

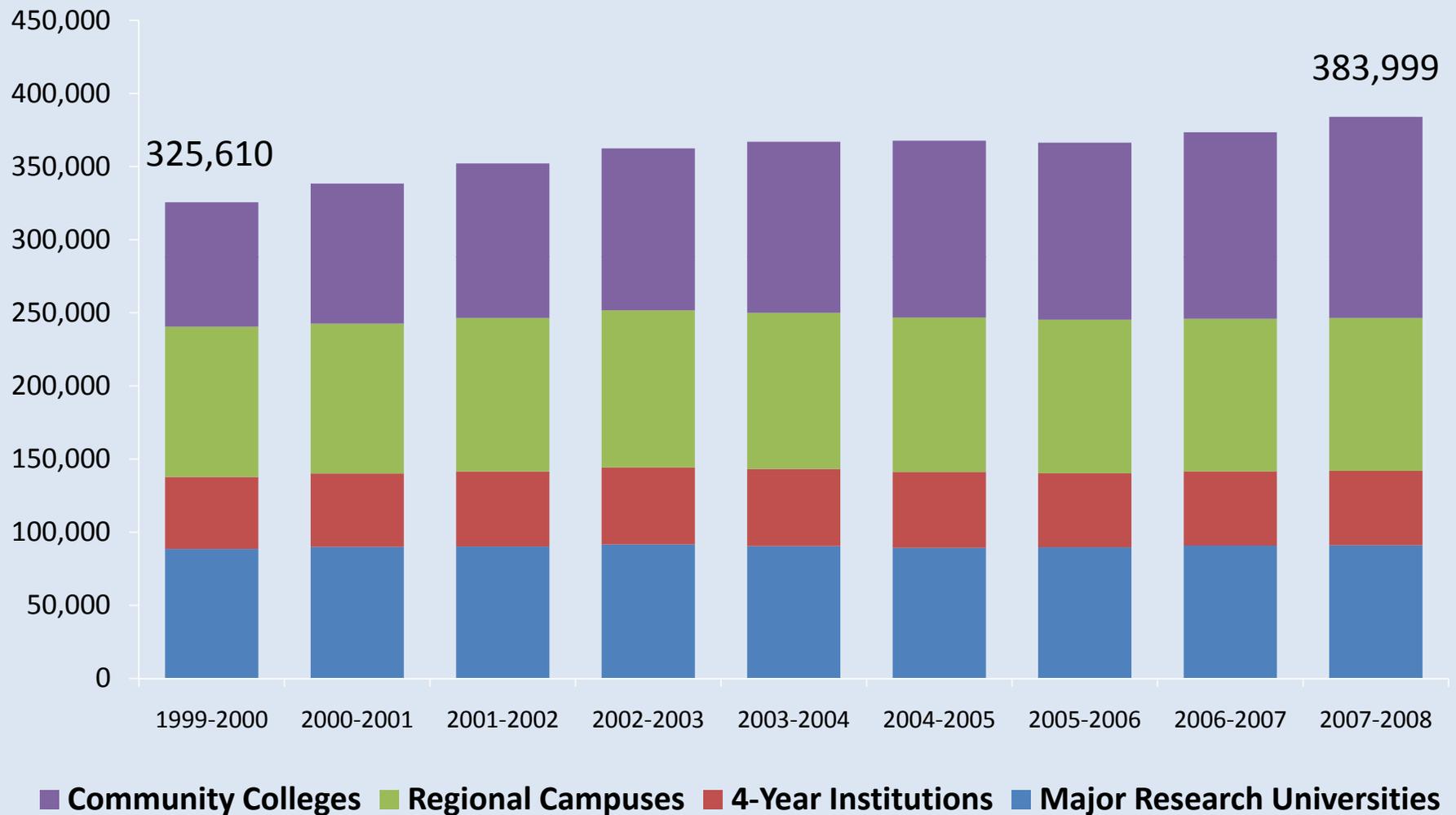
# Degrees of Success: Creating a Culture of College Completion

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# Why focus on college completion?

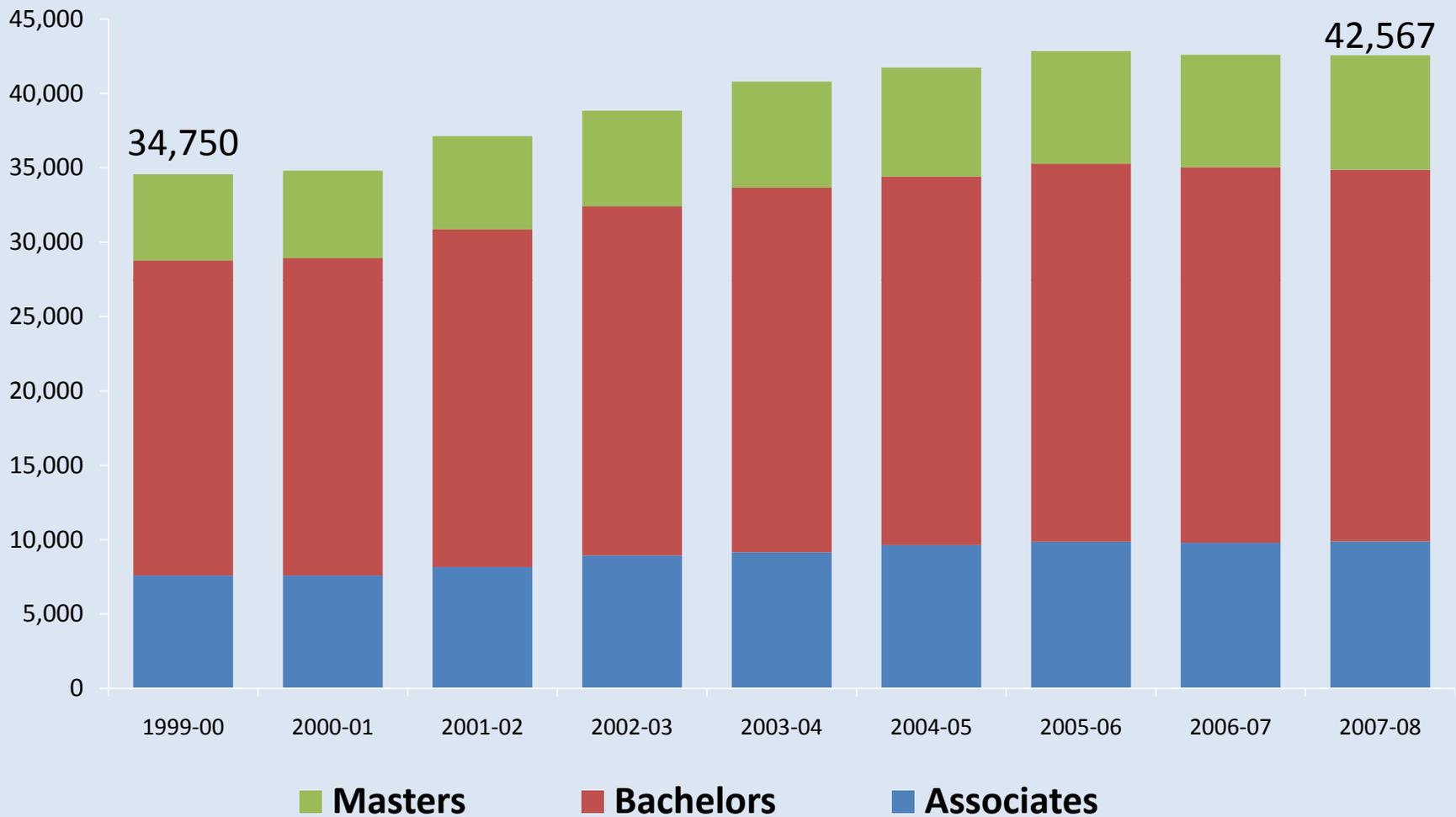
- College access has been top priority in Indiana for the last 20 years.
  - College access has improved educational opportunities for all students and for specific populations, including minority students, women and adults.
- Indiana currently sends more than 63% of its high school graduates directly to college, up from 50% in 1992.

