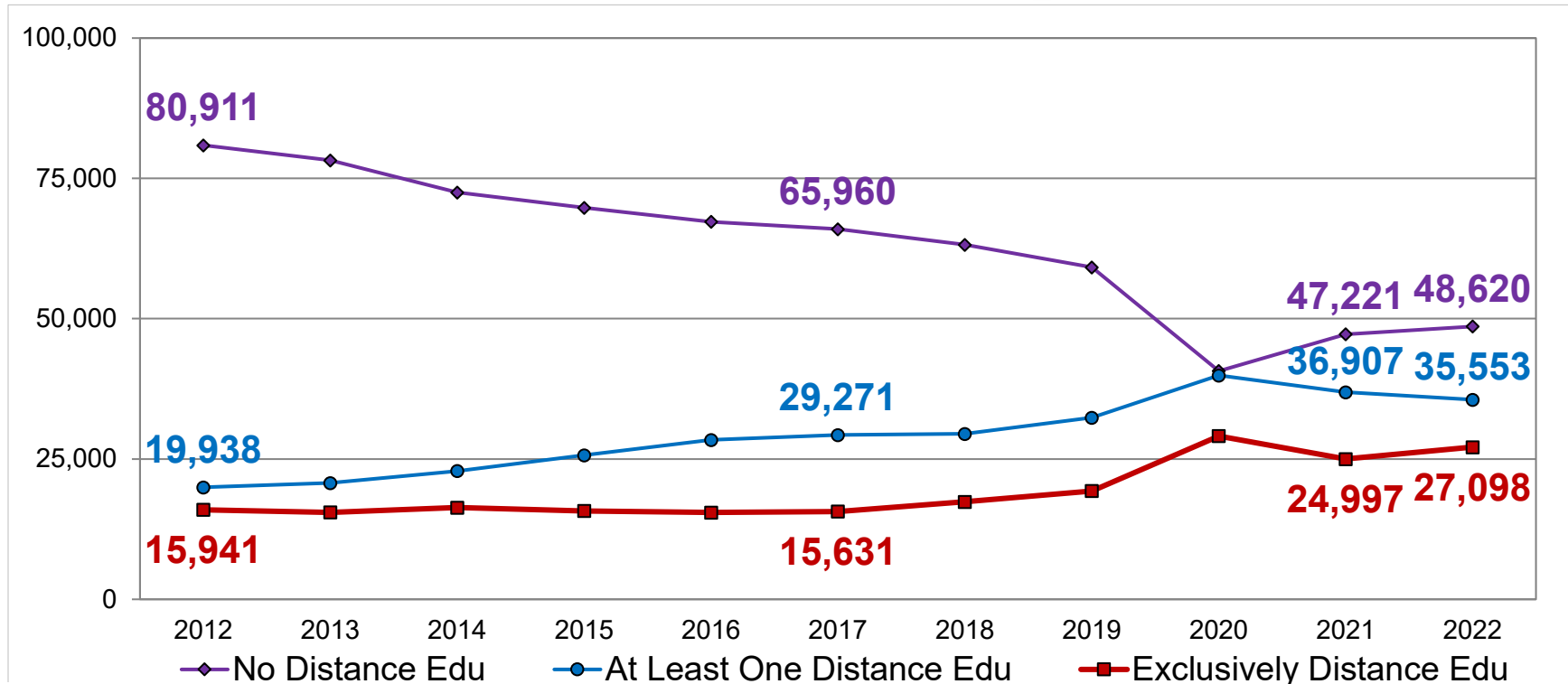
69% No Distance
17% At Least One
14% Exclusively

% of Fall 2019:

53% No Distance
29% At Least One
17% Exclusively

% of Fall 2022:

↓ 44% No Distance
↑ 32% At Least One
↑ 24% Exclusively



1-Year and 10-Year Change:

1-Yr:	3%	-4%	8%
10-Yr:	-40%	78%	70%

Graduate Fall Enrollment by Distance Education Status

% of Fall 2012:

