



Higher Education in Colorado

Our challenges and our goals



COLORADO
Department of
Higher Education

Colorado Commission on Higher Education

An 11-member, bipartisan council appointed by the governor, with at least one member from each Congressional district

Responsibilities include:

- *Institutional funding*
- *Student financial aid*
- *Long-range planning*



Our mission

...to improve the quality of, ensure the affordability of, and promote access to, postsecondary education for the people of Colorado.



Our institutions

Public institutions: 31 public institutions of higher education (established by the Colorado General Assembly and the Colorado Constitution)

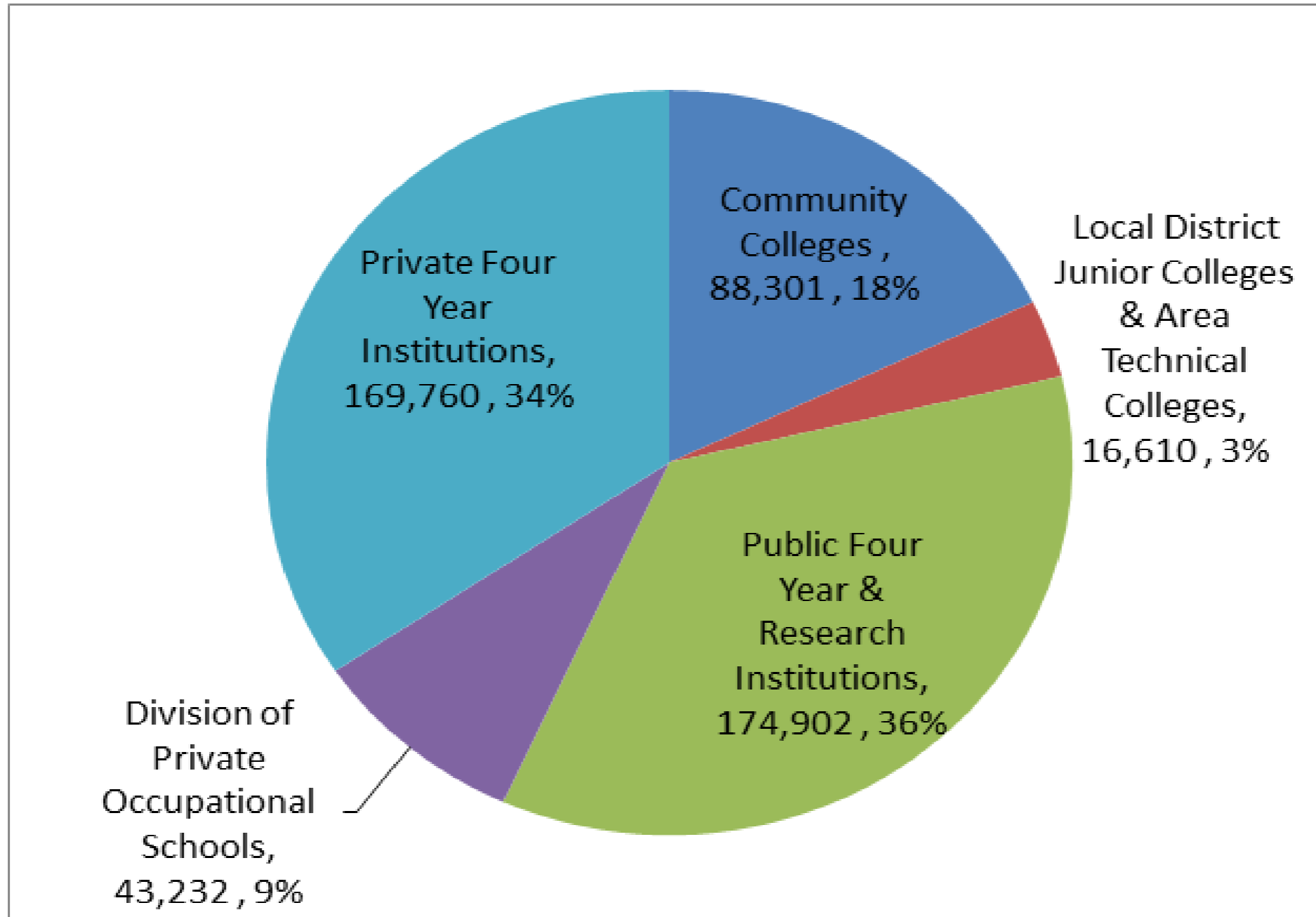
- 13 four-year and research institutions
- 15 two-year institutions
- 3 Area Vocational Schools/Colleges

Private occupational schools: Over 375 private occupational schools

Private institutions: Over 100 degree-granting private colleges and religious training institutions



