
2025 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska

Section: Enrollment

Fall Enrollment Data for 2014 through 2024

12-Month Enrollment Data for 2014-15 through 2023-24

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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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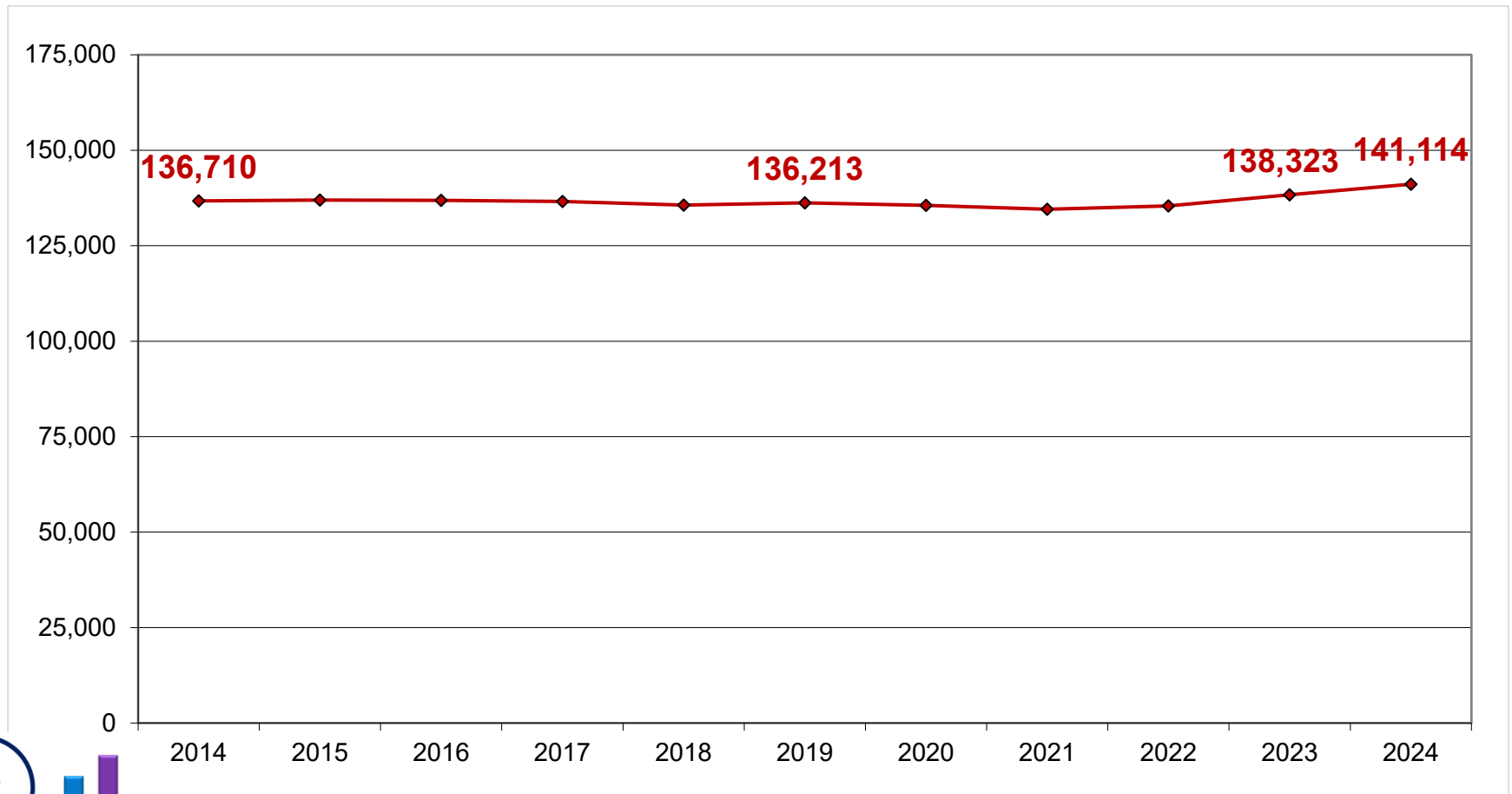


What's New for 2025

- Institution changes
 - Ricketts Great Books College was added to the institution list; however, they were not added to the IPEDS universe at the time of publication. As a result, their fall 2024 data was unavailable for this year's report.
 - The IPEDS universe was updated last week, and data for Ricketts Great Books College will be included in future reports (fall 2024 = 6 part-time students)

