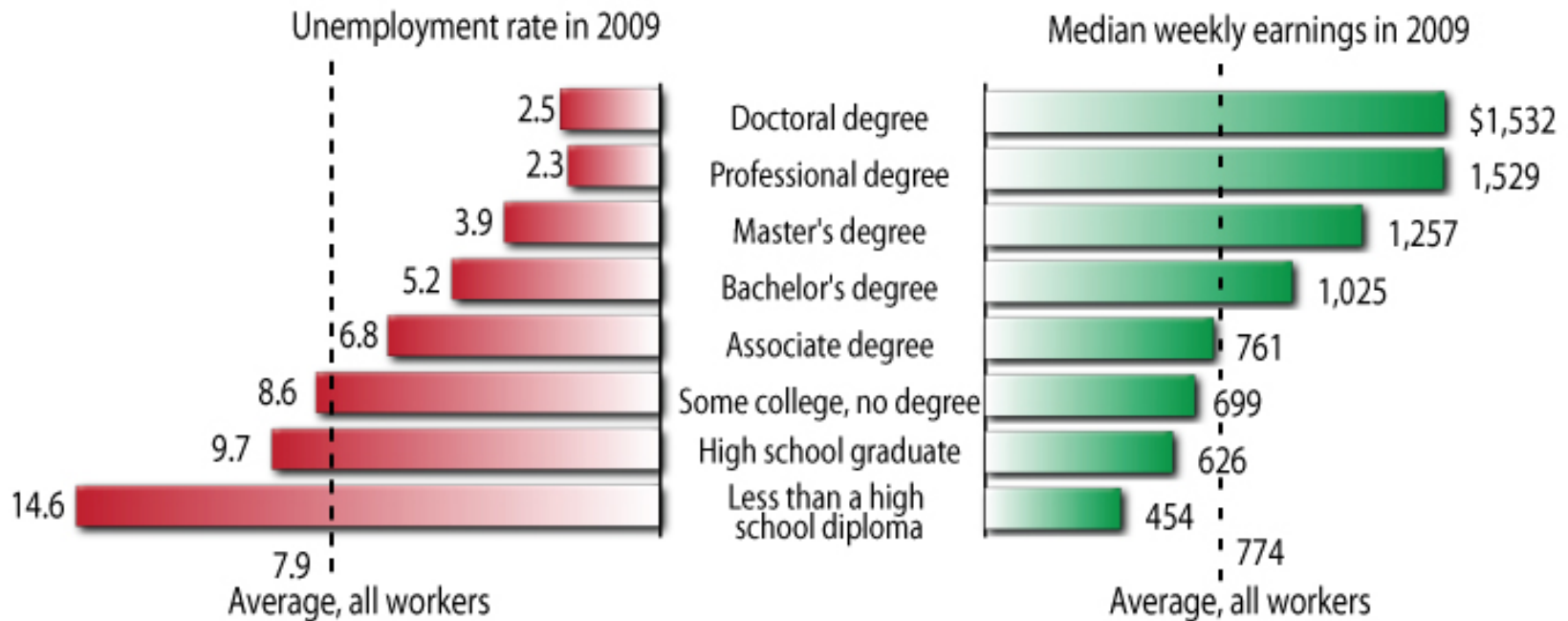


ADVANCING BY DEGREES: RECENT TRENDS IN COLLEGE COMPLETION IN KENTUCKY

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College Graduates Earn More and are More Likely to be Employed