Our enrollment



Our programs



Why higher education matters

Personal benefits

Earn more

Healthier lifestyles

Vote more

Value education for children

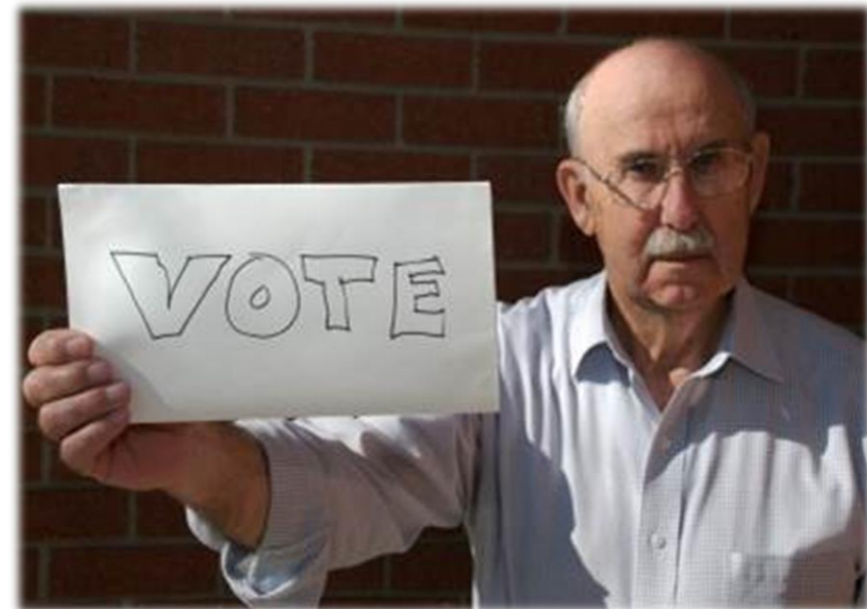


Community benefits

Attract better jobs

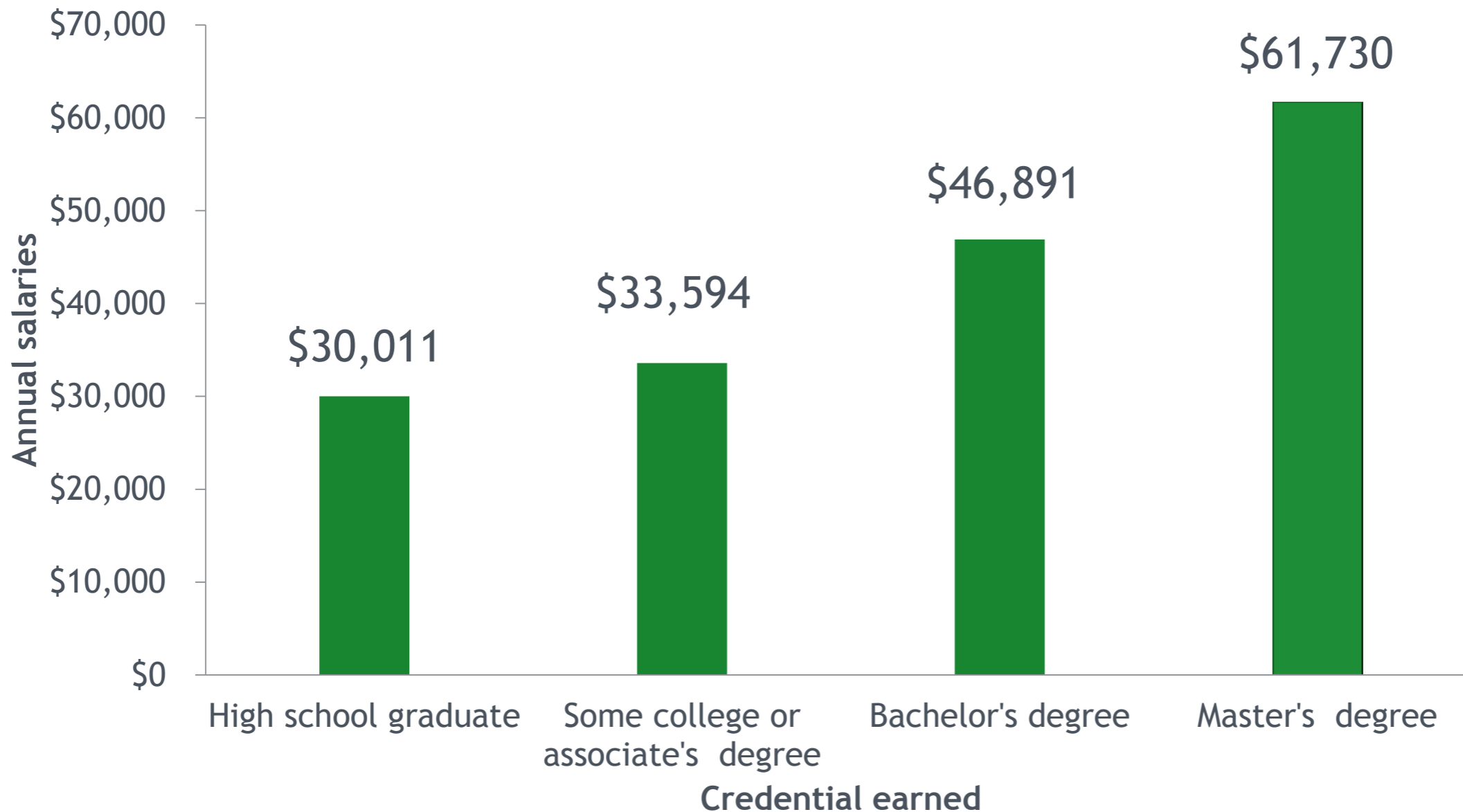
Lower unemployment & incarceration rates

