

*University of Nevada,
Las Vegas*

*University of Nevada,
Reno*

*Nevada State College
Henderson*

*Community College of
Southern Nevada*

Great Basin College

*Truckee Meadows
Community College*

*Western Nevada
Community College*

*Desert Research
Institute*



Nevada System of Higher Education

Presentation before the Assembly Committee on Education

February 19, 2007



NSHE OVERVIEW

**Eight institutions serving over 100,000 students,
governed by a 13-member elected Board of Regents**

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NSHE Chancellor – James E. Rogers



NSHE MASTER PLAN GOALS

Quality Education Nevada's system of higher education will provide consistently excellent learning experiences for its students through instruction, research, and service.

A Prosperous Economy Through instruction, research, and service, higher education in Nevada will be an essential element in developing and sustaining a strong, dynamic, knowledge-based economy for Nevada.

P-16 Education Higher education will increase partnerships with the K-12 system to ensure the cooperative delivery of education from pre-kindergarten through college degrees.

Building Quality of Life Higher education in Nevada will be instrumental in advancing society's objectives and enriching the lives of Nevada's citizens.

Opportunity and Accessible Education for All Nevada's system of higher education will increase the overall participation and success of Nevadans enrolling at all levels of higher education and in all ethnic groups, and will address the unique educational needs of a highly diverse and non-traditional population.

Student-Focused System The higher education system in Nevada will create a welcoming, respectful and friendly environment where all students have the opportunity to participate and succeed at every level of higher education.

Reputation for Excellence Nevada's institutions of higher education will increase their national, regional, and statewide reputation based on targeted, outstanding, innovative programs and other accomplishments.



NSHE OVERVIEW

Two Research Universities (UNLV & UNR)

- Offer education from the baccalaureate through the master's and doctoral levels
- Provide comprehensive research opportunities
- Strive to make significant contributions to new knowledge, economic development and the culture of the state
- Combined student headcount of 44,781 in Fall 2006

One State College (NSC)

- Established to provide four-year degrees that meet critical shortage areas in Nevada's workforce (nursing & teaching)
- 1,959 students enrolled in Fall 2006



NSHE OVERVIEW

Four Community Colleges (CCSN, GBC, TMCC, WNCC)

- Comprehensive community colleges offering two-year associate degrees including transfer and occupational programs
 - Opportunity to offer select baccalaureate degrees (GBC); dental hygiene (CCSN); construction technology (WNCC)
- Offer remedial/developmental education
- Provide occupational training and certification
- Encourage continued education and personal enrichment
- Combined student headcount of 57,954 in Fall 2006



NSHE OVERVIEW

One Research Institute (DRI)

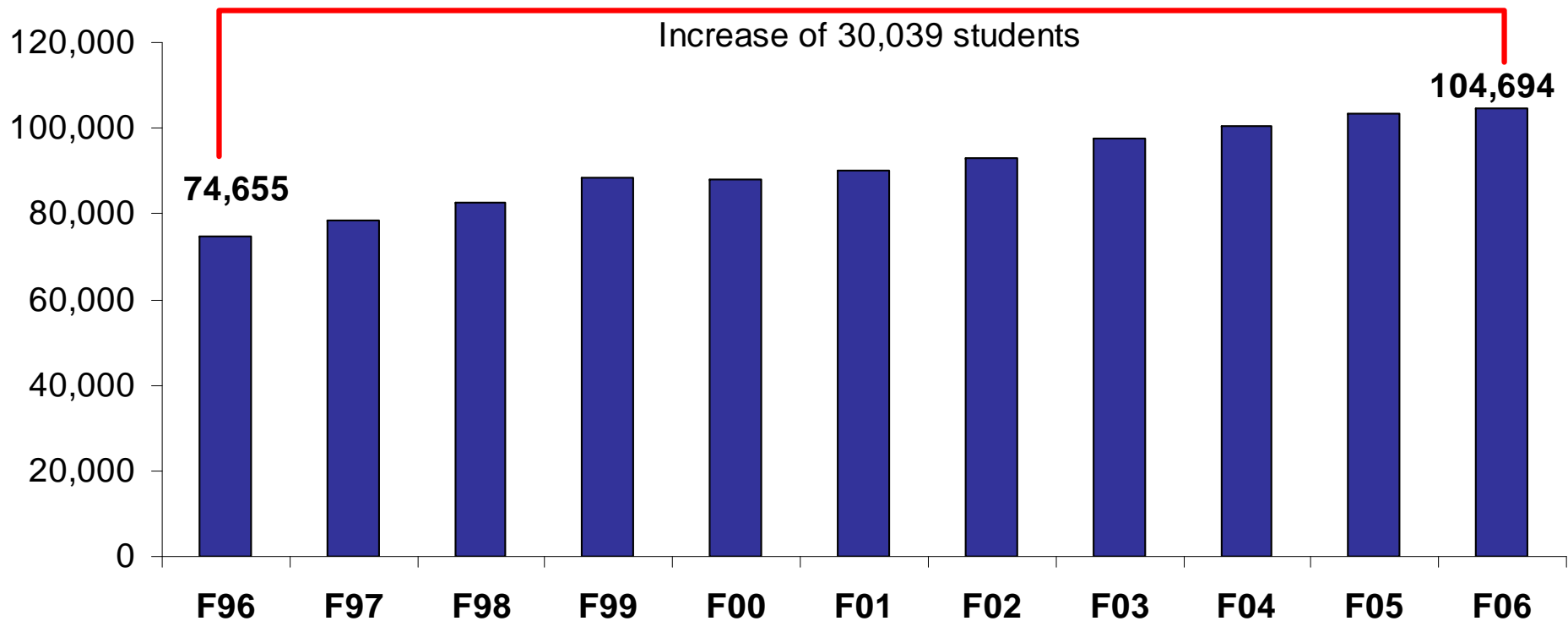
- Focuses on environmental sciences and application of technologies
- Engages in fundamental and problem-oriented research within an entrepreneurial and academic culture
- Conducts more than \$50 million in environmental research each year
- Employs more than 500 research faculty and support staff



NSHE ENROLLMENT

Systemwide headcount enrollment increased 40% over the past 10 years.

