

2024 Indiana State Visit

Midwestern Higher Education Compact
(MHEC)

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MHEC Background

- Legislatively created in 1991 through Council of State Governments, Midwest Legislative Conference
- 12 states, Midwest census region
- One of four regional higher education compacts (MHEC, WICHE, SREB, NEBHE)
- Governed by 60 commissioners and alternates
- Indiana joined March 14, 1996 - [Chapter IC 21-28-3-3](#)
- MHEC's annual state commitment is \$115,000, lowest of the compacts

Indiana Commissioners



Rep. Bob Behning



Ken Sauer

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Commissioner and
Chief Academic
Officer, Indiana
Commission for
Higher Education



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Ronald S. Rochon

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University of Southern
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What value do we provide to Indiana?

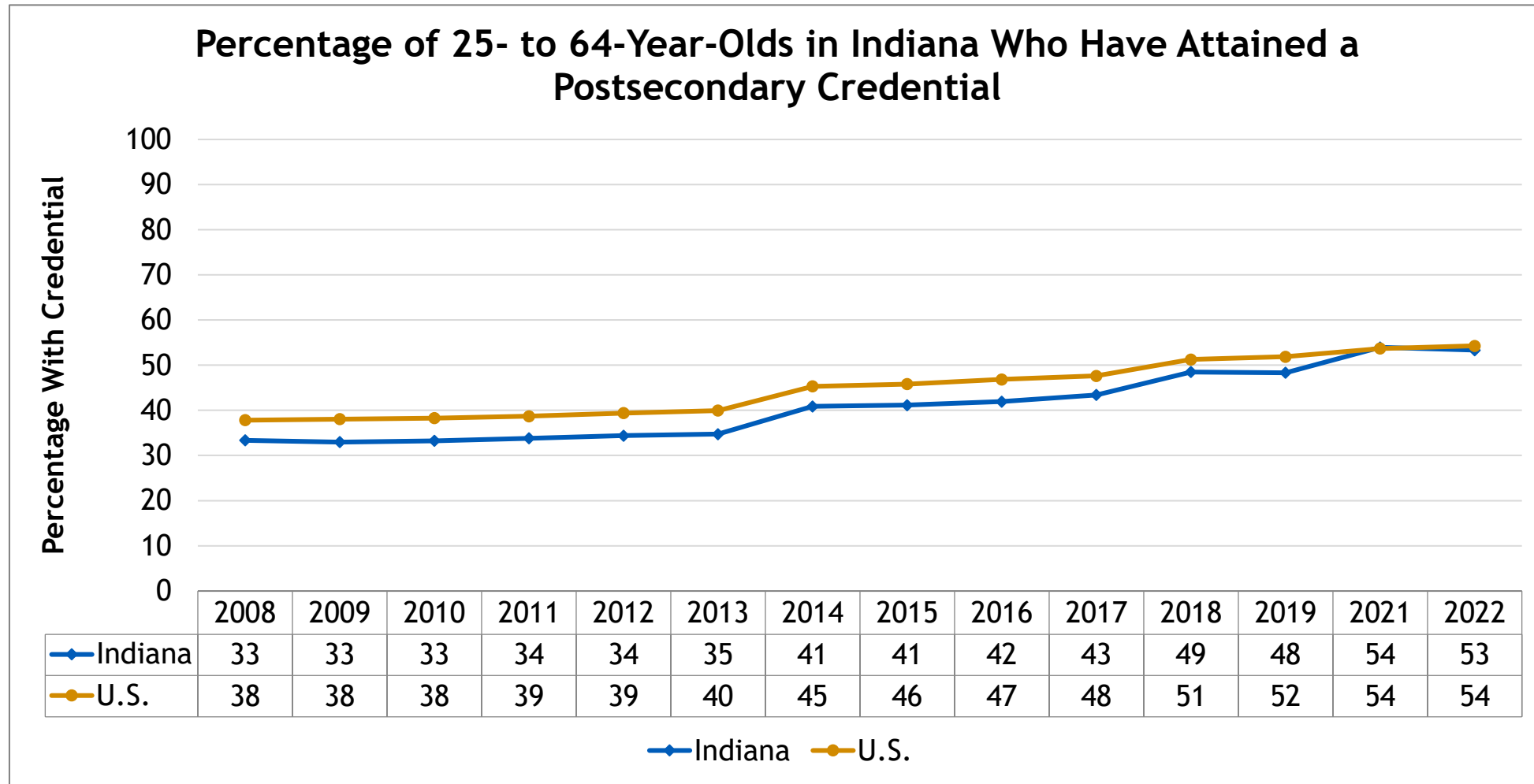
What is the ROI?