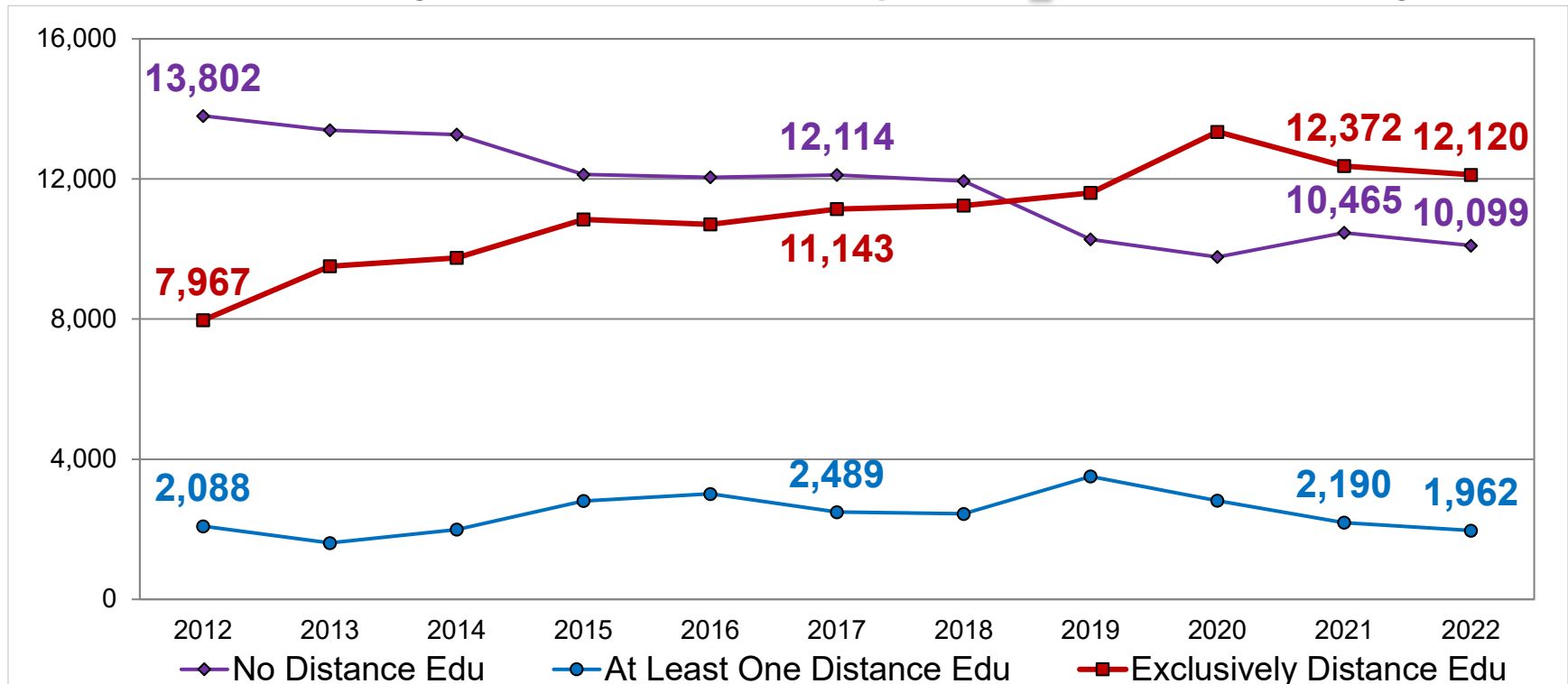
58% No Distance
9% At Least One
33% Exclusively

% of Fall 2019:

40% No Distance
14% At Least One
46% Exclusively

% of Fall 2022:

