
2024 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska

Section: Enrollment

Fall Enrollment Data for 2013 through 2023

12-Month Enrollment Data for 2013-14 through 2022-23

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Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS)

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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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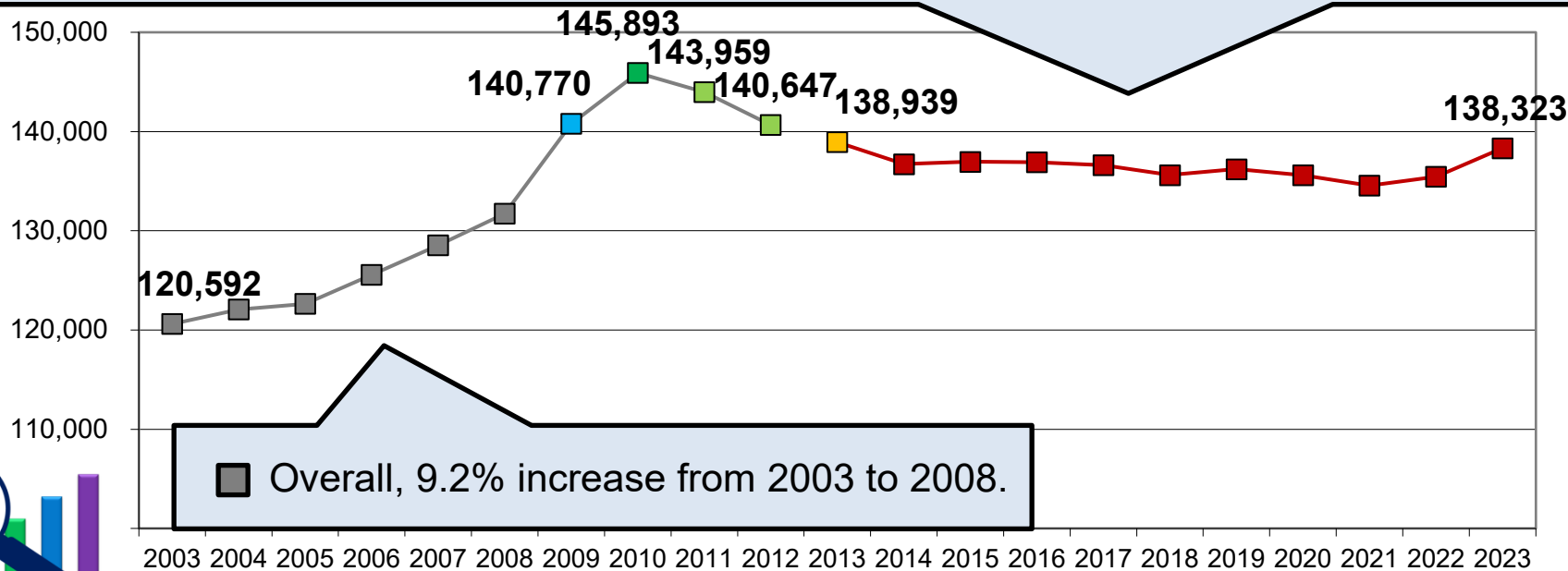
What's New for 2024

- Added Key Takeaways summary
- Added the most recent name changes to the List of Reporting Institutions
- Institution changes
 - Davines Professional Academy of Beauty and Business is now Entourage Institute of Beauty and Esthetics
 - Union College is now Union Adventist University
 - Xenon International Academy-Omaha is now Stephanie Moss Academy

Key Context

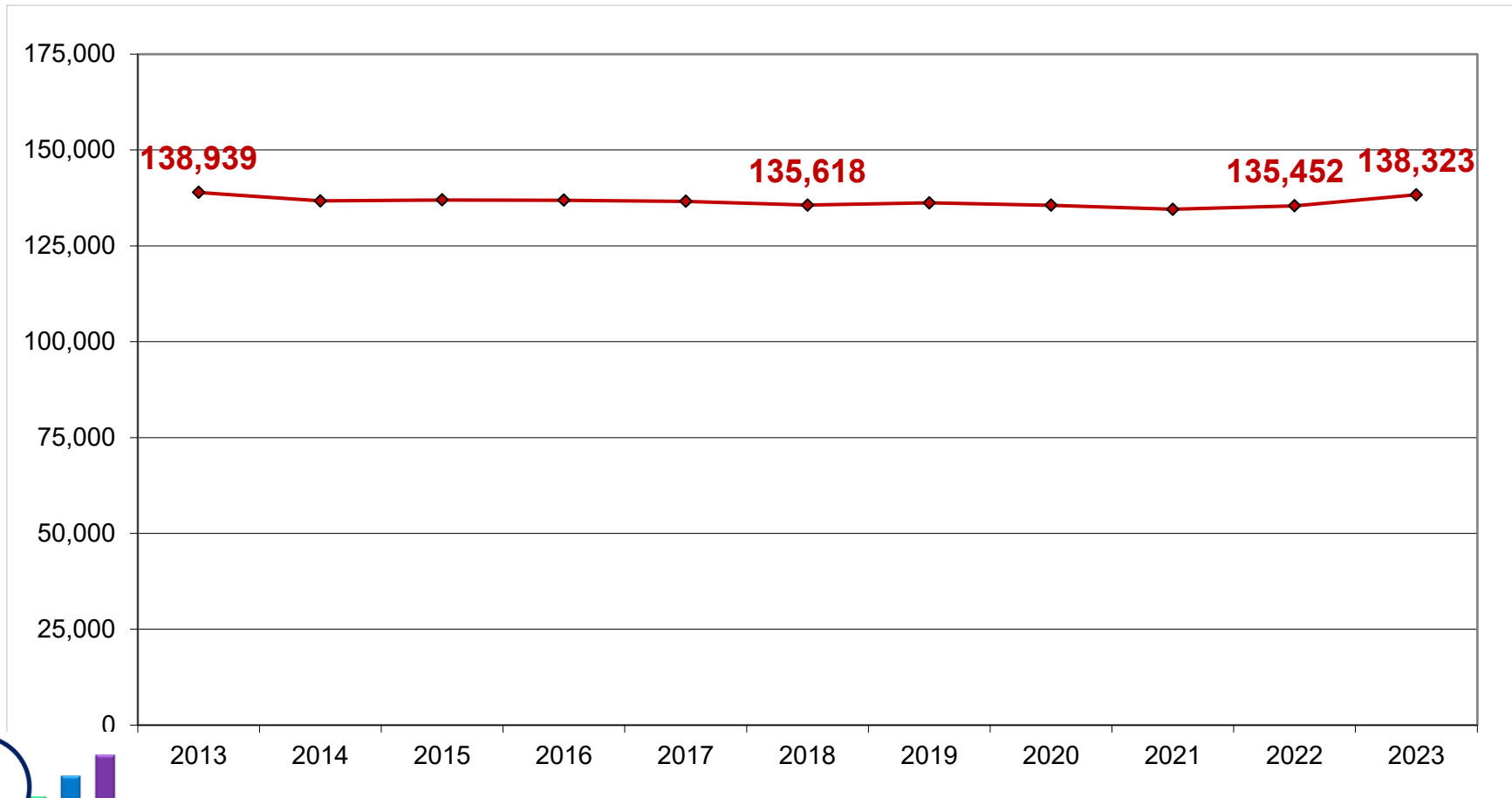
- Following the Great Recession of 2008, fall 2009 enrollment increased to 140,770 (■) and peaked the following year at 145,893 (■) .
- This report focuses on 10-year trends, and 2013 (■) is the baseline for this report.
- Since 2010, fall enrollments have steadily declined but remain higher than pre-recession levels (■) .
- The impacts of COVID-19 were 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. ■ - 3.6% from 2010 to 2012.
 ■ - 1.2% from 2012 to 2013. ■ Overall, 0.4% decrease from 2013 to 2023.



