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# **2016 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska**

**Section: Degrees and Other Awards**  
Conferred 2004–05 through 2014–15

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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 10-year trends
  - Does not answer “why”



# Background

- Consists of three parts:
  - Degrees and Other Awards
  - Enrollment
  - Faculty and Salaries
- Executive Director approves sections of the *Factual Look* as they are completed after consultation with the Planning and Consumer Information Committee
  - Ensures timely dissemination of data
- *Factual Look* is now primarily an online publication
  - Data corresponding to each section are available for download via the Commission's website
  - Data users are able to view data via a dashboard on the Commission's website: <https://ccpe.nebraska.gov/degrees-and-other-awards-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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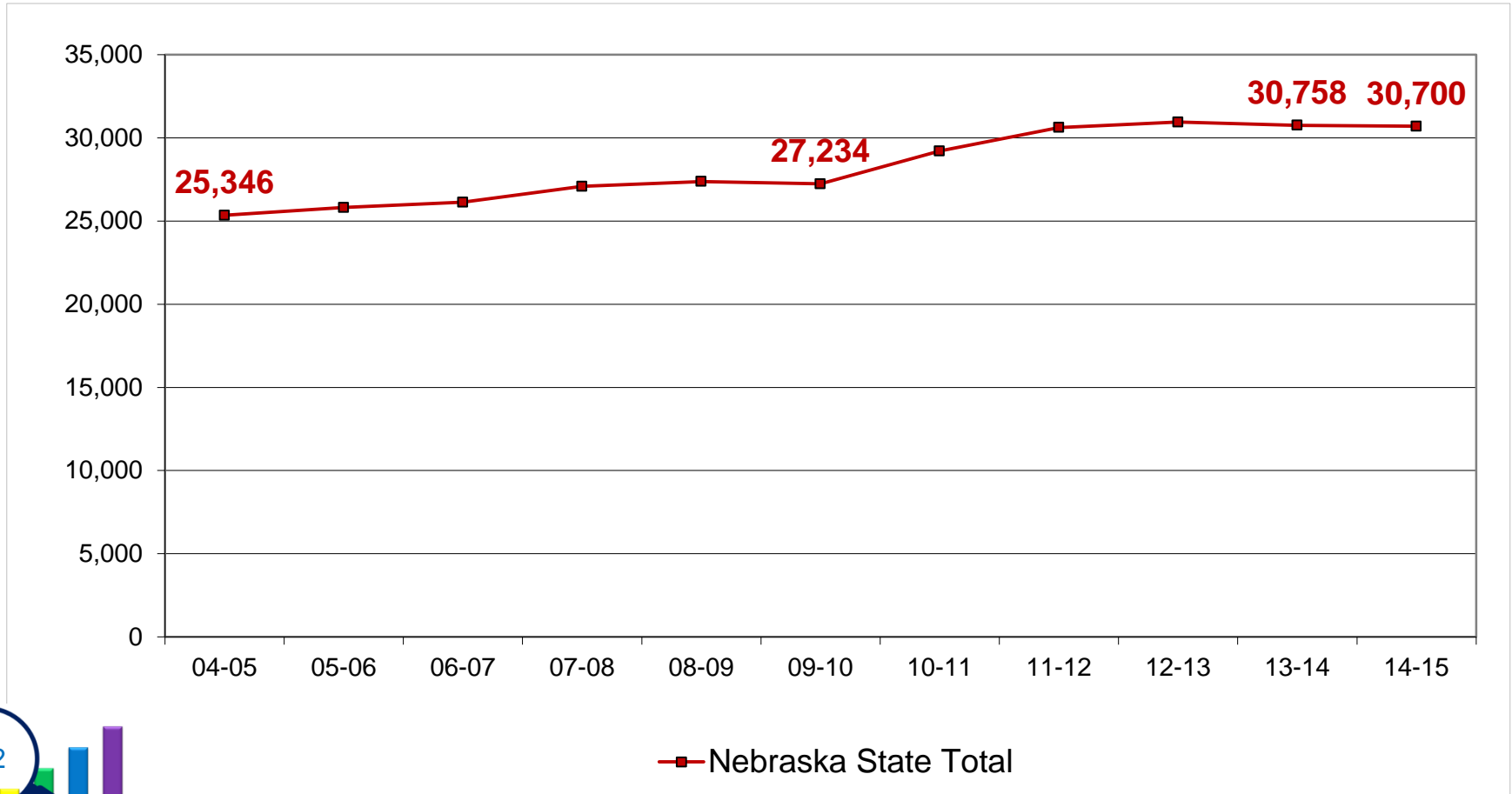


Degrees and Other Awards by Sector

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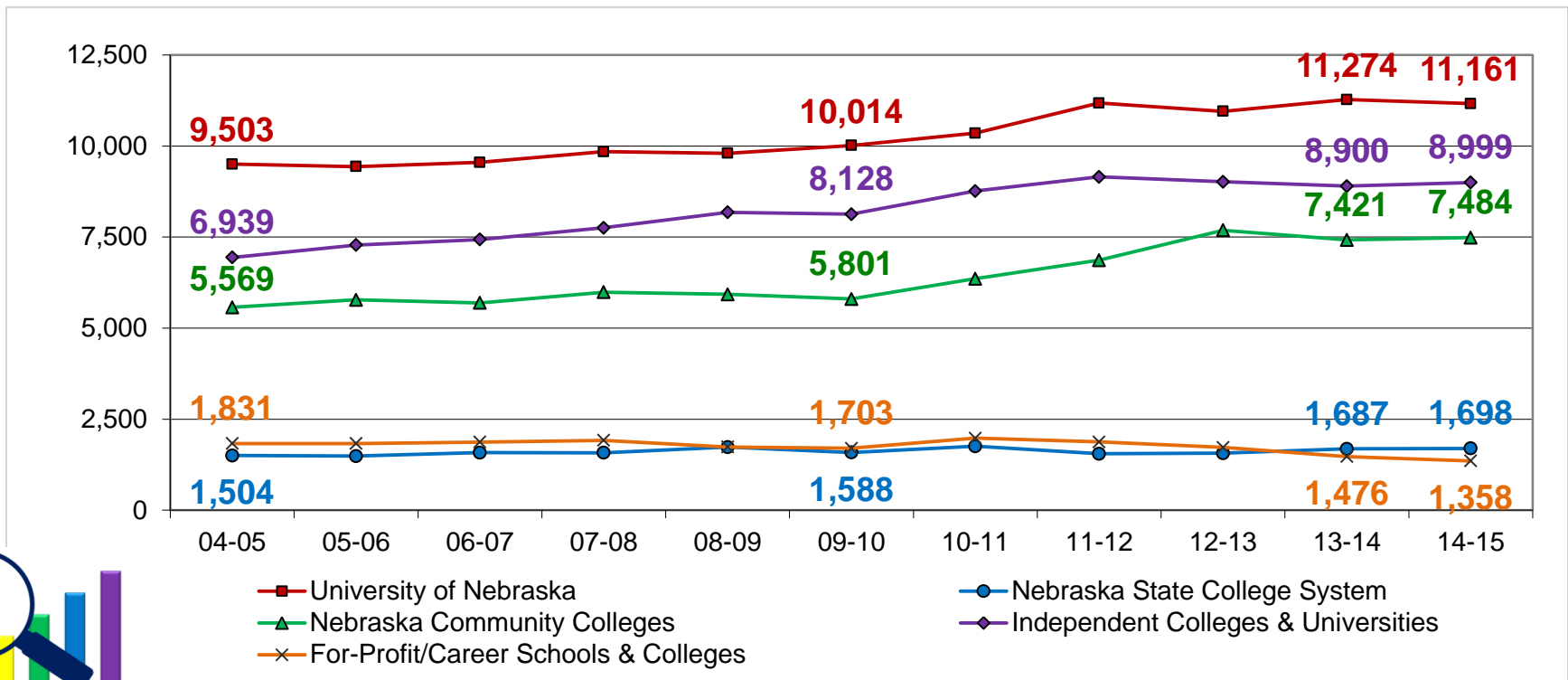
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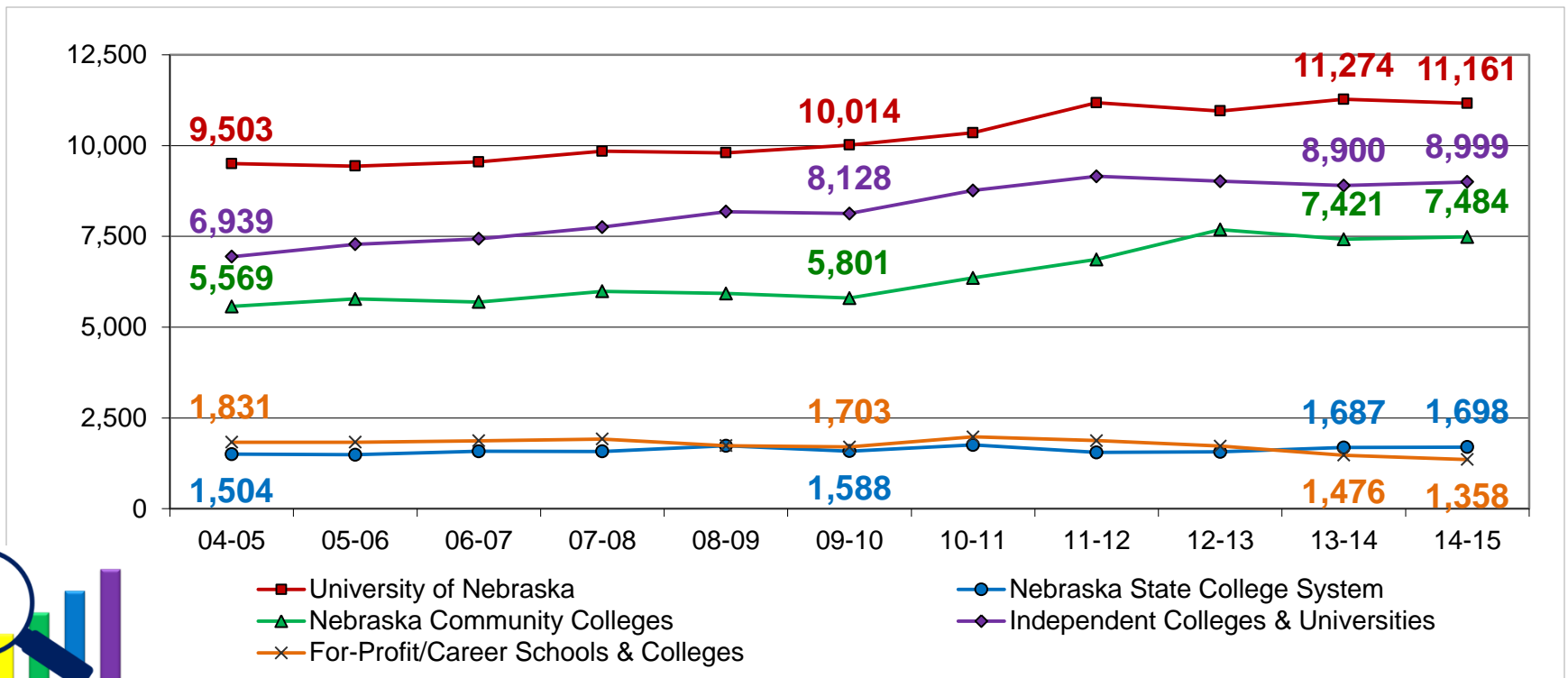
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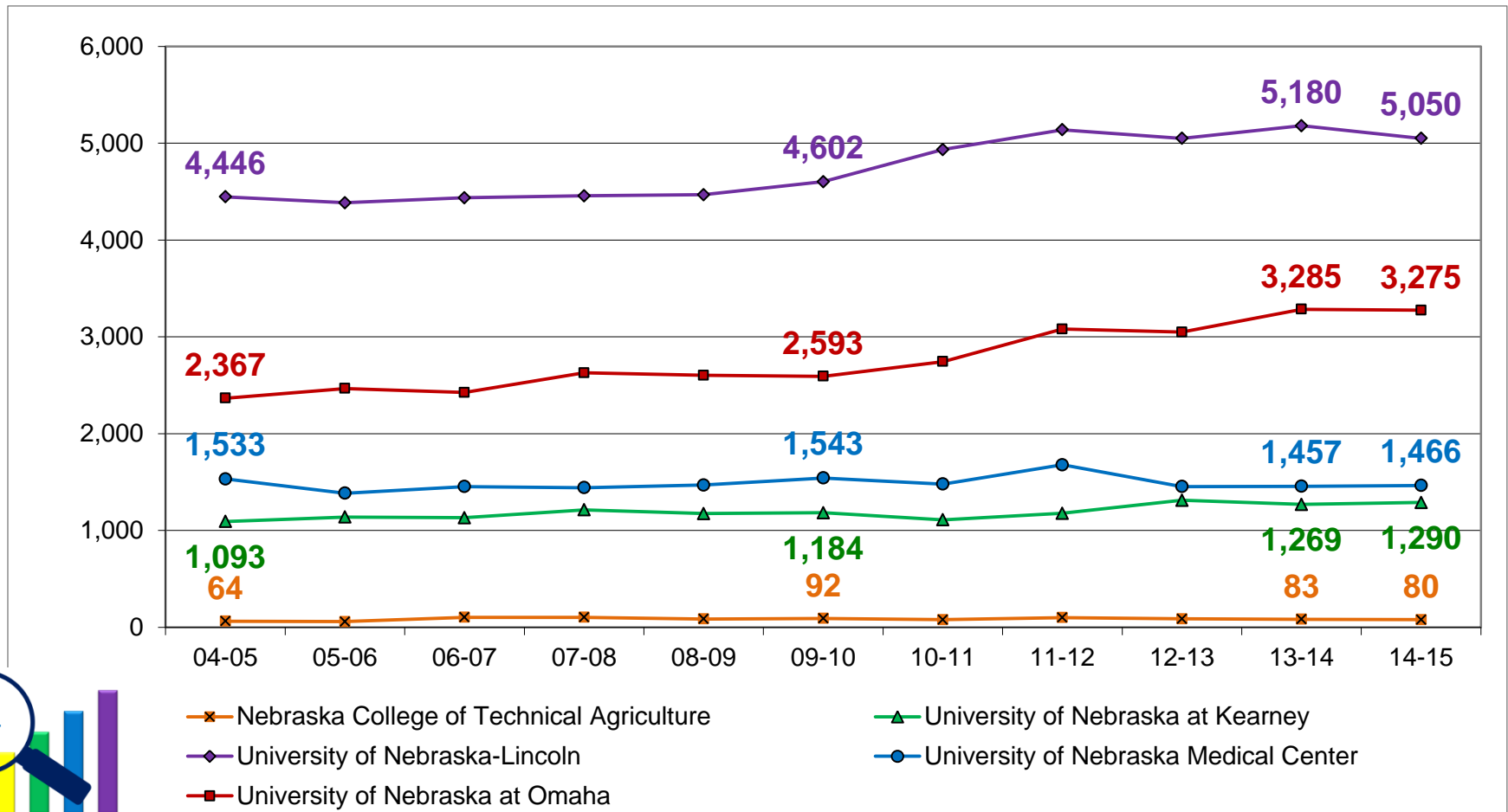