Reduced health costs



Personal Benefit

Median Colorado earnings by degree, 2013

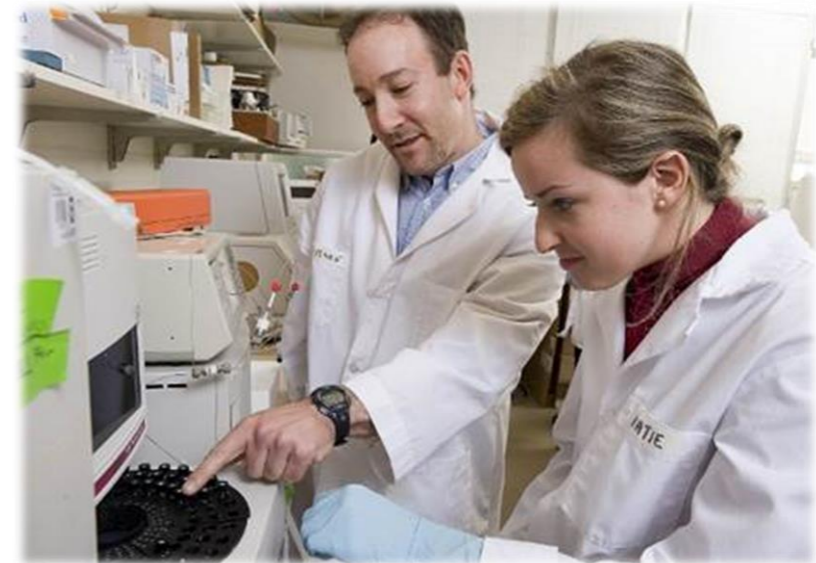


Community Benefit

Economic impacts of our campuses

Higher education in Colorado supports...

- **44,932 jobs**, which contribute
 - **\$2.6 billion** in wages and salaries, and
 - **Millions more** in state and local taxes
- to Colorado's economy annually*

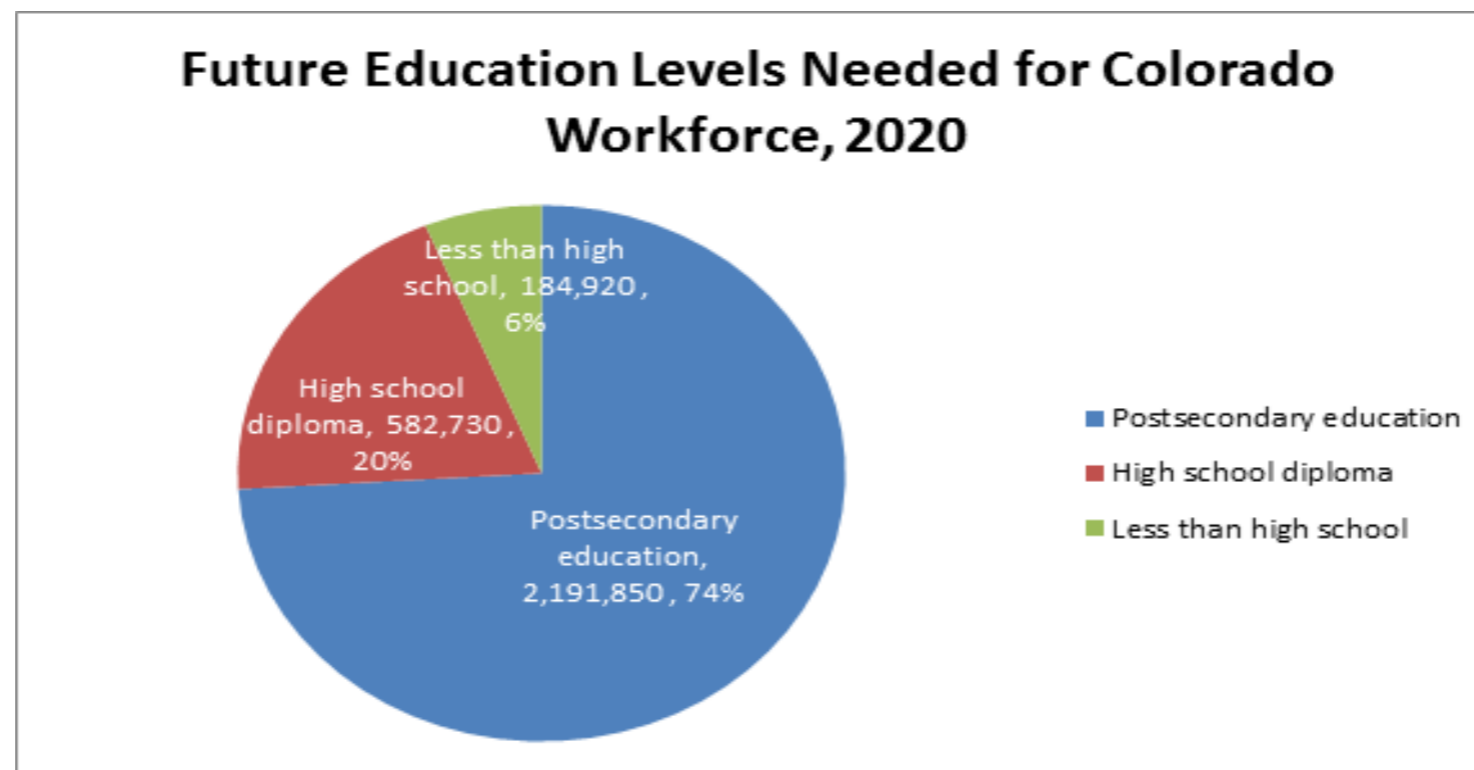


Colorado's higher education challenges

- **Workforce needs** - *We won't have enough educated Coloradans to fill our state's jobs in 2020.*
- **Education pipeline** - *Fewer than 25 percent of Colorado 9th-graders earn a college degree.*
- **Completion gaps** - *The fastest-growing segments of our population are least likely to earn a degree.*
- **Shifting financial burden** - *The share of college costs paid by students has doubled in 10 years.*

Workforce needs

- The demand for college-educated adults in Colorado is the fifth highest among all states in the nation.
- In contrast, the demand for high school-trained adults in Colorado is the second weakest in the nation.



