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Executive Summary

College Going Rates for Riverside County Students

For the Class of 2025, 30,890 Riverside County students were included in the countywide cohort. Of these students, 58.5% (18,075 students) enrolled in college in the fall immediately following high school graduation, while 61.6% (19,021 students) enrolled at some point within the first year after graduation.

Immediate college enrollment was 58.5% for the Class of 2025, compared with 58.5% for the Class of 2024 and 58.6% for the Class of 2023. The most recent cohorts remain close to the post-pandemic high point and are above the Class of 2022 rate, indicating that countywide college-going has stabilized after the earlier disruption.

The majority of students enrolled in public institutions (53.1%), while a smaller proportion attended private institutions (5.4%). Among the Class of 2025, 33.0% enrolled in two-year institutions and 25.5% enrolled in four-year institutions. Most college-going remained in-state (54.0%), with 4.5% enrolling out of state.

College Persistence Rates

For the Class of 2023, the freshman-to-sophomore persistence rate was 80.9% across all institutions, compared with 80.2% for the prior class. This measure is reported through the latest class with a complete second-year follow-up window.

Persistence rates differ by institution type and level. For the Class of 2023, students attending four-year institutions had a persistence rate of 87.2%, compared with 92.6% for those attending two-year institutions. Public institutions showed a persistence rate of 80.4%, while private institutions were at 80.2%.

College Completion Rates

For the Class of 2019, 30.5% of Riverside County students completed a degree within six years, compared with 31.3% for the prior class.

Degree completion varies by institution type, level, and location. For the Class of 2019, 18.7% completed from four-year institutions and 11.3% completed from two-year institutions. Most completed degrees were earned at public institutions (25.9%) and in-state institutions (26.4%), with smaller shares from private (4.6%) and out-of-state (4.1%) institutions.

Annual Progress by Class

Annual progress data follows each graduating class across postsecondary report years. The section shows the balance between new college enrollment, persistence, stop-out and return, no-longer-enrolled status, and degree completion as each class moves farther from high school graduation.

Older cohorts show the full arc from initial enrollment into mature completion outcomes, while newer cohorts primarily show early enrollment and persistence. This is why completion and time-to-degree sections are limited to the classes with enough elapsed time for a six-year outcome window.

Across cohorts, the progress charts are intended to separate initial college access from continued enrollment and completion. This makes the report more useful for identifying where students enter, persist, leave, return, or complete after high school.

Most Common Institutions

Postsecondary enrollment is heavily concentrated in local, public institutions, particularly community colleges. The most attended institution is Riverside City College with 21,242 enrollments in the countywide top-institution rollup.

Among four-year institutions, the most common destination is University of California – Riverside with 7,078 enrollments. Enrollment in private institutions is much smaller; the most common private institution in the rollup is California Baptist University – Undergrads with 3,804 enrollments.

The institution table should be read as an approximate rollup because it aggregates each district's top 29 institutions, rather than every institution attended by every student. Even with that caveat, the pattern is clear: Riverside County students most often enroll in nearby public community colleges and California public universities.

Report Snapshot

The Class of 2025 countywide cohort had 30,890 students in the aggregate. 58.5% enrolled in college in the fall immediately after high school, and 61.6% enrolled at some point during the first year after high school.

Table 1: Selected Class of 2025 indicators, Riverside County aggregate.

Metric	Value	Students (n)
Class size	30,890	30,890
Immediate college enrollment	58.5%	18,075
First-year college enrollment	61.6%	19,021

Source. National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker aggregate reports; Spring 2026.

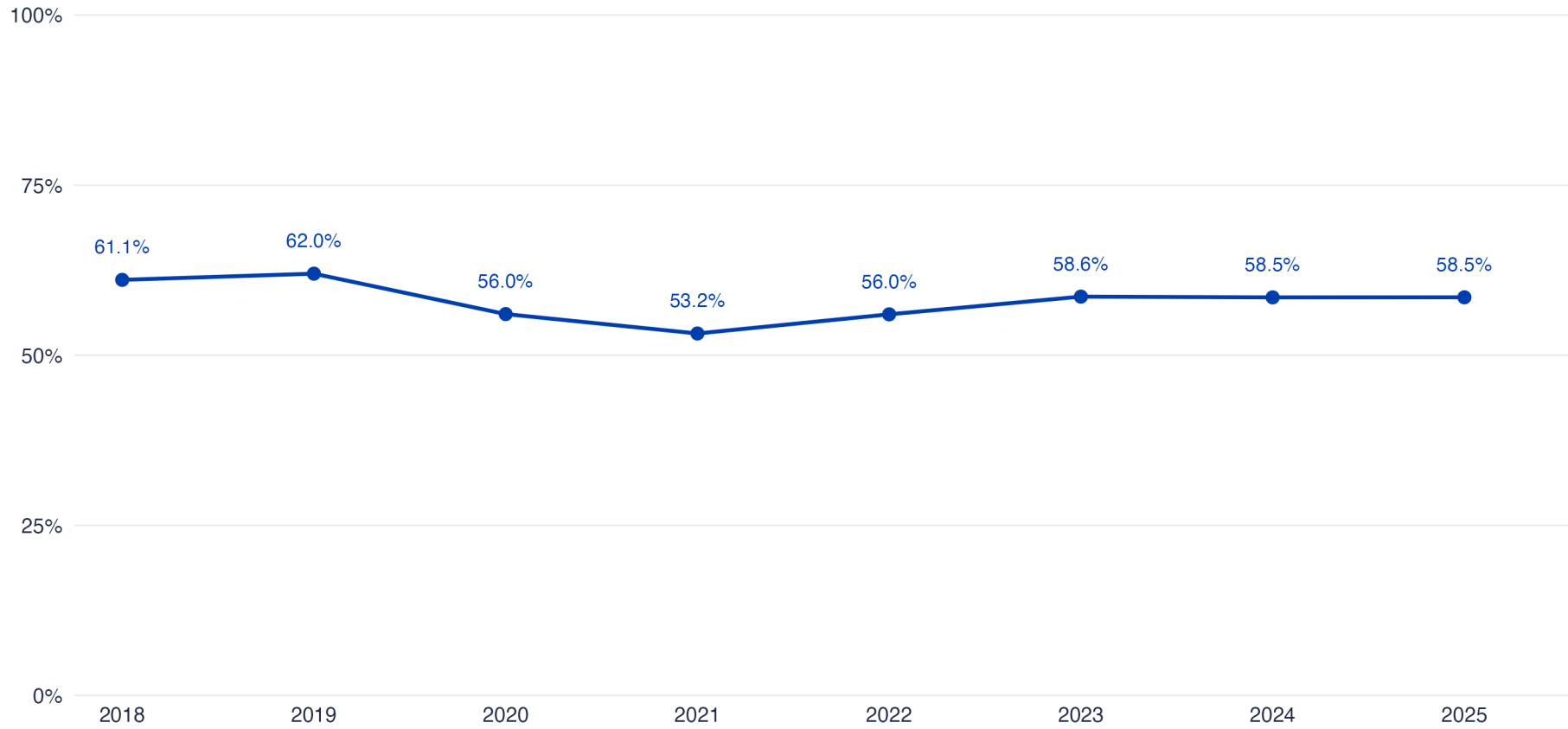
PART I

College Enrollment

Immediate, first-year, and first-two-year postsecondary enrollment rates for Riverside County students, tracked by high school class.

Immediate College Enrollment

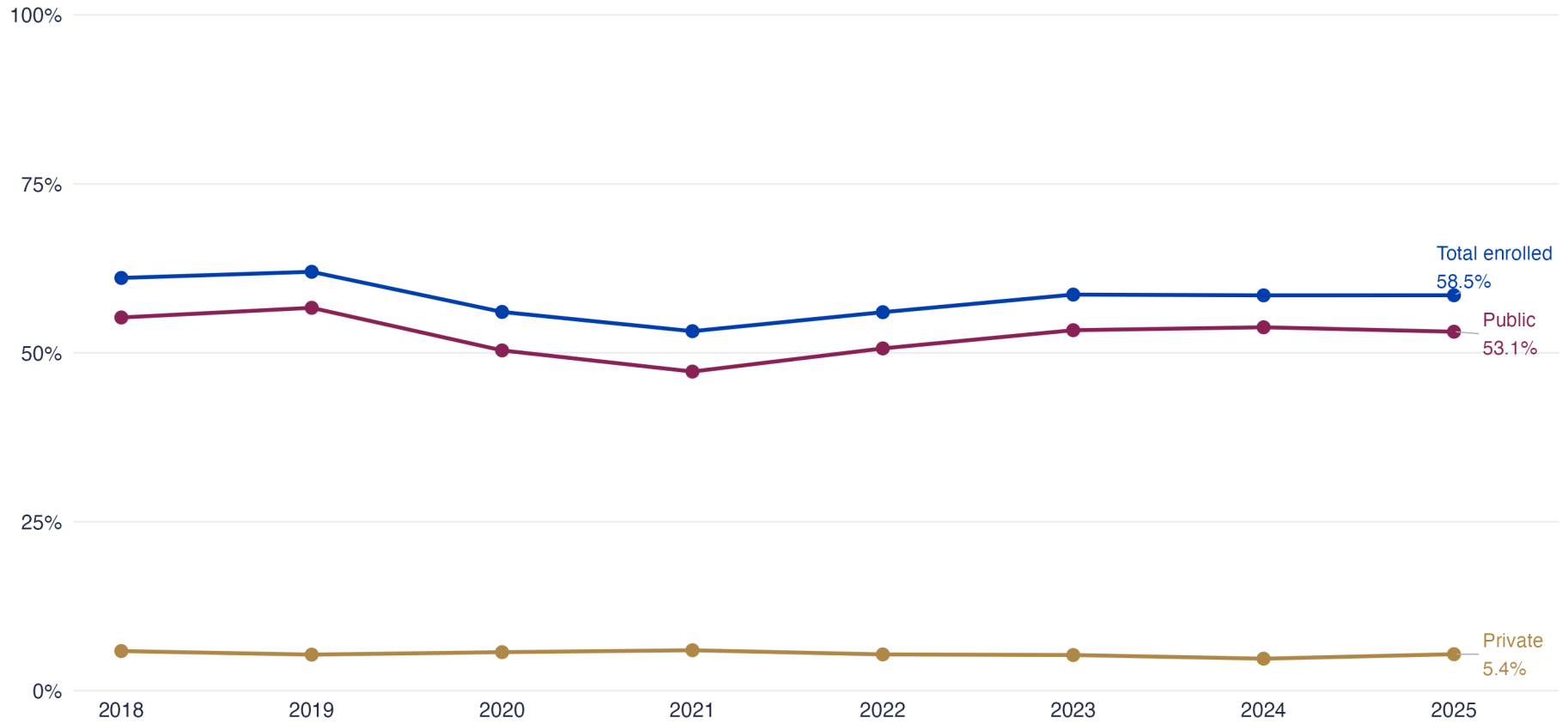
Riverside County aggregate, by high school class.



Source. National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker aggregate reports; Spring 2026.

Immediate College Enrollment by Institutional Type

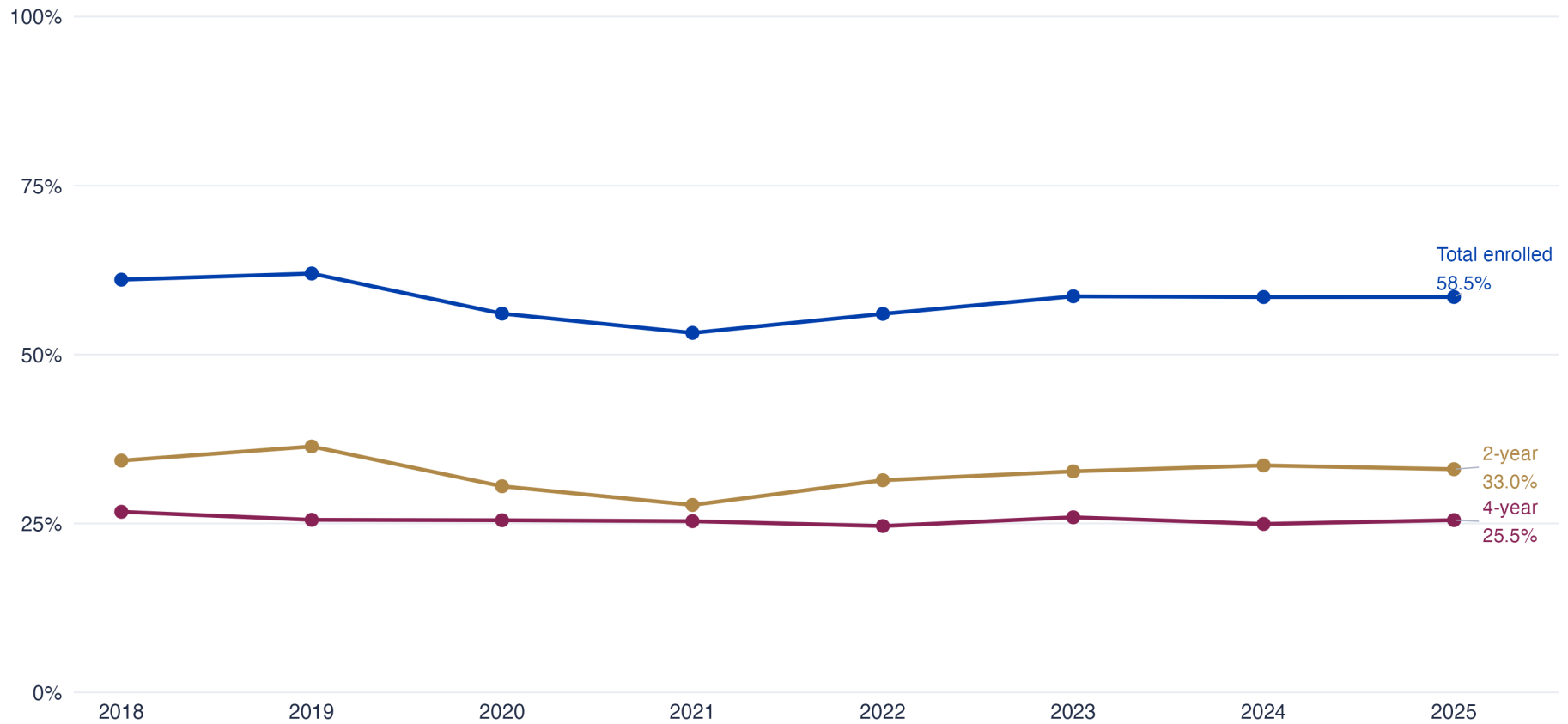
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Source. National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker aggregate reports; Spring 2026.