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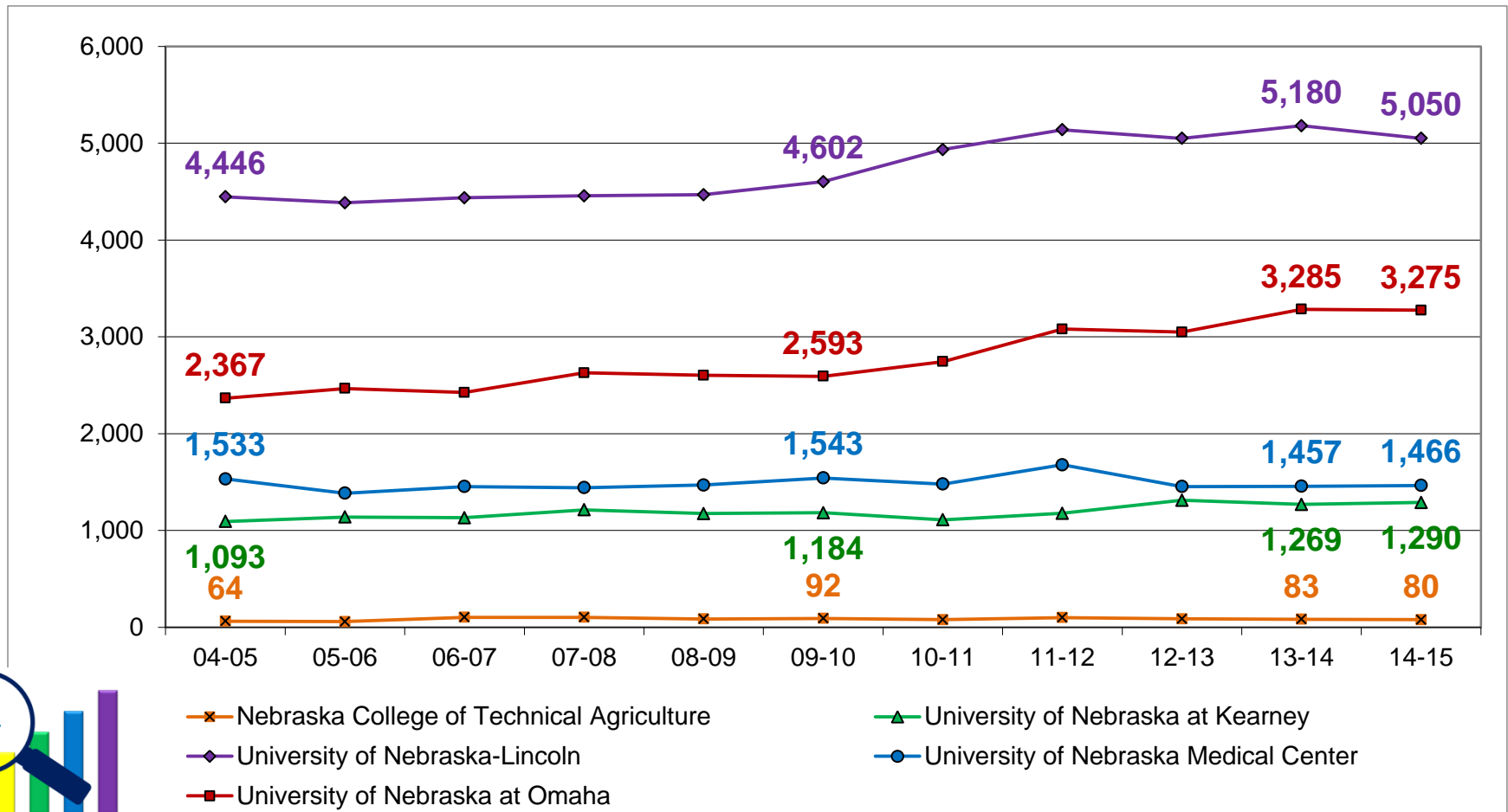
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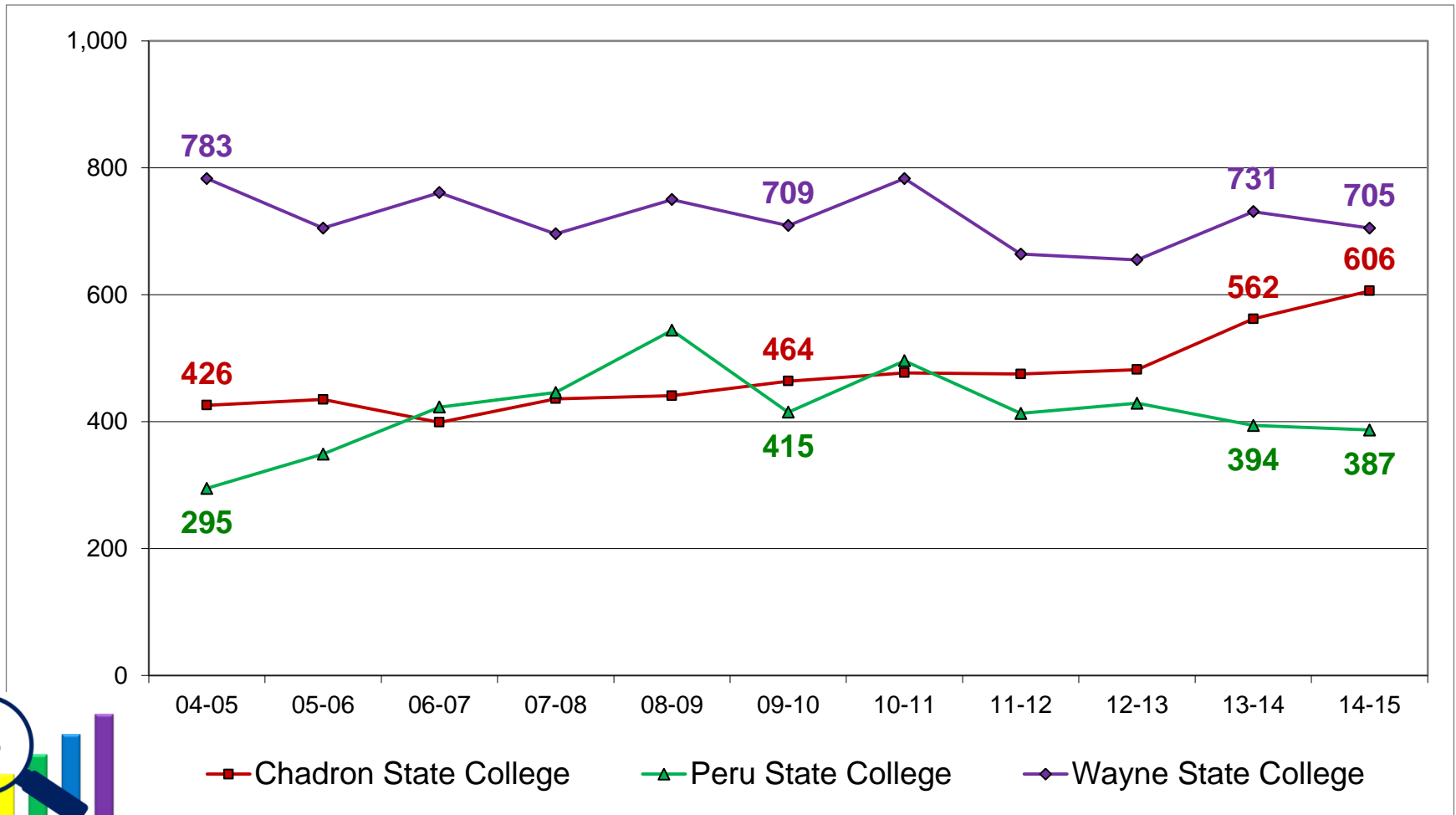