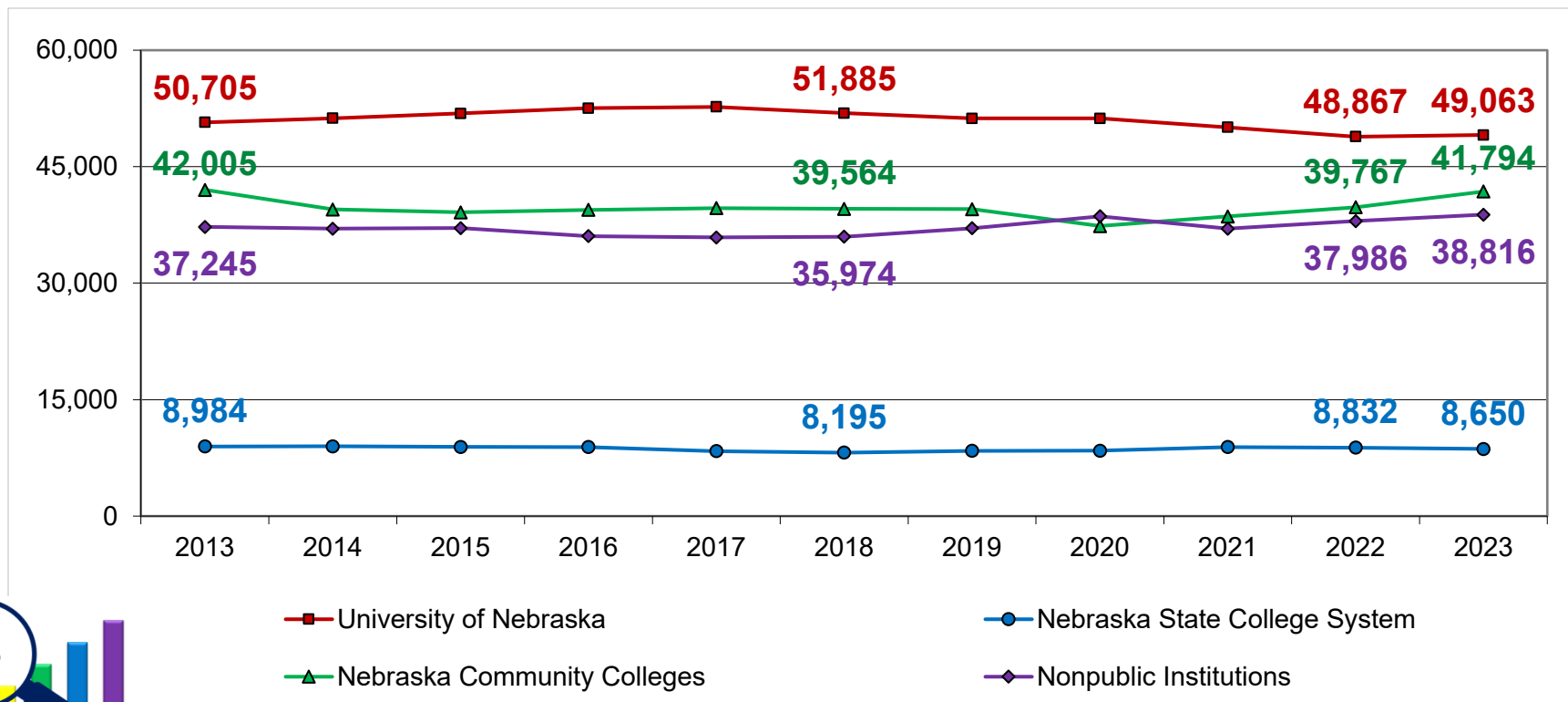
Total Fall Enrollment

SECTOR	1-YEAR CHANGE	10-YEAR CHANGE
Nebraska State Total	2.1%	-0.4%



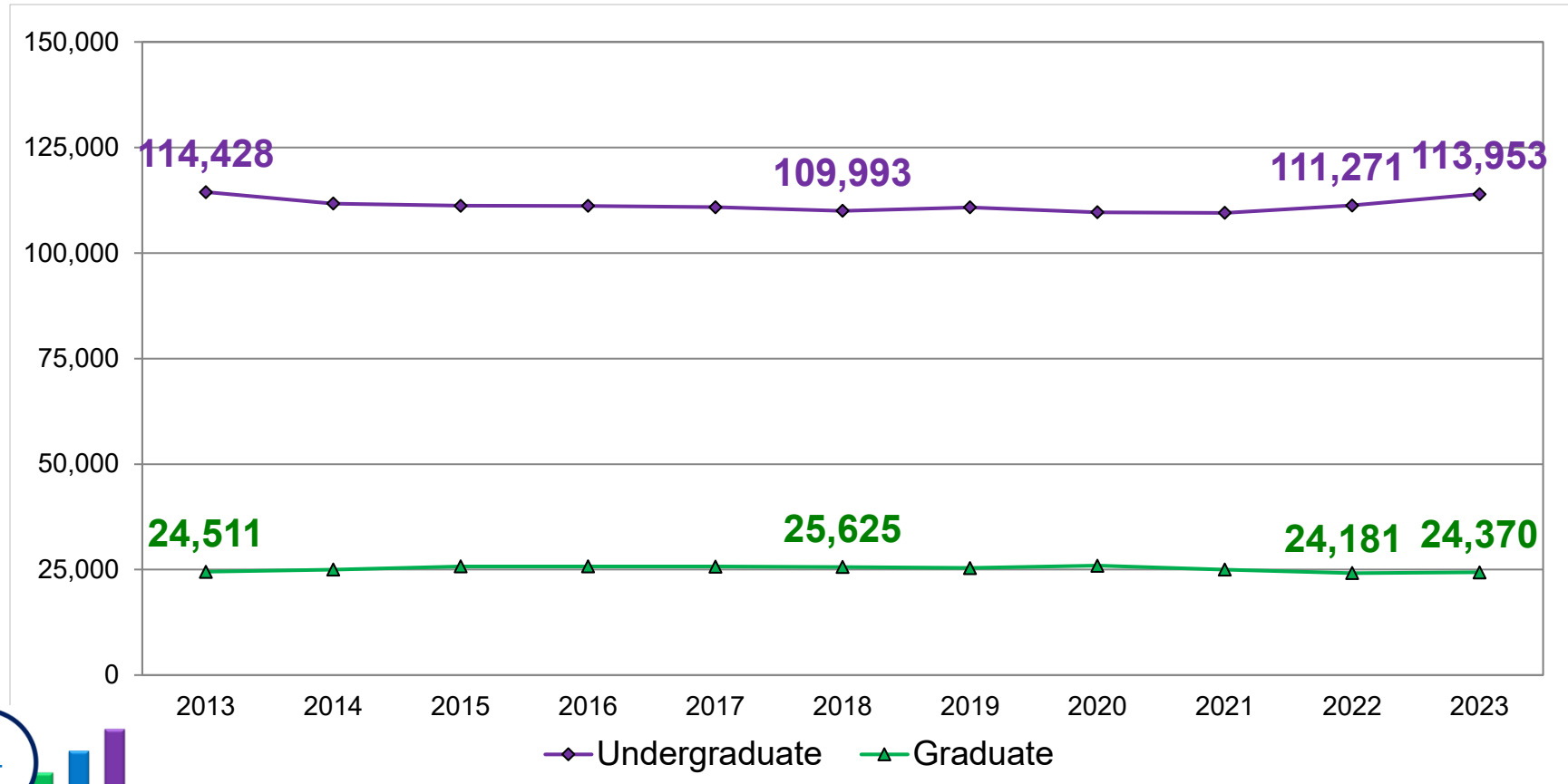
Fall Enrollment by Sector

SECTOR	1-YEAR CHANGE	10-YEAR CHANGE
■ University of Nebraska	0.4%	-3.2%
● Nebraska State College System	-2.1%	-3.7%
▲ Nebraska Community Colleges	5.1%	-0.5%
◆ Nonpublic Institutions	2.2%	4.2%