Immediate College Enrollment by Institutional Level

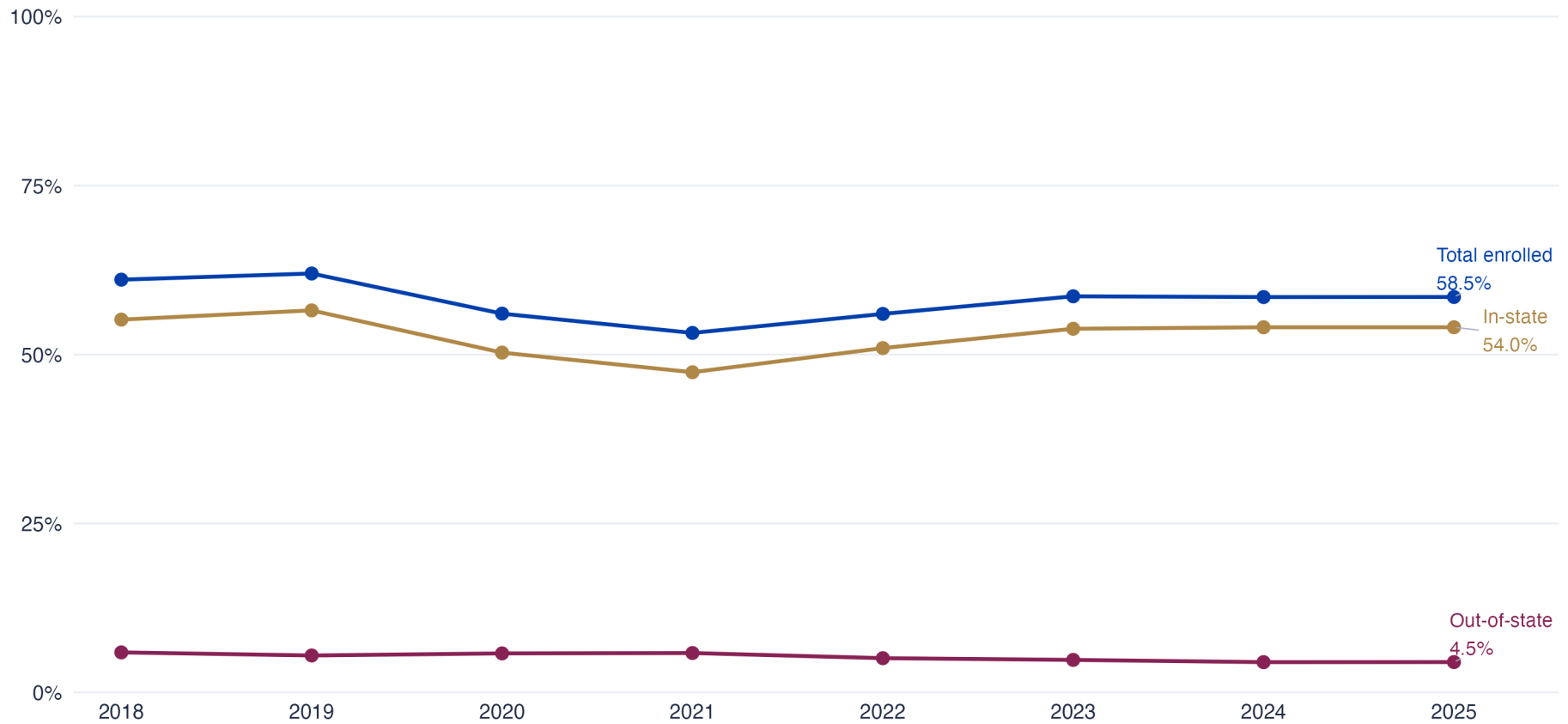
Two-year and four-year institution categories.



Source. National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker aggregate reports; Spring 2026.

Immediate College Enrollment by Institution Location

In-state and out-of-state institution categories.



Source. National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker aggregate reports; Spring 2026.

Student Counts

Table 2: Counts by high school class.

Group	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total in the Class	30,444	30,249	30,240	29,769	30,346	30,383	31,540	30,890
Total enrolled	18,595	18,751	16,949	15,836	16,997	17,809	18,452	18,075
In-state	16,795	17,100	15,205	14,104	15,462	16,350	17,042	16,691
Out-of-state	1,800	1,651	1,744	1,732	1,535	1,459	1,410	1,384
2-year	10,441	11,007	9,224	8,255	9,527	9,938	10,593	10,202
4-year	8,134	7,722	7,702	7,541	7,468	7,871	7,859	7,873
Private	1,782	1,612	1,722	1,779	1,627	1,601	1,491	1,666
Public	16,813	17,139	15,227	14,057	15,370	16,208	16,961	16,409

Source. National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker aggregate reports; Spring 2026.

Percentages

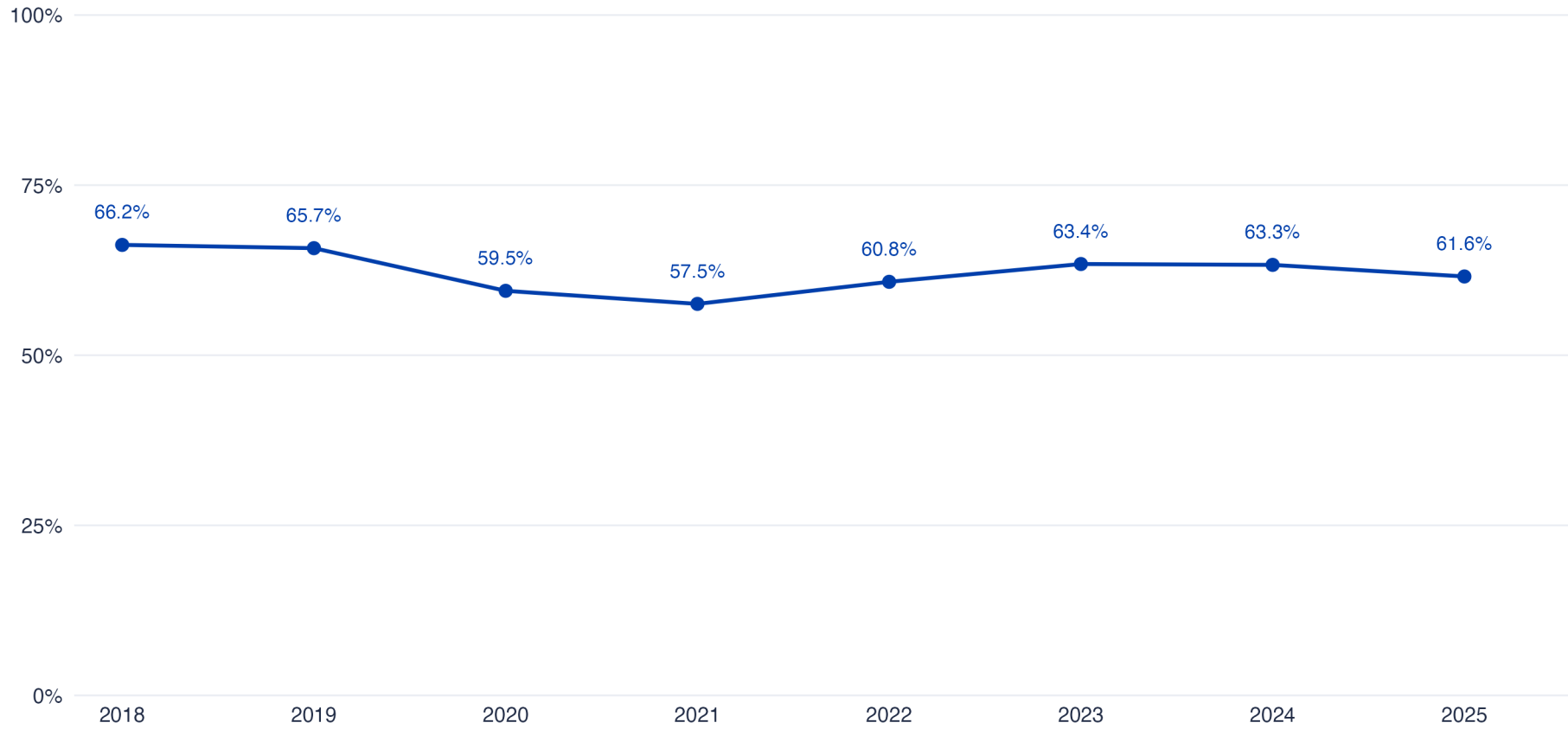
Table 3: Percentages by high school class.

Group	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total enrolled	61.1%	62.0%	56.0%	53.2%	56.0%	58.6%	58.5%	58.5%
In-state	55.2%	56.5%	50.3%	47.4%	51.0%	53.8%	54.0%	54.0%
Out-of-state	5.9%	5.5%	5.8%	5.8%	5.1%	4.8%	4.5%	4.5%
2-year	34.3%	36.4%	30.5%	27.7%	31.4%	32.7%	33.6%	33.0%
4-year	26.7%	25.5%	25.5%	25.3%	24.6%	25.9%	24.9%	25.5%
Private	5.9%	5.3%	5.7%	6.0%	5.4%	5.3%	4.7%	5.4%
Public	55.2%	56.7%	50.4%	47.2%	50.6%	53.3%	53.8%	53.1%

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First-Year College Enrollment

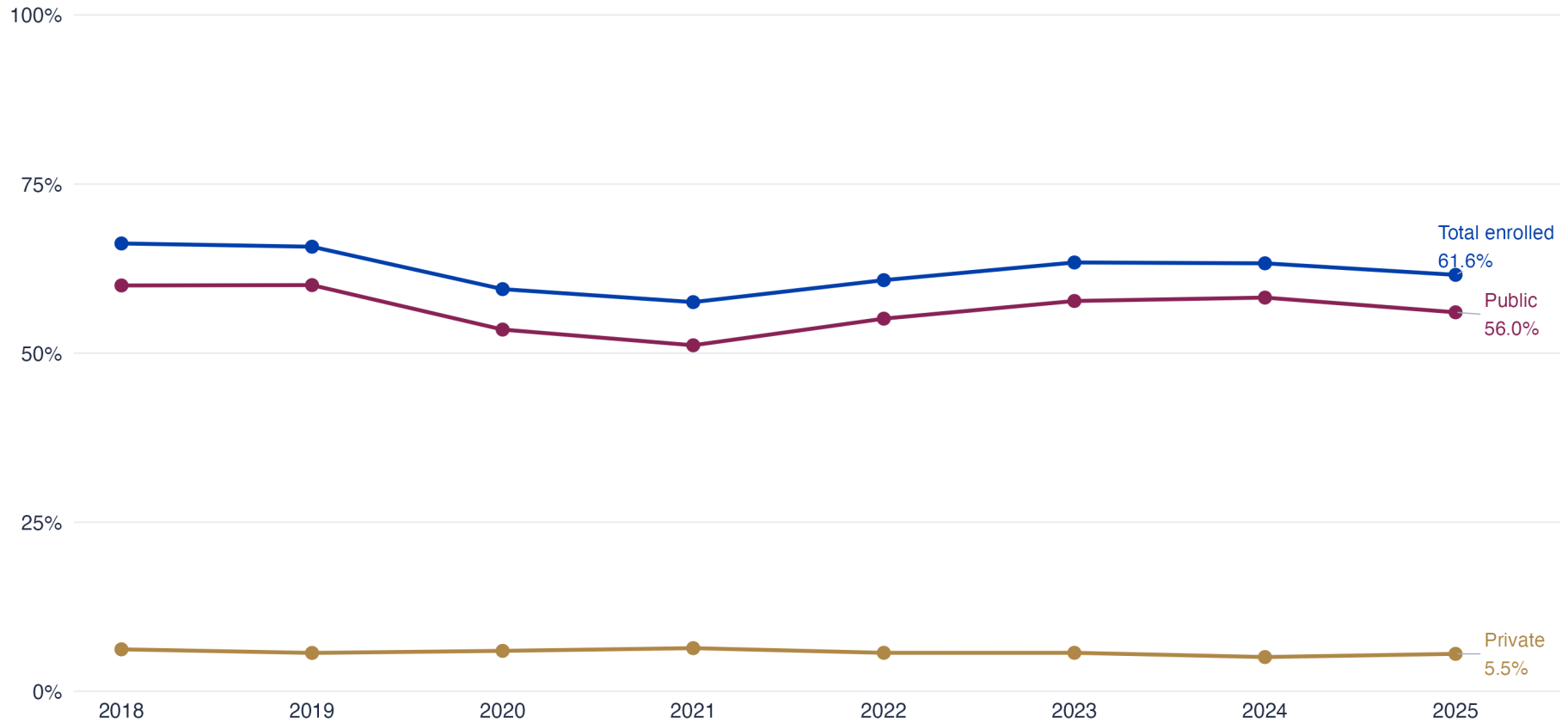
Riverside County aggregate, by high school class.



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First-Year College Enrollment by Institutional Type

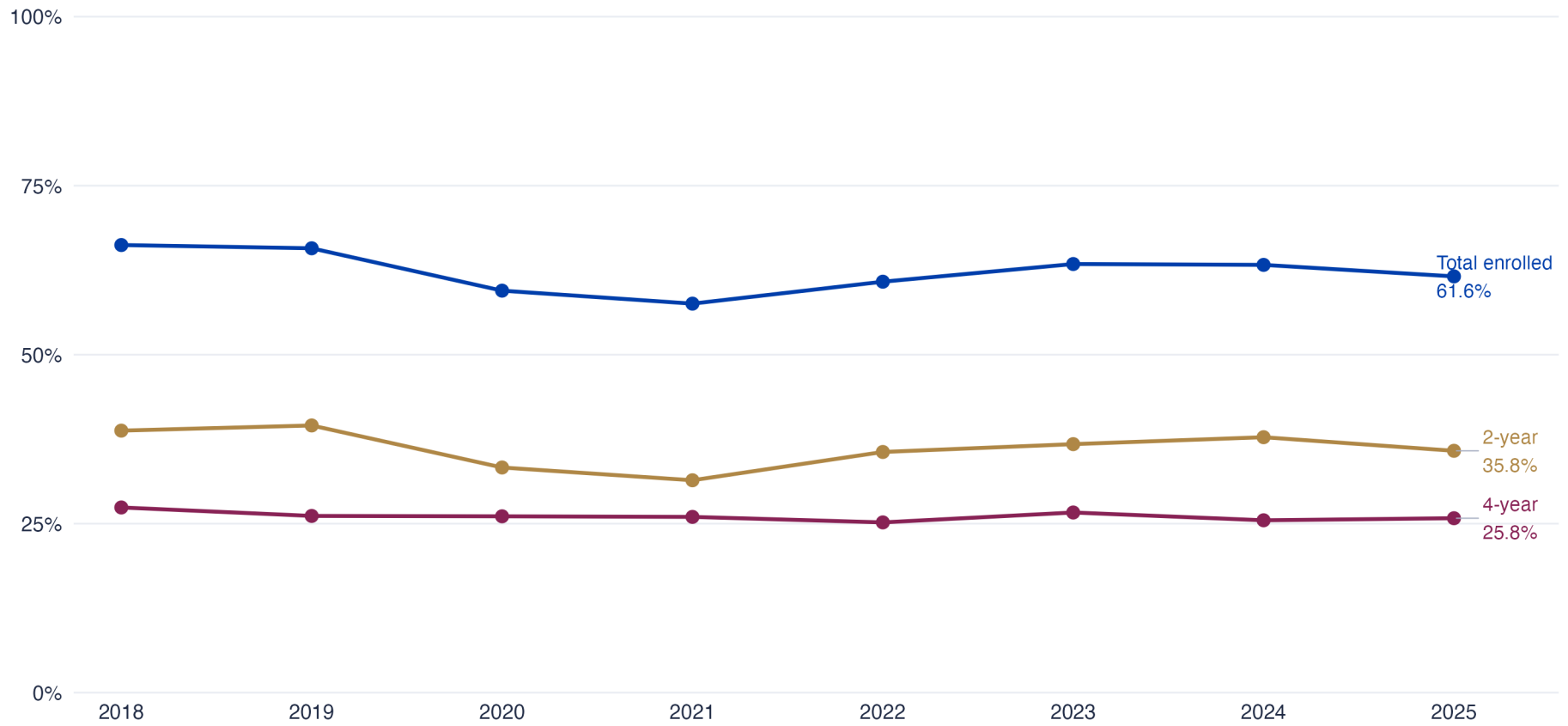
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First-Year College Enrollment by Institutional Level

