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The Culminating Goal

60% Postsecondary Attainment

Gauging Progress

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Postsecondary Credentials

Certificates
Associate Degrees
Bachelor's Degrees

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Ages 25 through 64

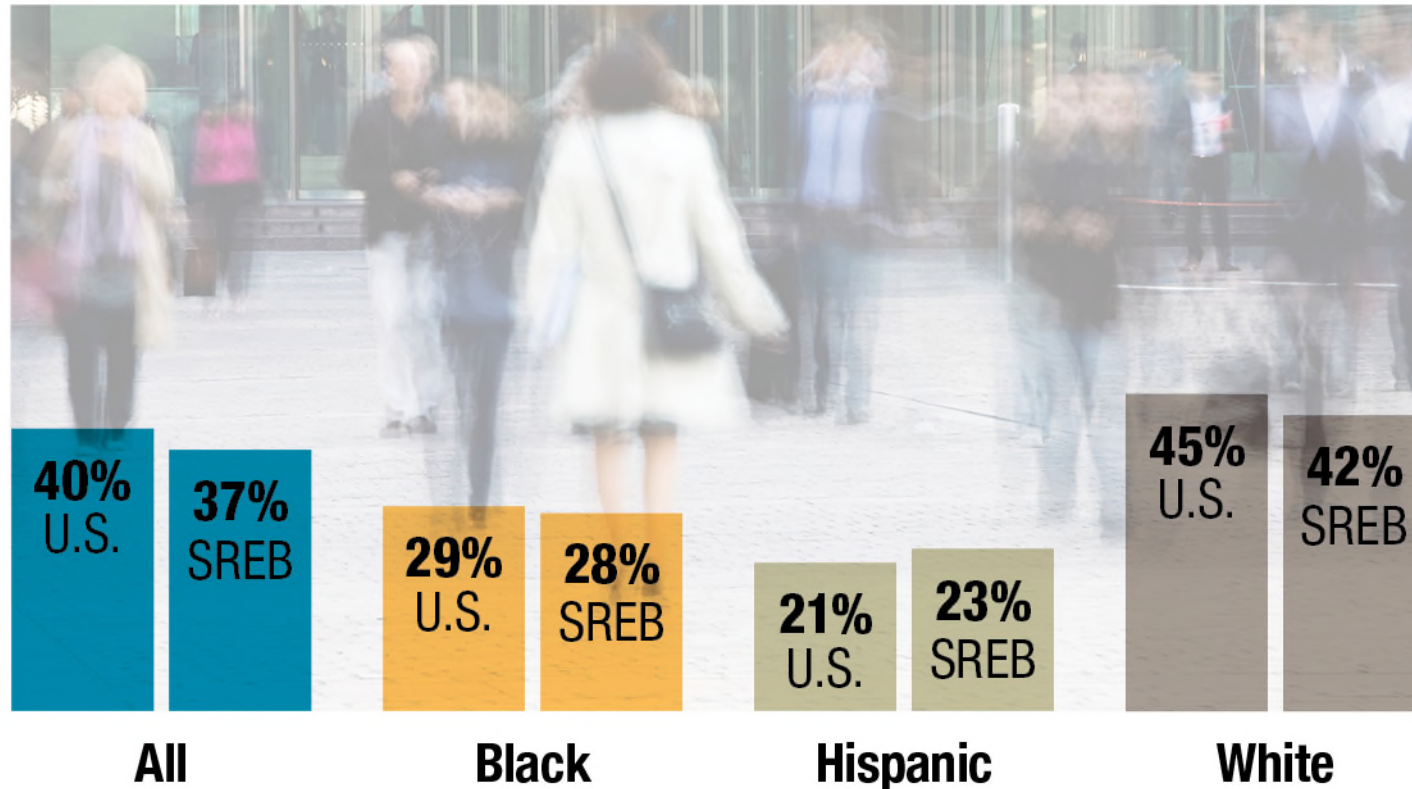
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- *Postsecondary Certificates*
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Adults with **Associate Degrees** or Higher

Percentage working-age adults, by race and ethnicity, 2014

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

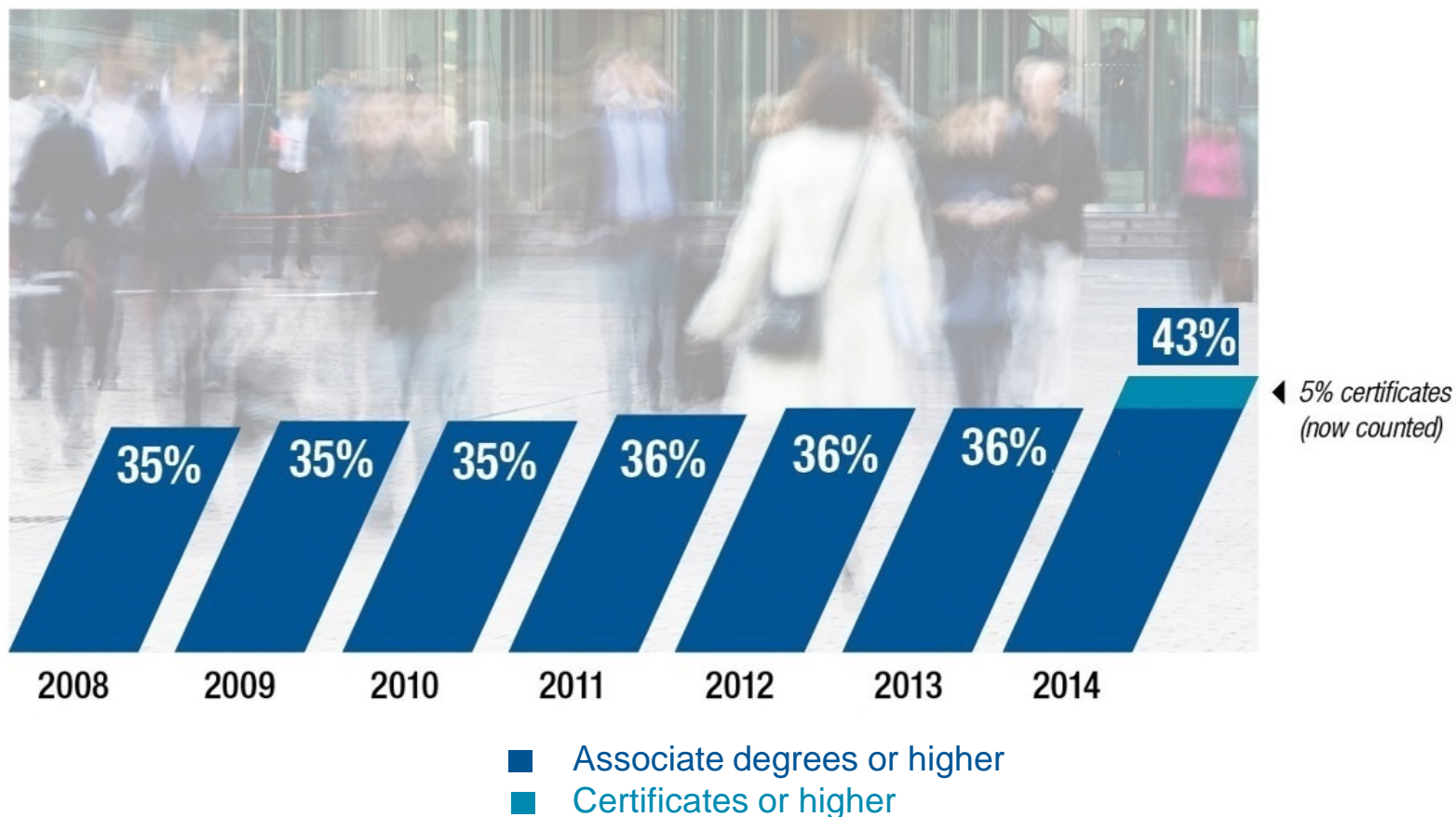


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Adults with High-Quality Postsecondary Credentials