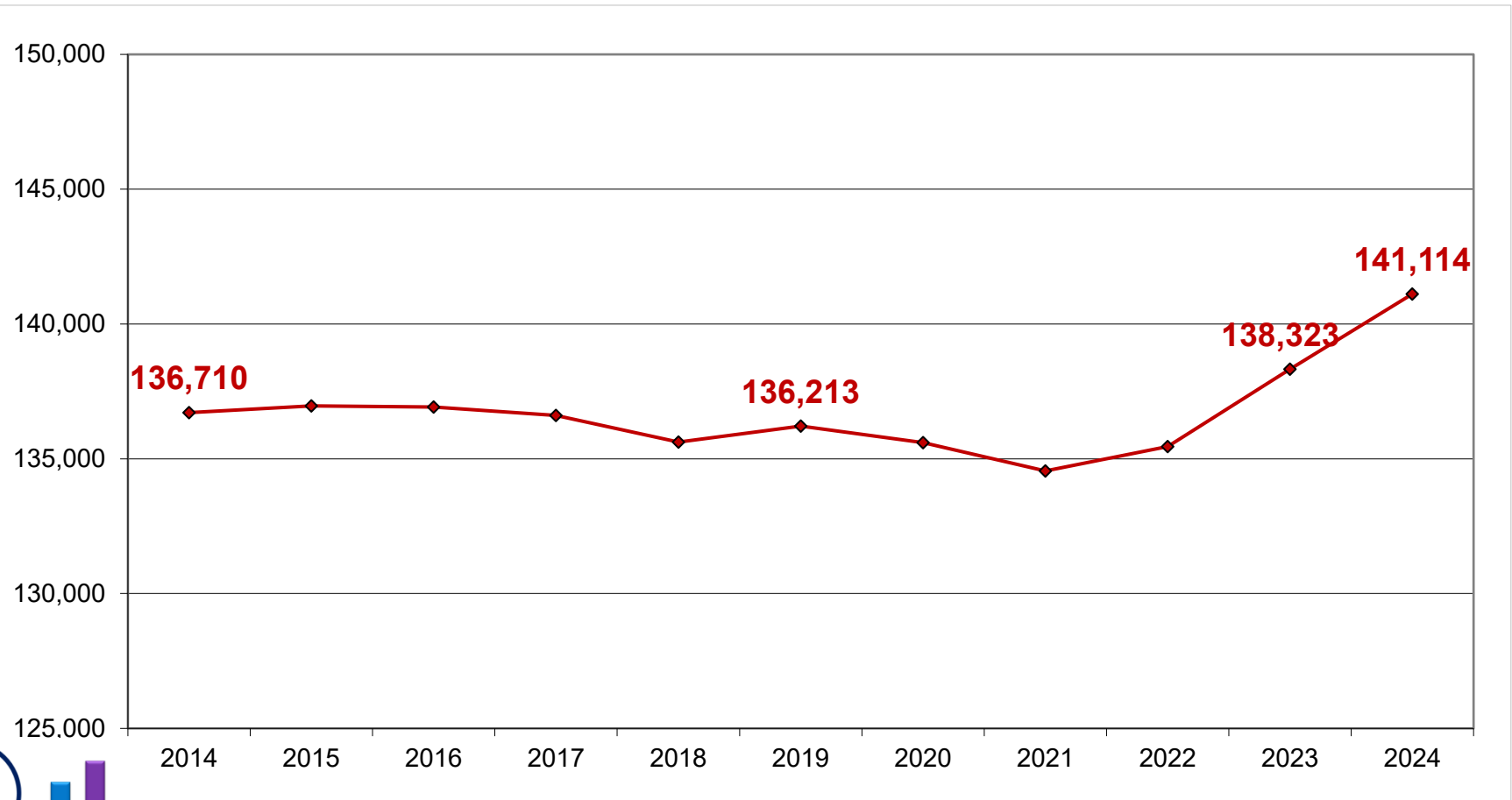
Total Fall Enrollment

SECTOR	1-YEAR CHANGE	10-YEAR CHANGE
Nebraska State Total	2.0%	3.2%



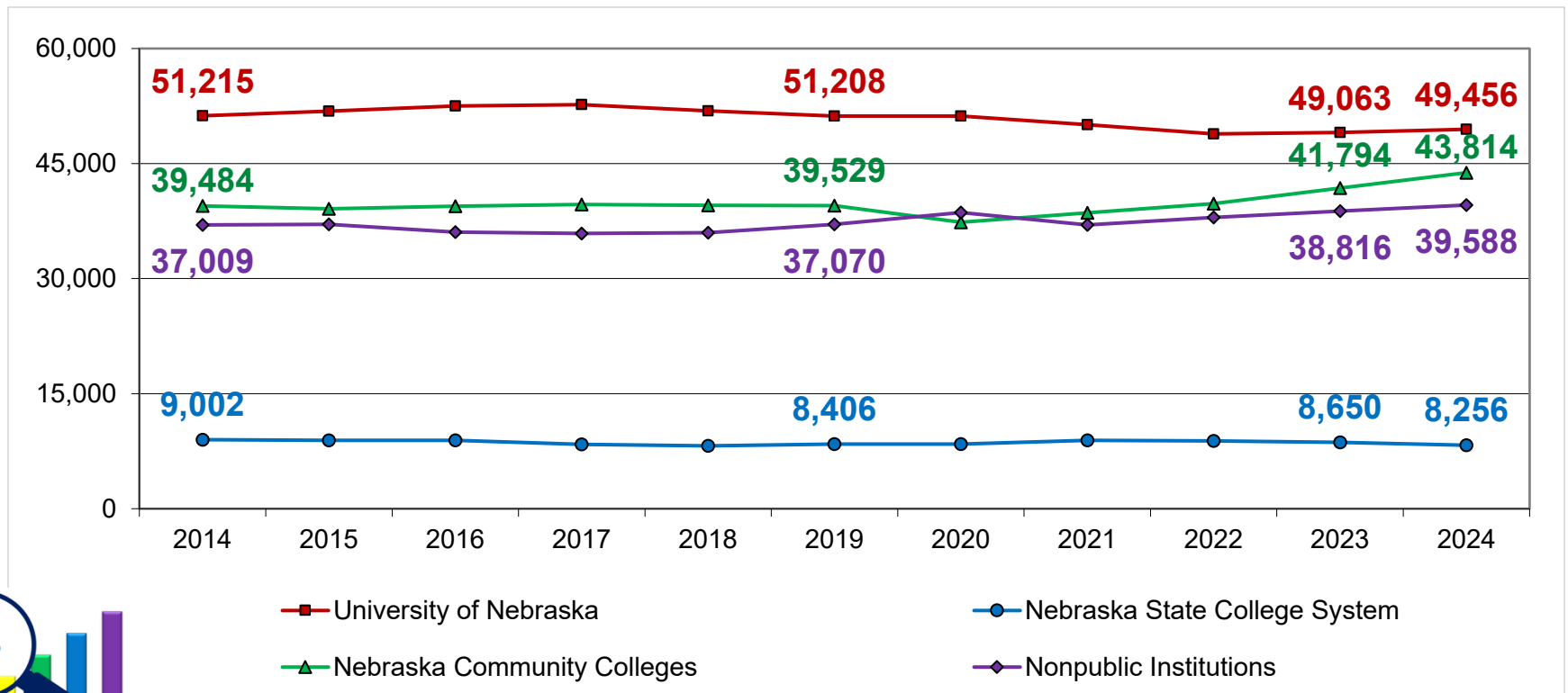
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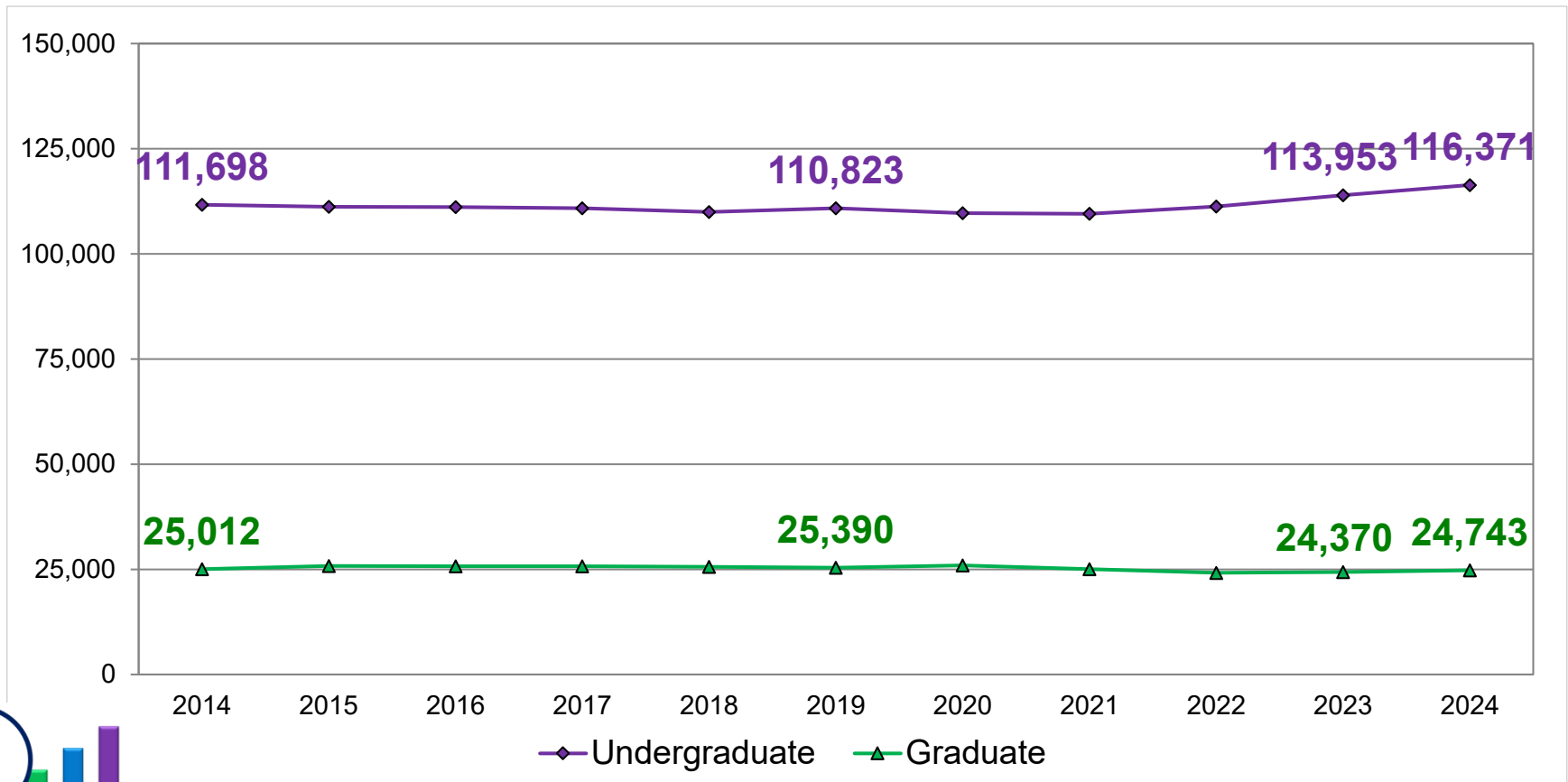
Fall Enrollment by Sector