NSHE Headcount Enrollment
(Fall 1996 through Fall 2006)





NSHE ENROLLMENT

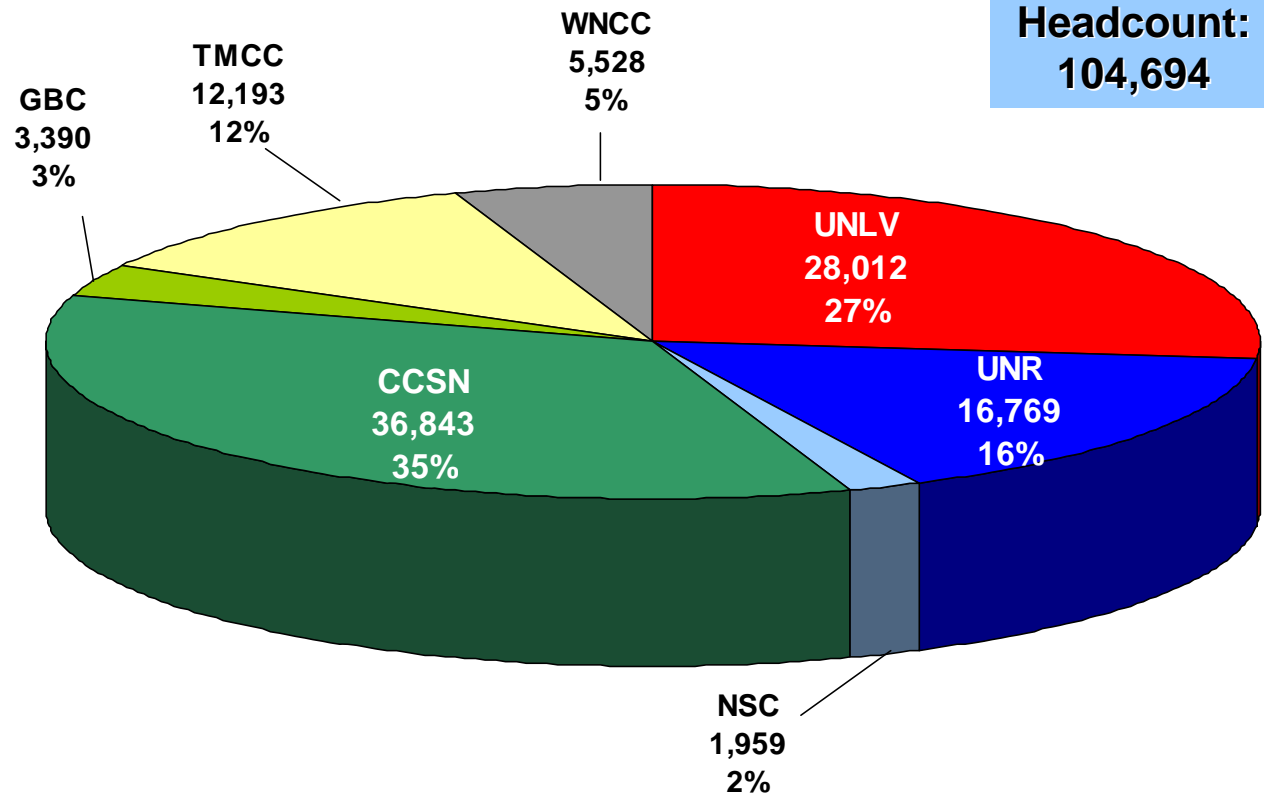
Headcount Enrollment:

students enrolled in at least one credit course

Comm. Colleges comprised 55% of total headcount enrollment in Fall 2006

In Fall 1995, Comm. Colleges comprised 53% of all headcount enrollment

Student Headcount Distribution Fall 2006





NSHE ENROLLMENT

Full-time Equivalent (FTE):

Measure of student workload

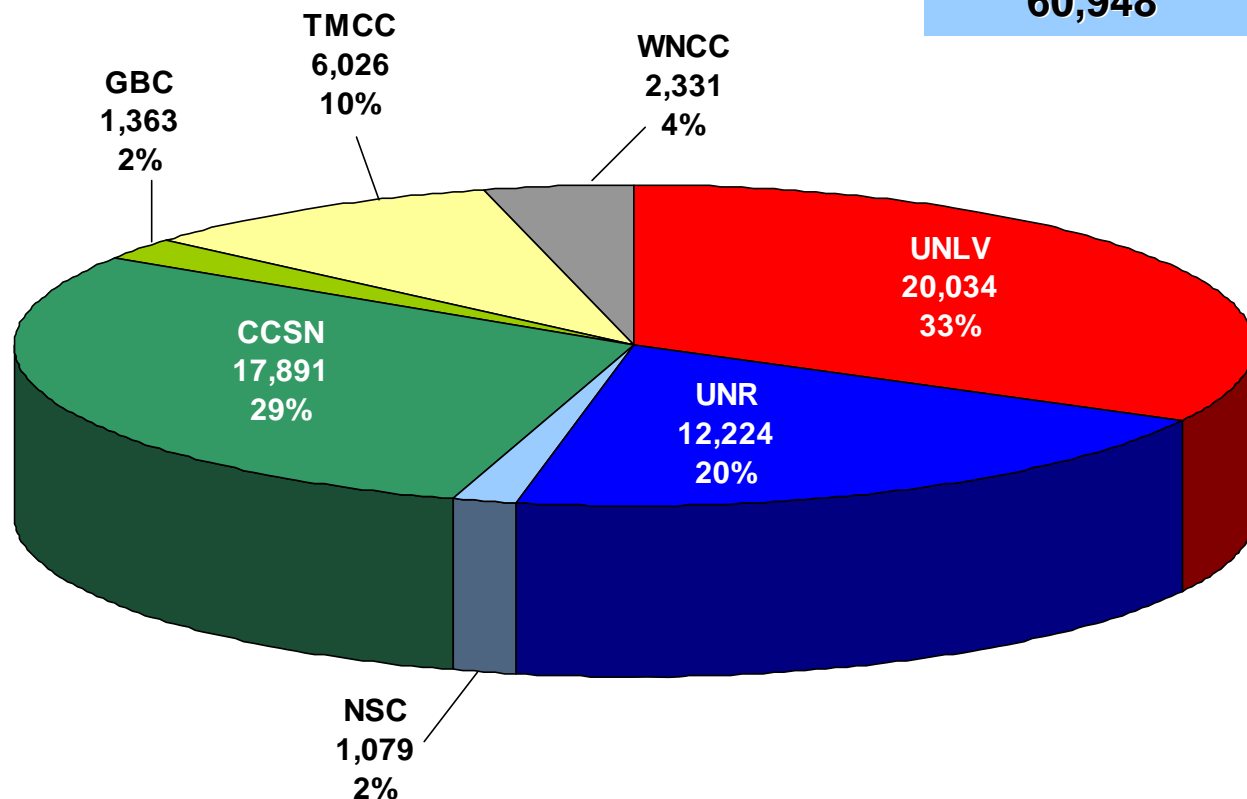
One FTE is equal to student enrollment in 15 undergraduate, 12 master's, or 9 doctoral academic credit hours per semester