- **Cost Savings Contracts and Programs** - Technology (hardware, software and services)
- **Policy Related Programs** - Dual Enrollment, Open Educational Resources (OER), State Authorization (M-SARA), Credentials and Learner Records
- **Research** - Reporting regularly on data trends informed by you as well as specific requests, interactive dashboard
- **Convening Opportunities** - Bringing together legislative, executive branch as well as higher education leaders to problem solve and share ideas
- **Other Opportunities** - MHECcare student health solutions (fully insured school-sponsored plans and virtual mental health services) and property insurance programs in development

FY23 Cost Savings for Indiana

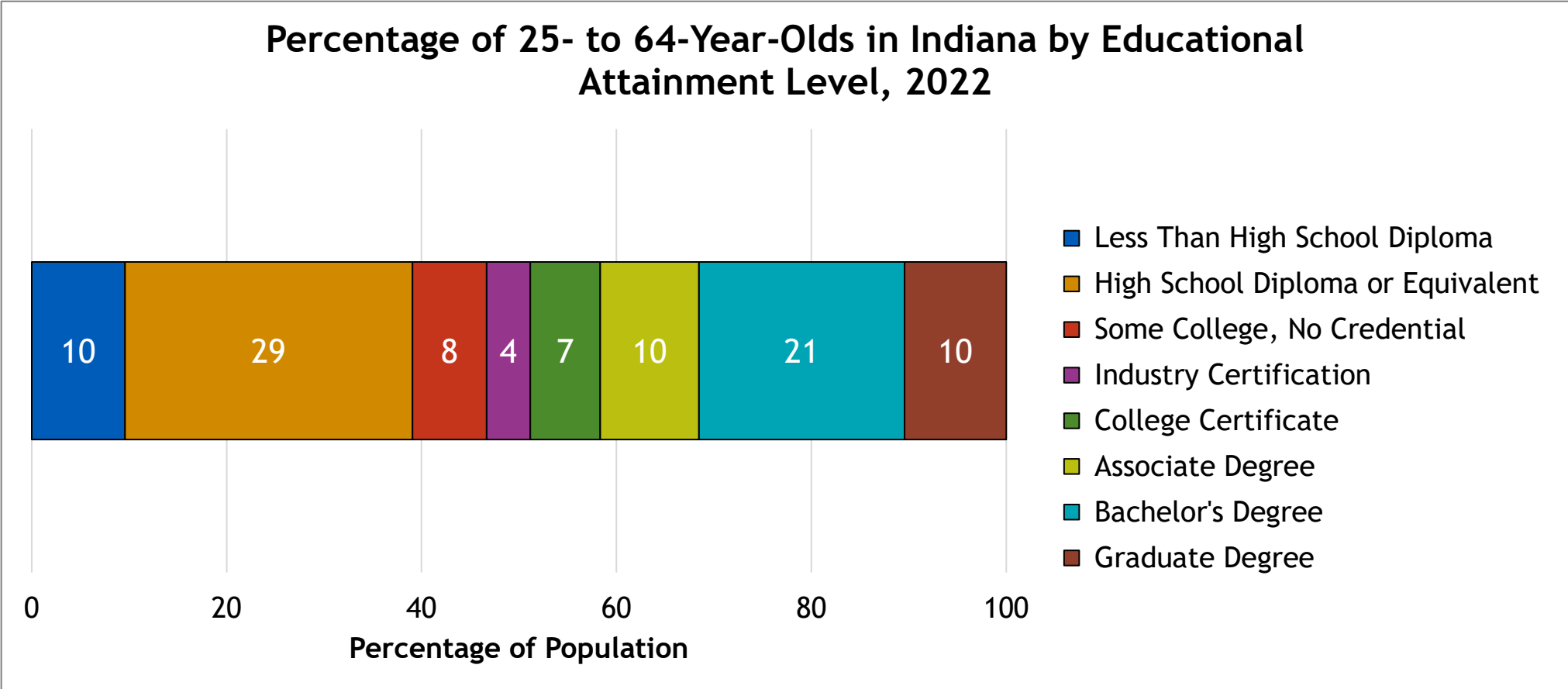
- The state of Indiana received a 56-fold return on its annual compact membership commitment of \$115,000.
- In 2023, Indiana colleges, universities, school districts, and state and local governments realized more than \$6.42M in cost savings through MHEC's contracts and programs.
- Indiana saved over \$4.13M by purchasing over \$45.92M in technology hardware, software, and services.
- Indiana saved approximately \$2.29M through the Midwestern-State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (M-SARA).

About 53% of Hoosiers have a postsecondary certificate or higher, compared to 54% nationally.



