

Opening Doors: Ensuring College Access for All Kentuckians

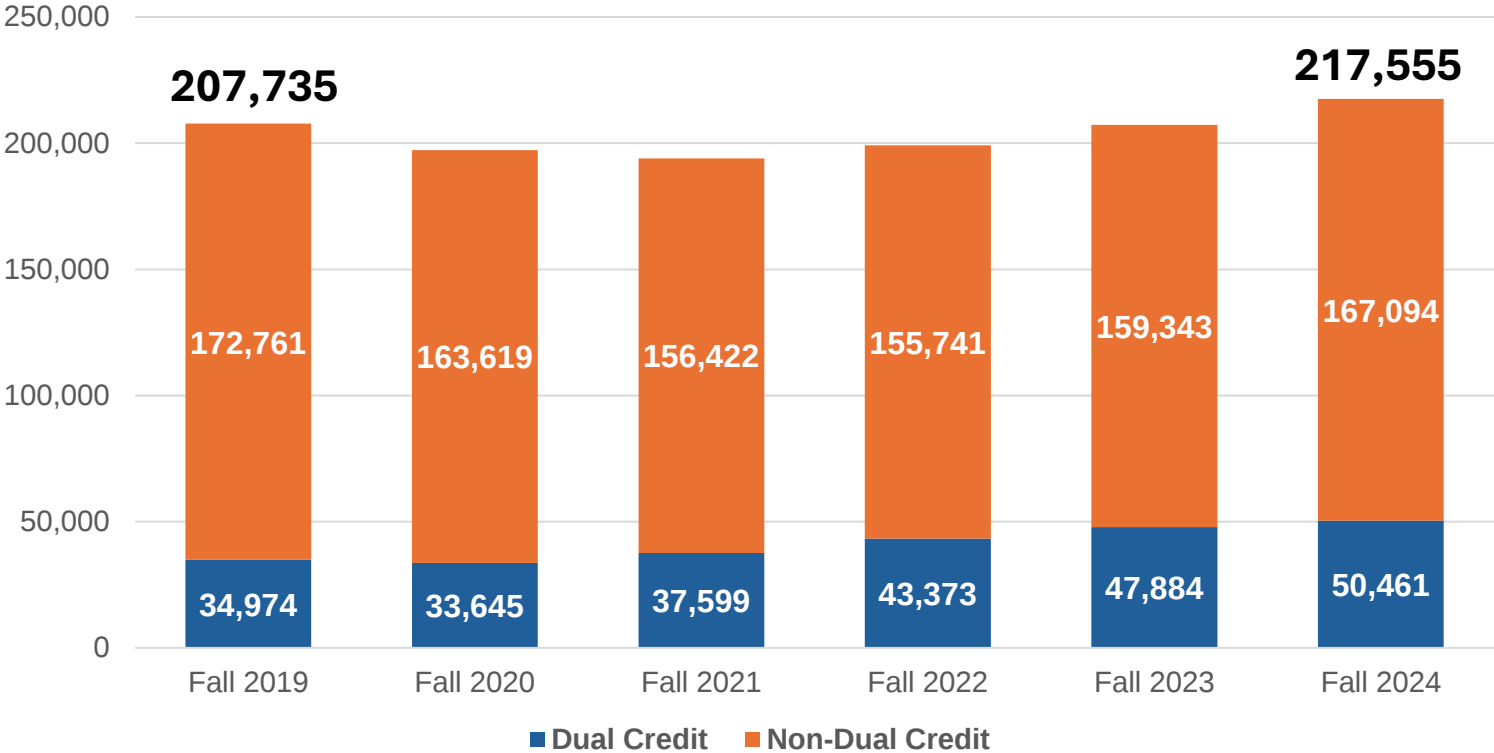