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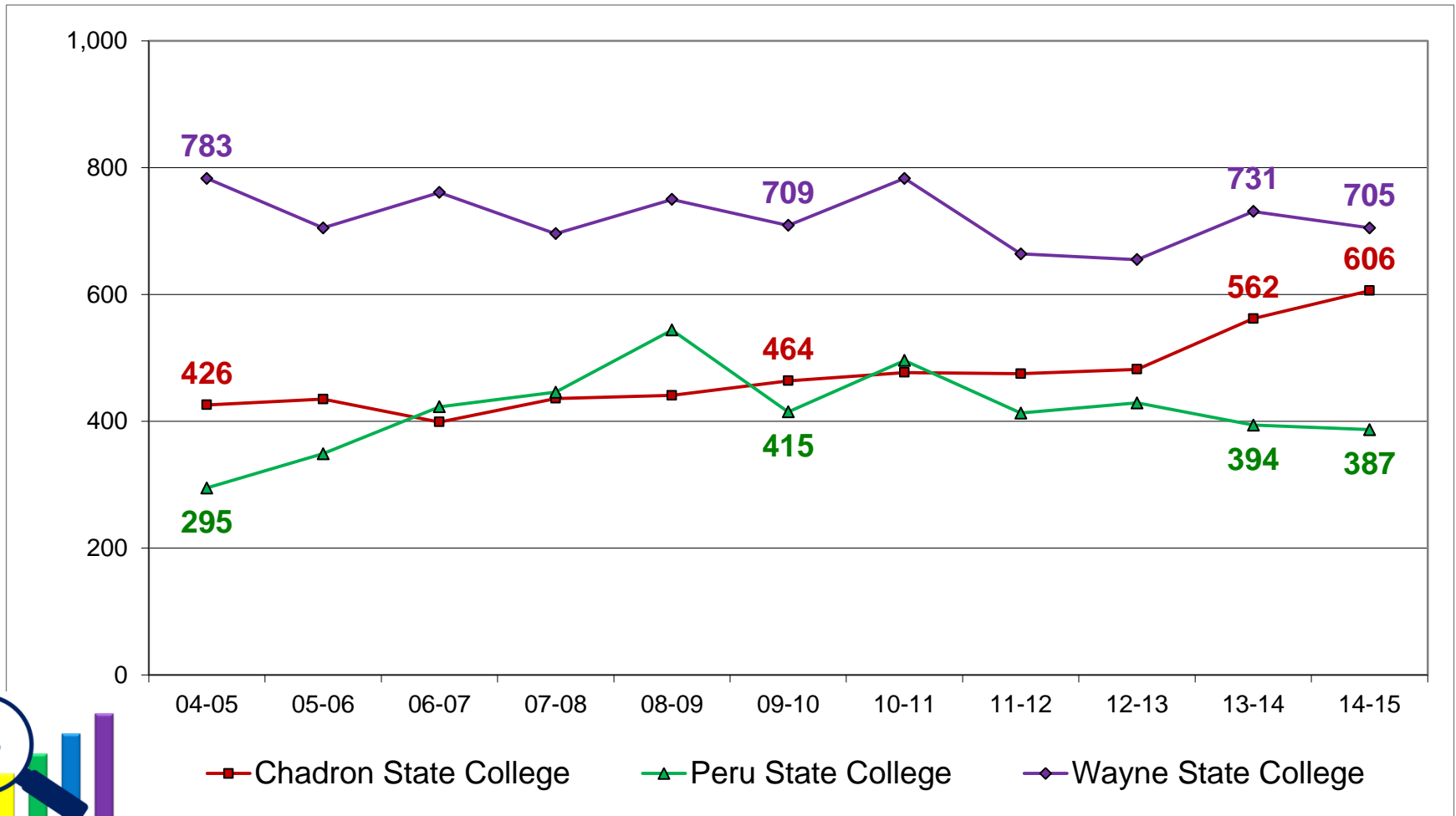


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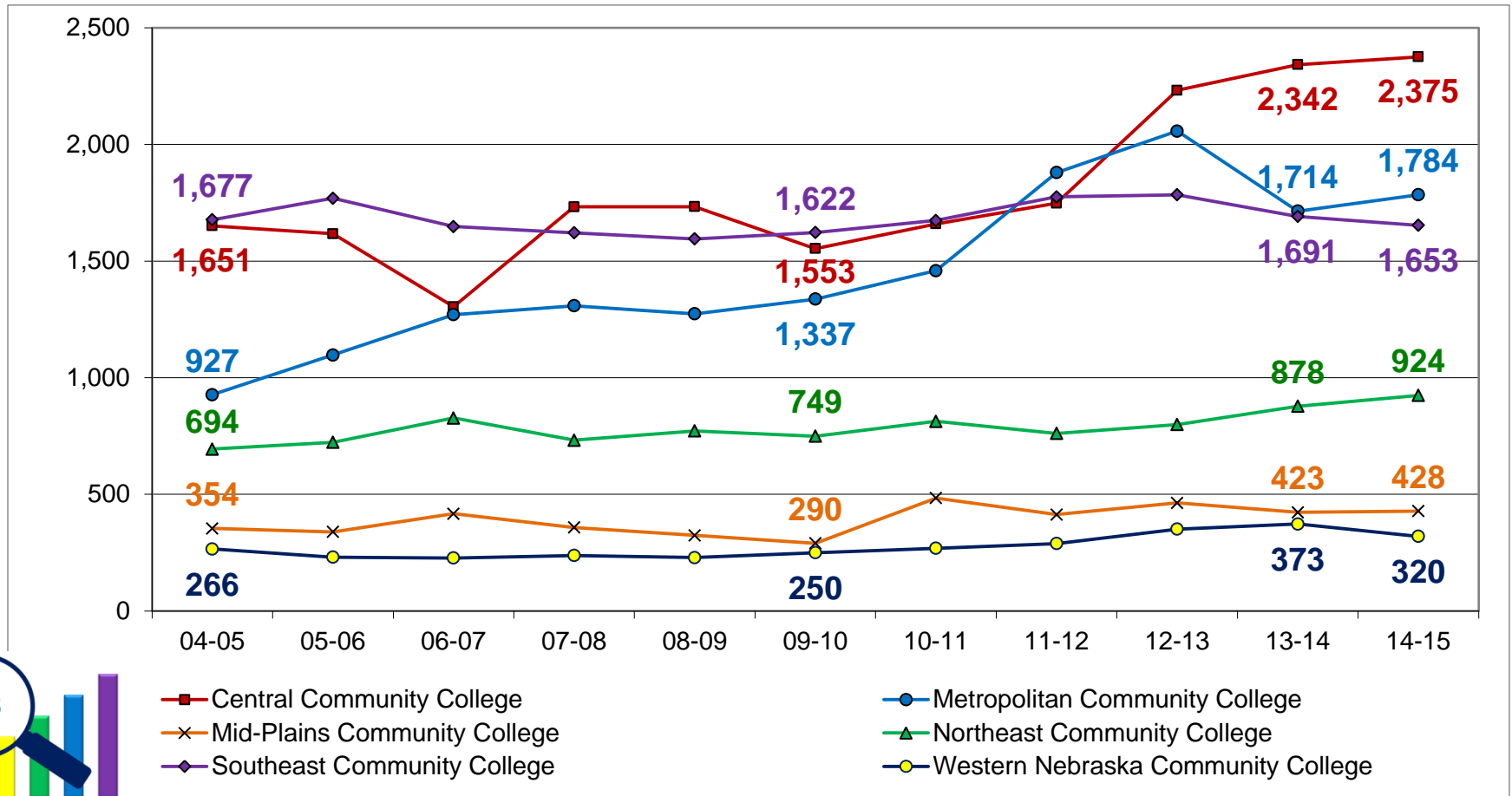


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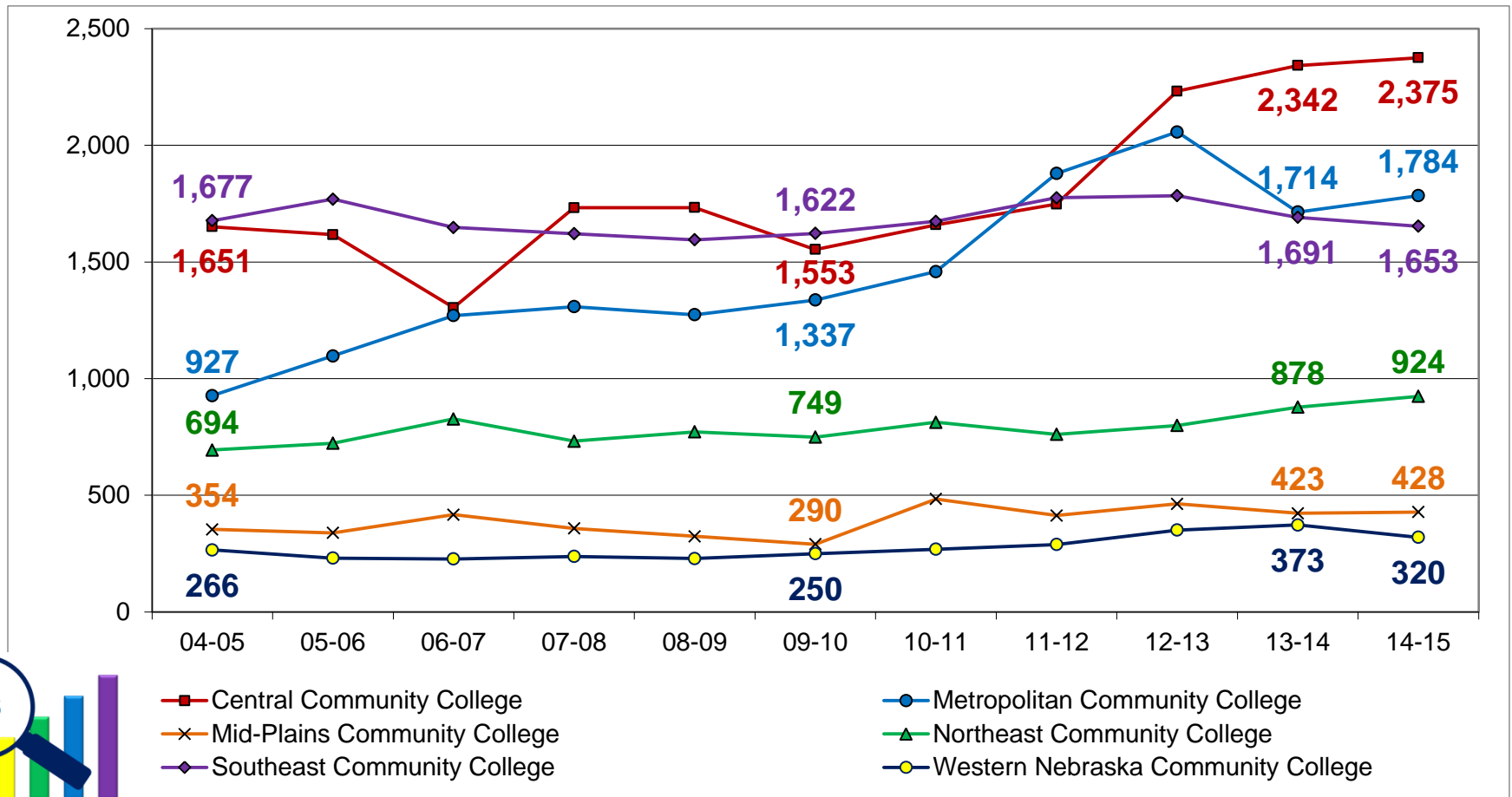


