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NSHE Graduation Rates

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Graduation Rates

PRESENTATION TOPICS

NSHE Graduation Rates By

University

Community College

Race/Ethnicity

Gender

Millennium Scholars

Graduation Rates

REQUIREMENTS, USES, AND LIMITATIONS

REQUIREMENTS

Required measure by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) – rates are reported annually.

Required by “Student Right to Know Act” – institutions eligible for Title IV funding must disclose completion rates to current and prospective students.

USES

NSHE Performance Indicator;

Institutional progress over time;

Benchmark comparisons to other states and institutions;

Graduation rates by race/ethnicity and gender; and

Cohort comparisons, Millennium Scholars vs. General Population.

LIMITATIONS

Does not take into account students who transfer out of the institution


Student educational intent must be accurately recorded

Graduation Rates

DEFINITIONS

University Definition

Percent of first-time, full-time, degree-seeking students earning bachelor's degrees within 150% of expected time (6 years).

Expected Time = 4 years  Measured Time = 6 years

Example: 2004 graduation rate = percent of students entering in Fall 1998 who graduated by the end of Spring 2004

Graduation Rates

DEFINITIONS

Community College Definition

Percent of first-time, full-time, degree-seeking students earning associate degrees or certificates within 150% of expected time (associate degree = 3 years; certificate = 1.5 years)

Expected Time = 2 years
(associate degree)



Measured Time = 3 years

Expected Time = 1 year
(certificate)



Measured Time = 1.5 years

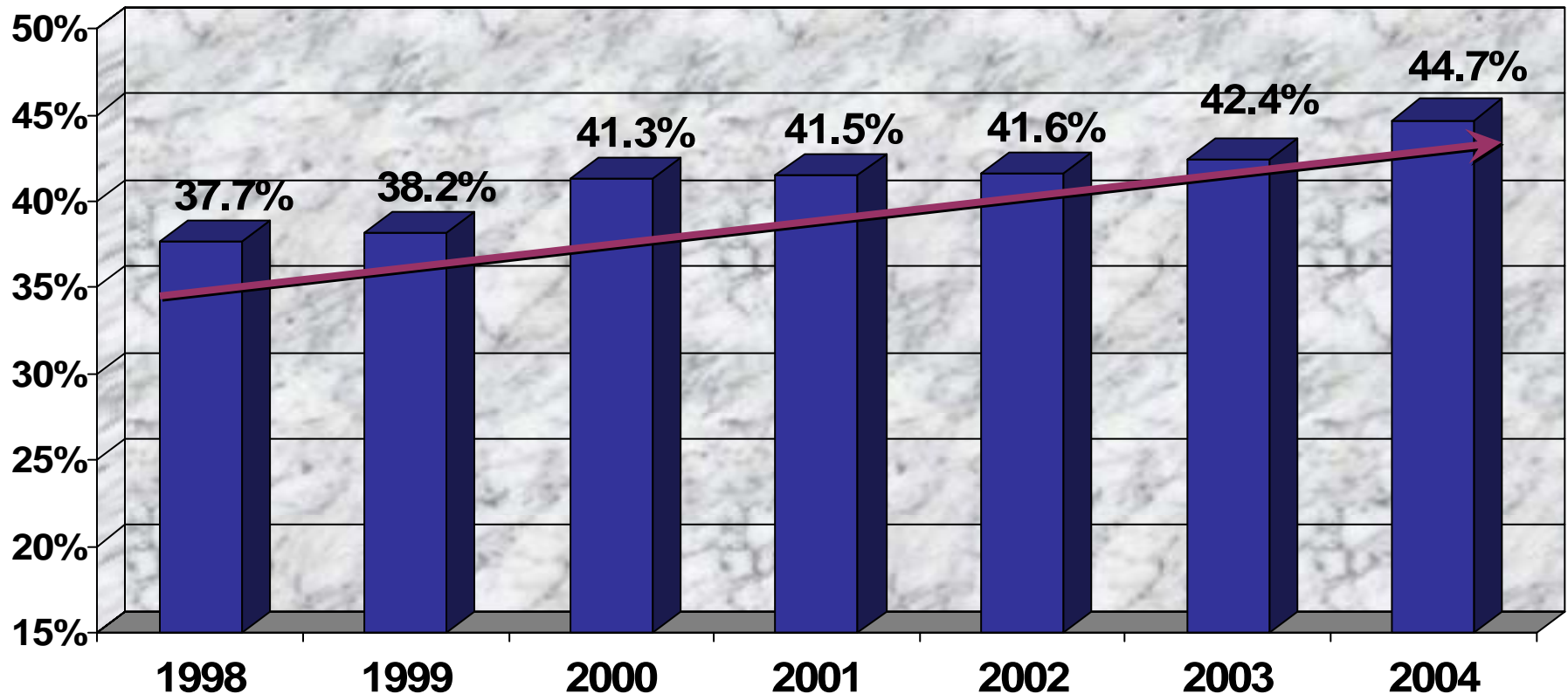
Example: 2004 graduation rate = percent of degree-seeking students entering in Fall 2001 who graduated by the end of Spring 2004; or certificate-seeking students entering Fall 2001 who graduated by the end of Fall 2002.

University Graduation Rates

University Graduation Rates

Percent of 1st-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Students Earning Bachelor's Degrees within 150% of Expected Time (6 years)