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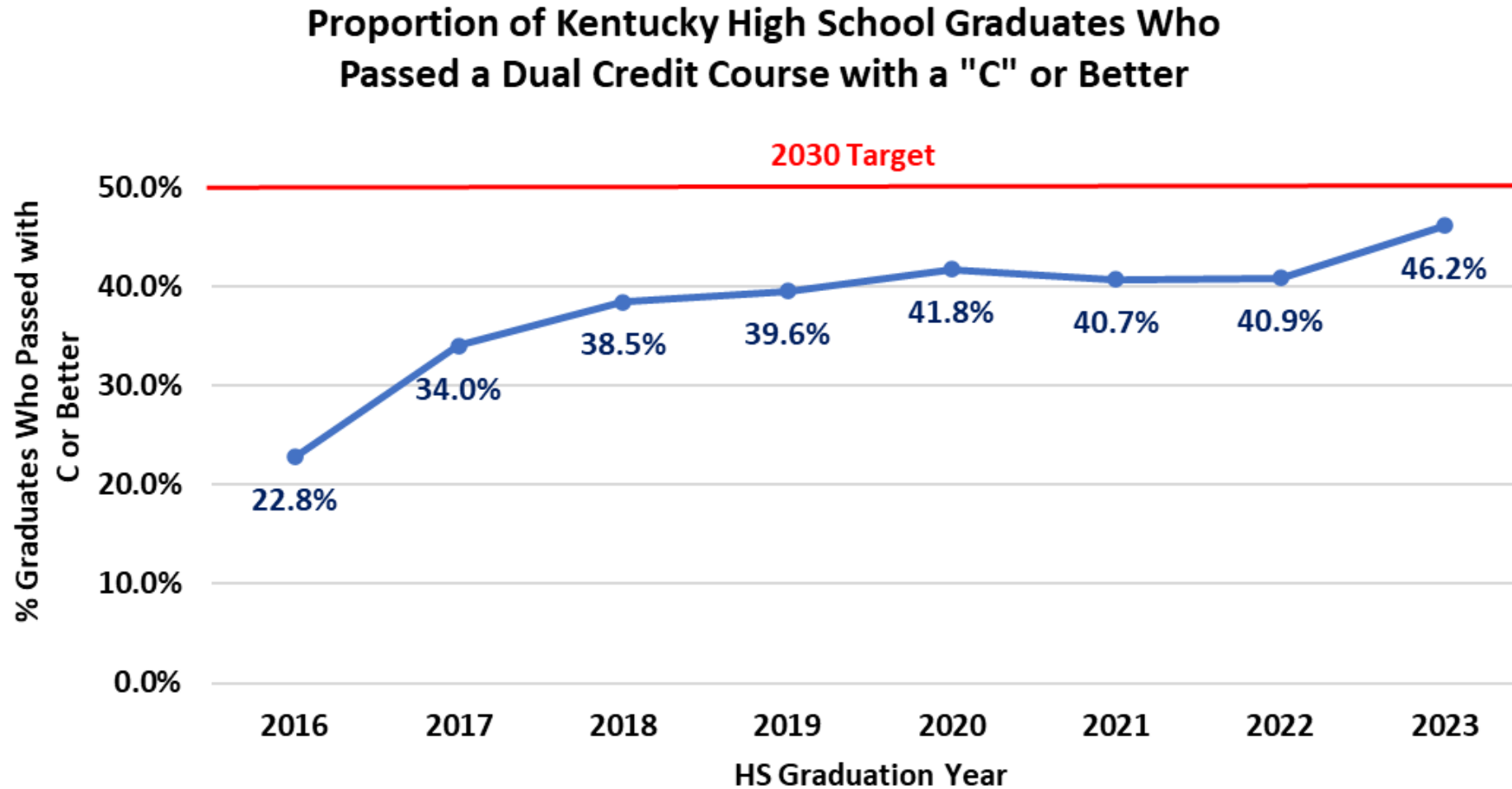
Postsecondary Progress – UG Enrollment