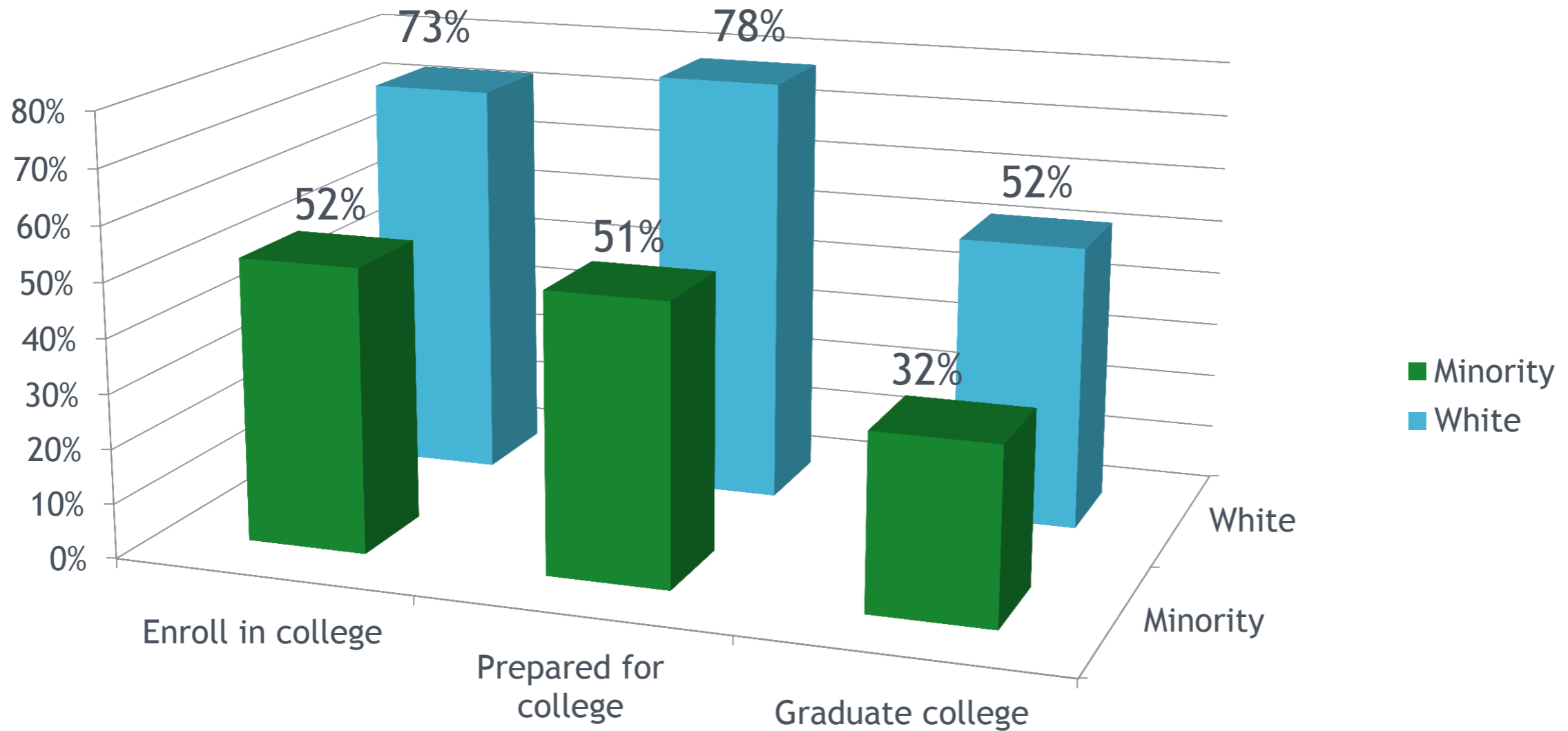
Education pipeline

For every **100 9th-graders** in Colorado,

- **50** go to college
- **22** earn a college degree

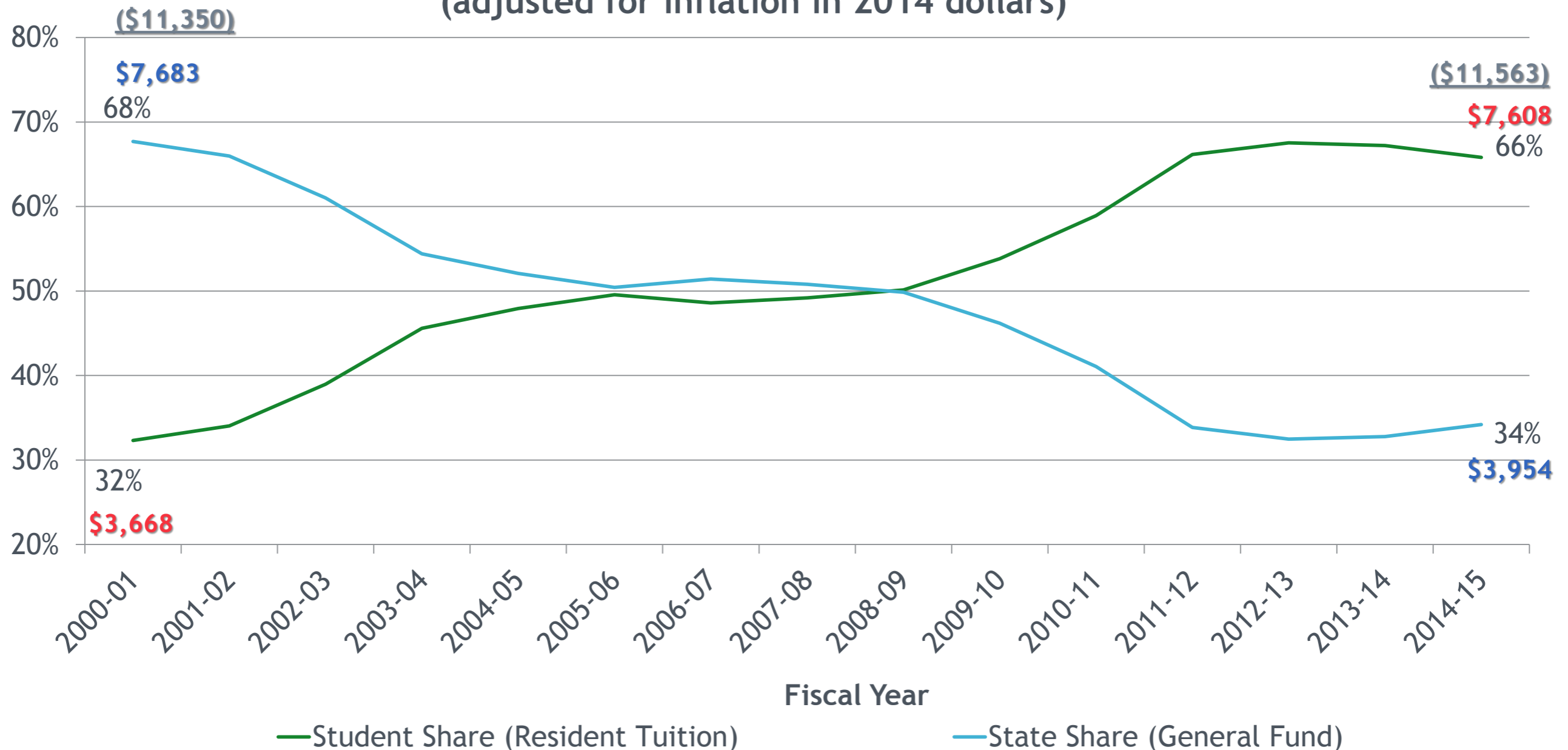