NSHE University Graduation Rates - Aggregate 1998 through 2004

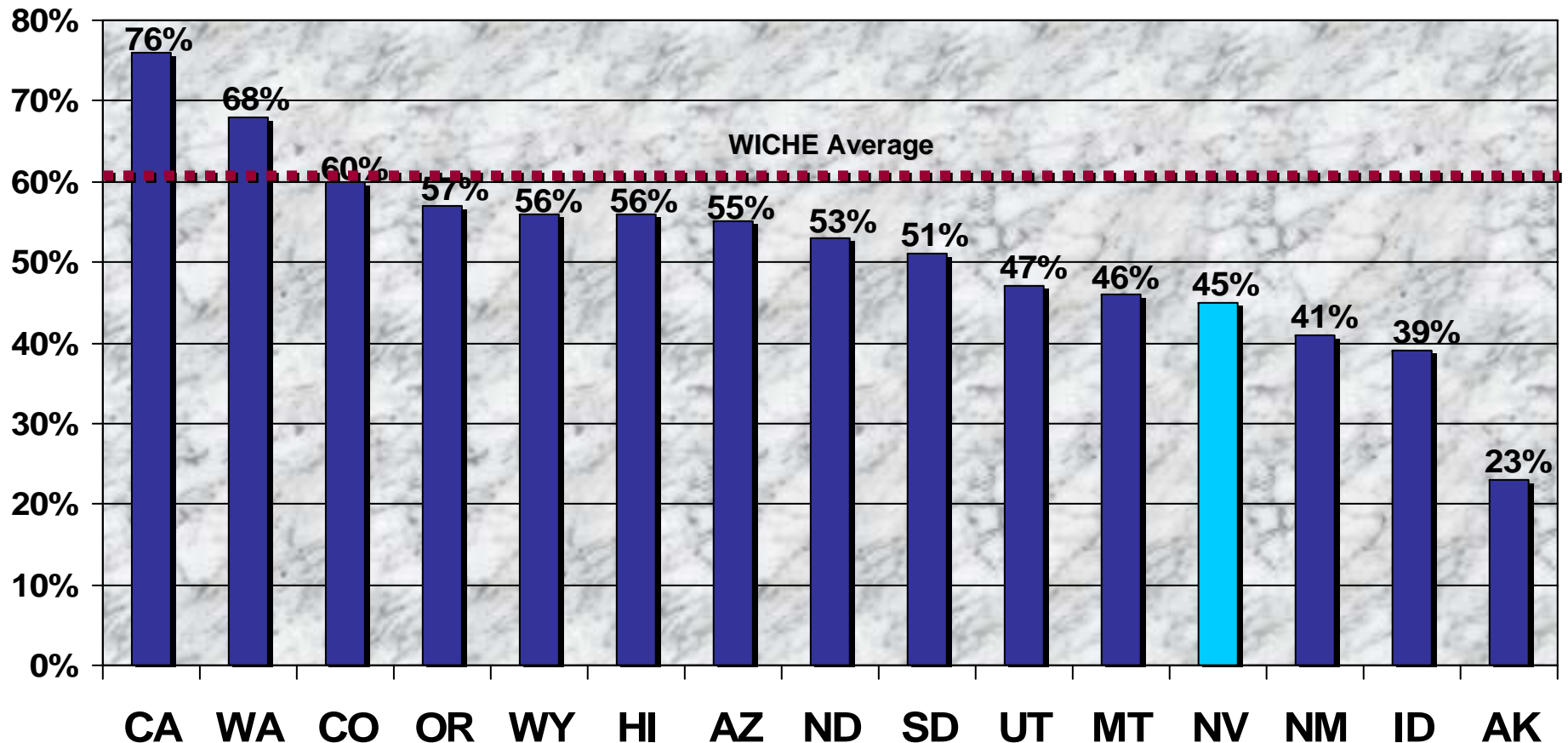


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WICHE Graduation Rates

Public, Research/Doctoral Universities - 2004

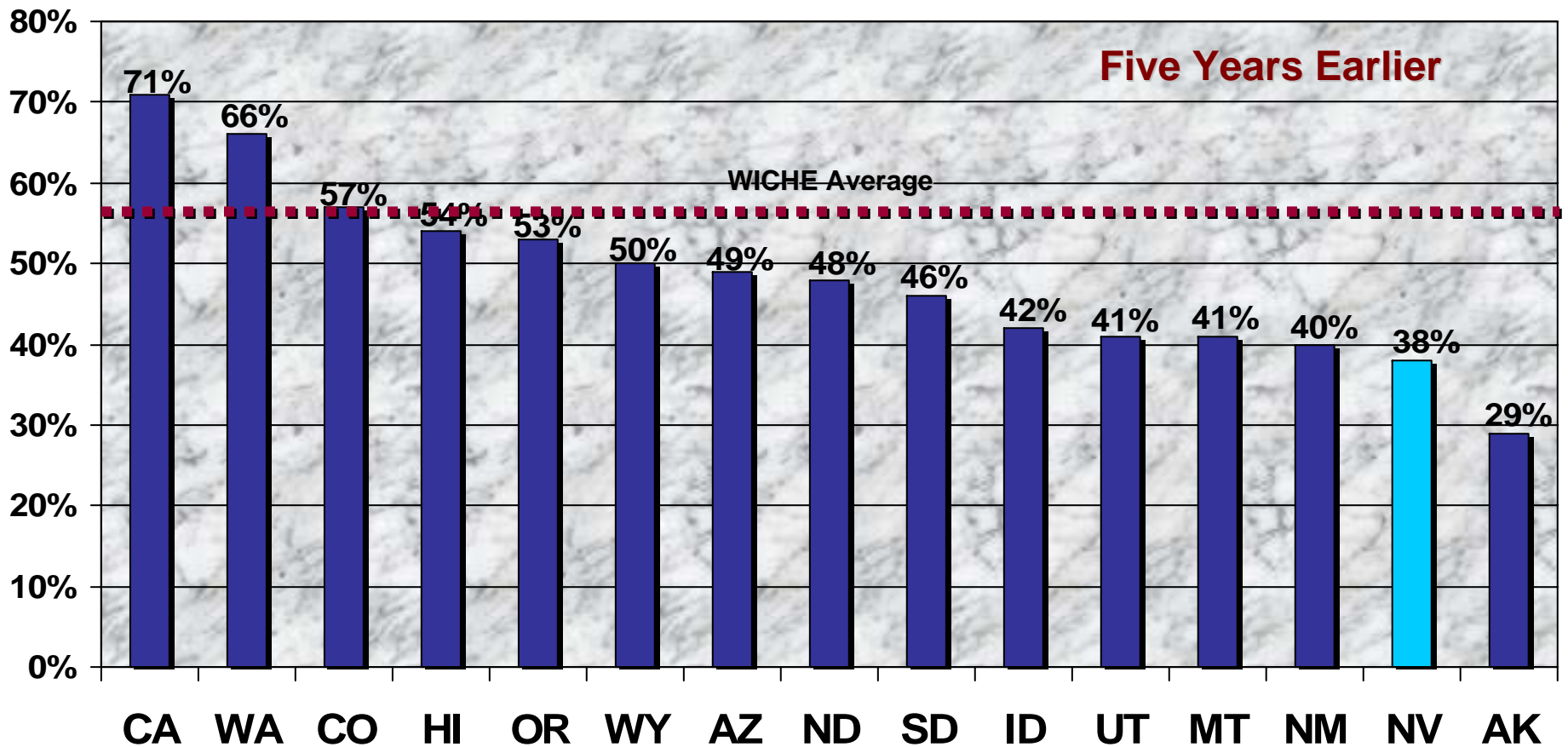


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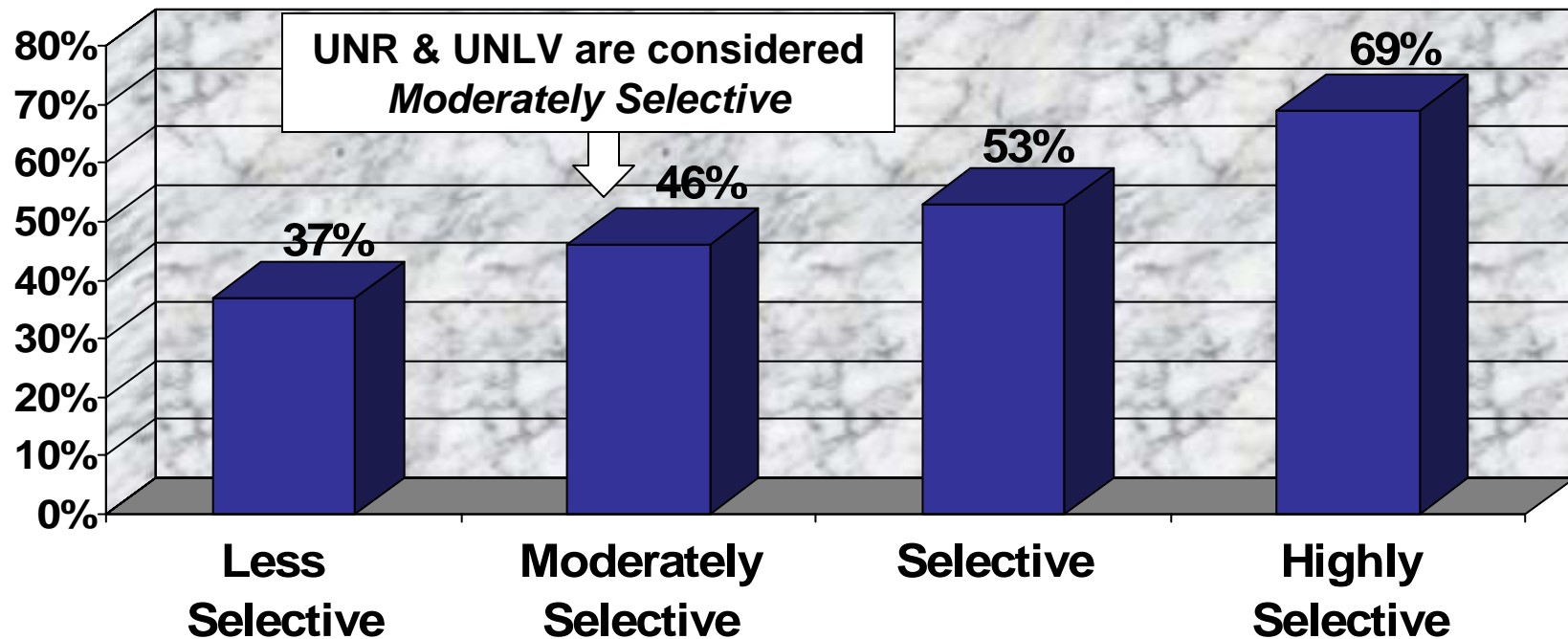
