

# *Hitting Home: The Case for Making Opportunity Affordable*

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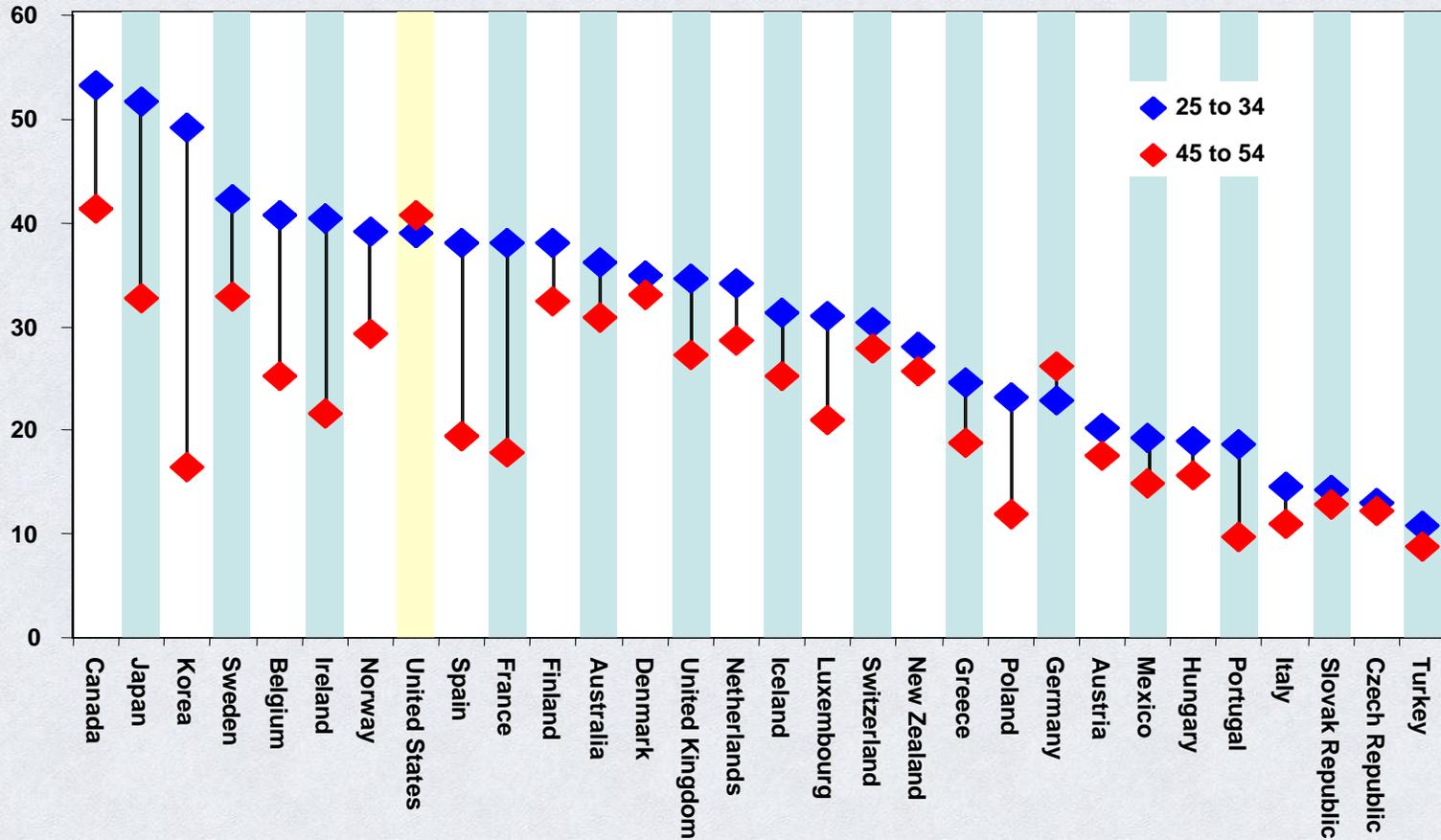
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# Trouble Ahead?