Degree completion gaps by ethnicity



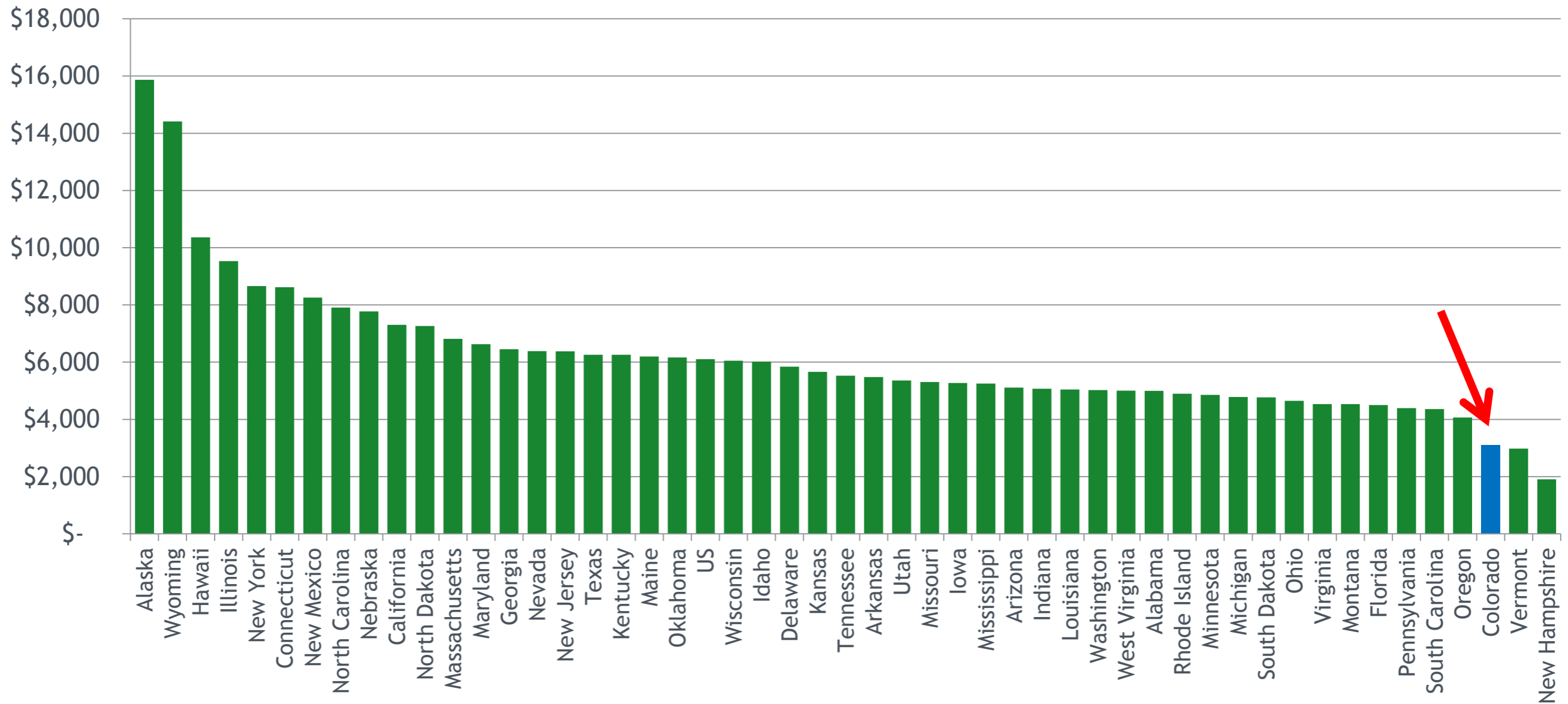
Shifting burden from state to students

Resident tuition vs. state funding
All governing boards