Education pays



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey



College Graduates Produce a Range of Other Benefits

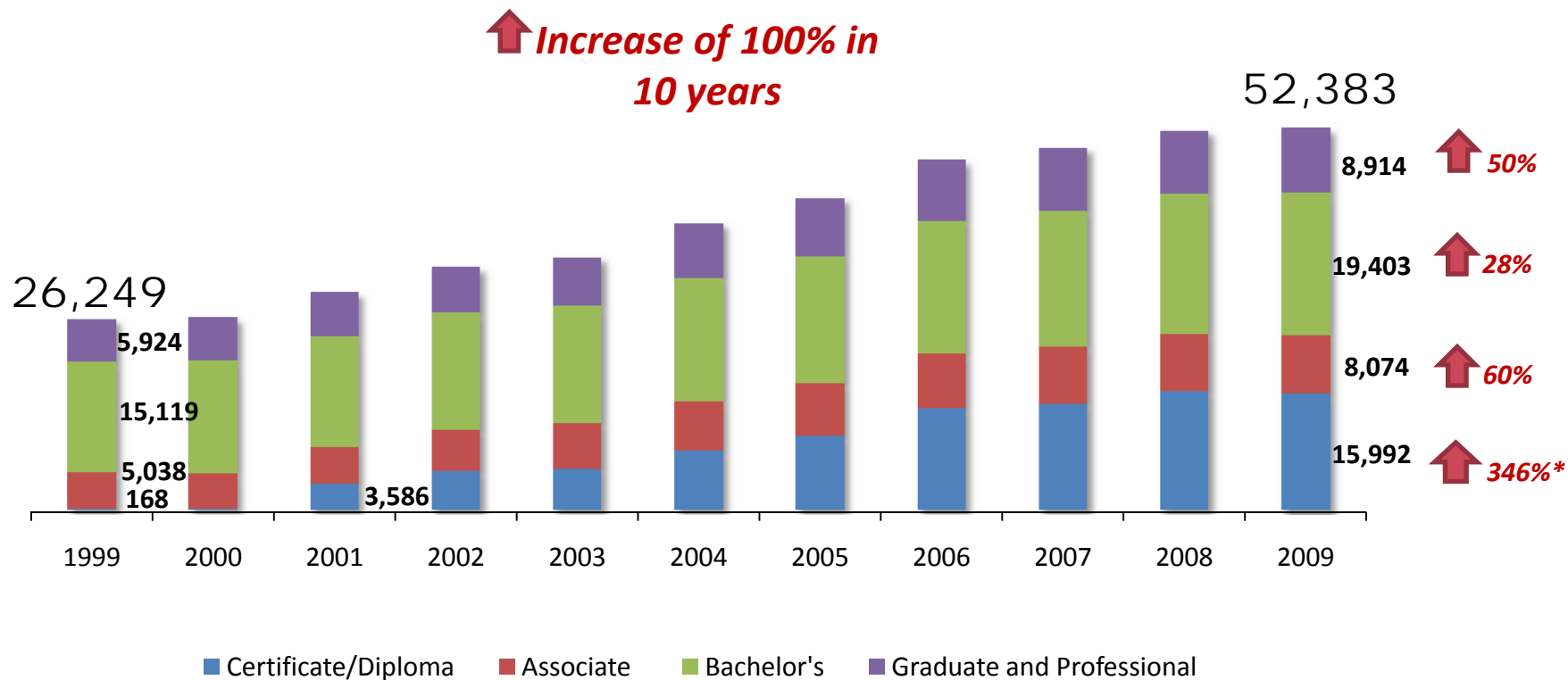
- ❖ Increased tax revenues
- ❖ Higher rates of voting and volunteering
- ❖ Better health
- ❖ Less poverty
- ❖ Lower costs for public assistance programs



Concern is Rising over U.S. College Completion Rates

- ❖ **American Graduation Initiative:** President Obama's goal to produce 5 million more college graduates by 2020 and improve educational attainment.
- ❖ **Complete to Compete:** Initiative launched by National Governors' Association to make the U.S. a global leader in college completion.
- ❖ **Access to Success:** Initiative of the National Association of System Heads, The Education Trust, and 24 state higher education systems to close the gaps in college-going and completion by 2015.
- ❖ **The Lumina Foundation's Big Goal:** Plan to increase the proportion of Americans with high-quality degrees and credentials to 60% by 2025.
- ❖ **Promoting a Culture of Student Success:** SREB study to highlight best practices in member states.
- ❖ **Complete College America:** Alliance of 23 states and 5 foundations to develop common goals around increasing completion and closing achievement gaps.