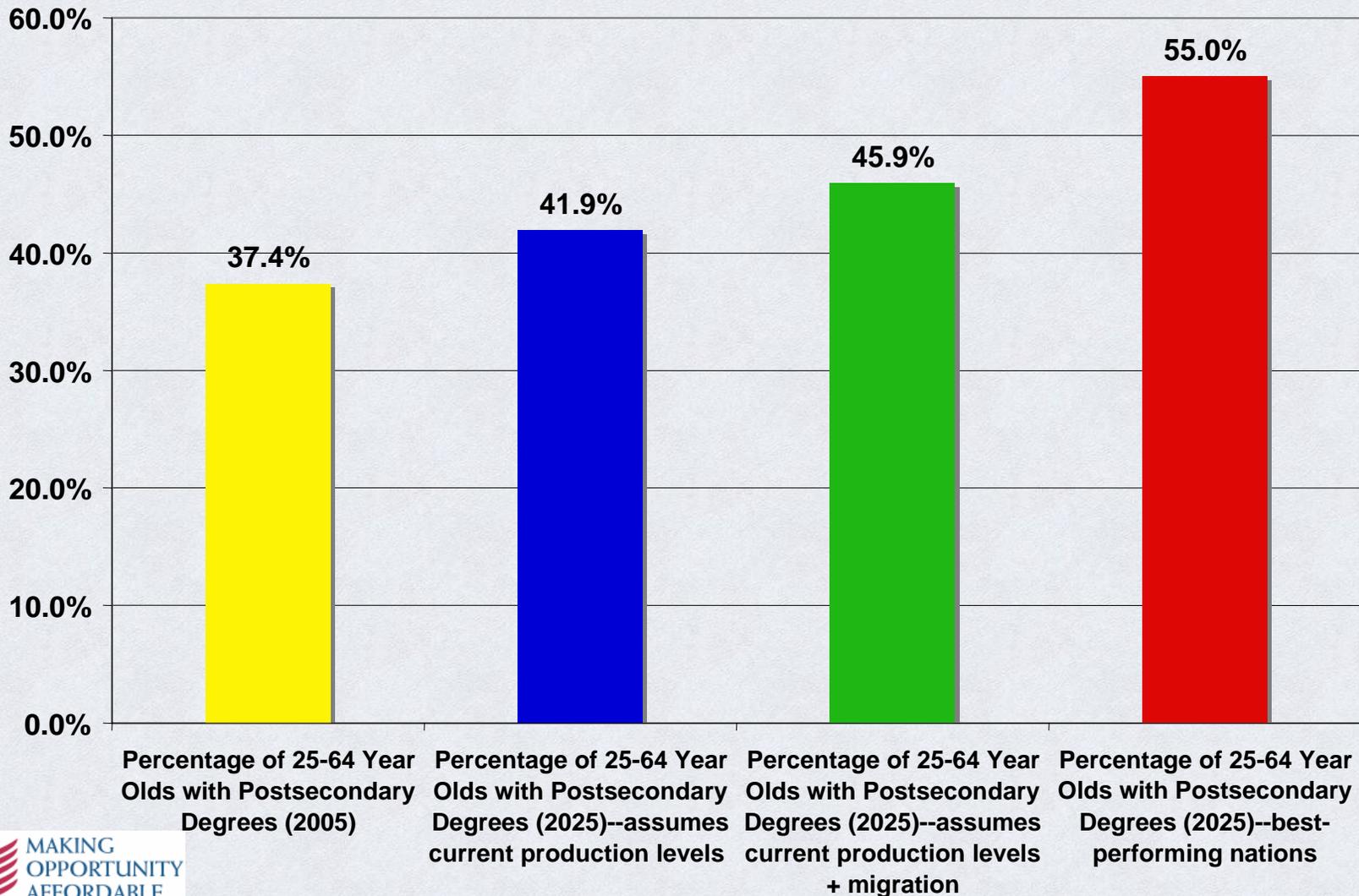
Differences in College Attainment (Associate and Higher)  
U.S. and OECD Countries, 2004