(adjusted for inflation in 2014 dollars)



Did you know...Colorado ranks 47th in the nation in state investment?

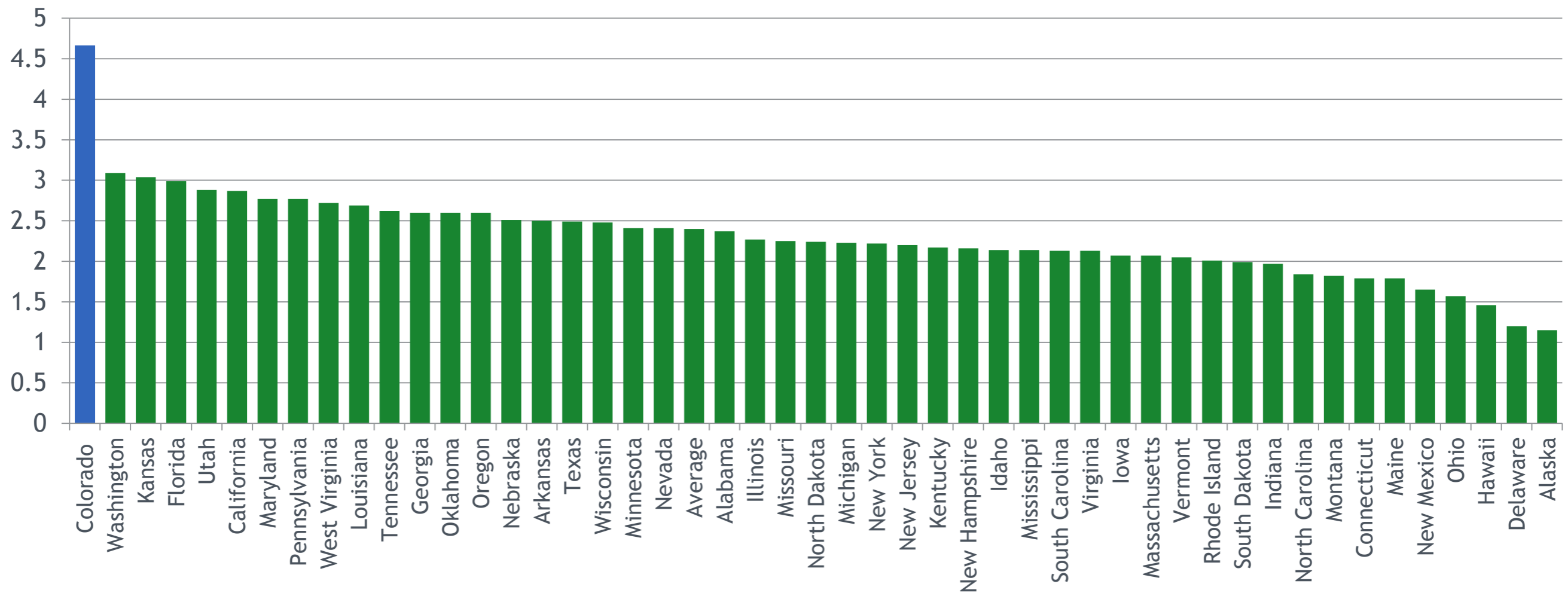
Educational Appropriations per FTE, FY 2013