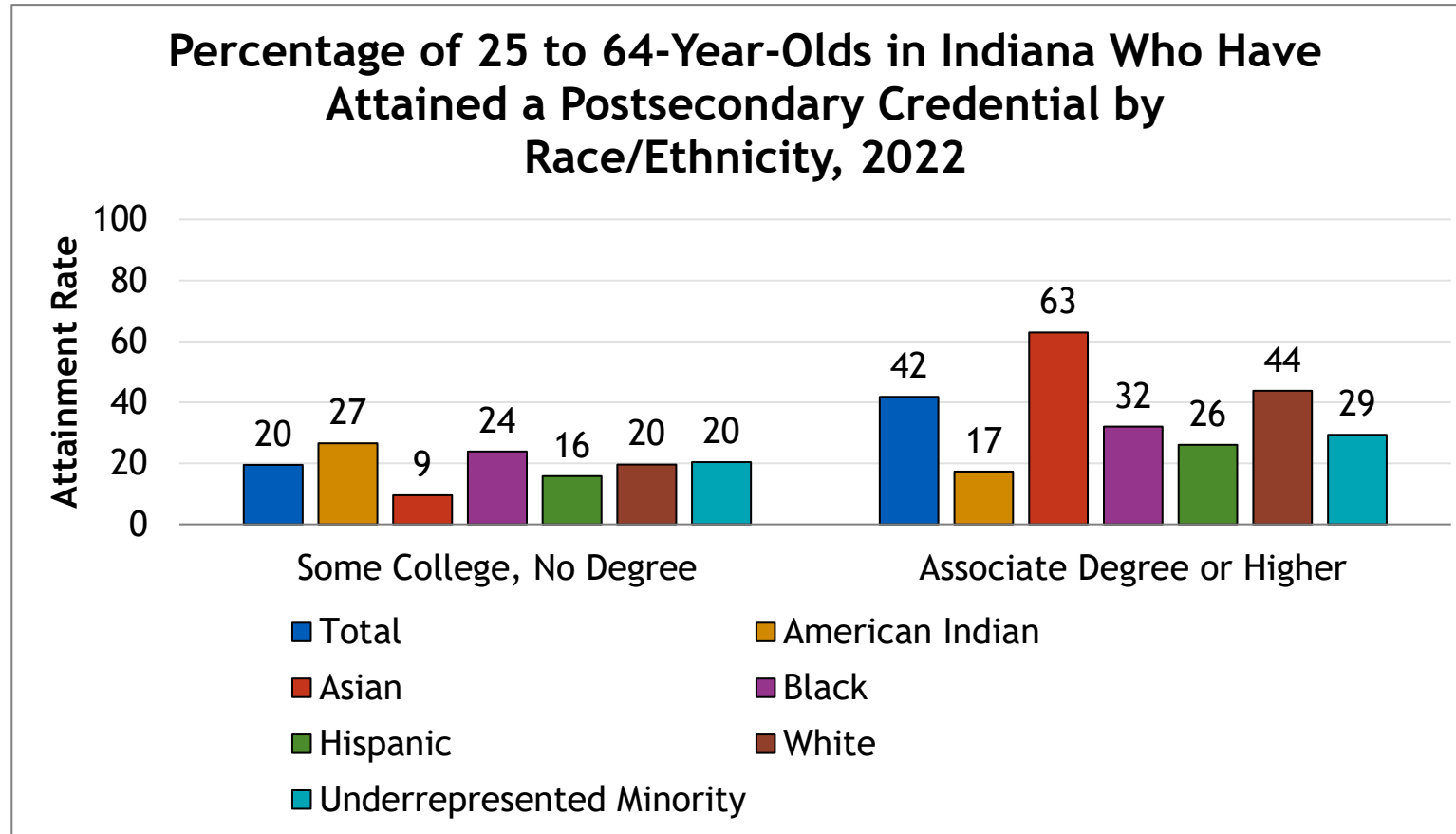
Source. Lumina Foundation. (2024). *A stronger nation*. Note. Since 2014, the attainment estimate includes postsecondary certificates. Since 2018, the attainment estimate includes industry-recognized certifications. 2020 estimates are not available due to sampling problems that occurred during the 2020 administration of the American Community Survey.

Indiana residents have attained various levels of postsecondary education, spanning from industry certifications and college certificates to bachelor's and graduate degrees.