By Age

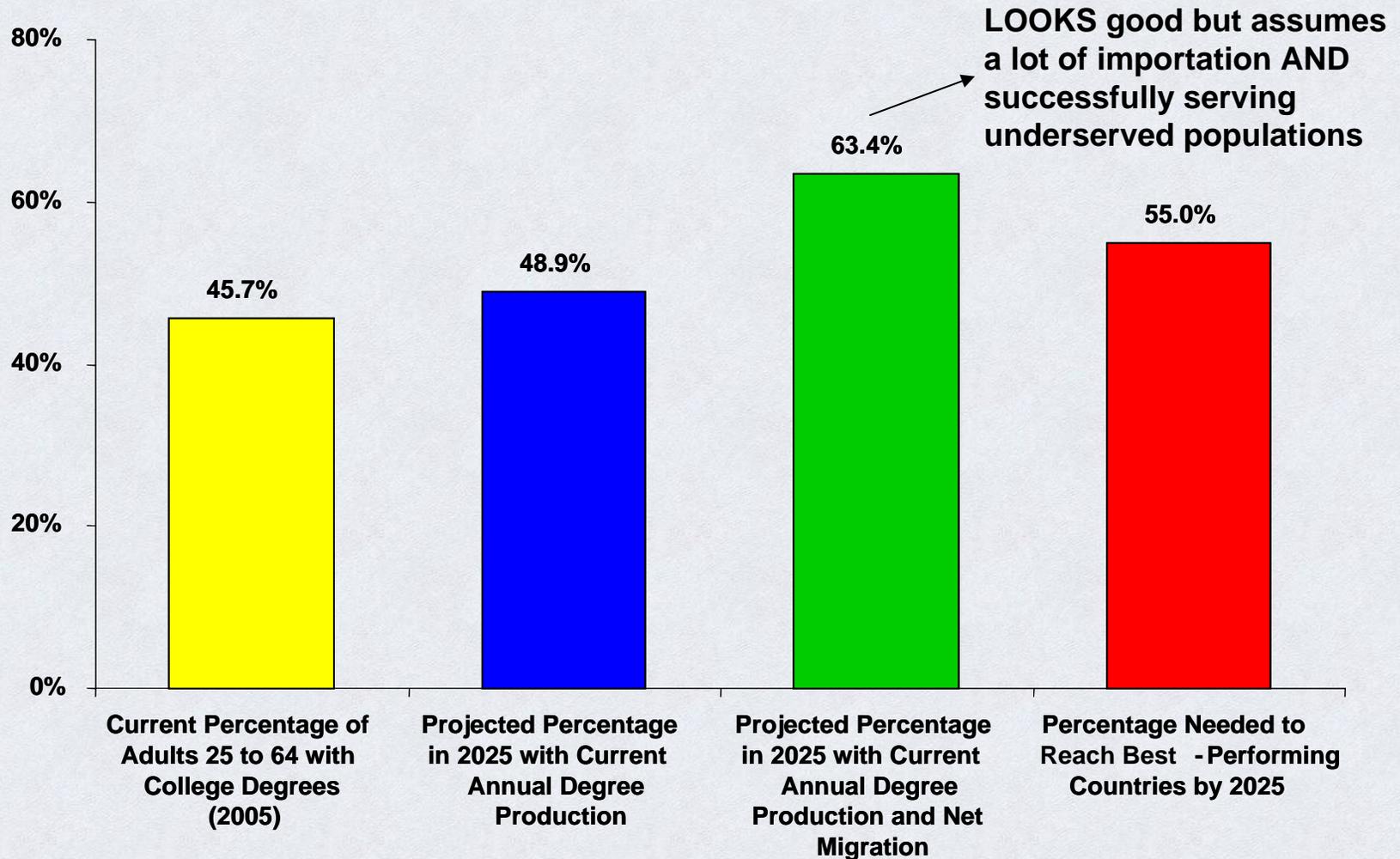


Source: Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, *Education at a Glance 2006*

