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Kentucky Adult Education

Progress Update

Presentation to the Council on Postsecondary Education

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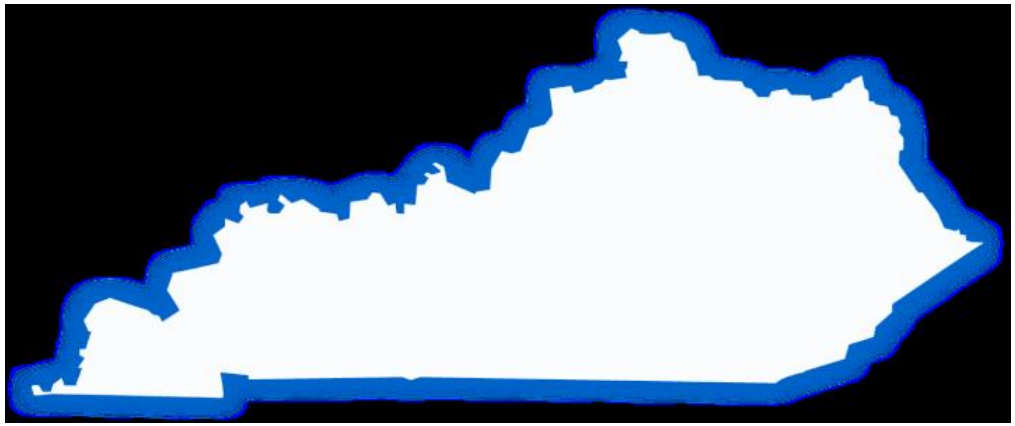
KENTUCKY COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

The Challenge:

"Adult illiteracy is a fundamental barrier to every major challenge facing Kentucky, including early childhood education, education reform, economic development, and improving the health and well-being of Kentucky's families and communities."

The Adult Education Act of 2000

Kentucky continues to rank low in many quality of life and standard of living indicators including: obesity, lung cancer, heart disease, poverty, incarceration rates, and per capita personal income.

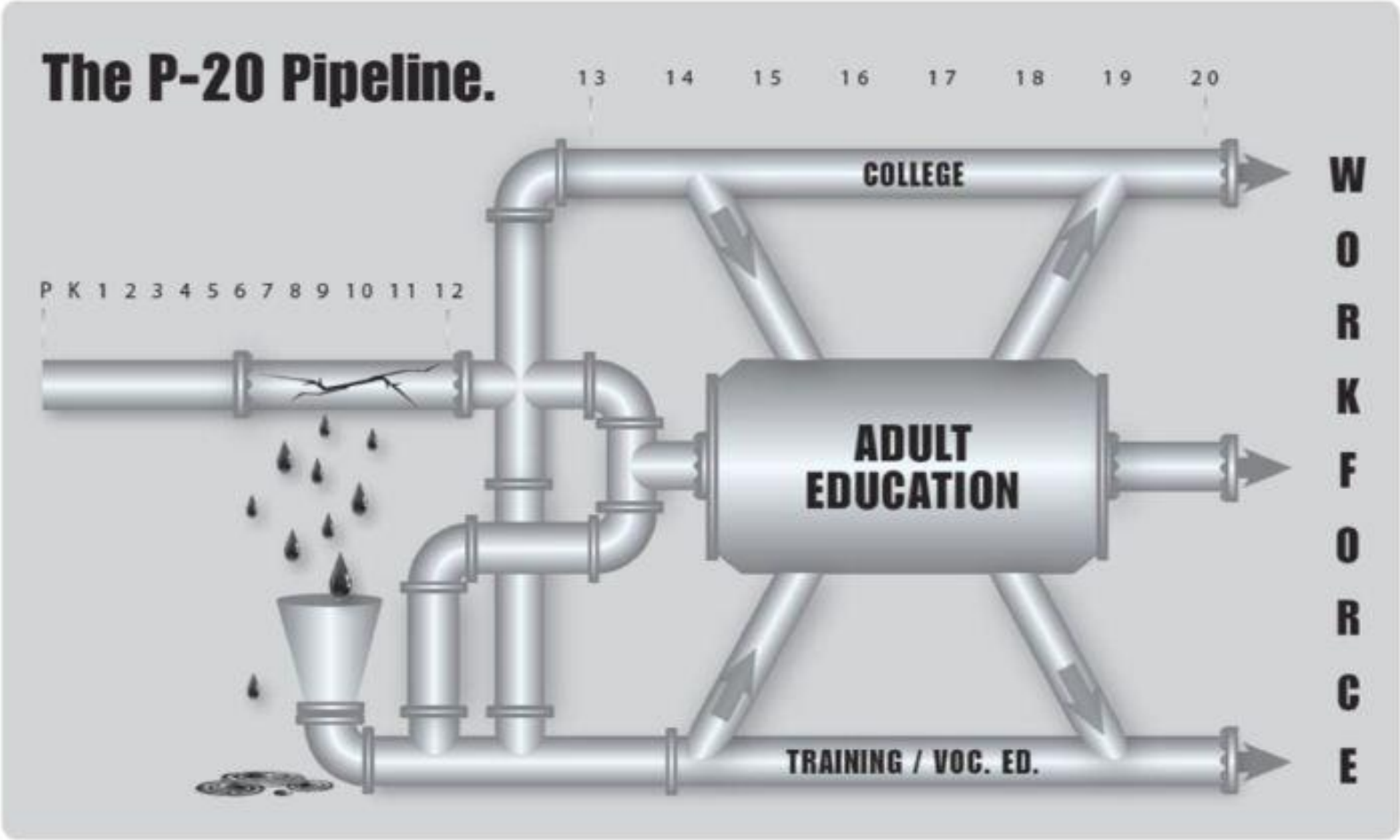


A Global War for Good Jobs is Coming

At the current rate, employers in 2025 will need about 23 million more degree holders than our nation's colleges and universities will have produced.

Approximately 2/3 of the nation's college completion goal will come from non-traditional students entering and staying in the pipeline.

The Leaky Pipeline



By 2018, 54% of all jobs in Kentucky will require some level of postsecondary education.

Between now and 2018, Kentucky will need to fill 617,000 vacancies resulting from job creation, worker retirements and other factors. Of these job vacancies, 330,000 will require postsecondary credentials.

