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Key Facts about Higher Education

Information Item

“Key Facts about Higher Education” in Washington provides vital data to chart higher education’s progress and challenges. First published in 2002 by the Higher Education Coordinating Board, this annual report highlights *Key Facts* about Washington’s postsecondary institutions, including faculty, students, budgets, and financial aid.

The report provides basic information about the state’s higher education system, including institutions, enrollment figures, and budget information. It also provides comparisons with other states on important statistics, offers information showing how the state benefits from higher education, and provides data on some of the current challenges facing higher education in Washington.

Key Facts:
Another Tool in the Toolkit

Higher Education Coordinating Board

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Overview

- Re-tooled four years ago
- 10 chapters from “Quick Facts” to “Next Steps”
- Reader-friendly—typically one graphic per page with simple narrative
- Geared toward legislators and their staff, and external stakeholders
- Not intended to duplicate OFM’s *Fact Book*

Headcount Enrollments Fall 2010

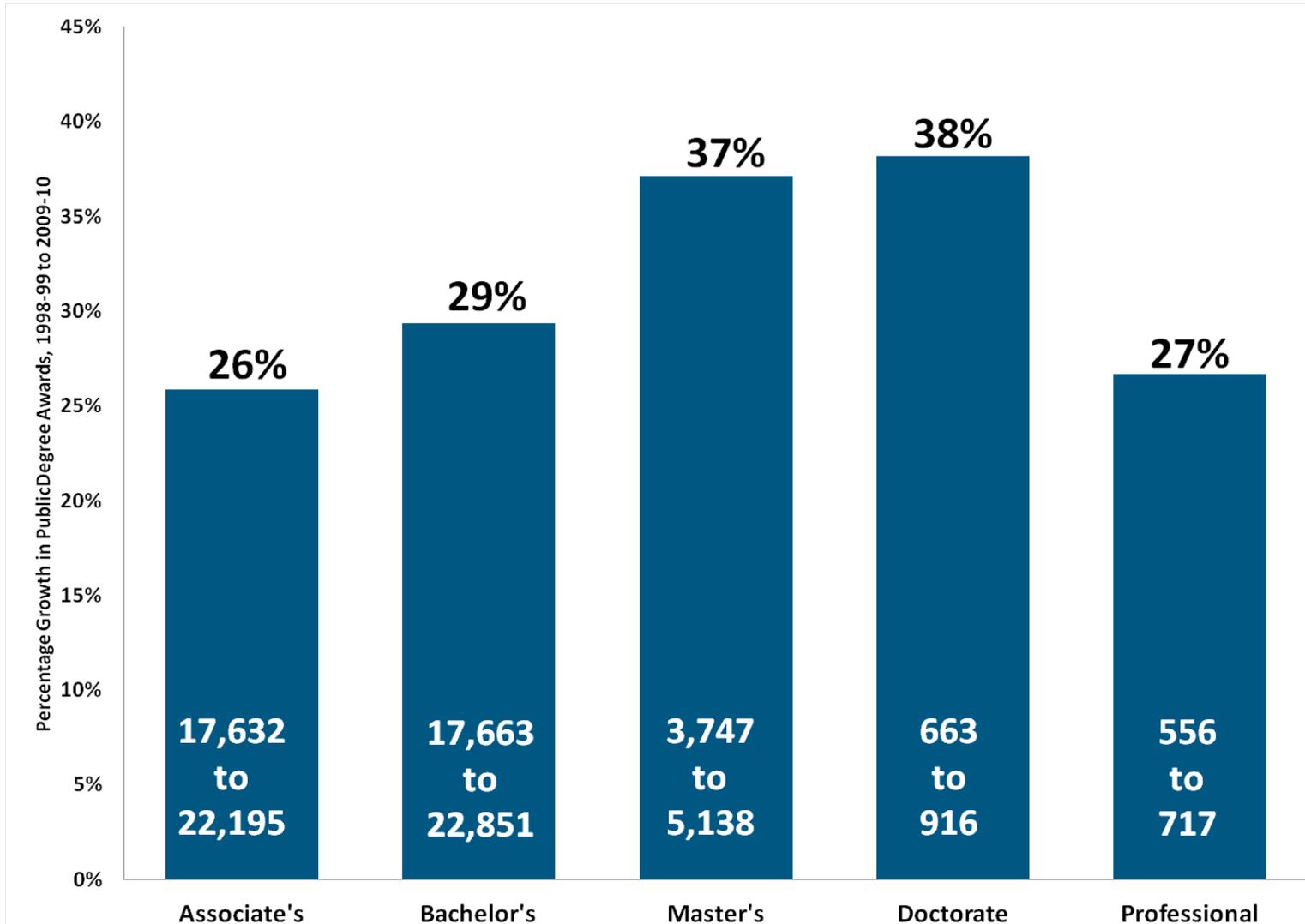
Fall 2010 Student Headcounts	
Public community and technical colleges	270,573
Public baccalaureate undergraduate	96,194
Public baccalaureate graduate/professional	22,129
Private baccalaureates	51,740
Total system headcount	440,636