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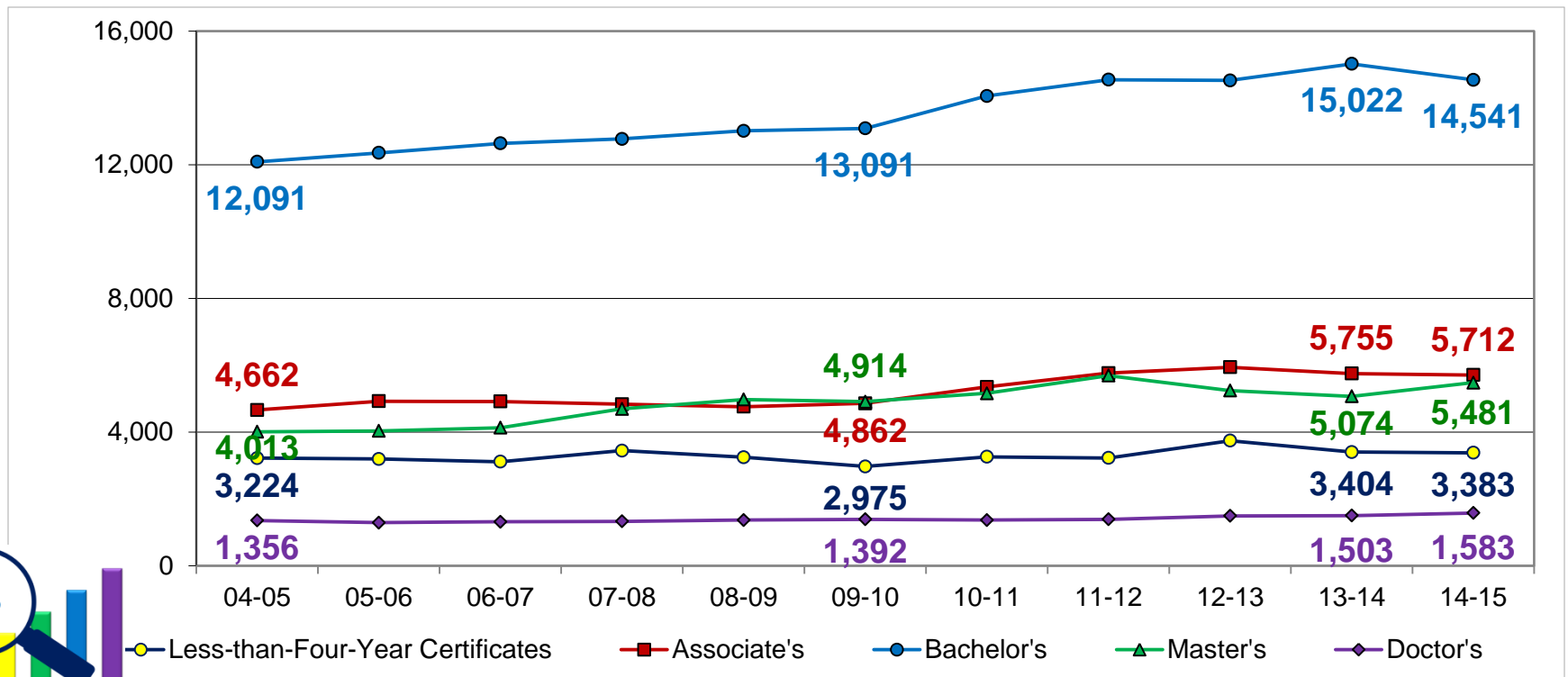


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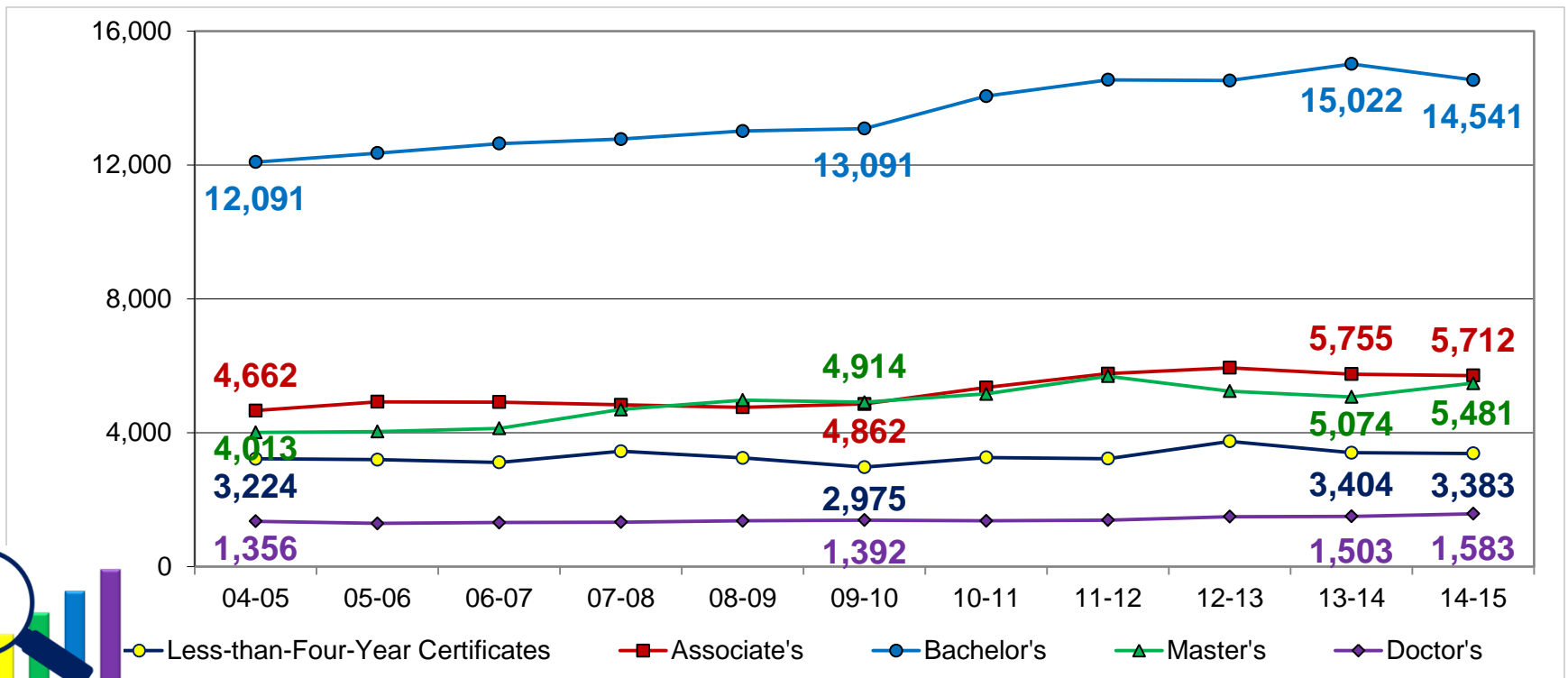
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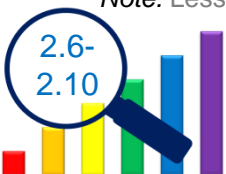


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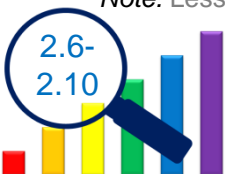
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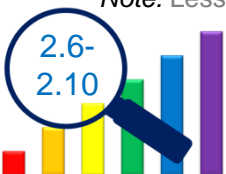
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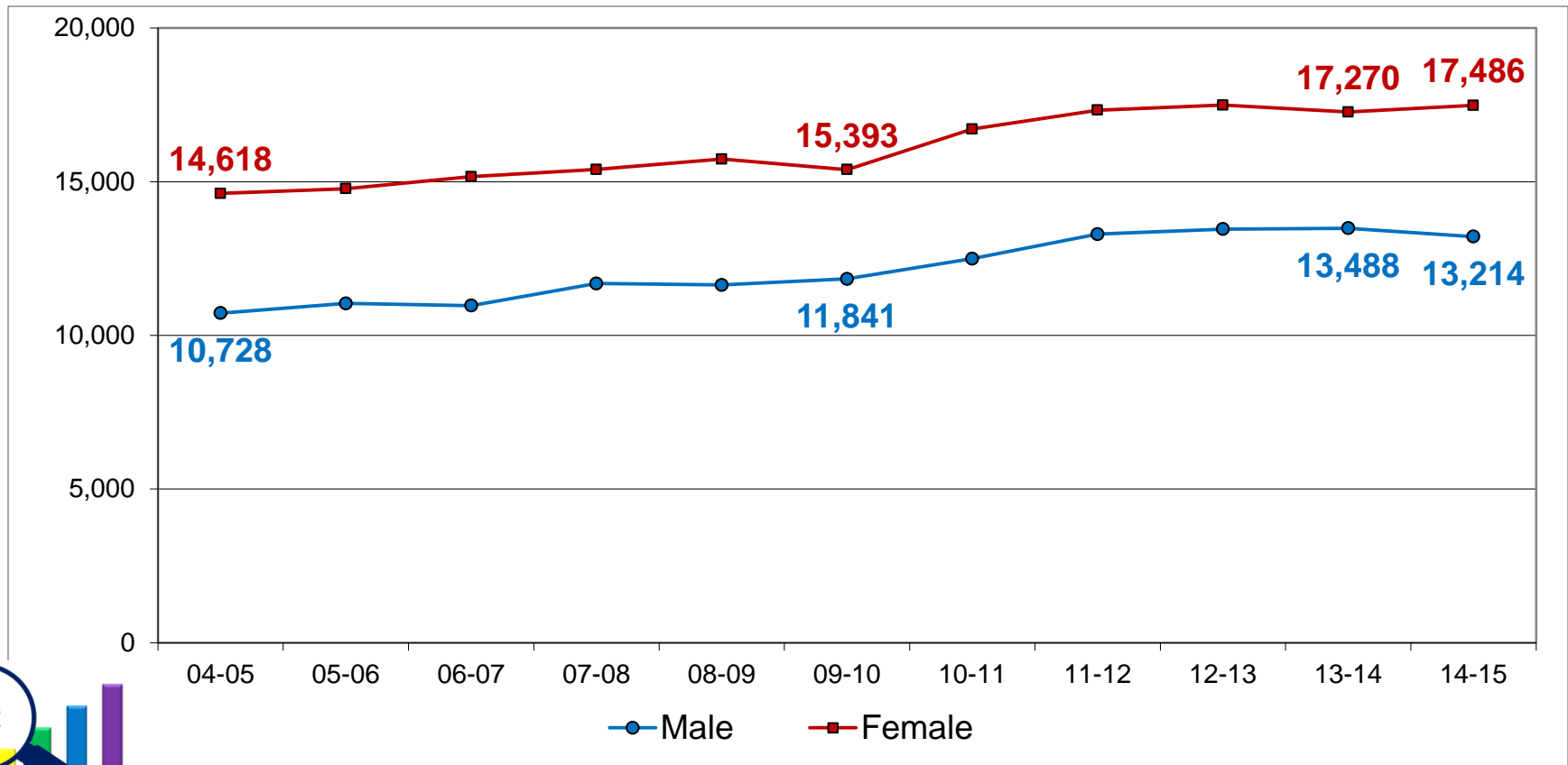