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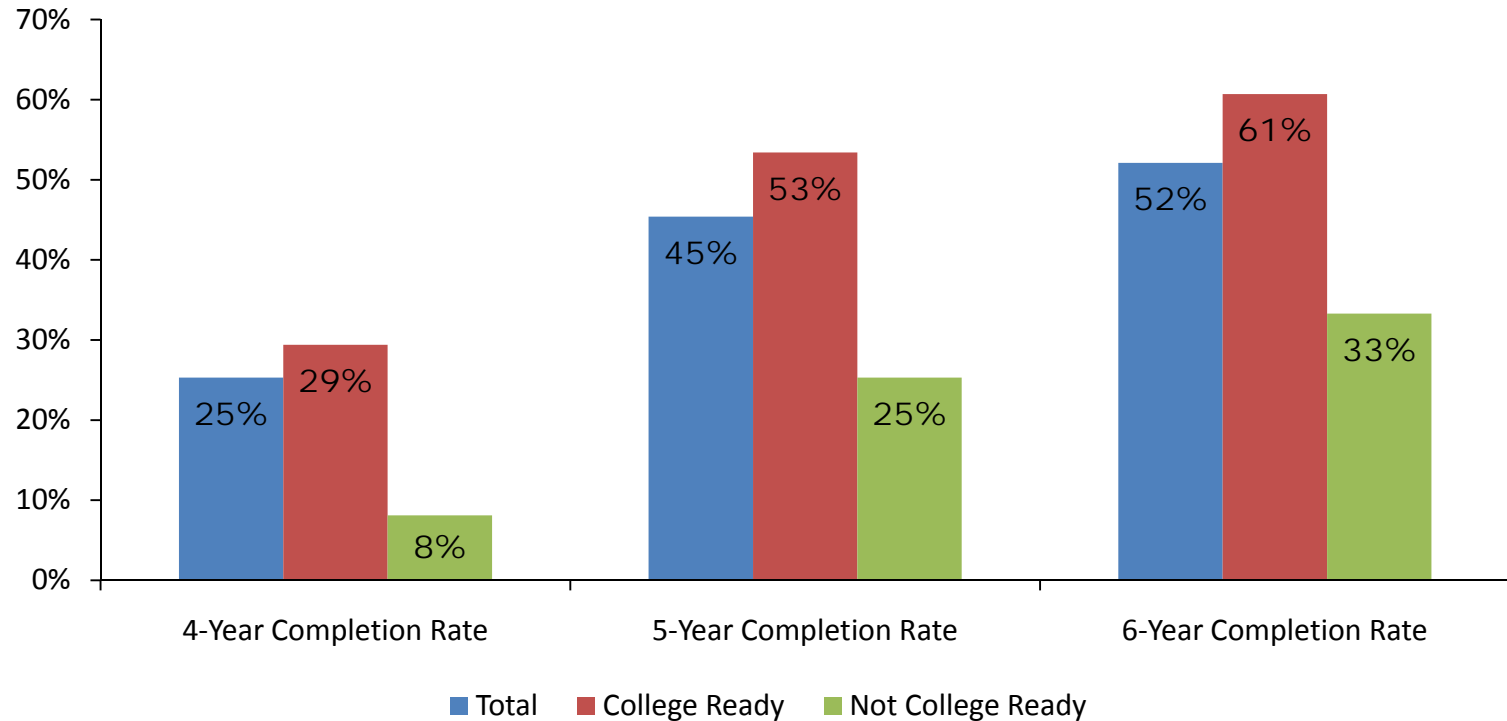


**The rate of increase for certificate/diplomas is calculated from 2001, the first full year of KCTCS data.*

System Completion Rates