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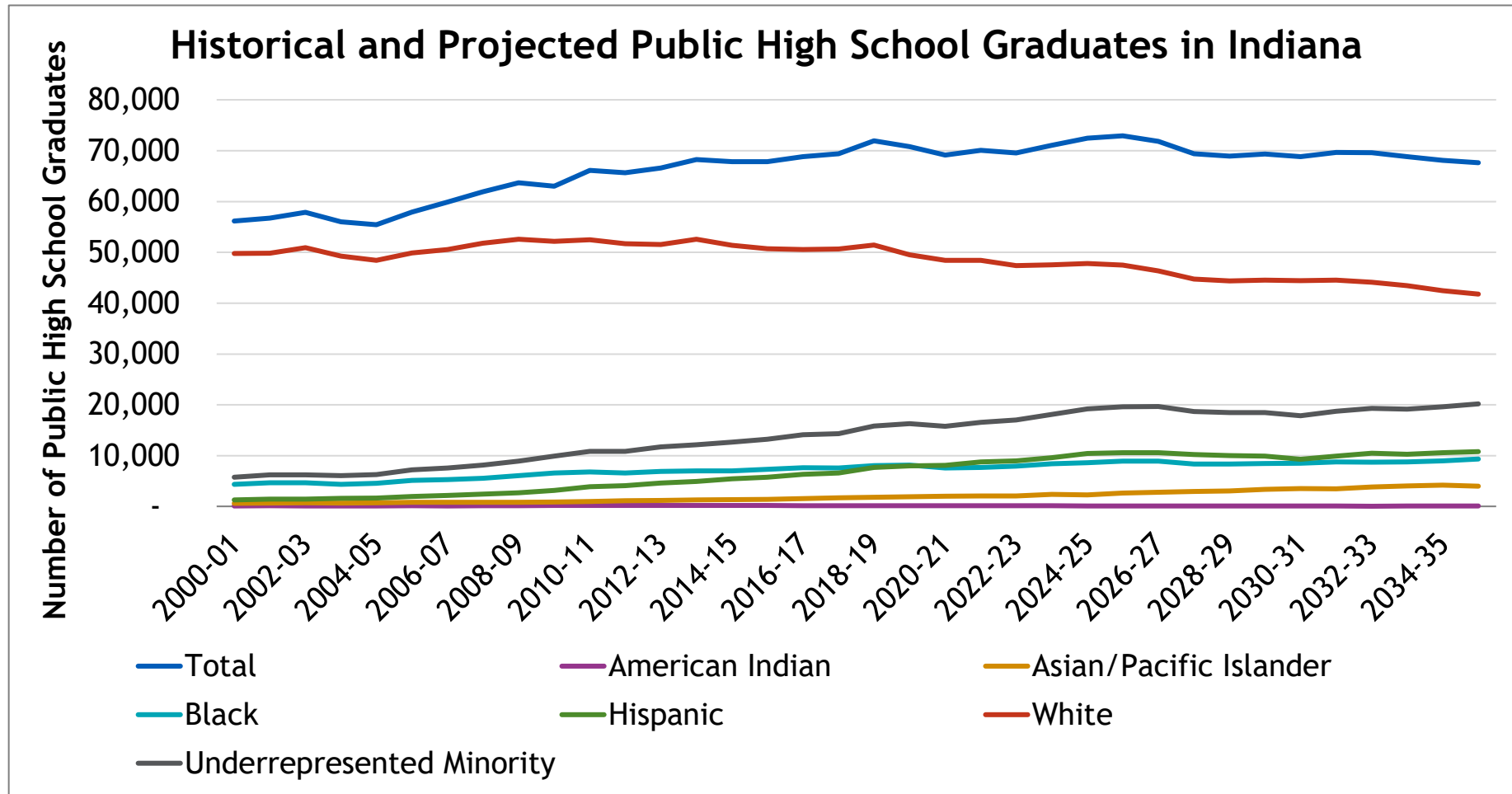
There is a 15-point gap in the percentage of adults with an associate degree or higher between underrepresented minority adults as a group (American Indian, Black, Hispanic, and Pacific Islander) and White adults in Indiana.



Source. U.S. Census Bureau. (2022). *American Community Survey 1-year estimates*.