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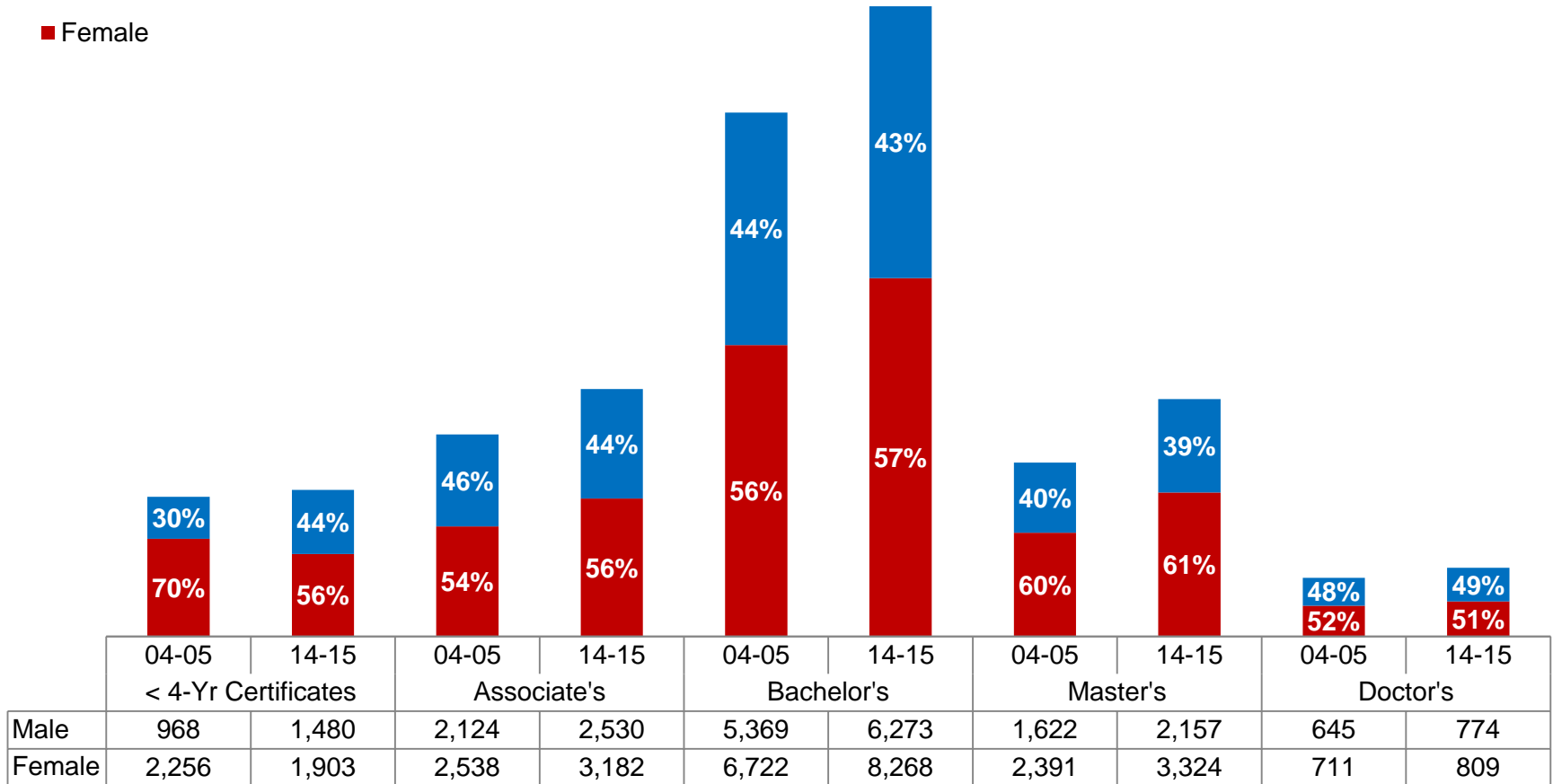
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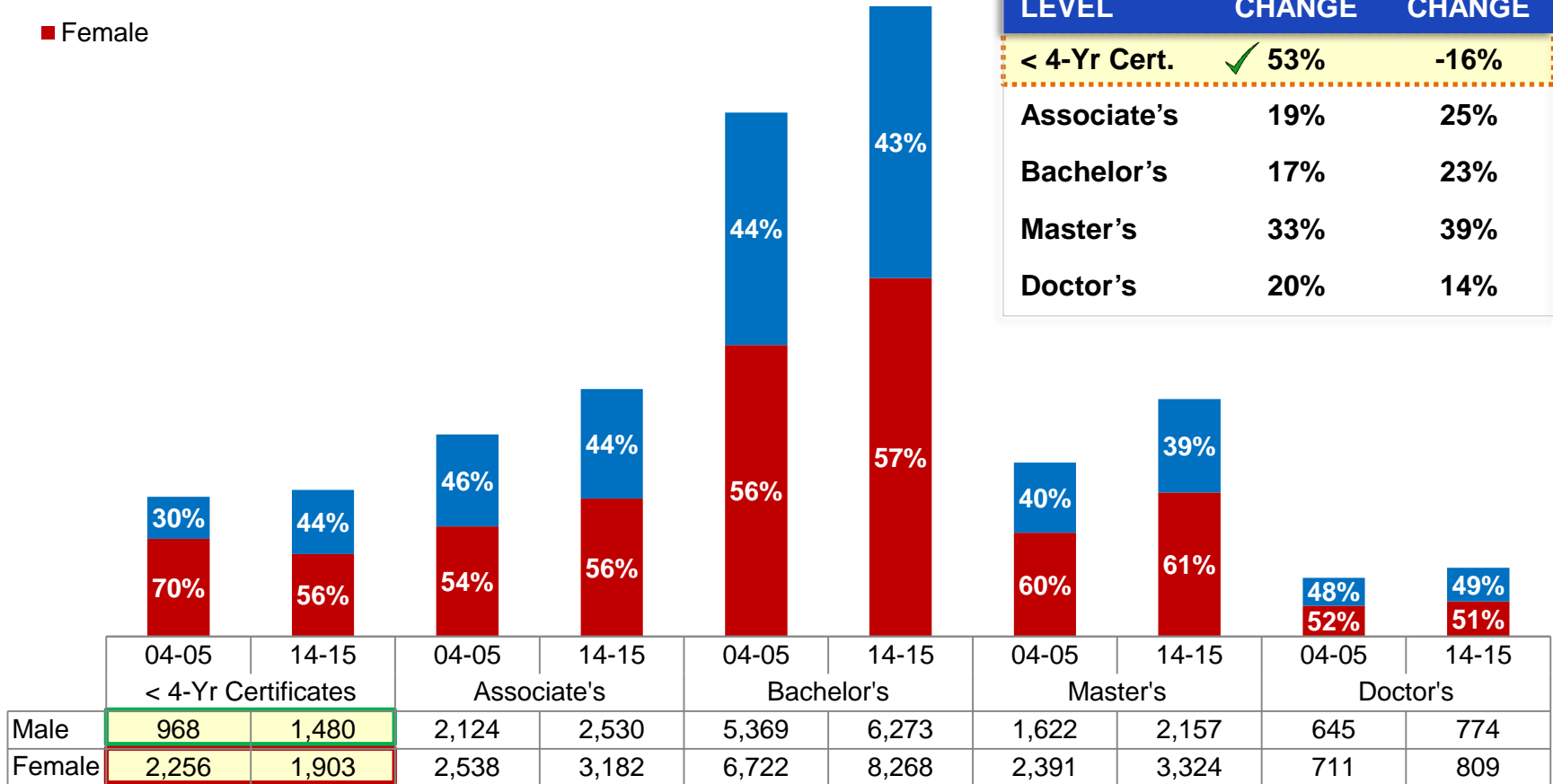


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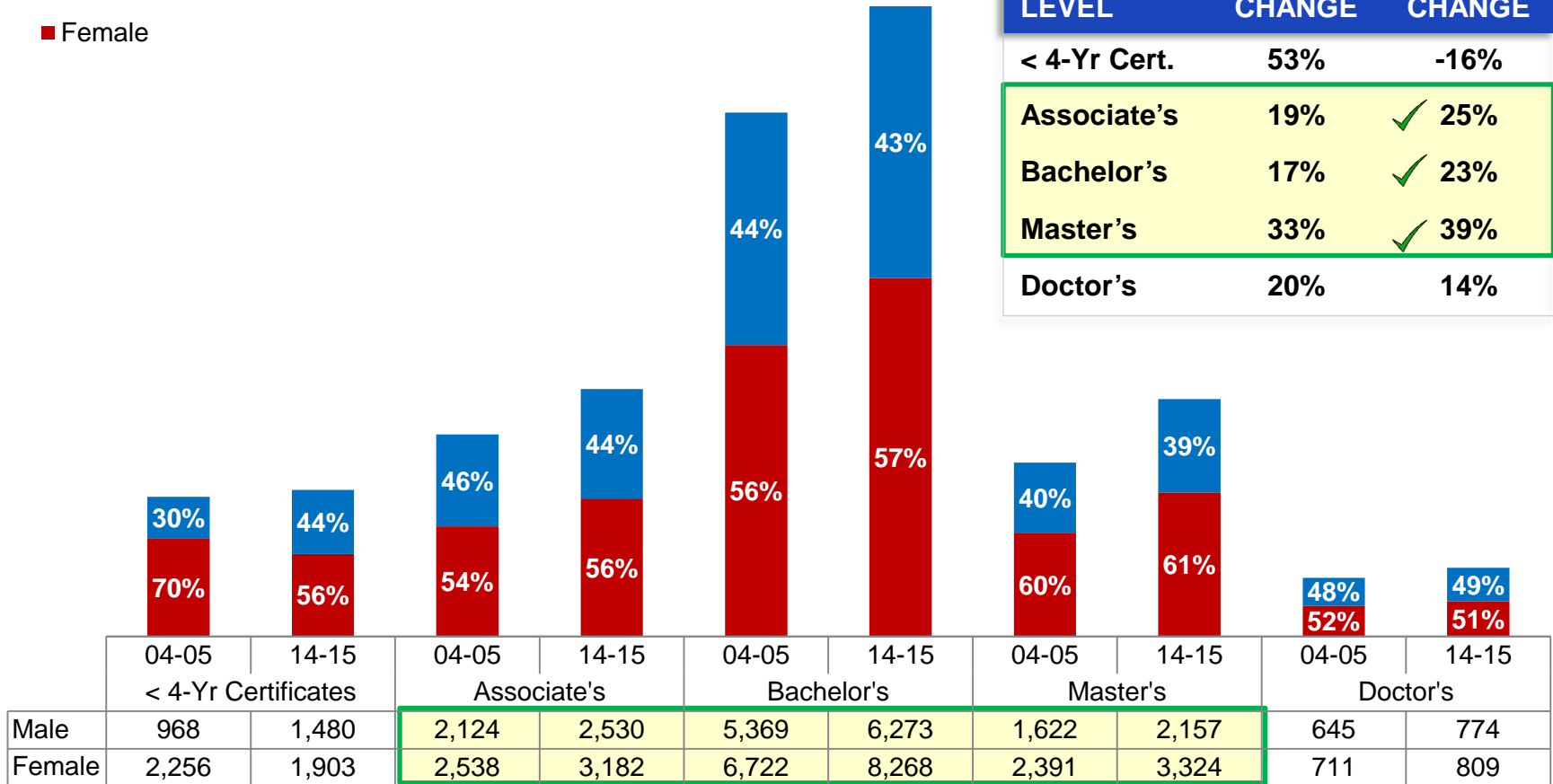