# Enrollment at Indiana's public institutions has increased since 1990.



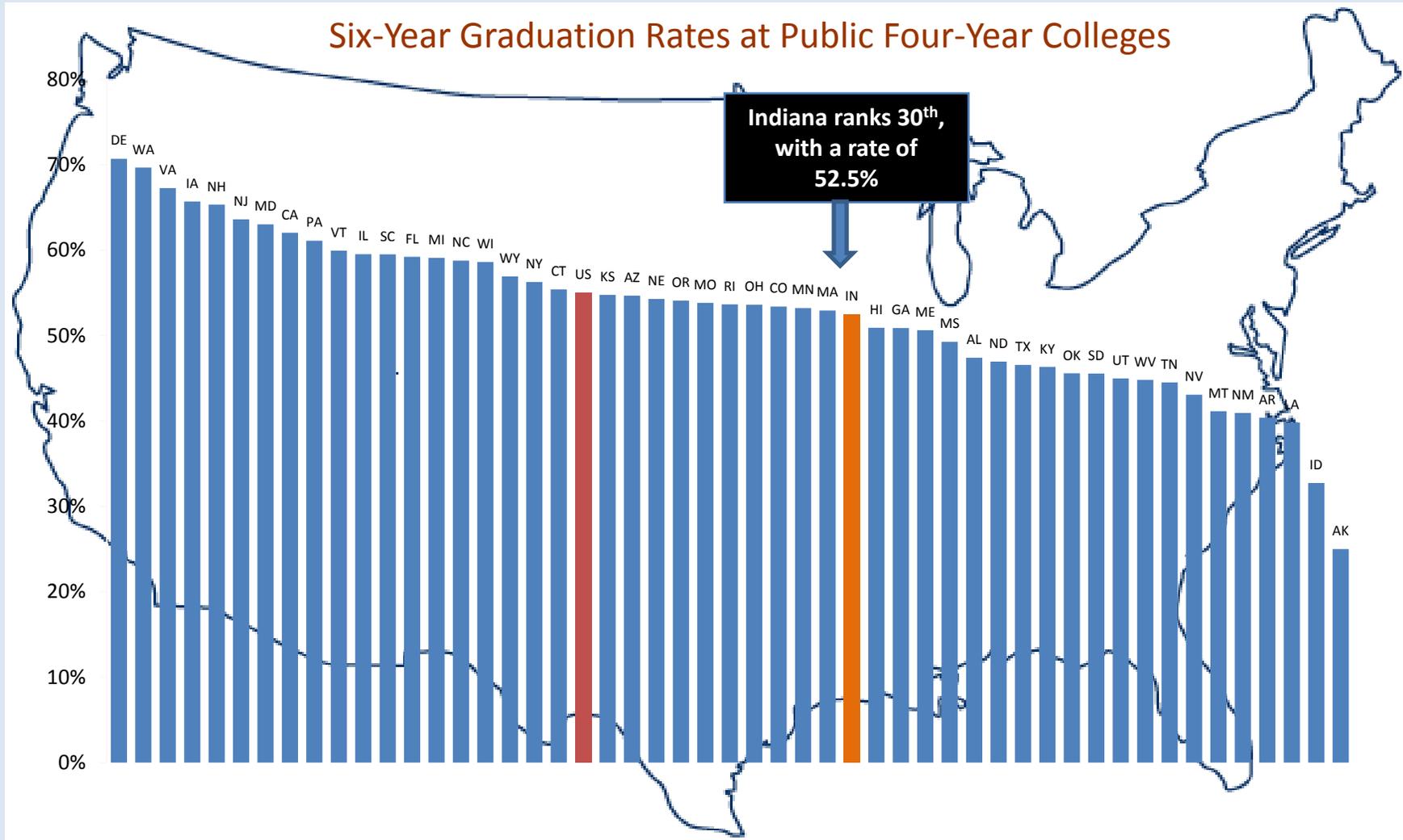
Source: Indiana Commission for Higher Education, Student Information System.