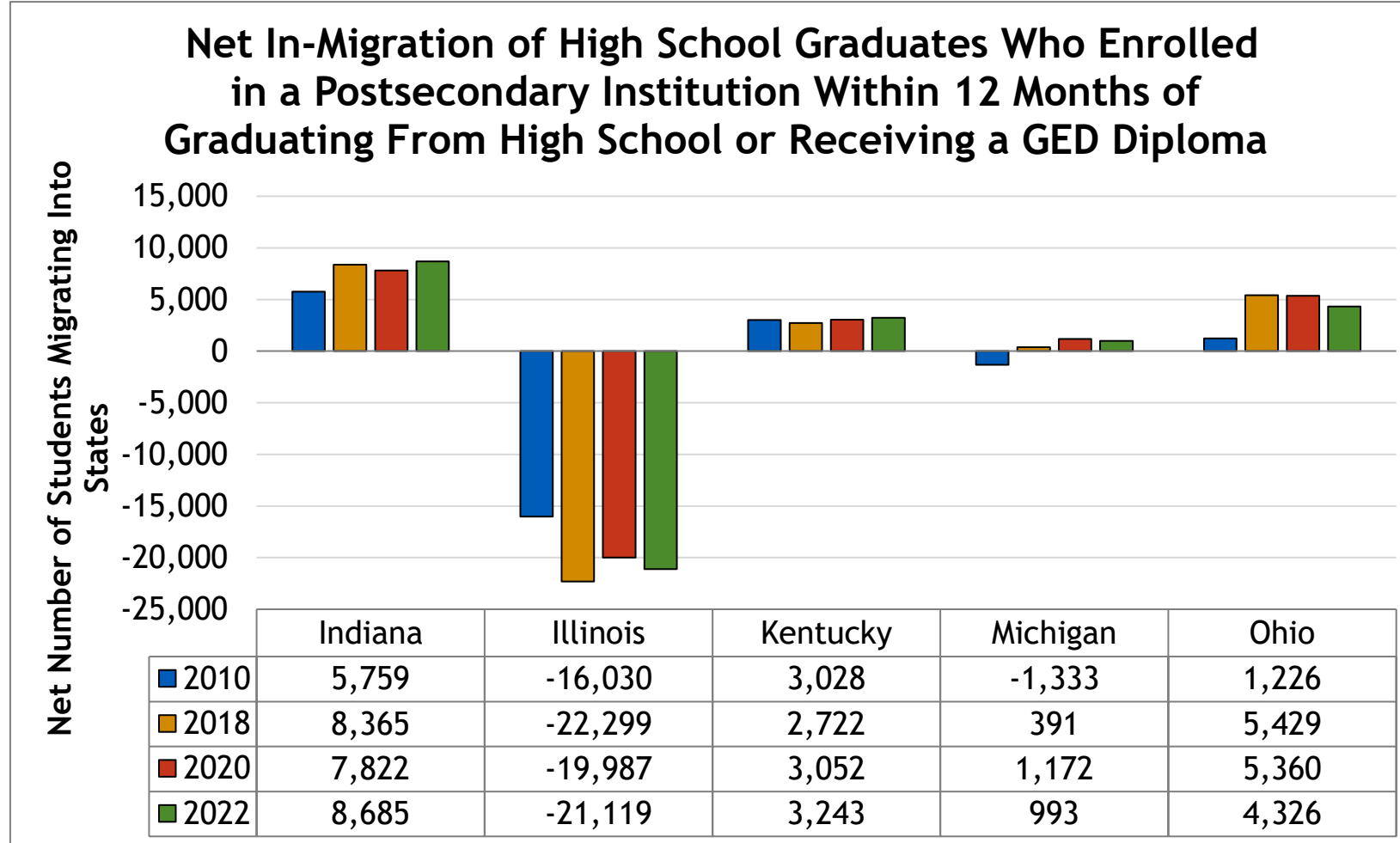
Note. Some estimates are unavailable due to small sample sizes. College certificates are included within the “some college, no degree” category. Some Asian subgroups are underrepresented in higher education (e.g., Hmong) but cannot be separated from the Asian category.

The total number of high school graduates is projected to drop between 2026 and 2029 (and again in 2033), though the number of underrepresented minority high school graduates is projected to increase in Indiana.