The universities make-up 53% of system FTE in 2005-06

The universities comprised 59% of systemwide FTE in 1994-95

Student FTE Distribution 2005-06 AAFTE

**Total FTE =
60,948**

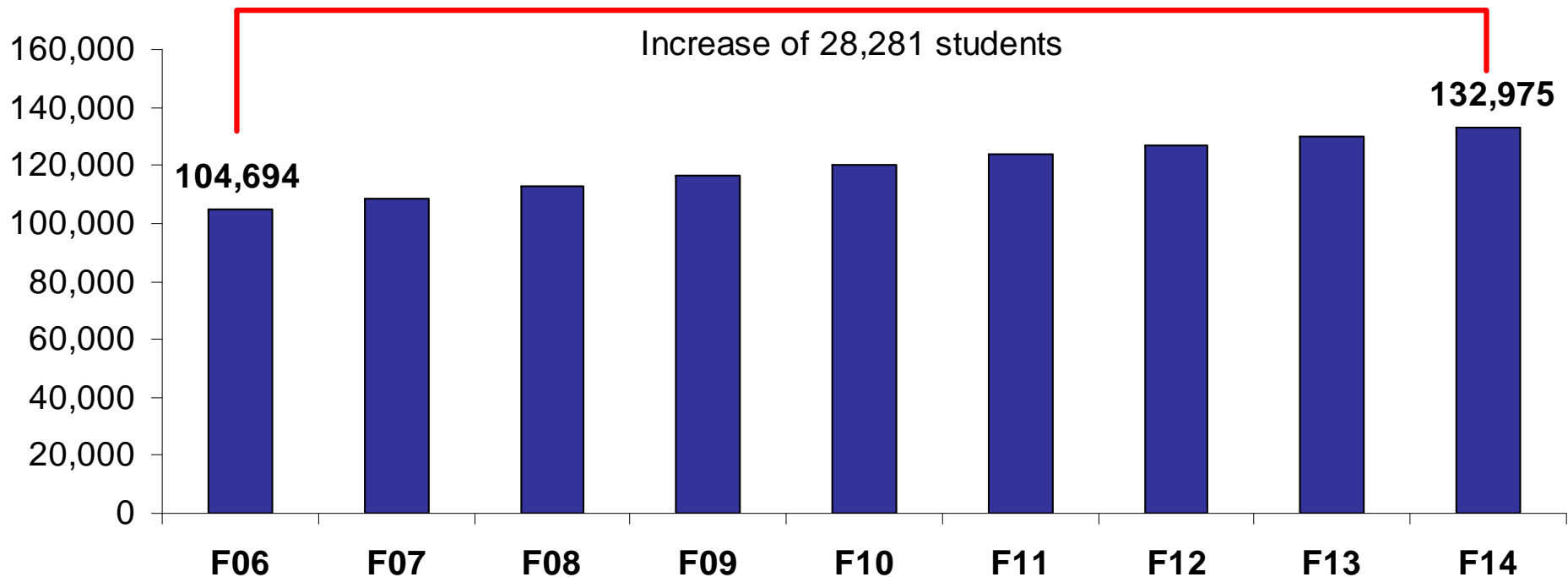




NSHE PROJECTED ENROLLMENTS

Systemwide headcount enrollment is expected to increase by 27% in the next eight years.

Projected NSHE Headcount Enrollment
(Fall 2006 through Fall 2014)



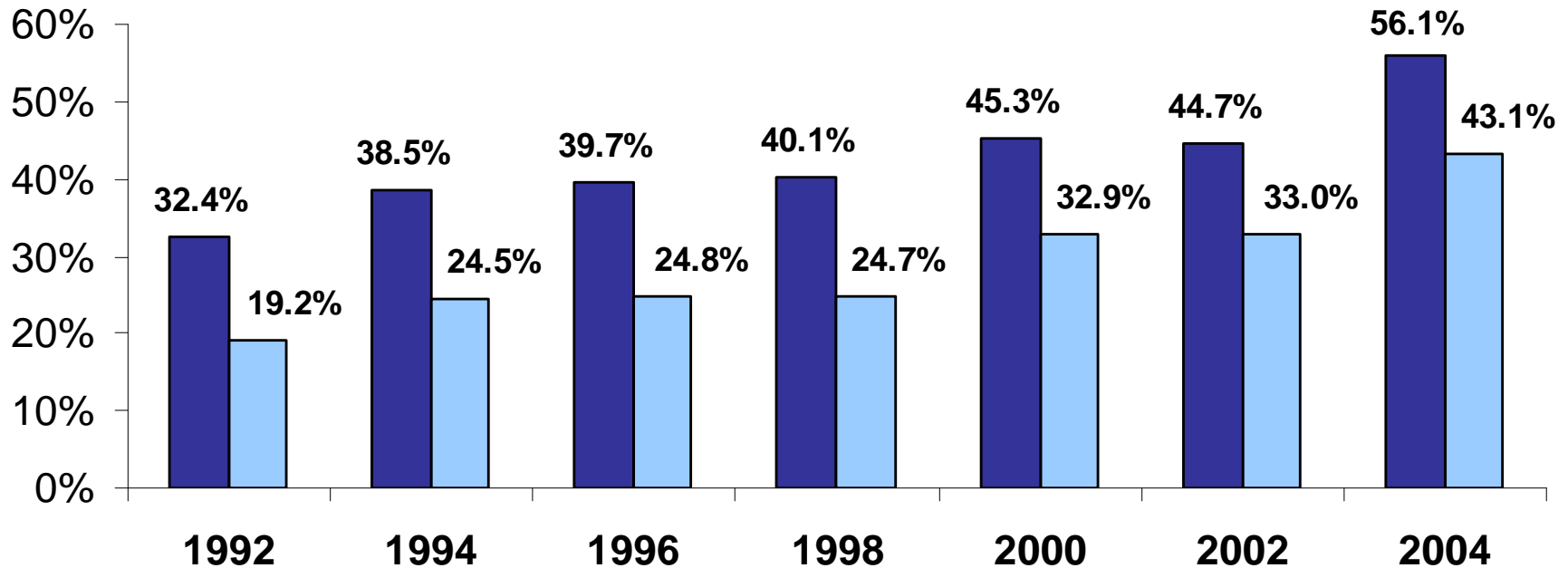


College Participation Rates Are Improving!