Percentage working-age adults, southern region, 2008-2014

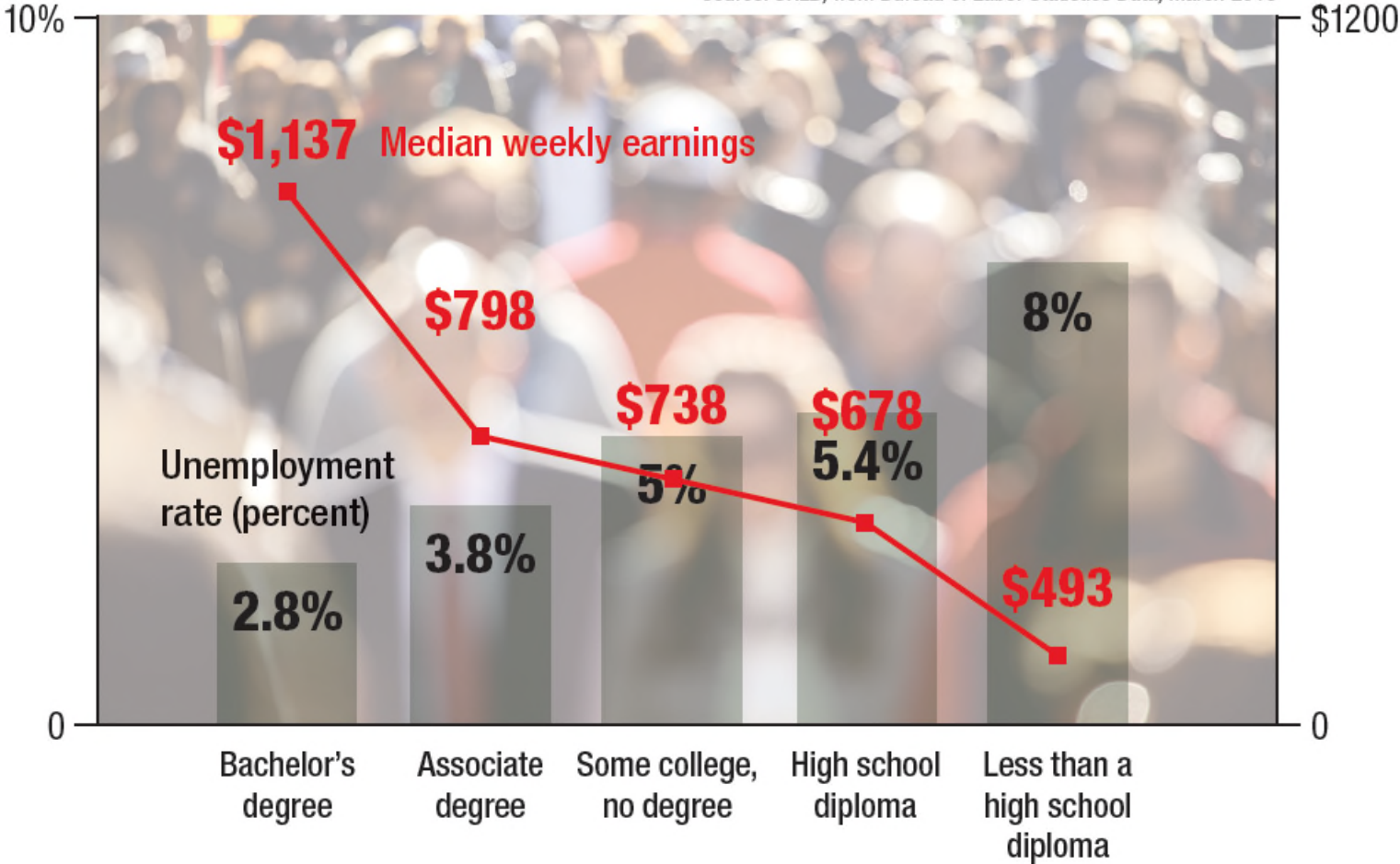
Source: SREB Fact Book and Lumina Foundation



Unemployment Rates and Median Weekly Earnings

By education level in U.S., 2015

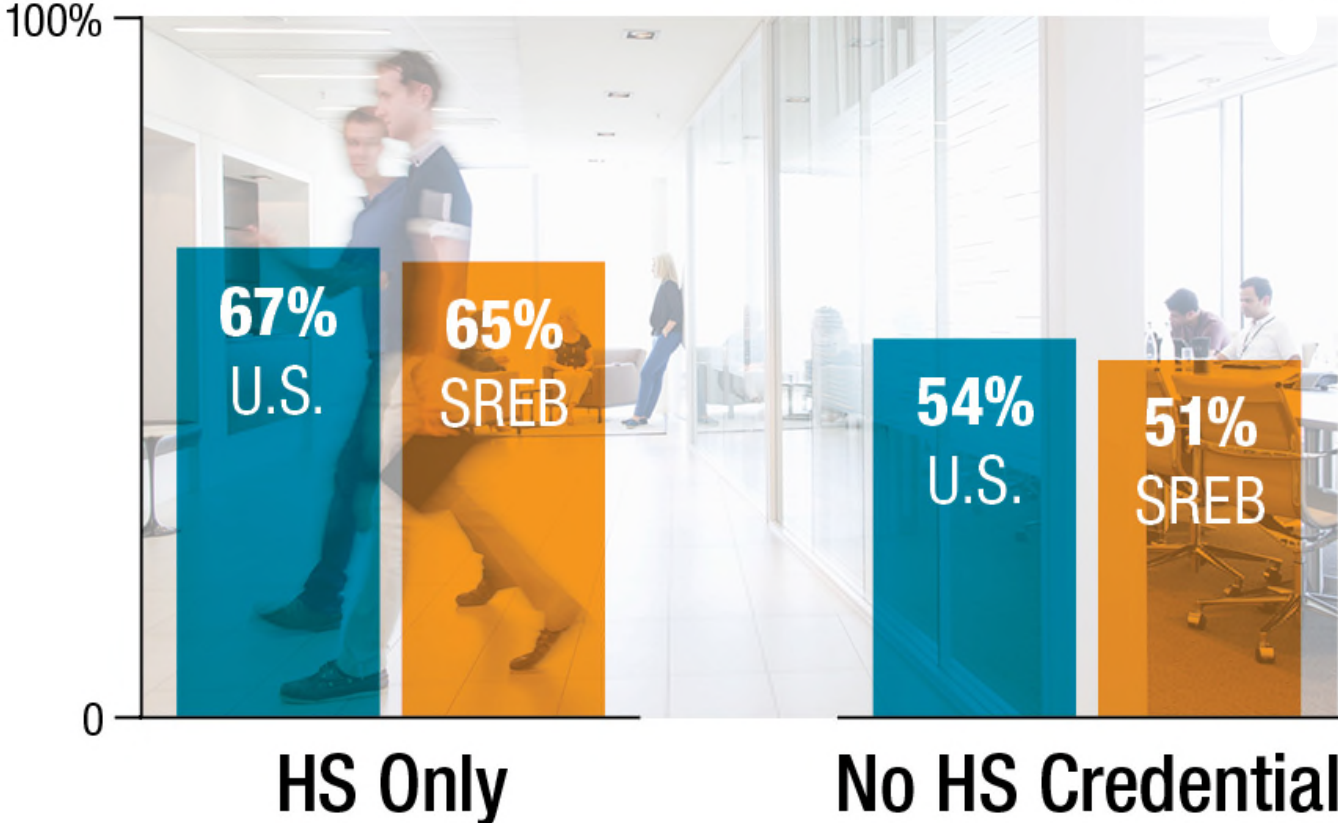
Source: SREB, from Bureau of Labor Statistics Data, March 2016



Employment rates for working-age adults

High school credential only vs. no high school credential

Source: U.S. Census.



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So far, what do we know?

- *Goal on postsecondary attainment rate involves working-age adults*
- *High-quality certificates add 3 – 5 percentage points to attainment*
- *About 43% of working-age adults have postsecondary credentials*
- *Little progress on the goal since 2008*

The background of the slide is a faded, light-colored photograph of a classroom. In the foreground, the backs of several students' heads are visible as they sit at desks. In the middle ground, a teacher is standing and gesturing with their right hand raised, as if pointing or explaining a concept. The overall atmosphere is that of an active learning environment.

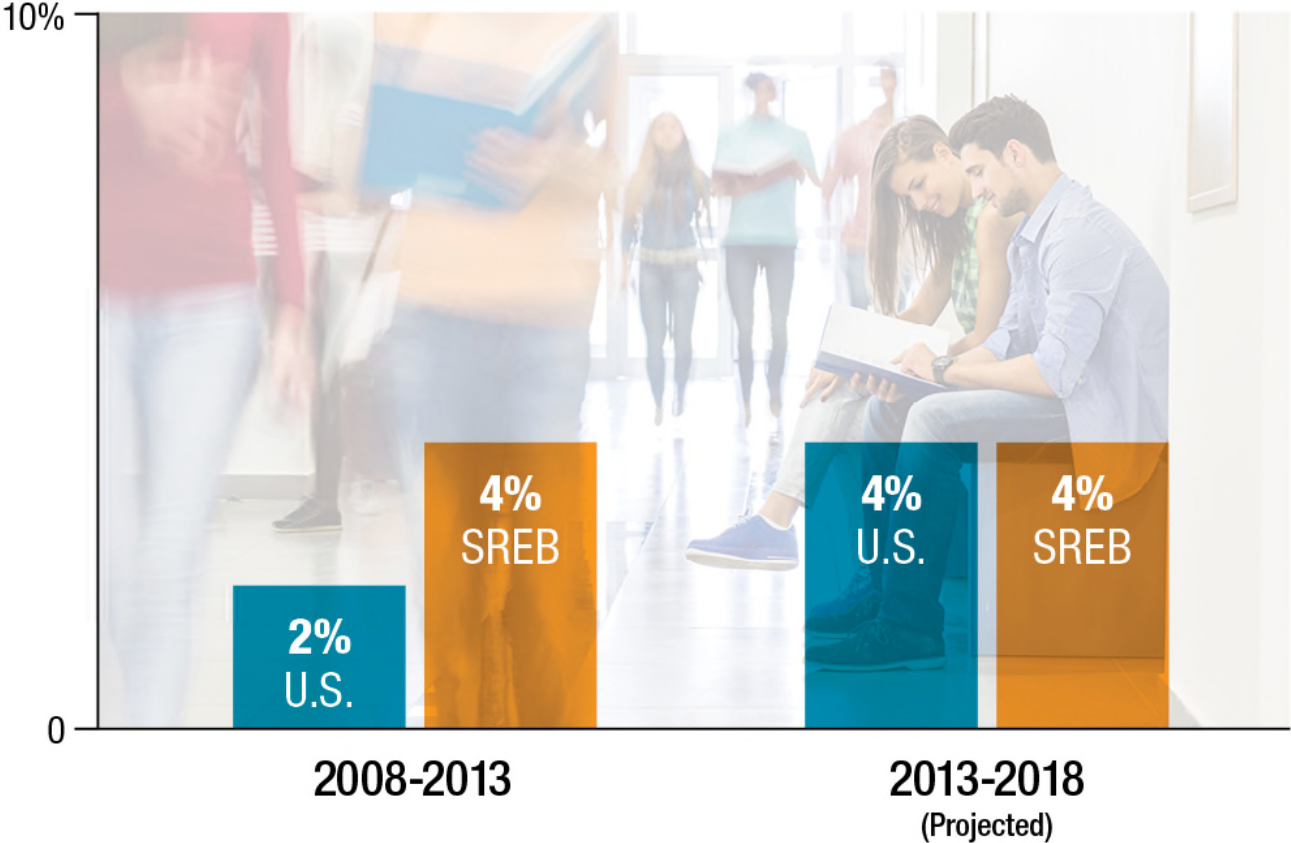
Demographic trends in SREB states set the context for making progress and achieving goals.