SECTOR	1-YEAR CHANGE	10-YEAR CHANGE
■ University of Nebraska	0.8%	-3.4%
● Nebraska State College System	-4.6%	-8.3%
▲ Nebraska Community Colleges	4.8%	11.0%
◆ Nonpublic Institutions	2.0%	7.0%



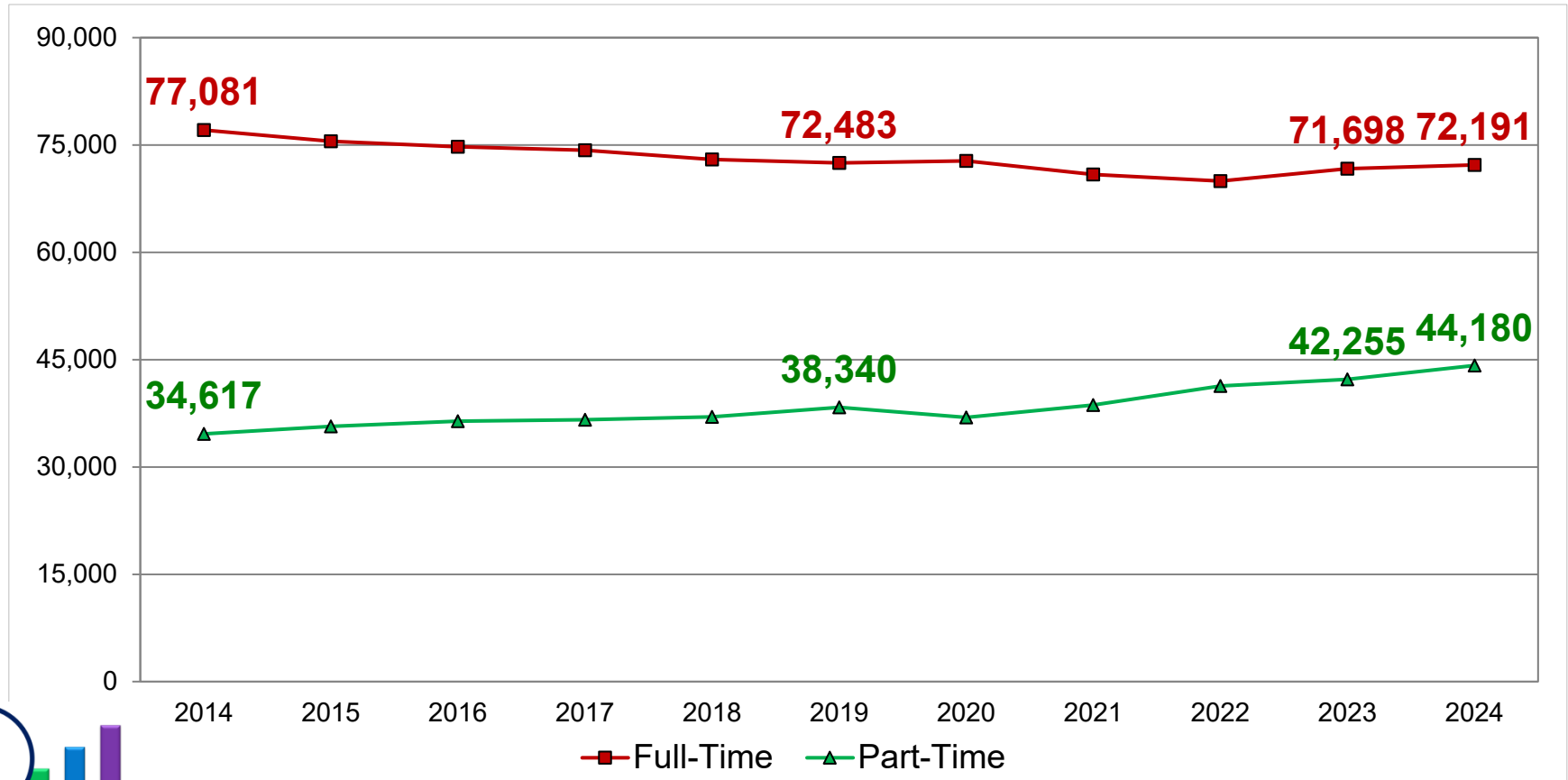
Fall Enrollment by Student Level

LEVEL	1-YEAR CHANGE	10-YEAR CHANGE
◆ Undergraduates	2.1%	4.2%
▲ Graduates	1.5%	-1.1%



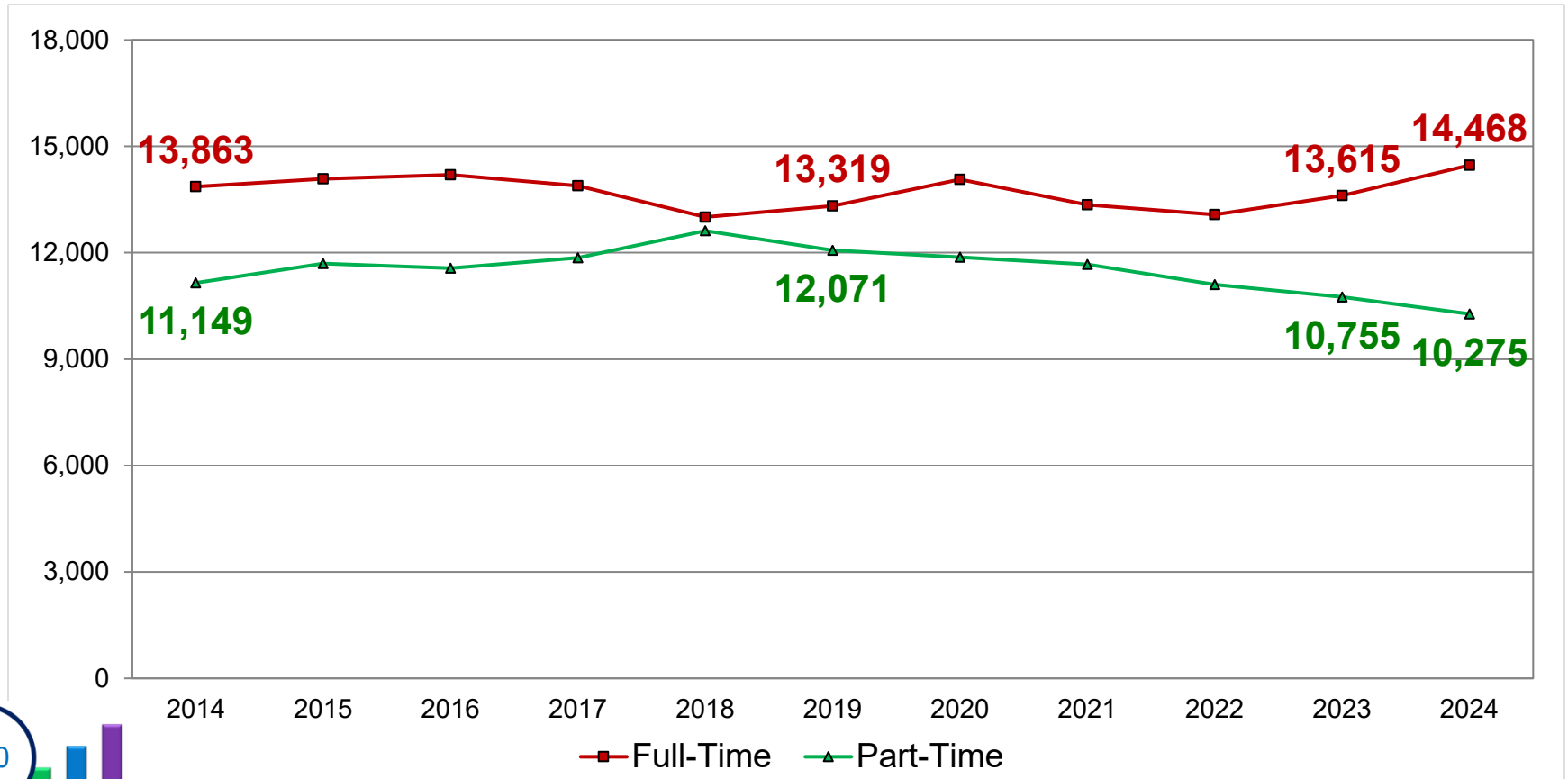
Undergraduate Fall Enrollment by Full-Time/Part-Time Classification