Overall
1-Yr. Change – **+5.0%**
5-Yr. Change – **+4.7%**

Dual Credit
1-Yr. Change – **+5.4%**
5-Yr. Change – **+44.3%**

Postsecondary Progress – Dual Credit Attainment



4-Year Public Cost & Aid

2019-20

Average Debt at Graduation	Average Unmet Need
\$21,816	\$12,158

All Student Cost	
In-State Tuition	\$10,927
In-State Tuition Per Credit Hour	\$425
Out-of-State Tuition	\$26,118
Out-of-State Tuition Per Credit Hour	\$1,000
Average Cost Of Attendance	\$29,218

All Student Aid	
Average Federal Pell Grant	\$4,479
Percent of Students Receiving Pell	32.01%
Average State KEES Grant	\$1,880
Percent Students Receiving KEES Grant	43.22%
Average State CAP Grant	\$1,732
Percent of Students Receiving CAP Grant	23.27%
Average Institutional Aid	\$7,273
Percent of Students Receiving Institutional Aid	60.16%

2023-24

Average Debt at Graduation	Average Unmet Need
\$18,104	\$12,882

All Student Cost	
In-State Tuition	\$11,687
In-State Tuition Per Credit Hour	\$465
Out-of-State Tuition	\$26,993
Out-of-State Tuition Per Credit Hour	\$940
Average Cost Of Attendance	\$33,529

All Student Aid	
Average Federal Pell Grant	\$5,362
Percent of Students Receiving Pell	32.84%
Average State KEES Grant	\$1,887
Percent Students Receiving KEES Grant	43.20%
Average State CAP Grant	\$4,613
Percent of Students Receiving CAP Grant	22.88%
Average Institutional Aid	\$8,537
Percent of Students Receiving Institutional Aid	64.86%

KCTCS Cost & Aid

2019-20

Average Debt at Graduation	Average Unmet Need
\$5,684	\$5,706

All Student Cost	
In-State Tuition	\$4,368
In-State Tuition Per Credit Hour	\$182
Out-of-State Tuition	\$14,808
Out-of-State Tuition Per Credit Hour	\$617
Average Cost Of Attendance	\$12,592

All Student Aid	
Average Federal Pell Grant	\$3,632
Percent of Students Receiving Pell	43.51%
Average State KEES Grant	\$1,100
Percent Students Receiving KEES Grant	21.40%
Average State CAP Grant	\$1,343
Percent of Students Receiving CAP Grant	30.25%
Average Institutional Aid	\$1,531
Percent of Students Receiving Institutional Aid	8.71%