- **Enrollment**
- **Diversity**
- **Economic status**

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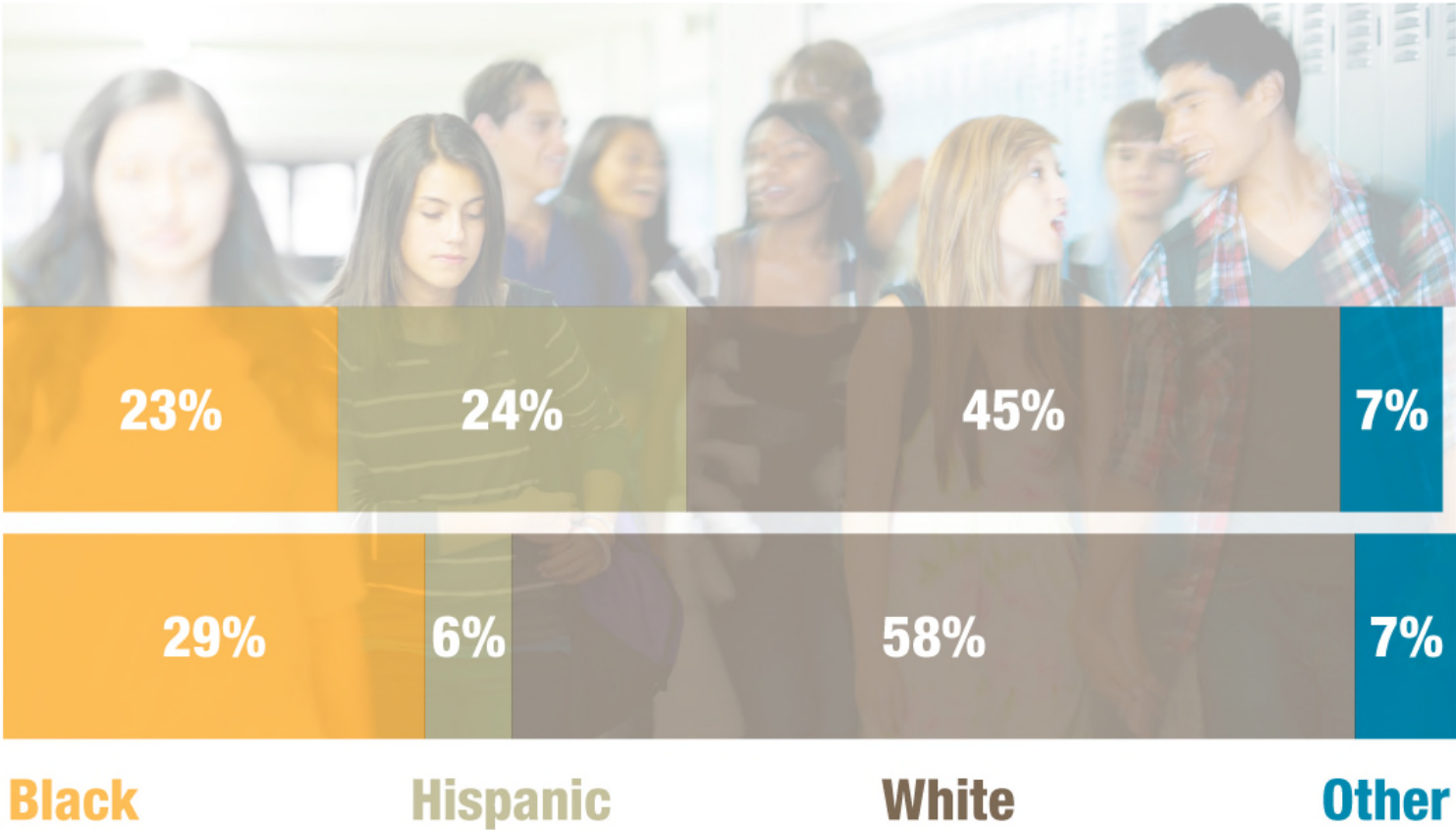
K-12 Enrollment Growth

Source: SREB, based on data from the National Center for Education Statistics



Public K-12 Enrollment

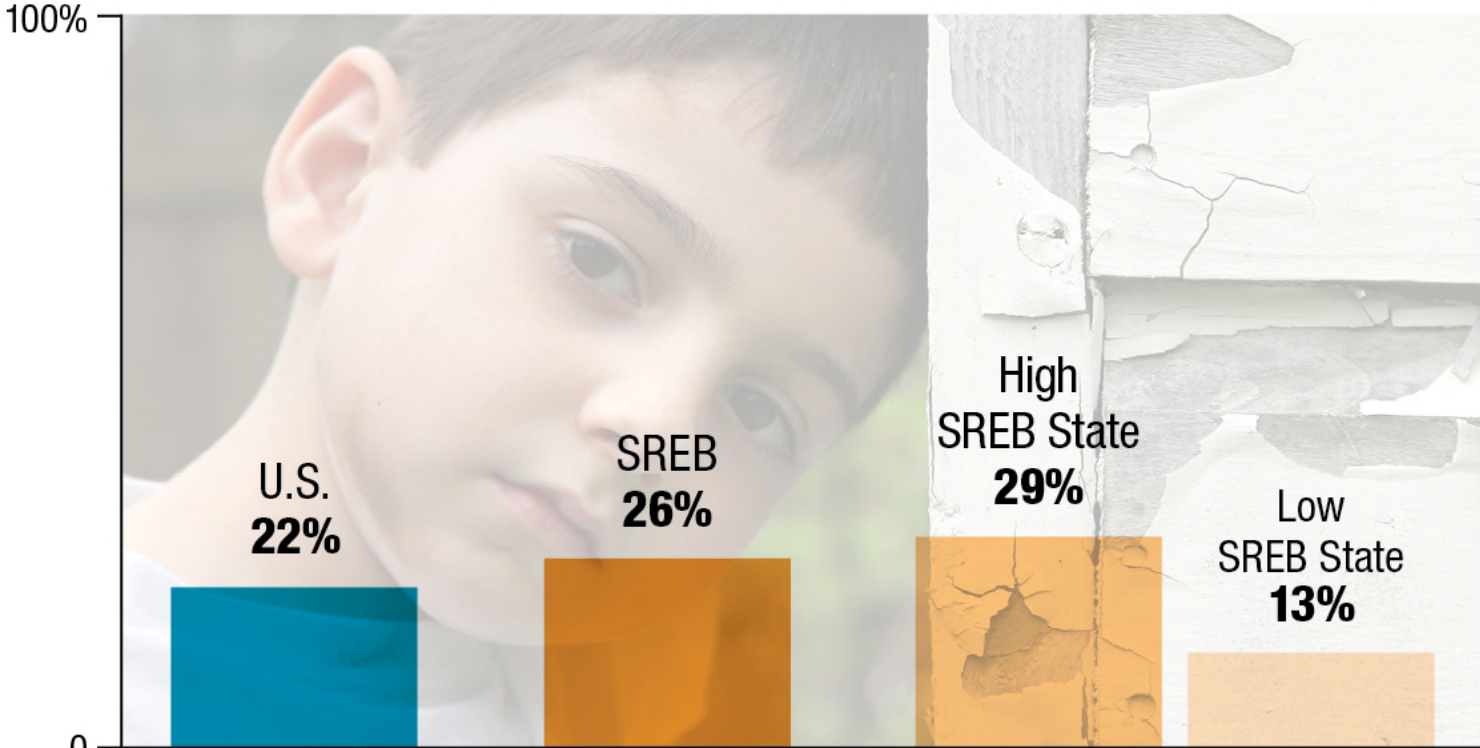
By race and ethnicity in the southern region