# Indiana's public colleges and universities have increased degree production by 23% since 1999-00.



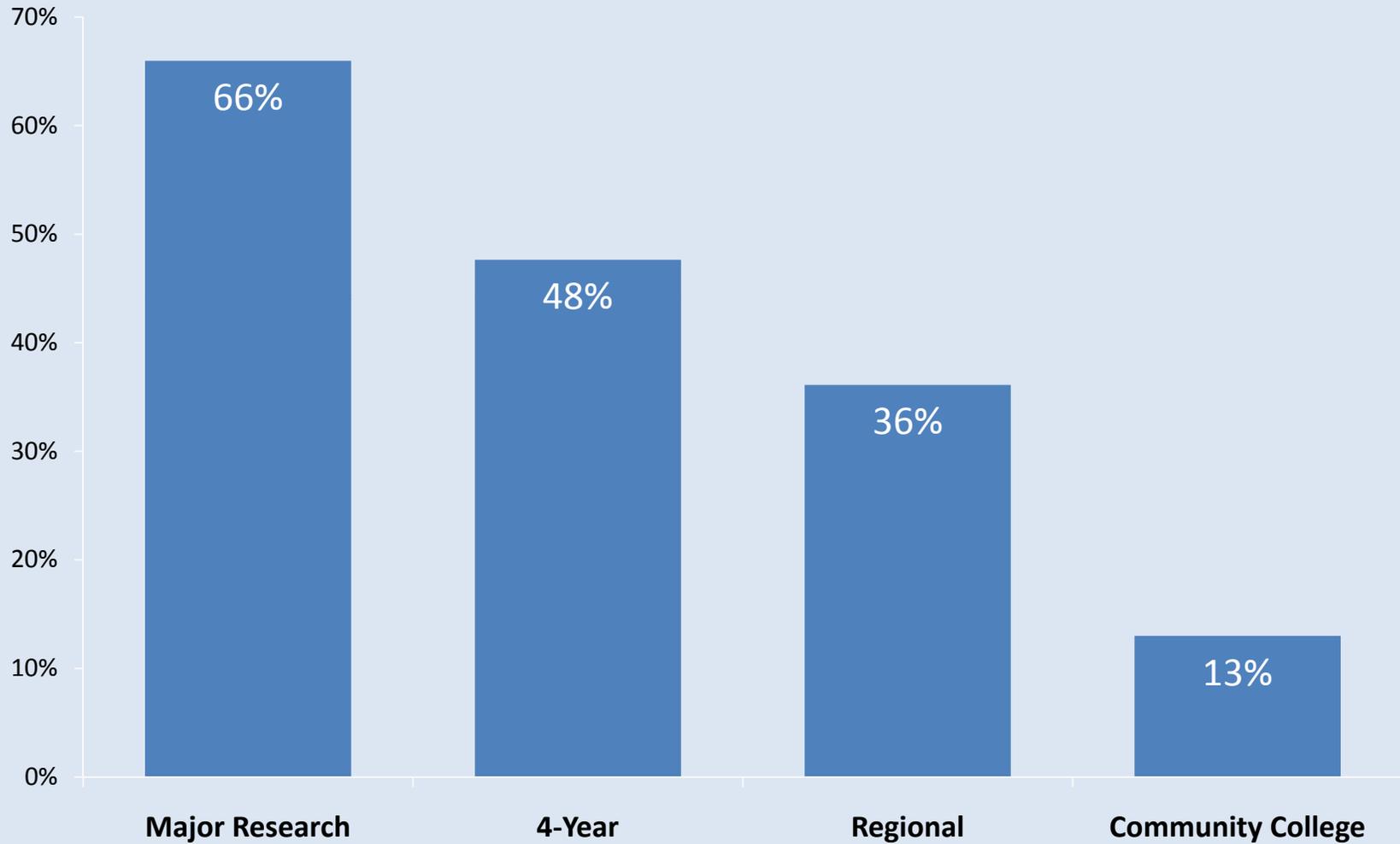
Source: National Center for Education Statistics, IPEDS.

Only 53% of the students who start college seeking a Bachelor's degree in Indiana finish within 6 years (150%).



Source: National Center for Education Statistics, IPEDS Graduation Rate Survey, 2007.

# Public Graduation Rates by Sector (150% Time)



Source: National Center for Education Statistics, IPEDS Graduation Rate Survey, 2007.

# Bachelor's Degree Completion by Family Income

|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| <b>Top Quarter</b>    | <b>72.6%</b> |
| <b>Third Quarter</b>  | <b>27.9%</b> |
| <b>Second Quarter</b> | <b>16.6%</b> |
| <b>Bottom Quarter</b> | <b>12.3%</b> |

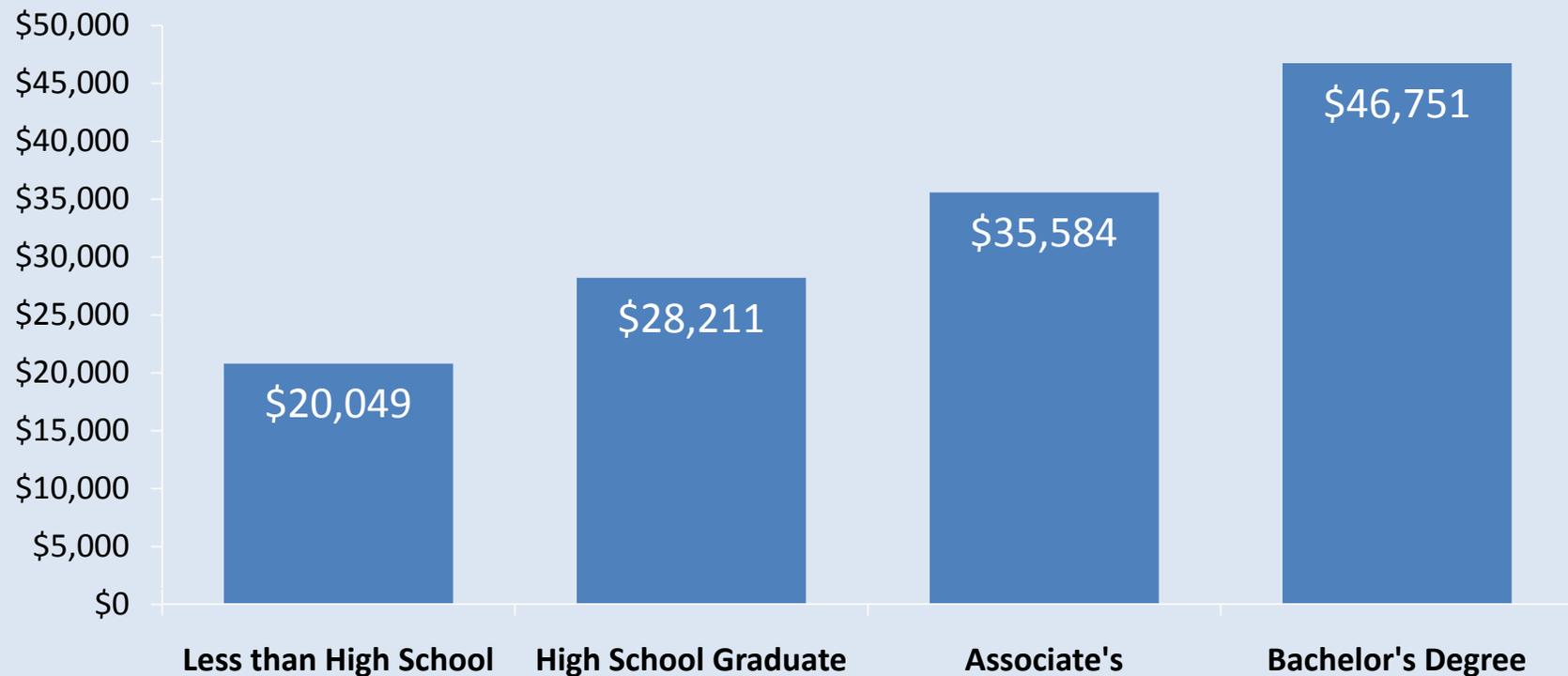
# College Credentials: Ticket to the Middle Class

## College Graduates:

- Earn More
- Use Fewer Social Services
- Contribute to a Larger Tax Base

Bachelor's degree holders can expect to earn an estimated \$1,000,000 more than a high school graduate over the course of a lifetime.