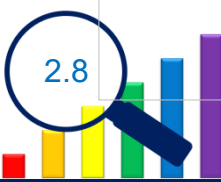
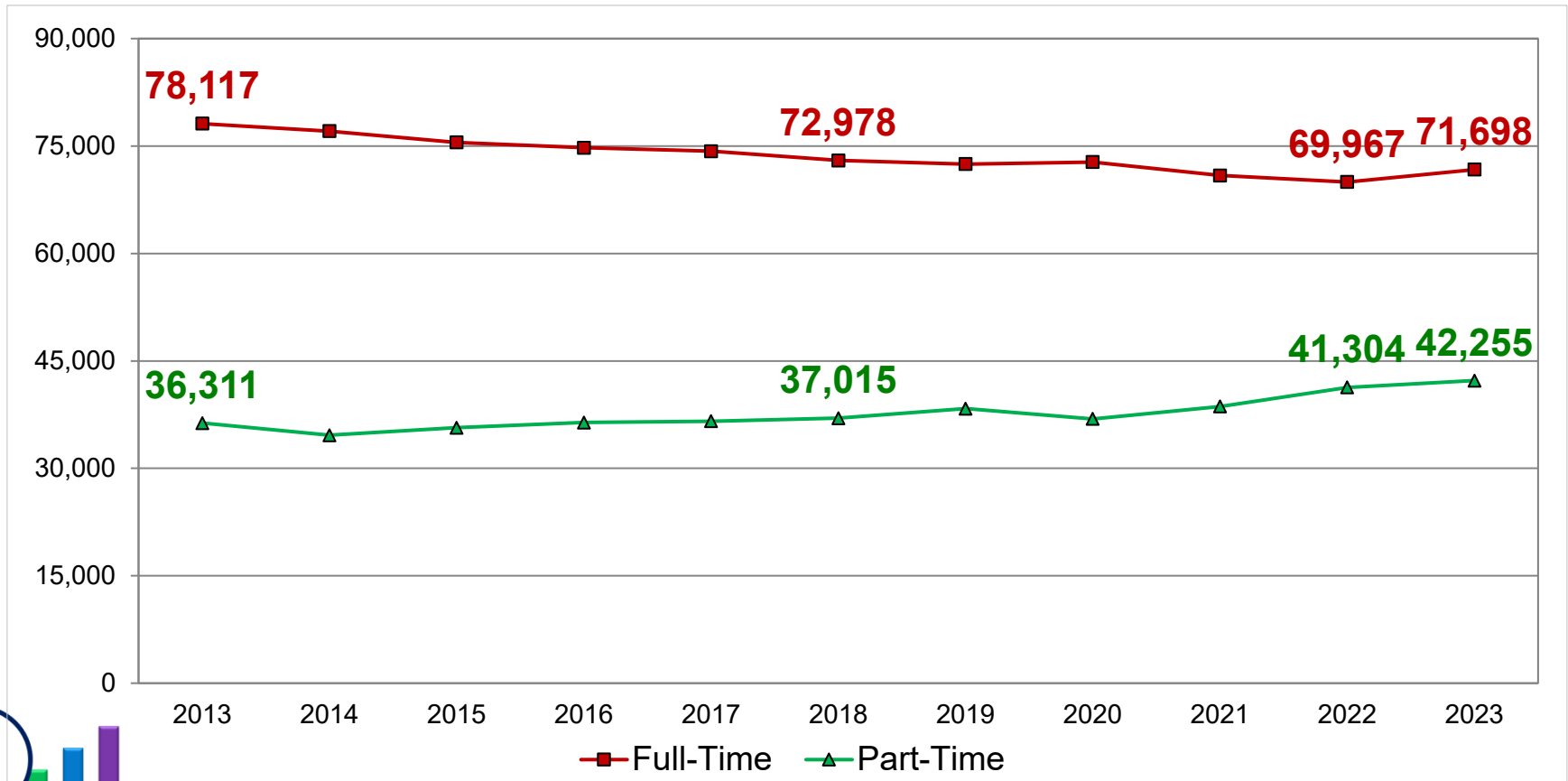
Fall Enrollment by Student Level

LEVEL	1-YEAR CHANGE	10-YEAR CHANGE
◆ Undergraduates	2.4%	-0.4%
▲ Graduates	0.8%	-0.6%



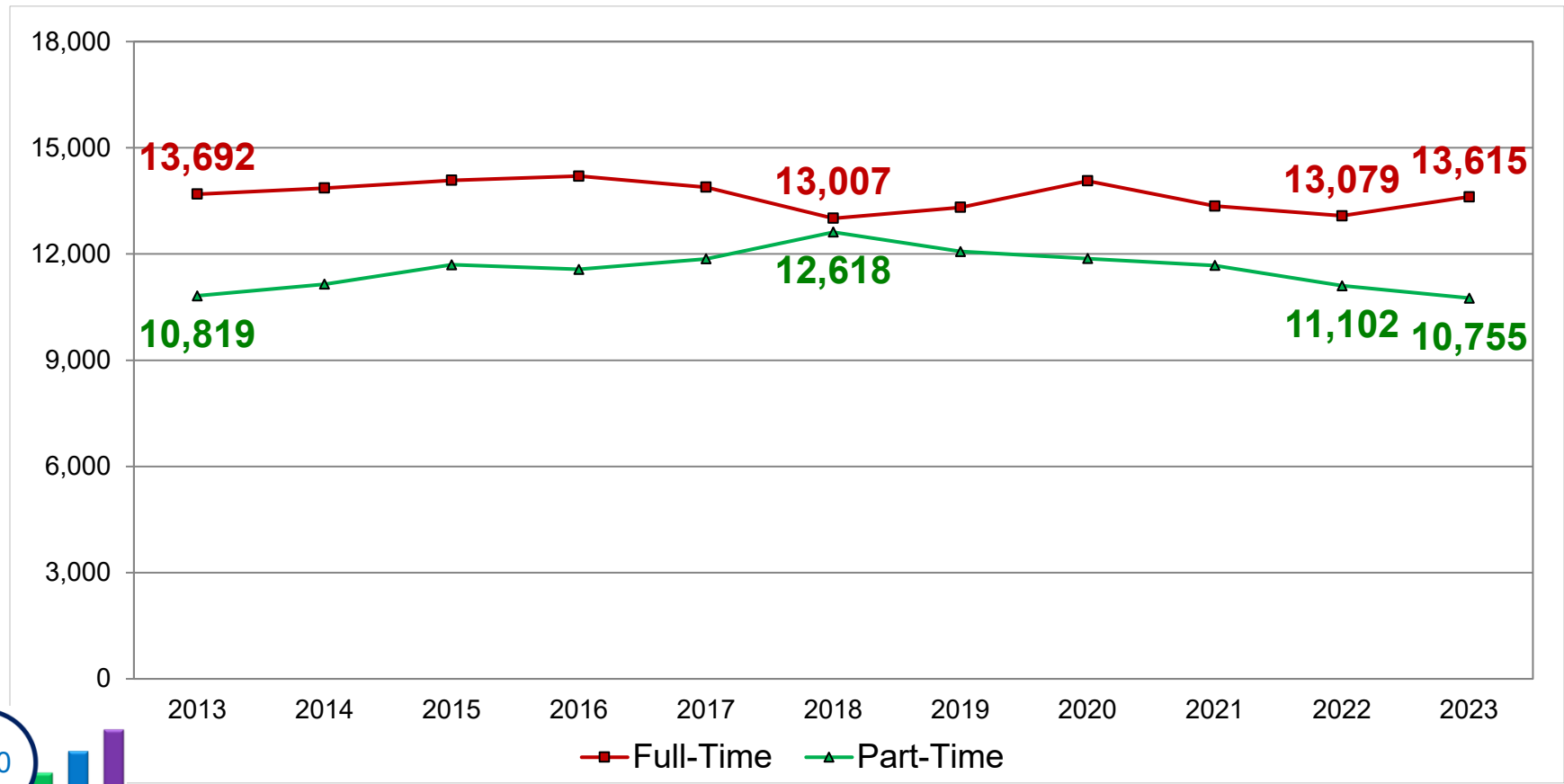
Undergraduate Fall Enrollment by Full-Time/Part-Time Classification