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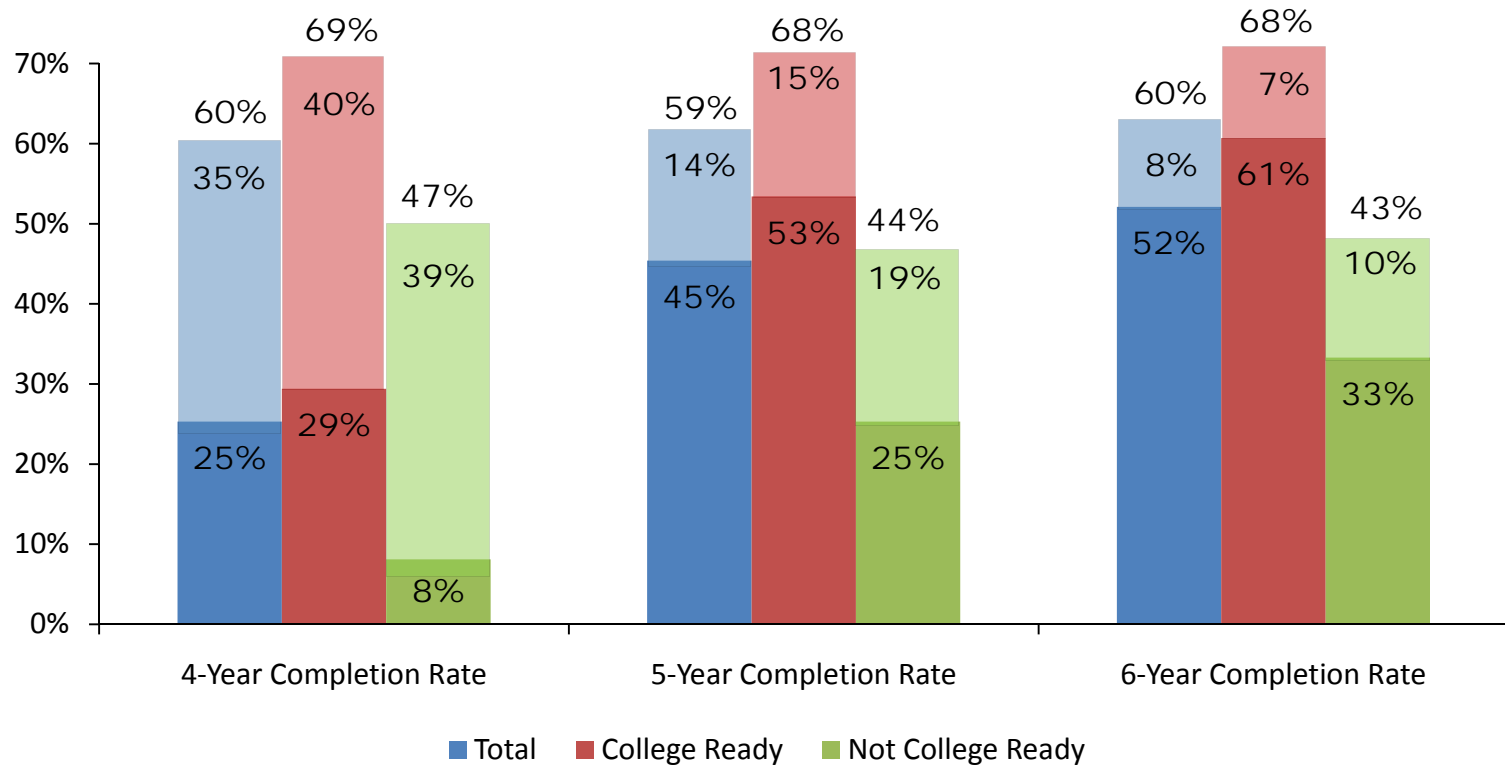
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System Completion & Retention Rates