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University Graduation Rates

By Selectivity of Institution

National Sample of 6-year Graduation Rates in
Public Institutions (2004-05)



Source: Consortium for Student Retention and Data Exchange

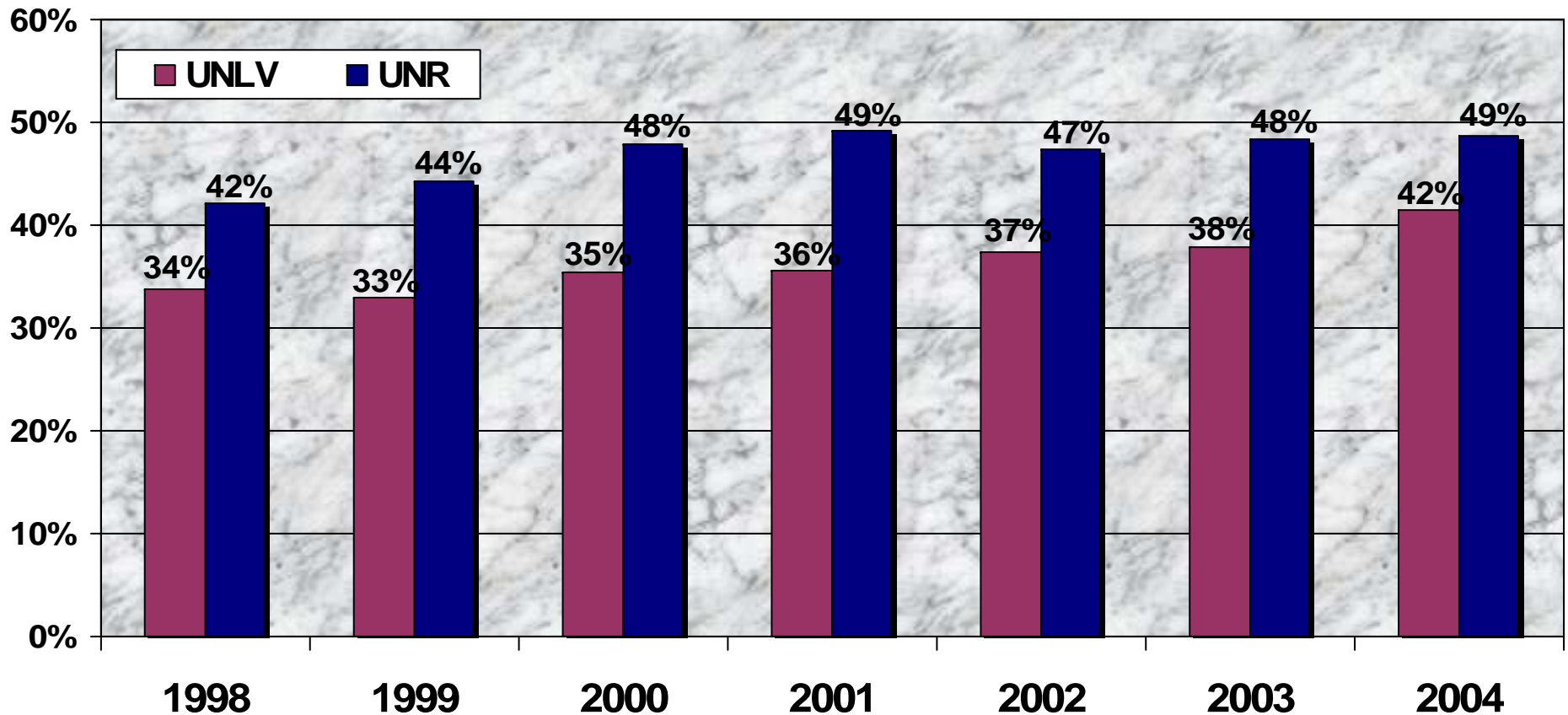
**There is a strong correlation between
Selectivity of Institution and graduation rates.**