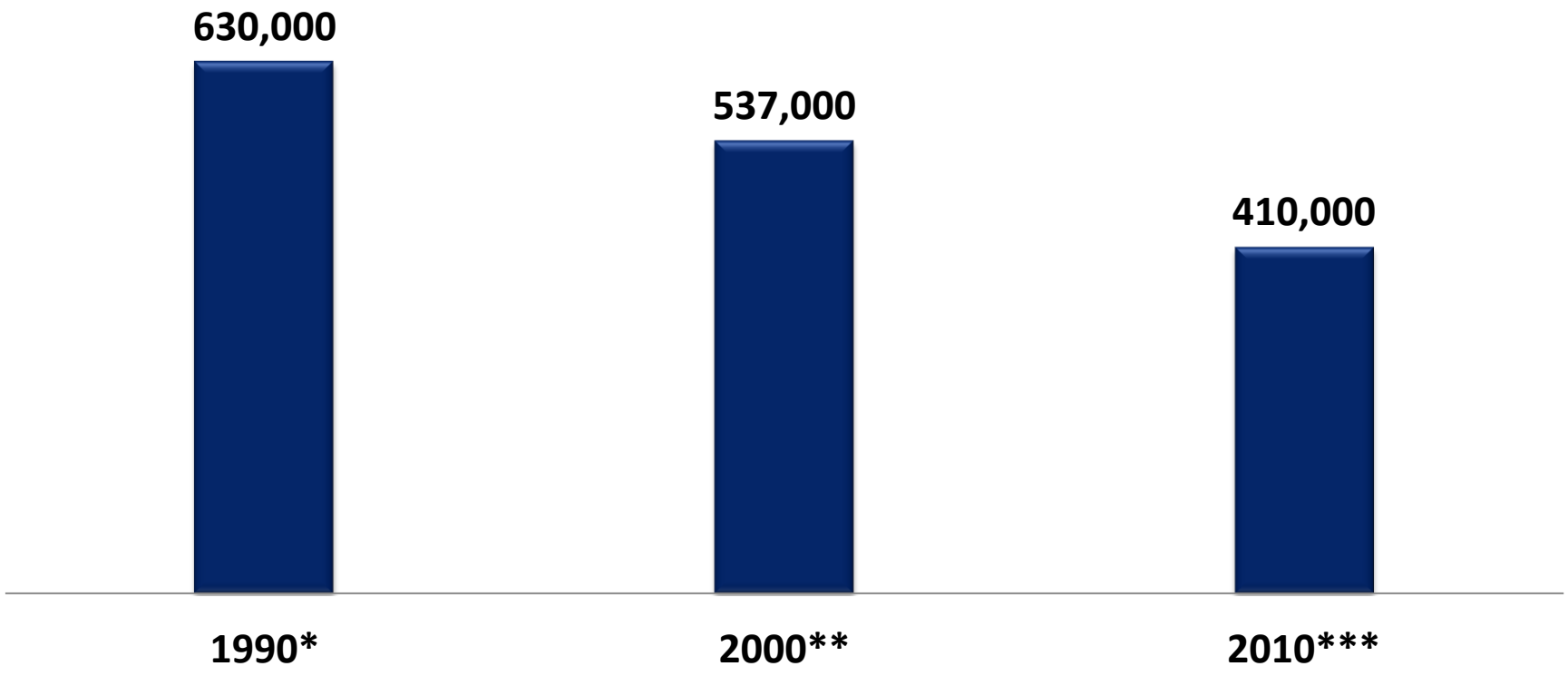
-Center on Education and the Workforce, Georgetown University, 2010

HOW IS KENTUCKY DOING?

Kentucky's Adult Education System

Decades of Progress

Population, 18-64, without a High School Credential



* 1990 U.S. Census
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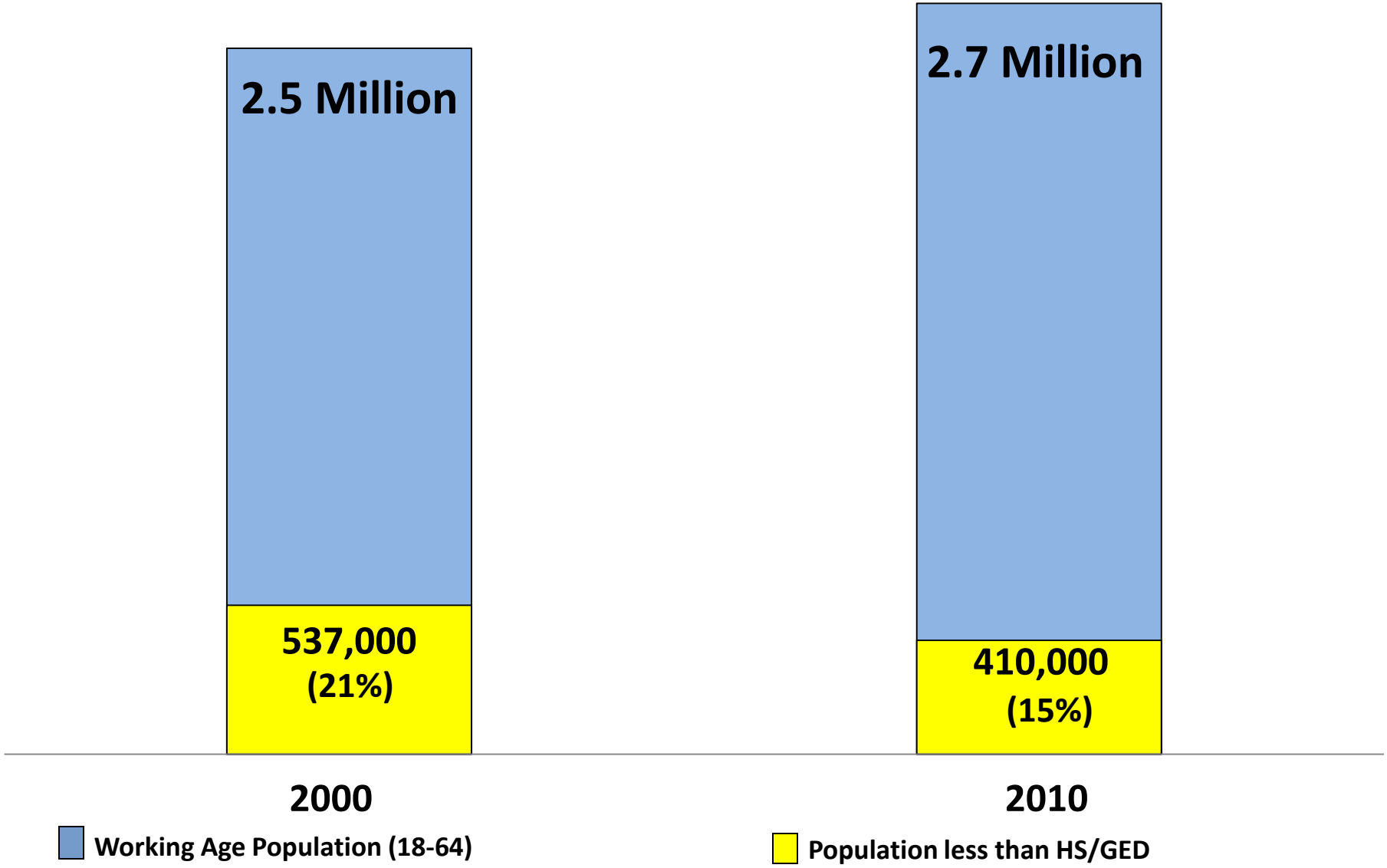
Working Age Population in Need of High School Equivalency…….A Decade of Progress



