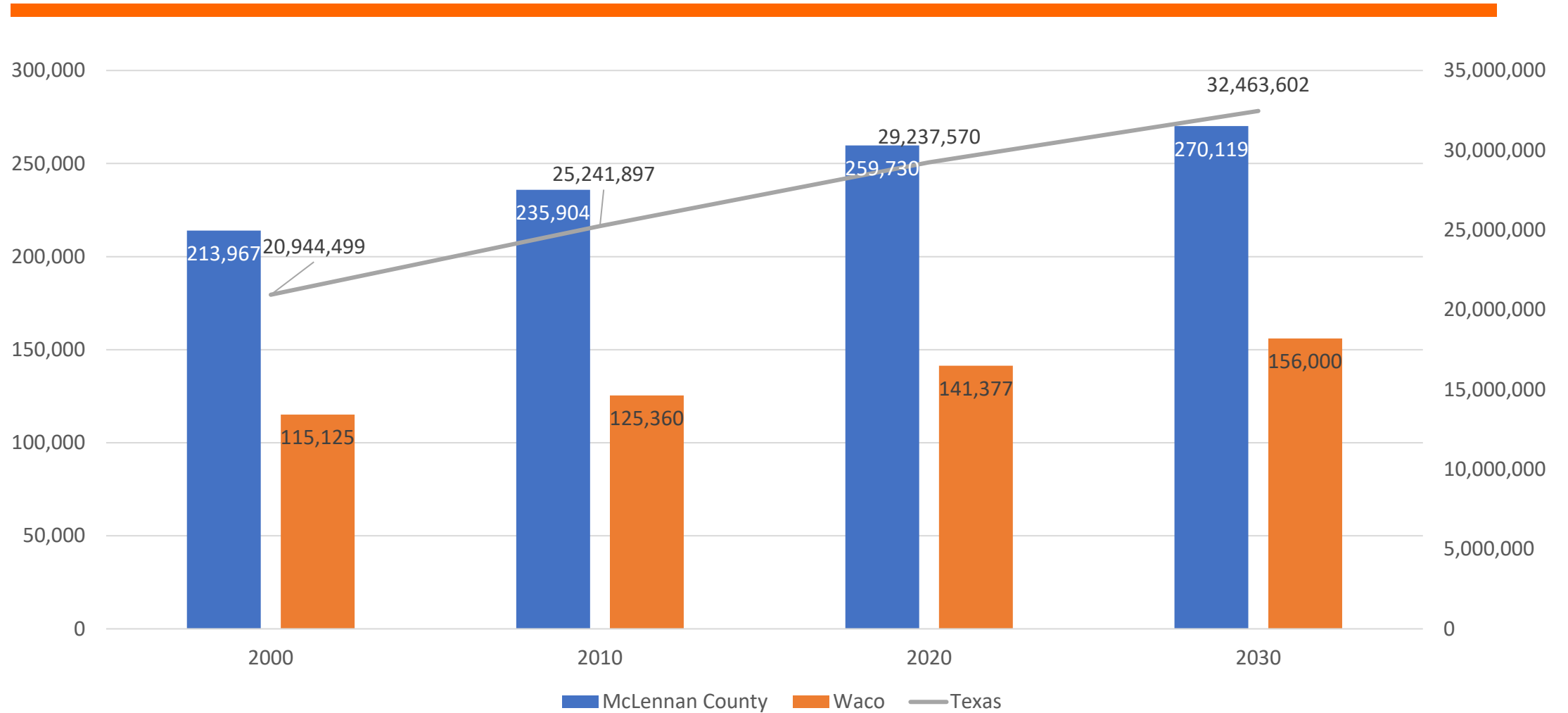


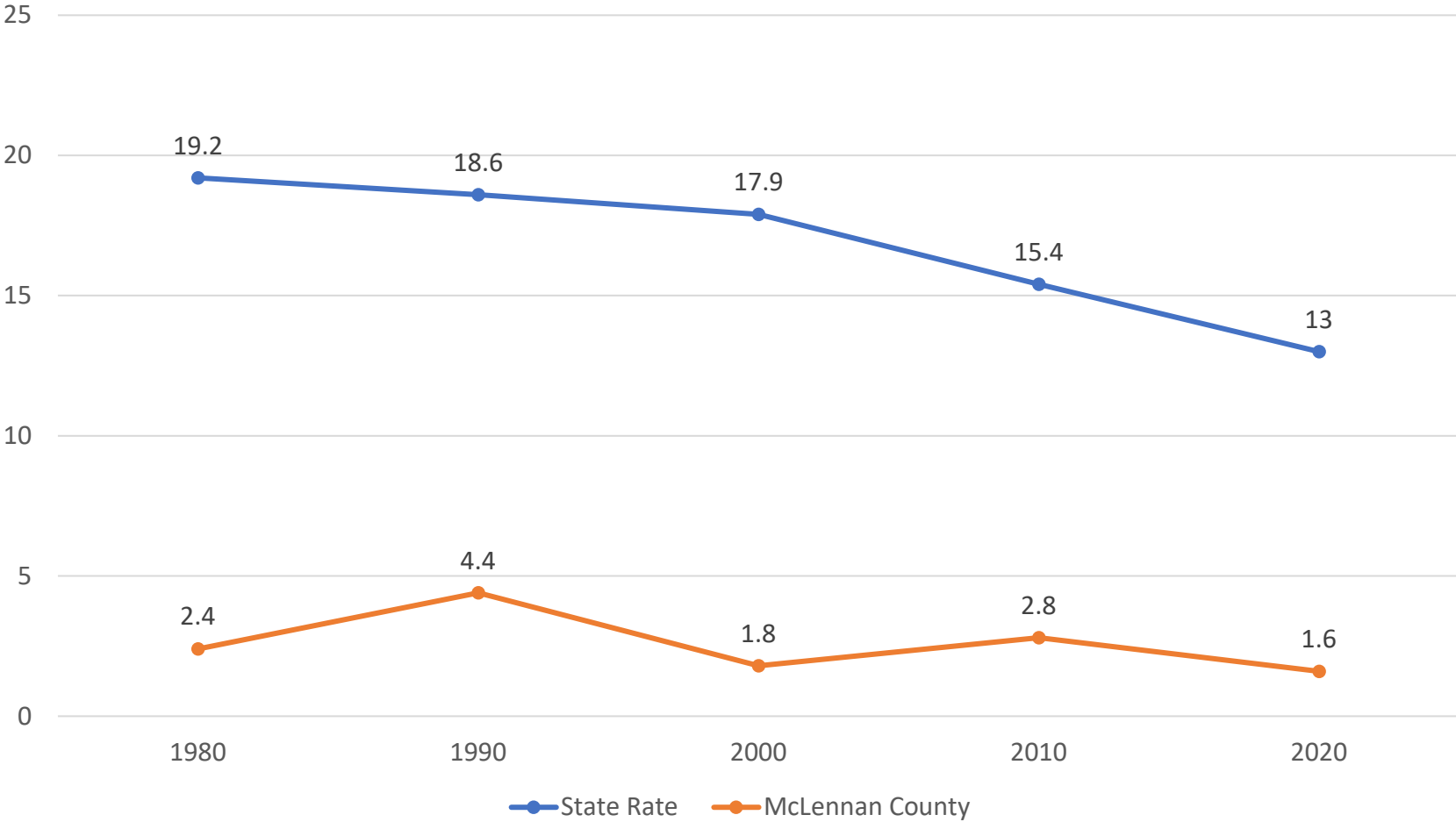