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Children in Poverty

Percentage under 18 living in poverty, 2014



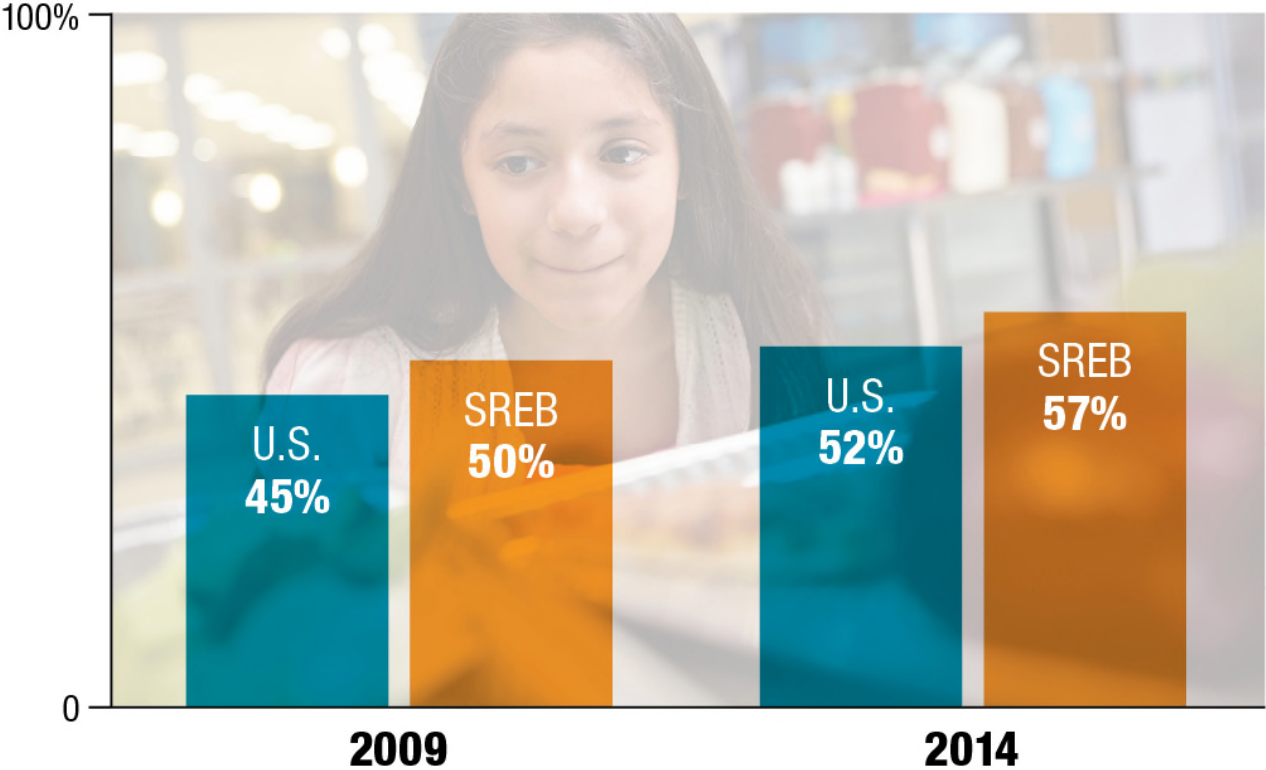
Source: The Annie E. Casey Foundation

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Students from **Low-Income Families**

Percentage eligible for free or reduced-price meals

Source: SREB, based on data from the National Center for Education Statistics



So now, what more do we know?

- *More children in public schools*
- *Increases among Hispanic children*
- *High incidence of children from poor families*
- *More children among low-income families*

It's harder to do the job, particularly to do it well

- *Strains on school's financial resources*
- *Students less likely to be engaged*
- *Need for more resources for English language learners*
- *Need for ongoing professional development*
- *Need to help more struggling families*

What stands in the way of the goal?

Student engagement

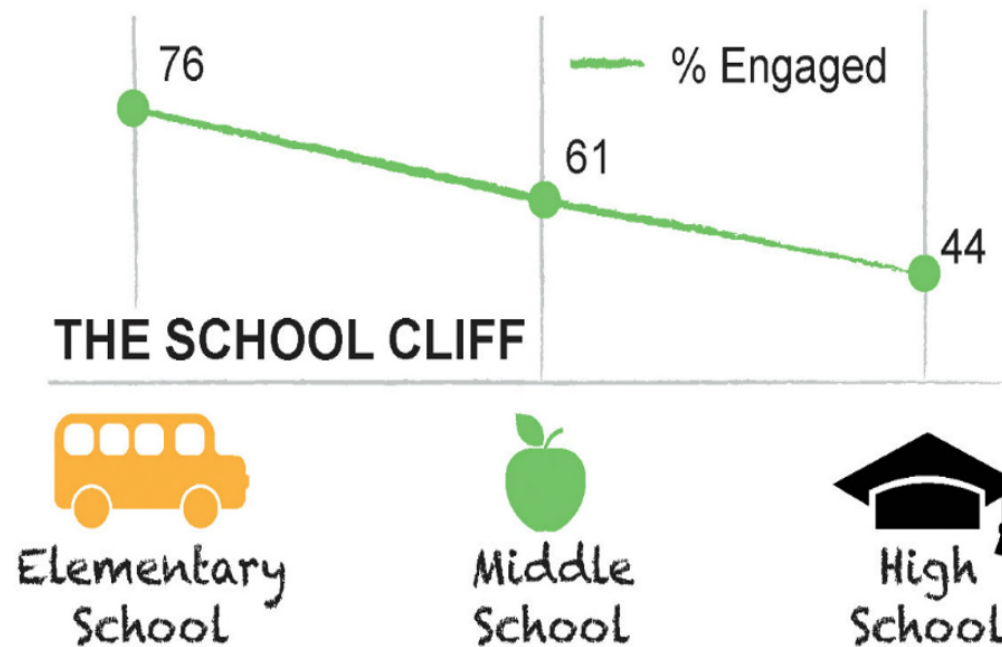
Readiness

Financial means

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AS THEY GROW, our students get **LESS ENGAGED**
each year they are in school.

The Gallup Student Poll



Student engagement in school matters.

“ My school is committed to building the strengths of each student. ”

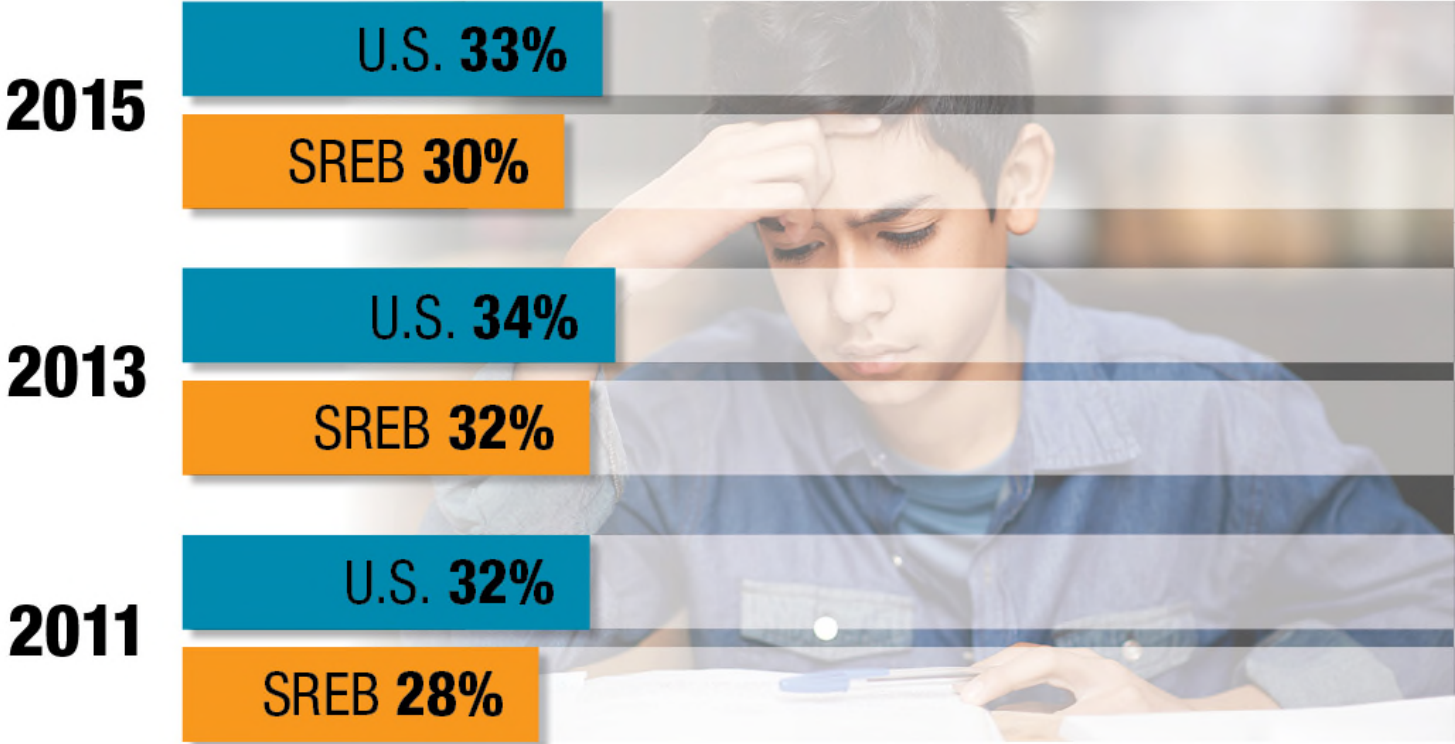
“ I have at least one teacher who makes me excited about the future. ”