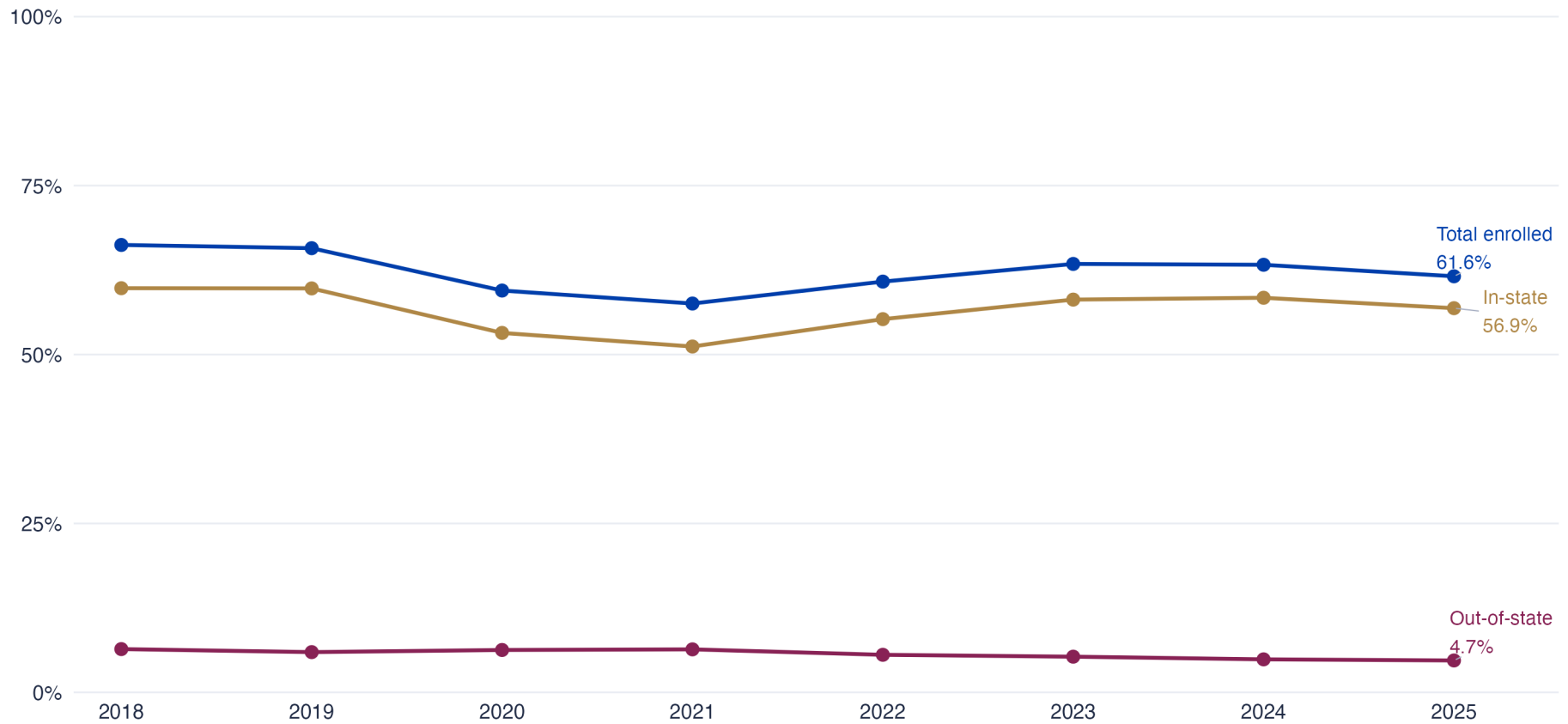
Two-year and four-year institution categories.



Source. National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker aggregate reports; Spring 2026.

First-Year College Enrollment by Institution Location

In-state and out-of-state institution categories.



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Student Counts

Table 4: Counts by high school class.

Group	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total in the Class	30,444	30,249	30,240	29,769	30,346	30,383	31,540	30,890
Total enrolled	20,159	19,885	17,983	17,131	18,448	19,265	19,959	19,021
In-state	18,210	18,084	16,087	15,237	16,762	17,661	18,419	17,563
Out-of-state	1,949	1,801	1,896	1,894	1,686	1,604	1,540	1,458
2-year	11,800	11,956	10,072	9,352	10,804	11,169	11,918	11,051
4-year	8,339	7,907	7,888	7,739	7,642	8,096	8,041	7,970
Private	1,890	1,717	1,809	1,900	1,727	1,730	1,598	1,711
Public	18,269	18,168	16,174	15,231	16,721	17,535	18,361	17,310

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Percentages

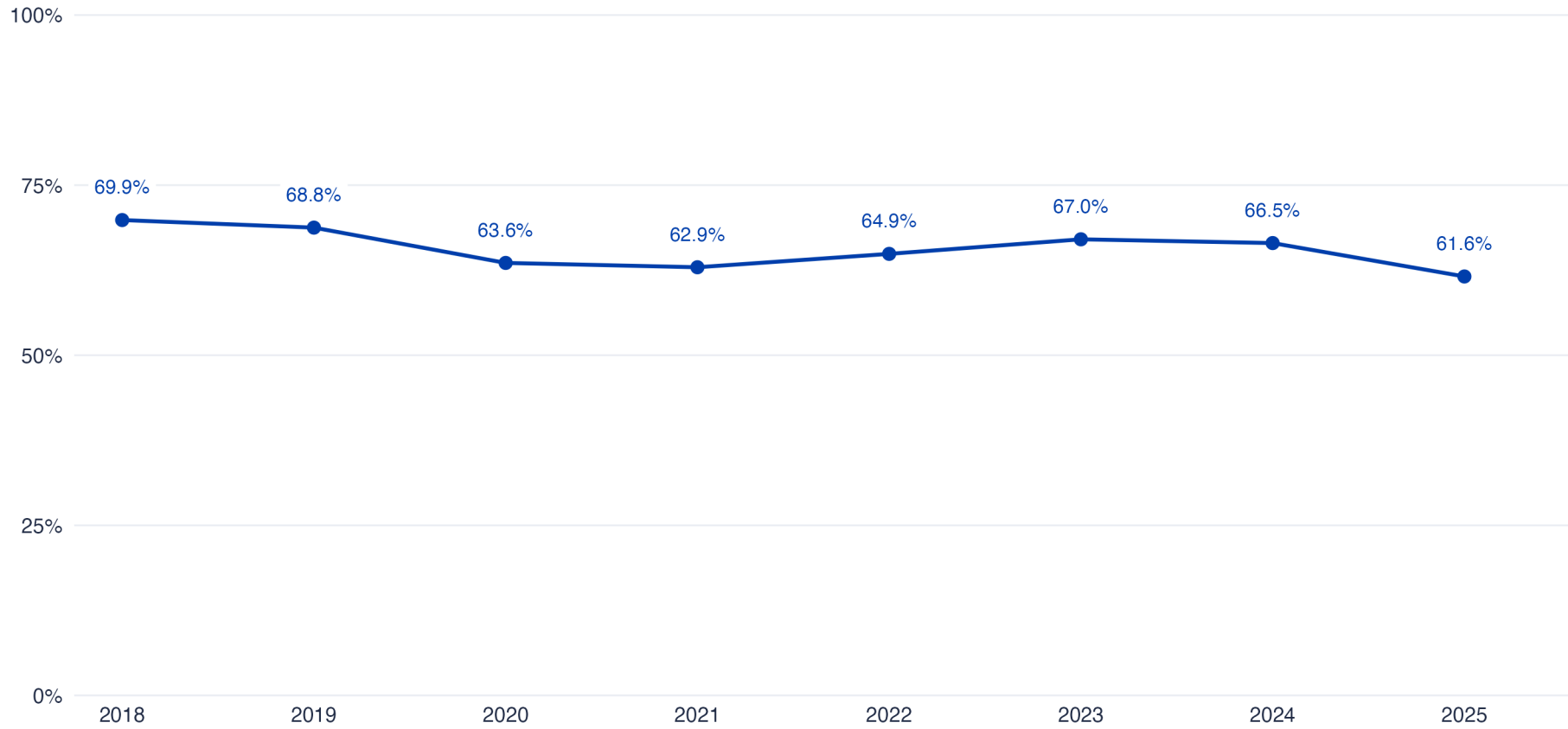
Table 5: Percentages by high school class.

Group	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total enrolled	66.2%	65.7%	59.5%	57.5%	60.8%	63.4%	63.3%	61.6%
In-state	59.8%	59.8%	53.2%	51.2%	55.2%	58.1%	58.4%	56.9%
Out-of-state	6.4%	6.0%	6.3%	6.4%	5.6%	5.3%	4.9%	4.7%
2-year	38.8%	39.5%	33.3%	31.4%	35.6%	36.8%	37.8%	35.8%
4-year	27.4%	26.1%	26.1%	26.0%	25.2%	26.6%	25.5%	25.8%
Private	6.2%	5.7%	6.0%	6.4%	5.7%	5.7%	5.1%	5.5%
Public	60.0%	60.1%	53.5%	51.2%	55.1%	57.7%	58.2%	56.0%

Source. National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker aggregate reports; Spring 2026.

First-Two-Year College Enrollment

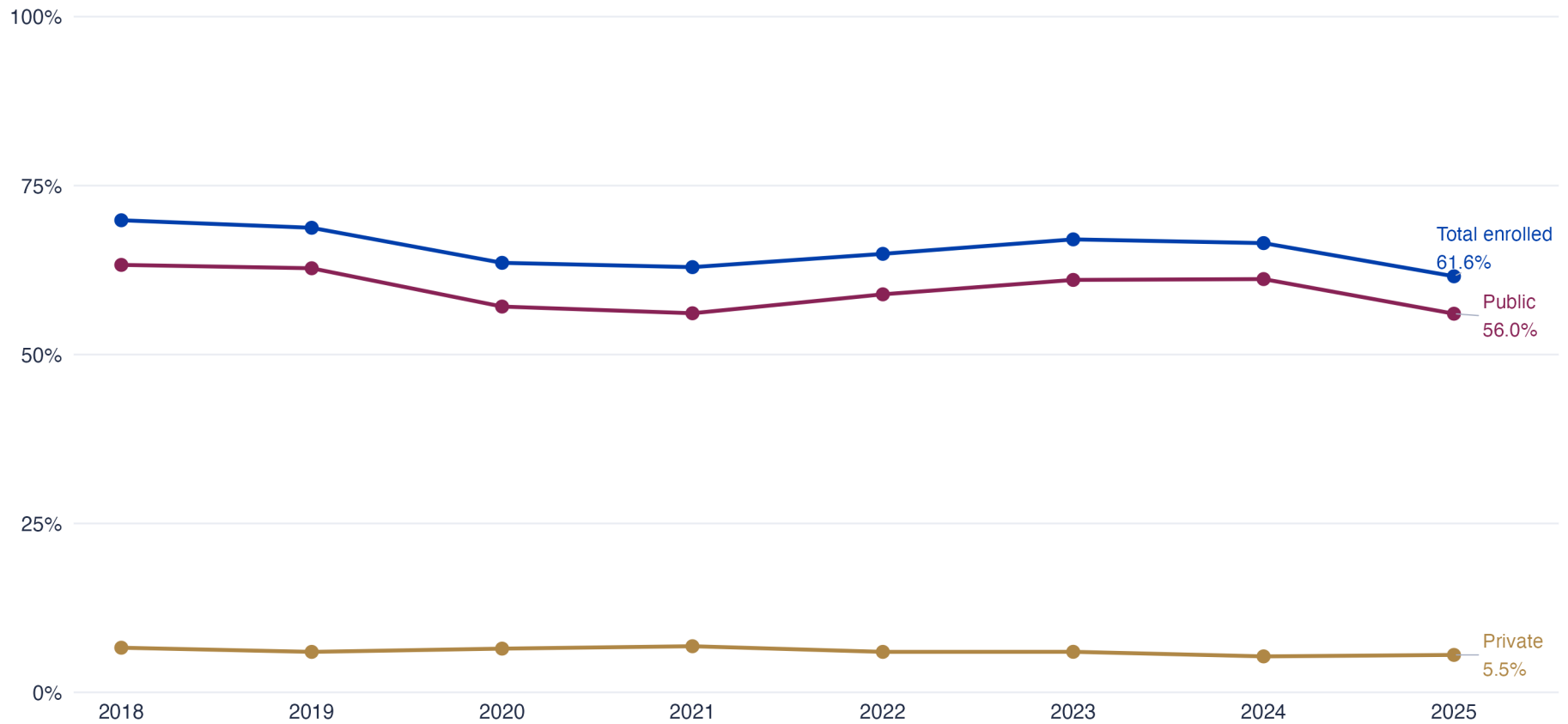
Riverside County aggregate, by high school class.



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First-Two-Year College Enrollment by Institutional Type

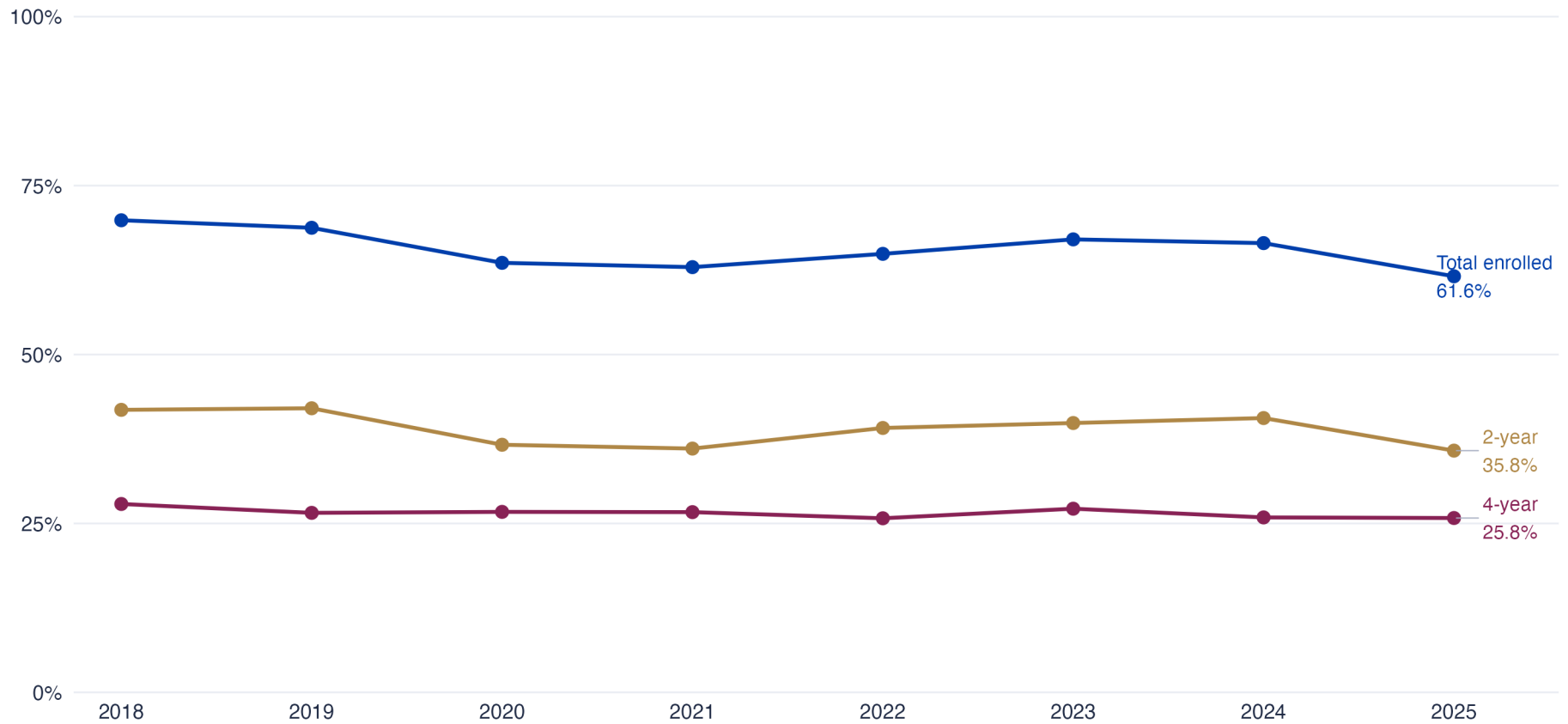
Public and private institution categories.