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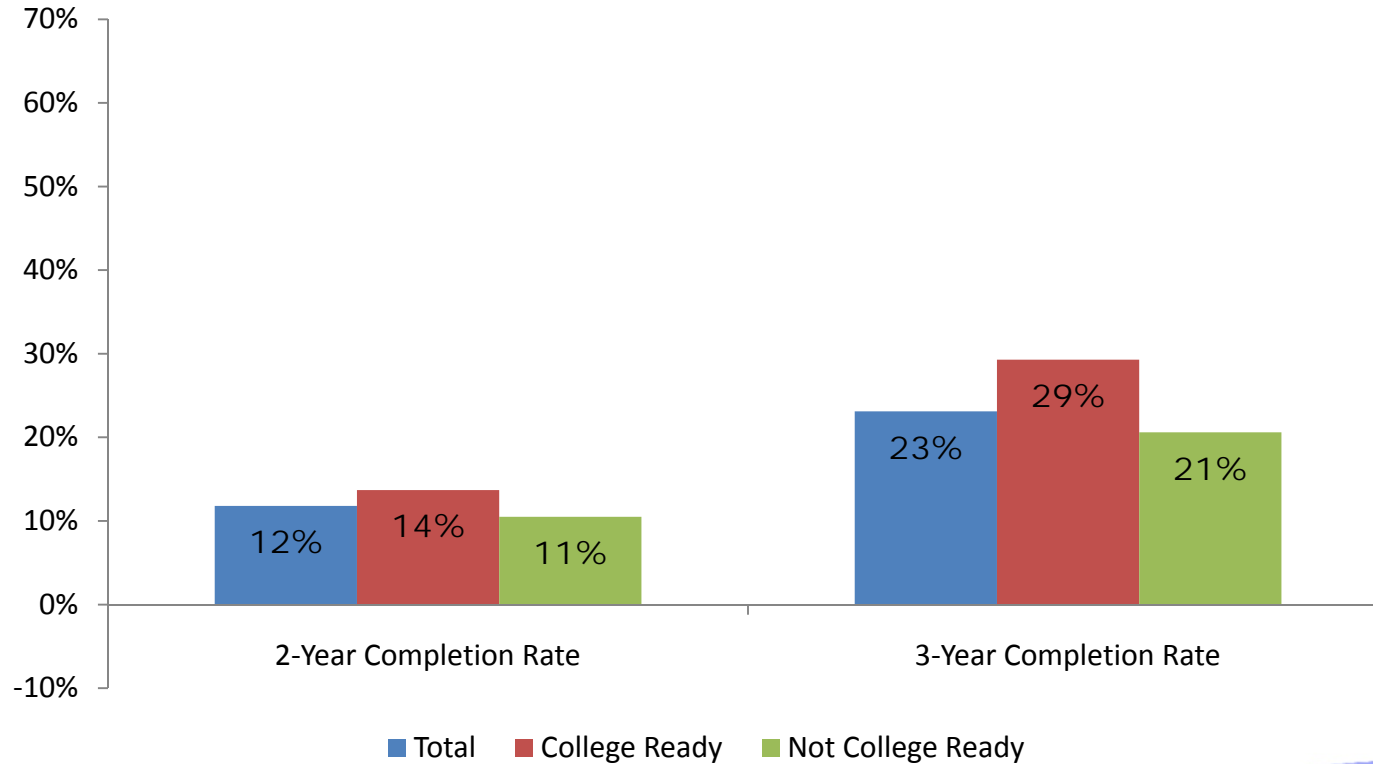