Students who **STRONGLY AGREE**

30x AS LIKELY TO BE **ENGAGED AT SCHOOL** AS STUDENTS WHO STRONGLY DISAGREE

Eighth-Grade Reading

Percentage scoring at or above NAEP Proficient

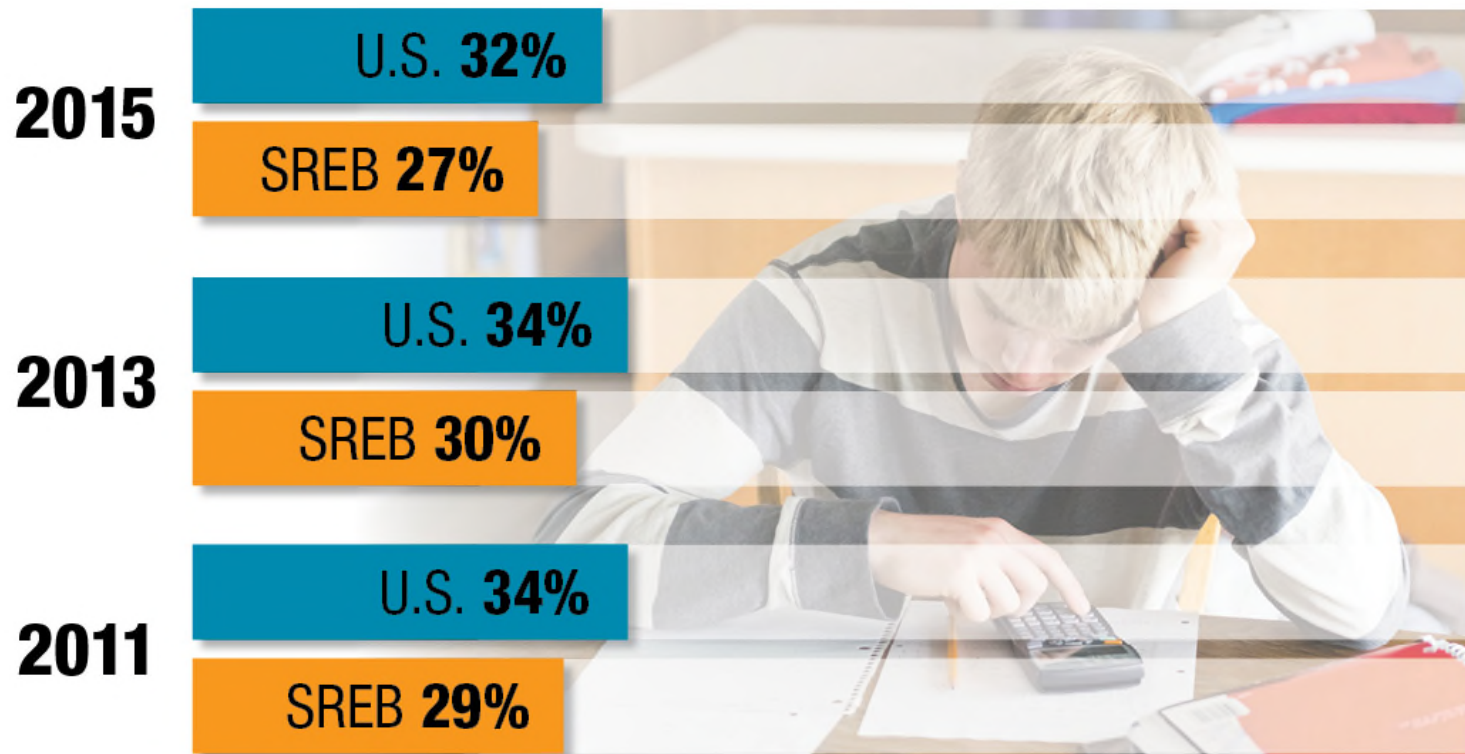


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Eighth-Grade Math

Percentage scoring at or above NAEP Proficient



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12th-Grade Reading

Percentage scoring at or above NAEP Proficient

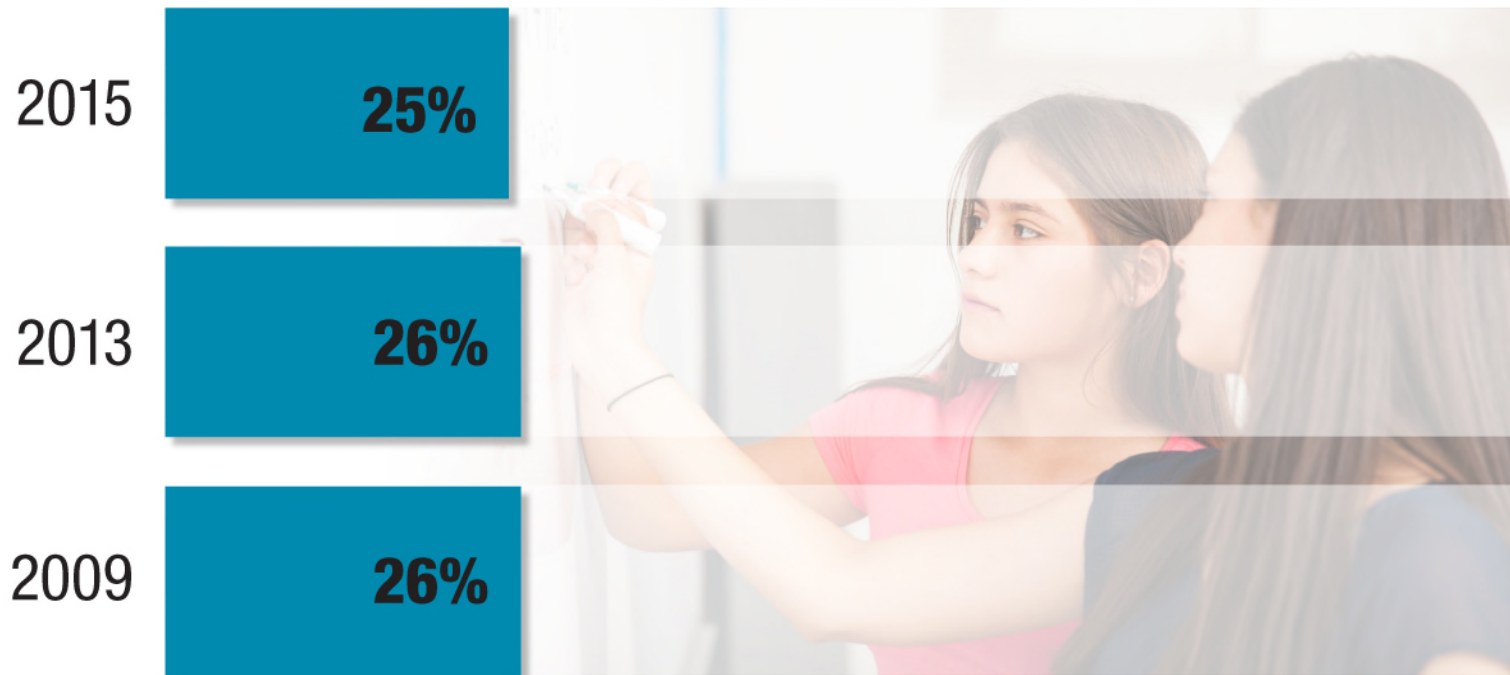


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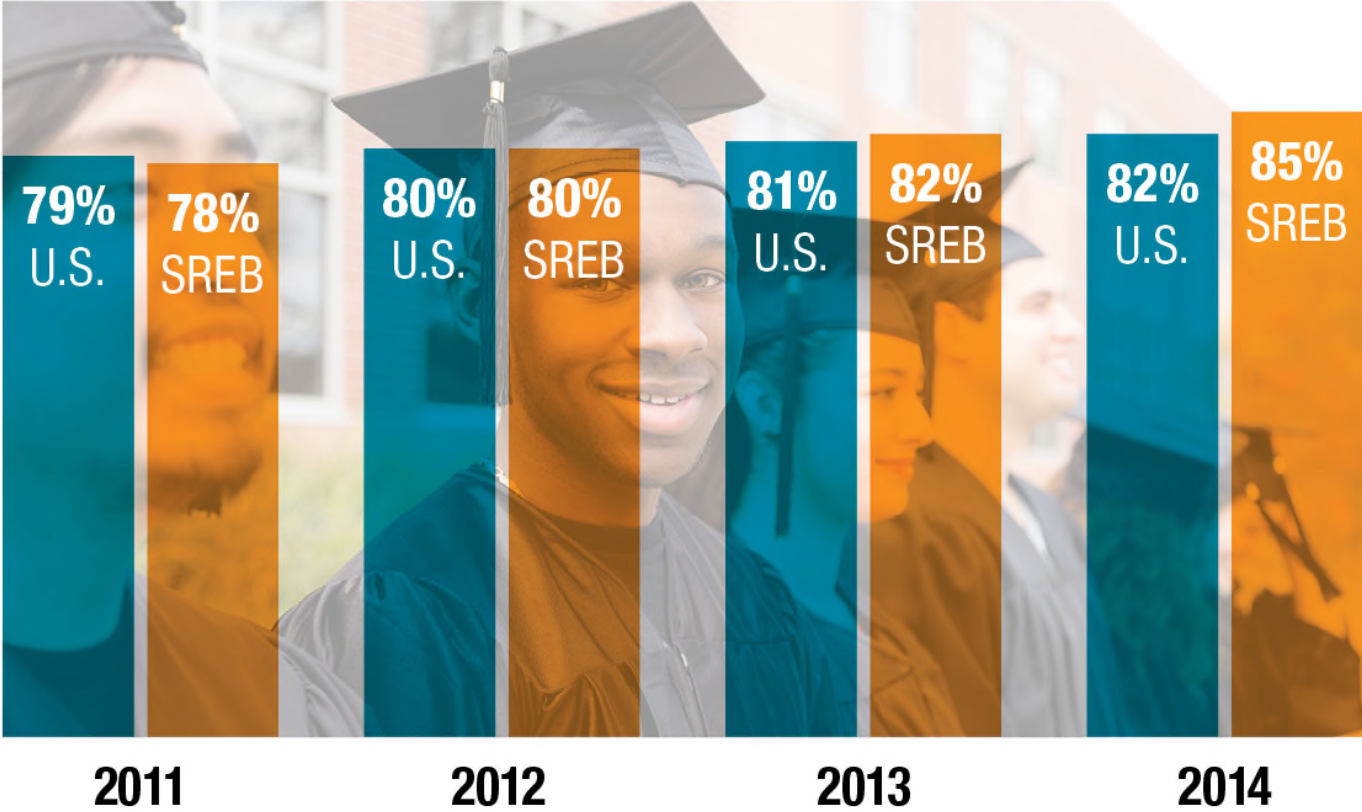


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High School Graduation Rates