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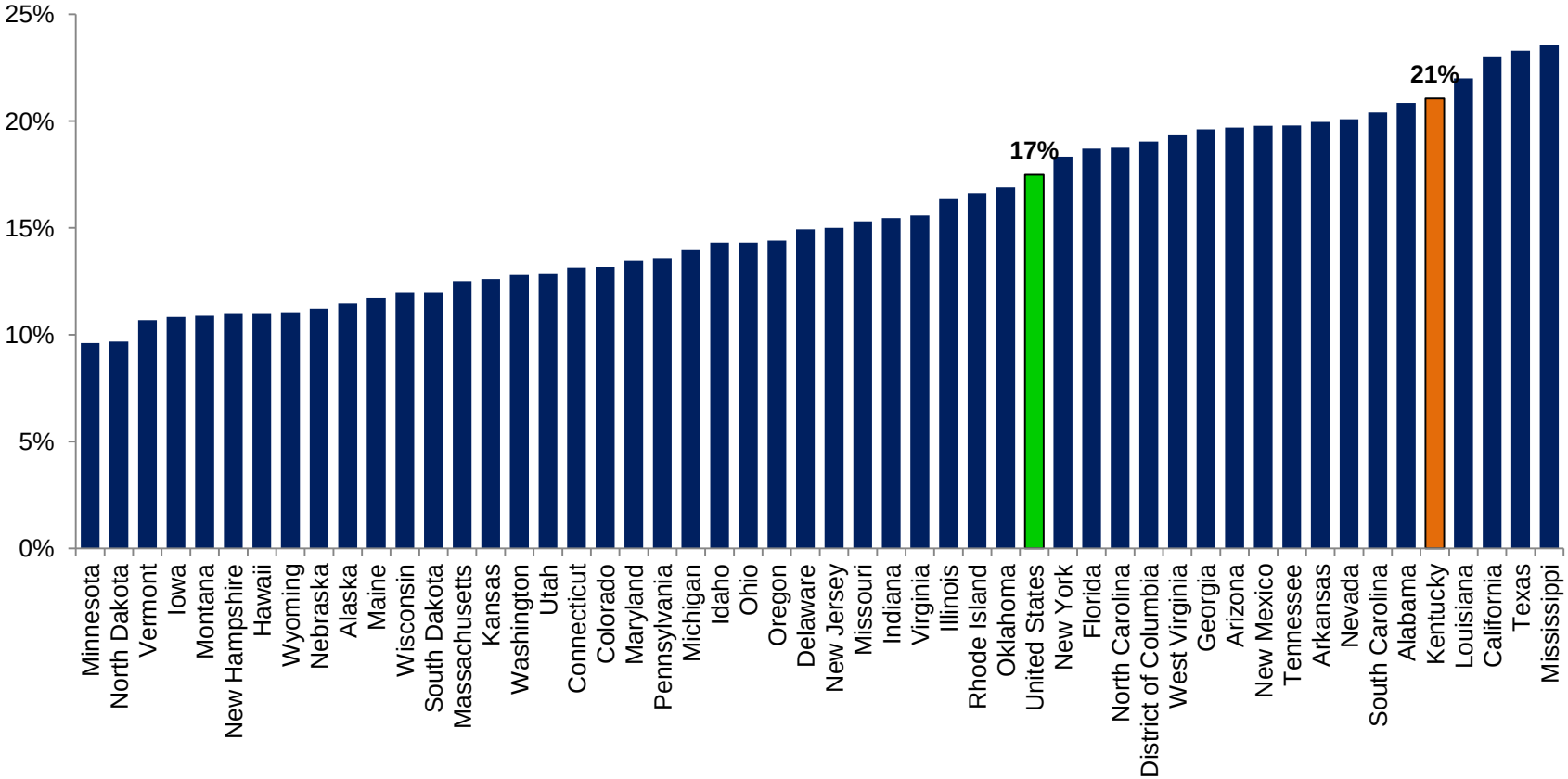

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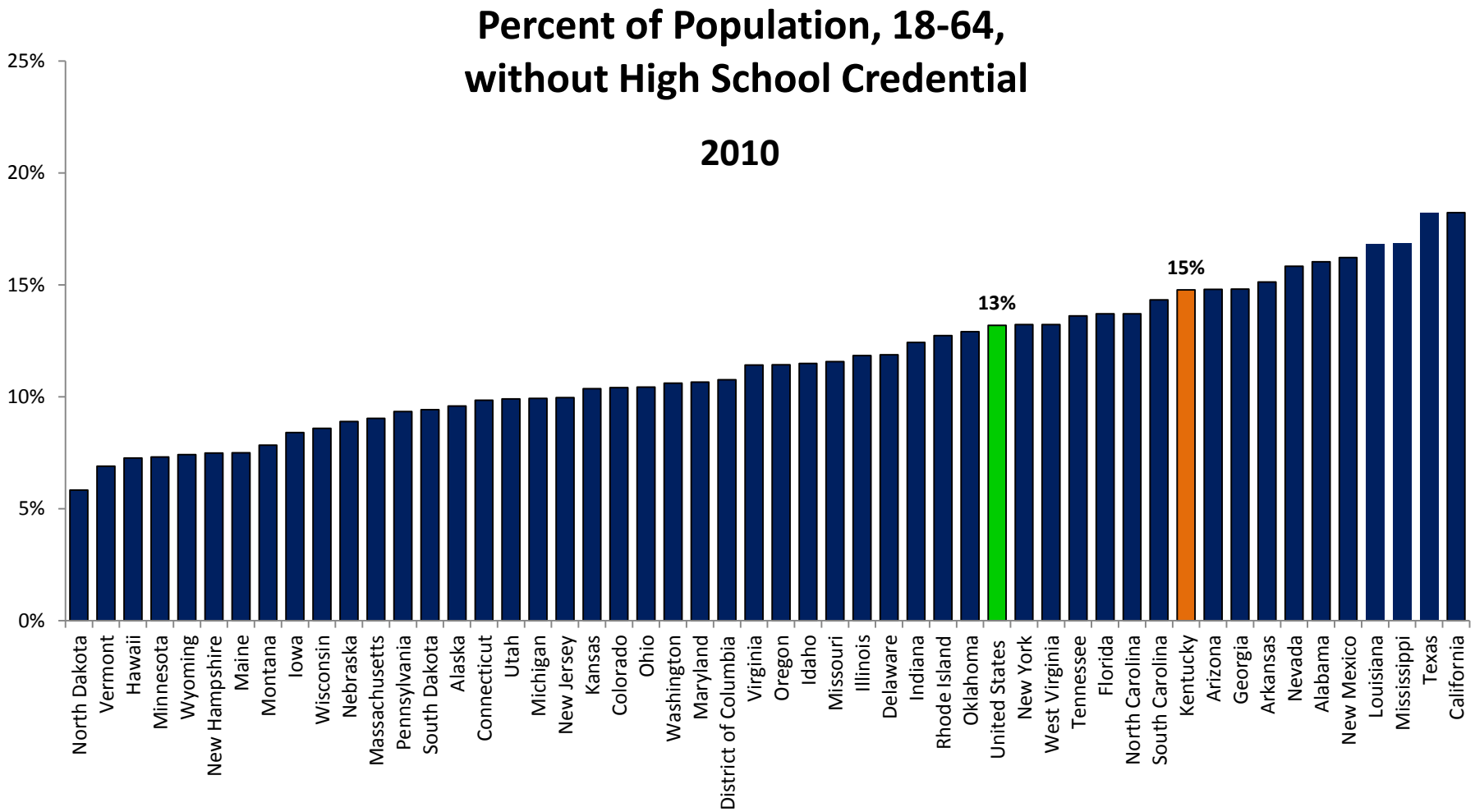