System Completion Rates

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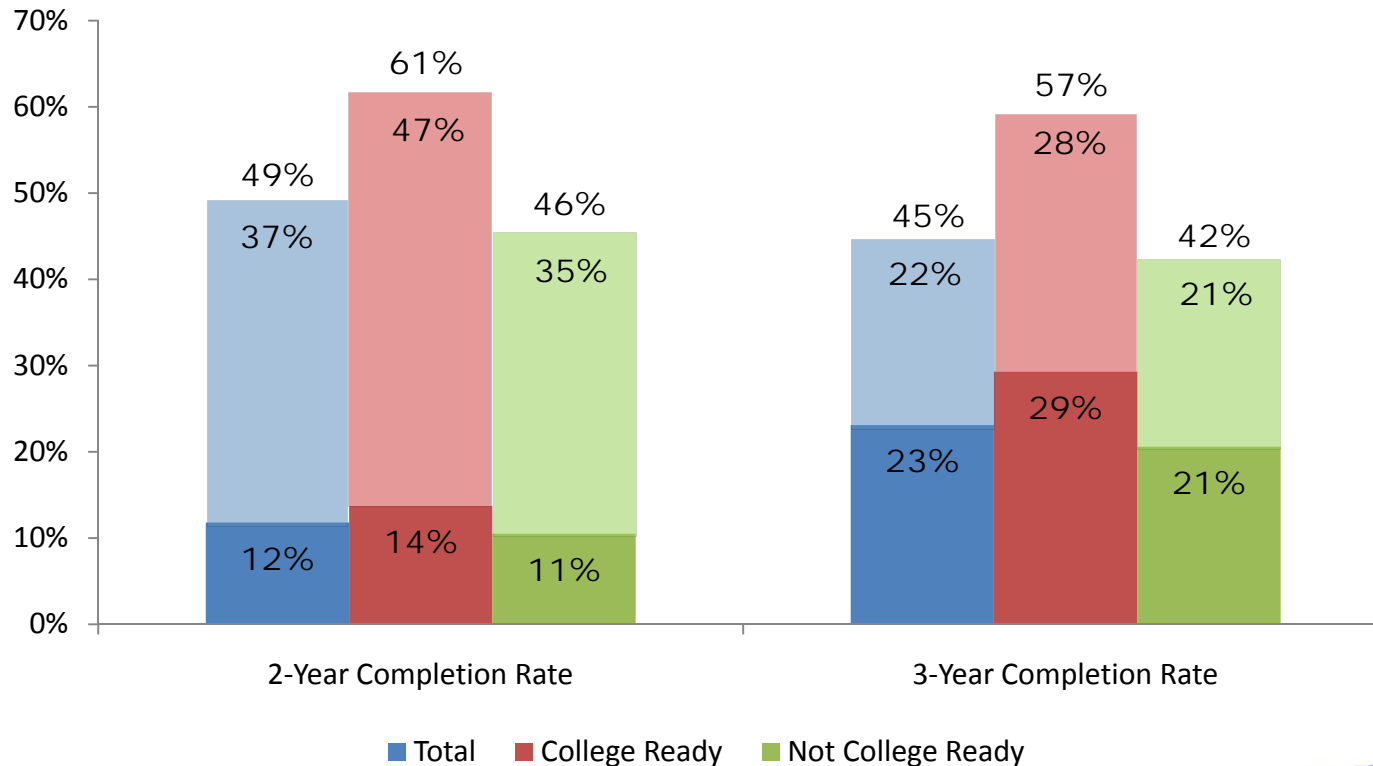