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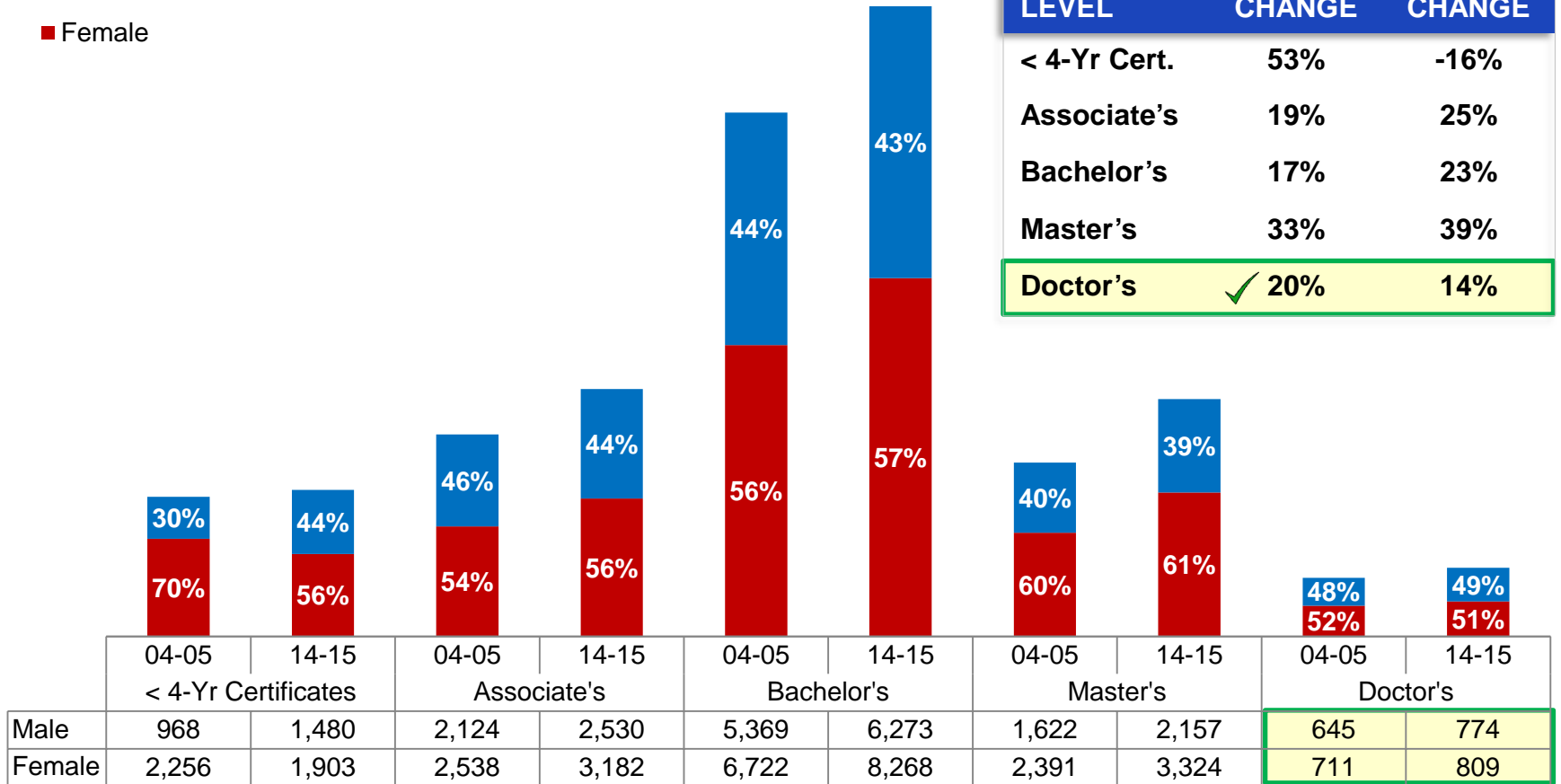
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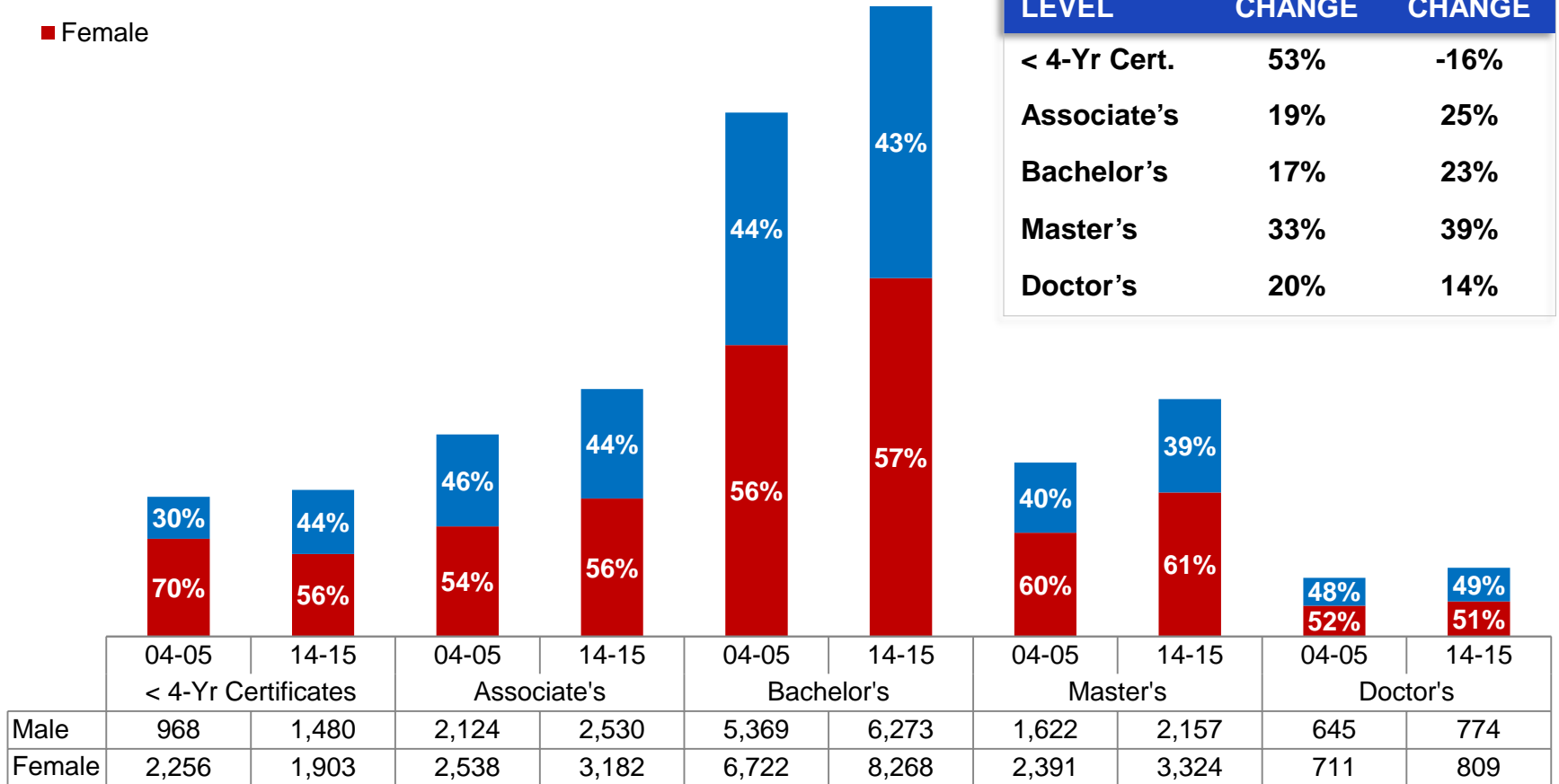
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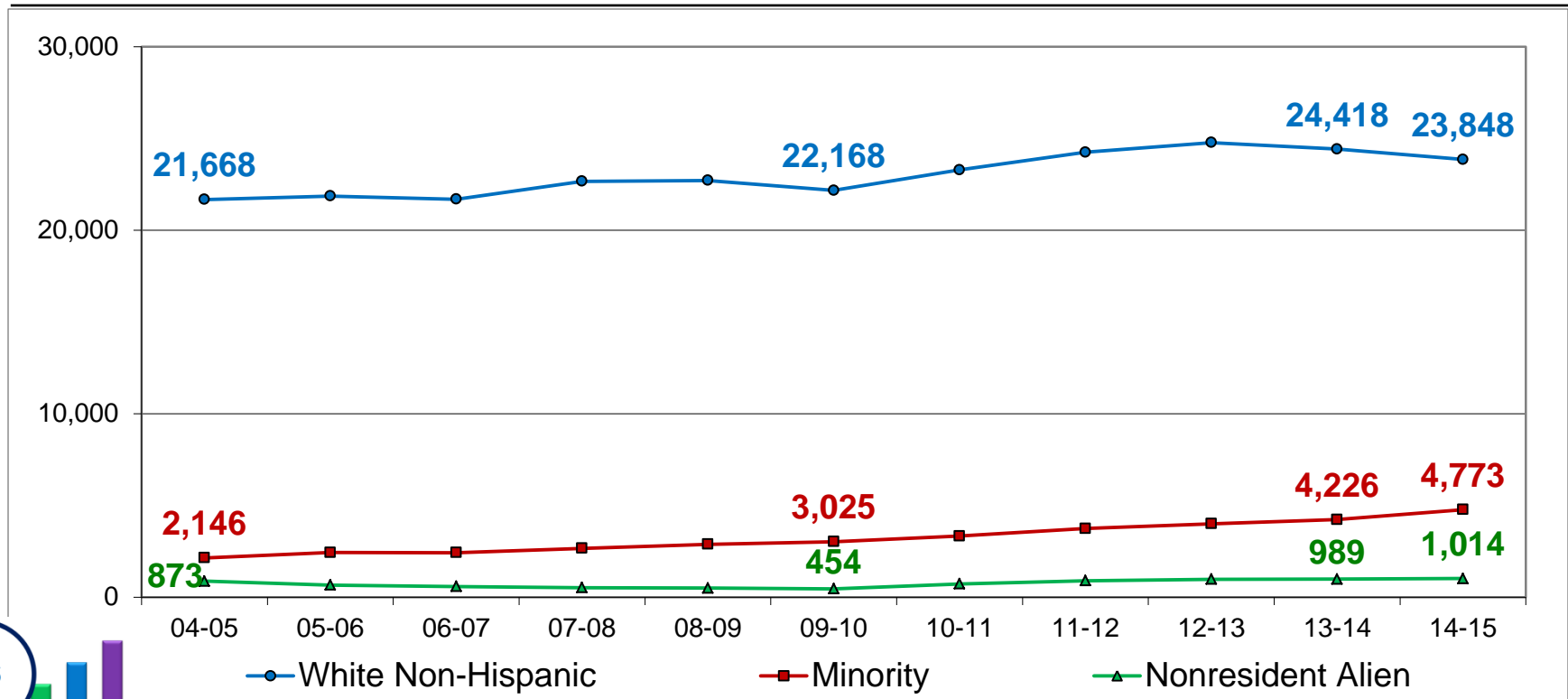