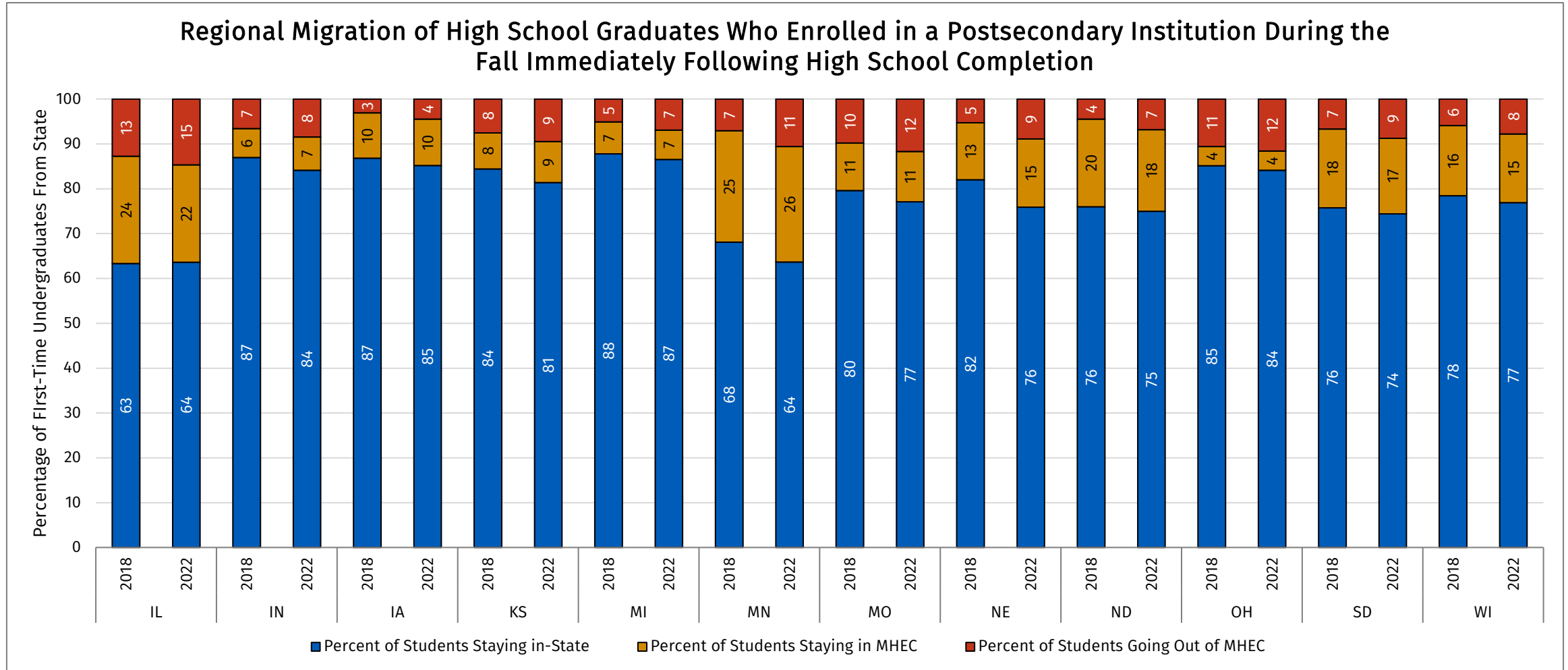
Source. WICHE. (2020). *Knocking at the college door*.

More students migrate into Indiana than the number that migrate out. Net in-migration into Indiana increased between 2020 and 2022, while most border states experienced a decrease.



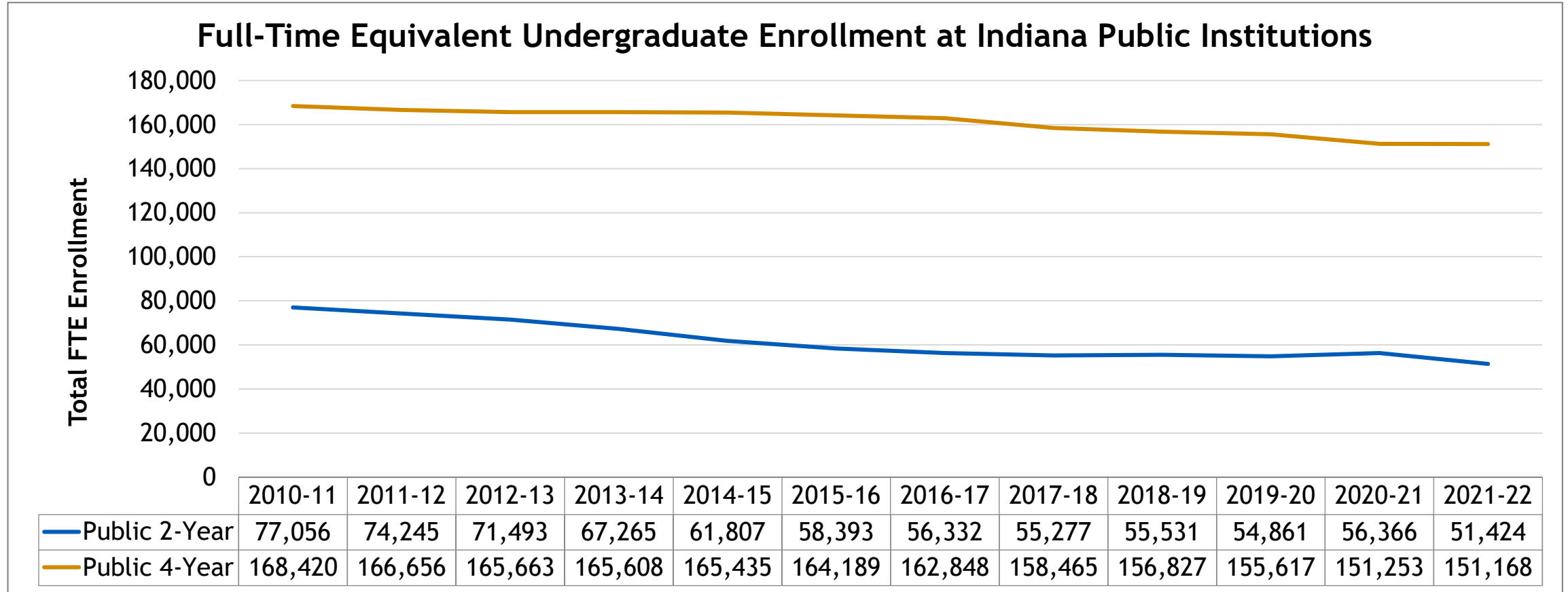
Source. NCES IPEDS. (2022). *Fall enrollment.*