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First-Two-Year College Enrollment by Institutional Level

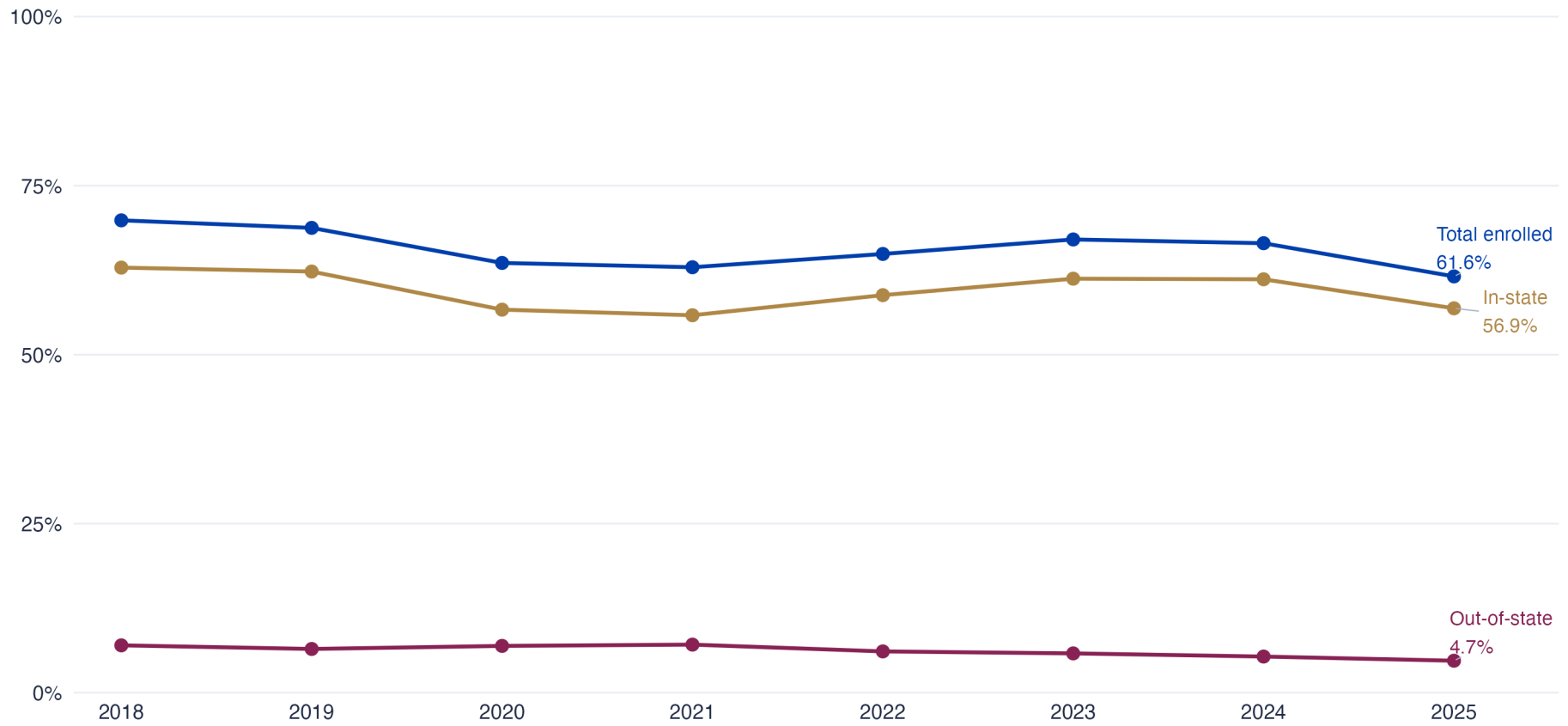
Two-year and four-year institution categories.



Source. National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker aggregate reports; Spring 2026.

First-Two-Year College Enrollment by Institution Location

In-state and out-of-state institution categories.



Source. National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker aggregate reports; Spring 2026.

Student Counts

Table 6: Counts by high school class.

Group	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total in the Class	30,444	30,249	30,240	29,769	30,346	30,383	31,540	30,890
Total enrolled	21,271	20,798	19,223	18,734	19,694	20,369	20,970	19,021
In-state	19,142	18,844	17,133	16,620	17,844	18,606	19,287	17,563
Out-of-state	2,129	1,954	2,090	2,114	1,850	1,763	1,683	1,458
2-year	12,729	12,718	11,081	10,740	11,874	12,111	12,804	11,051
4-year	8,487	8,036	8,077	7,940	7,818	8,258	8,166	7,970
Private	2,011	1,812	1,957	2,032	1,818	1,823	1,679	1,711
Public	19,260	18,986	17,266	16,702	17,876	18,546	19,291	17,310

Source. National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker aggregate reports; Spring 2026.

Percentages

Table 7: Percentages by high school class.

Group	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total enrolled	69.9%	68.8%	63.6%	62.9%	64.9%	67.0%	66.5%	61.6%
In-state	62.9%	62.3%	56.7%	55.8%	58.8%	61.2%	61.2%	56.9%
Out-of-state	7.0%	6.5%	6.9%	7.1%	6.1%	5.8%	5.3%	4.7%
2-year	41.8%	42.0%	36.6%	36.1%	39.1%	39.9%	40.6%	35.8%
4-year	27.9%	26.6%	26.7%	26.7%	25.8%	27.2%	25.9%	25.8%
Private	6.6%	6.0%	6.5%	6.8%	6.0%	6.0%	5.3%	5.5%
Public	63.3%	62.8%	57.1%	56.1%	58.9%	61.0%	61.2%	56.0%

Source. National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker aggregate reports; Spring 2026.

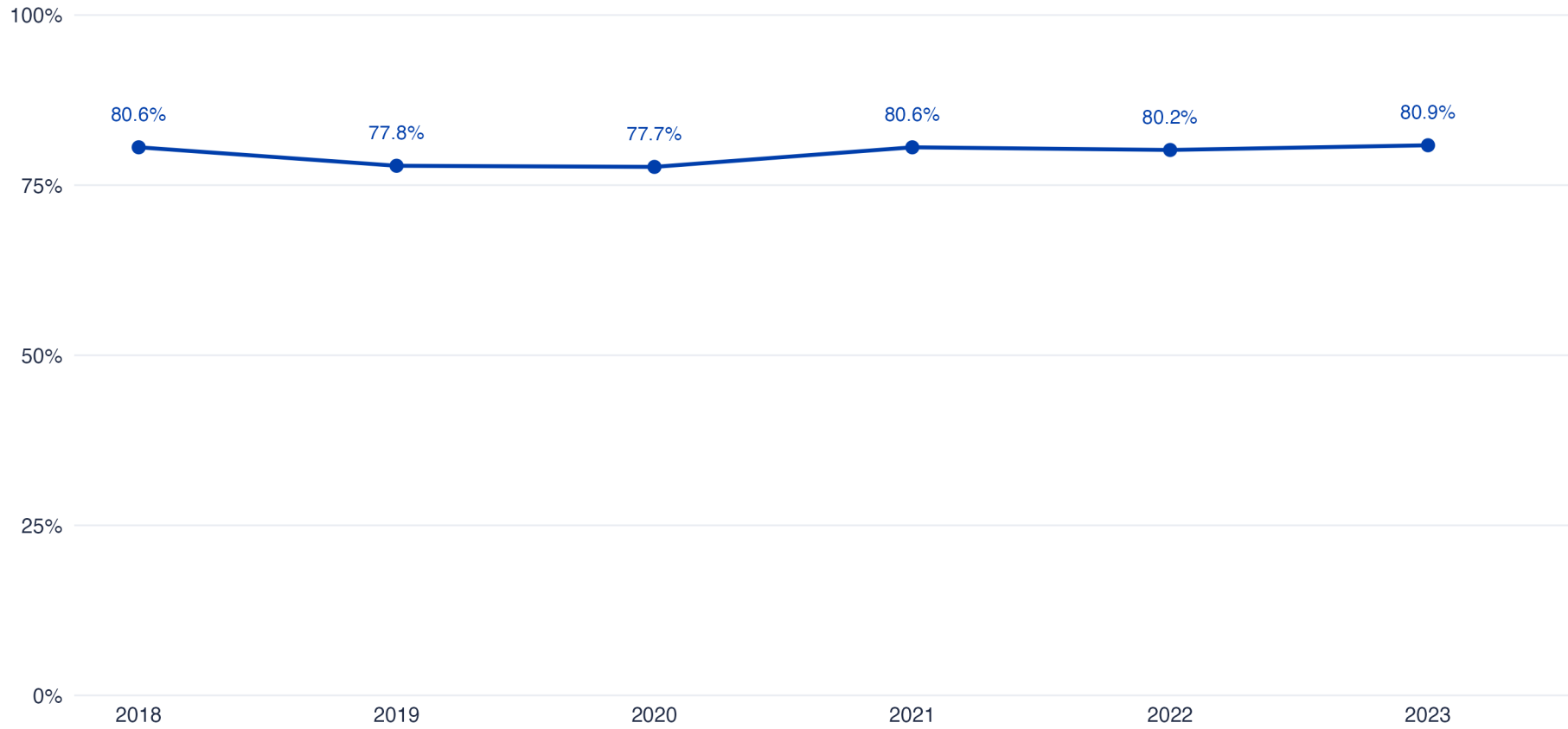
PART II

Persistence and Completion

Freshman-to-sophomore persistence, six-year degree completion, and time-to-degree for Riverside County students.

Freshman-to-Sophomore Persistence

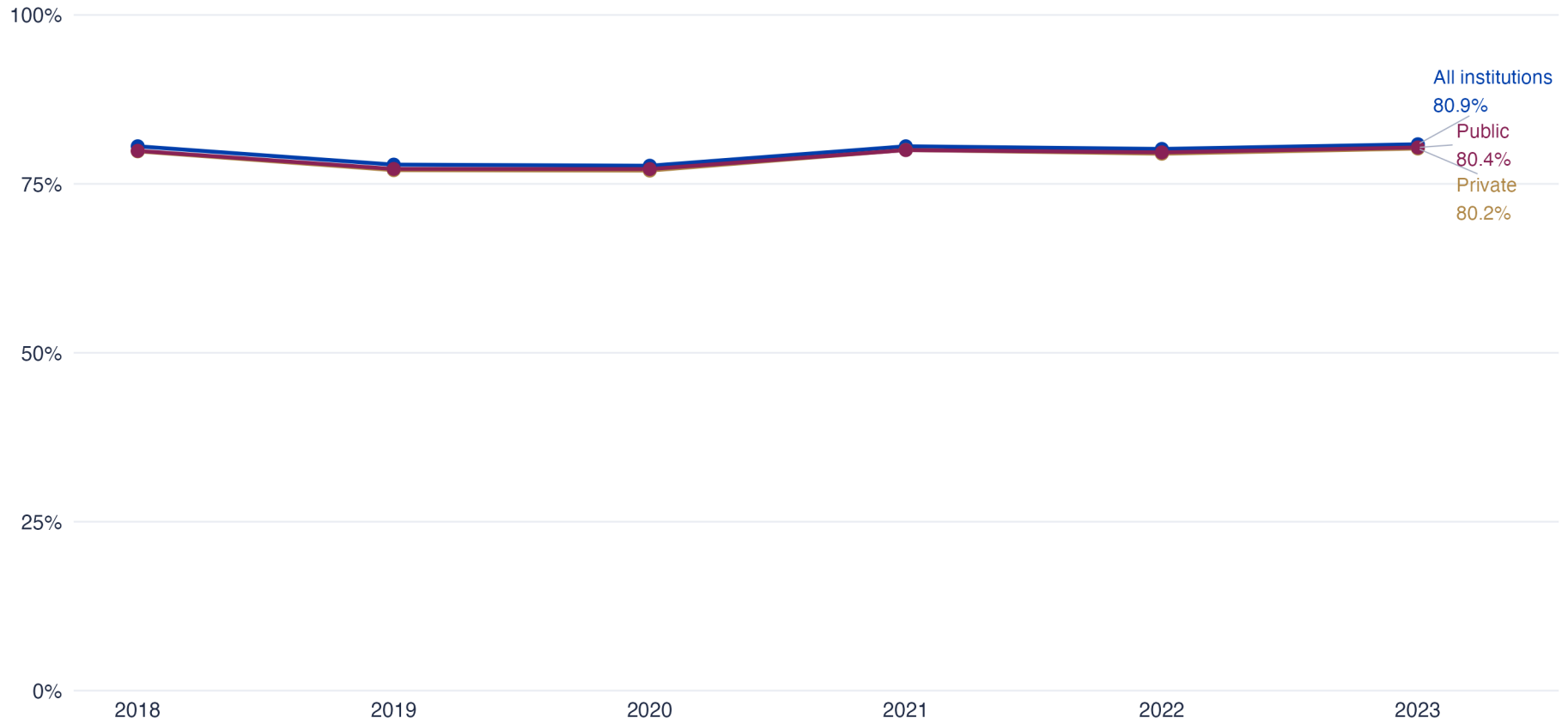
Riverside County aggregate, by high school class.