Degrees Awarded

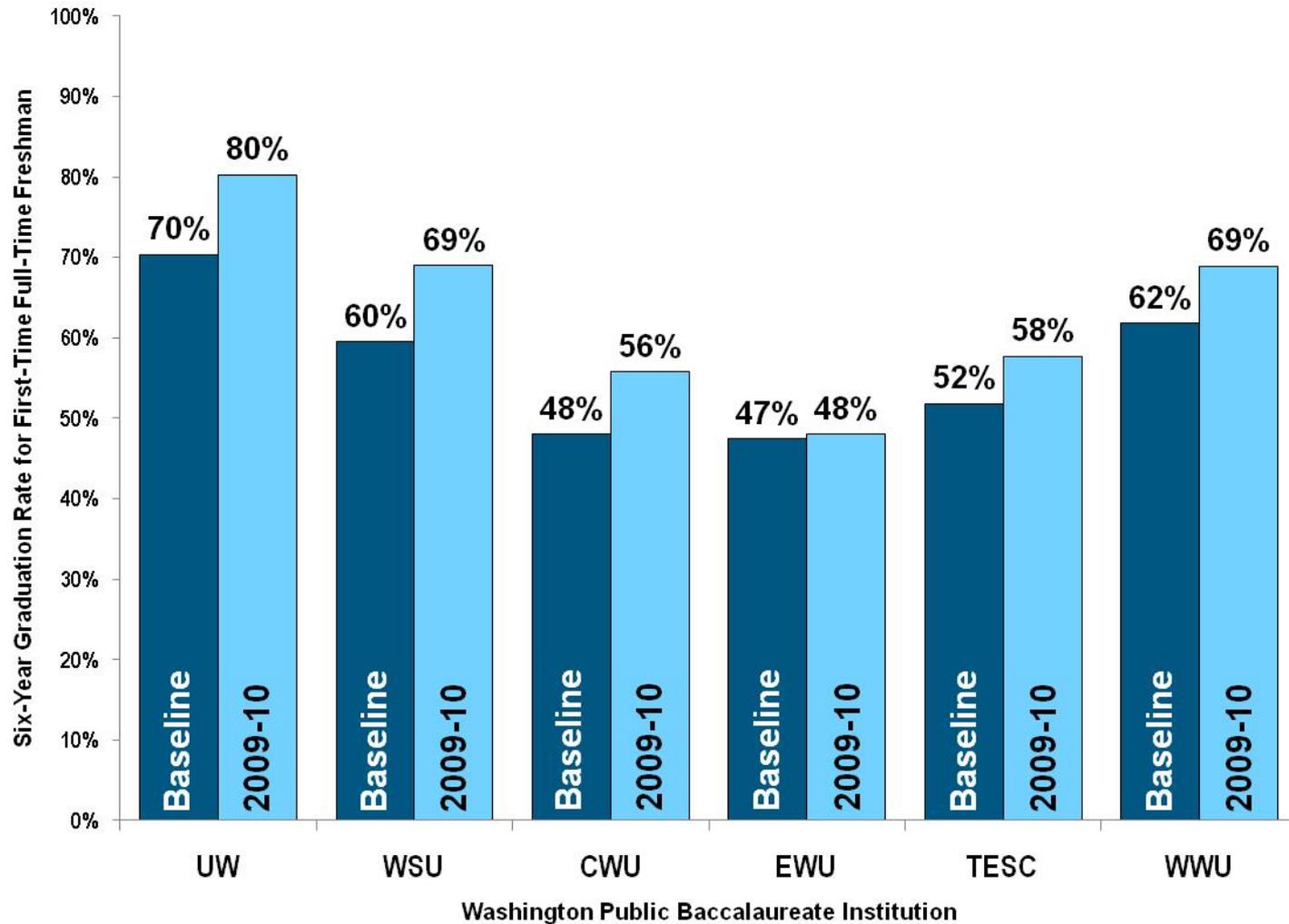
Degrees Awarded by Public Institutions, 2009-10