Of first-time college students from Indiana in 2022, 84 percent enrolled in state, 7 percent enrolled elsewhere in the Midwest, and 8 percent enrolled outside the Midwest.



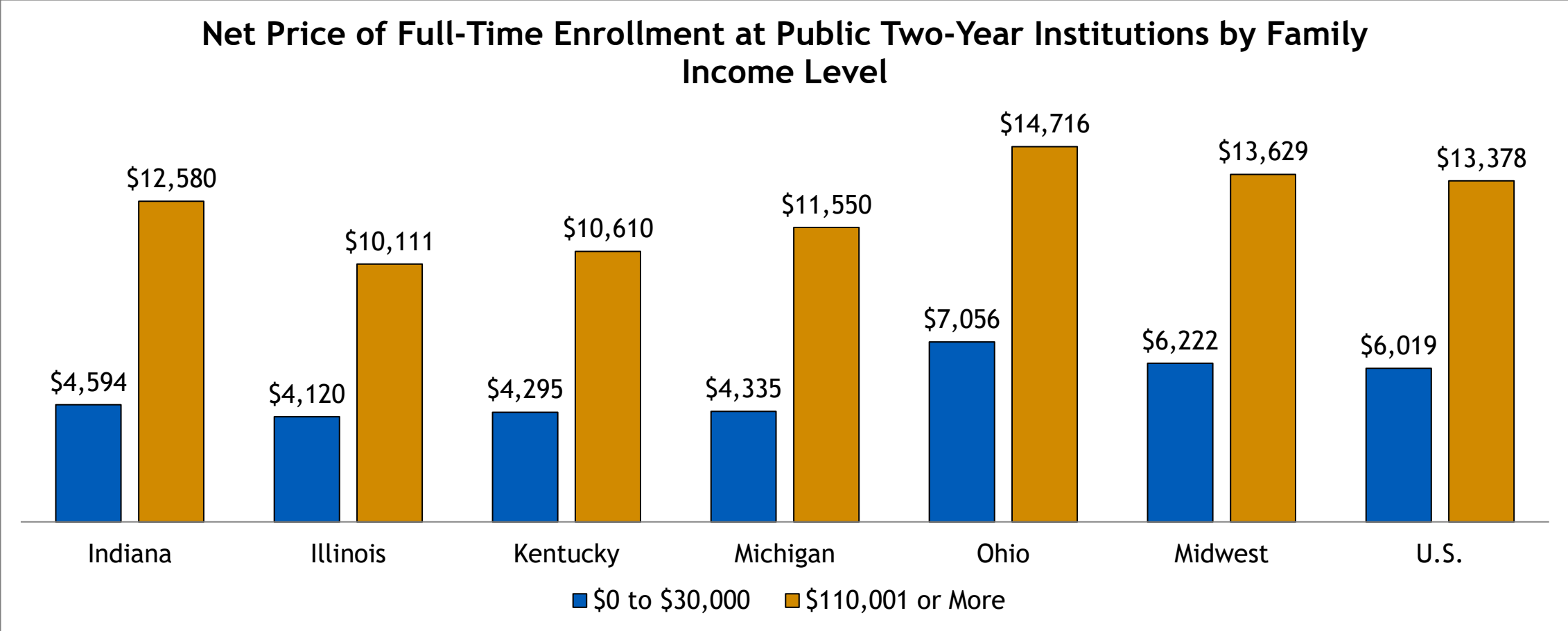
Source. NCES IPEDS. (2022). *Fall enrollment*.

Enrollment has declined at both public two- and four-year institutions in Indiana since 2010-11.