LEVEL	1-YEAR CHANGE	10-YEAR CHANGE
■ Undergraduate Full-Time	0.7%	-6.3%
▲ Undergraduate Part-Time	4.6%	27.6%



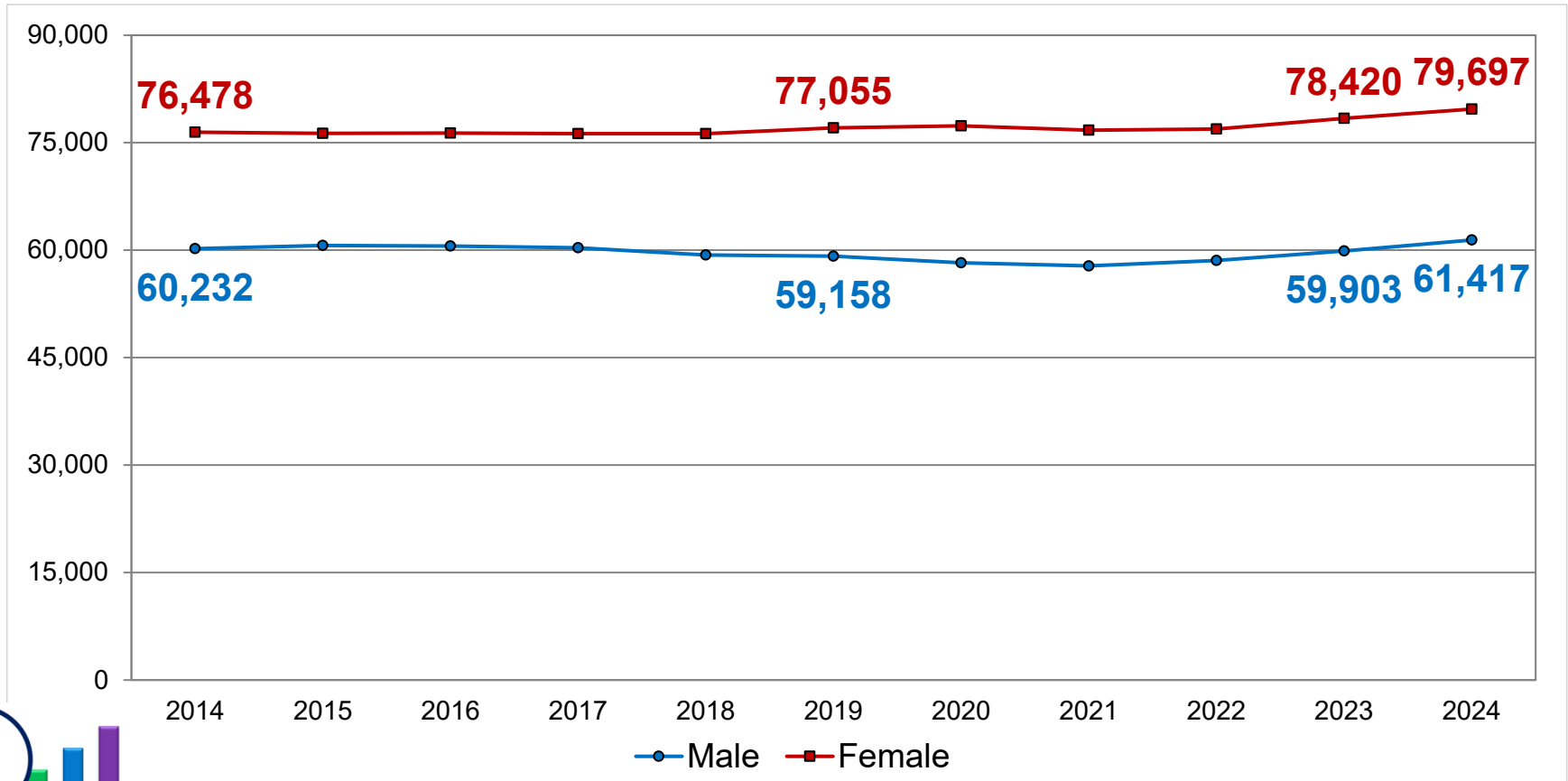
Graduate Fall Enrollment by Full-Time/Part-Time Classification

LEVEL	1-YEAR CHANGE	10-YEAR CHANGE
■ Graduate Full-Time	6.3%	4.4%
▲ Graduate Part-Time	-4.5%	-7.8%