Nevada College Continuation Rate

Percent of Nevada high school graduates enrolled as first-time, degree-seeking college students in the fall semester immediately following graduation

■ Continuing to Postsecondary Ed □ Continuing to NSHE only



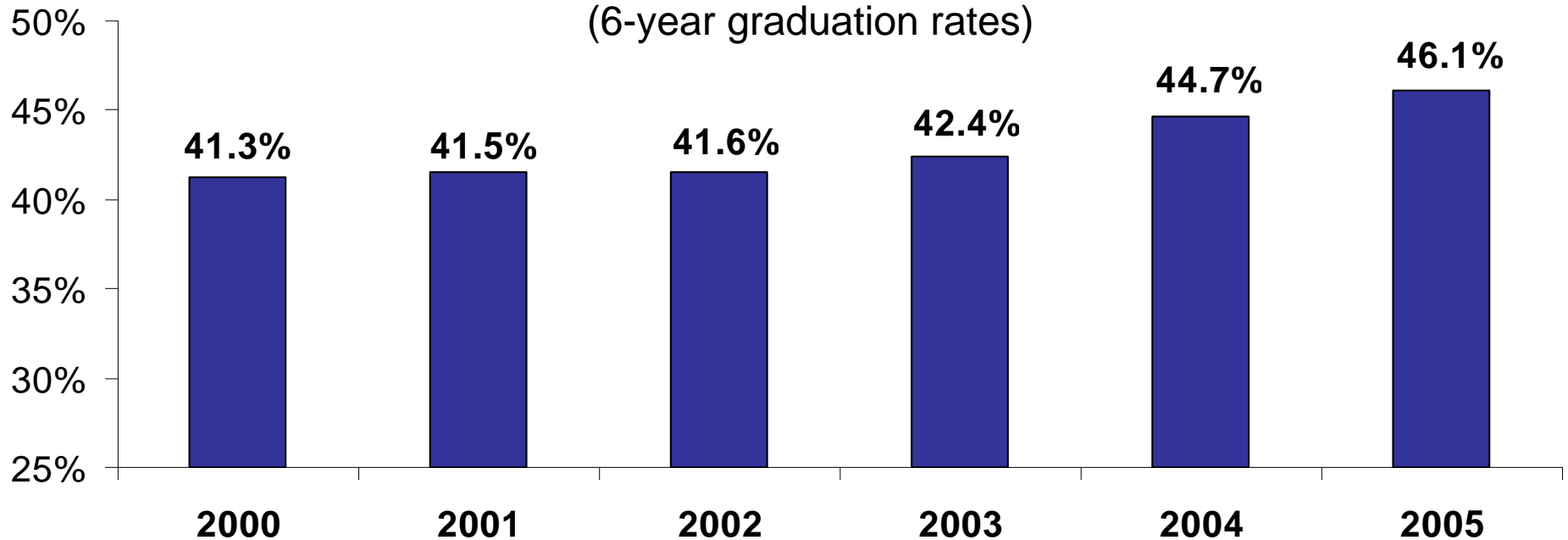


Graduation Rates Are Improving!

Graduation rates for students attending an NSHE university have consistently increased since 2000. The average 6-year graduation rate for 4-year institutions across the nation is 52%.

Graduation Rates – Nevada Universities

(6-year graduation rates)





Transfer Rates

Transfer Student Graduation Rates

Percent of Transfer Students Earning a Bachelor's Degree within 3 Years of Transferring to an NSHE 4-year Institution

2002-03 Graduates

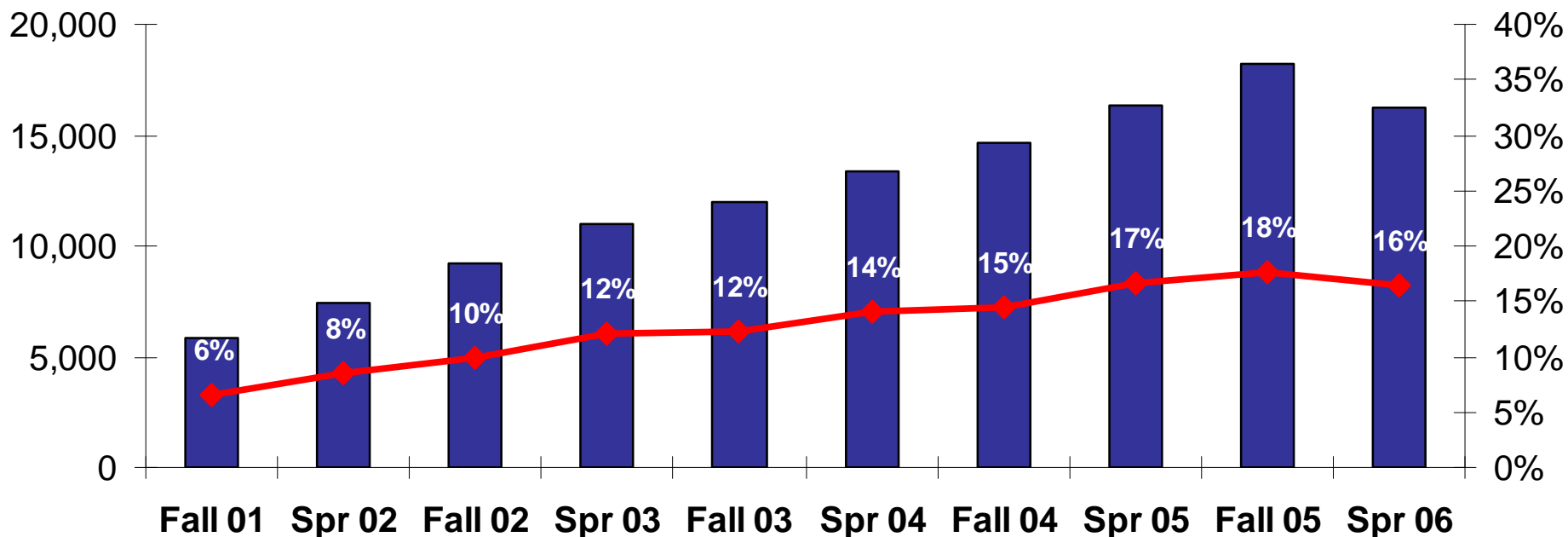
Home/ Entering Institution	Students Transferring Immediately After Earning "Transfer" Associate Degree	Graduated w/ Bachelor's Degree within Three Years of Transferring	
		#	%
CCSN	184	120	65%
GBC	5	1	20%
TMCC	91	54	59%
WNCC	35	15	43%
TOTAL	315	190	60%