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Freshman-to-Sophomore Persistence by Institutional Type

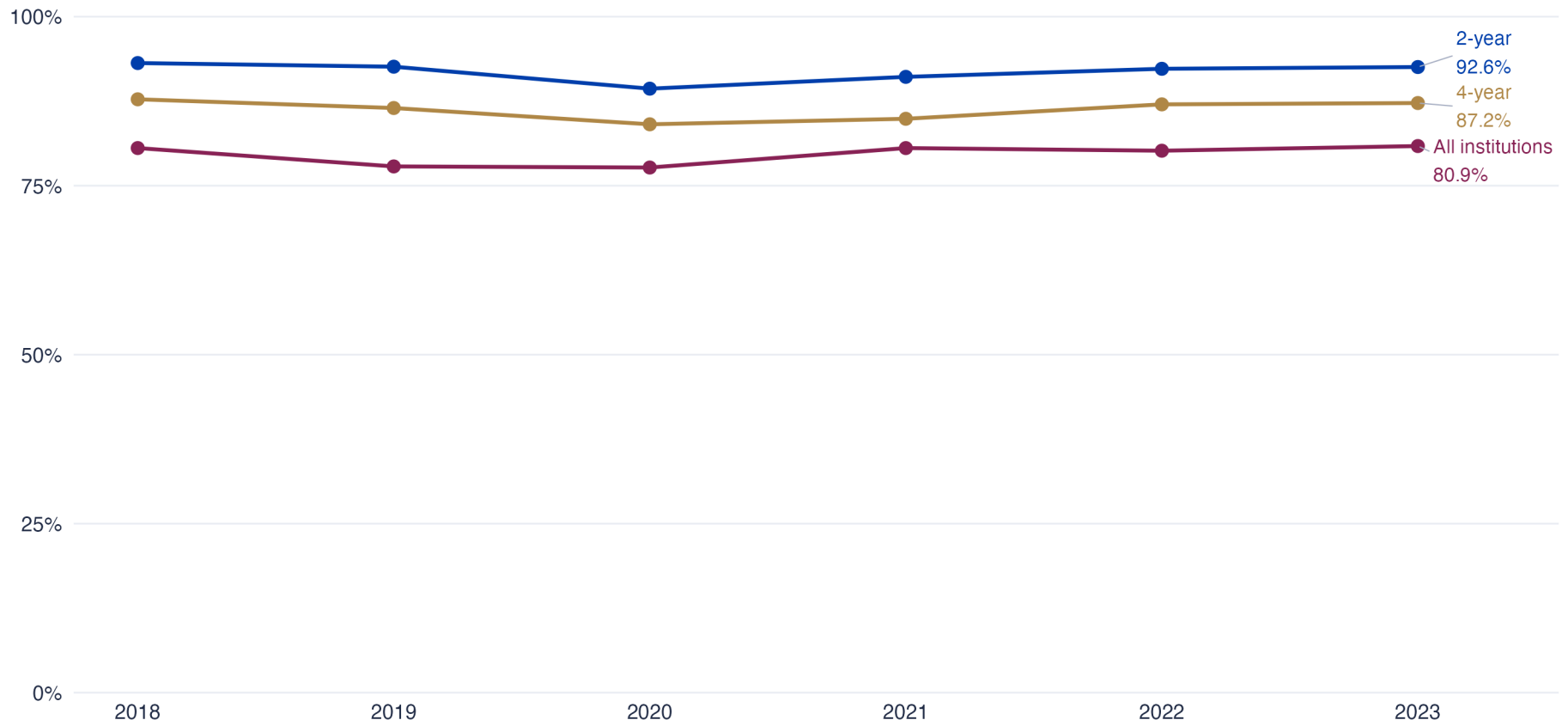
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Freshman-to-Sophomore Persistence by Institutional Level

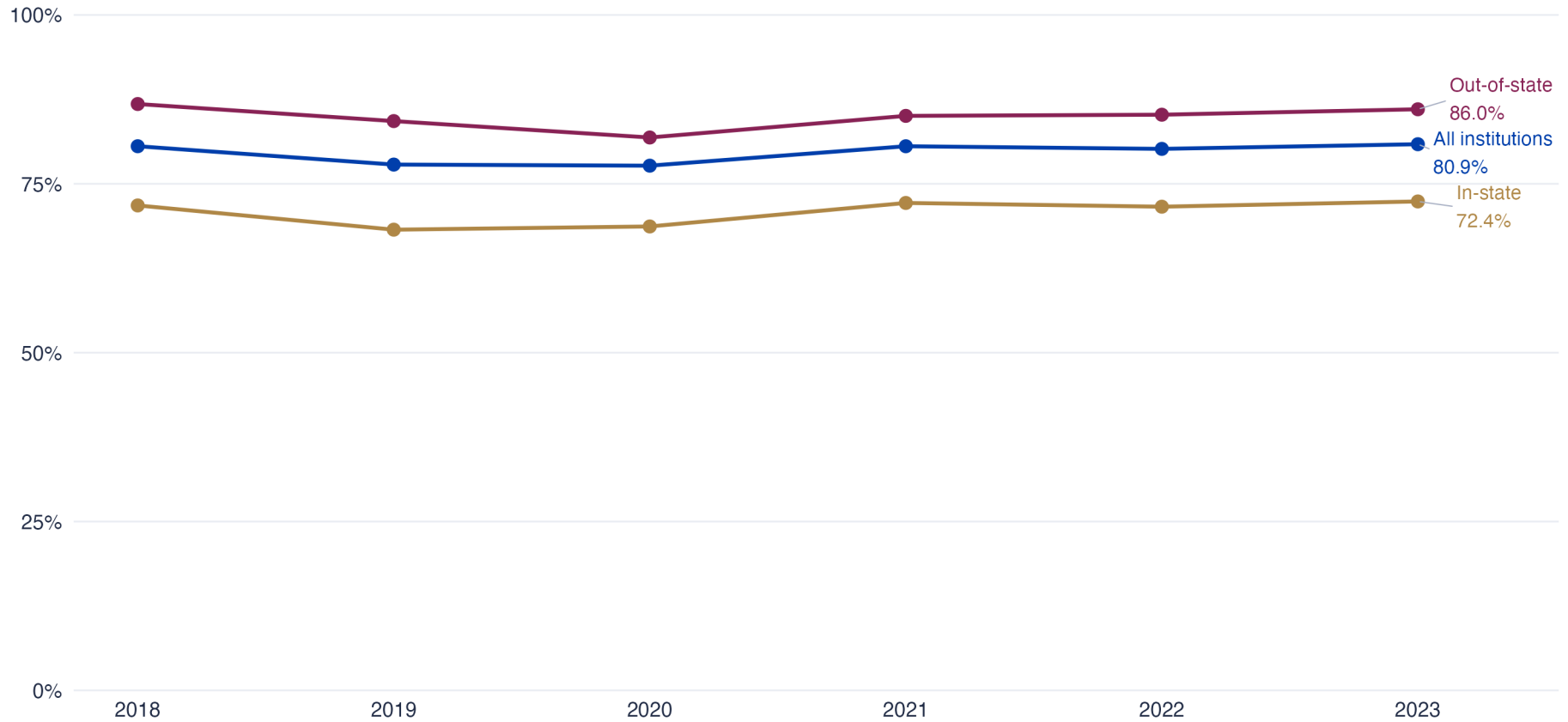
Two-year and four-year institution categories.



Source. National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker aggregate reports; Spring 2026.

Freshman-to-Sophomore Persistence by Institution Location

In-state and out-of-state institution categories.



Source. National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker aggregate reports; Spring 2026.

Student Counts

Table 8: Counts by high school class.

Group	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total in the Class	30,444	30,249	30,240	29,769	30,346	30,383
Enrolled anywhere 1st year	20,159	19,885	17,983	17,131	18,448	19,265
Enrolled anywhere 2nd year	16,241	15,480	13,970	13,801	14,790	15,578
2-year 1st year	11,800	11,956	10,072	9,352	10,804	11,169
2-year 2nd year	8,472	8,155	6,918	6,749	7,737	8,085
4-year 1st year	8,339	7,907	7,888	7,739	7,642	8,096
4-year 2nd year	7,767	7,322	7,048	7,050	7,053	7,493
Private 1st year	1,890	1,717	1,809	1,900	1,727	1,730
Private 2nd year	1,659	1,485	1,521	1,613	1,503	1,509
Public 1st year	18,269	18,168	16,174	15,231	16,721	17,535
Public 2nd year	14,582	13,995	12,449	12,188	13,287	14,069
In-state 1st year	18,210	18,084	16,087	15,237	16,762	17,661
In-state 2nd year	14,549	13,962	12,418	12,190	13,353	14,198
Out-of-state 1st year	1,949	1,801	1,896	1,894	1,686	1,604
Out-of-state 2nd year	1,692	1,518	1,552	1,611	1,437	1,380

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Percentages

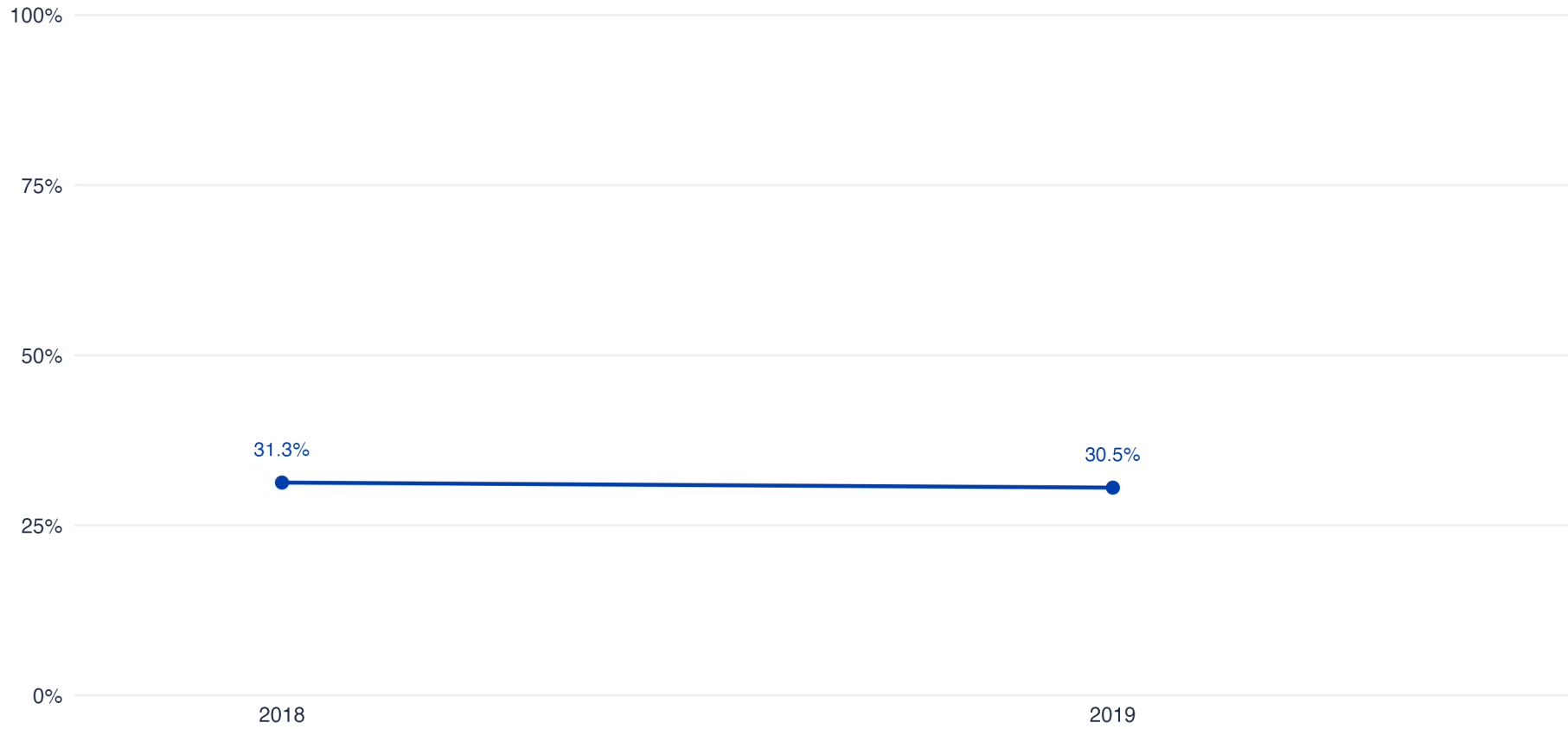
Table 9: Percentages by high school class.

Group	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All institutions	80.6%	77.8%	77.7%	80.6%	80.2%	80.9%
In-state	71.8%	68.2%	68.7%	72.2%	71.6%	72.4%
2-year	93.1%	92.6%	89.4%	91.1%	92.3%	92.6%
4-year	87.8%	86.5%	84.1%	84.9%	87.0%	87.2%
Private	79.8%	77.0%	77.0%	80.0%	79.5%	80.2%
Public	79.9%	77.2%	77.2%	80.0%	79.7%	80.4%
Out-of-state	86.8%	84.3%	81.9%	85.1%	85.2%	86.0%

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College Degree Completion Within Six Years

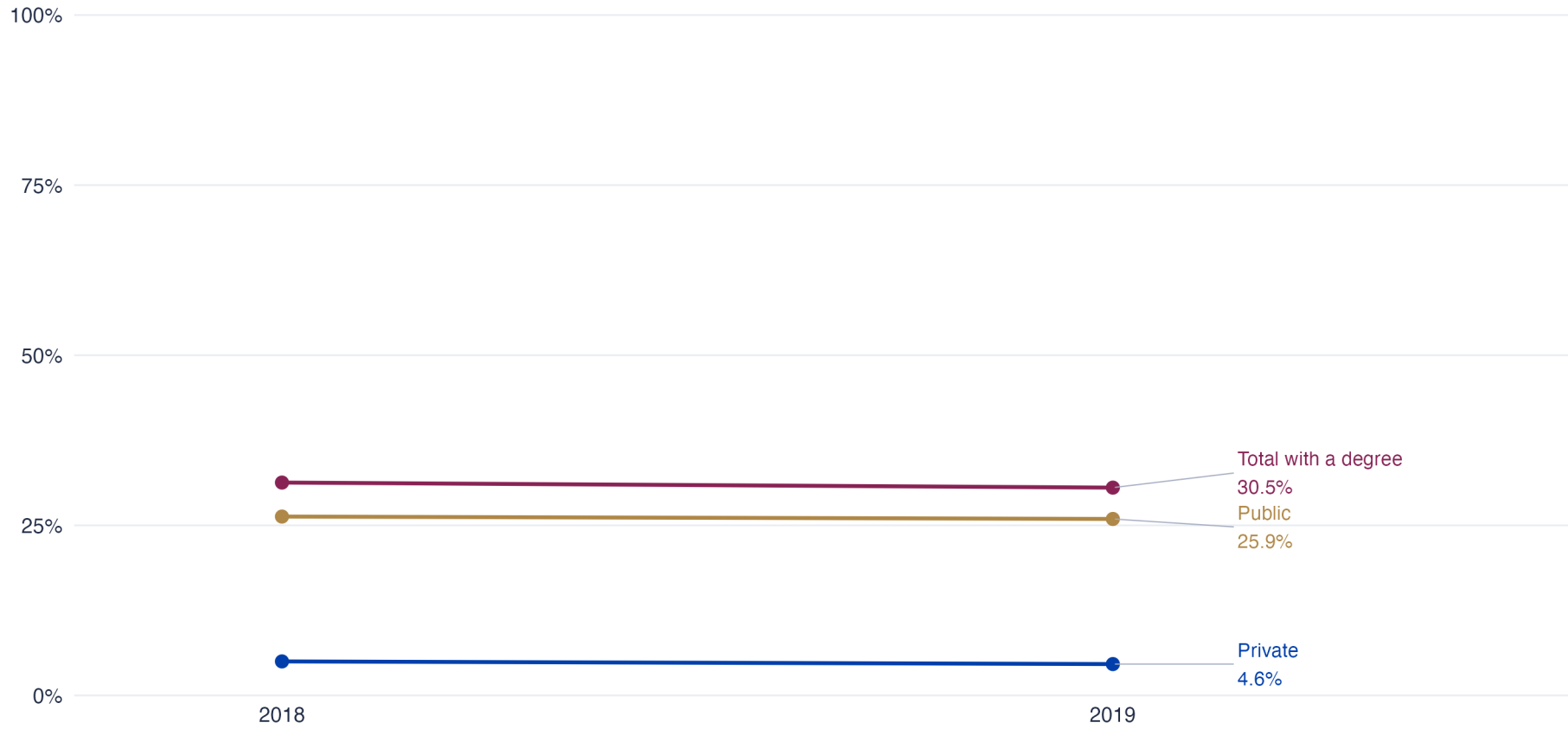
Riverside County aggregate, by high school class.