Source: 2010 American Community Survey, 1 year estimates

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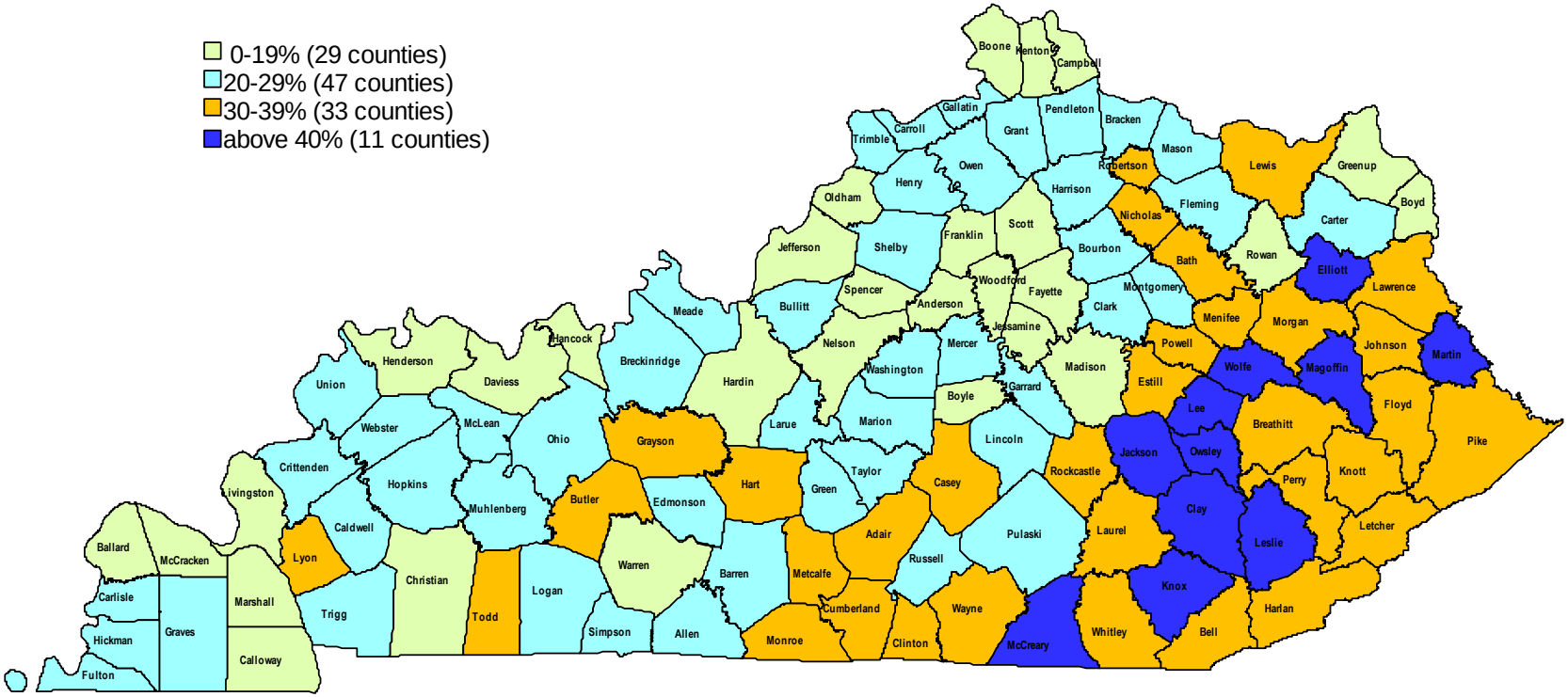

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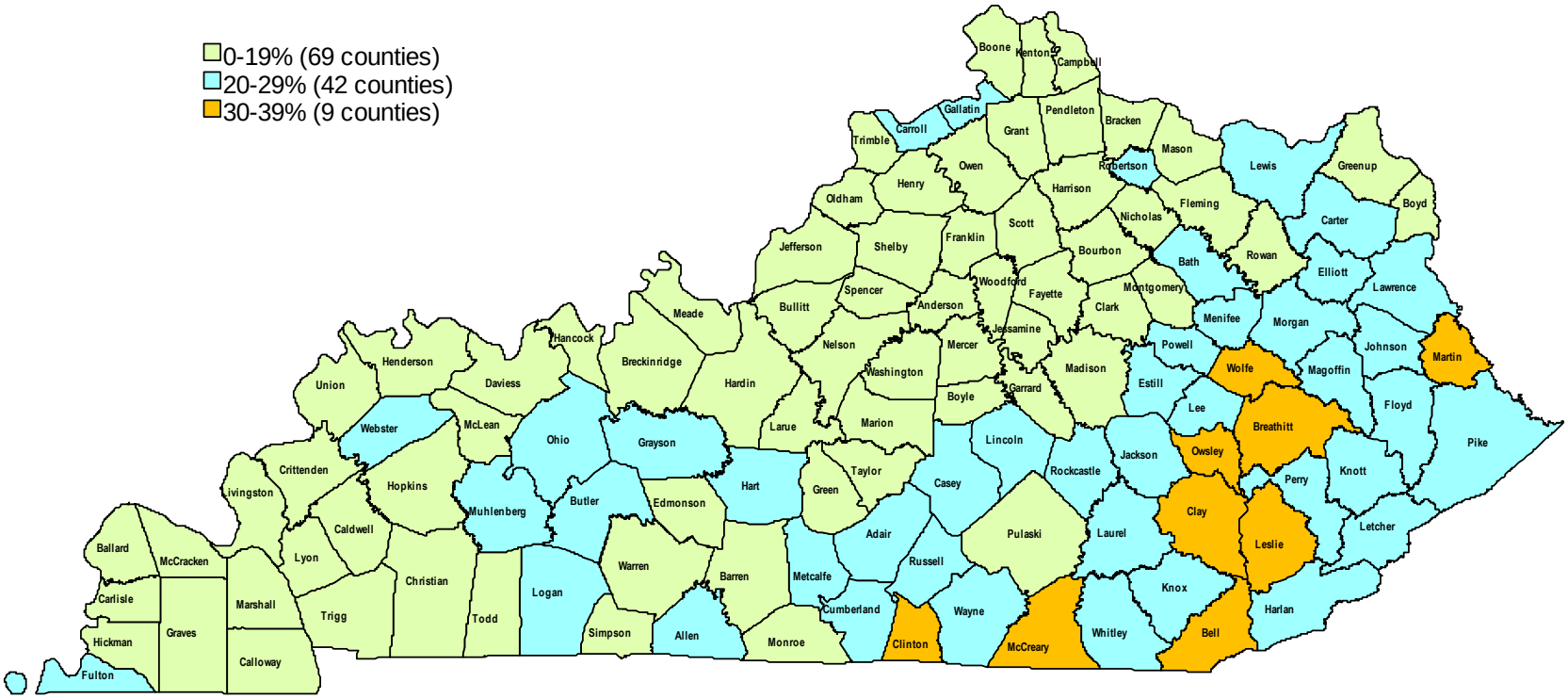