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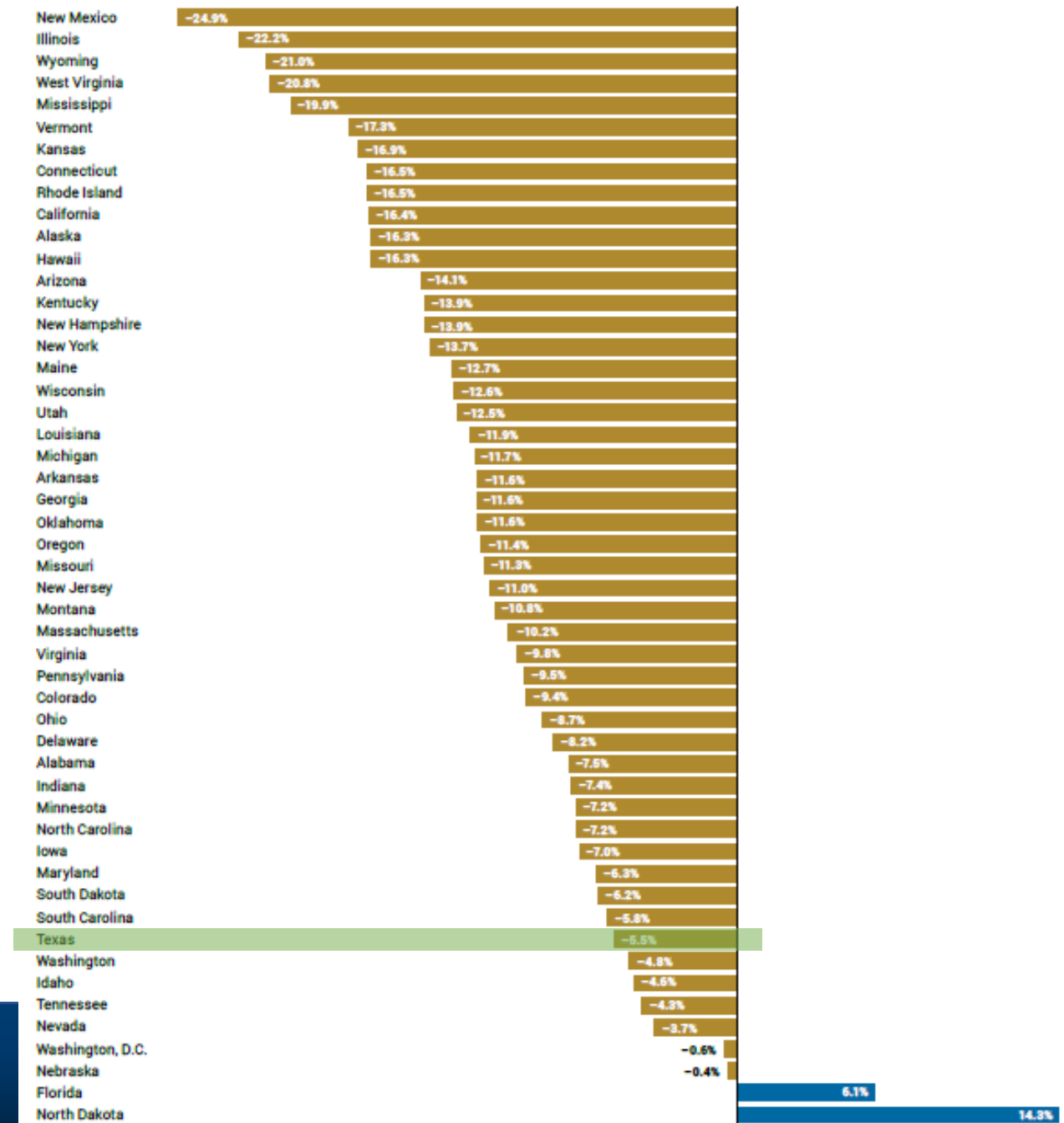
