2021 Fall Enrollment

Third School Year of Covid-19

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FALL CENSUS

- The Fall Census tells us the total number of students at each public institution

- Later in the year, we collect more detailed information
  - This lets us identify individuals and follow more nuanced trends

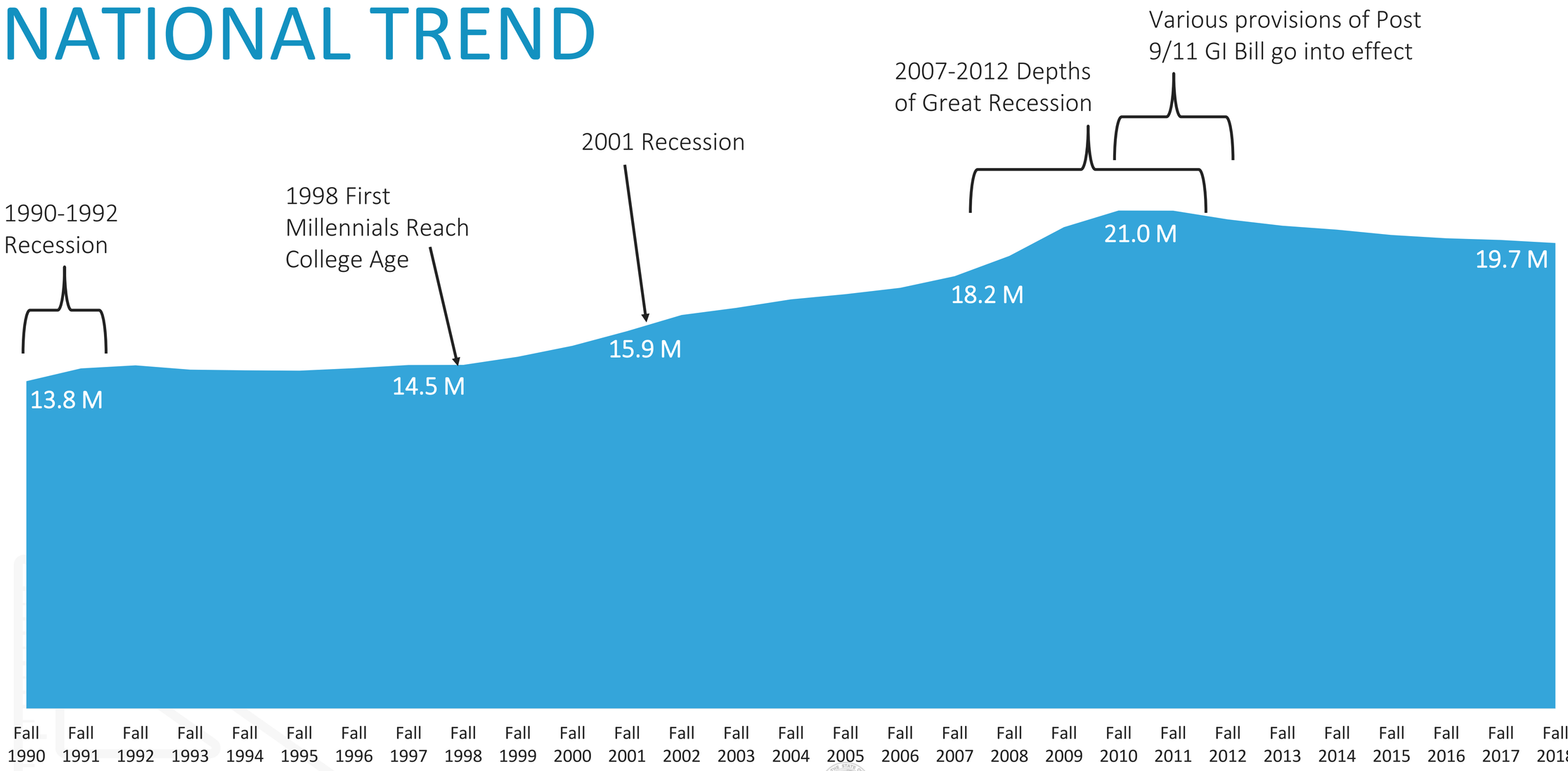
PRELIMINARY TRENDS ACROSS U.S.