### Average Annual Earnings of Full-time Workers by Degree



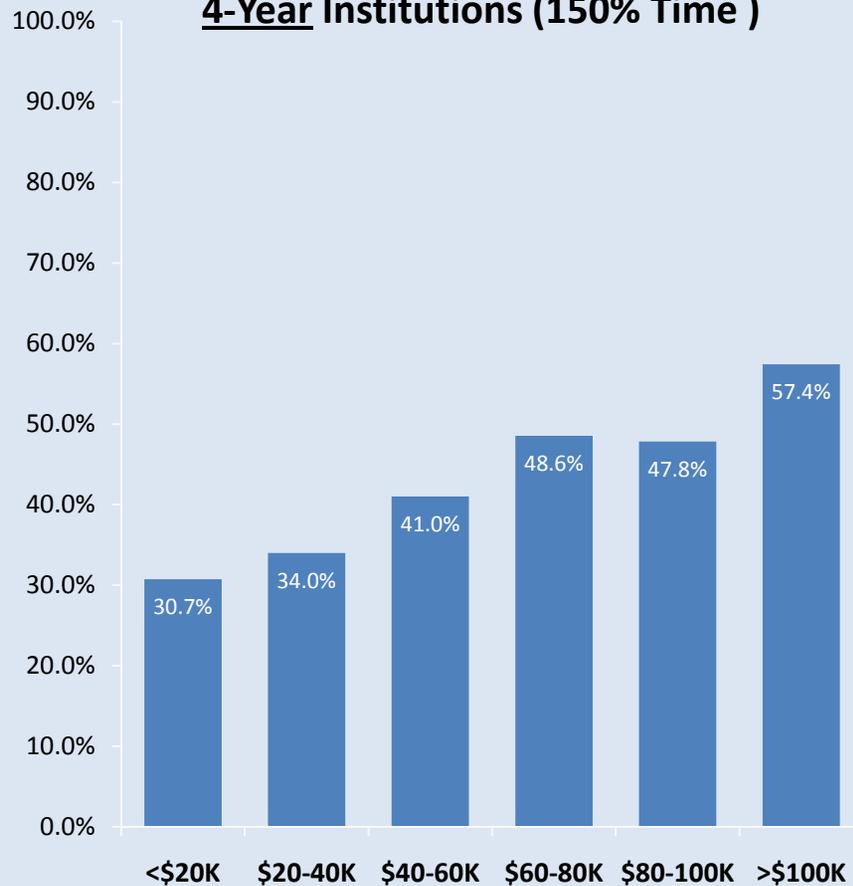
Source: US Census, American Community Survey, 2007.

# Student Loan Debt

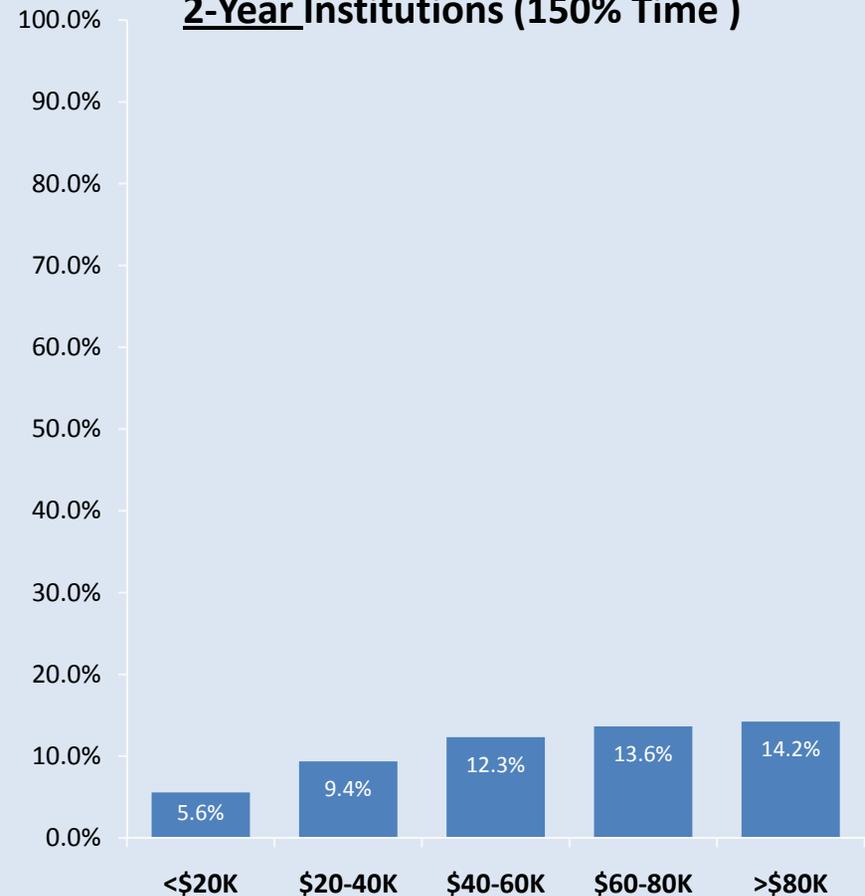
- 60% of Indiana's public and private college students graduate with student loan debt, averaging \$21,283 in 2007.
  - Students who *don't* graduate, but have student loan debt are **10 times more likely to default** on their loans.

# Indiana College Completion by Family Income

**College Completion at Indiana Public  
4-Year Institutions (150% Time )**

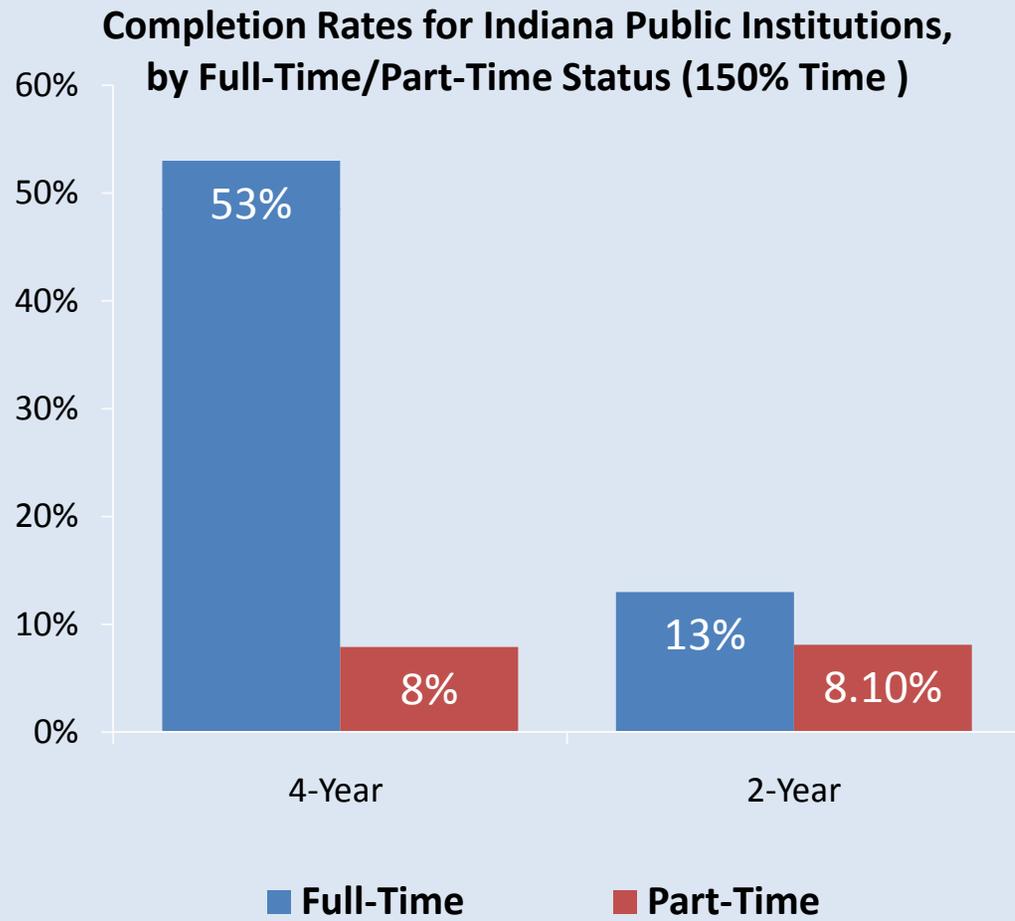


**College Completion at Indiana Public  
2-Year Institutions (150% Time )**



Source: Indiana Commission for Higher Education, Student Information System, 2007.