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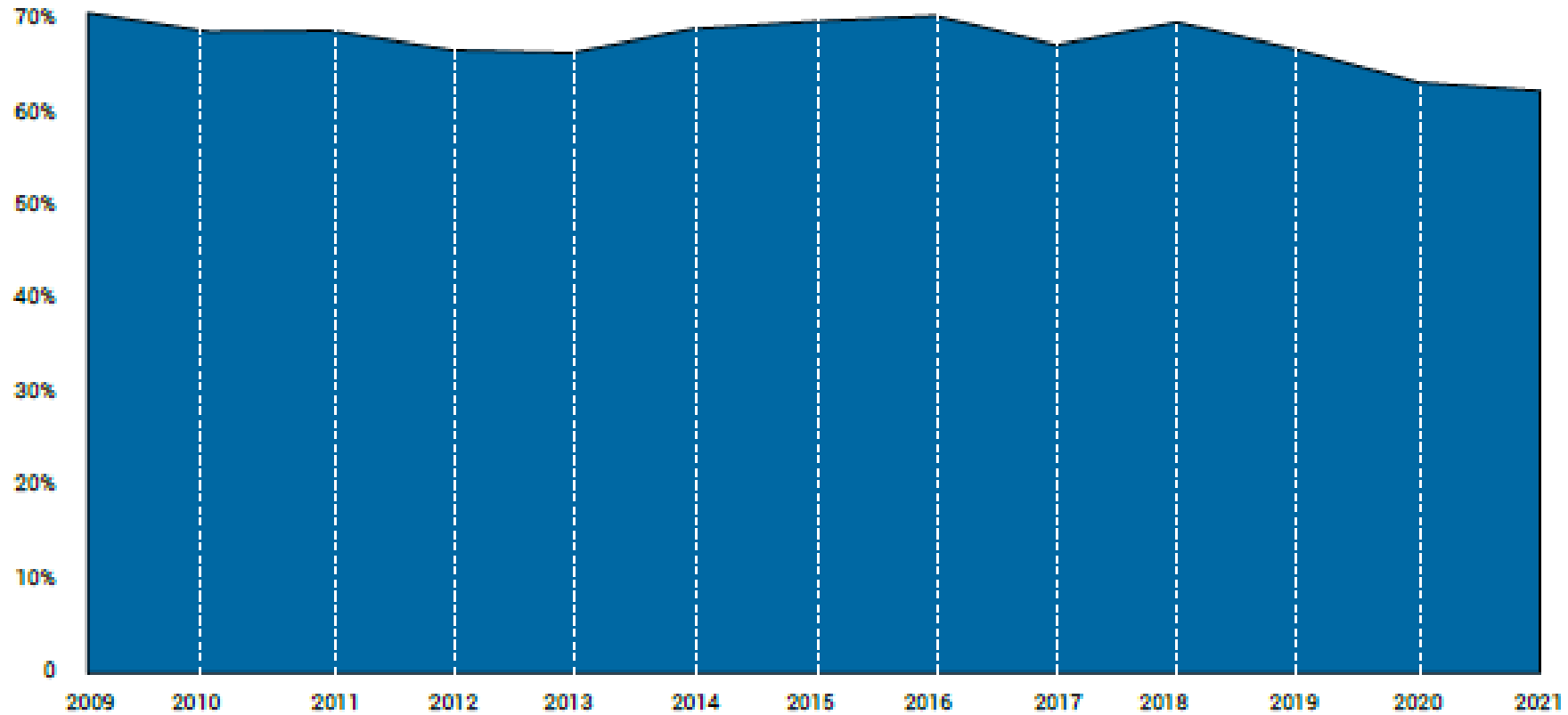
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