Source: American Community Survey (ACS) 2006-2010

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KYAE Enrollment

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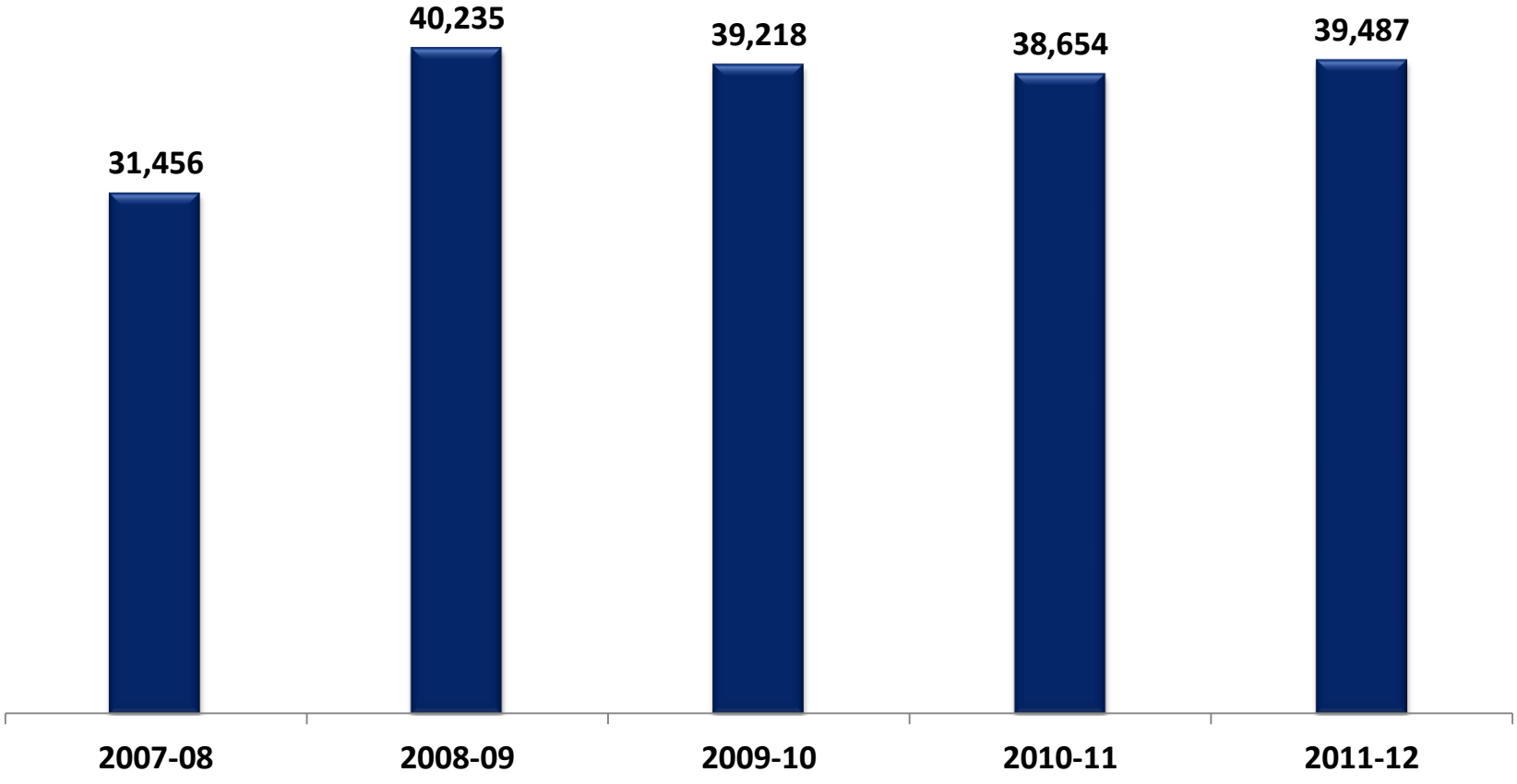

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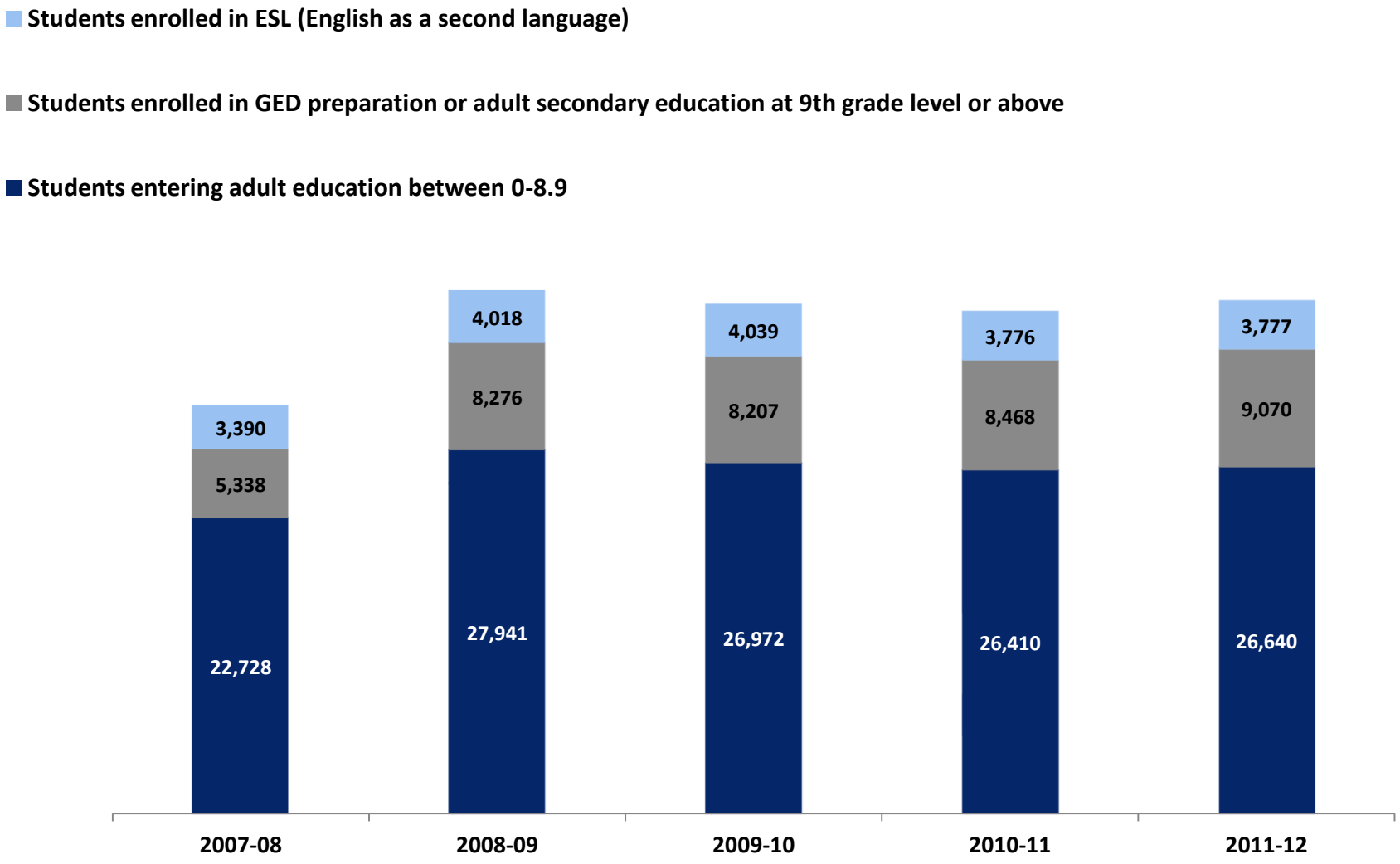