LEVEL	1-YEAR CHANGE	10-YEAR CHANGE
■ Undergraduate Full-Time	2.5%	-8.2%
▲ Undergraduate Part-Time	2.3%	16.4%



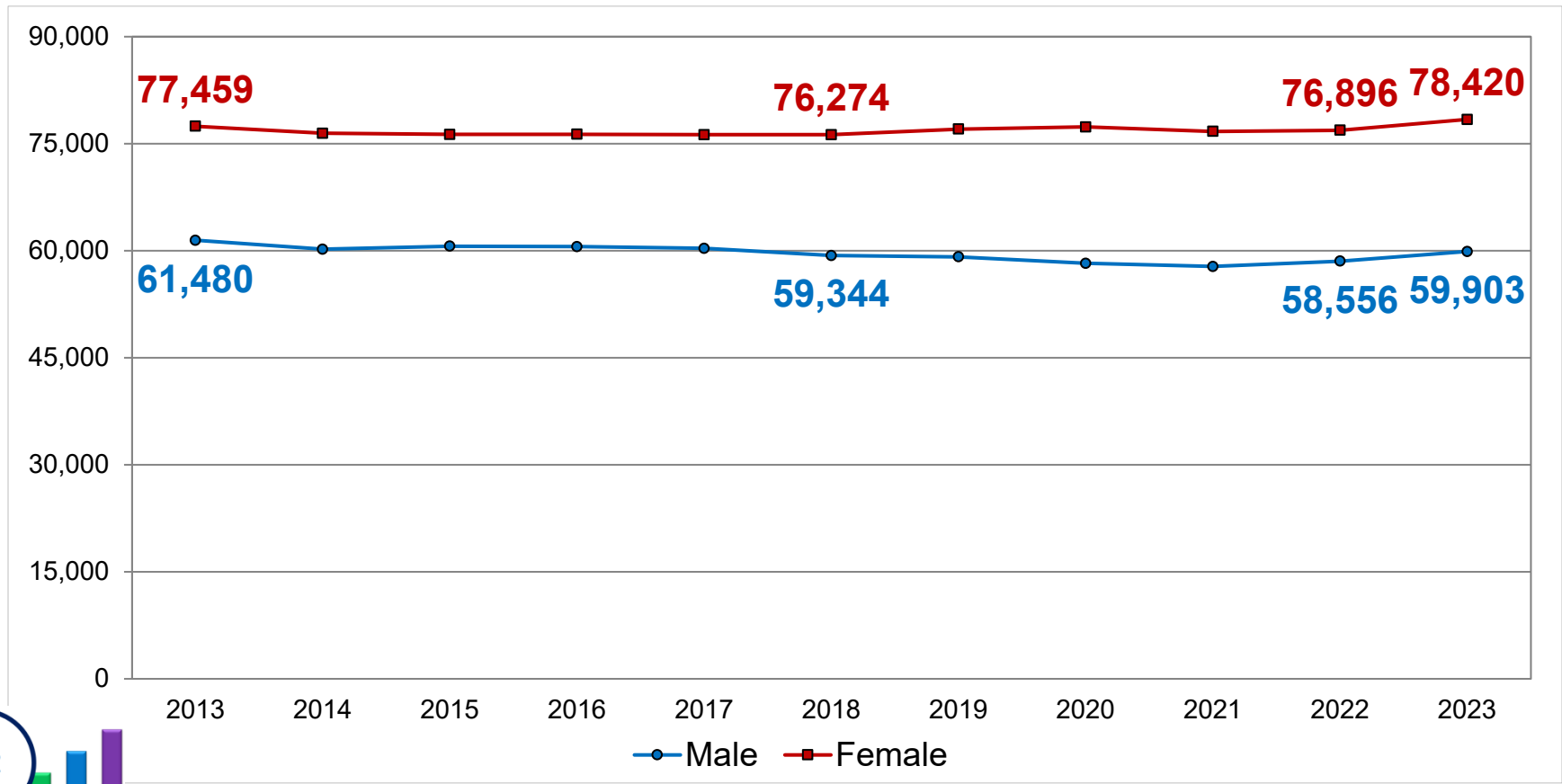
Graduate Fall Enrollment by Full-Time/Part-Time Classification

LEVEL	1-YEAR CHANGE	10-YEAR CHANGE
■ Graduate Full-Time	4.1%	-0.6%
▲ Graduate Part-Time	-3.1%	-0.6%