# Students who start college part-time are less likely to graduate than those who start as full-time students.



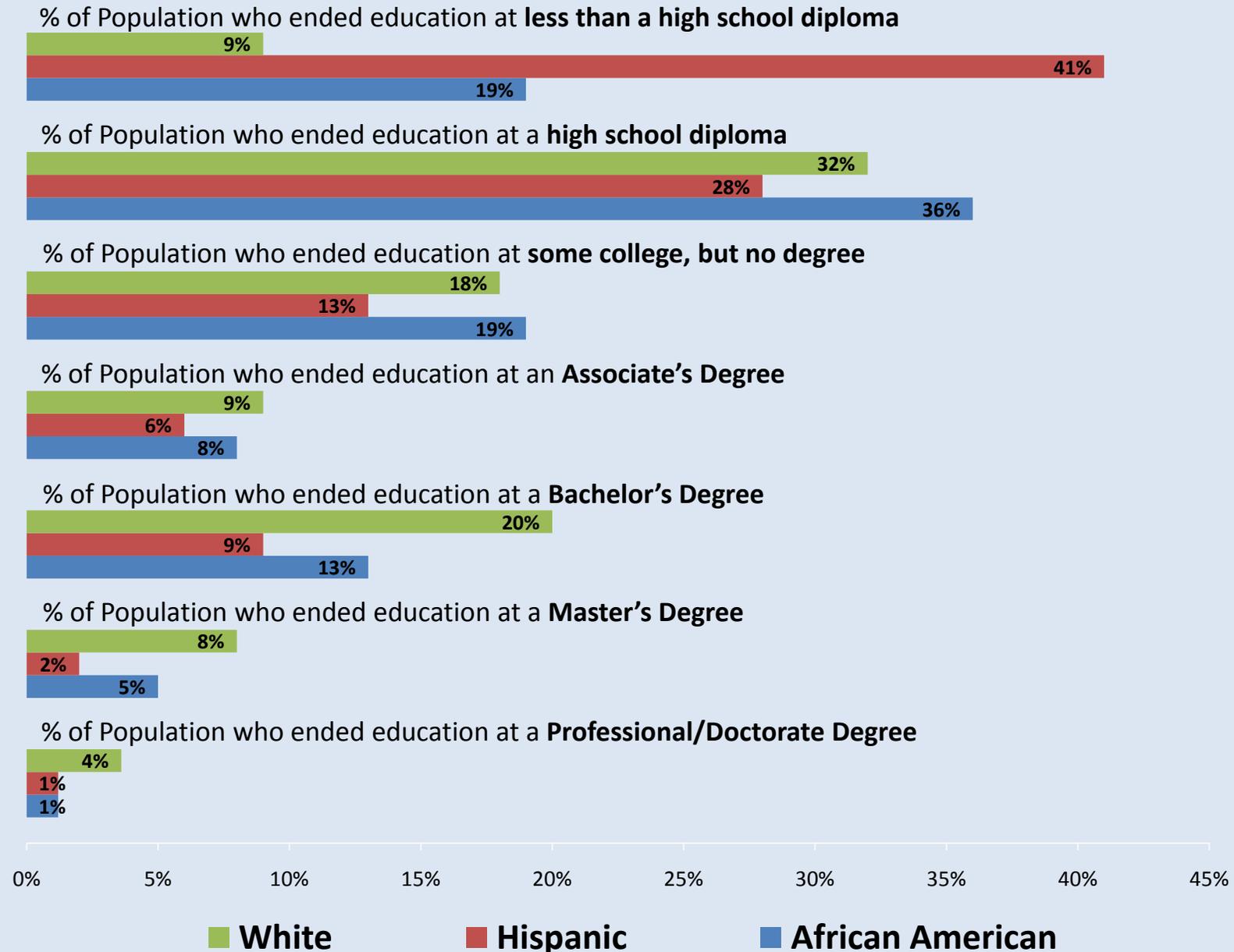
While only 8% of students who start part-time at an Indiana community college complete a credential within 3 years, that number more than doubles when the time to degree is extended to 7 years.

# Racial and Ethnic Minorities are less likely to enter college

## National College Entry Rate

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| African American | 55.2% |
| Hispanic         | 63.9% |
| White            | 69.6% |

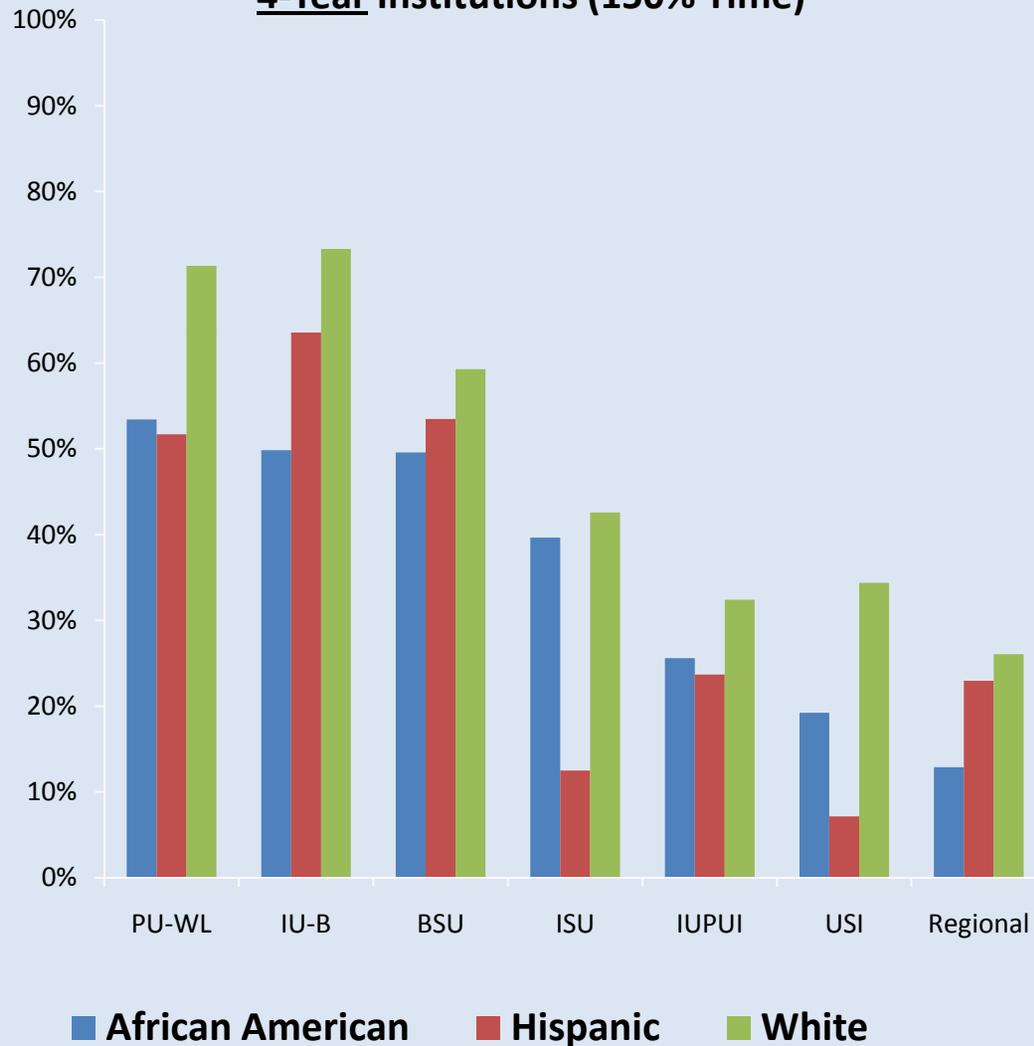
# Highest Level of Education Attained, by Race/Ethnicity