Distance Education

NSHE Enrollment in Distance Education Courses

■ Headcount ◆ % of Total NSHE Headcount

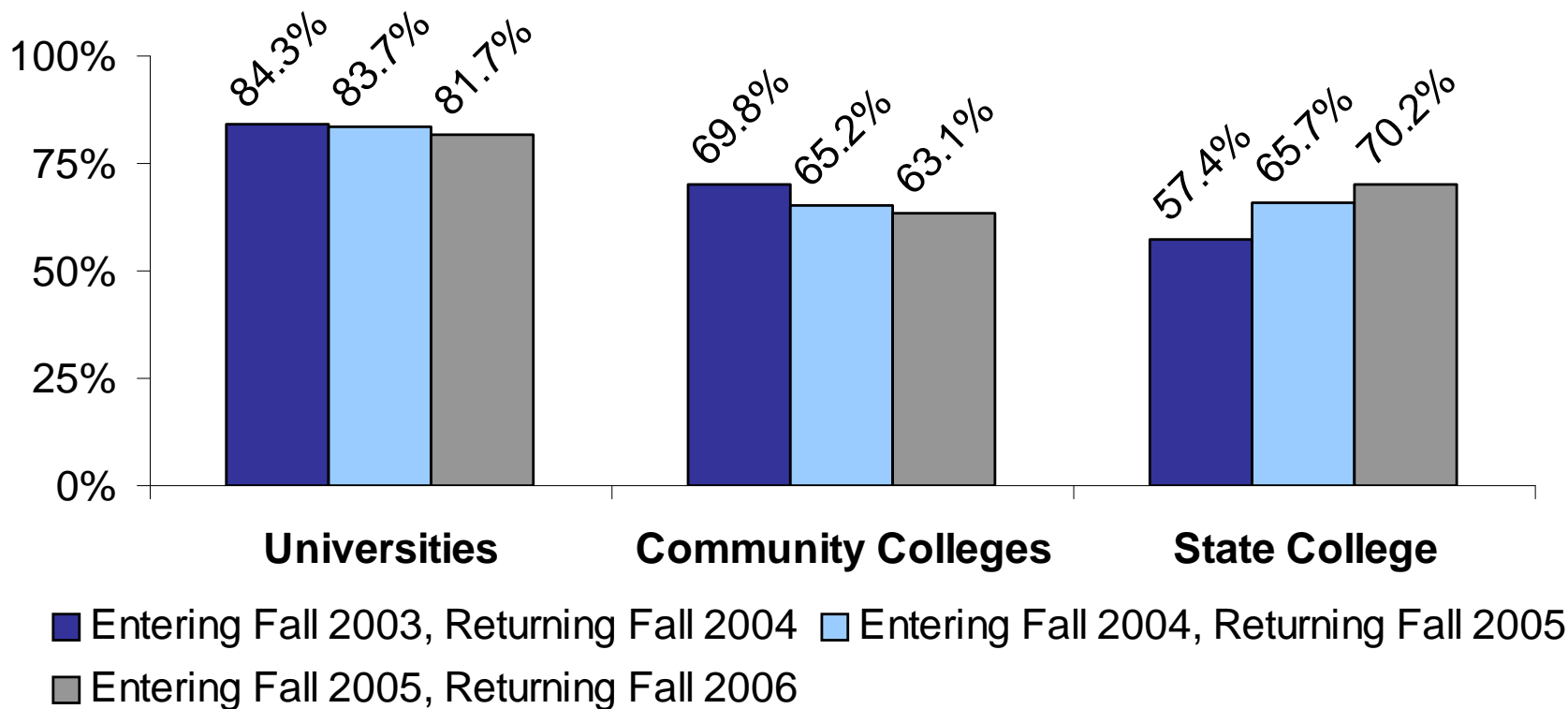




Persistence Rates

NSHE Persistence Rates by Institutional Type

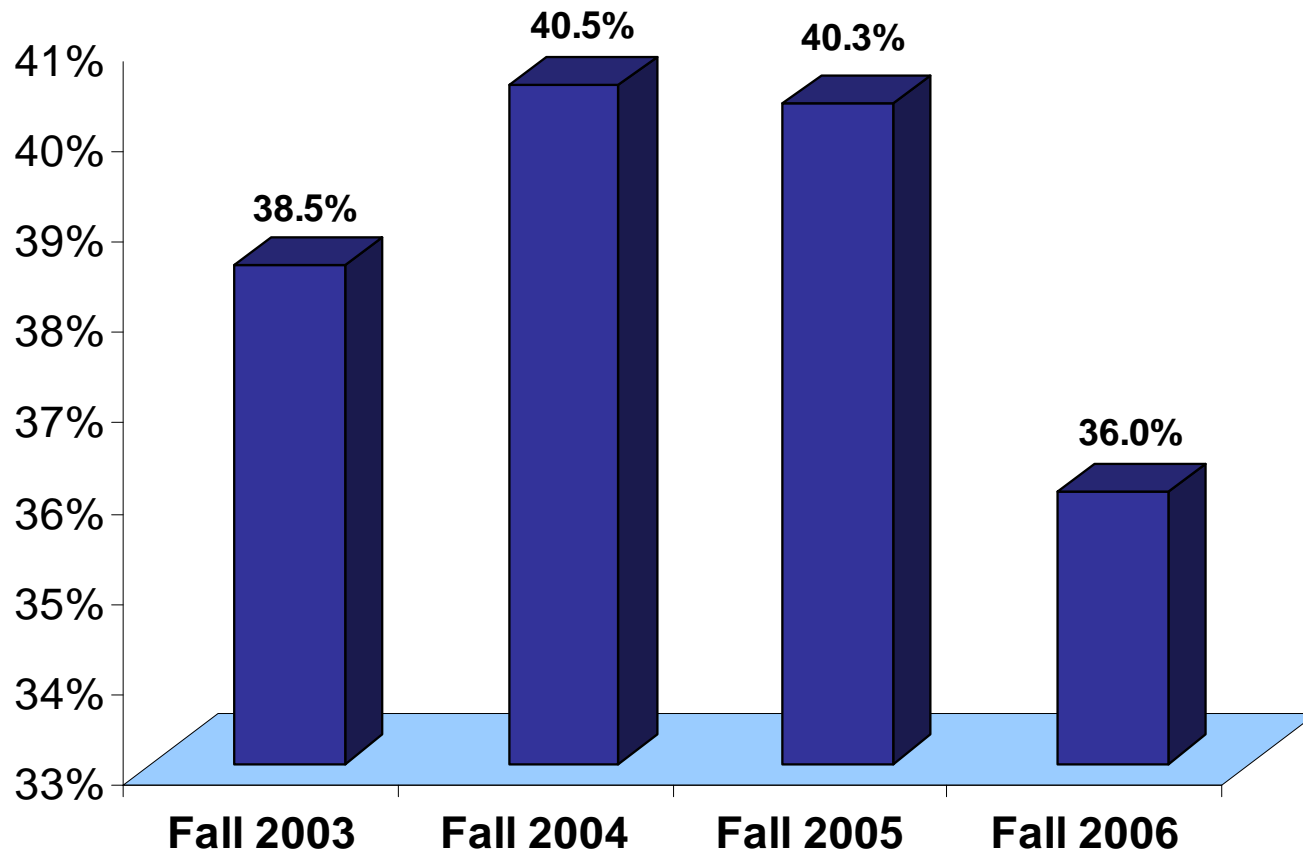
Percent of First-Time, Full-Time, Degree-Seeking Freshmen Returning to any NSHE Institution for a Second Year of Enrollment