# Current and Expected Postsecondary Attainment--United States

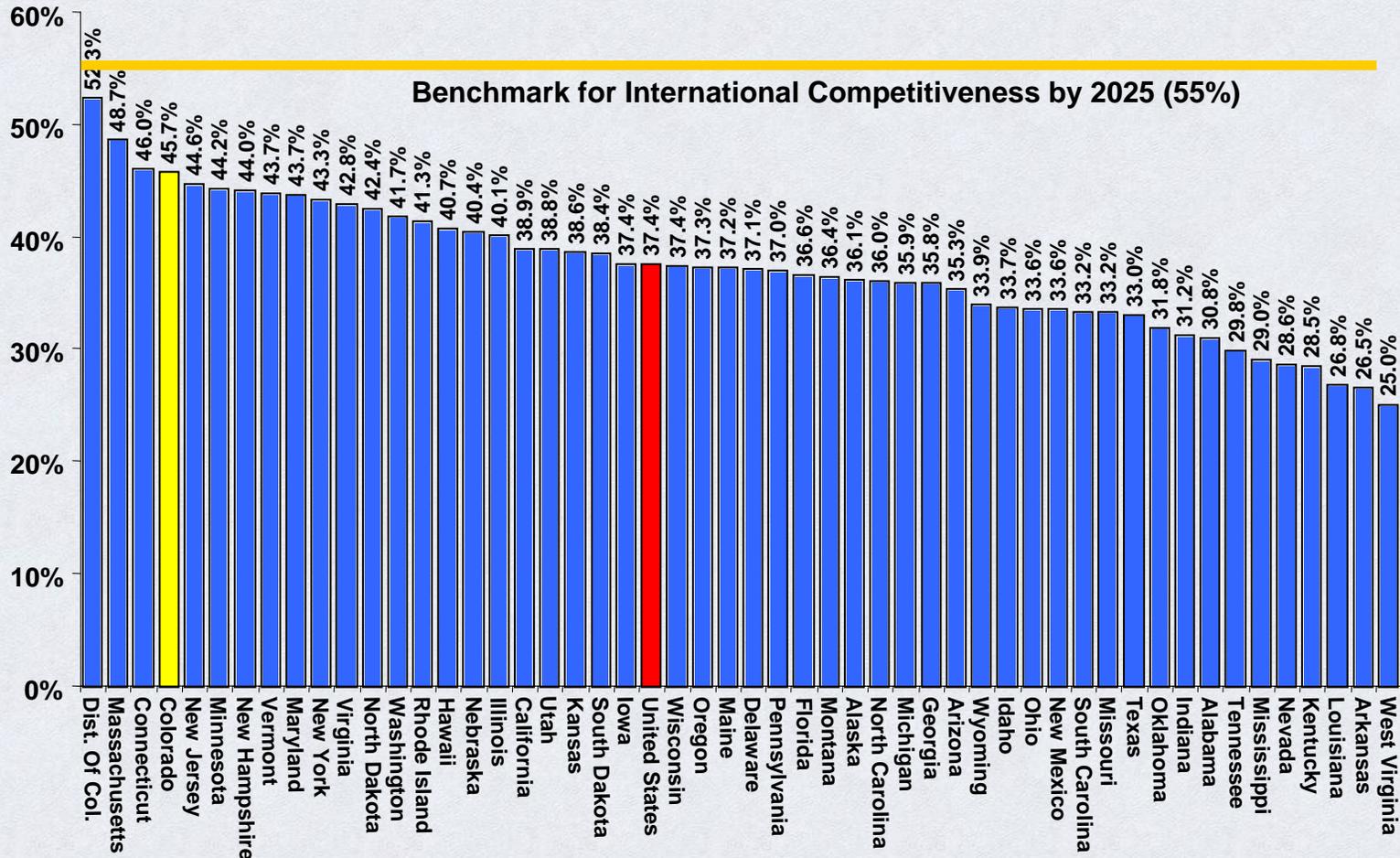


# Current and Expected Postsecondary Attainment--Colorado



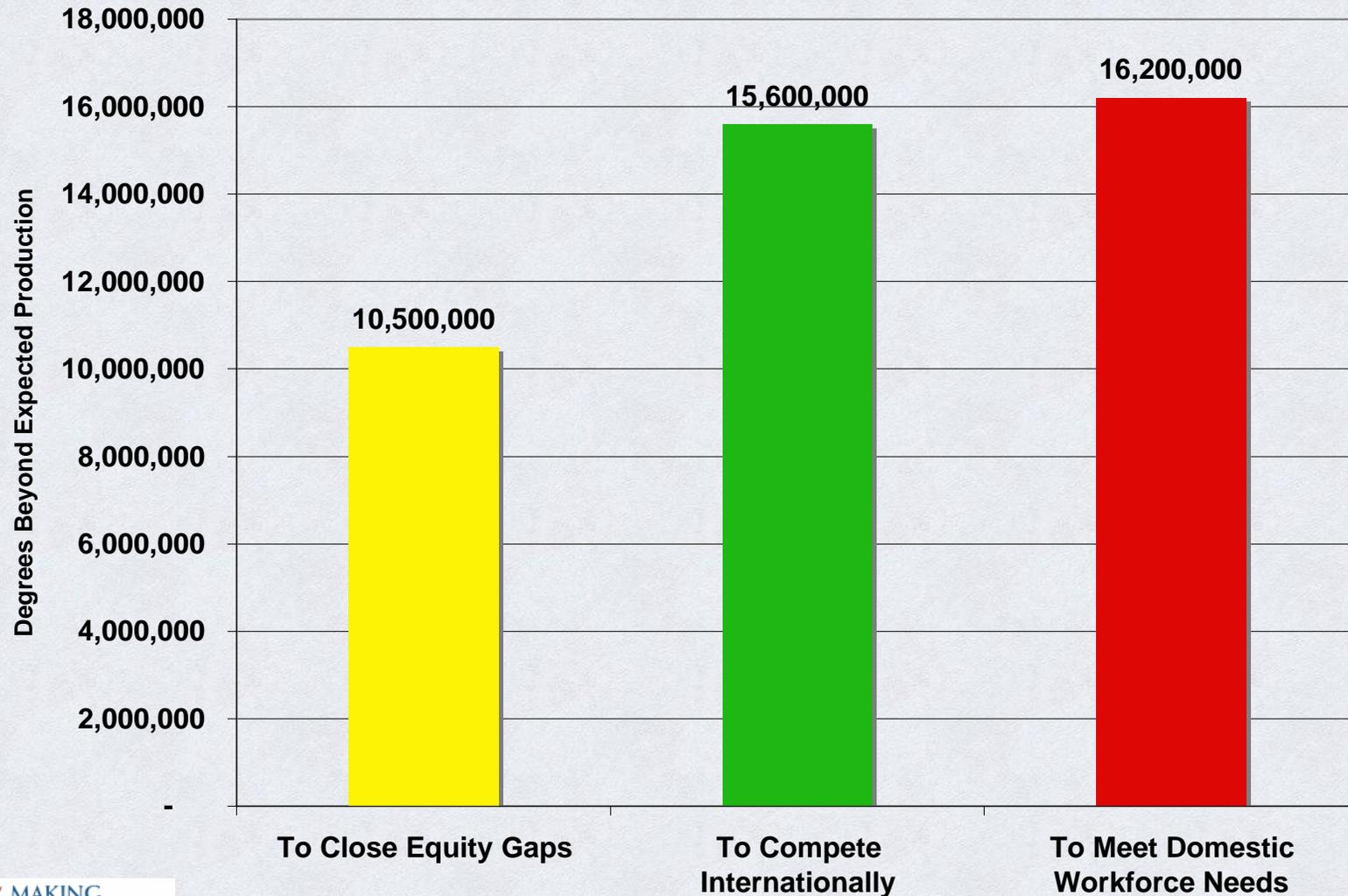
# Closing the Attainment Gap

Percent of Adults Ages 25 to 64 with an Associates Degree or Higher (2005)



Source: US Census Bureau: 2005 American Community Survey

# Closing the Gap—Number of Degrees Required Beyond Current Production



# Making Opportunity Affordable

- Second phase of major Lumina Foundation for Education initiative.
- Goal: “Promote the higher education system our nation needs to meet the 21<sup>st</sup> Century demands of higher attainment for *all* groups of students and improved learning outcomes—at a cost that students and taxpayers can afford.”
- Contributing organizations: Jobs for the Future, National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, Delta Project on Postsecondary Costs, *Communication Works*.