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University Graduation Rates

Six-year Educational Outcomes

1st-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Students Entering Fall 1997

	UNLV		UNR	
	#	%	#	%
Total Graduated (6-year Grad Rate)	633	42.4%	607	53.0%
Graduated from home institution	567	38.0%	552	48.2%
Graduated from another institution	66	4.4%	55	4.8%
Total Persisting	515	34.5%	323	28.2%
Still enrolled at home institution	178	11.9%	91	7.9%
Transferred out	337	22.6%	232	20.2%
Total Graduated or Persisting	1148	76.9%	930	81.2%
Total Unknown	345	23.1%	216	18.8%
NC record found; no transfer record	154	10.3%	215	18.8%
No NC record found	191	12.8%	1	0.1%
Total Students in Cohort	1493	100.0%	1146	100.0%

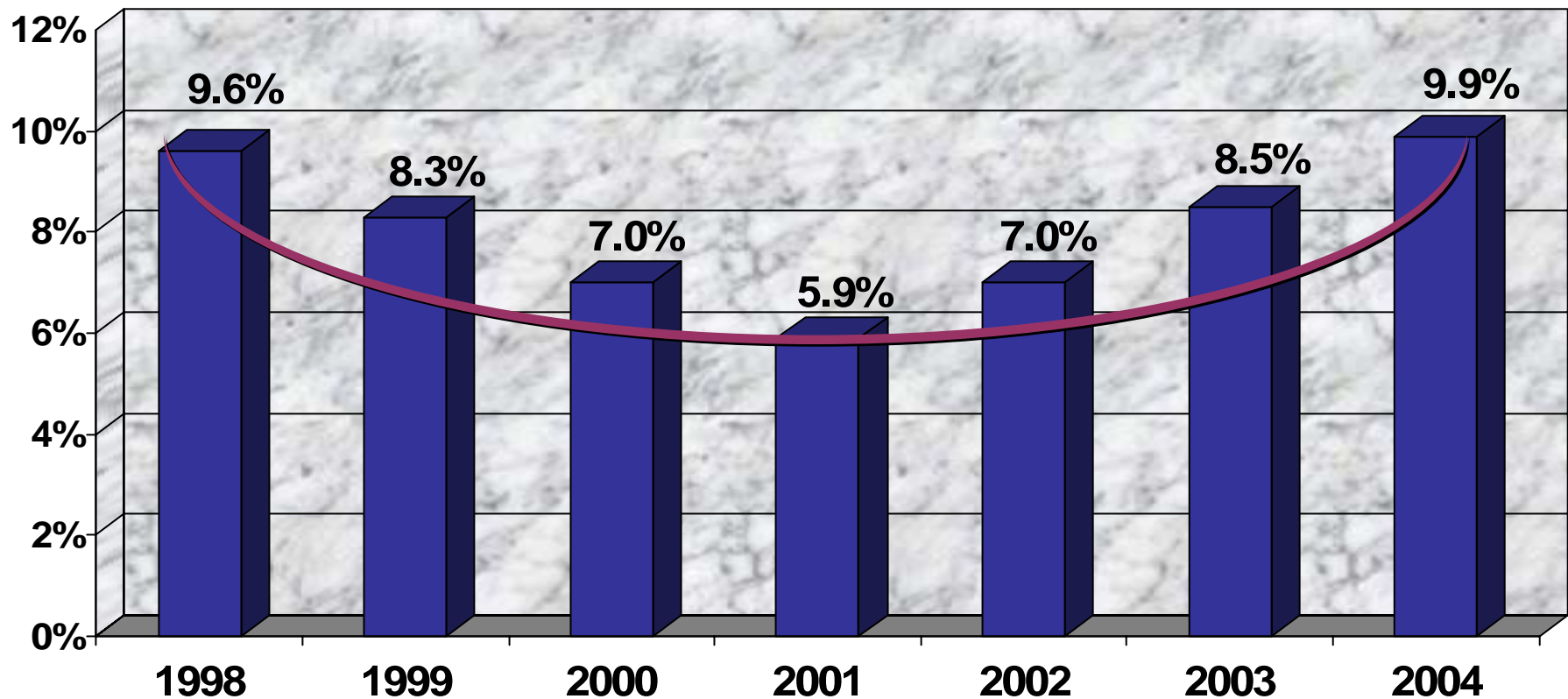
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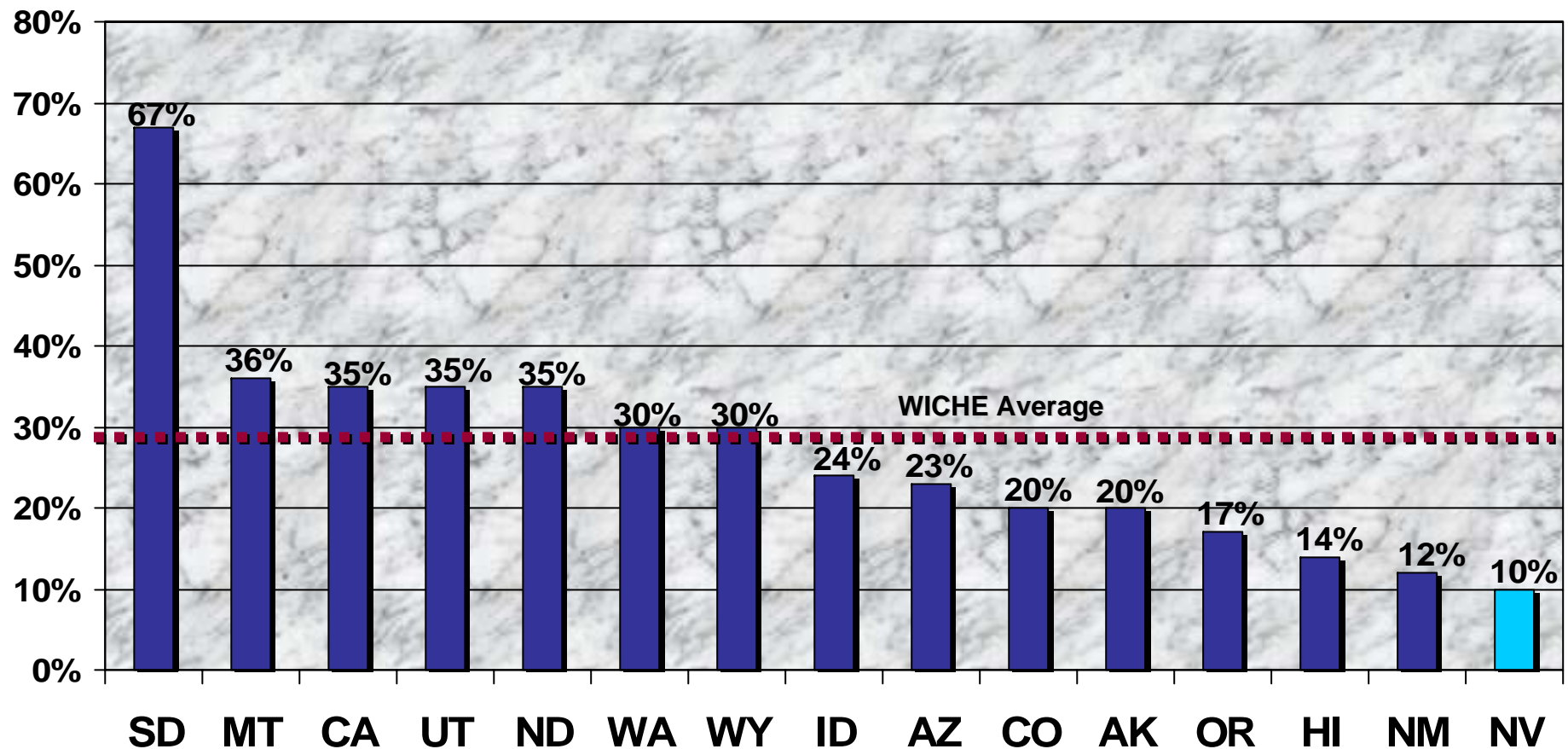