All students

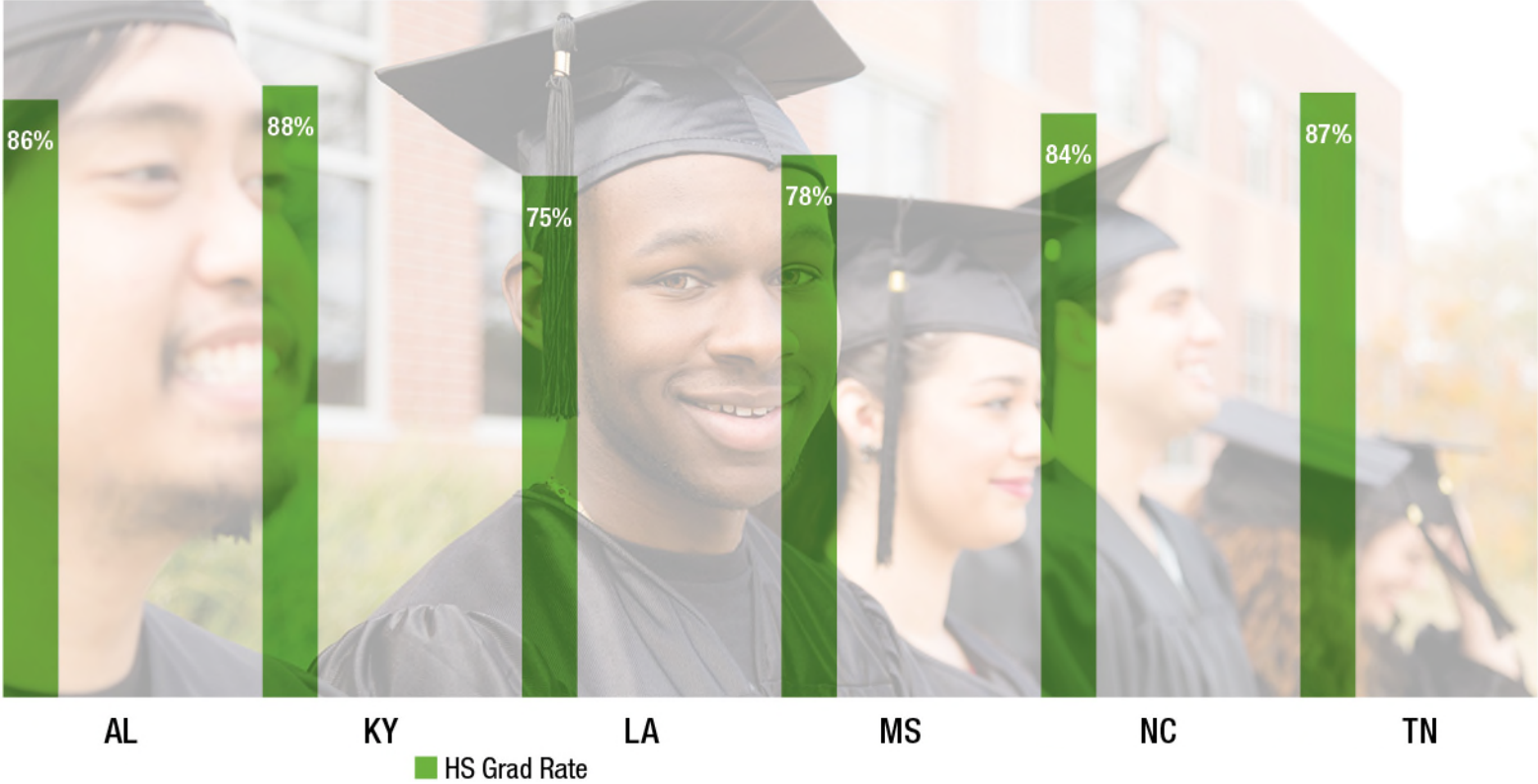


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HS Graduation and College Readiness