Fall Enrollment by Gender

LEVEL	1-YEAR CHANGE	10-YEAR CHANGE
● Males	2.3%	-2.6%
■ Females	2.0%	1.2%



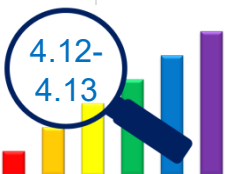
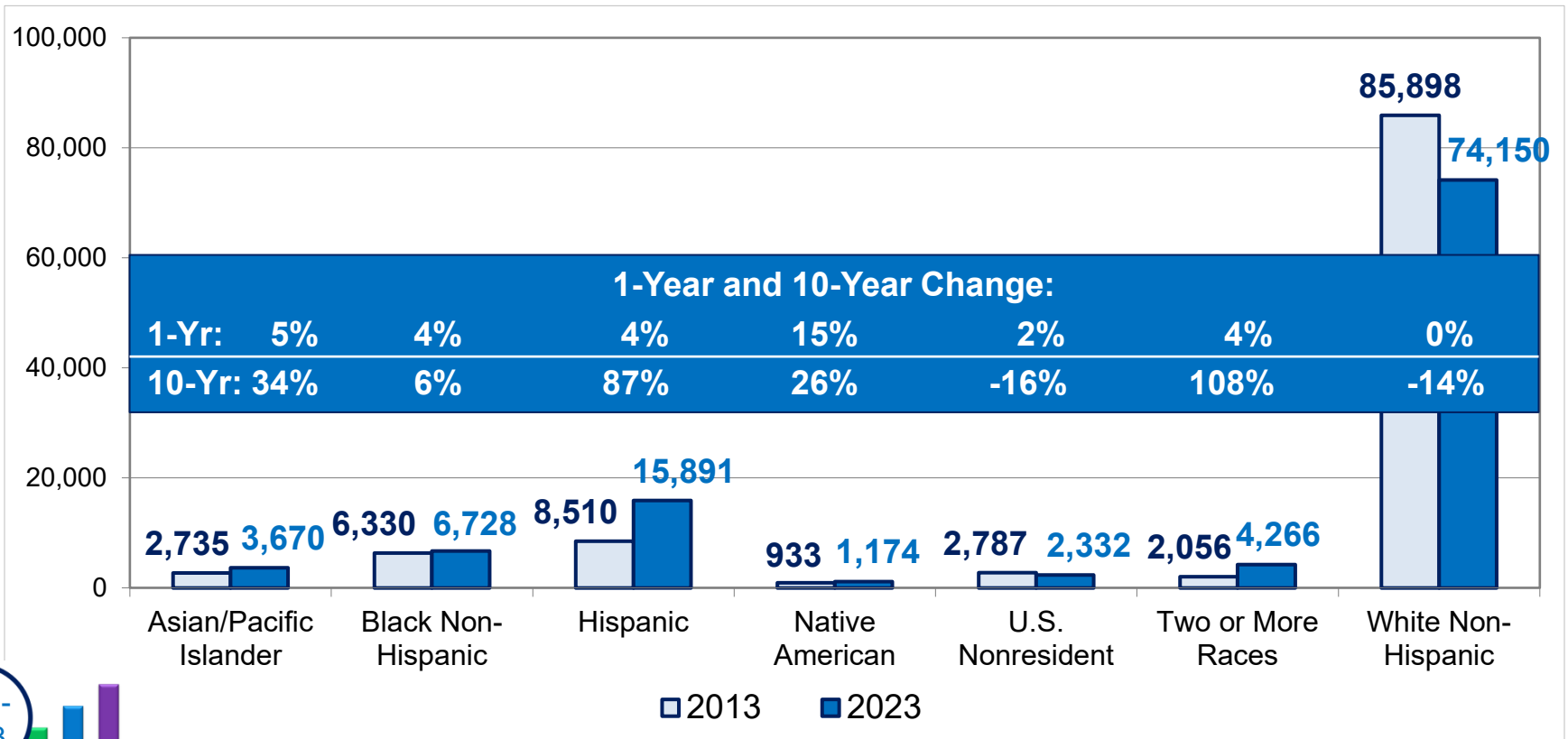
Undergraduate Fall Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity

% of 2013 Fall Enrollment:

79% White non-Hispanic
19% Minority
3% U.S. Nonresident

% of 2023 Fall Enrollment:

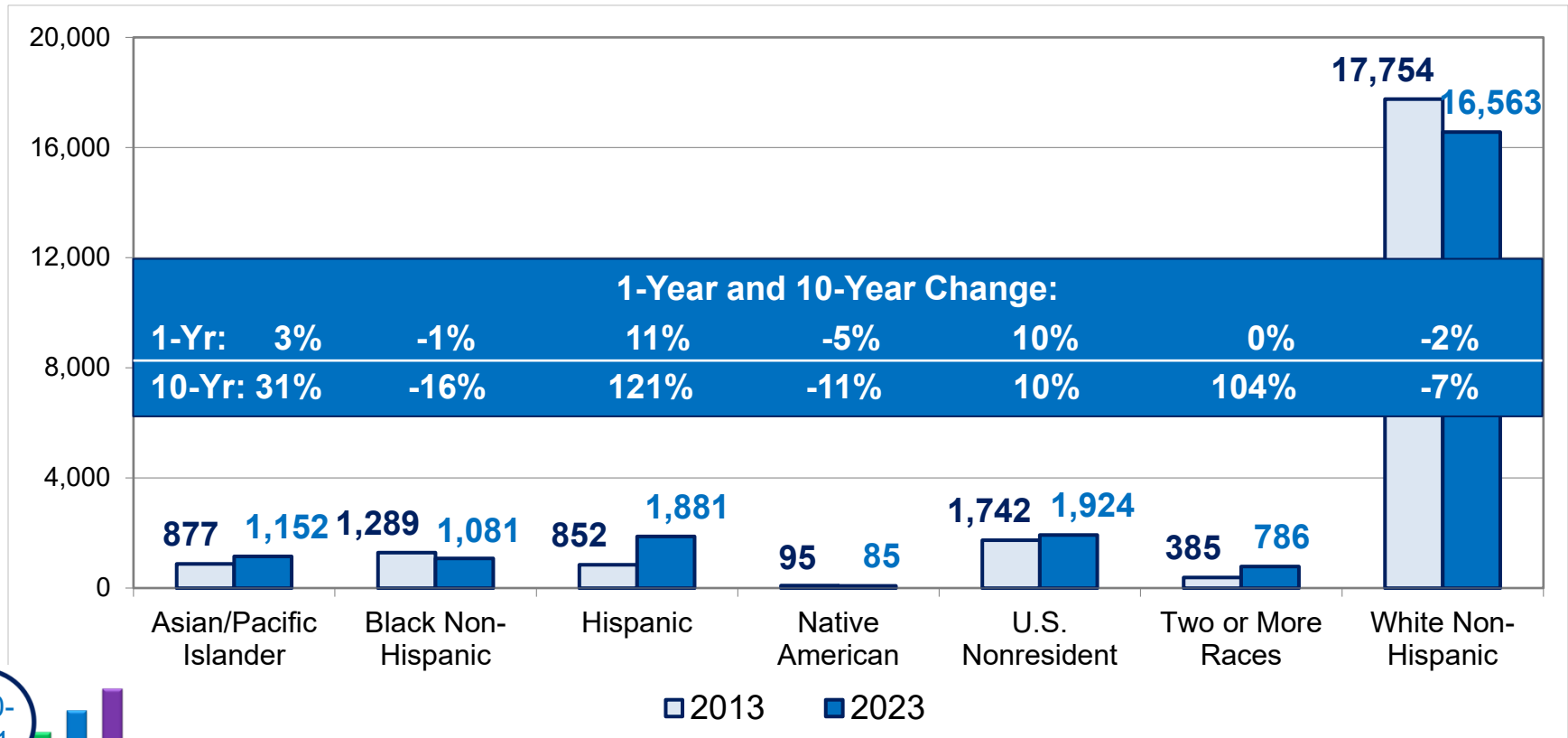
↓ 69% White non-Hispanic
↑ 29% Minority
↓ 2% U.S. Nonresident



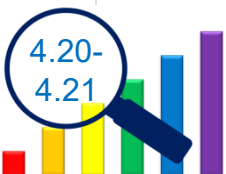
Graduate Fall Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity

% of 2013 Fall Enrollment:
77% White non-Hispanic
15% Minority
8% U.S. Nonresident