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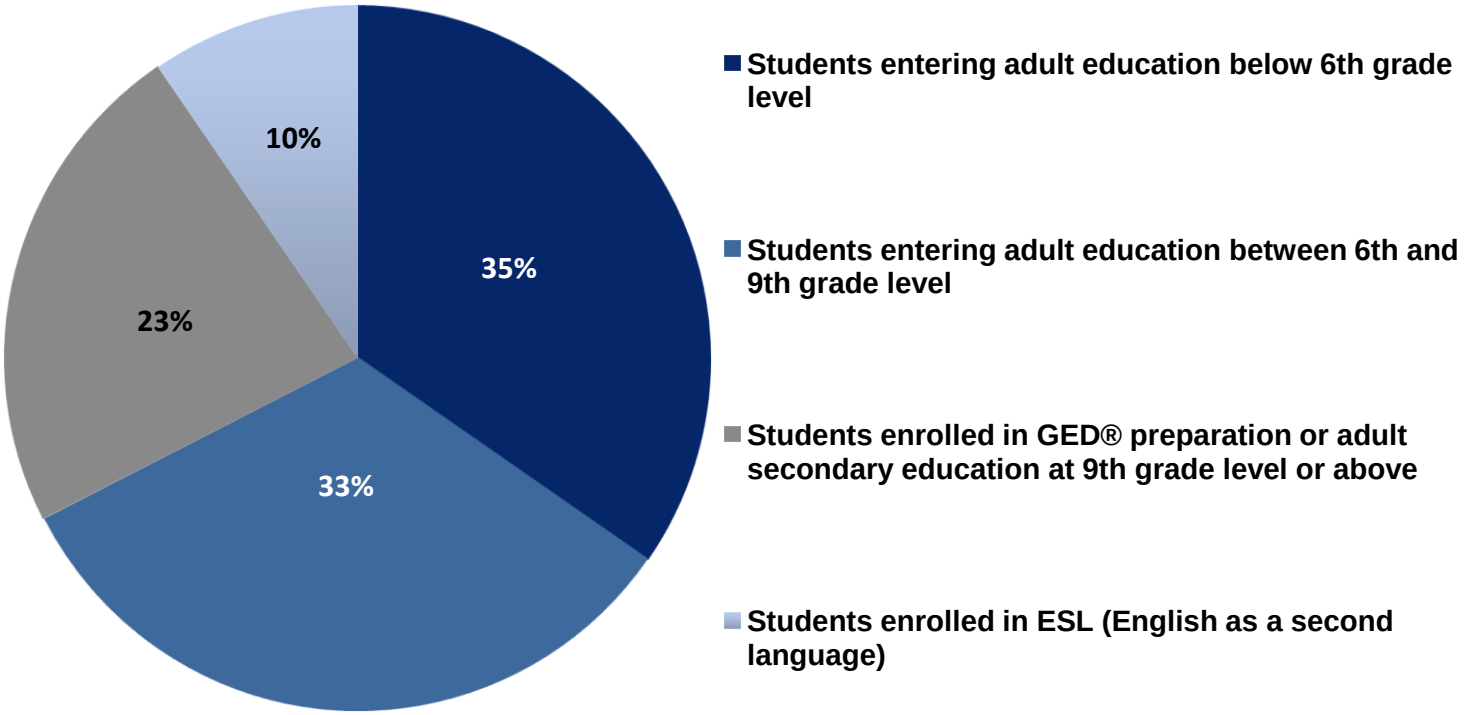