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College Degree Completion Within Six Years by Institutional Type

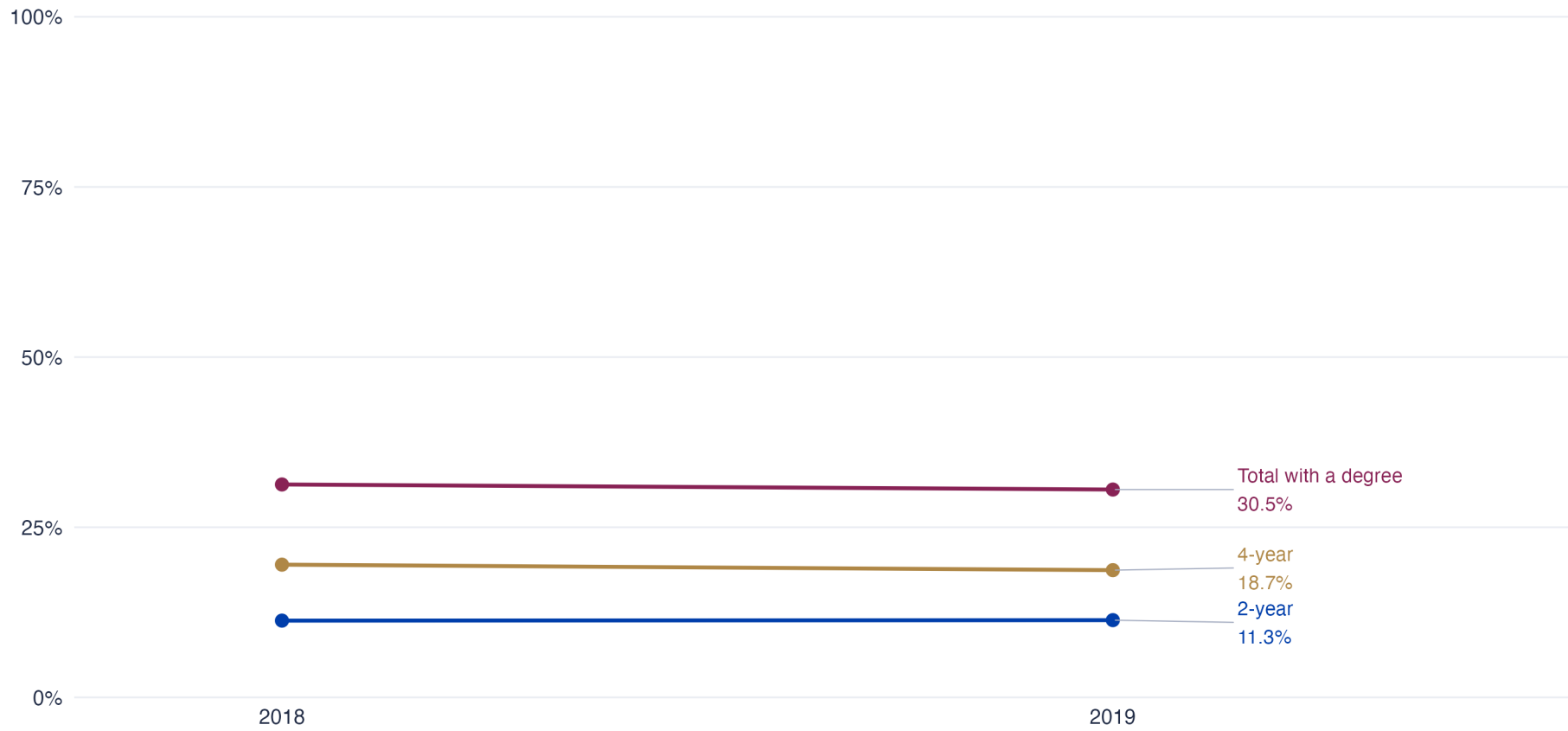
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College Degree Completion Within Six Years by Institutional Level

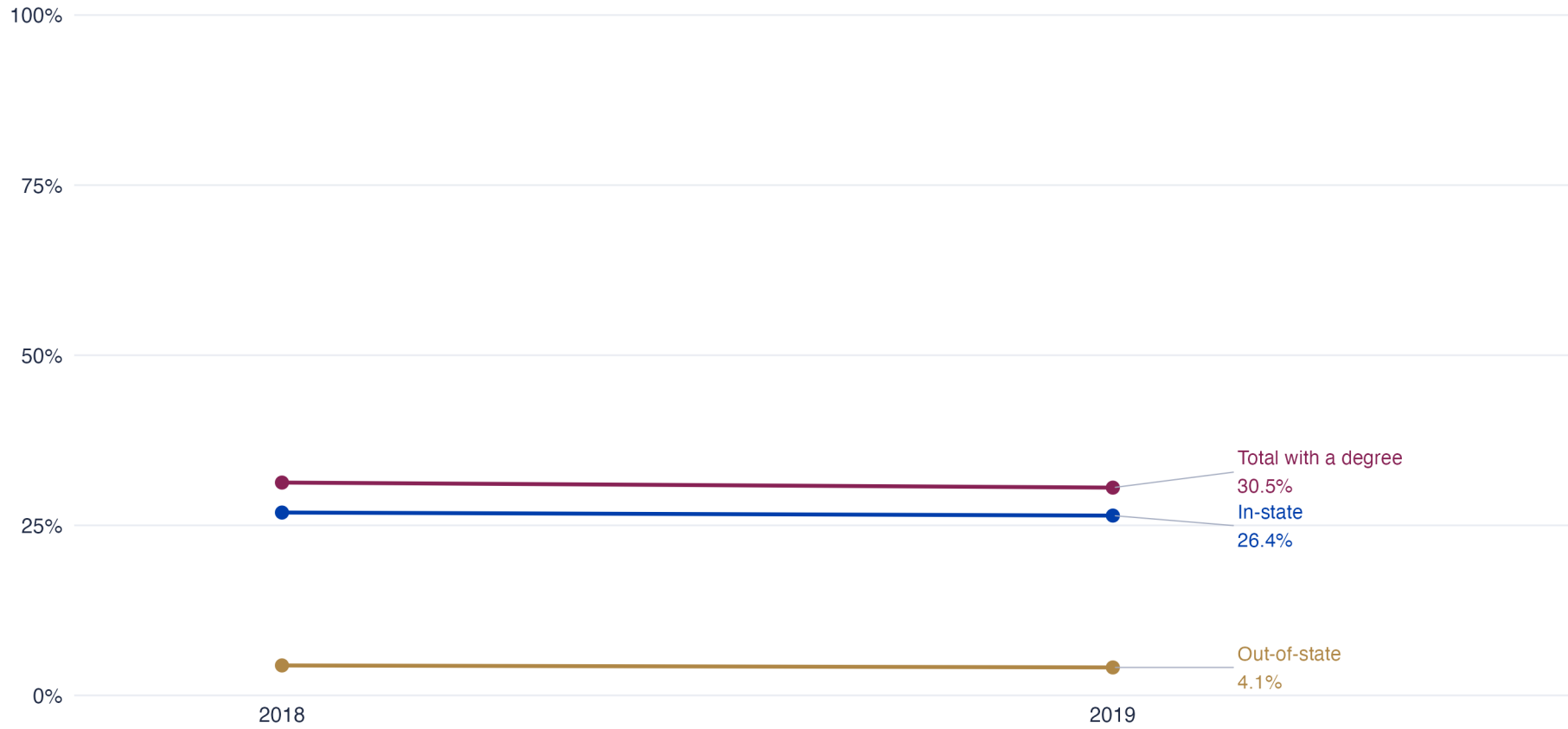
Two-year and four-year institution categories.



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College Degree Completion Within Six Years by Institution Location

In-state and out-of-state institution categories.



Source. National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker aggregate reports; Spring 2026.

Student Counts

Table 10: Counts by high school class.

Group	2018	2019
In-state	8,183	7,995
Out-of-state	1,341	1,243
Total with a degree	9,524	9,238
2-year	3,434	3,433
4-year	5,937	5,655
Private	1,521	1,393
Public	8,003	7,845

Source. National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker aggregate reports; Spring 2026.

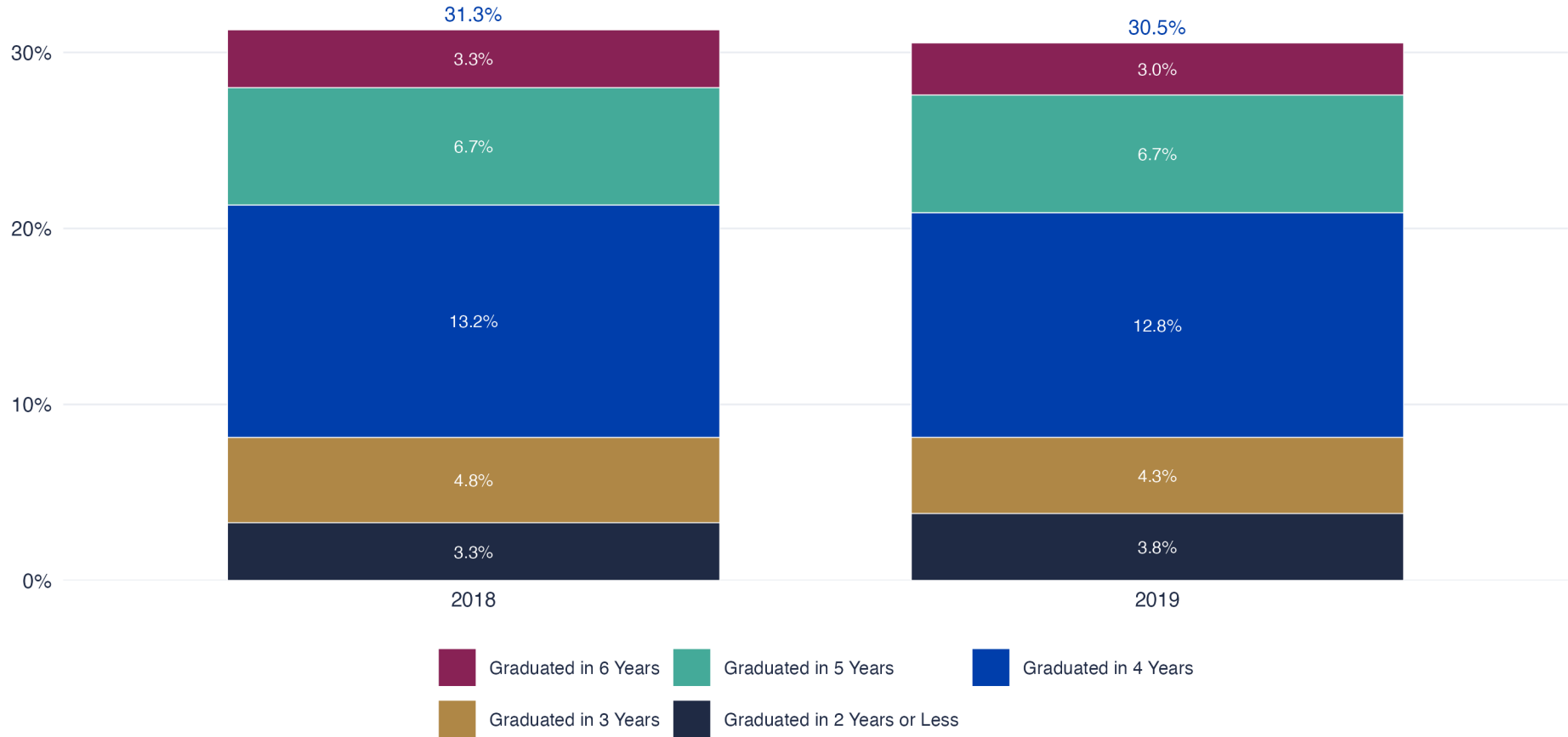
Percentages

Table 11: Percentages by high school class.

Group	2018	2019
In-state	26.9%	26.4%
Out-of-state	4.4%	4.1%
Total with a degree	31.3%	30.5%
2-year	11.3%	11.3%
4-year	19.5%	18.7%
Private	5.0%	4.6%
Public	26.3%	25.9%

Source. National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker aggregate reports; Spring 2026.

Time to College Degree Within Six Years



Source. National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker aggregate reports; Spring 2026.

Student Counts

Table 12: Counts by high school class.

Group	2018	2019
Total in the Class	30,444	30,249
Graduated in 2 Years or Less	998	1,150
Graduated in 3 Years	1,476	1,309
Graduated in 4 Years	4,020	3,860
Graduated in 5 Years	2,030	2,024
Graduated in 6 Years	1,000	895

Source. National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker aggregate reports; Spring 2026.

Percentages

Table 13: Percentages by high school class.