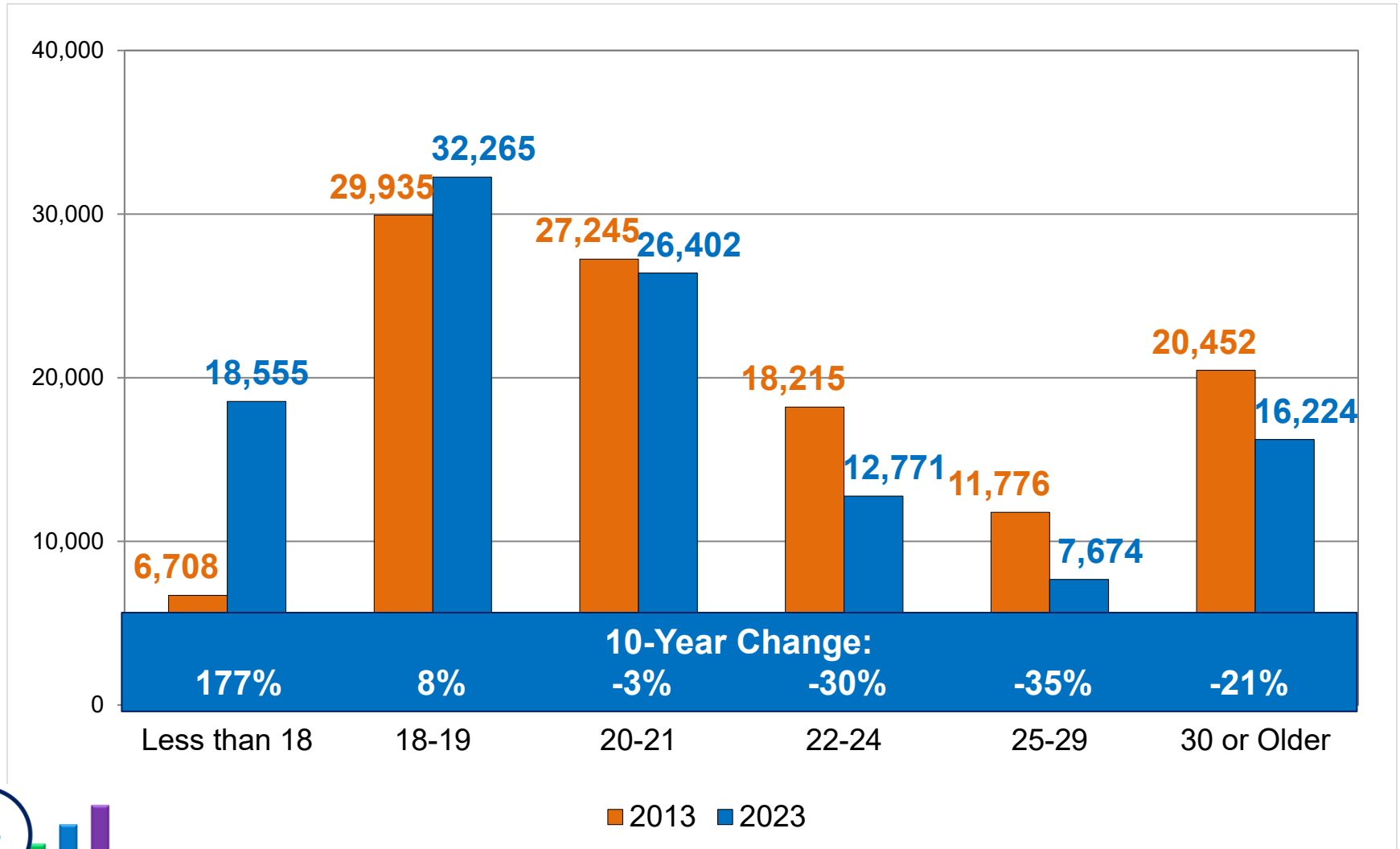
% of 2023 Fall Enrollment:
↓ 71% White non-Hispanic
↑ 21% Minority
8% U.S. Nonresident



Note. Excludes students of unknown race/ethnicity.



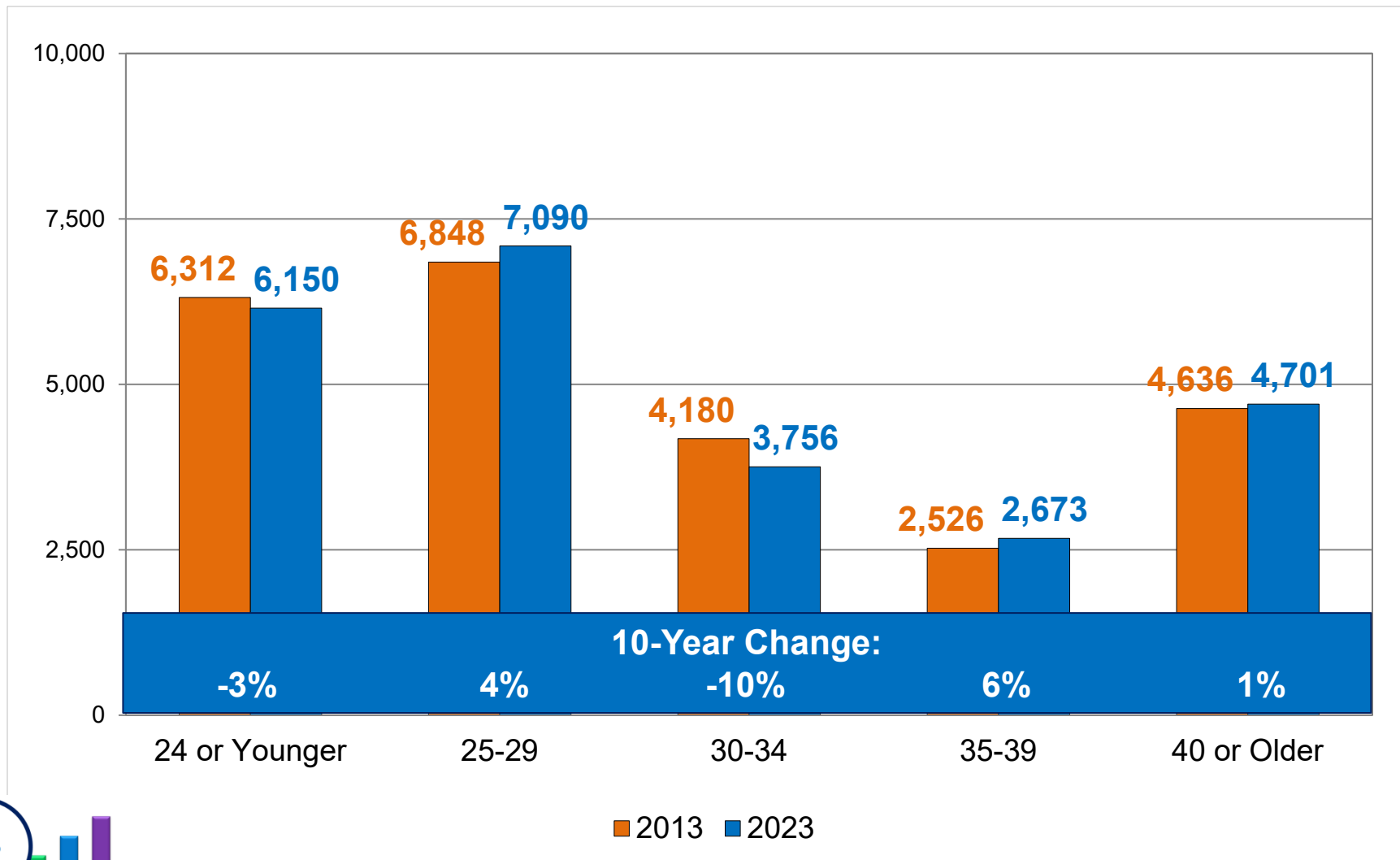
Undergraduate Fall Enrollment by Age



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 2013:

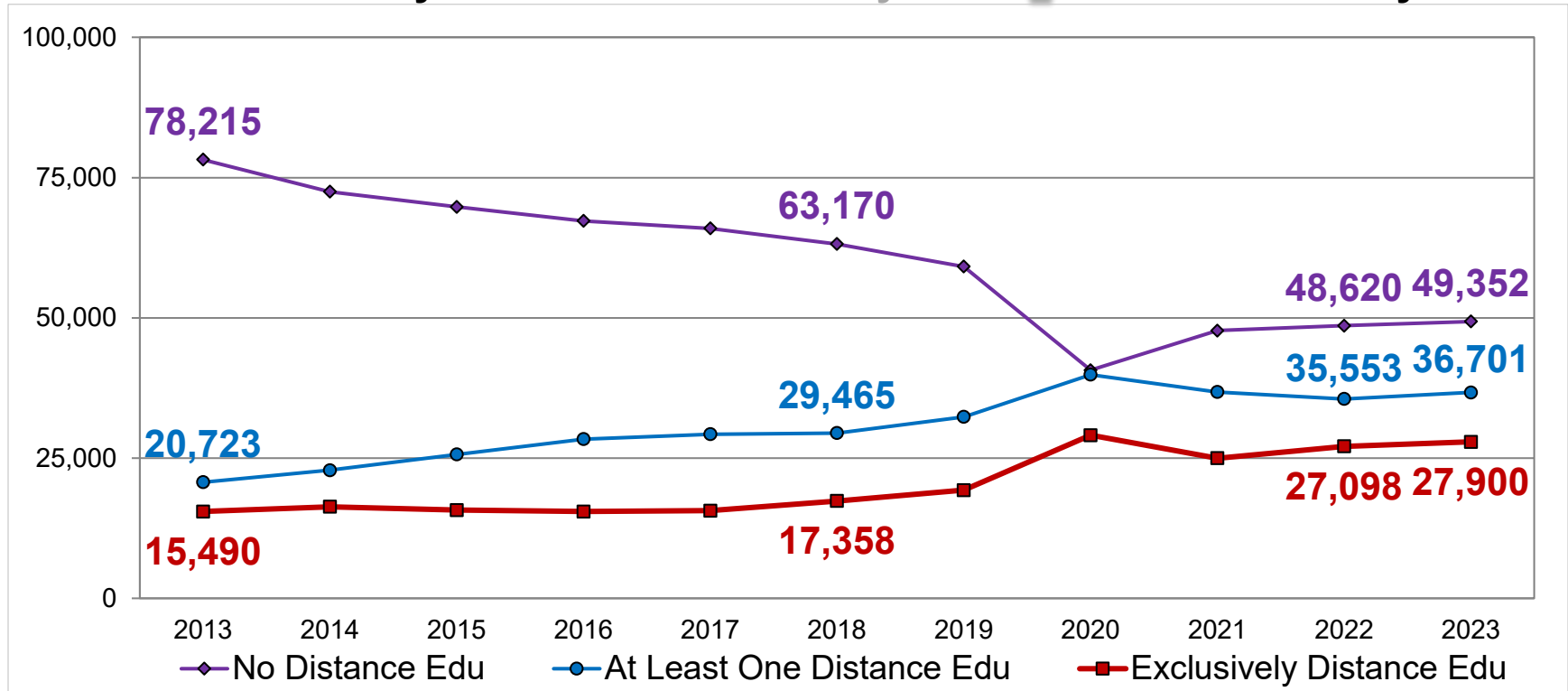
68% No Distance
18% At Least One
14% Exclusively

% of Fall 2019:

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

% of Fall 2023:

↓ 43% No Distance
↑ 32% At Least One
↑ 25% Exclusively



1-Year and 10-Year Change:		
1-Yr:	2%	3%
10-Yr:	-37%	77%
		80%

Graduate Fall Enrollment by Distance Education Status

% of Fall 2013:

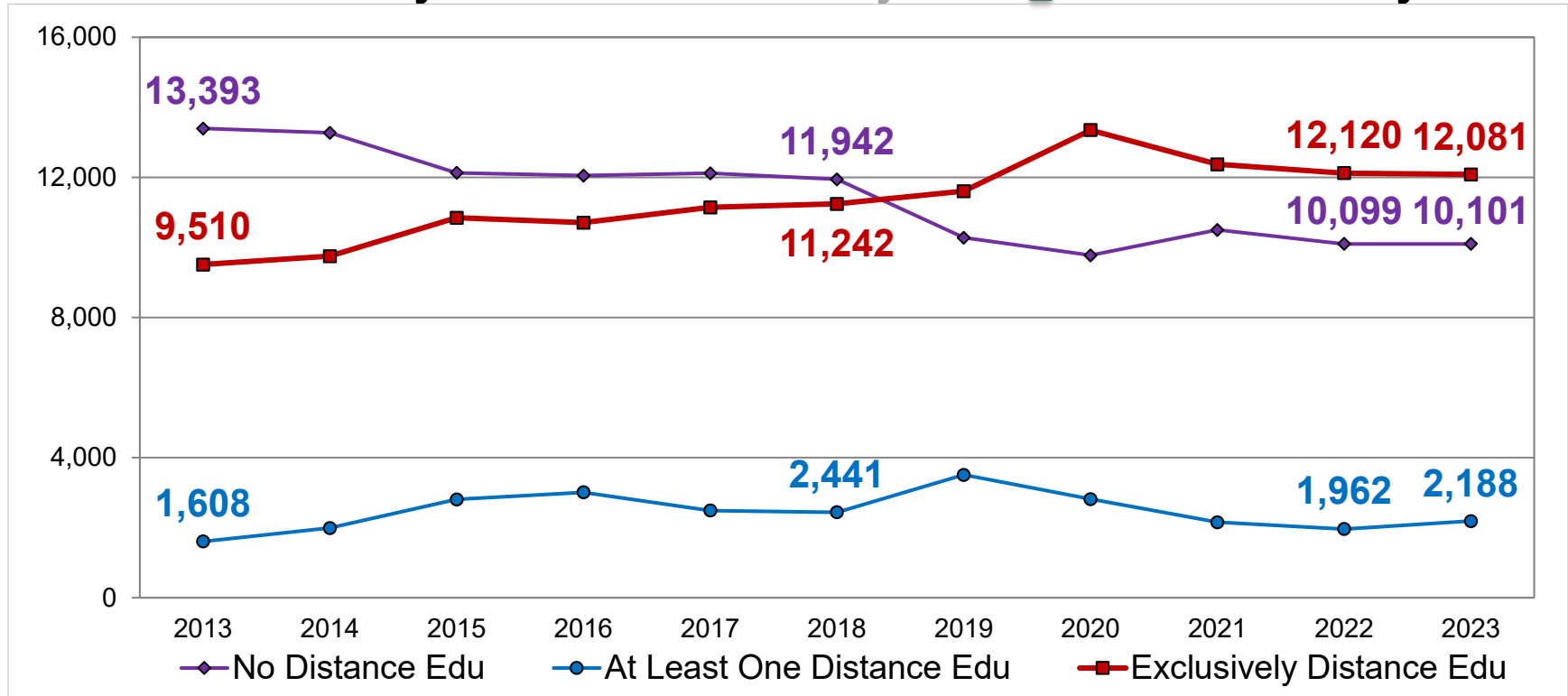
55% No Distance
7% At Least One
39% Exclusively

% of Fall 2019:

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

% of Fall 2023:

↓ 41% No Distance
↑ 9% At Least One
↑ 50% Exclusively



1-Year and 10-Year Change:		
1-Yr:	0%	12%
10-Yr:	-25%	36%
		27%

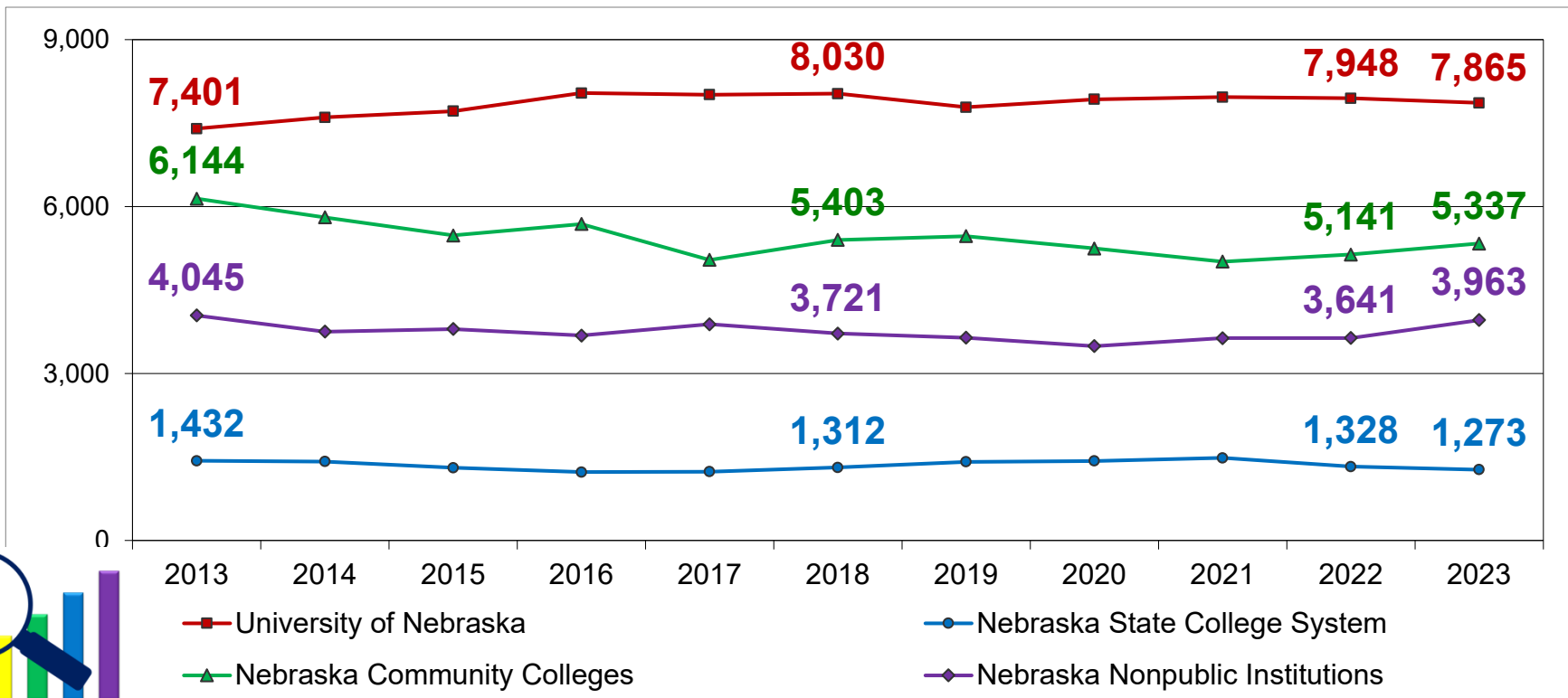
Location of Students Enrolled Exclusively in Distance Education Courses (Fall 2023)

- Undergraduate
 - Overall, 25% 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 34% at the nonpublic institutions
- Graduate
 - Overall, 50% of graduate enrollments were exclusively distance enrollments
 - Ranges from 38% at the University of Nebraska to 76% at the state colleges
 - 52% of exclusively distance enrollments were located in Nebraska
 - Ranges from 35% at the nonpublic institutions to 71% at the state colleges
 - Overall, about 24% of graduate fall enrollments were exclusively distance education enrollments in another state
 - Ranges from 12% at the University of Nebraska to 38% at the nonpublic institutions



Fall Enrollment of First-Time Freshman

SECTOR	1-YEAR CHANGE	10-YEAR CHANGE
■ University of Nebraska	-1.0%	6.3%
● Nebraska State College System	-4.1%	-11.1%
▲ Nebraska Community Colleges	3.8%	-13.1%
◆ Nonpublic Institutions	8.8%	-2.0%
State Total	2.1%	-3.1%



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 2023 data were reported in spring 2024, while 2023-24 12-month data will not be collected until fall 2024
- **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 2.5% between fall 2013 and fall 2022
- **12-month enrollment** is the total unduplicated headcount of students enrolled at an institution any time during the academic year
 - Decreased 11.2% between 2013-14 and 2022-23
- 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 54% to 70% of 12-month enrollments at the community colleges



Dashboard Demonstration – Enrollment

- <https://ccpe.nebraska.gov/enrollment-dashboard>
 - How has enrollment at the community colleges changed over the last 10 years by age group (less than 18 vs 18 and older)?
 - Under tab Fall Enrollment by Age, click Nebraska Community Colleges under Sector and choose Keep Only, then select <18 (age)
 - Answer: Less than 18 increased 203.6%, from 4,767 to 14,474

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Age Data for Fall 2013 through Fall 2023

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	2013	2015	2017	2019	2021	2023
Nebraska Community Colleges	Central Community College	1,204	1,295	1,417	1,776	1,967	2,341
	Metropolitan Community College	1,432	1,919	1,915	2,639	4,161	8,555
	Mid-Plains Community College	422	360	496	678	821	815
	Northeast Community College	641	790	774	1,164	1,329	1,624
	Southeast Community College	748	1,219	1,500	2,167	2,392	2,681
	Western Nebraska Community College	320	222	580	533	594	458
	Total	4,767	5,805	6,682	8,957	11,264	14,474
Grand Total	4,767	5,805	6,682	8,957	11,264	14,474	

Dashboard Demonstration – Enrollment (Cont.)

- Under tab Fall Enrollment by Age, click Nebraska Community Colleges under Sector and choose Keep Only, then select 18-19 through 65+ (age)
 - Answer: 18 and older decreased 26.6%, from 37,193 to 27,315

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Pick Age: (Multiple values) |
 Pick Student Level: (All) |
 Pick FT/PT: (All) |
 Pick Gender: (All)

Fall Enrollment by Year and 10-Year Percentage Change

Sector	Institution	2013	2015	2017	2019	2021	2023
Nebraska Community Colleges	Central Community College	5,679	4,912	4,644	4,587	4,332	4,517
	Metropolitan Community College	14,318	12,878	13,039	11,583	9,545	9,409
	Mid-Plains Community College	2,064	1,770	1,723	1,447	1,280	1,251
	Northeast Community College	4,497	4,257	4,312	4,093	4,014	3,970
	Southeast Community College	8,995	8,029	7,911	7,589	7,020	7,118
	Western Nebraska Community College	1,640	1,312	1,325	1,188	1,109	1,050
	Total		37,193	33,158	32,954	30,487	27,300
Grand Total		37,193	33,158	32,954	30,487	27,300	27,315

Questions?

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