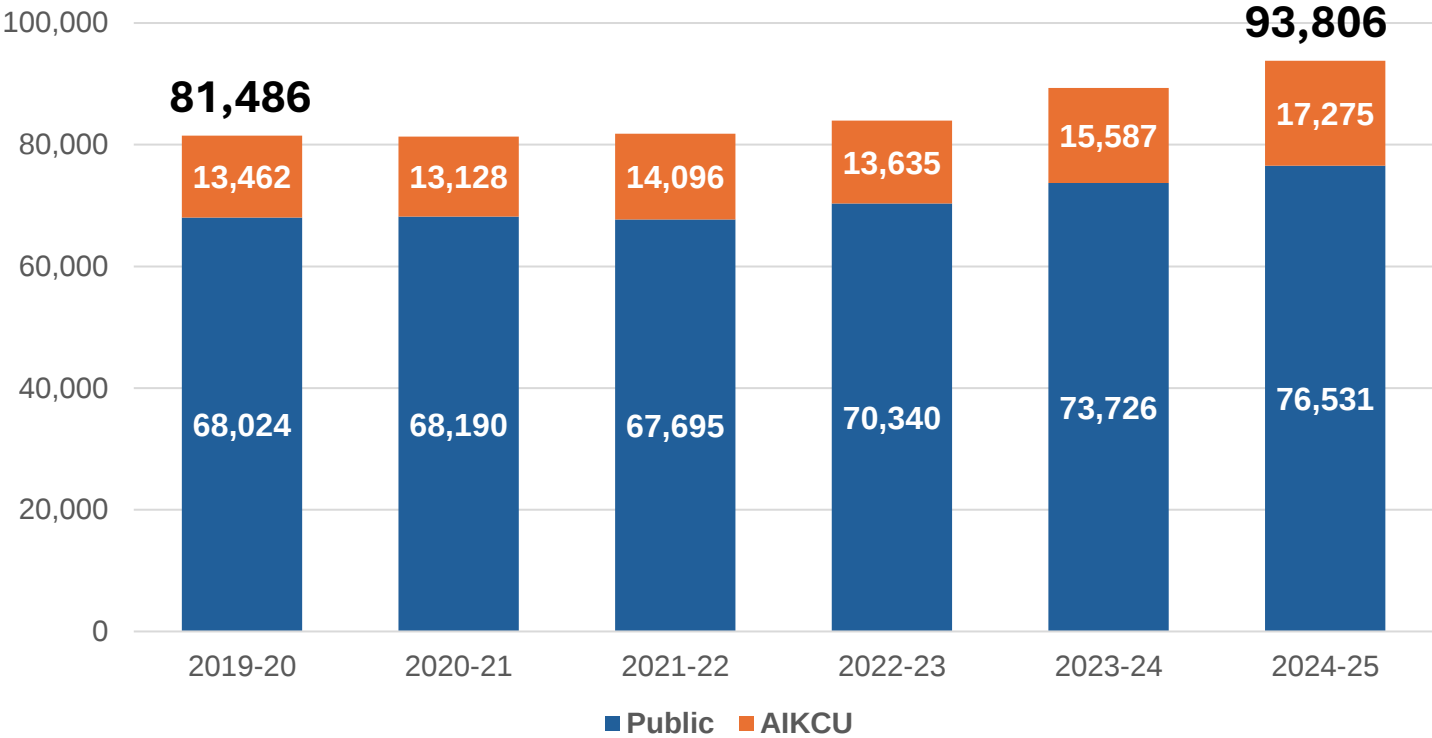
2023-24

Average Debt at Graduation	Average Unmet Need
\$3,818	\$5,835

All Student Cost	
In-State Tuition	\$4,656
In-State Tuition Per Credit Hour	\$194
Out-of-State Tuition	\$6,192
Out-of-State Tuition Per Credit Hour	\$258
Average Cost Of Attendance	\$13,693

All Student Aid	
Average Federal Pell Grant	\$4,357
Percent of Students Receiving Pell	48.33%
Average State KEES Grant	\$1,101
Percent Students Receiving KEES Grant	22.82%
Average State CAP Grant	\$1,660
Percent of Students Receiving CAP Grant	31.54%
Average Institutional Aid	\$1,959
Percent of Students Receiving Institutional Aid	13.17%