Degrees and Other Awards by Race/Ethnicity

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● White Non-Hispanic	87.8%	80.5%	-2.3%	10.1%
■ Minority	8.7%	16.1%	12.9%	122.4%
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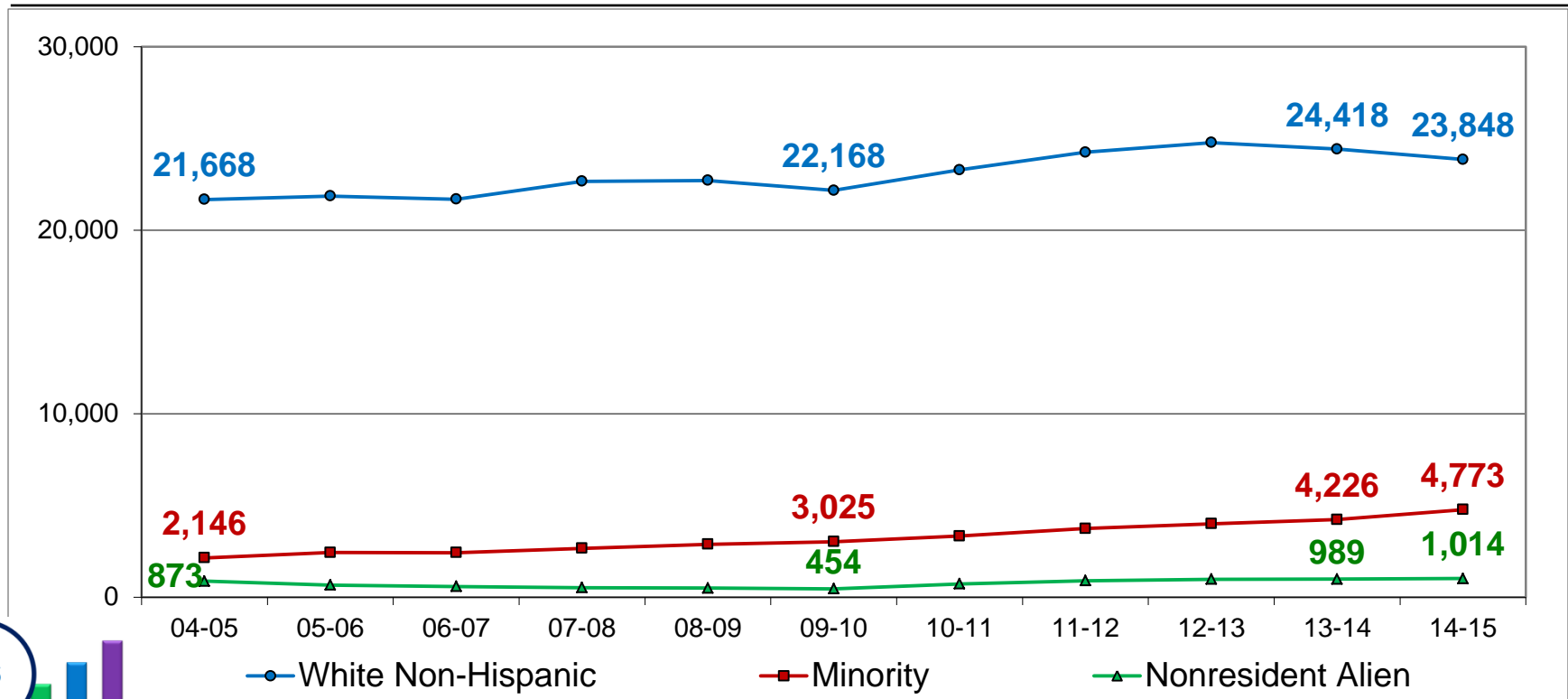


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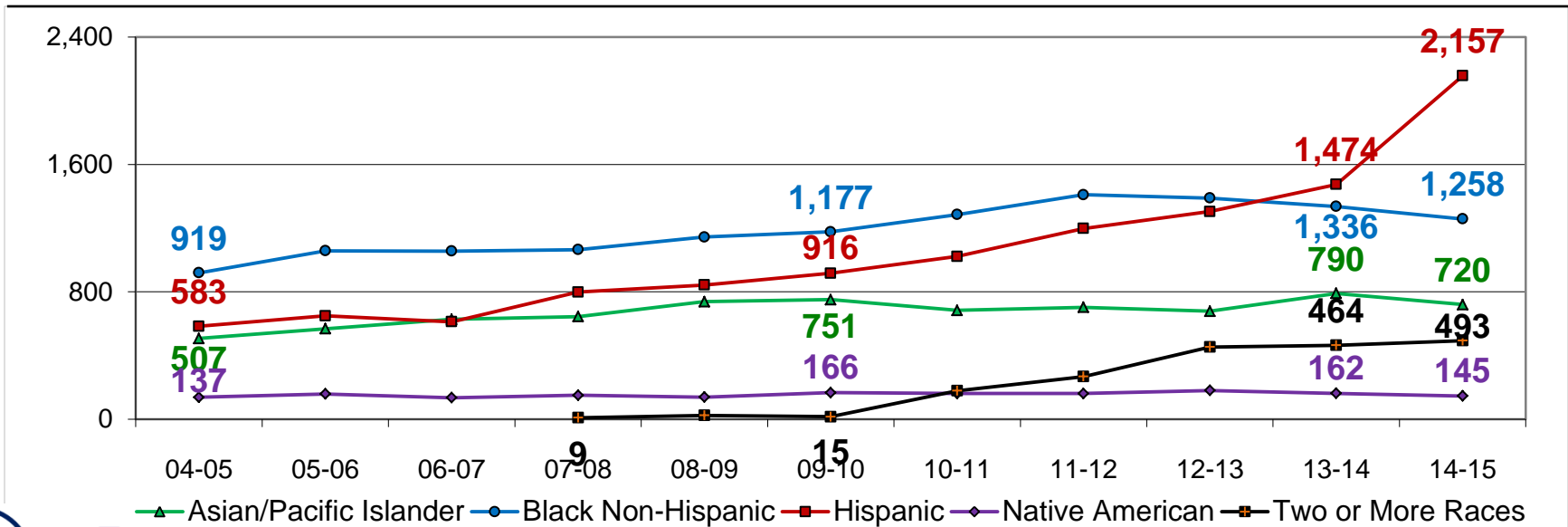
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■ Hispanic	2.4%	7.3%	46.3%	270.0%
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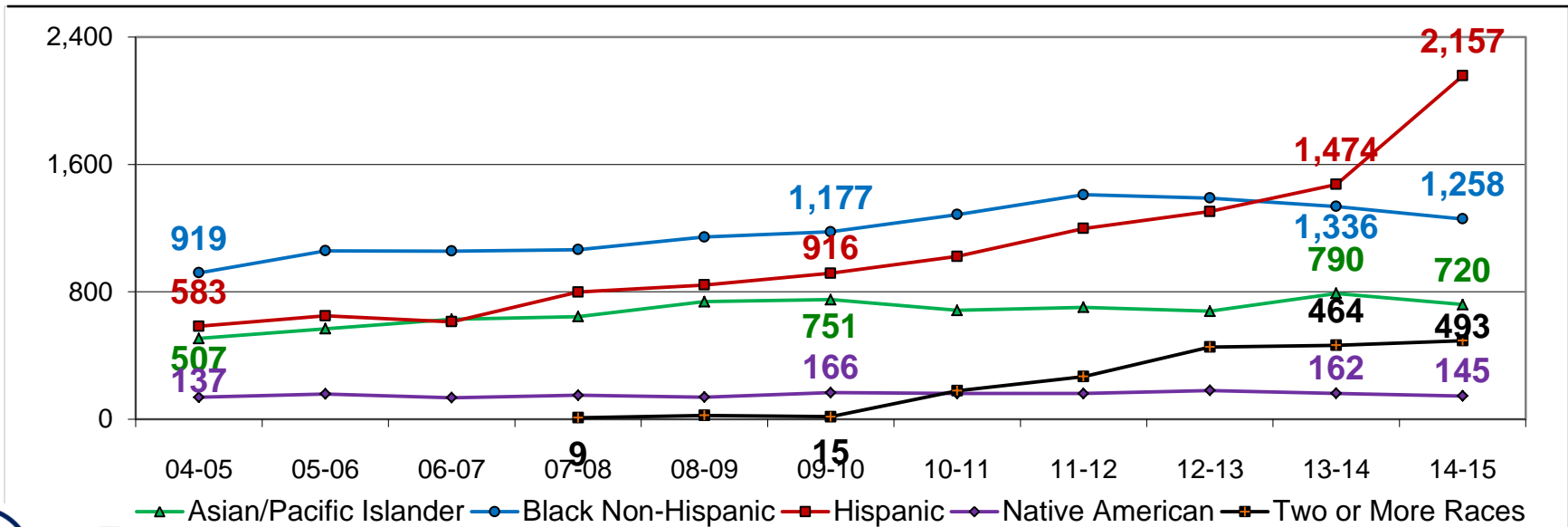


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- Hispanic
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- Two or More Races

The coding of Hispanic students by Bellevue University now reflects more accurate counts of these students.

With the change in coding, the number of awards conferred to Hispanics increased 370% over the last year at Bellevue.

Excluding Bellevue, the number of awards conferred to Hispanics increased 11% over the last year.