Award Level	Number	% Change from 2008-09
Associates	22,195	5% ↑
Bachelor's	22,851	4% ↑
Master's	5,138	8% ↑
Doctorate	916	No change
Professional	717	5% ↑

Degree production has grown over the past decade

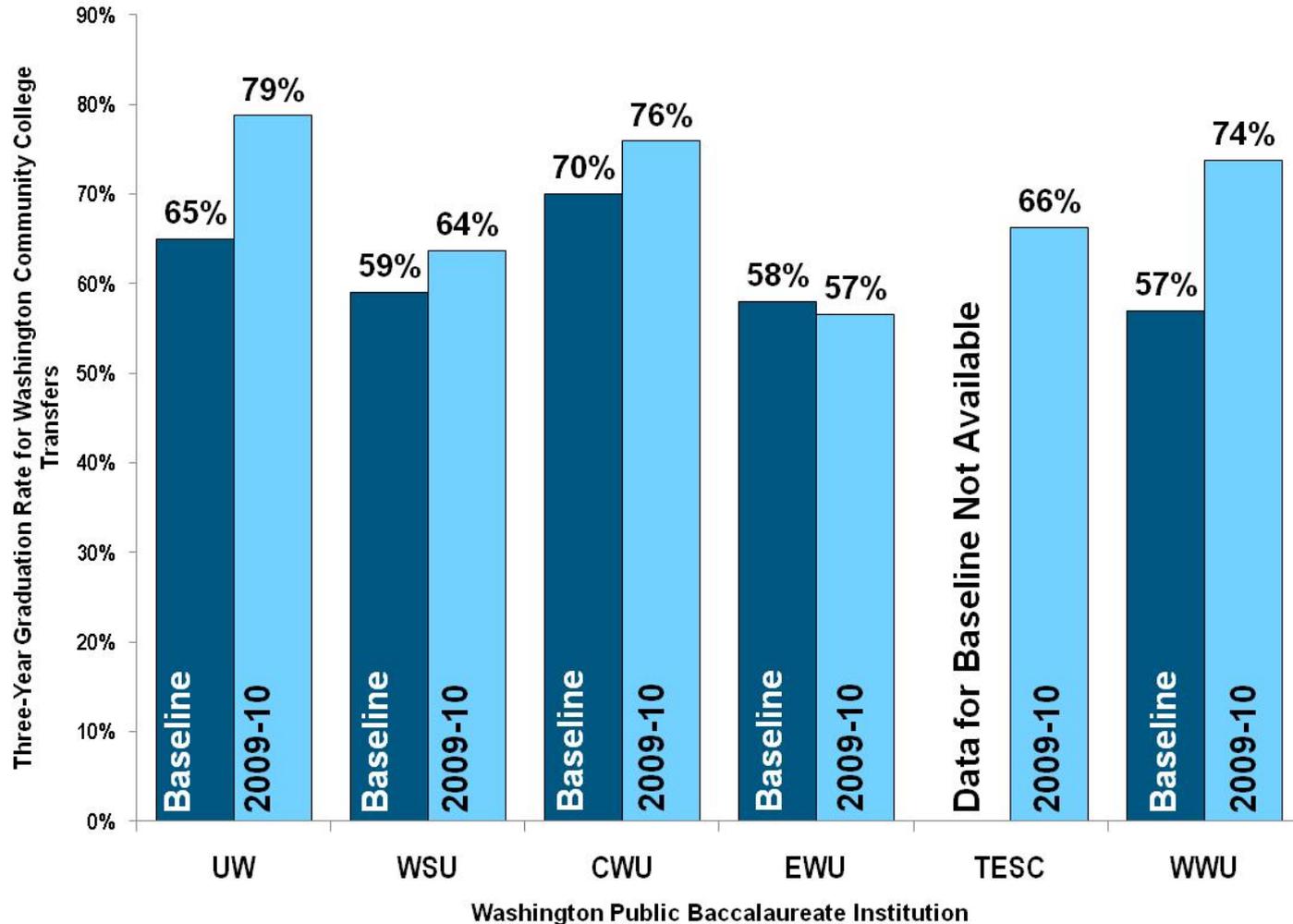


State baccalaureate institutions producing degrees at faster pace