SREB states where 100% of seniors took the ACT

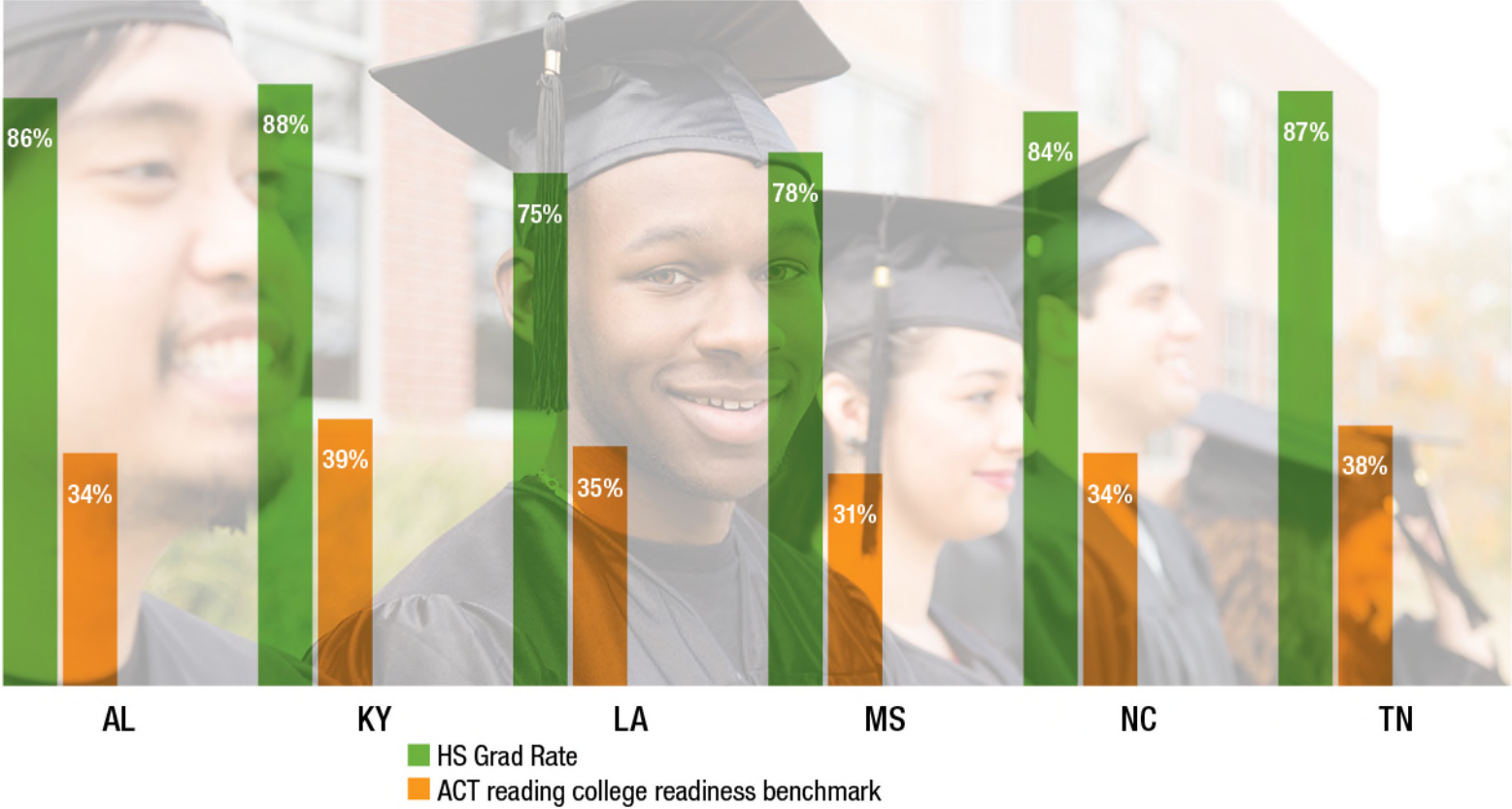
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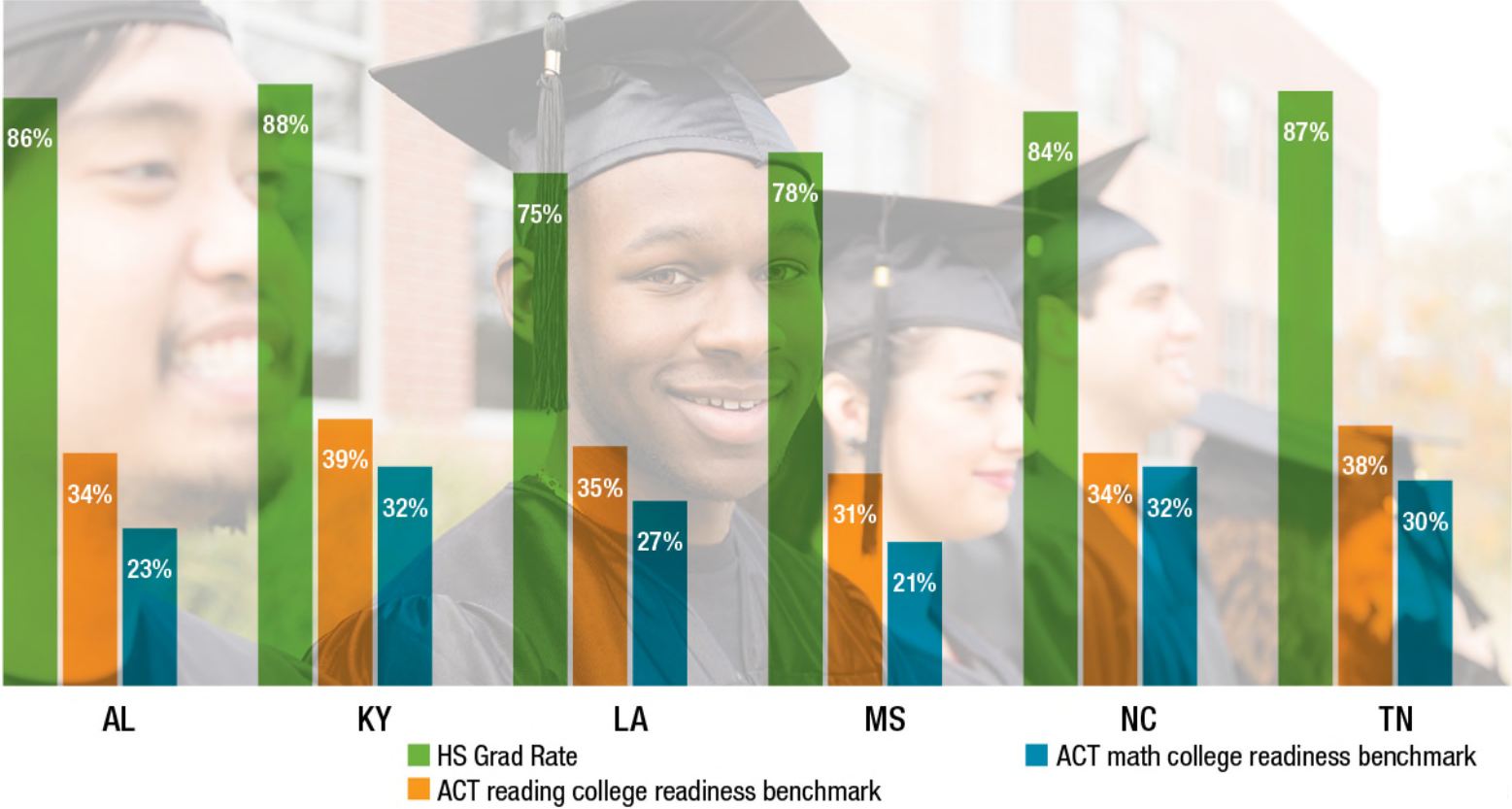
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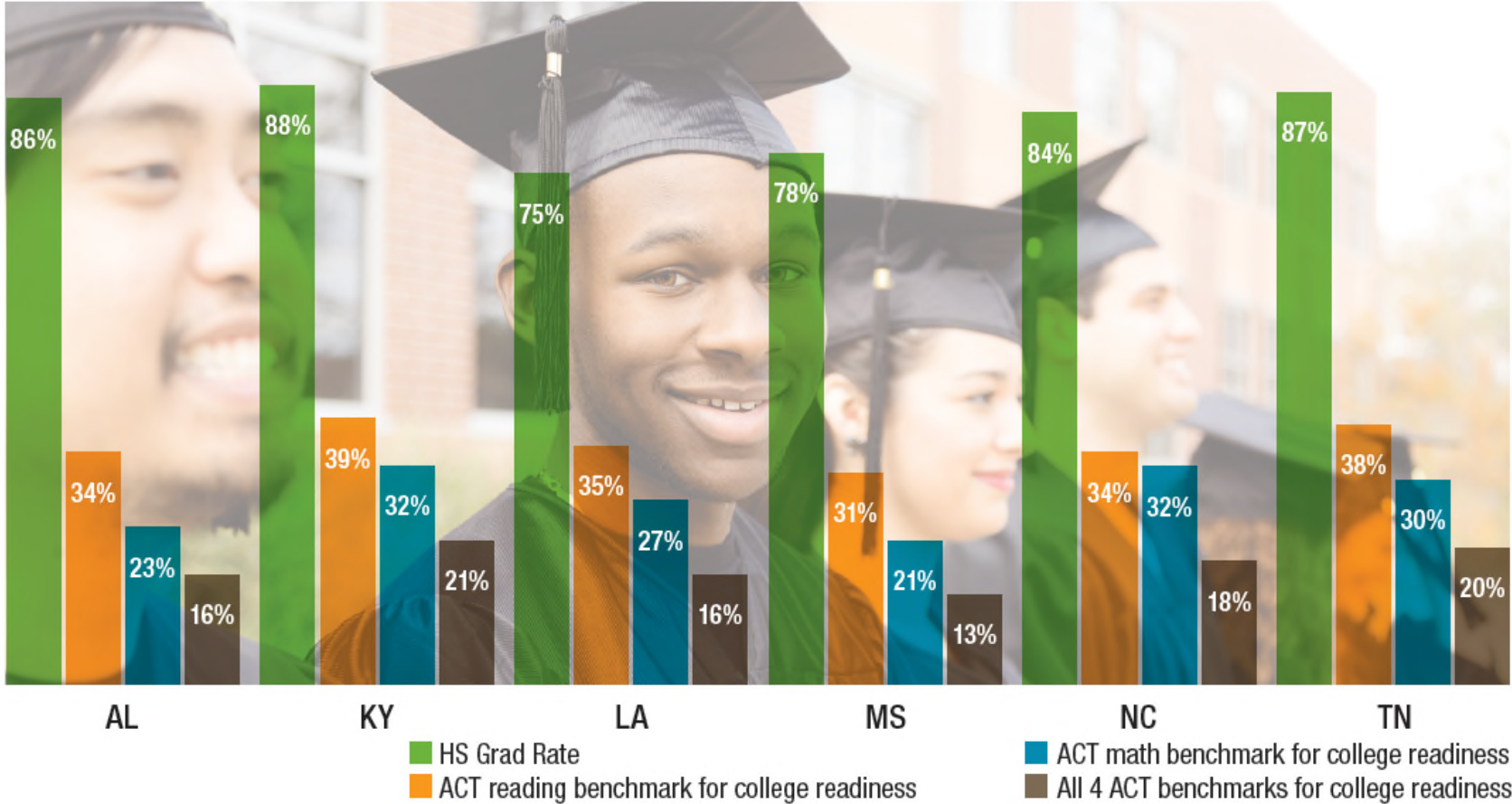
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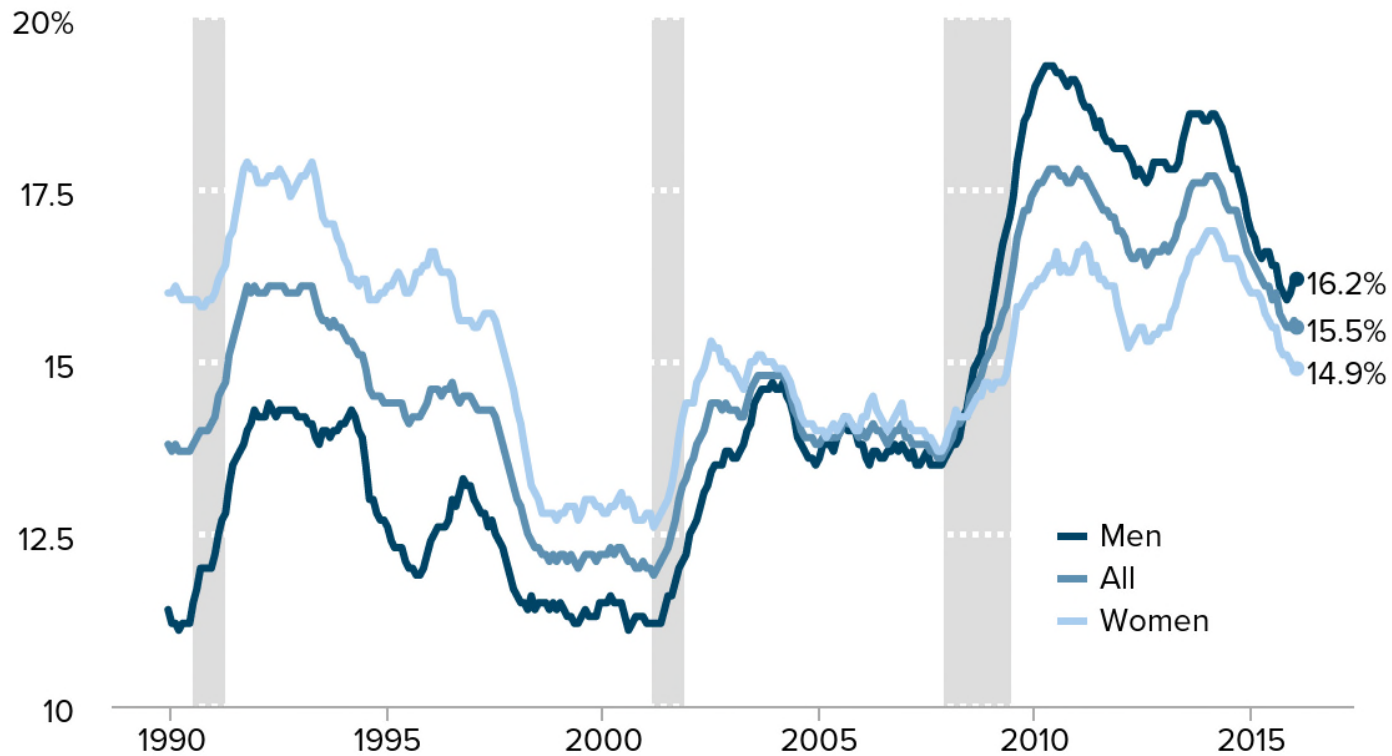
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Share of young high school graduates **not enrolled and not employed**