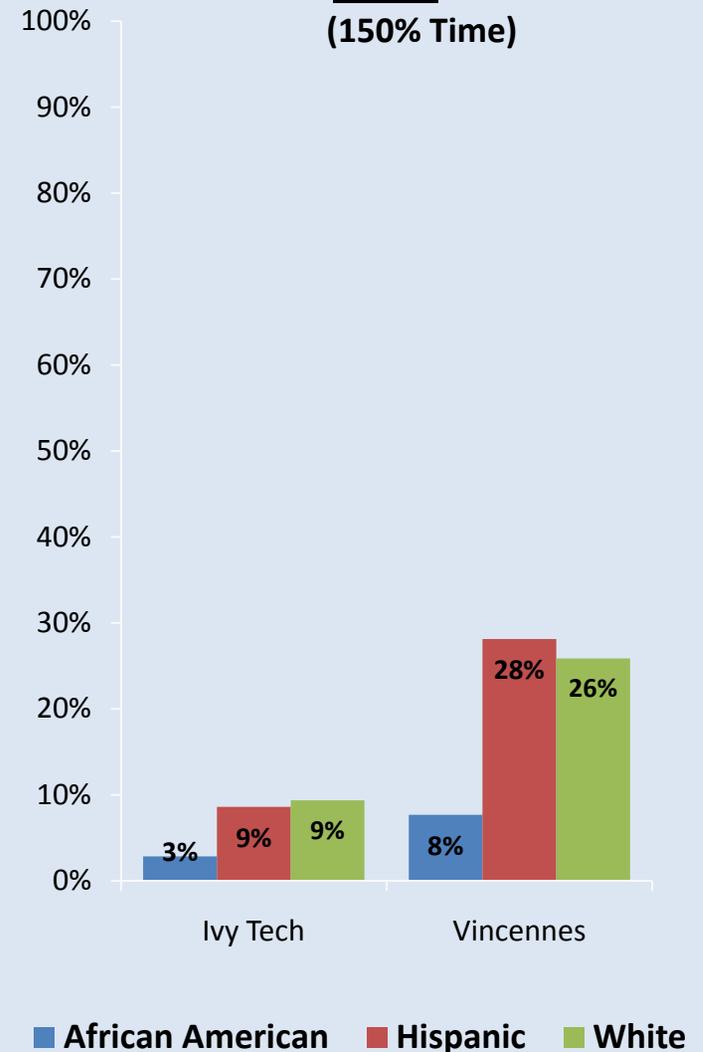
Source: Mortenson, Postsecondary Opportunity. [www.postsecondary.org](http://www.postsecondary.org)

# Racial and Ethnic Minority Student Completion

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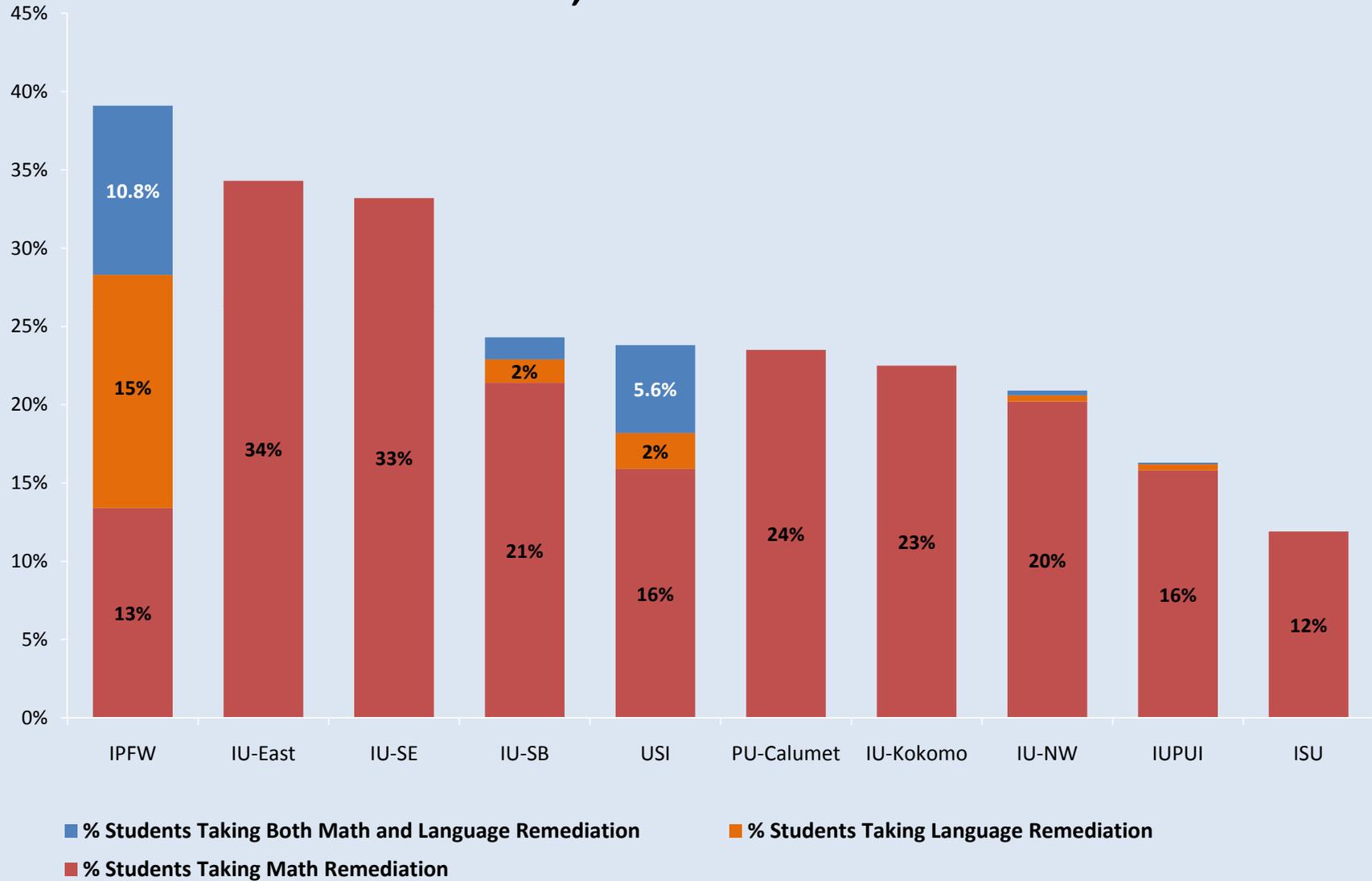