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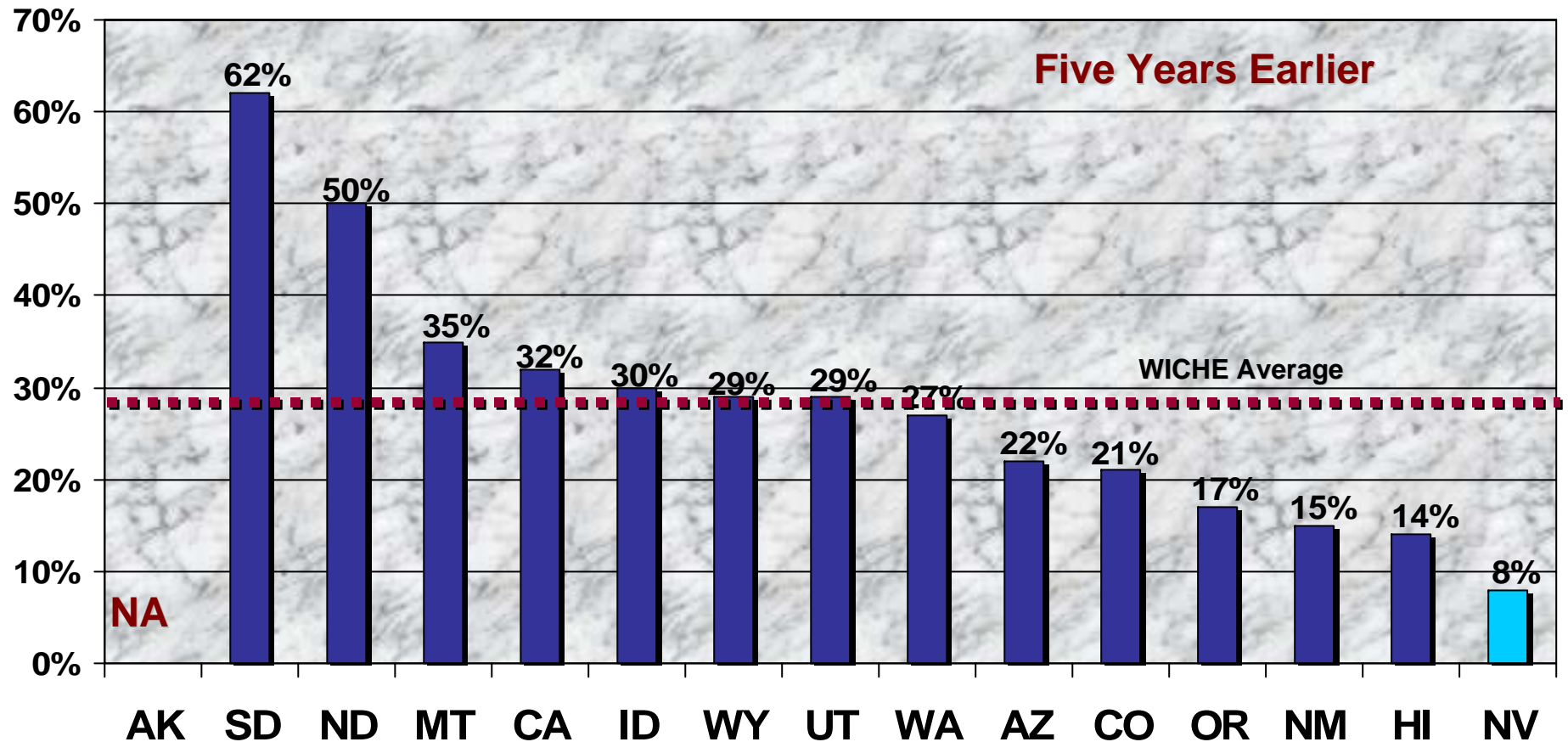