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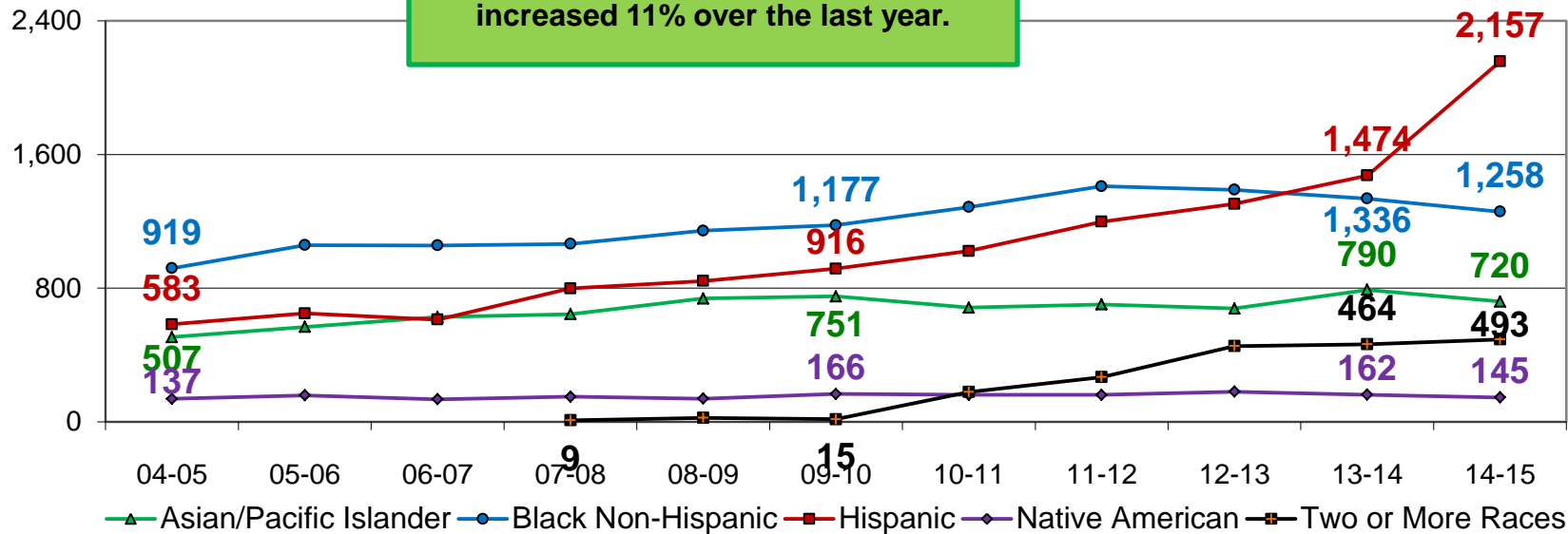
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▲ Asians/Pac. Islanders	33	102	338	133	114
10-Yr Change	-3%	65%	55%	68%	0%
● Black Non-Hispanic	147	321	518	231	41
10-Yr Change	-1%	47%	45%	47%	8%
■ Hispanics	352	423	1,023	305	54
10-Yr Change	296%	247%	286%	301%	74%
◆ Native Americans	18	48	46	28	5
10-Yr Change	64%	50%	-19%	0%	-44%
▲ Nonresident Aliens	19	40	468	324	163
10-Yr Change	46%	-29%	52%	-15%	44%
✚ Two or More Races	28	52	293	88	32
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● Black Non-Hispanic	147	321	518	231	41
10-Yr Change	-1%	47%	45%	47%	8%
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Degrees and Other Awards by Discipline

# **SECTION 5**



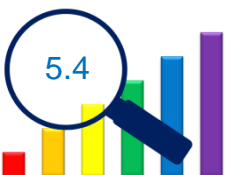
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# 2014–15 Top Discipline by Award Level

Award Level	Top Discipline	N	% of Total Within Level
● Less-than-Four-Year Certificates	Trades	1,600	47.3%
■ Associate's	Arts and Humanities	1,628	28.5%
● Bachelor's	Business and Communication	4,127	28.4%
▲ Master's	Education	1,535	28.0%
◆ Doctor's	Health	874	55.2%

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Completers by Age Group

# **SECTION 6**

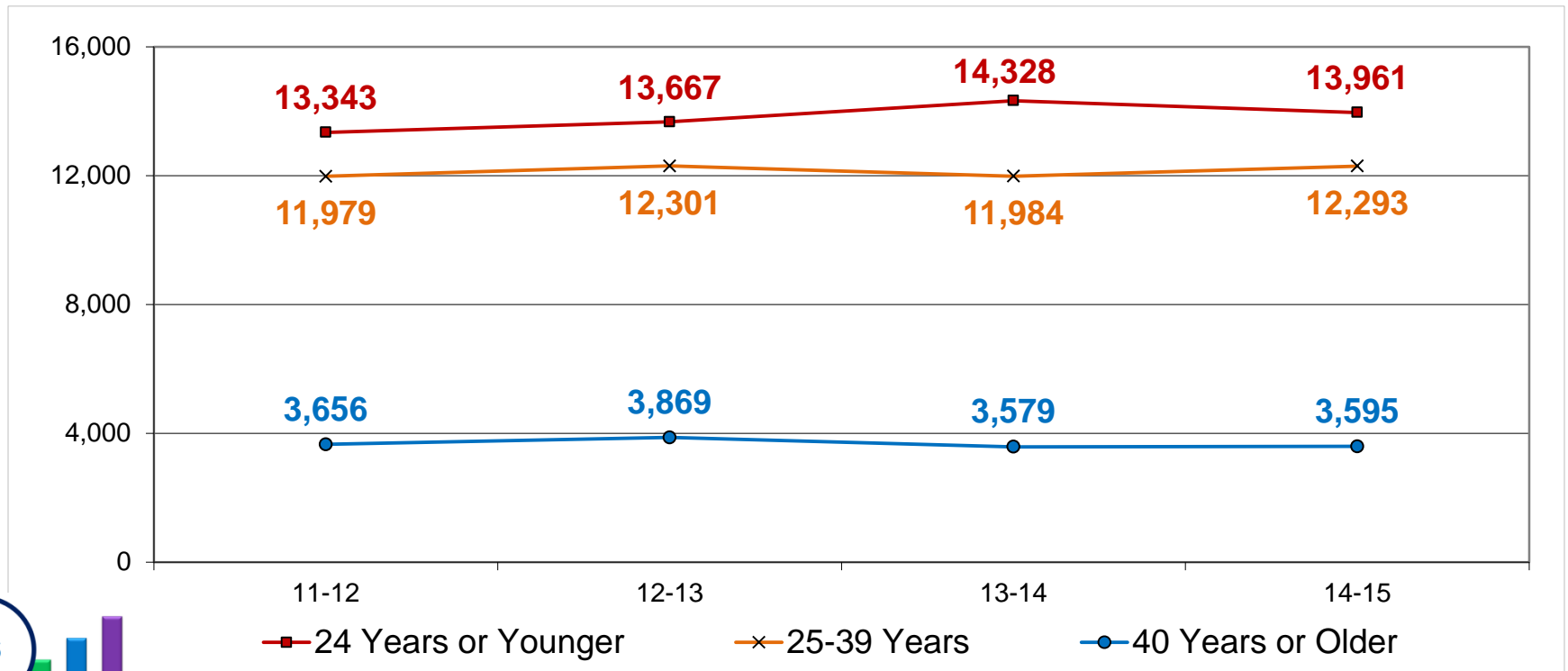
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- Data has only been collected for four years; therefore, 10-year trends are not available
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  - In Section 6, a student is counted only once per award level
  - Therefore, the numbers for Sections 1 – 5 will NOT match the numbers for Section 6
- In Sections 1 – 5, postbaccalaureate certificates are included with bachelor's degrees, and post-master's certificates are included with master's degrees
  - However, since IPEDS utilizes different award level groupings for Section 6, the Commission is obligated to group postbaccalaureate and post-master's certificates into one award level category



# Completers by Age Group

AGE GROUP	% OF AWARDS		1-YR CHANGE	3-YR CHANGE
	2011–12	2014–15		
■ 24 Years or Younger	46.0%	46.8%	-2.6%	4.6%
× 25–39 Years	41.3%	41.2%	2.6%	2.6%
● 40 Years or Older	12.6%	12.0%	0.4%	-1.7%



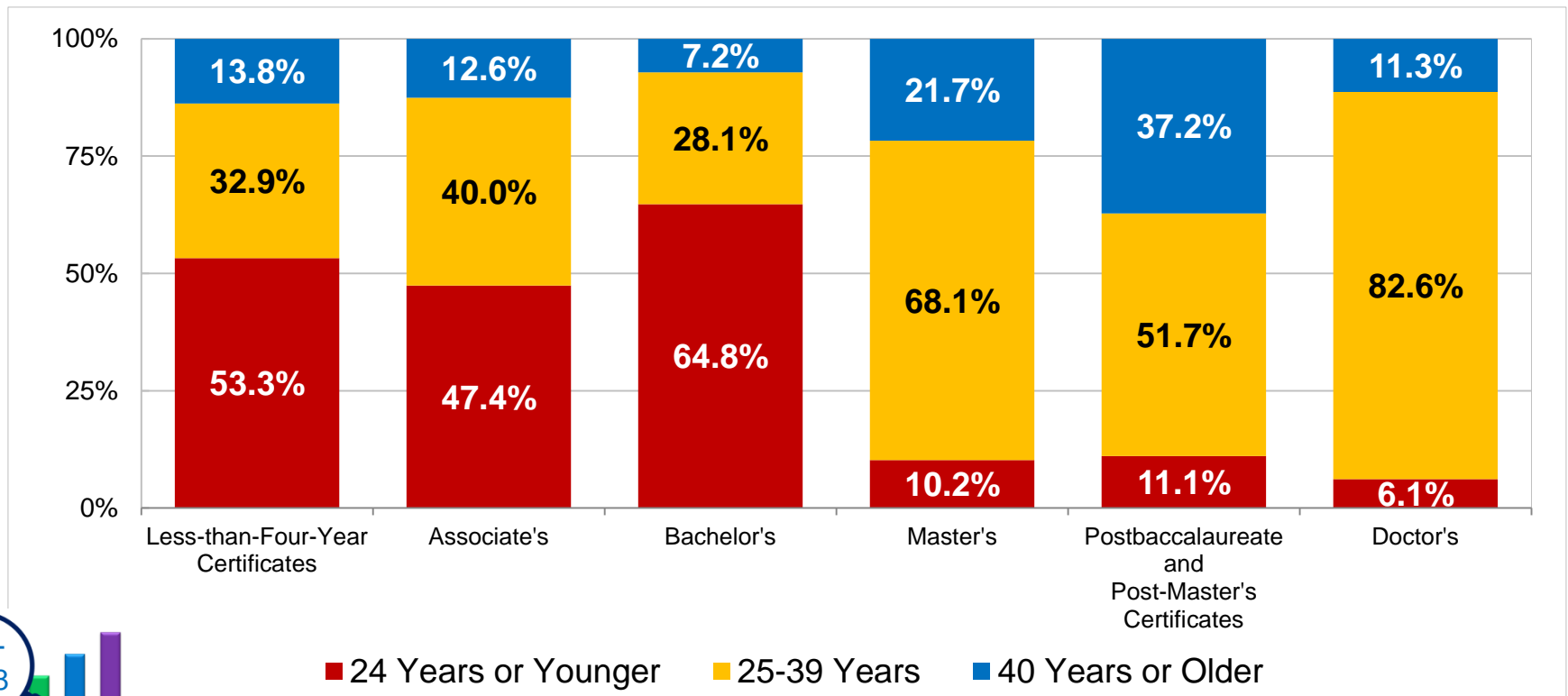
Note. Excludes awards conferred to students of unknown age (N = 384 in 2011–12, N = 8 in 2014–15).





# 2014–15 Completers by Level by Age Group

- Undergraduate completers were most likely to be 24 years or younger, while graduate completers were most likely to be 25–39 years of age
- Majority of completers from the public sectors were 24 years or younger, while the majority of completers from the independent and for-profit/career school sectors were 25–39 years of age.



Note. The bachelor's degree category does not include postbaccalaureate certificates. The master's degree category does not include post-master's certificates.

# Questions?

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