- **Undergraduates**
  - Many states seeing declines (AL, PA)
- **Graduate Students**
  - Many states seeing increases (AL, PA)
- **Community Colleges**
  - Mixed results. Some declines (CO, KS); some increases (AL)
- **Four-Year Institutions**
  - Mixed results. Some but not all flagships are up; many but not all regionals are down (AL, IL, KS, NY, OH, TX, WI)

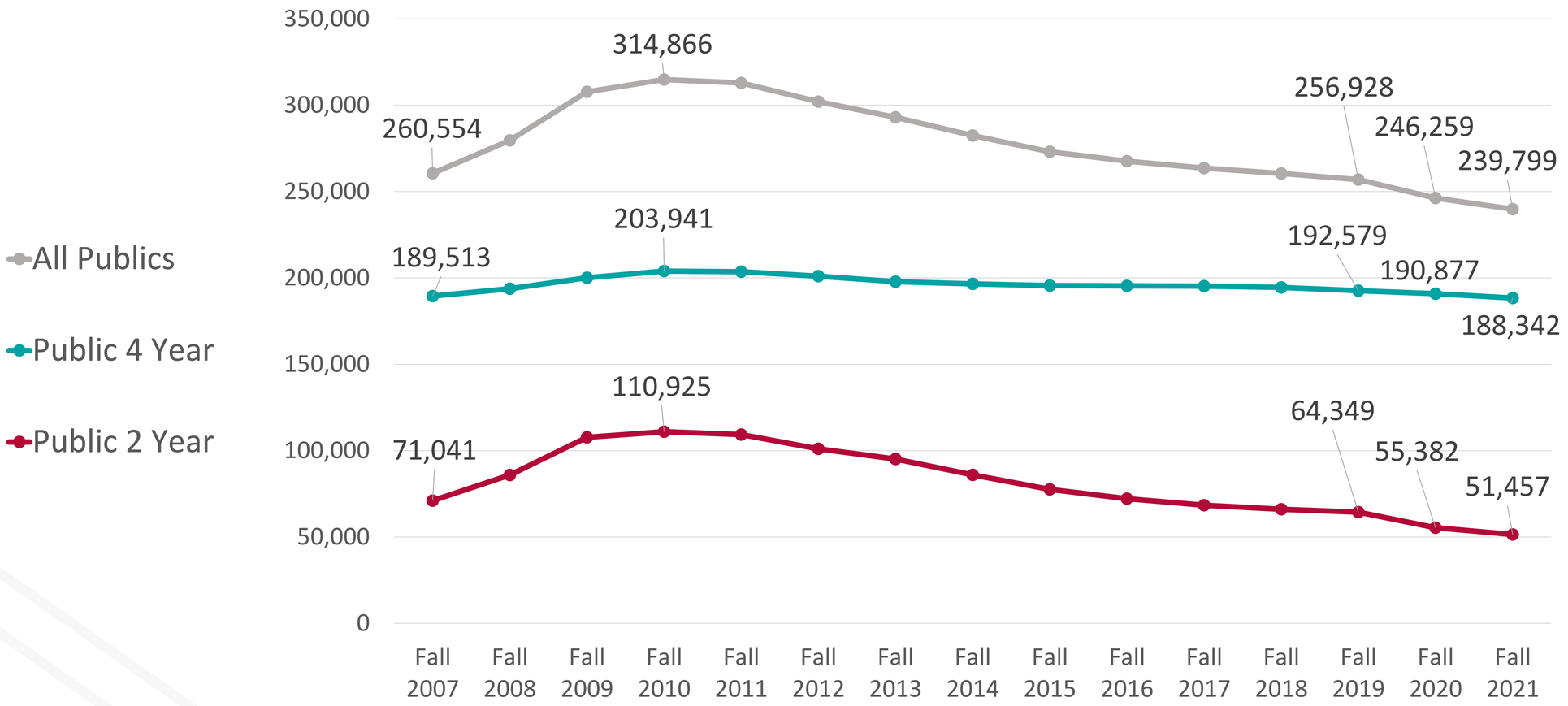
TOTAL FALL ENROLLMENT (HEADCOUNT)