Source: SHEEO, State Higher Education Finance Report, FY 2013

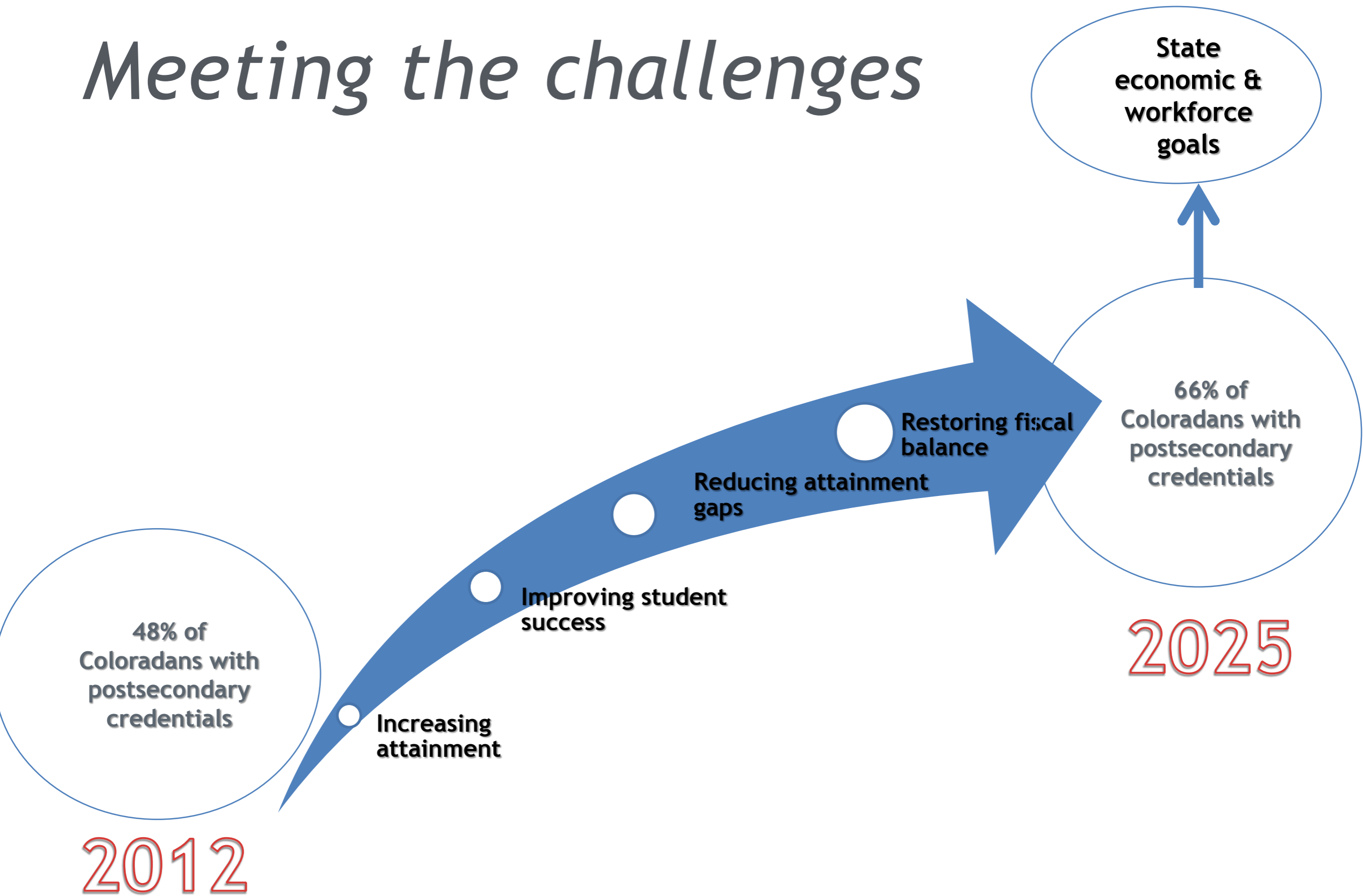
Did you know...Colorado is the nation's most productive higher education system?

Credentials and Degrees Awarded per \$100,000 of State, Local, and Tuition and Fee Revenues



Source: National Center for Higher Education Management Systems.