Remediation Rates Are Improving!

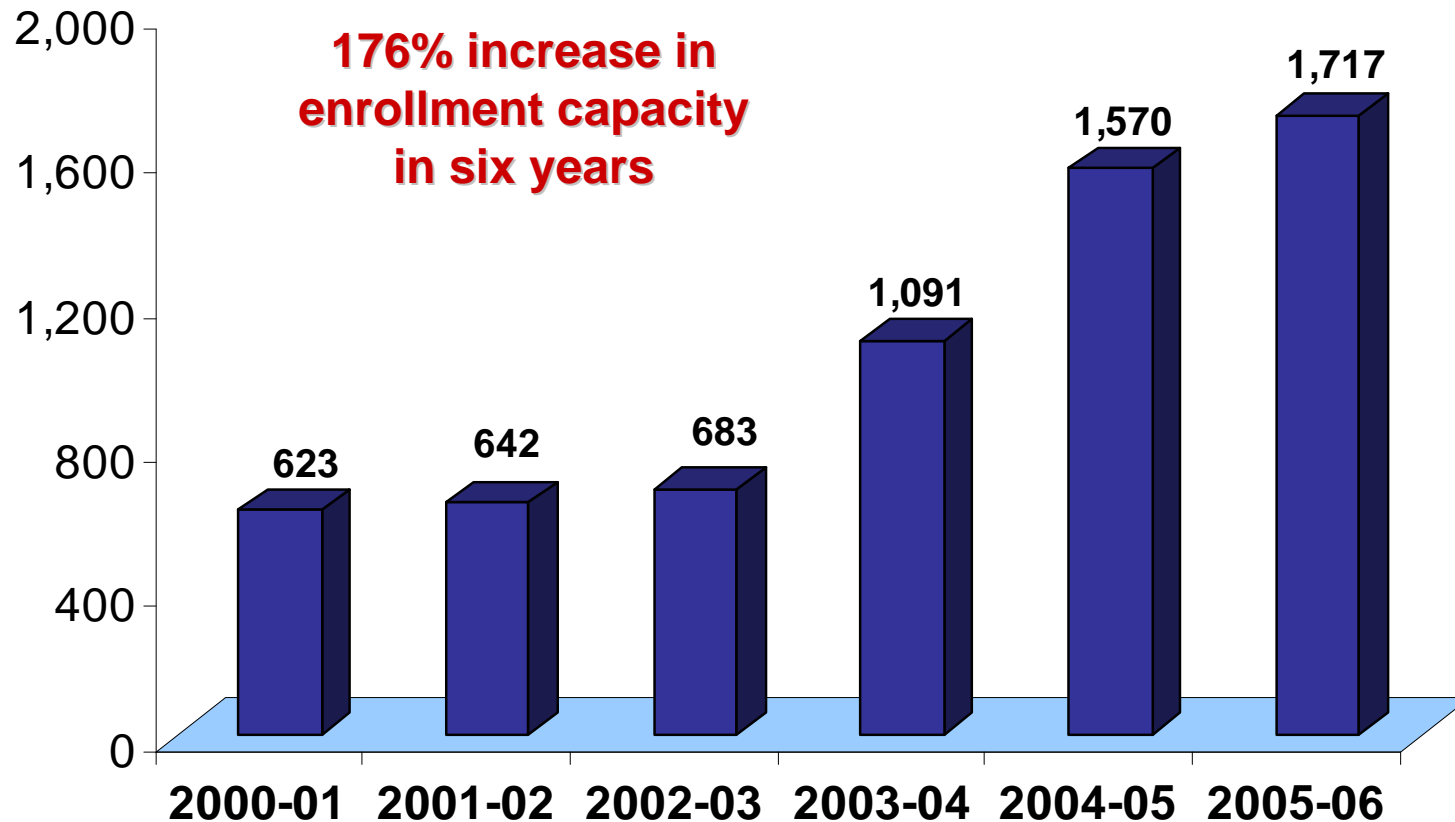
Recent Nevada High School Graduates Enrolled in Remediation Immediately Following Graduation (2003 thru 2006)





Nursing Program Enrollment A Success Story

Enrollment in NSHE Undergraduate Nursing Programs
(unduplicated headcount)





University Admissions Criteria

Recent Changes Impacting Future Enrollment

University Admission Criteria (UNR, UNLV)

- Required high school core courses

English 4 years

Math 3 years

Natural Science 3 years

Social Science 3 years

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University Admissions Criteria

Recent Changes Impacting Future Enrollment

University Admission Criteria (UNR, UNLV)

Fall 2006	2.75 GPA*
Fall 2007	2.75 GPA* <u>or</u> test scores**
Fall 2008	3.0 GPA* <u>or</u> test scores**