Source. NCES IPEDS. (2022). *12-month enrollment*. Carnegie Classification was used to classify institutions. Institutions with mixed categories were classified according to their distribution of associate and bachelor's degrees awarded. Categorizations may change over time. Tribal colleges and universities are excluded.

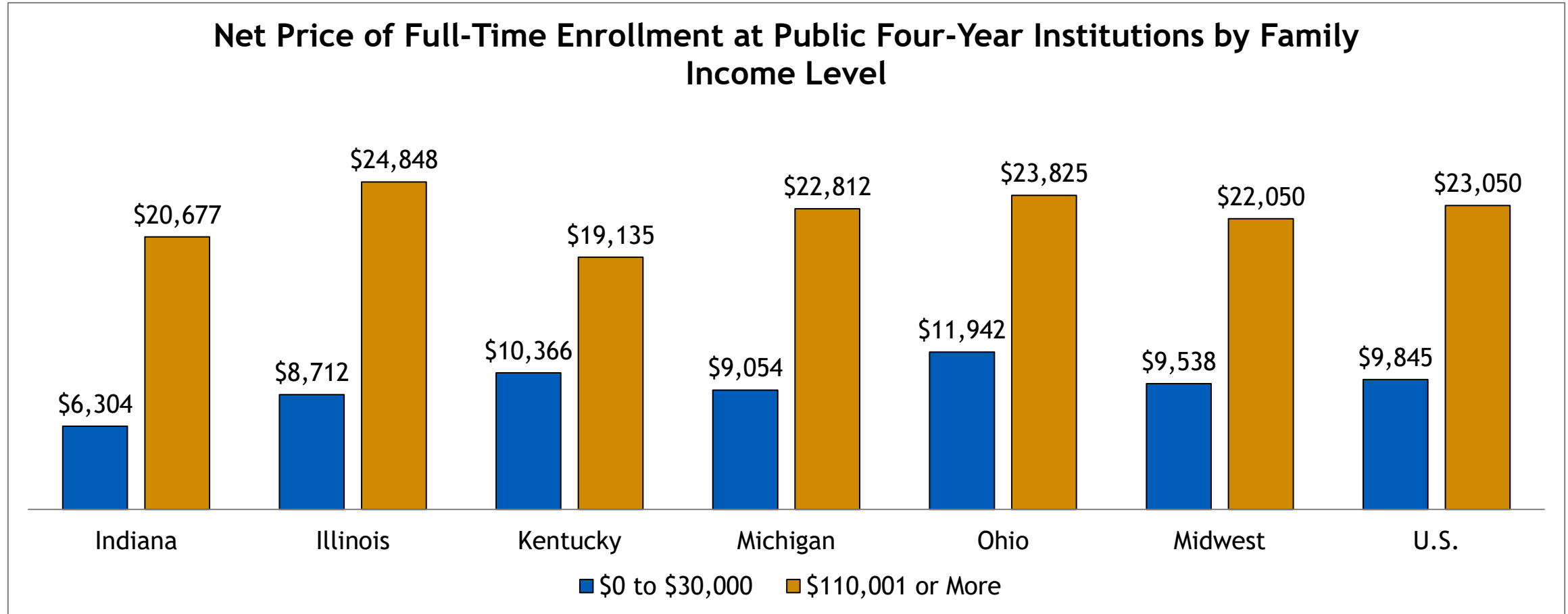
The average net price - the total cost of attendance (including room and board) minus grant aid - for low-income students at Indiana public two-year institutions is below the Midwest and national averages but higher than the prices in most border states.



Source. NCES IPEDS. (2022). *Net price*. Estimates are weighted by income group of first-time/full-time students. Total price of attendance includes tuition, fees, room, board, books, supplies, transportation, and other designated costs. Carnegie Classification was used to classify institutions. Institutions with mixed categories were classified according to their distribution of associate and bachelor's degrees awarded. Tribal colleges are excluded.



The average net price - the total cost of attendance (including room and board) minus grant aid - for low-income students at Indiana public four-year institutions is below the Midwest and national averages and lower than the prices in border states.



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Policy & Research and Resources

- [MHEC Strategic Plan 2022-2025](https://www.mhec.org/resources/strategic-plan-2022-2025)

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- [MHEC Interactive Dashboard](http://mhec.org/dashboard)

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- [2022-23 MHEC Cost Savings](https://www.mhec.org/resources/2022-23-mhec-cost-savings)

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- [Indiana Highlights 2022-2023](https://www.mhec.org/resources/indiana-highlights-2022-2023)

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- [2023 State Performance Update-Indiana](https://www.mhec.org/resources/2023-state-performance-update-indiana)

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