↓ 42% No Distance
8% At Least One
↑ 50% Exclusively



1-Year and 10-Year Change:		
1-Yr:	-4%	-10%
10-Yr:	-27%	-6%
		52%

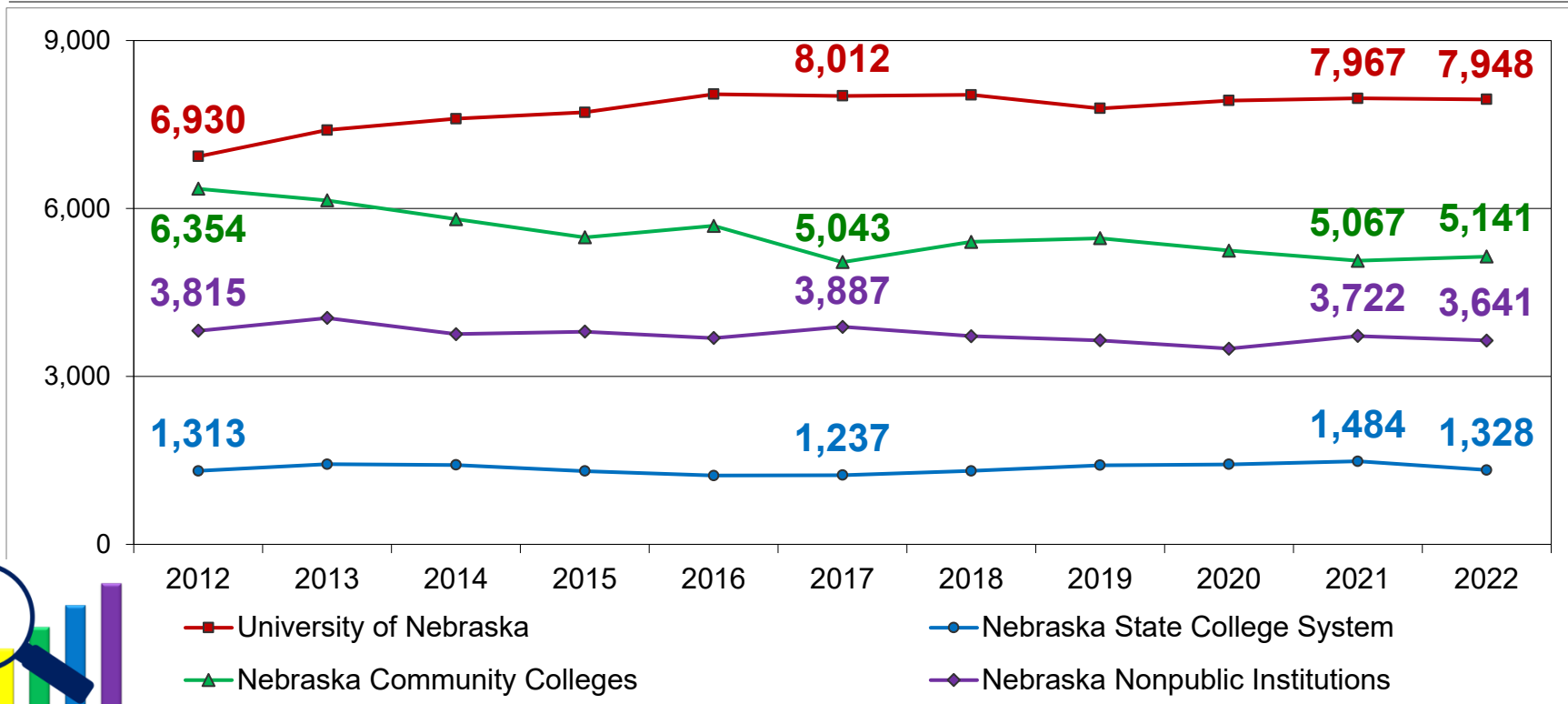
Location of Students Enrolled Exclusively in Distance Education Courses (Fall 2022)