# Ends and Means: A Productivity Agenda

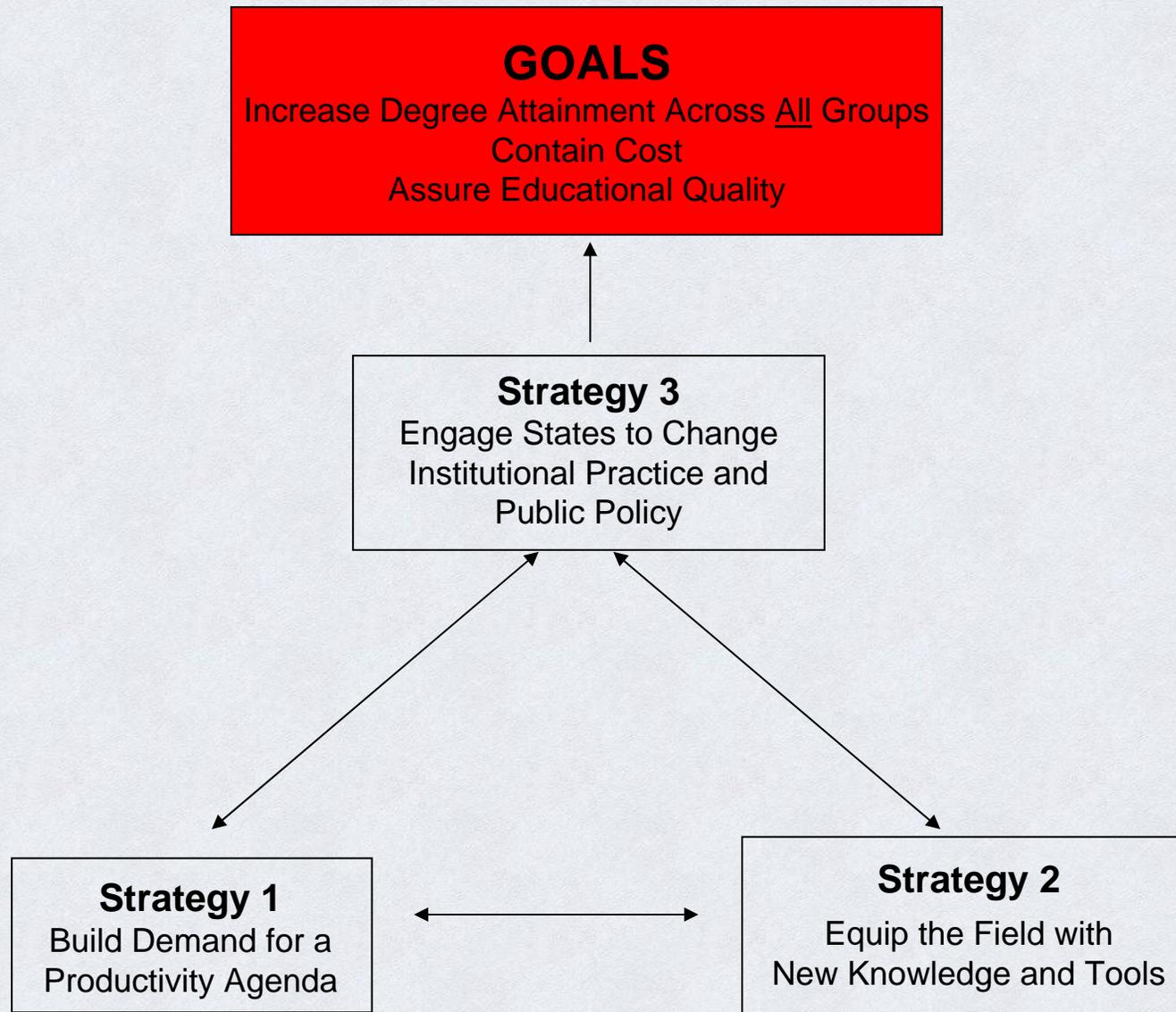
**INCREASE**  
**DEGREE ATTAINMENT**  
(across all groups)

**PRODUCTIVITY**

**CONTAIN**  
**INSTITUTIONAL COSTS**  
(per student spending)

**ASSURE**  
**EDUCATIONAL QUALITY**  
(student learning outcomes)

# An Integrated Approach



# For More Information

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