By gender, 1990 to 2016

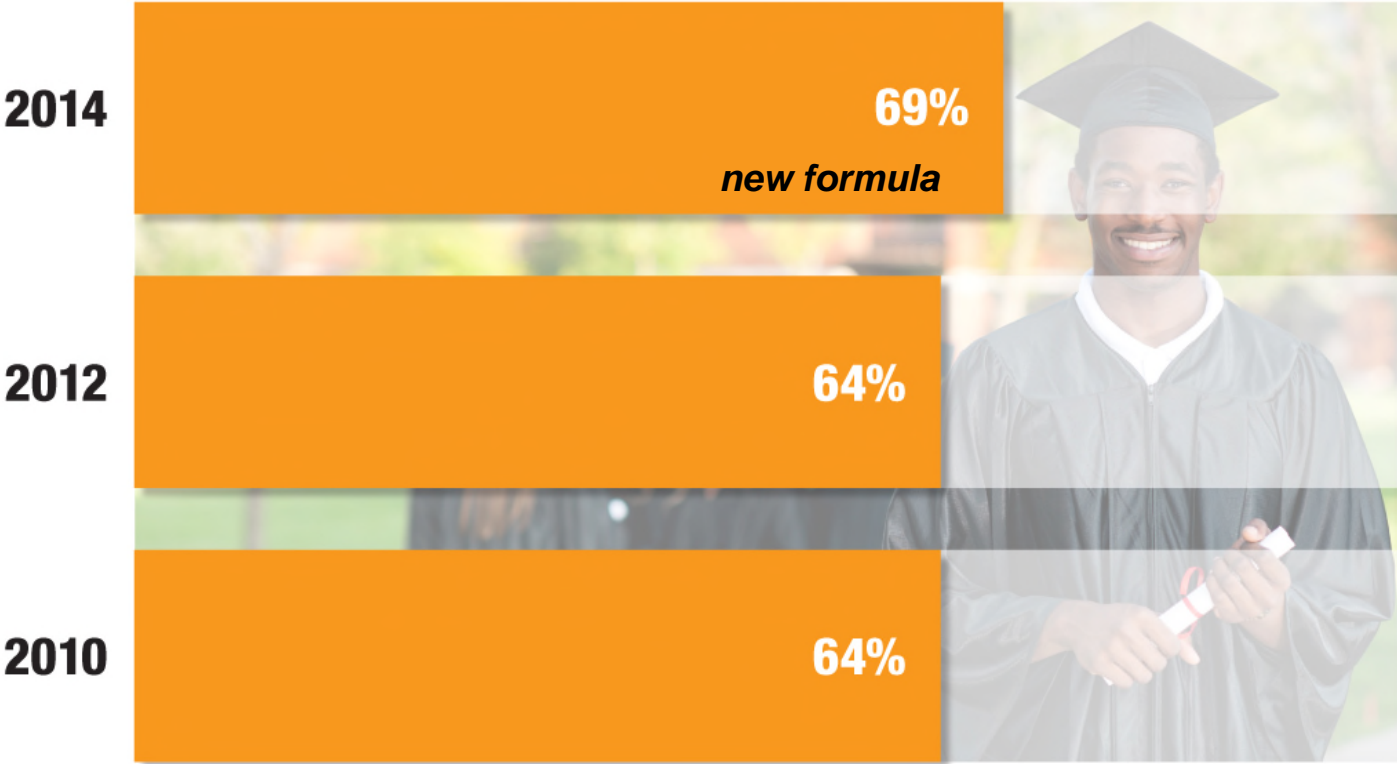


Source: EPI analysis of basic monthly Current Population Survey microdata

Postsecondary Enrollment – SREB States

Rate of recent HS graduates enrolling, Fall 2014

Source: SREB, based on data from states and the National Center for Education Statistics



6-Year College Graduation Rates

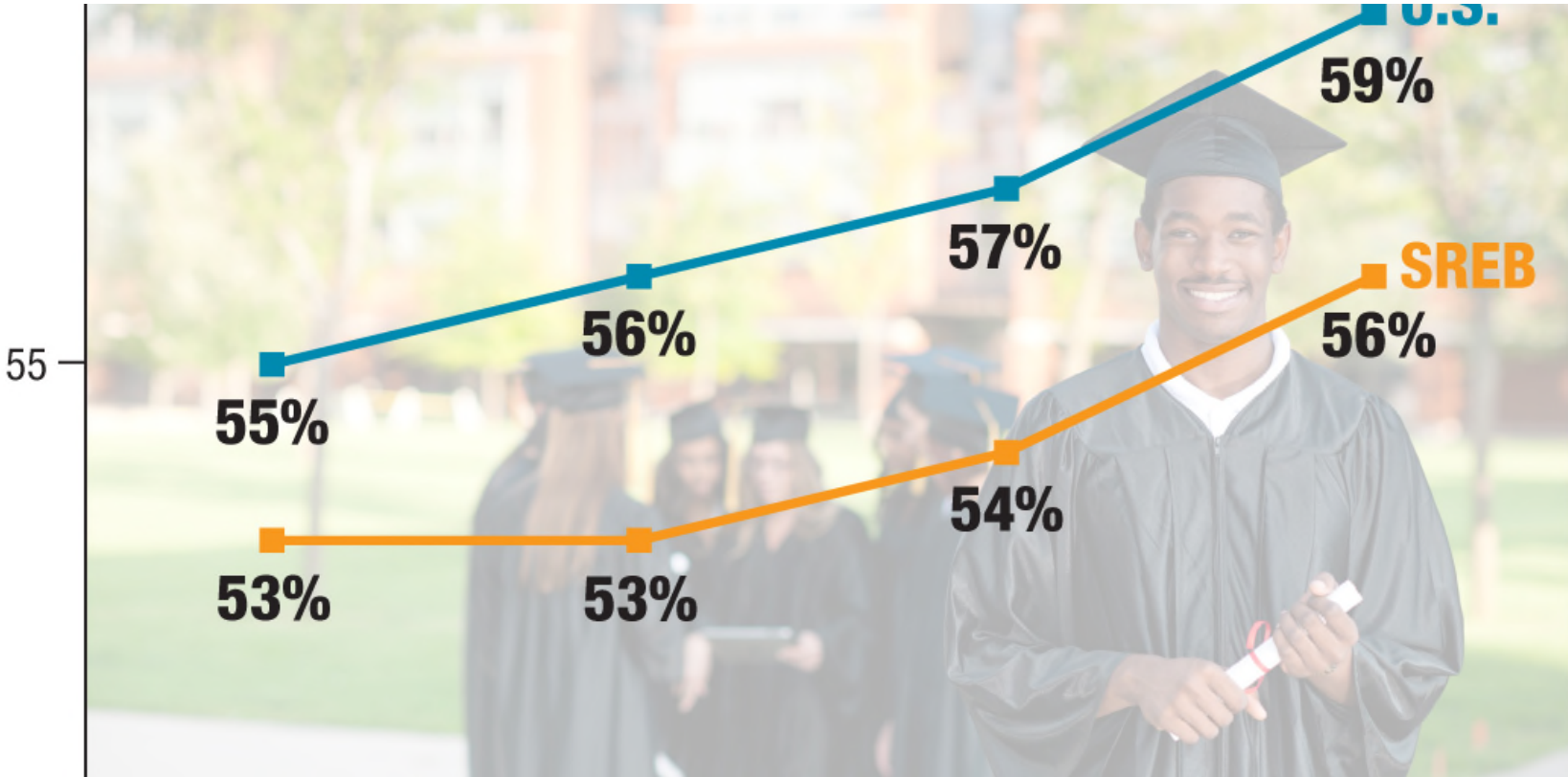
Fall 2008 first-time, full-time freshmen at public 4-year colleges and universities (2014)



Source: SREB Data Exchange

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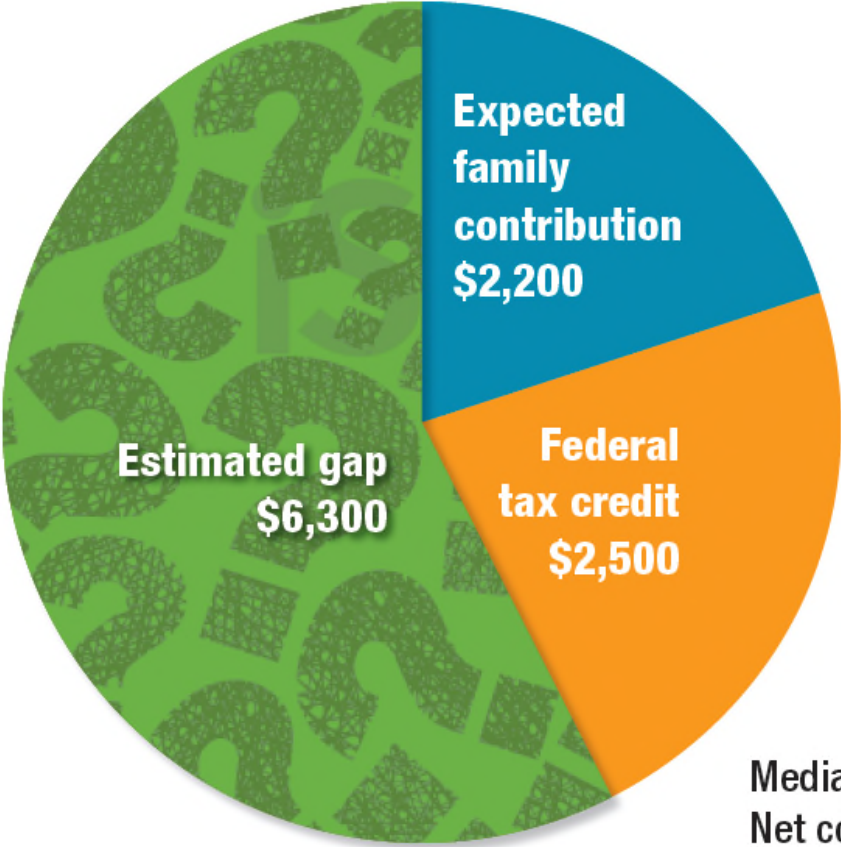
First-time, full-time freshmen starting in fall at public 4-year colleges and universities



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College Affordability Gap

In median SREB state, 2014



What stands in the way of the goal?

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How do we address these concerns?

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*It's about expanding student **horizons**.*



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*It's about charting **pathways** to **SOMEWHERE**.*



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*It's about encouraging dives to **deeper learning**.*



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Discussion

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