Group	2018	2019
Graduated in 2 Years or Less	3.3%	3.8%
Graduated in 3 Years	4.8%	4.3%
Graduated in 4 Years	13.2%	12.8%
Graduated in 5 Years	6.7%	6.7%
Graduated in 6 Years	3.3%	3.0%

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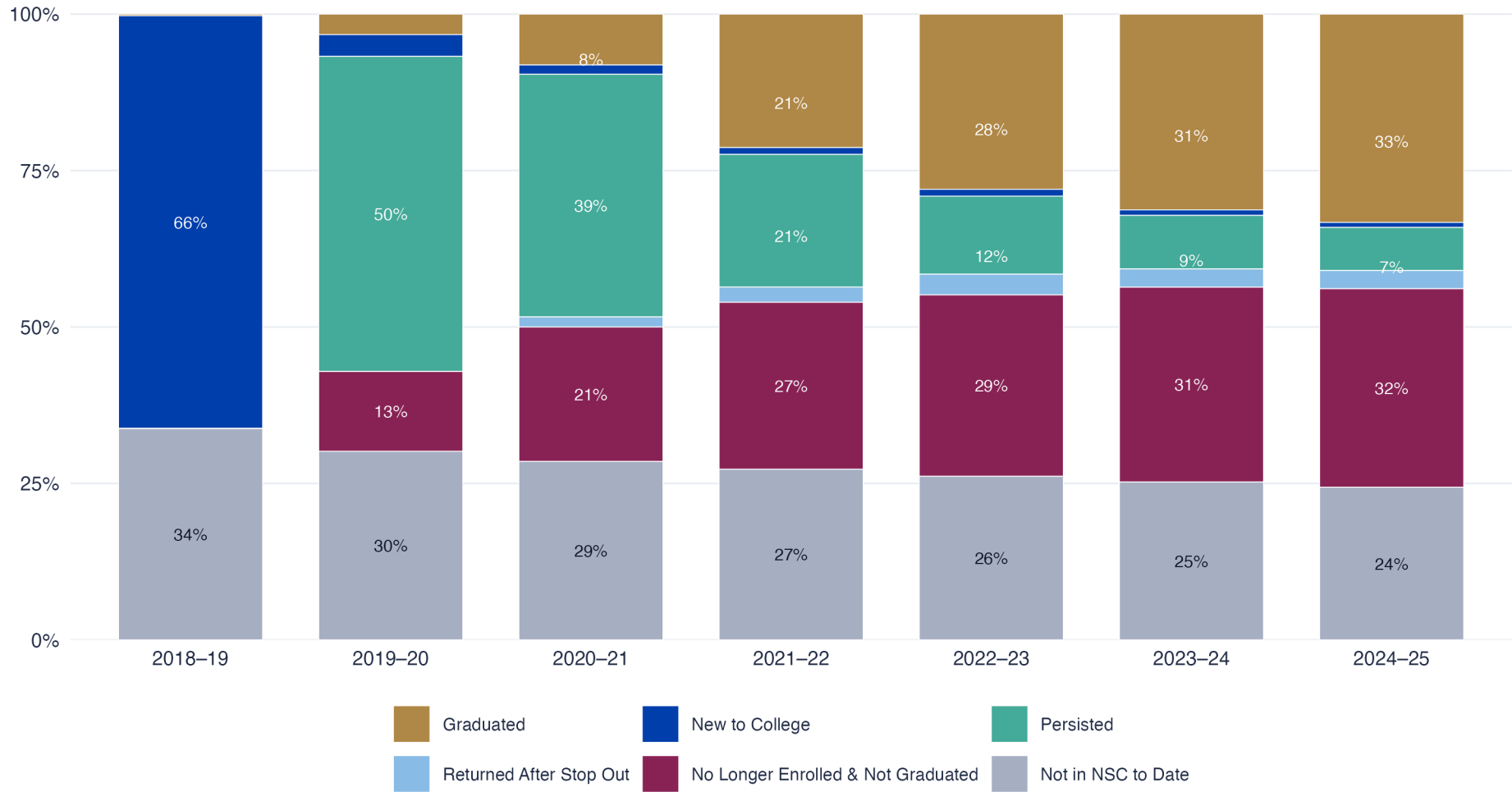
PART III

Annual Progress by Class

Year-by-year postsecondary enrollment status for each graduating class tracked in the National Student Clearinghouse.

Postsecondary Enrollment and Progress by Class

Class of 2018



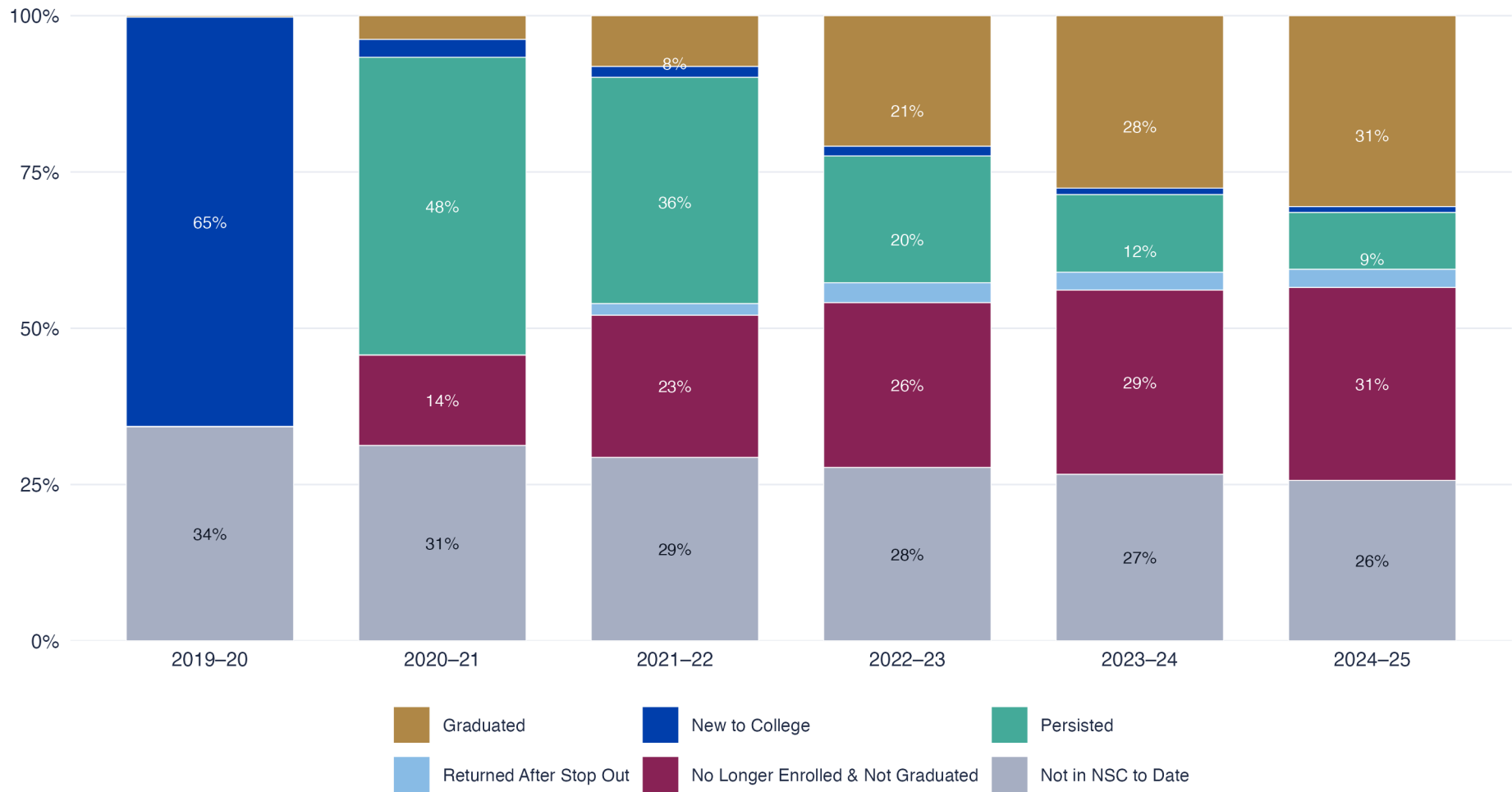
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Table 14: Class of 2018 counts by report year.

Group	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
New to College	20,080	1,059	456	333	333	270	244
Persisted	0	15,324	11,803	6,455	3,798	2,604	2,097
Returned After Stop Out	0	0	487	735	1,002	884	878
No Longer Enrolled & Not Graduated	0	3,890	6,545	8,125	8,832	9,484	9,661
Graduated	79	998	2,474	6,494	8,524	9,524	10,136
Not in NSC to Date	10,285	9,173	8,679	8,302	7,955	7,678	7,428

Source. National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker aggregate reports; Spring 2026.

Class of 2019



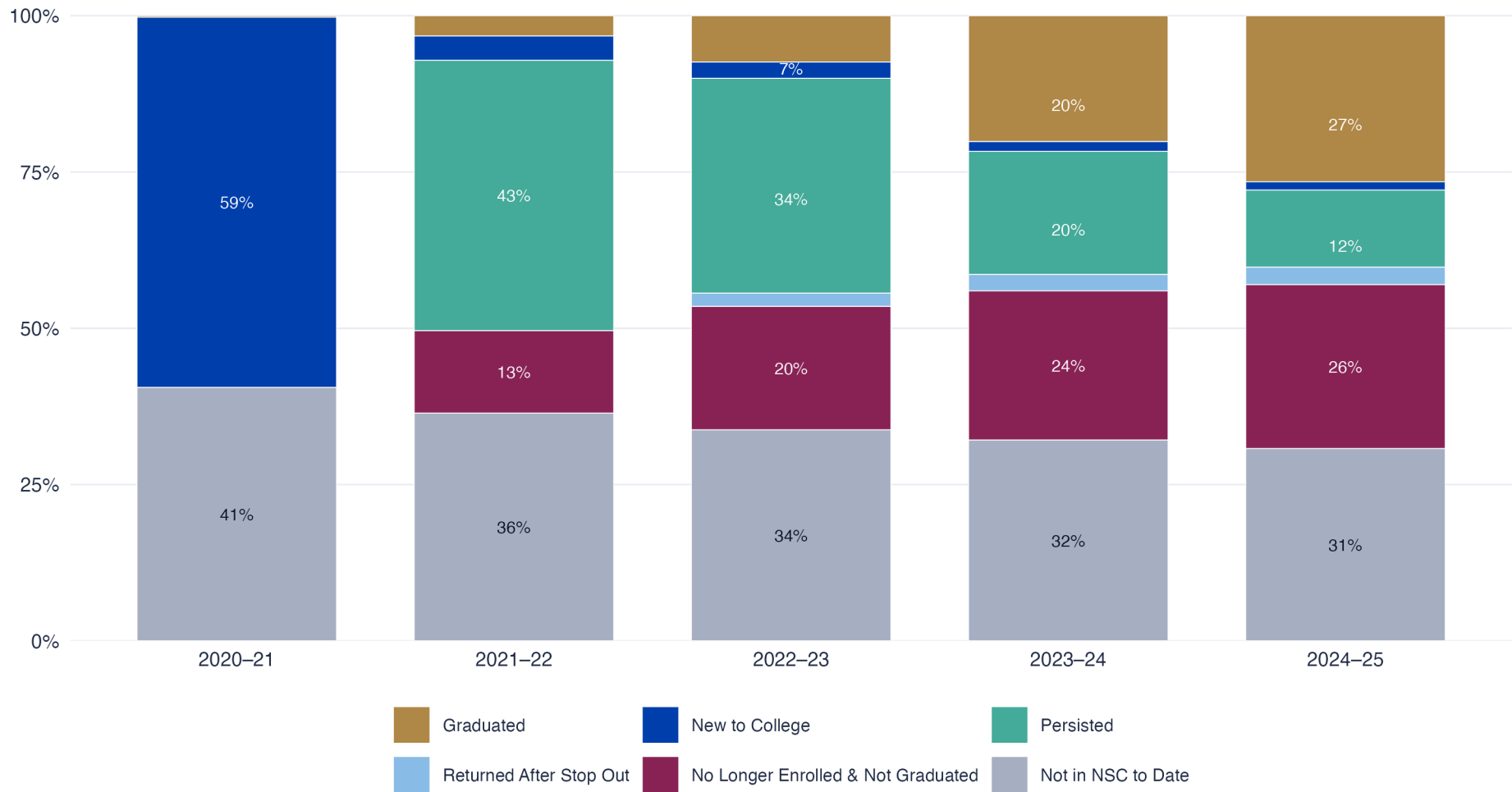
Source. National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker aggregate reports; Spring 2026.

Table 15: Class of 2019 counts by report year.

Group	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
New to College	19,812	860	526	469	315	286
Persisted	0	14,410	10,947	6,133	3,753	2,750
Returned After Stop Out	0	0	559	961	863	874
No Longer Enrolled & Not Graduated	0	4,378	6,887	7,982	8,919	9,340
Graduated	73	1,150	2,459	6,319	8,343	9,238
Not in NSC to Date	10,364	9,451	8,871	8,385	8,056	7,761

Source. National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker aggregate reports; Spring 2026.

Class of 2020



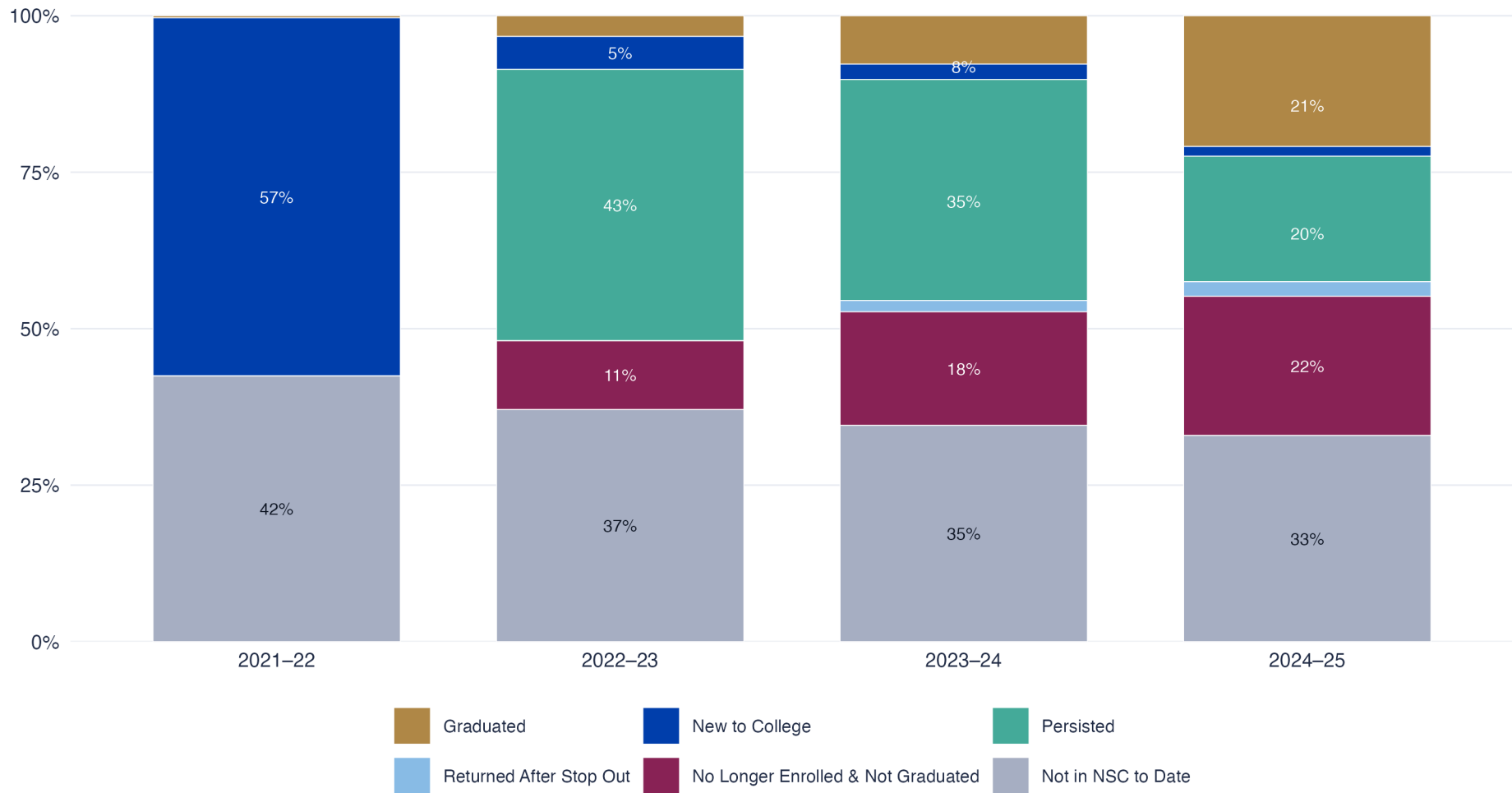
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Table 16: Class of 2020 counts by report year.

Group	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
New to College	17,909	1,175	789	469	403
Persisted	0	13,077	10,391	5,960	3,733
Returned After Stop Out	0	0	637	788	838
No Longer Enrolled & Not Graduated	0	3,989	5,975	7,220	7,936
Graduated	74	982	2,242	6,092	8,033
Not in NSC to Date	12,257	11,017	10,206	9,711	9,297

Source. National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker aggregate reports; Spring 2026.