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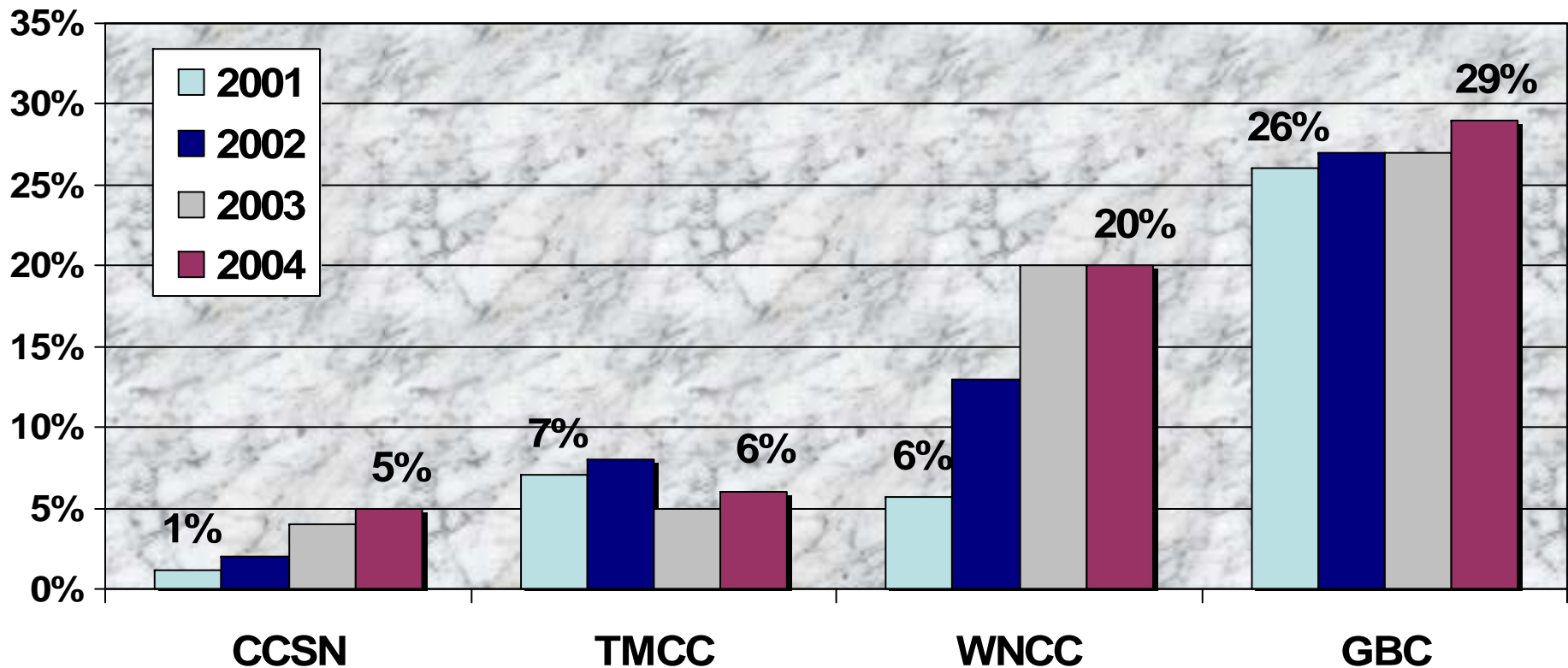


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2001 through 2004



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Possible reasons for low graduation rates at community colleges

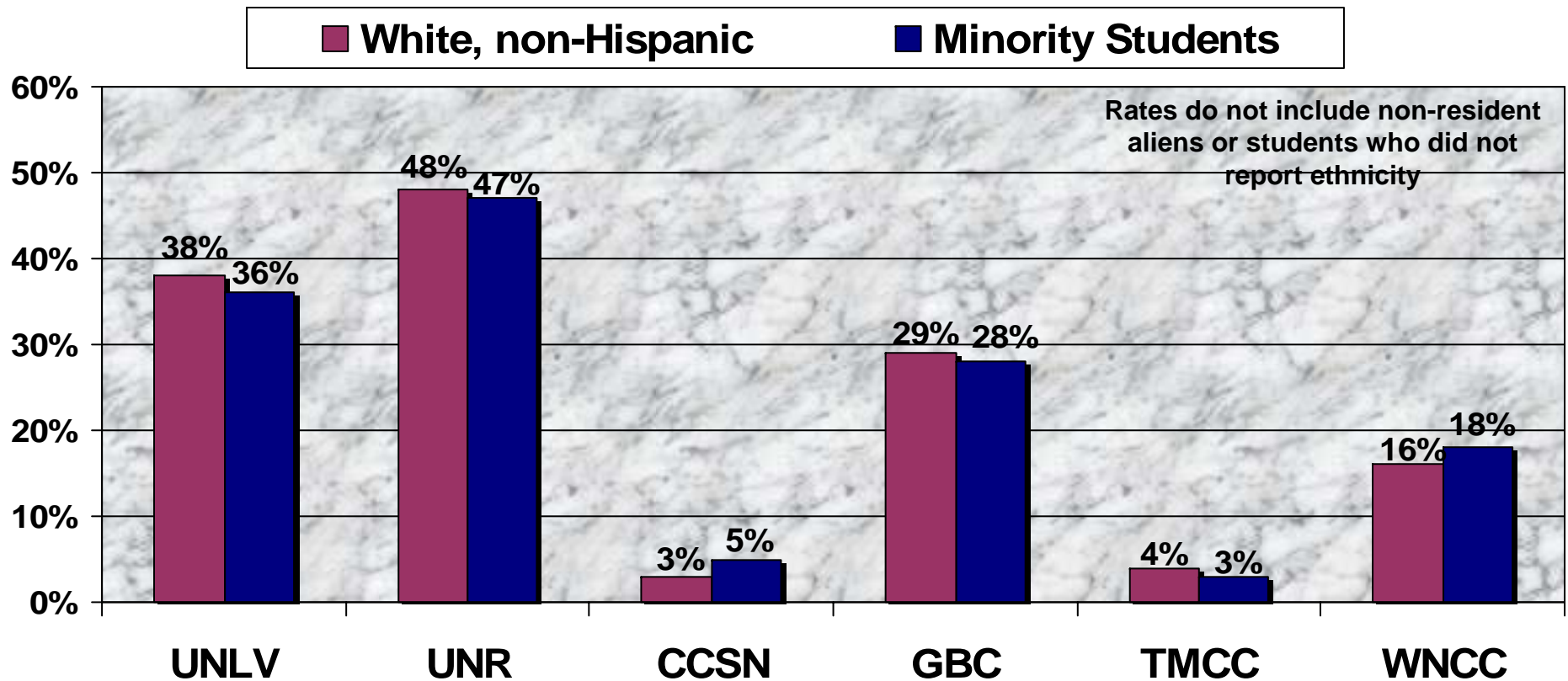
- The associate degree is not required for transfer to NSHE universities and state college.
- A high percentage of NSHE community college students enroll part-time. (77% enrolled part-time in Fall 2004, second highest in the WICHE states)
- Students can receive the Millennium Scholarship at the community colleges by enrolling in only 6 credits.
- Open admission at community colleges makes capturing student educational intent difficult.