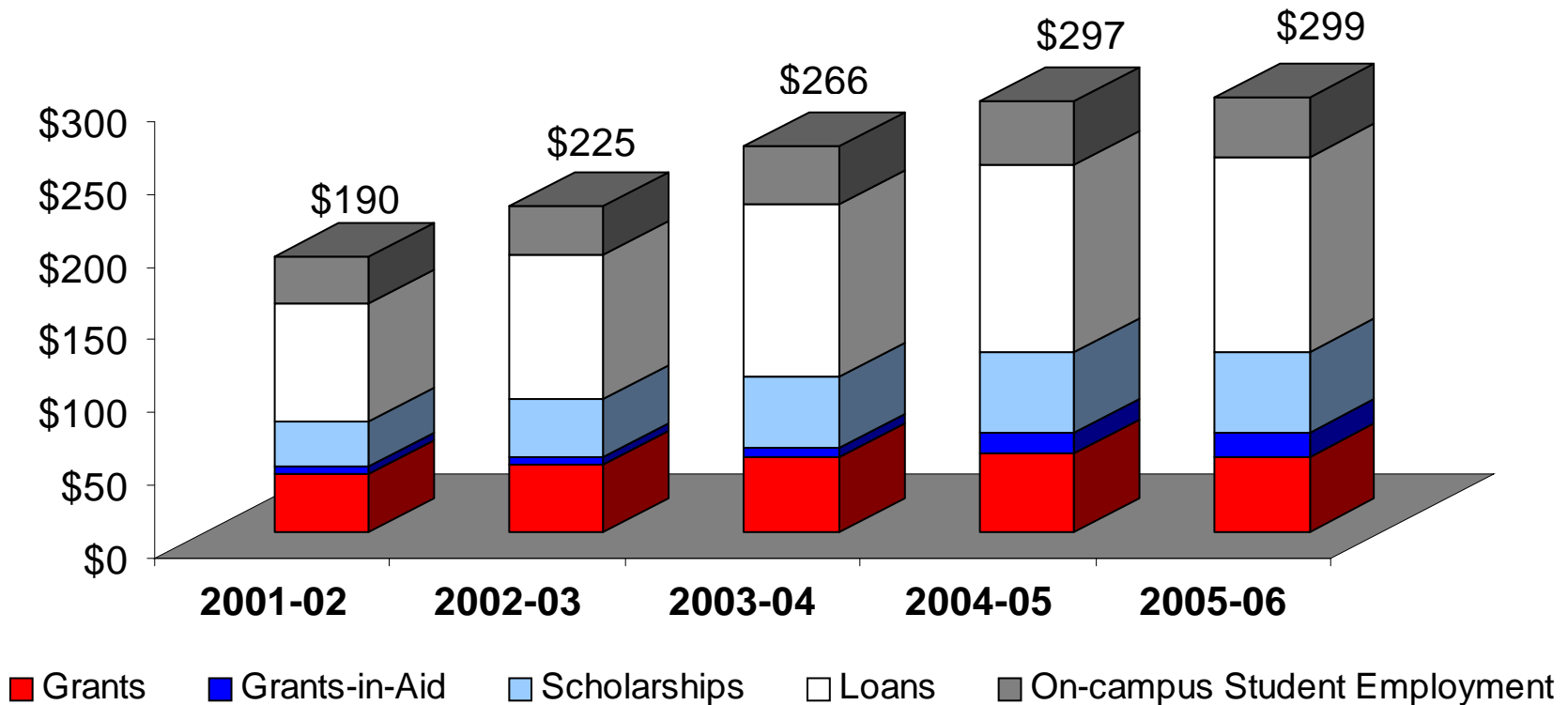
*GPA requirement is with respect to required core courses as defined by the Board of Regents

**ACT composite score of at least 22 or SAT Critical Reading + Math of at least 1,040



FINANCIAL AID

NSHE Total Financial Aid Awarded (in millions of dollars)



Sources for financial aid awards include federal, state, institutional, and private funds.



FINANCIAL AID

NSHE Unmet Need for FAFSA* Applicants (undergraduate, graduate and professional) 2005-06

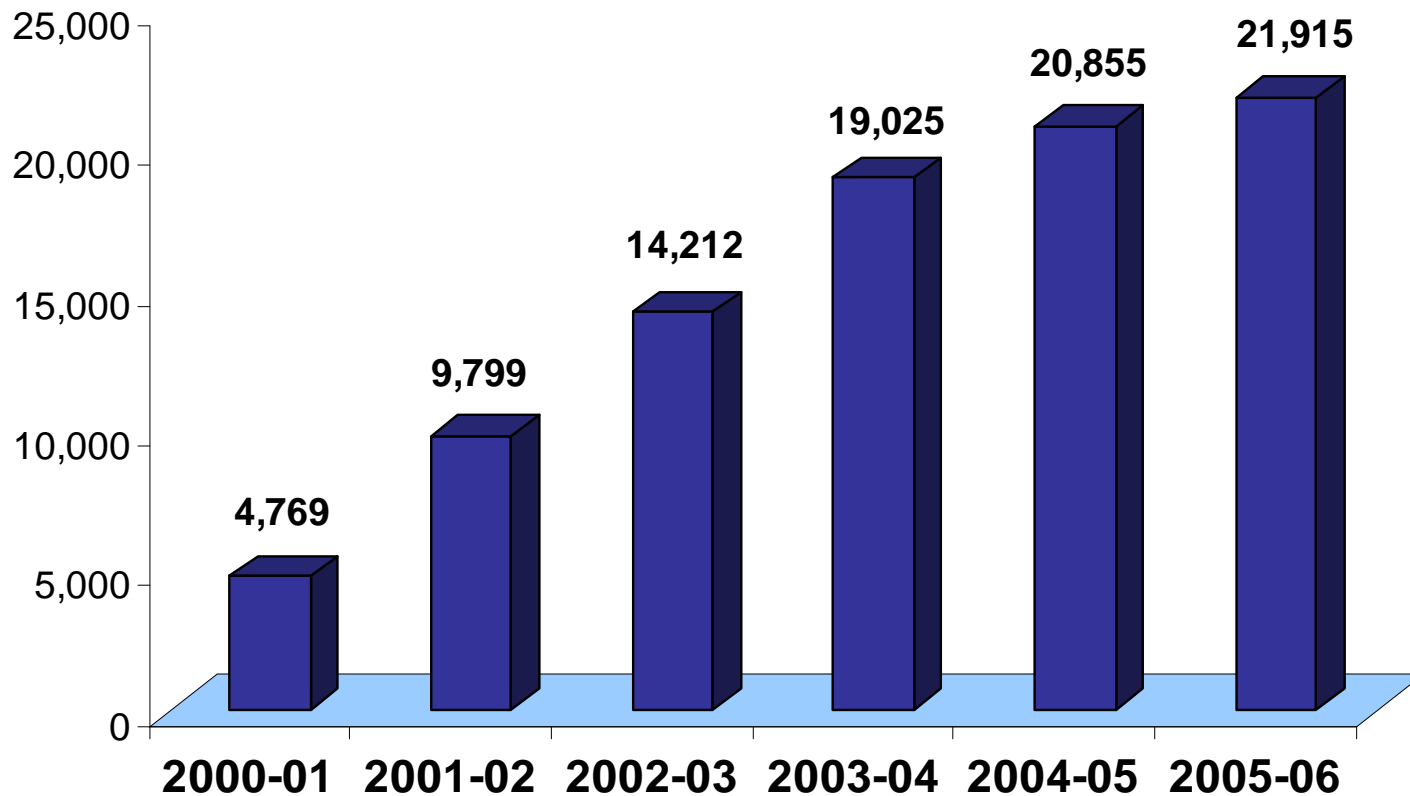
Institution	Total Unmet Need (in millions of dollars)	Average Unmet Need per student
UNR	\$19.5	\$3,411
UNLV	\$22.3	\$2,074
NSC	\$2.5	\$3,665
CCSN	\$31.7	\$4,081
GBC	\$1.7	\$1,580
TMCC	\$5.7	\$2,245
WNCC	\$1.2	\$4,218
NSHE Total	\$84.6	N/A