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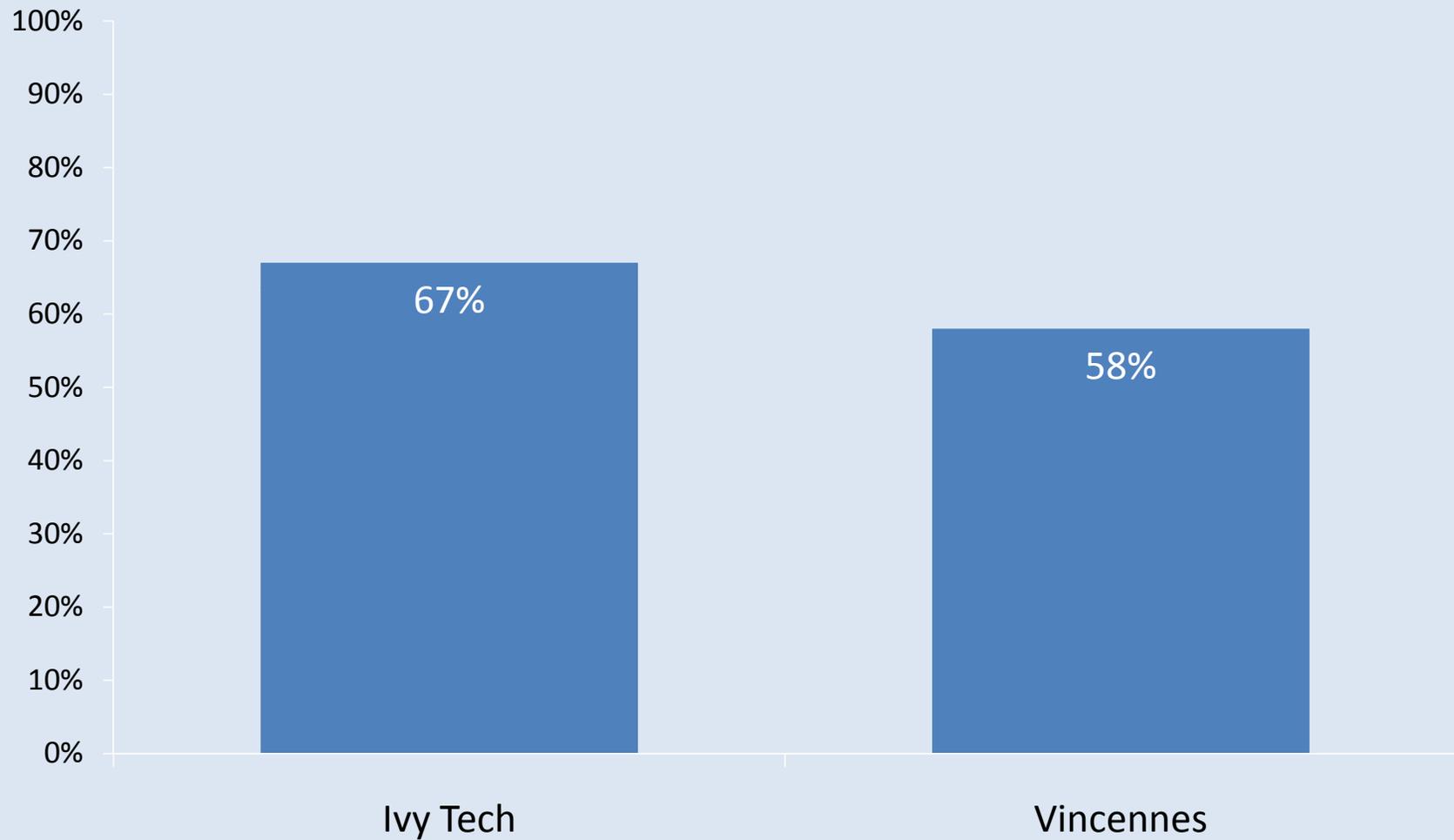
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# Remediation Needs of Recent High School Graduates, 4-Year Institutions