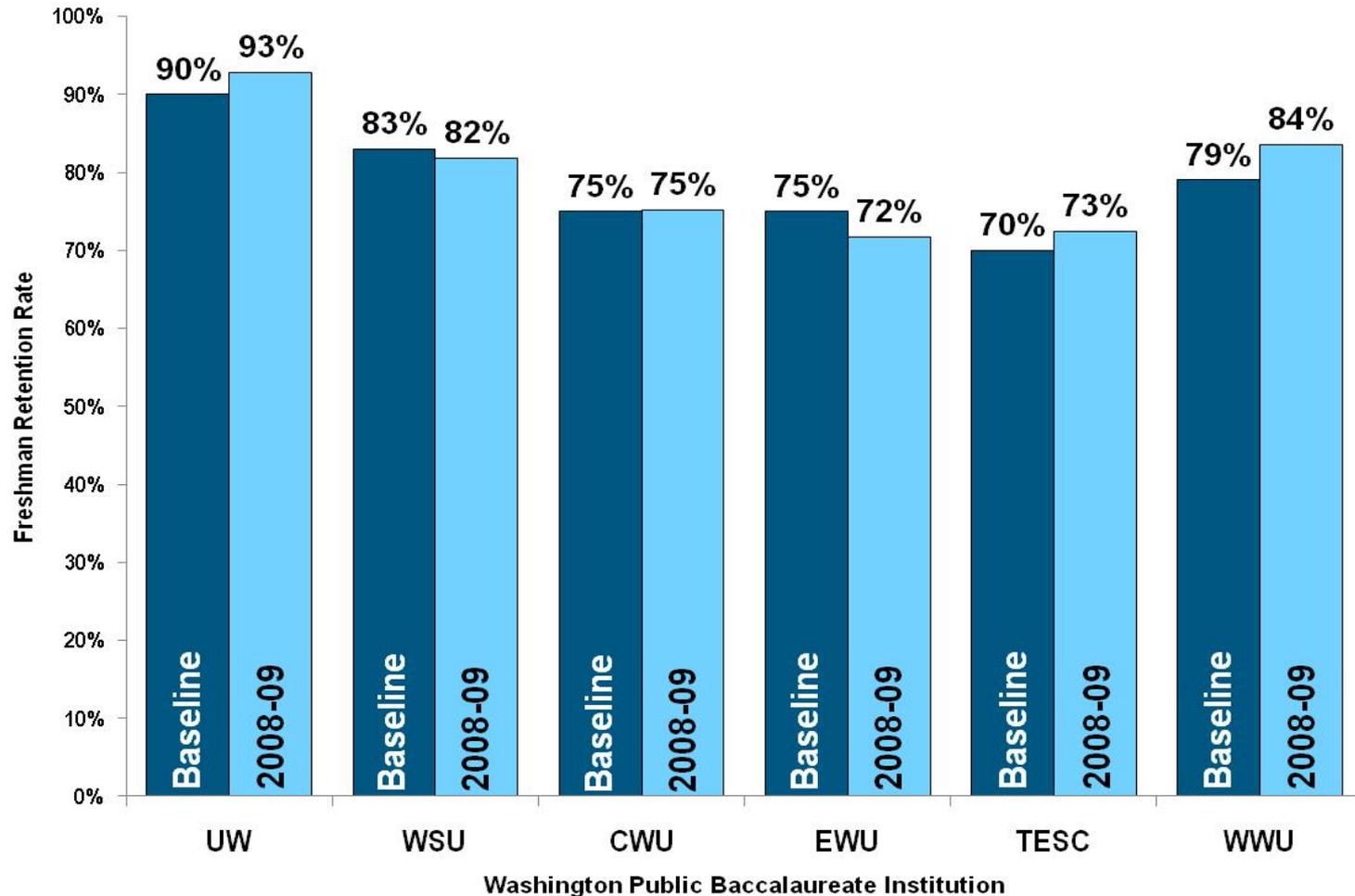
Graduation rate for transfer students has improved

Washington Public Baccalaureate Three-Year Graduation Rate for Transfer Students with an Associate Degree from a Washington Community College
Baseline (Annual Average of 1997-98 to 2001-02) to 2009-10