**Graduation Rates
by
Race/Ethnicity**

Race/Ethnicity - Graduation Rates

NSHE Graduation Rates by Race/Ethnicity

5 year Averages (2000 through 2004)



**Bachelor's Degree
within 6 years**

**Associate Degree within 3 years,
Certificate within 1.5 years**

Race/Ethnicity - Graduation Rates

University Graduation Rates by Race/Ethnicity 1999 to 2004 Comparison

	Graduating Year	White non-Hispanic	Black non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Asian or Pacific Islander	American Indian/Alaska Native
UNR	1999	44.6%	6.7%	41.9%	56.9%	57.1%
	2004	48.8%	40.6%	45.2%	51.0%	17.6%
UNLV	1999	31.5%	28.9%	25.6%	44.2%	*20%
	2004	40.4%	41.3%	38.2%	44.7%	36.4%

source: IPEDS PAS

Over the past five years, graduation rates increased for every minority group at UNLV and for Blacks and Hispanics at UNR.

* indicates cells with 10 or fewer students in the initial cohort

Race/Ethnicity - Graduation Rates

Community College Graduation Rates by Race/Ethnicity 1999 to 2004 Comparison

Graduating Year	White non-Hispanic	Black non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Asian or Pacific Islander	American Indian/Alaska Native	
CCSN	1999	4.8%	0.0%	0.0%	8.6%	*10%
	2004	3.2%	6.6%	0.0%	13.8%	*0%
GBC	1999	17.5%	NA	43.8%	NA	*25%
	2004	32.1%	NA	18.2%	*0%	*0%
TMCC	1999	4.9%	*0%	5.9%	*37.5%	*14.3%
	2004	5.8%	*12.5%	0.0%	5.6%	*0%
WNCC	1999	9.5%	*0%	0.0%	*0%	*0%
	2004	18.7%	*0%	45.5%	NA	*10%

source: IPEDS PAS

No clear pattern of improvement in graduation rates for minority groups. Note: nearly 2/3 of the initial cohorts for minority groups were populated with 10 or fewer students.

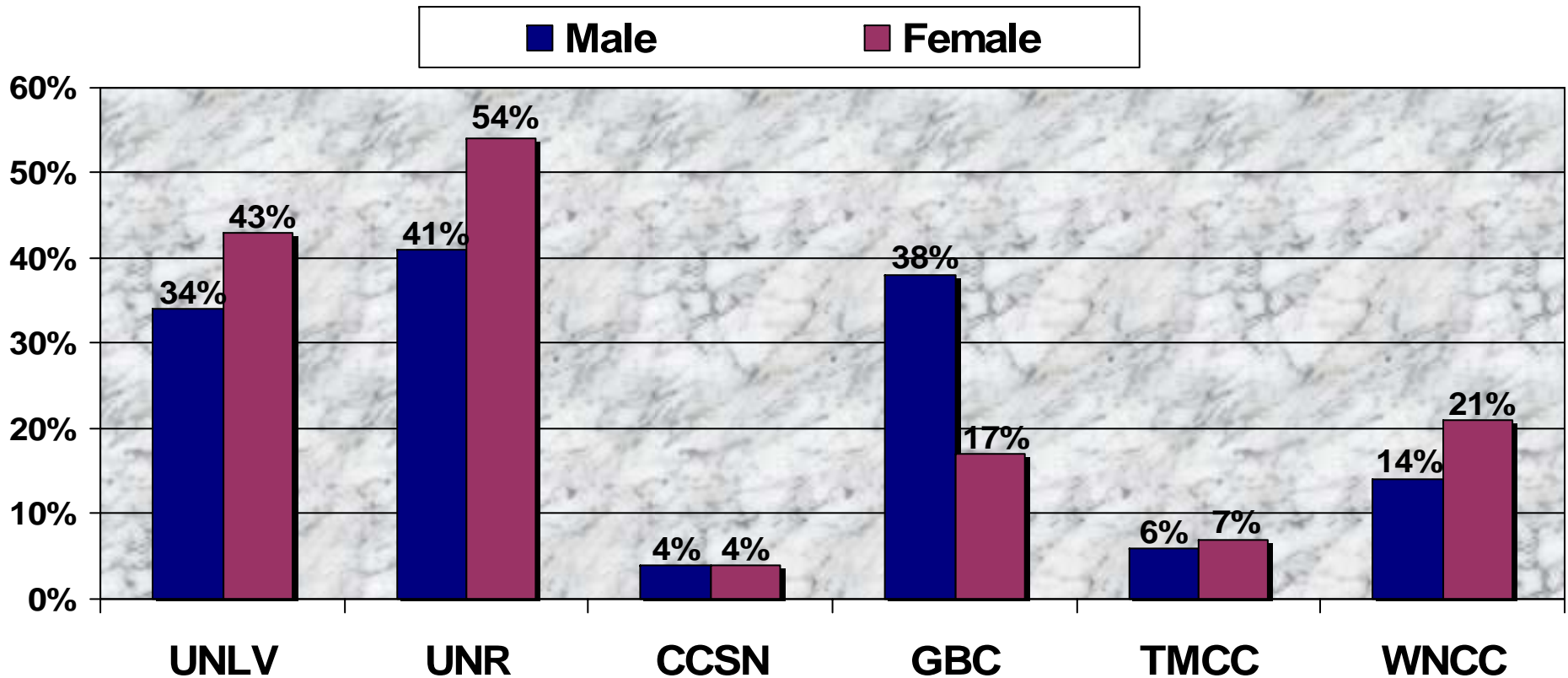
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Graduation Rates by Gender