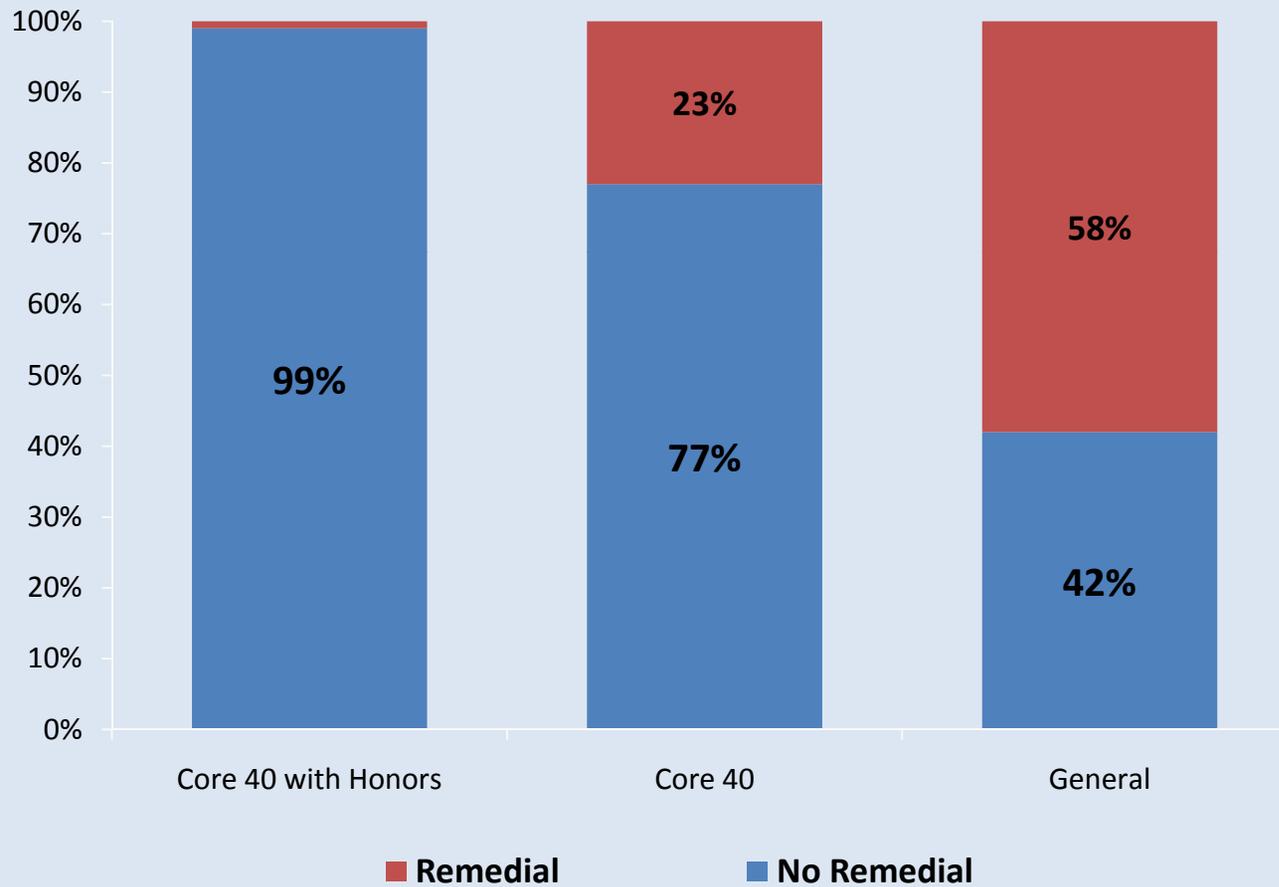


Source: ICHE Data Warehouse, 06-07 annual SIS data submissions. Purdue University North Central did not report any remediation for recent high school graduates.

# Remediation Needs of Recent High School Graduates, Community Colleges

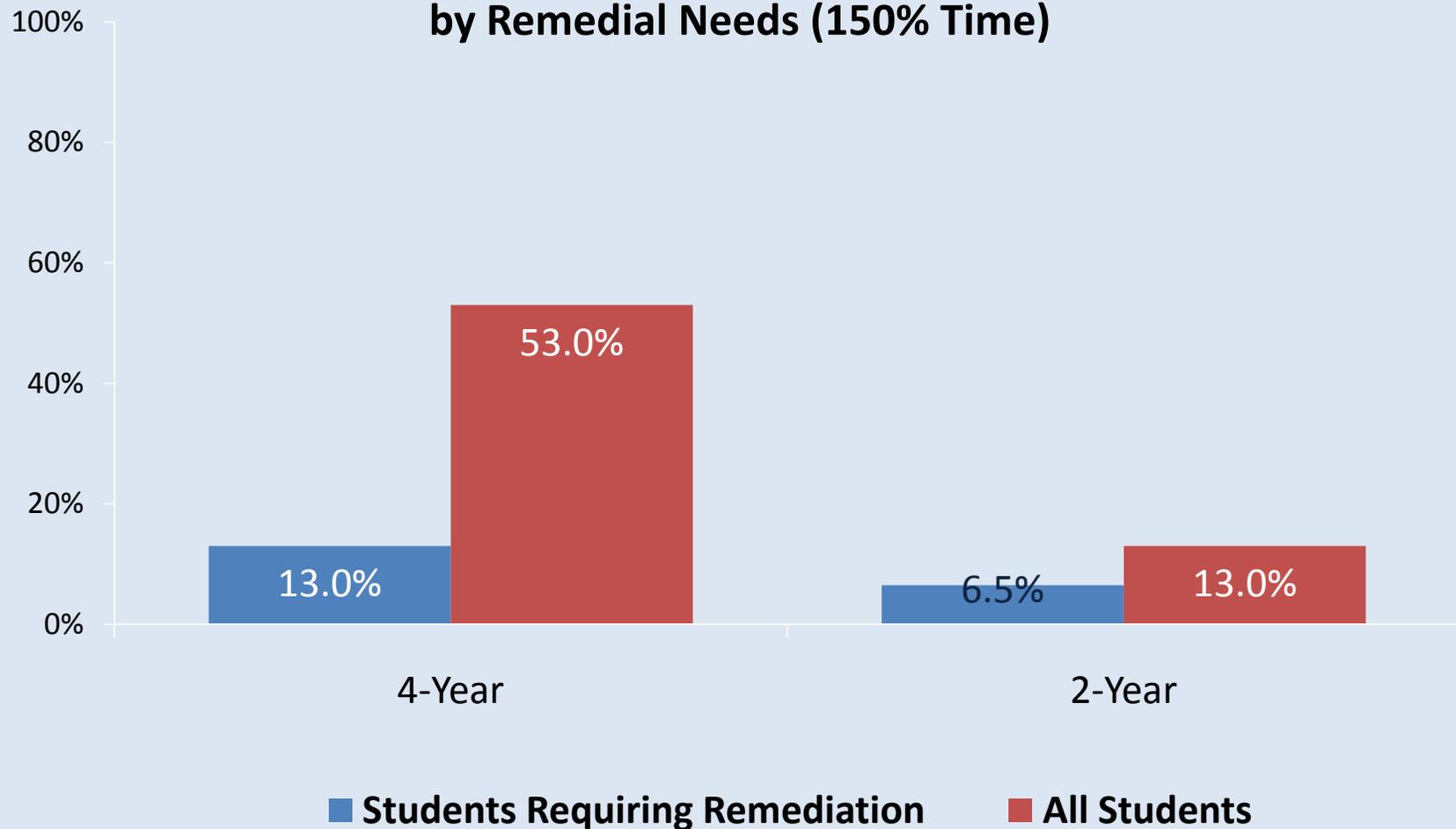


# Remediation Needs by High School Diploma Type



Students who enter college unprepared are less likely to complete.

**Completion Rates for Indiana Public Institutions,  
by Remedial Needs (150% Time)**



Source: Indiana Commission for Higher Education, Student Information System, 2007.

## Some things we know about students who are most likely to complete college...

- Enter college directly after high school
- Enter college as full-time students
- Enter college with no remedial needs
- Engaged in campus life quickly, and build relationships with faculty, staff and other students
- Make it through “gateway” courses and have academic success

**This is what today is all about.**

# Reaching Higher with College Completion

## *Moving From Access to Success*

- The Commission has recently adopted the ambitious goal of increasing the number of degrees produced in Indiana by the equivalent of 10,000 per year through 2025.
  - In 2001, 27,101 students entered one of Indiana's public higher education institutions to earn a Bachelor's Degree.
  - In 2007, 14,501 had earned a Bachelor's Degree.
    - Indiana lost 12,600 potential degrees, from students who were *already engaged in college*.

# The Challenge

- Focus on college completion
  - Learn more about what works in improving college completion
  - Share what we know
  - Remove barriers to college success

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