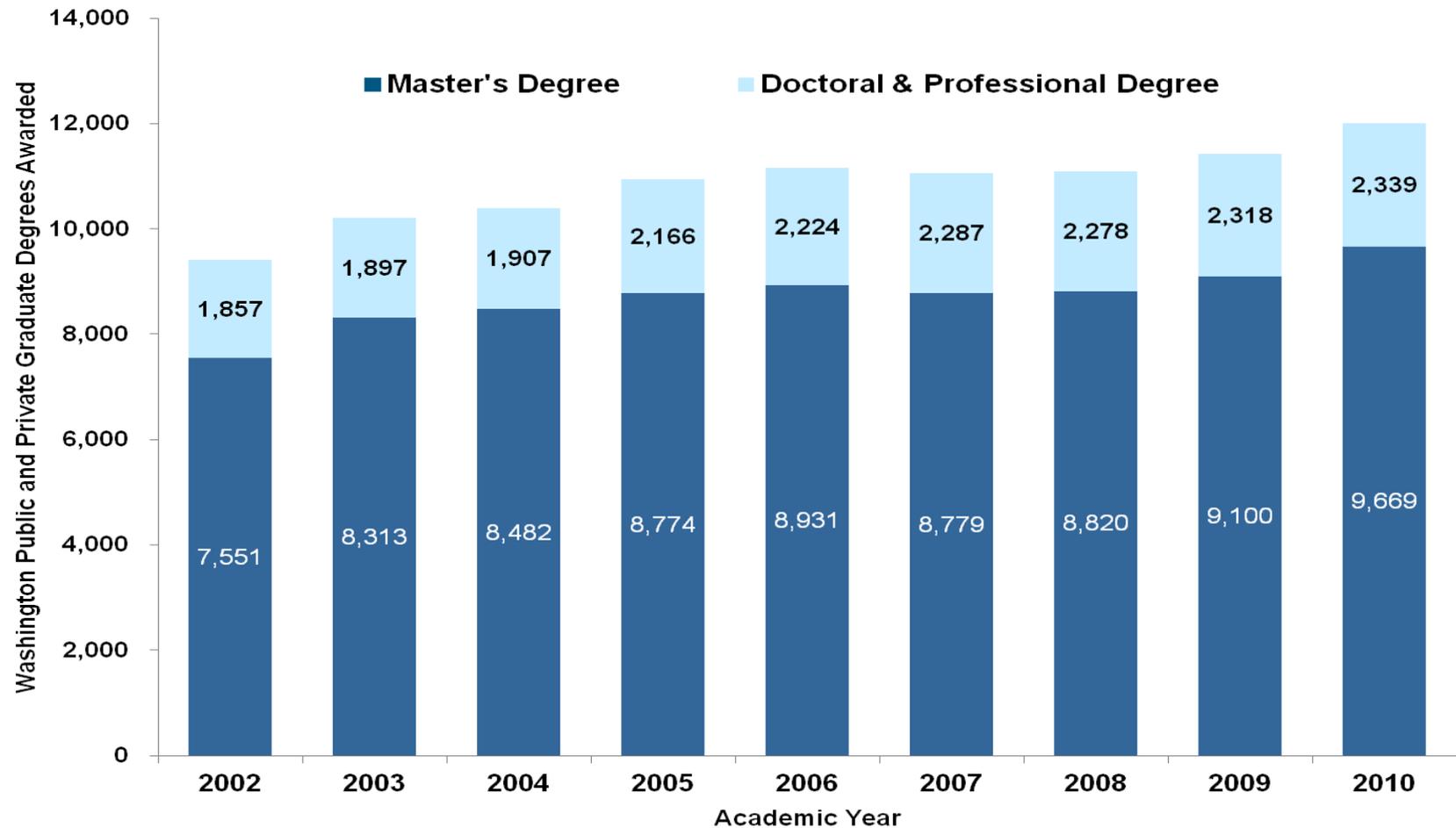
Large majority of Washington freshmen at four-year public institutions return for the sophomore year

Freshmen to Sophomore Retention, Washington Public Baccalaureate Baseline (Annual Average of 1997-98 to 2001-02) to 2009-10



Moderate Growth in Graduate Degree Production

Graduate Degrees Awarded in Washington by Type, 2002-2010 All Public and Private Institutions