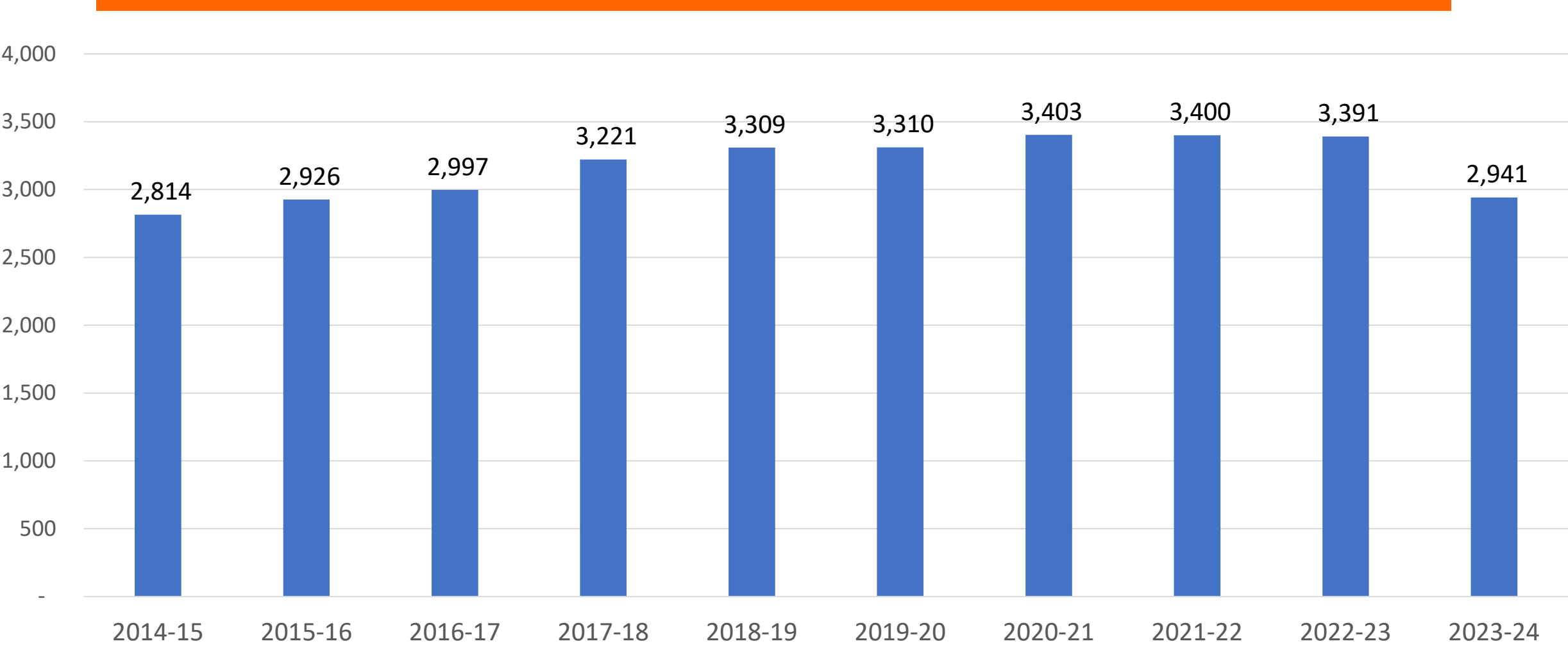
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