GED® Graduates
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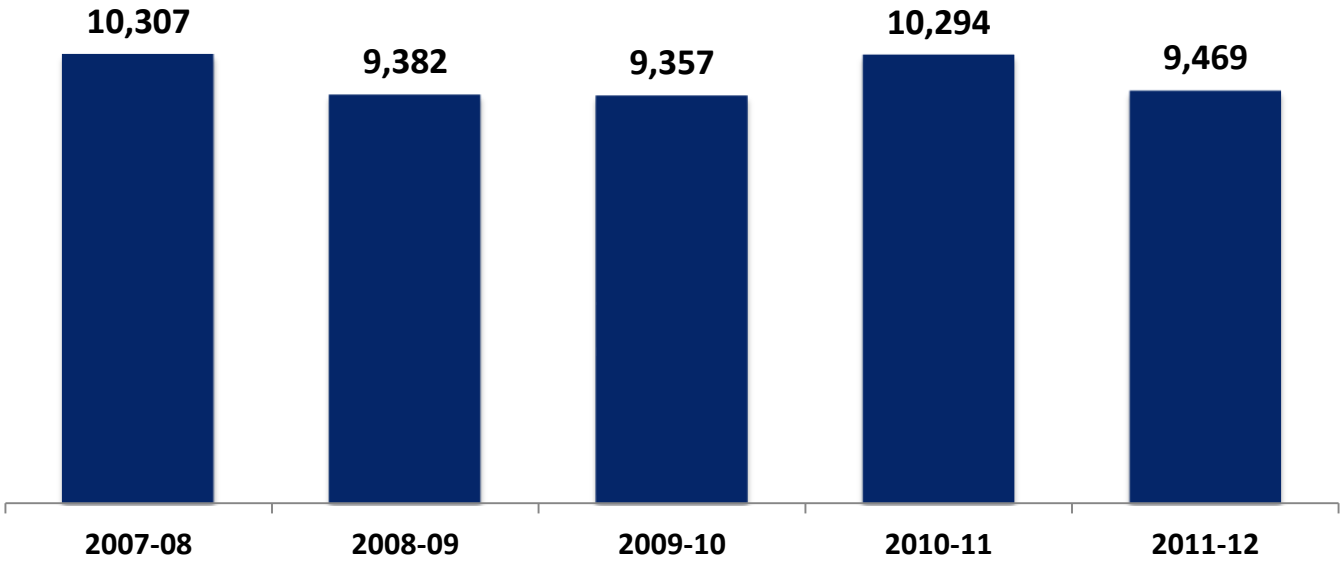
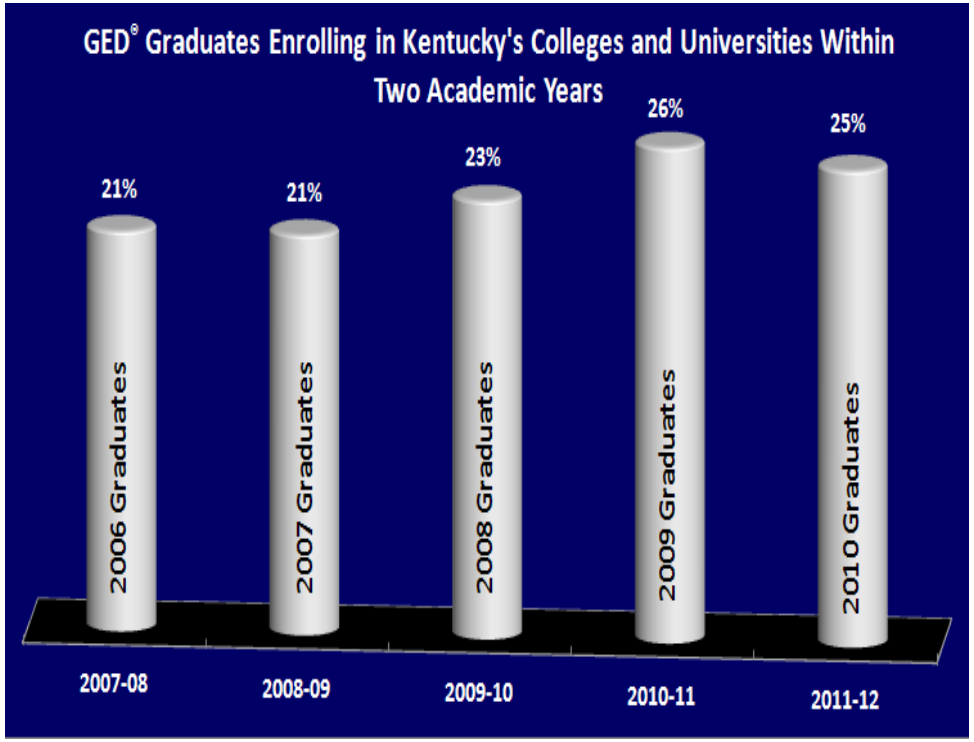


GED® Graduates Enrolling in Kentucky's Colleges and Universities* Within Two Academic Years

KYAE has set a goal of increasing the college-going rates of GED® graduates to 30 percent by 2015.

Of those who enrolled in postsecondary education by summer 2012:

- **90% enrolled in KCTCS**
- **7% enrolled in a public four-year institution**
- **3% enrolled in an independent institution**



* Kentucky's state-supported colleges and universities and the regionally accredited, non-profit, independent colleges and universities

WHAT IS KENTUCKY DOING?

KYAE

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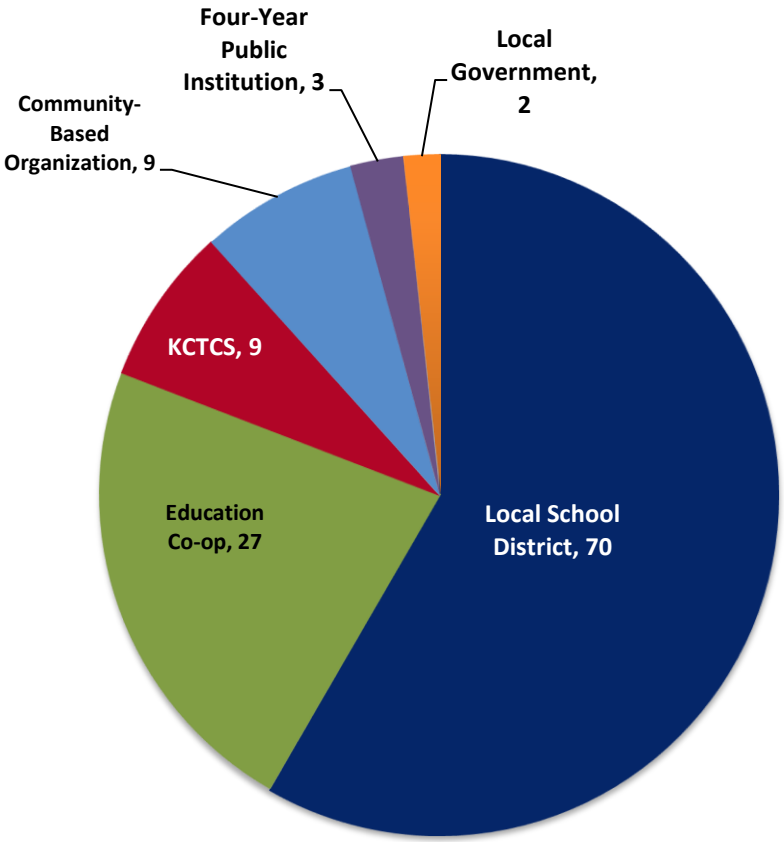

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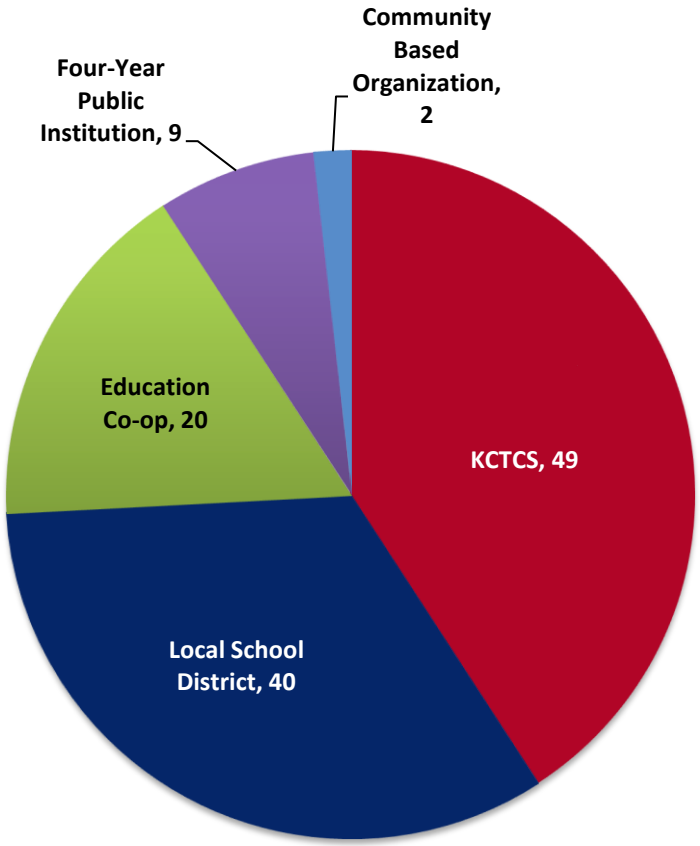