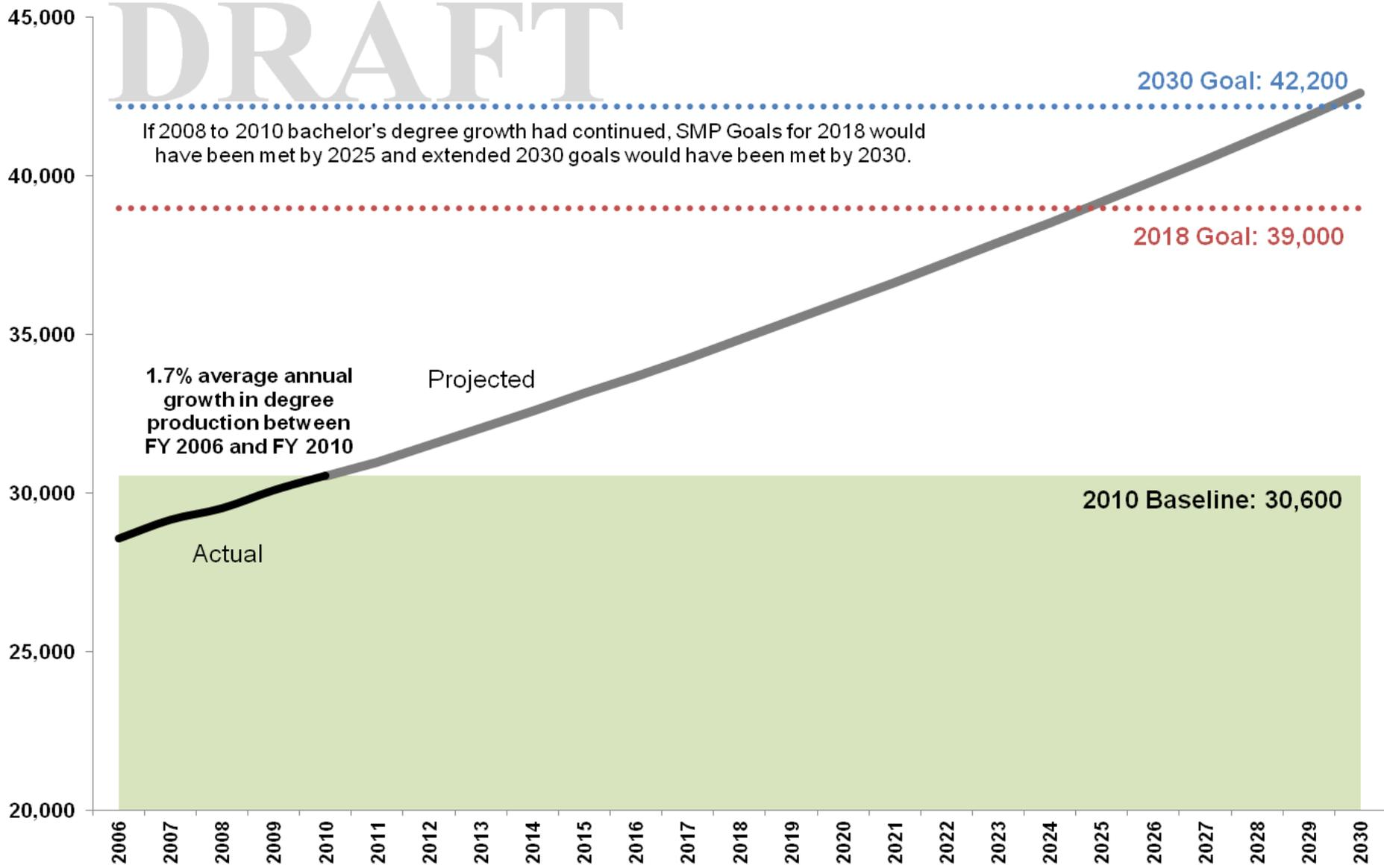
High Demand Degree Awards, 2002-2010

Program Area	2002-03	2005-06	2009-10
Allied Health	5,018	6,995	8,867
Computer Sciences	1,877	1,222	1,597
Engineering Tech.	1,936	1,821	2,844
Engineering (4-yr.)	1,264	1,293	1,263
Math, Biol./Physical Sciences	1,974	2,215	2,619
Transfer STEM (2 yr.)	1,056	1,059	1,187
Total Public Higher Ed.	13,169	14,730	18,709

Projected Bachelor's Degree Growth using 2006-2010 Increases vs. Goals Public and Private Institutions

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If 2008 to 2010 bachelor's degree growth had continued, SMP Goals for 2018 would have been met by 2025 and extended 2030 goals would have been met by 2030.



A Darker Tone in *Key Facts*

We are *not* on track

- Washington is faced with a deep dilemma. How can it make the investment in students it needs to make when revenue desperately needed to provide basic social and health support to our most vulnerable populations is being reduced? To date, there does not appear to be an answer to this question.
- However, one thing is for certain. If we continue down the current path, our higher education institutions will become far less accessible and affordable, more narrowly focused, and less capable of meeting future economic and societal needs. And this is exactly the opposite direction we should be heading . . .