Class of 2021



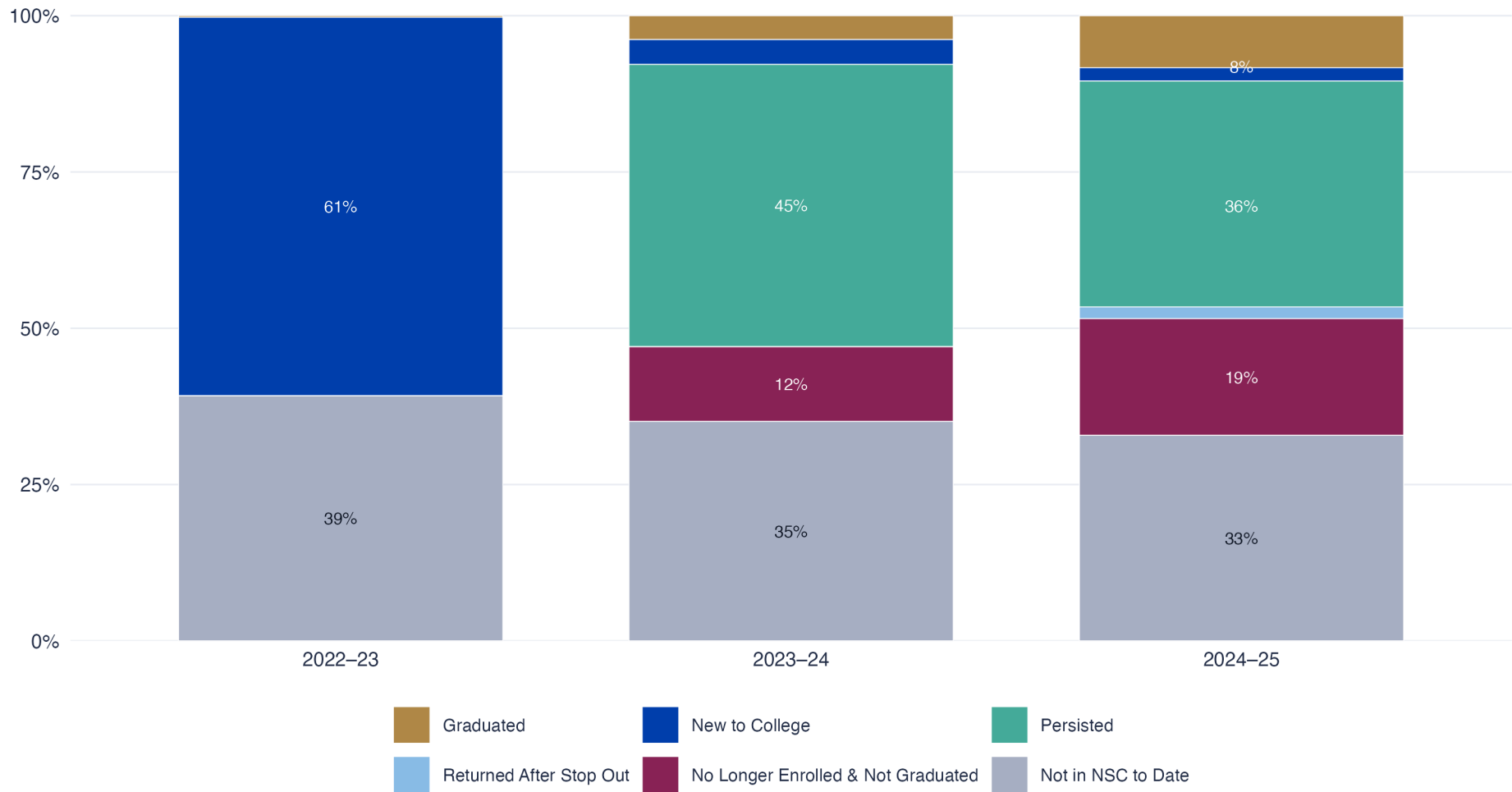
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Table 17: Class of 2021 counts by report year.

Group	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
New to College	17,031	1,562	731	460
Persisted	0	12,906	10,511	5,969
Returned After Stop Out	0	0	536	689
No Longer Enrolled & Not Graduated	0	3,278	5,405	6,625
Graduated	100	988	2,301	6,221
Not in NSC to Date	12,638	11,035	10,285	9,805

Source. National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker aggregate reports; Spring 2026.

Class of 2022



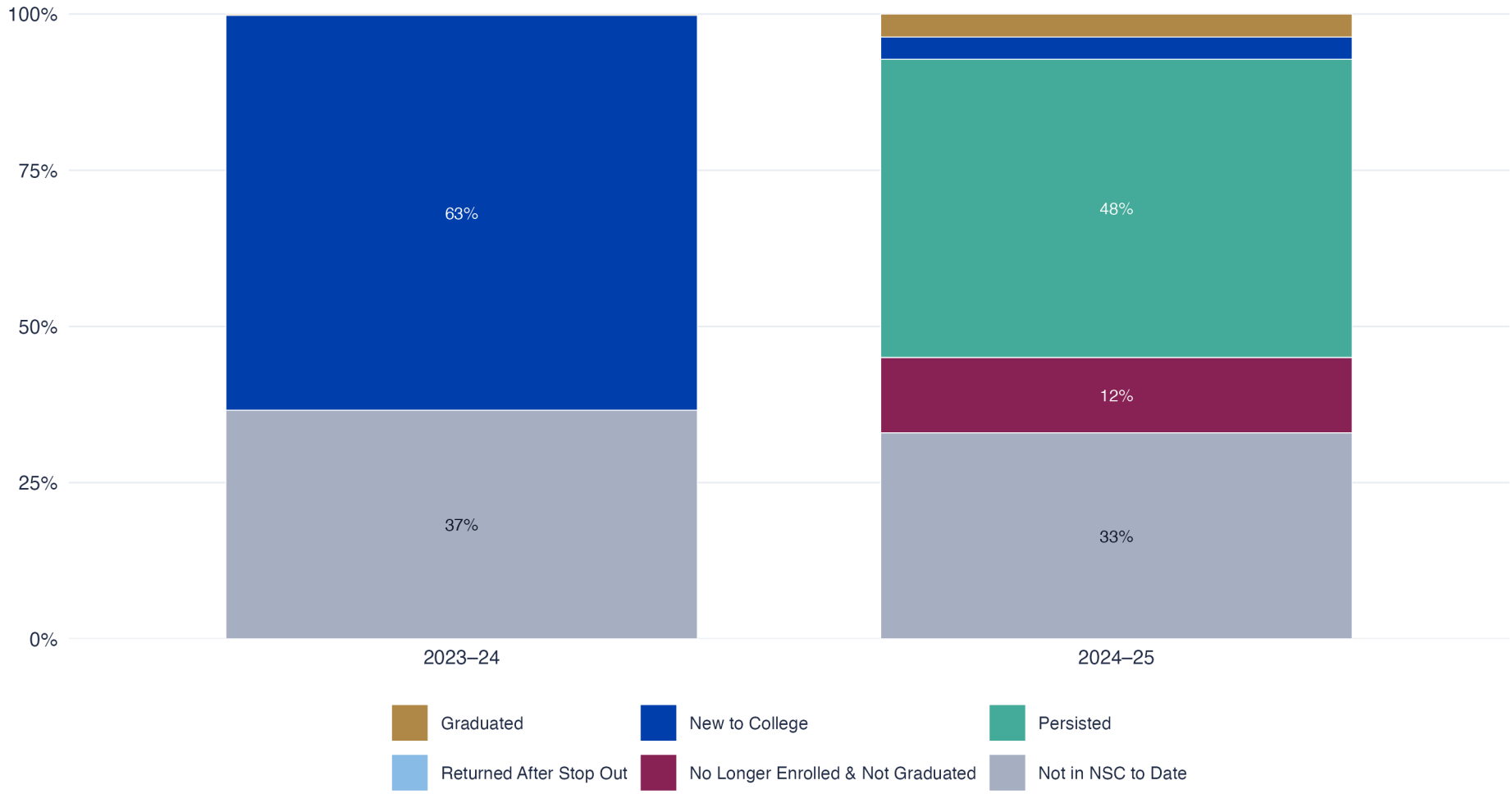
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Table 18: Class of 2022 counts by report year.

Group	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
New to College	18,371	1,205	647
Persisted	0	13,699	10,965
Returned After Stop Out	0	0	569
No Longer Enrolled & Not Graduated	0	3,630	5,666
Graduated	77	1,160	2,524
Not in NSC to Date	11,898	10,652	9,975

Source. National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker aggregate reports; Spring 2026.

Class of 2023



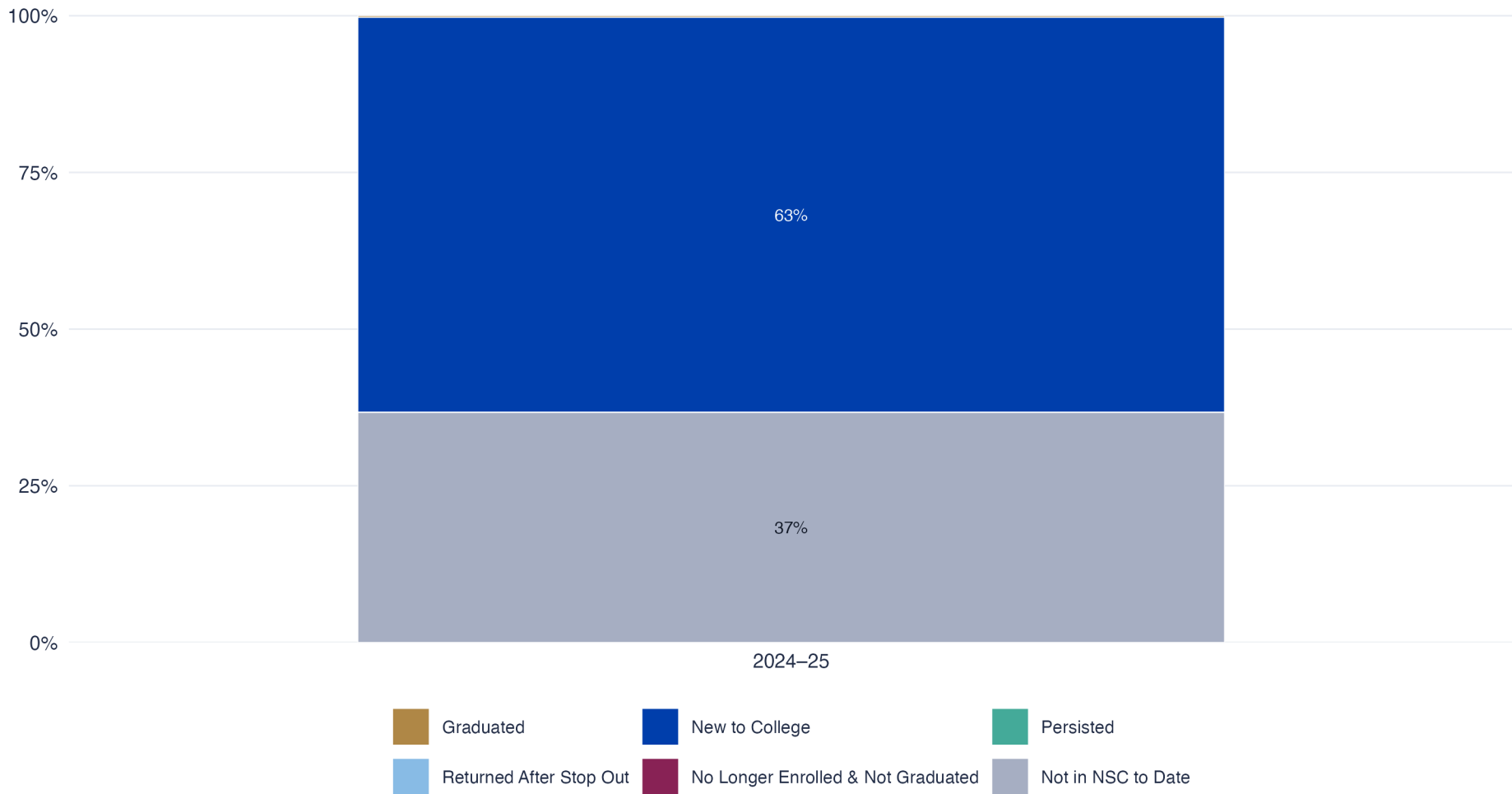
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Table 19: Class of 2023 counts by report year.

Group	2023-24	2024-25
New to College	19,198	1,080
Persisted	0	14,502
Returned After Stop Out	0	0
No Longer Enrolled & Not Graduated	0	3,667
Graduated	67	1,120
Not in NSC to Date	11,118	10,014

Source. National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker aggregate reports; Spring 2026.

Class of 2024



Source. National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker aggregate reports; Spring 2026.

Table 20: Class of 2024 counts by report year.

Group	2024-25
New to College	19,875
Persisted	0
Returned After Stop Out	0
No Longer Enrolled & Not Graduated	0
Graduated	84
Not in NSC to Date	11,581

Source. *National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker aggregate reports; Spring 2026.*

PART IV

Most Common Institutions

The colleges and universities most frequently attended by Riverside County graduates in the fall immediately following high school.

Most Common Institutions of Enrollment

Table 21: Most common institutions of enrollment in the fall immediately following high school graduation.

Name	State	Level	Type	Total
Riverside City College	CA	2-year	Public	21,242
Mt. San Jacinto College	CA	2-year	Public	17,549
College Of The Desert	CA	2-year	Public	13,534
University Of California – Riverside	CA	4-year	Public	7,078
Norco College	CA	2-year	Public	6,781
Moreno Valley College	CA	2-year	Public	6,384
California State University – San Bernardino	CA	4-year	Public	5,554
California State University – San Marcos	CA	4-year	Public	4,499
California State University – Fullerton	CA	4-year	Public	4,365
California Baptist University -Undergrads	CA	4-year	Private	3,804
University Of California-San Diego	CA	4-year	Public	3,292
University Of California – Irvine	CA	4-year	Public	2,628
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	CA	4-year	Public	2,218
Palomar College	CA	2-year	Public	2,151
University Of California-Los Angeles	CA	4-year	Public	1,663
California State University – Long Beach	CA	4-year	Public	1,225
University Of California-Santa Barbara	CA	4-year	Public	1,200
Crafton Hills College	CA	2-year	Public	1,074
San Diego State University	CA	4-year	Public	1,008
Grand Canyon University-Traditional	AZ	4-year	Private	991
Mount San Antonio College	CA	2-year	Public	965
University Of California – Berkeley	CA	4-year	Public	944
University Of California-Davis	CA	4-year	Public	784
Chaffey College	CA	2-year	Public	731
Santiago Canyon College	CA	2-year	Public	596
Palo Verde College	CA	2-year	Public	546
San Bernardino Valley College	CA	2-year	Public	524
Arizona State University	AZ	4-year	Public	494
La Sierra University	CA	4-year	Private	454

Source. National Student Clearinghouse StudentTracker aggregate reports; Spring 2026.

Method note. This table aggregates the top 29 institutions from each school district in Riverside County. Counts are approximate because institutions outside each district-level top list are not included in the countywide institution rollup.