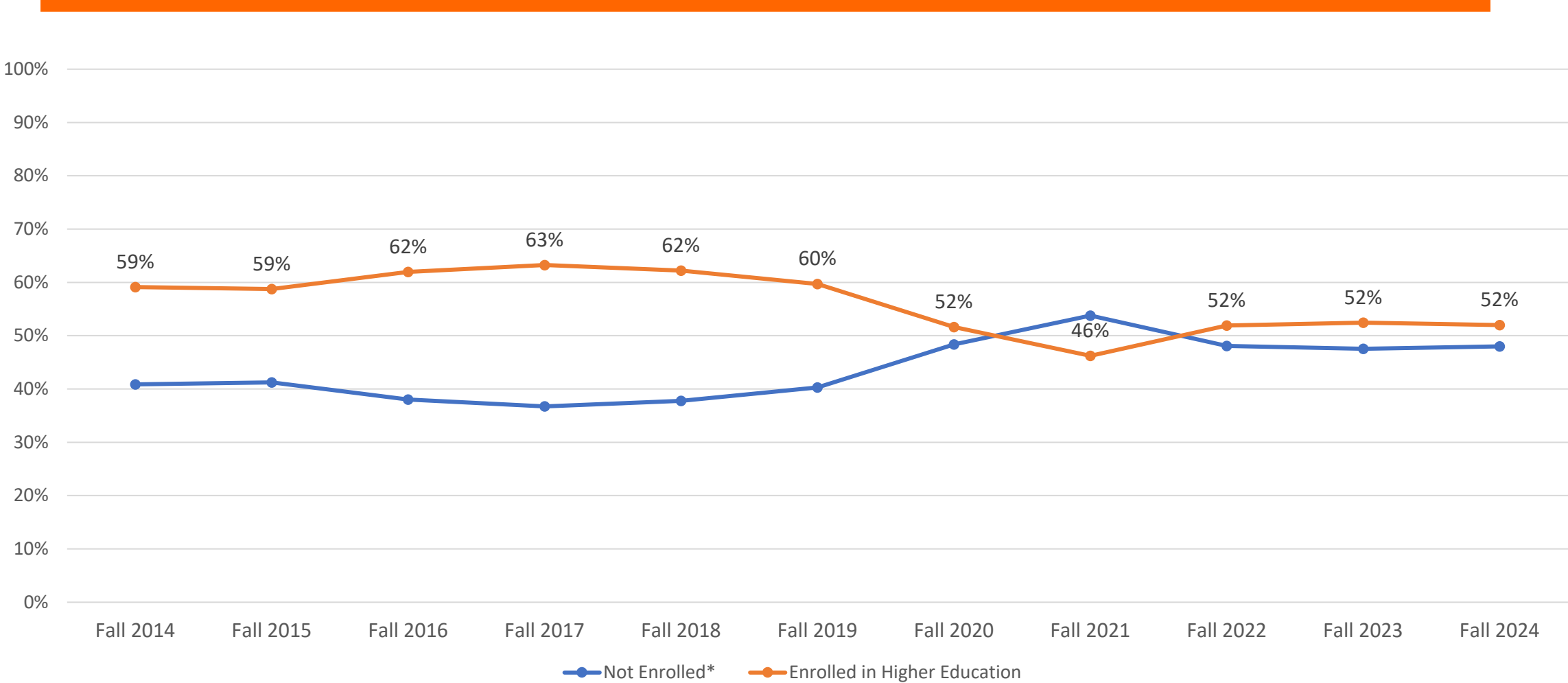
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