Postsecondary Progress – Degrees & Credentials



Overall

1-Yr. Change – **+5.0%**

5-Yr. Change – **+15.1%**

Public

1-Yr. Change – **+3.8%**

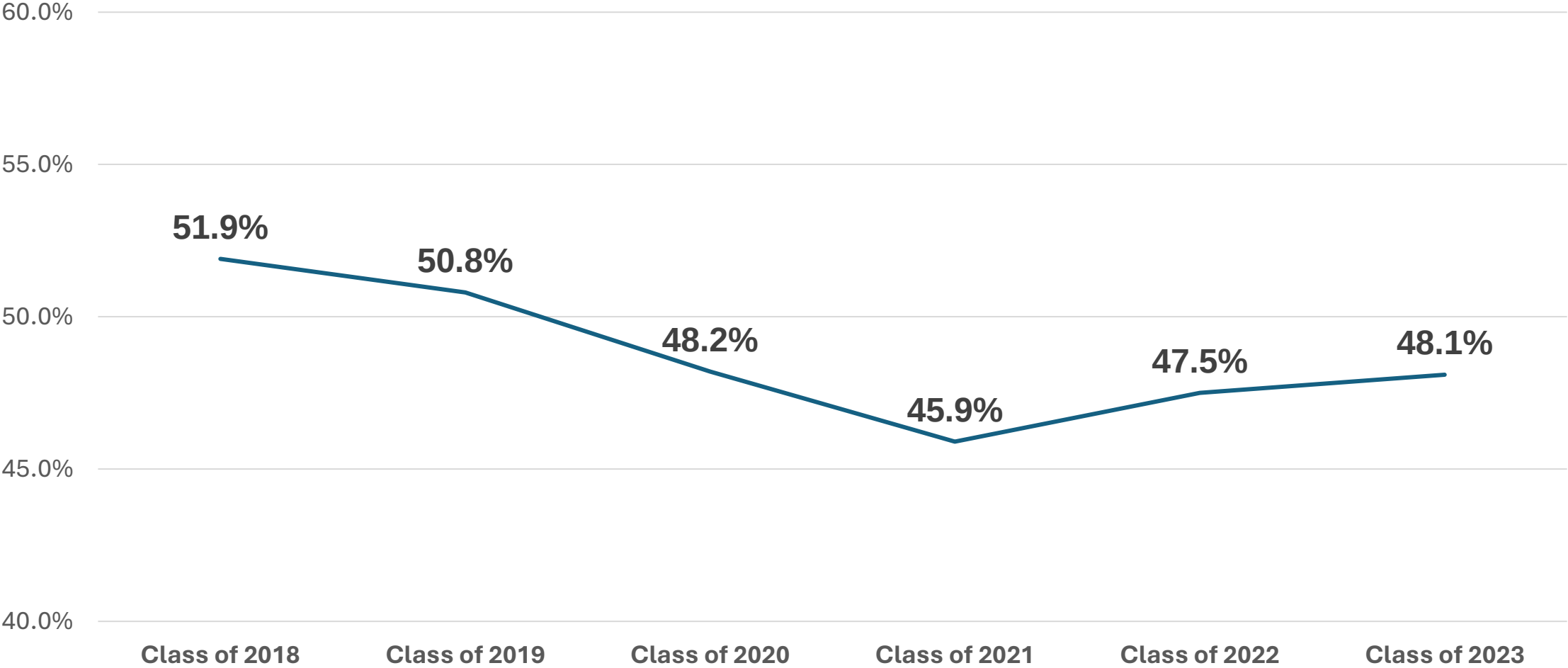
5-Yr. Change – **+12.5%**

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1-Yr. Change – **+10.8%**

5-Yr. Change – **+28.3%**

Statewide Challenge – College-Going Rate



Statewide Challenge – Achievement Gaps

*Overall, **48.1%** of KY high school graduates enroll directly in college, but these rates are lower for at-risk populations:*