*Free Application for Federal Student Aid



Governor Guinn MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP

Millennium Scholar Enrollment Growth – Unduplicated
Number of Millennium Scholars enrolled in the NSHE





IMPACT OF THE MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP ON COLLEGE CONTINUATION RATES

Recent High School Graduates Enrolling in College	1998	2000	2002	2004
Nevada high school graduates (public and private)	12,467	13,521	14,938	15,583
Attending a college in Nevada	3,260	4,557	5,096	7,132
Attending an out-of-state college	1,740	1,565	1,581	1,612
Total	5,000	6,122	6,677	8,744
Percent attending a Nevada college	26%	34%	34%	46%

Since 1998, the number of Nevada high school graduates attending college in-state increased by 118% -- thanks in large part to the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship.



MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP Eligibility Criteria

- **Initial Eligibility Criteria**
 - 3.25 weighted or unweighted GPA if a member of the 2007 graduating class or later;
 - Pass all areas of the Nevada High School Proficiency Exam;
 - Attend a Nevada high school for two or more years; and
 - Graduate from a Nevada high school.



MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP Eligibility Criteria

- **Initial Eligibility Criteria (cont')**

Core Curriculum Requirements for Class of 2009

English 4 years

Math 4 years

Natural Science 3 years

Social Science 3 years



***+1 year over
criteria for
university
admissions***

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MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP Eligibility Criteria

- **Maintaining Eligibility**

- ✓ Satisfactory academic progress;
- ✓ Satisfactory completion of credit requirements each semester of enrollment; and
- ✓ As of January 2006, students must maintain a:
 - 2.6 semester GPA during the first year of enrollment (30 credits); and
 - 2.75 semester GPA for each semester thereafter



MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility Criteria

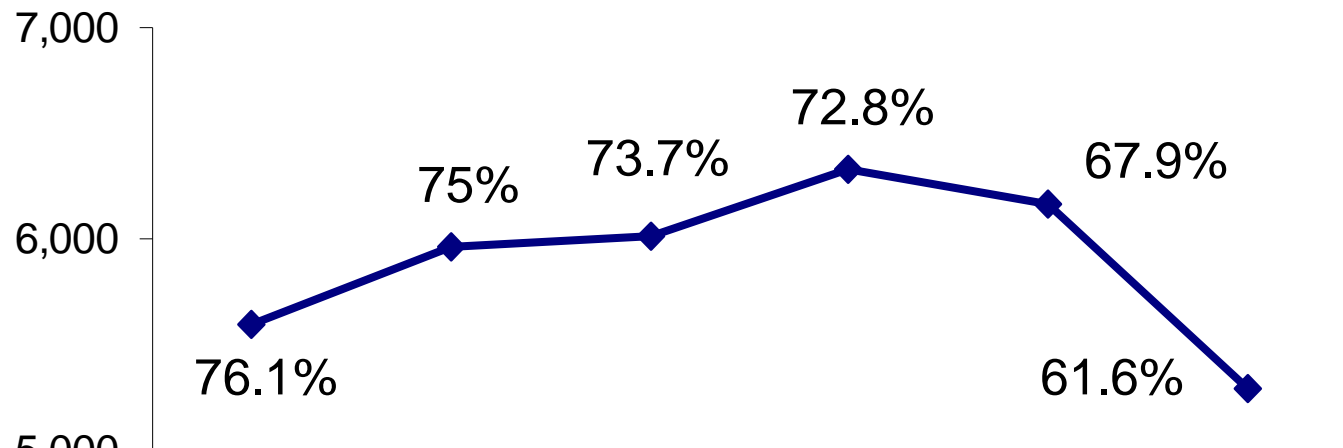
- **Limitations**

- \$10,000 lifetime maximum must be used within 6 year time frame;
- Funding of 12 credits per semester only;
- No funding of remedial courses; and
- “2 strikes - you’re out” rule.



MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP Capture Rate

Capture Rate of Eligible Millennium Scholars



◆ Eligible and enrolled Millennium Scholars	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
	5,597	5,959	6,014	6,329	6,167	5,297

Graduating Class by Year



NSHE BILL DRAFT REQUESTS (BDRs)

- **BDR No. 273** – Revenue Bond Authorization
 - **UNR** \$44.8 million for Pack Village Academic Center and National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Justices Building;
 - **UNLV** \$83.1 million for Hotel College, parking facility, academic athletic building, lecture auditoria, main campus land acquisitions, and student health renovations;
 - **NSC** \$20 million for student housing and parking facilities;
 - **CCSN** \$30 million for facilities consistent with its master plan; and
 - **WNCC** \$10 million for residence hall.



NSHE BILL DRAFT REQUESTS (cont')

- **BDR No. 274** – Authorizes the carry forward of unexpended appropriations from one fiscal year to the next for need-based state financial aid.
- **BDR No. 275** - Revises provisions governing informed consent for human subject research.
- **BDR No. 276** - Expands confidentiality provisions for health care review committees to include Nevada System of Higher Education committees that review clinical programs or practices related to patient treatment or care.



NSHE BILL DRAFT REQUESTS (cont')

- **BDR No. 277** - Creates and funds new higher education scholarship programs.
 - STEM Scholarship Program
 - Nevada Scholars Scholarship Program
 - Nursing Scholarship Program
 - Teaching Scholarship Program