Fall Enrollment by Sex

LEVEL	1-YEAR CHANGE	10-YEAR CHANGE
● Males	2.5%	2.0%
■ Females	1.6%	4.2%



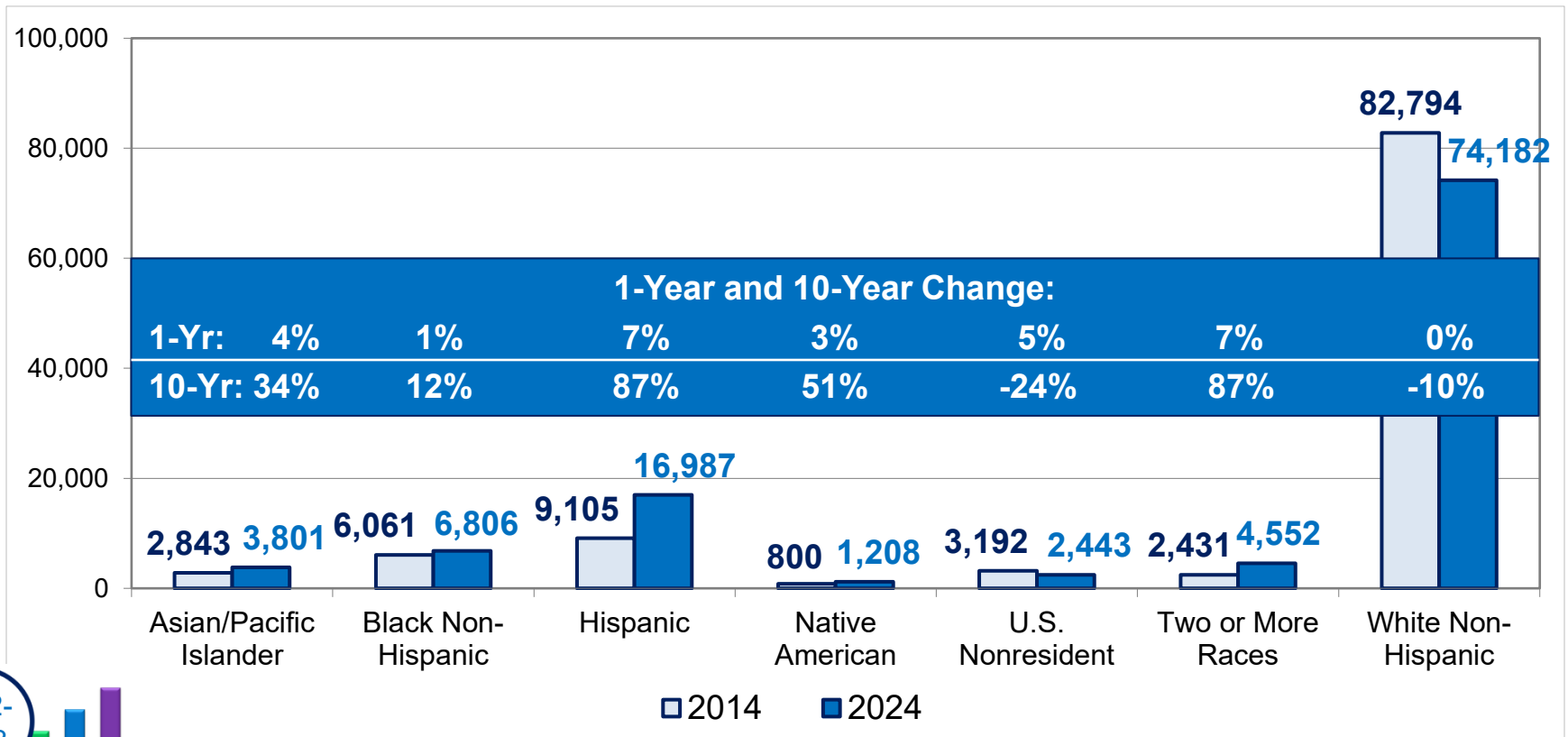
Undergraduate Fall Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity

% of 2014 Fall Enrollment:

77% White non-Hispanic
20% Minority
3% U.S. Nonresident

% of 2024 Fall Enrollment:

↓ 68% White non-Hispanic
↑ 30% Minority
↓ 2% U.S. Nonresident



Note. Excludes students of unknown race/ethnicity.



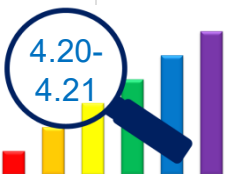
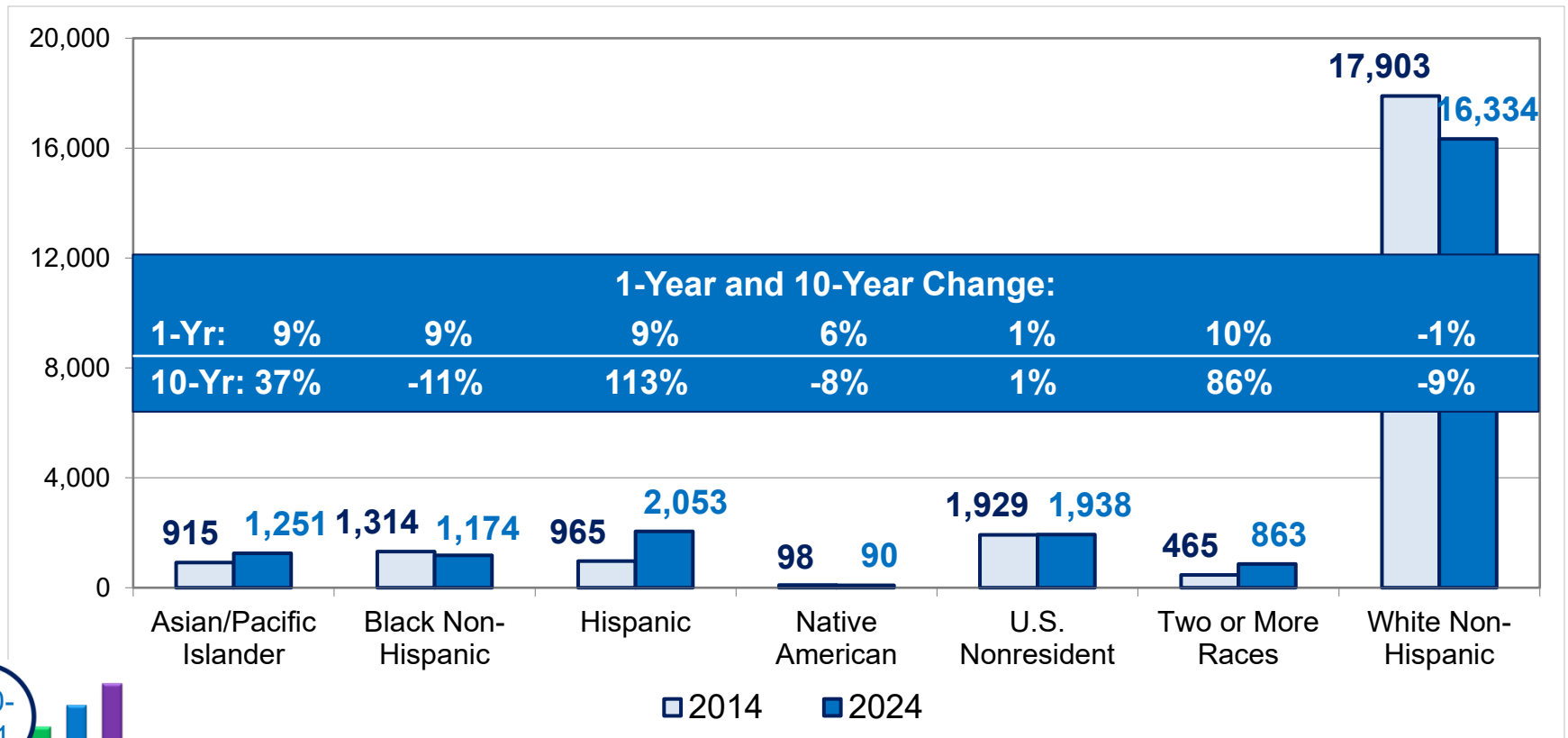
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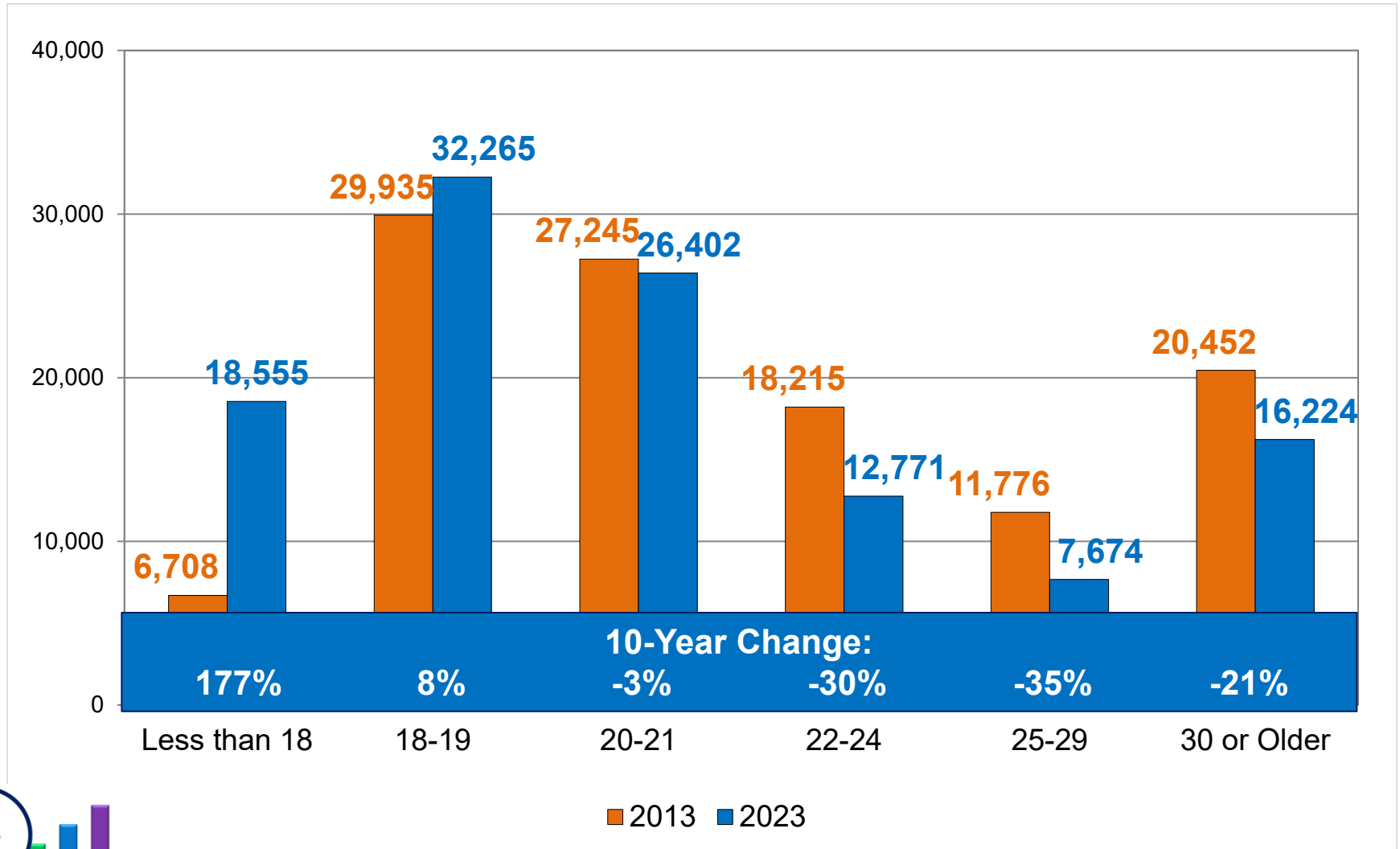
76% White non-Hispanic
16% Minority
8% U.S. Nonresident