42.6%
Black
Students



43.1%
Hispanic/Latino
Students

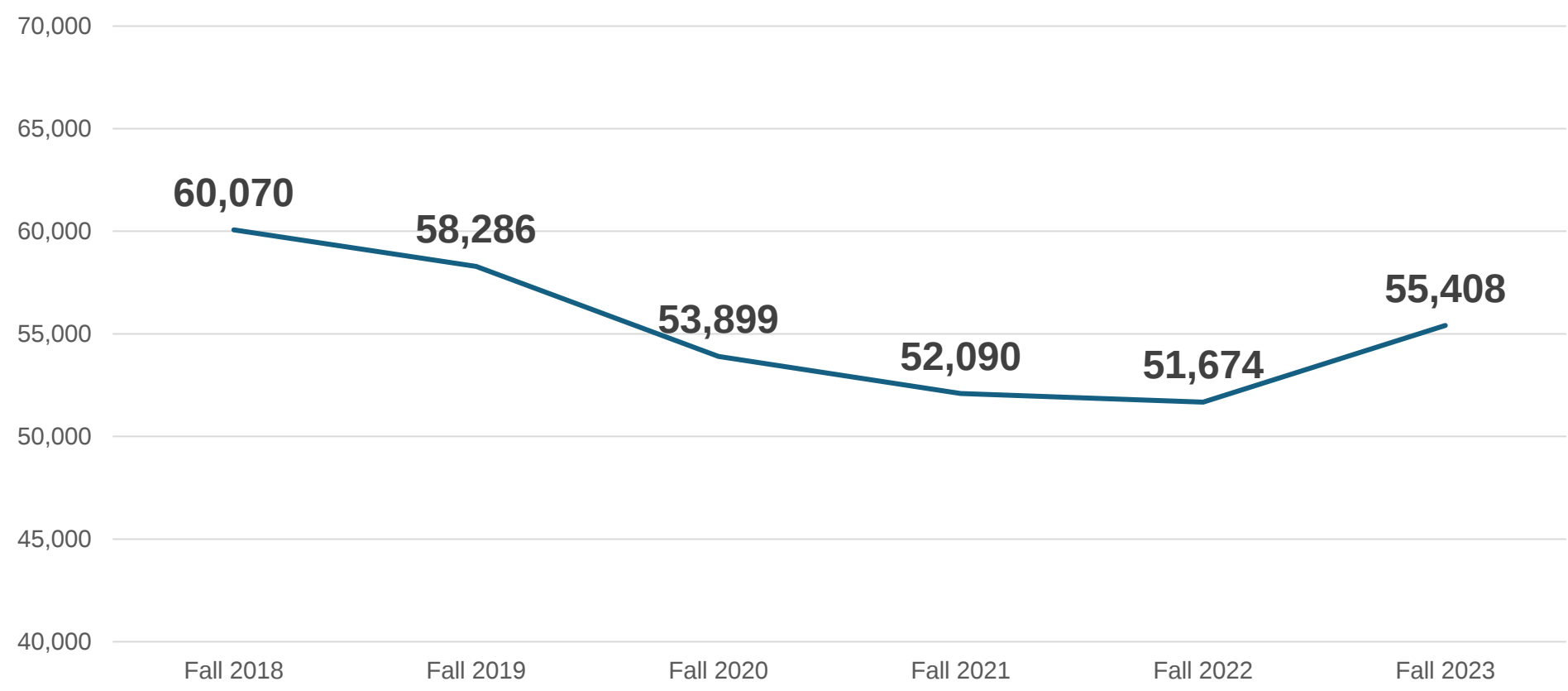


40.6%
Male
Students



39.6%
Low-Income
Students

Statewide Challenge – Low-Income UG Enrollment



A group of people in an office setting, smiling and engaged in a discussion. The image is slightly blurred, with a focus on the people in the foreground. A woman with curly hair is smiling, and another woman with long hair is looking towards her. A man is partially visible in the background. The overall atmosphere is positive and collaborative.

Improvement Strategies



Futuriti

Where Kentuckians Find Their Futures



Choose Your Career Path

Career exploration for K-12 students, adult learners & military veterans.



Continue Your Education

Find your major and choose a school, find financial aid options.



Start Your Career

Create your resume, land the interview and the job you've been working toward.



Objective

To create a platform that Kentuckians can use to visualize their paths from classroom to career.

Goal

To increase Kentucky's educational attainment and labor force participation rates so they meet or exceed the national average.

Kentucky Advising Academy





GEAR UP KY



Summer Bridge Programs

CPE Budget Request for Access & Success

Funding Request	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28
Futuriti.org	\$250,000	\$250,000
Summer Bridge Initiatives	\$750,000	\$750,000
Workforce/Ec. Development	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Total Additional Request	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000

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