Gender - Graduation Rates

NSHE Graduation Rates by Gender

3 year Averages (2002 through 2004)



Bachelor's Degree
within 6 years

Associate Degree within 3 years,
Certificate within 1.5 years

Gender - Graduation Rates

NSHE Graduation Rates by Gender
2002 through 2004

	Male			Female		
	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003	2004
UNLV	32%	32%	38%	42%	43%	44%
UNR	40%	43%	41%	54%	53%	55%
CCSN	2%	4%	5%	2%	4%	5%
GBC	40%	35%	42%	13%	20%	17%
TMCC	6%	6%	5%	9%	5%	7%
WNCC	5%	22%	14%	19%	19%	24%

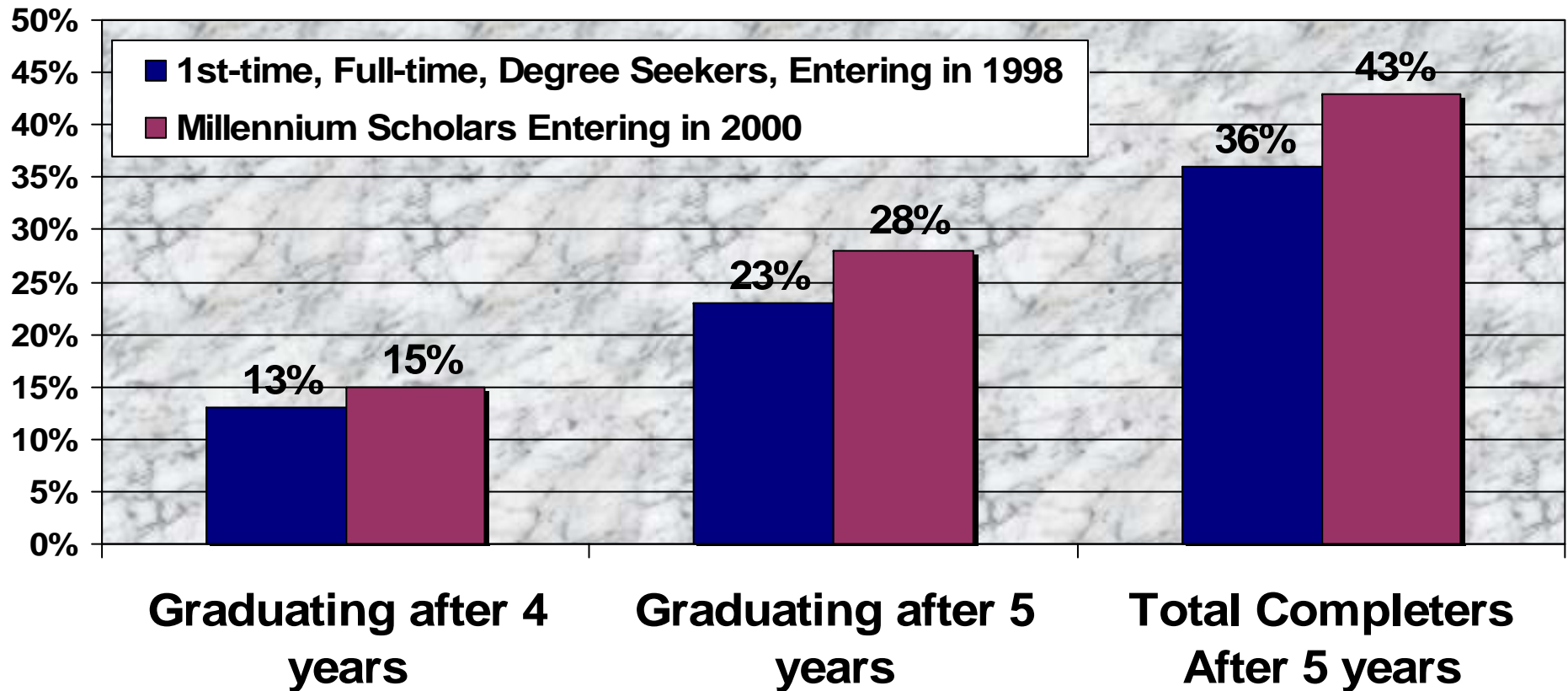
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University Aggregate

Entering Cohort Comparison at Nevada Universities



Millennium Scholar – Graduation Rates

Millennium Scholar Graduation Rates
 Aggregated Graduation Rates for Entering Cohorts at UNR & UNLV

	1st-time, Full-time, Degree Seekers, Entering in 1998	Millennium Scholars Entering in 2000
Entering Cohort	2,806	2,865
Graduating after 4-years	367 13%	429 15%
Graduating after 5-years	645 23%	799 28%
Graduating after 6-years	242 9%	Not available until 2006
Total Completers	1,254 45%	

Summary

Summary

University Graduation Rates

- Graduation rates steadily increased since 1998.
 - UNLV rates grew from **34%** to **42%**.
 - UNR rates grew from **44%** to **49%**.
- Nevada's graduation rates remain in the lower third of research/doctoral institutions in the WICHE states.
- Nevada's rates are comparable to graduation rates of *moderately selective* institutions.
- Approximately 80% of students who entered six years ago either graduated or continue to enroll.

Summary

Community College Graduation Rates

- The aggregate graduation rate at the community colleges is on the up-swing – increasing from 6% to 10% over the past four years.
- Smaller institutions like GBC & WNCC are able to sustain higher graduation rates at 29% and 20%, respectively.

Graduation Rates by Race/Ethnicity

- Ethnic minority graduation rates closely mirror rates of White, non-Hispanic students at every institution throughout the System.
- Rates increased for nearly every ethnic minority group at the universities over the past five years.

Summary

Graduation Rates by Gender

- University graduation rates for females consistently outpace those of males.
- There is no consistent trend among community colleges indicating that one gender graduates at a higher rate than the other.

Millennium Scholar Graduation Rates

- The five year graduation rate for the first cohort of Millennium Scholars attending universities in 2000 is higher than a comparable cohort of students that entered in 1998.