% of 2024 Fall Enrollment:

↓ 69% White non-Hispanic
↑ 23% Minority
8% U.S. Nonresident



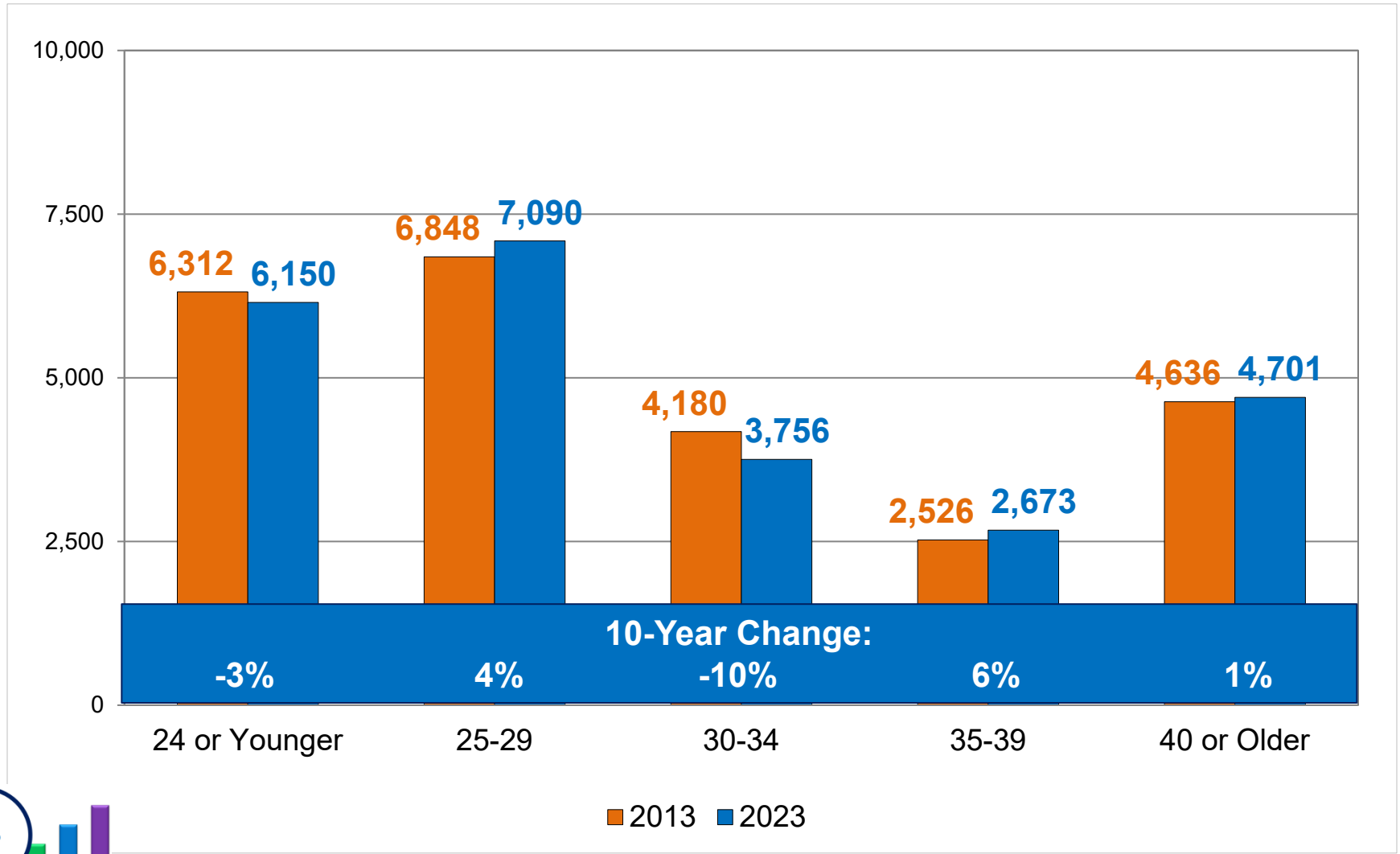
Undergraduate Fall Enrollment by Age



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 2014:

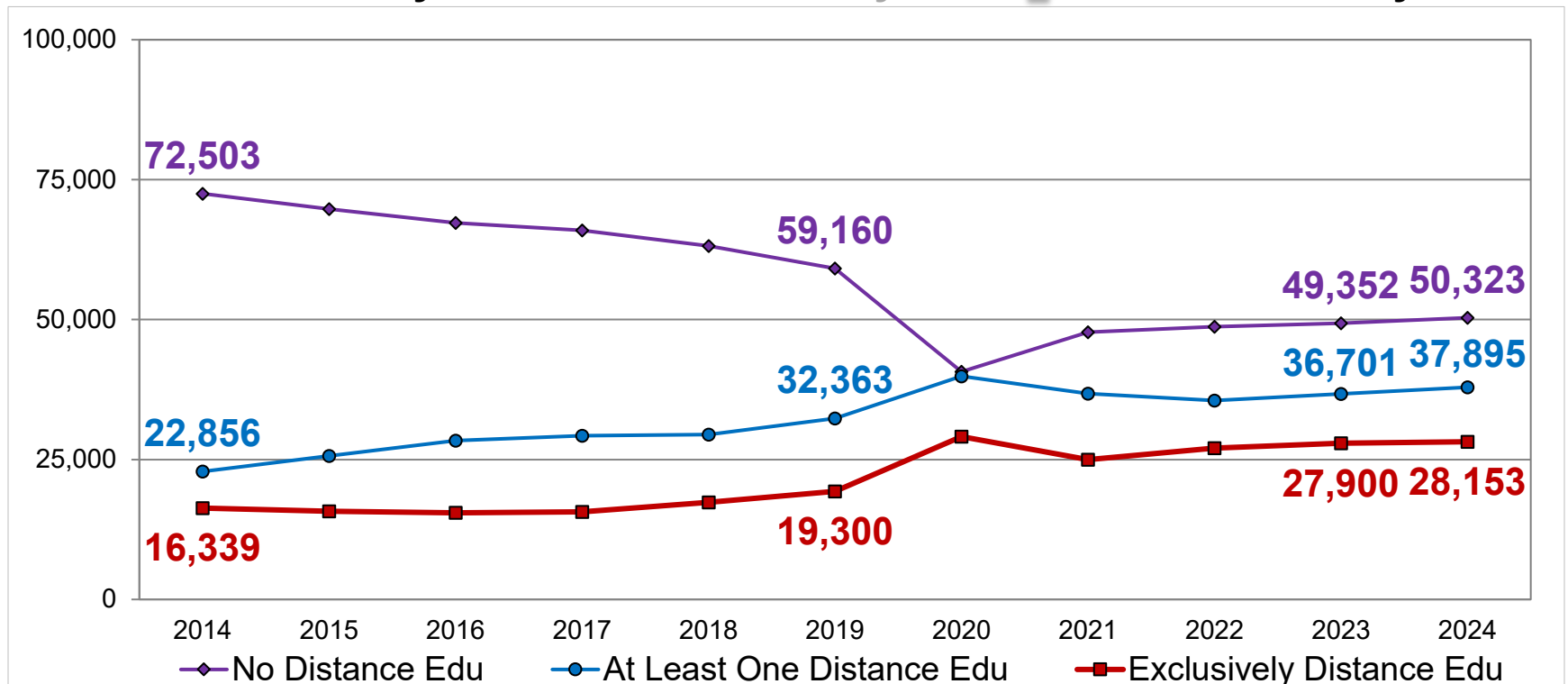
65% No Distance
21% At Least One
15% Exclusively

% of Fall 2019:

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

% of Fall 2024:

↓ 43% No Distance
↑ 33% At Least One
↑ 24% Exclusively



1-Year and 10-Year Change:

1-Yr:	2%	3%	1%
10-Yr:	-31%	66%	72%

Graduate Fall Enrollment by Distance Education Status

% of Fall 2014:

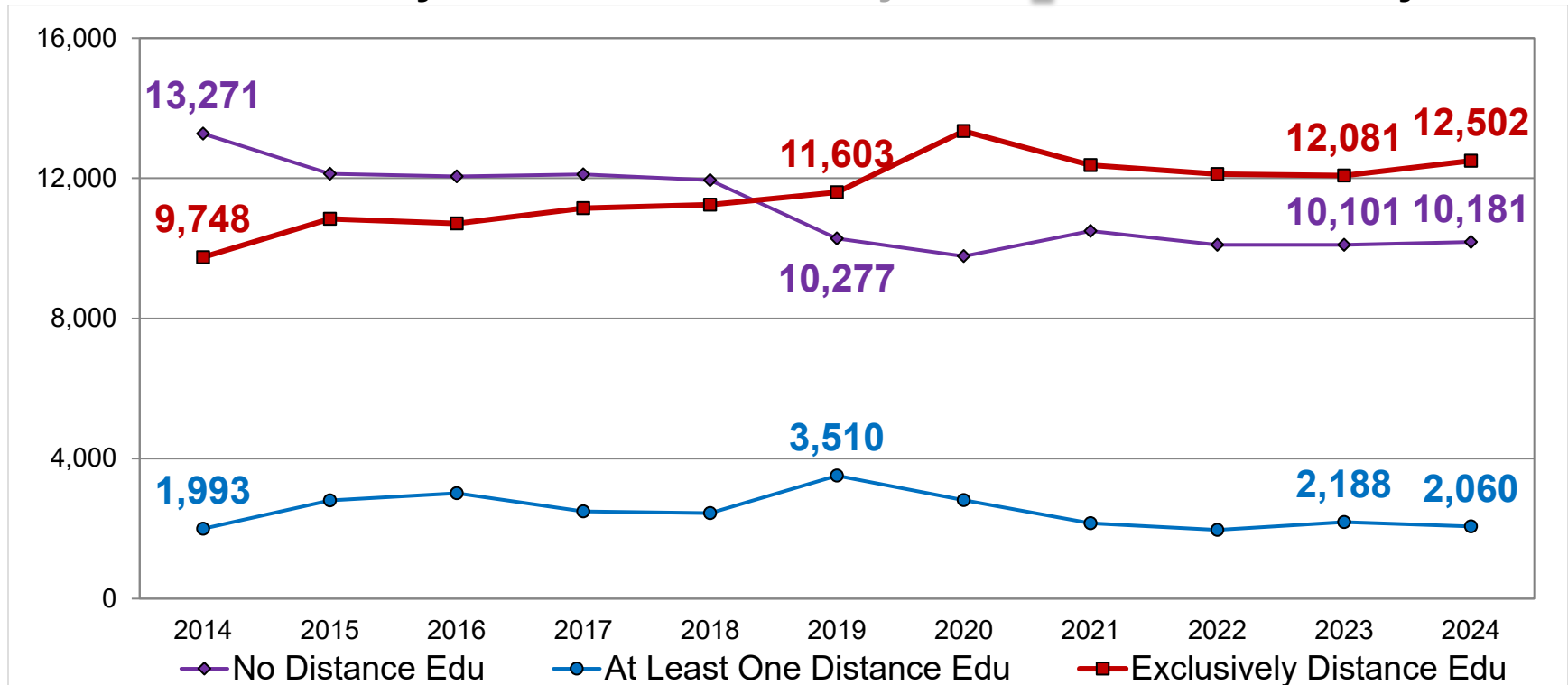
53% No Distance
8% At Least One
39% Exclusively

% of Fall 2019:

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

% of Fall 2024:

↓ 41% No Distance
8% At Least One
↑ 51% Exclusively



1-Year and 10-Year Change:

1-Yr:	1%	-6%	4%
10-Yr:	-23%	3%	28%

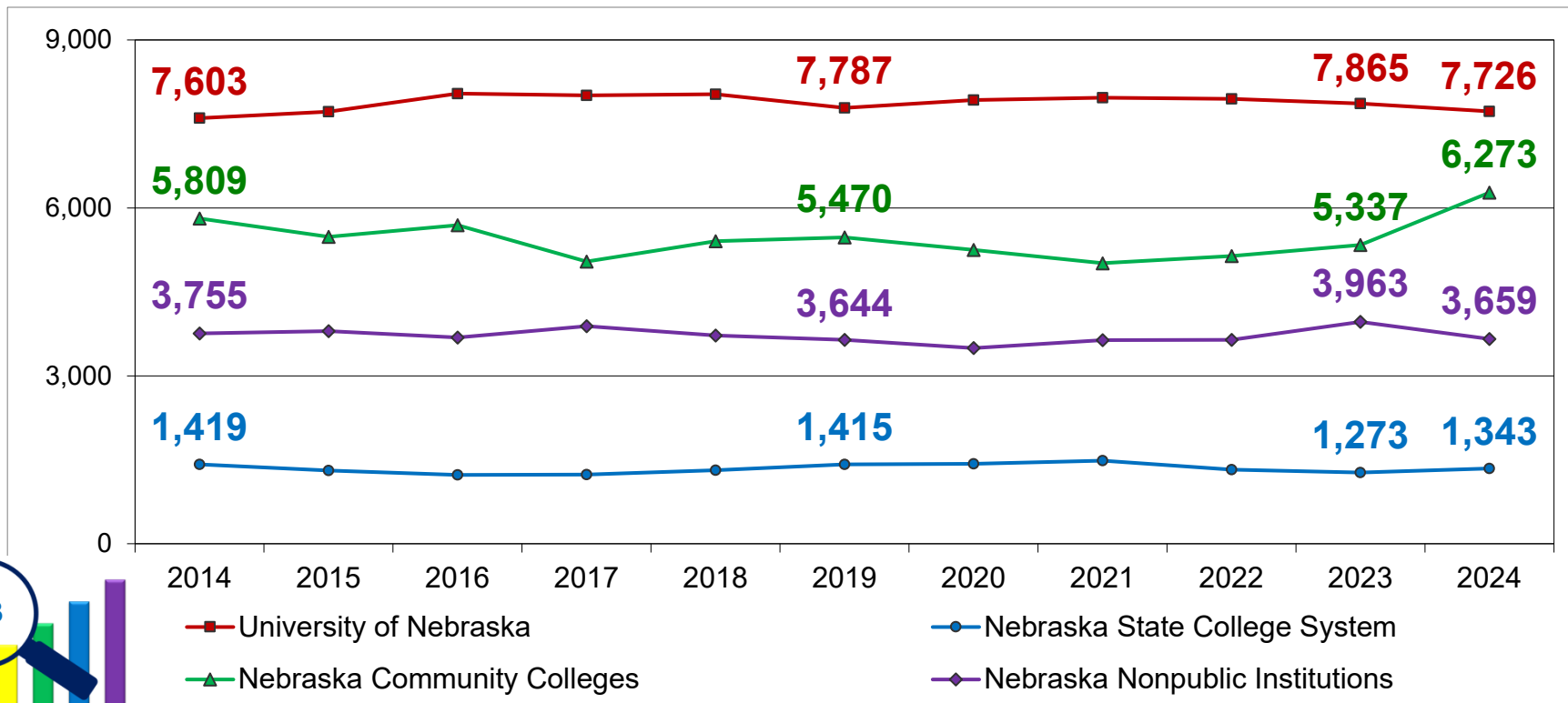
Location of Students Enrolled Exclusively in Distance Education Courses (Fall 2024)

- Undergraduate
 - Overall, 24% of undergraduate enrollments were exclusively distance enrollments
 - Ranges from 9% at the University of Nebraska to 39% at the nonpublics
 - 60% of exclusively distance enrollments were located in Nebraska
 - Ranges from 15% 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 33% at the nonpublic institutions
- Graduate
 - Overall, 51% of graduate enrollments were exclusively distance enrollments
 - Ranges from 39% at the University of Nebraska to 78% at the state colleges
 - 51% of exclusively distance enrollments were located in Nebraska
 - Ranges from 34% at the nonpublic institutions to 73% at the state colleges
 - Overall, about 25% of graduate fall enrollments were exclusively distance education enrollments in another state
 - Ranges from 12% at the University of Nebraska to 40% at the nonpublic institutions



Fall Enrollment of First-Time Freshman

SECTOR	1-YEAR CHANGE	10-YEAR CHANGE
■ University of Nebraska	-1.8%	1.6%
● Nebraska State College System	5.5%	-5.4%
▲ Nebraska Community Colleges	17.5%	8.0%
◆ Nonpublic Institutions	-7.7%	-2.6%
State Total	3.1%	2.2%



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 2024 data were reported in spring 2025, while 2024-25 12-month data will not be collected until fall 2025
- **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
 - Increased 1.2% between fall 2014 and fall 2023
- **12-month enrollment** is the total unduplicated headcount of students enrolled at an institution any time during the academic year
 - Decreased 5.3% between 2014-15 and 2023-24
- 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 57% to 70% of 12-month enrollments at the community colleges



Dashboard Demonstration – Enrollment

- <https://ccpe.nebraska.gov/enrollment-dashboard>
 - How has enrollment at SCC changed over the last 10 years?
 - Under tab Fall 2014 & Fall 2024, select Southeast Community College under Sector
 - Tip: The counts of students are listed on the screen. If you hover over a datapoint, you can also see the 10-year change and the proportion of the group.
- ✓ Undergraduate enrollments increased from about 9,400 in Fall 2014 to about 10,800 in Fall 2024 (15% increase)
- ✓ While full-time enrollments decreased 23%, part-time enrollments increased 52%
 - ✓ About 47% of enrollments were FT in Fall 2014 vs 33% in Fall 2024
- ✓ Both male and female enrollments increased about 15%
- ✓ Hispanic enrollments and enrollments by multiracial students increased the most (154% and 235%, respectively)

Dashboard Demonstration – Enrollment (Cont.)

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Pick Sector:

All

Pick Institution:

Southeast Community College

Pick Student Level:

All

Pick FT/PT:

All

Pick Sex:

All

Pick Race/Ethnicity:

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Fall Enrollment by Student Level



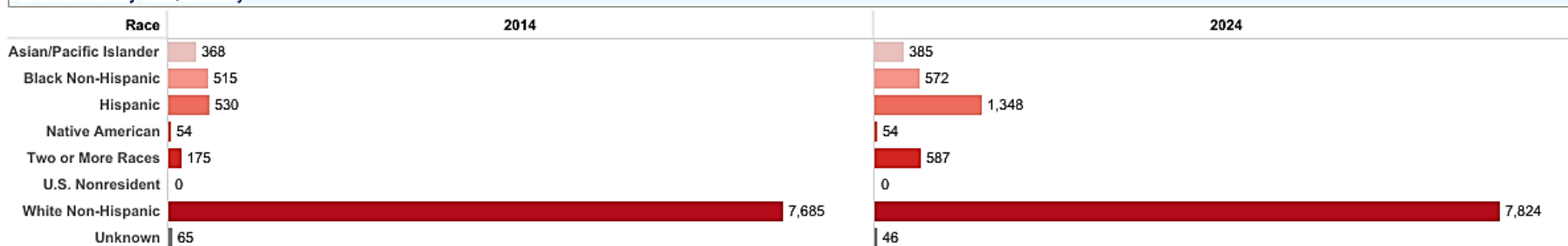
Fall Enrollment by Full-Time/Part-Time Classification



Fall Enrollment by Sex



Fall Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity



Hover example:

Fall of...: 2024

Intensity: Full-Time

Fall Enrollment: 3,513

% of Fall Enrollment by Full-Time/Part-Time Classification: 32.5%

10-Year % Change: -23.2%

Questions?

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