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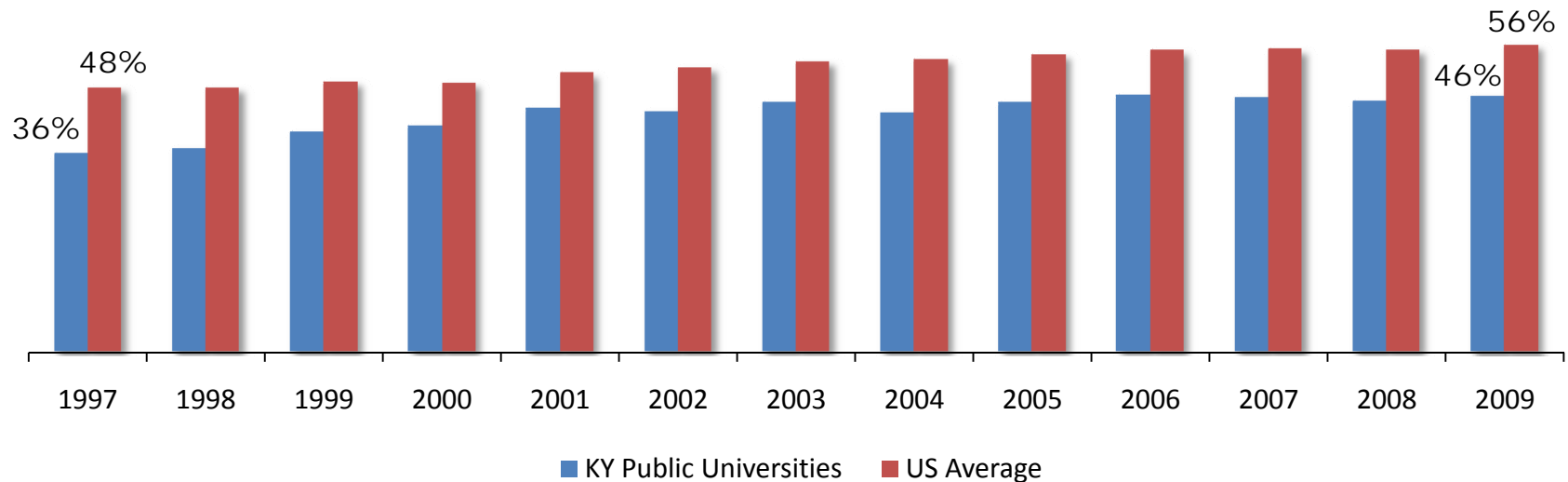
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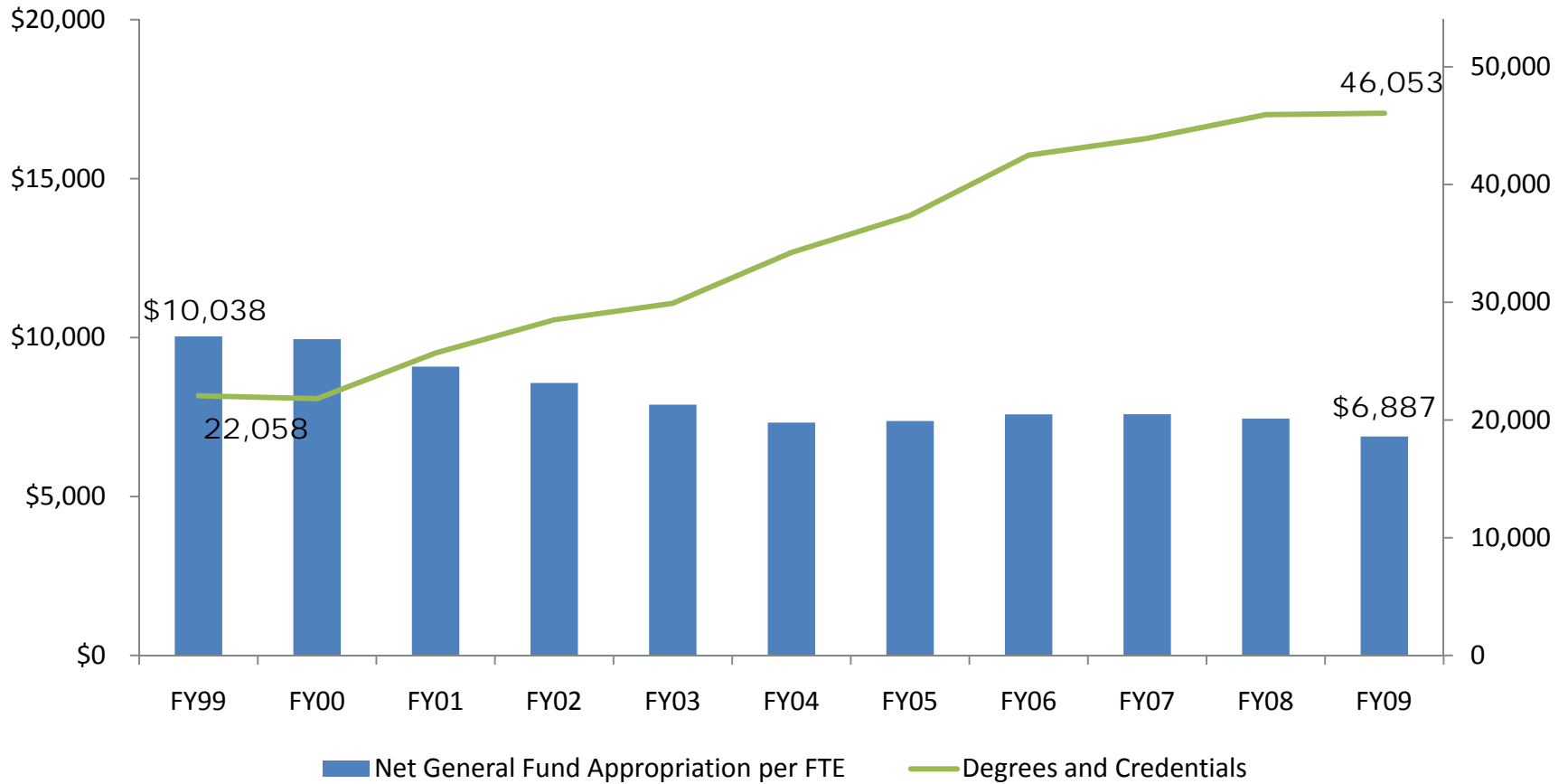