- Undergraduate
 - Overall, 24% of undergraduate enrollments were exclusively distance enrollments
 - Ranges from 9% at the University of Nebraska to 40% at the nonpublics
 - 60% of exclusively distance enrollments were located in Nebraska
 - Ranges from 16% at the nonpublic institutions to 96% at the community colleges
 - Overall, about 10% of undergraduate fall enrollments were exclusively distance education enrollments in another state
 - Ranges from 1% at the community colleges to 23% at the nonpublic institutions
- Graduate
 - Overall, 50% of graduate enrollments were exclusively distance enrollments
 - Ranges from 39% at the University of Nebraska to 79% at the state colleges
 - 52% of exclusively distance enrollments were located in Nebraska
 - Ranges from 37% at the nonpublic institutions to 72% at the state colleges
 - Overall, about 24% of graduate fall enrollments were exclusively distance education enrollments in another state
 - Ranges from 13% at the University of Nebraska to 37% at the nonpublic institutions



Fall Enrollment of First-Time Freshman

SECTOR	1-YEAR CHANGE	10-YEAR CHANGE
■ University of Nebraska	-0.2%	14.7%
● Nebraska State College System	-10.5%	1.1%
▲ Nebraska Community Colleges	1.5%	-19.1%
◆ Nonpublic Institutions	-2.2%	-4.6%
State Total	-1.0%	-1.9%



Fall Enrollment Compared to 12-Month Enrollment

- This report focuses on fall enrollment for two main reasons:
 - Fall enrollment data is reported in much more detail than 12-month enrollment (historic data for full-time/part-time status, age group, distance enrollment)
 - IPEDS is starting to collect more detailed information on 12-month enrollments
 - Fall enrollment data is available in IPEDS earlier than 12-month enrollment data
 - Fall 2022 data were reported in spring 2023, while 2022-23 12-month data will not be collected until fall 2023
- **Fall enrollment** provides a “snapshot” of the total number of students who were enrolled at an institution on October 15 or the institution’s official fall reporting date
 - Decreased 4.6% between fall 2012 and fall 2021
- **12-month enrollment** is the total unduplicated headcount of students enrolled at an institution any time during the academic year
 - Decreased 13.8% between 2012-13 and 2021-22
- In general, both metrics follow similar trends for most sectors/ institutions in Nebraska, indicating that either is a valid measure for trend analyses
 - Fall enrollment figures have captured 87% to 89% of 12-month enrollments at the University of Nebraska and 53% to 70% of 12-month enrollments at the community colleges



Dashboard Demonstration – Enrollment

- <https://ccpe.nebraska.gov/enrollment-dashboard>
 - How many undergraduate students under age 18 were enrolled part-time in fall 2021?
 - Under tab Fall Enrollment by Age, choose <18 (age), undergraduate (student level), and part-time (FT/PT)
 - Answer: 11,978, an increase of 132.9% since fall 2011

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Age Data for Fall 2011 through Fall 2021

Note: Age data are collected only for odd-numbered years.

Pick Age: |
 Pick Student Level: |
 Pick FT/PT: |
 Pick Gender:

Fall Enrollment by Year and 10-Year Percentage Change

Sector	Institution	2011	2013	2015	2017	2019	2021
Grand Total		5,143	5,600	6,876	8,045	10,172	11,978 132.9%

Dashboard Demonstration – Enrollment

- What percent of part-time undergraduate students under age 18 were enrolled at the community colleges?
 - Under tab Fall Enrollment by Age, choose <18 (age), undergraduate (student level), and part-time (FT/PT)
- Answer: $9,199 / 11,978 = 76.8\%$ of PT undergrads under 18 were enrolled at the community colleges

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Pick Age: Pick Student Level: Pick FT/PT: Pick Gender:

Fall Enrollment by Year and 10-Year Percentage Change

Sector	Institution	2011	2013	2015	2017	2019	2021	
Nebraska Community Colleges	Central Community College	1,227	1,184	1,285	1,398	1,755	1,928	57.1%
	Metropolitan Community College	1,000	1,064	1,379	1,344	1,660	2,896	189.6%
	Mid-Plains Community College	361	416	346	481	646	772	113.9%
	Northeast Community College	627	612	774	762	1,113	1,271	102.7%
	Southeast Community College	436	700	1,162	1,409	2,082	2,315	431.0%
	Western Nebraska Community College	269	302	193	532	482	17	-93.7%
	Total		3,920	4,278	5,139	5,926	7,738	9,199

Questions?

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