Meeting the challenges



A focus on performance

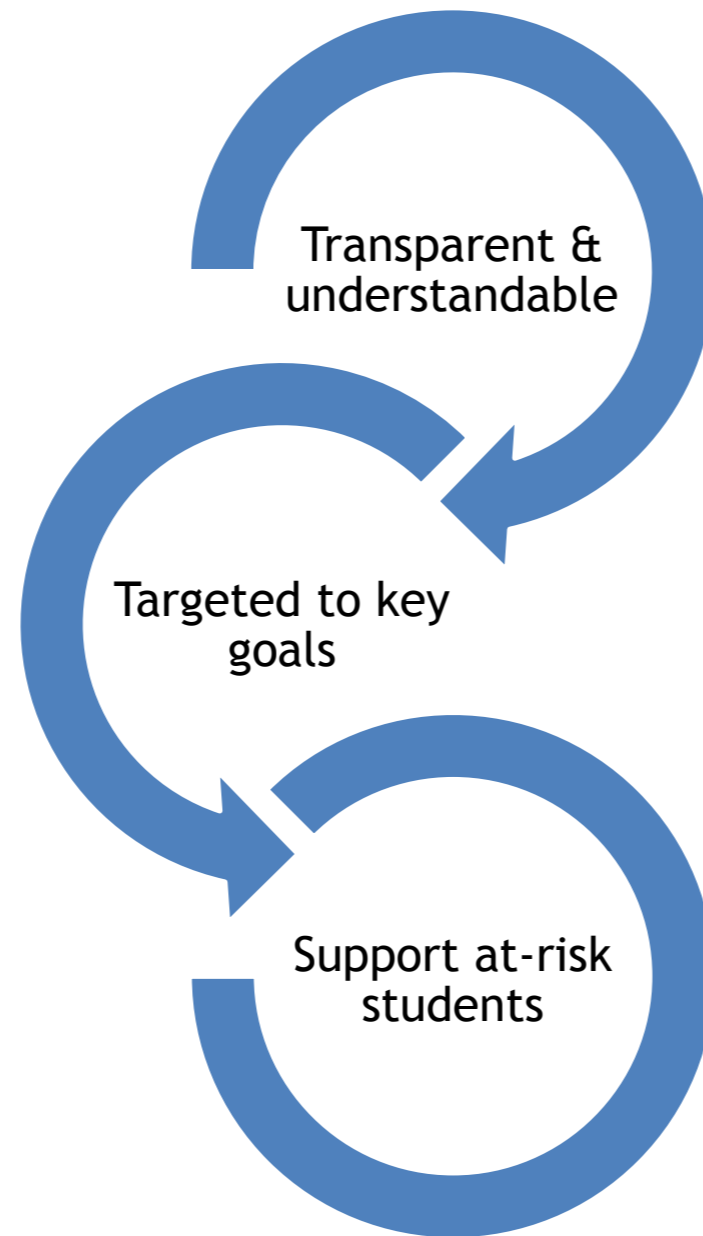
PAST

Focus largely on increasing ACCESS: Who's getting to campus?

TODAY

Emphasis on COMPLETION: Who's earning a postsecondary credential?

A new approach to funding



How the funding model works

College Opportunity Fund Stipend

A per-student stipend for new and continuing resident students going to college in Colorado.

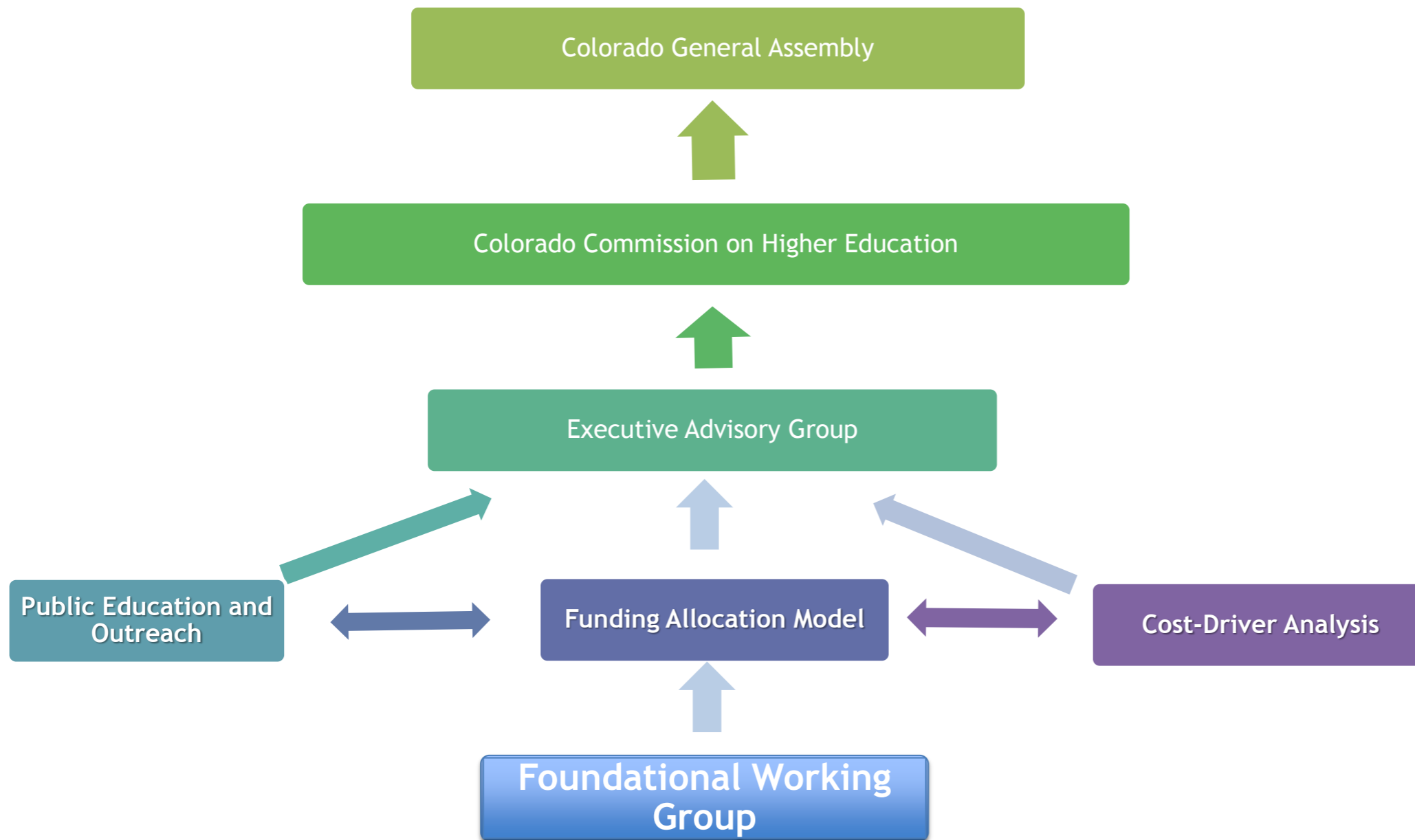
Role & Mission Factors

A formula that funds institutional role and mission based on course completions and the costs of providing those courses. Additional funding provided for services to support low-income and underserved students.

Performance Metrics

Outcomes-based measurement rewarding institutions for the: (1) degrees and certificates produced; and, (2) student progression toward a degree or certificate.

We listened



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