2011-2012

Adult Education of the Future

Reach Higher, America

Overcoming Crisis in the U.S.Workforce

"The National Commission on Adult Literacy calls on Congress and state governments to make **postsecondary** and **workforce readiness** the new mission of the adult education and workforce skills system."

Source: Report of the National Commission on Adult Literacy, June 2008

FOUR AREAS OF FOCUS

COLLEGE READINESS

STUDENT SUCCESS

RESEARCH, ECONOMIC, & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

EFFICIENCY & INNOVATION

Council on Postsecondary Education
KENTUCKY ADULT EDUCATION

VISION: All Kentuckians will be prepared to succeed in a global economy.

MISSION: To prepare our students for college and career-readiness by delivering a world- class education.

OBJECTIVE: Increase the number of college-ready GED® graduates.

College Readiness

Policy Objective 2: Increase the number of college-ready GED graduates.

Strategy 2.1
Transform the delivery of adult education services leading to higher student engagement levels.

Strategy 2.2
Implement initiatives to increase the number of Kentucky Adult Education students advancing to postsecondary education.

Strategy 2.3
Attract, retain and prepare highly effective adult educators.

A policy brief, "*Graduating to College: Three States Helping Adult Education Students Get a College Education,*" recently released by the Working Poor Families Project noted:

"Kentucky is ahead of almost all other states in building the common core standards into its adult education system."

"Kentucky has far more experience than most states in strengthening adult access to postsecondary education."

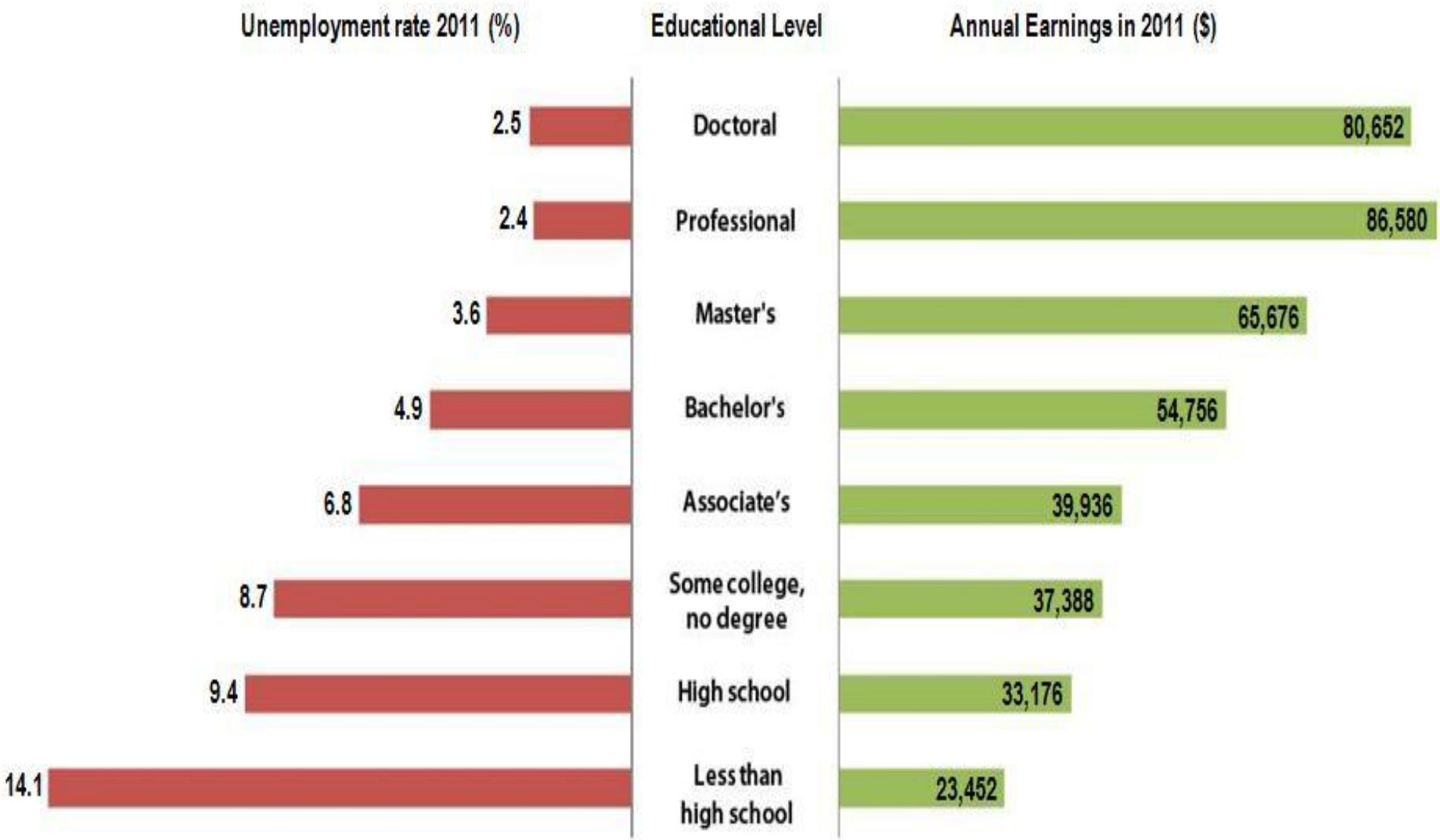
NCHEMS

National Center for Higher Education Management Systems

In its recent report *"State Capacity for Leadership,"* the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems stated, "Among the states visited by NCHEMS, only Kentucky is deliberately focused on how to reach and ensure higher levels of college and career readiness preparation for adults and high school dropouts."

In Kentucky and the Nation, Education Still Pays

Education Pays



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey

"A preemptive focus on adult education actually saves governments money by reducing societal healthcare, public assistance and incarceration costs. Adult education also improves and expands the nation's available pool of human capital by helping motivated but under educated people achieve gainful employment in today's increasingly high-tech and global job market, and at a far lower cost per learner when compared to either K-12 or higher education."

"*The Return on Investment from Adult Education and Training*," a policy paper by the McGraw-Hill Research Foundation, May 2011

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