- In Fall 2021…
  - **239,799 degree-seeking students** (down 2.6%)
    - 196,867 undergraduates (down 4.2%)
    - 42,932 graduate students (up 5.3%)
- By Sector…
  - **188,342 at 4-year publics** (down 1.3%)
    - 145,410 undergraduates (down 3.1%)
  - **51,457 at 2-year publics** (down 7.1%)

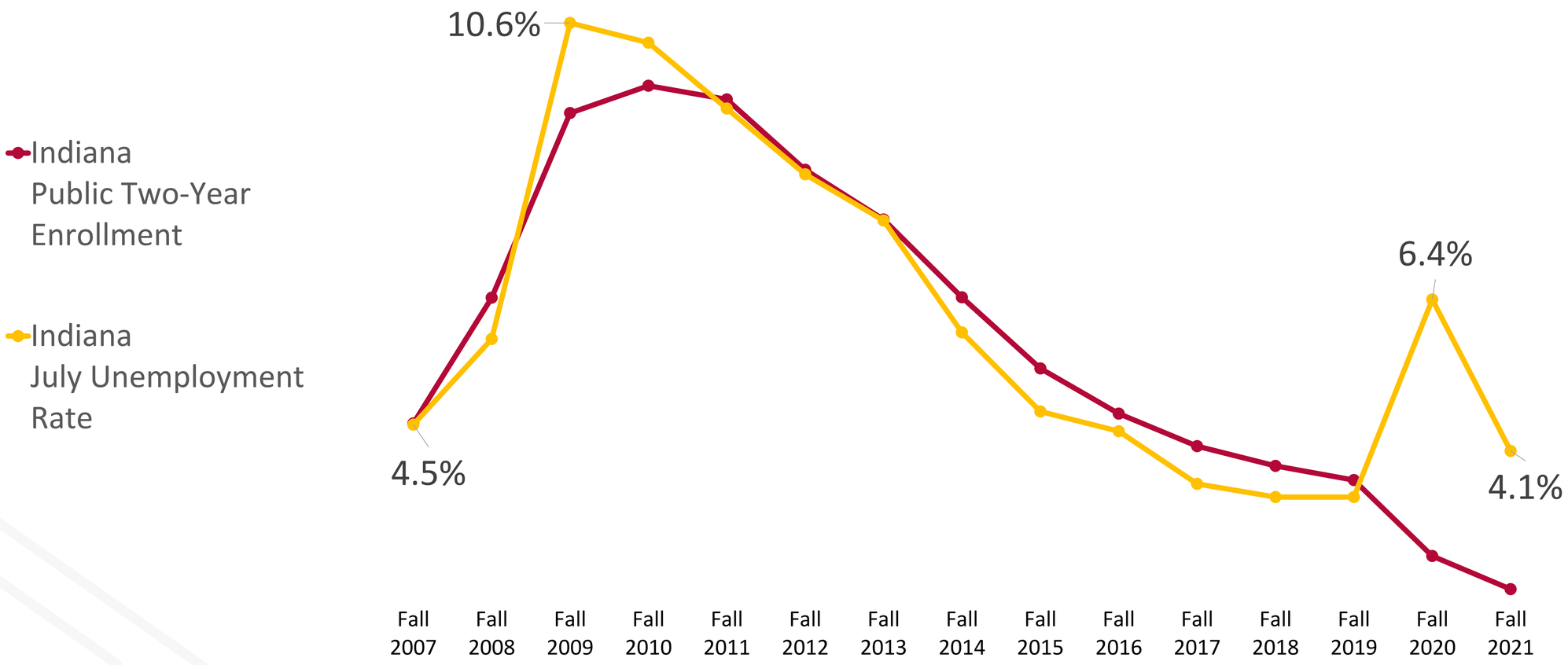
NATIONAL TREND



LONG-TERM TRENDS



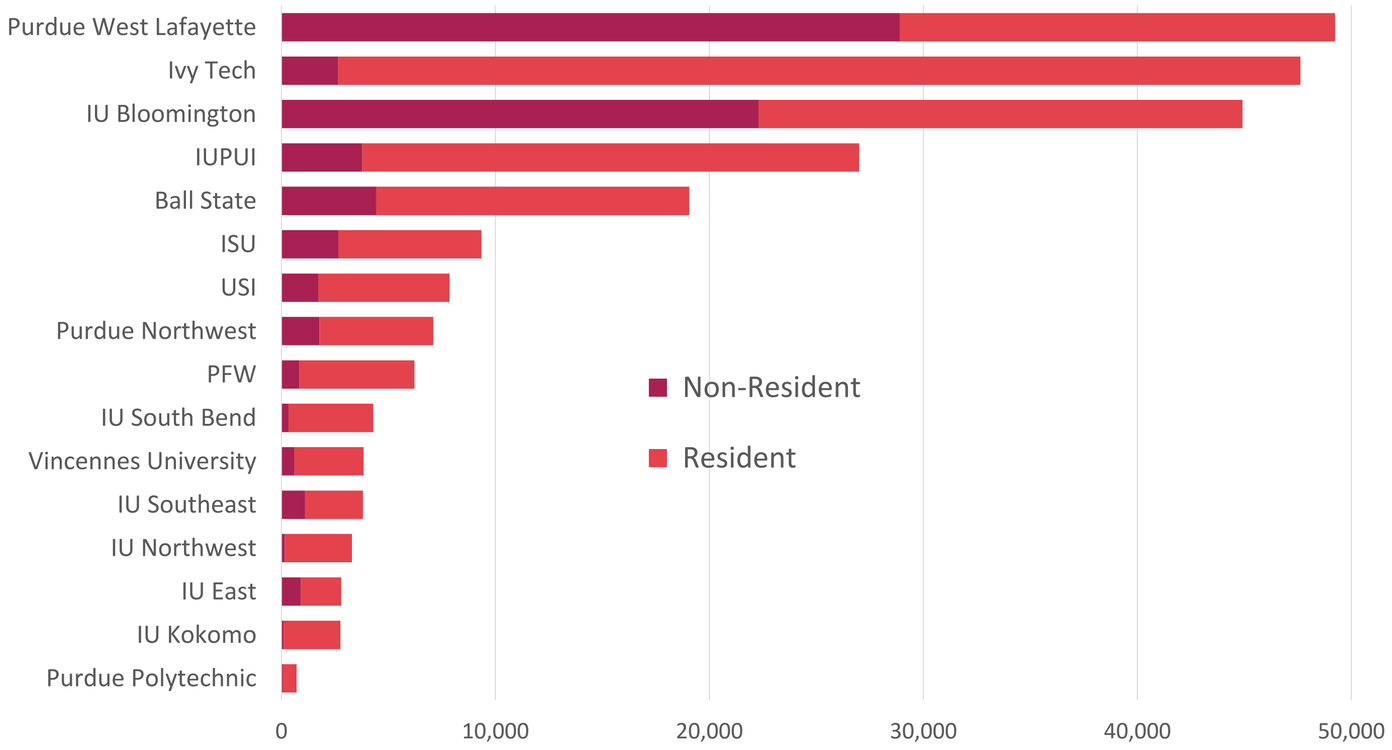
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE & 2-YEAR ENROLLMENT



POSSIBLE FACTORS THAT MAY BE AT PLAY

- Student Decision-Making
  - Childcare struggles
  - Covid health concerns
  - Strained financial situations
  - Covid Unpredictability
    - Changing job hours, school closures, etc.
- Access
  - Lack of adequate internet
- Institutional Musical Chairs
  - Institutions competing for smaller pool of students
  - Students often prefer institutions physically close to home – is that still true for remote learning?

DEGREE-SEEKING ENROLLMENT BY INSTITUTION



Total Fall Enrollment by System/Campus	
IU System	88,843
PU System	63,240
Ivy Tech	47,618
BSU	19,060
ISU	9,348
USI	7,851
VU	3,839

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