6-Year Graduation Rates of Public Universities, KY and U.S. Averages

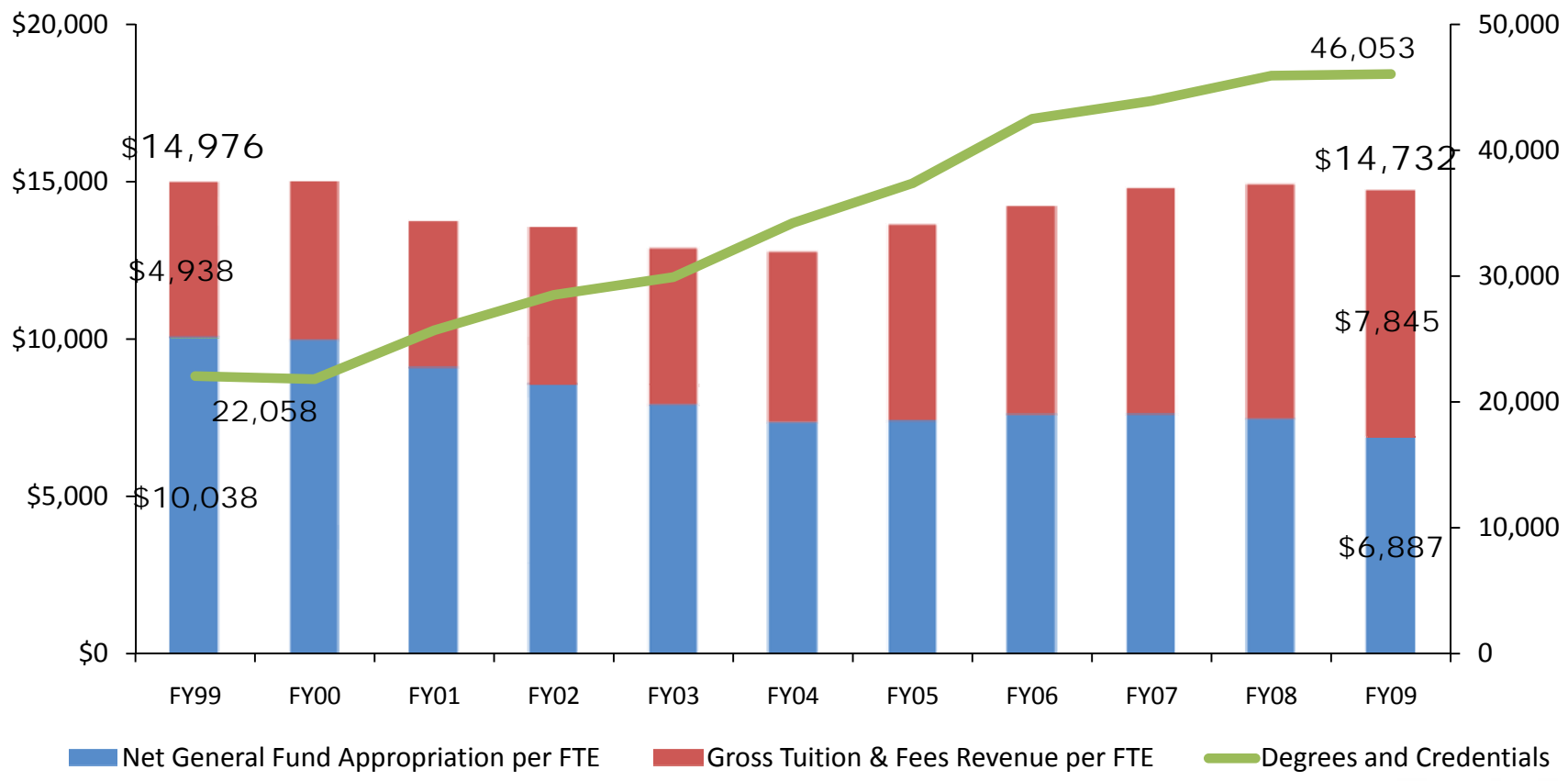
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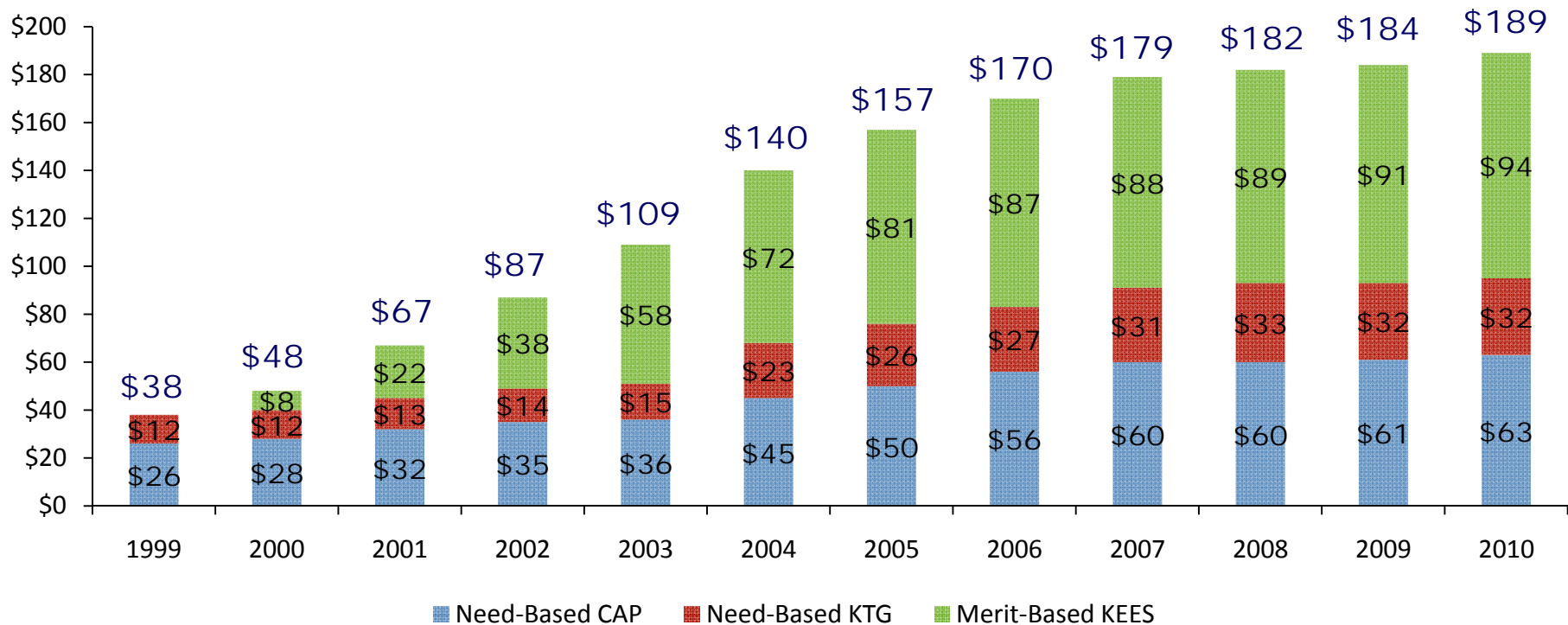


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