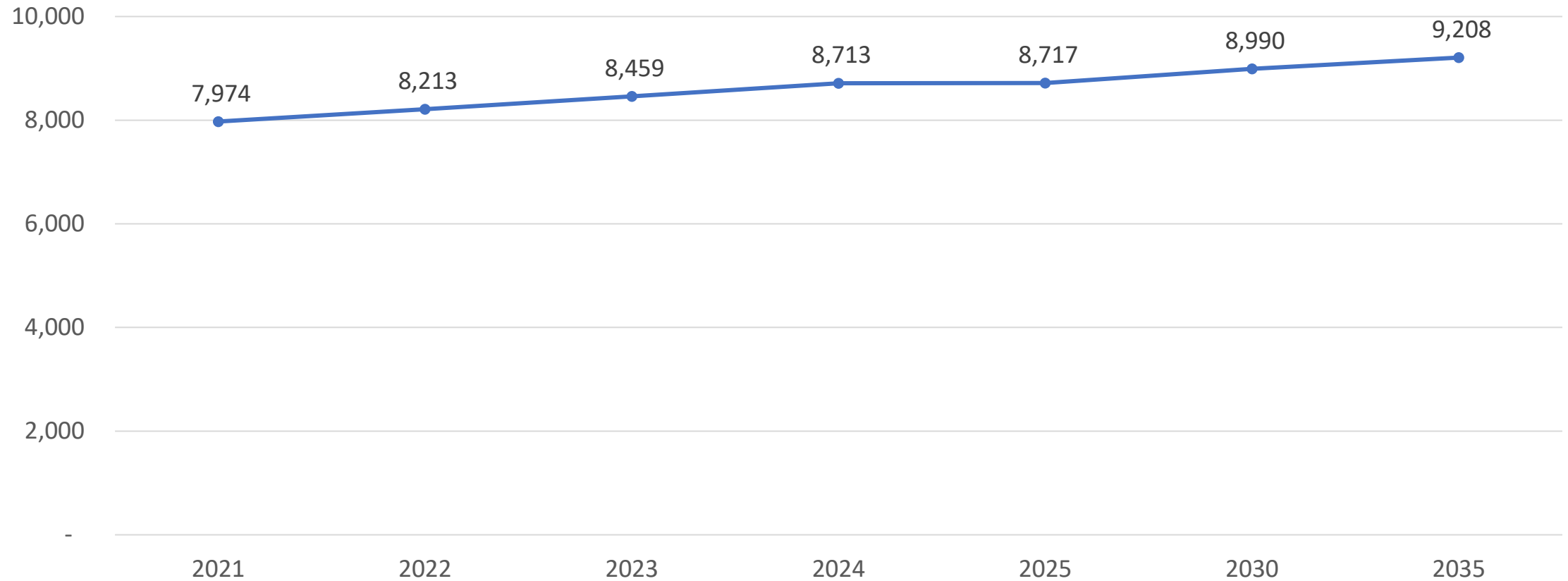
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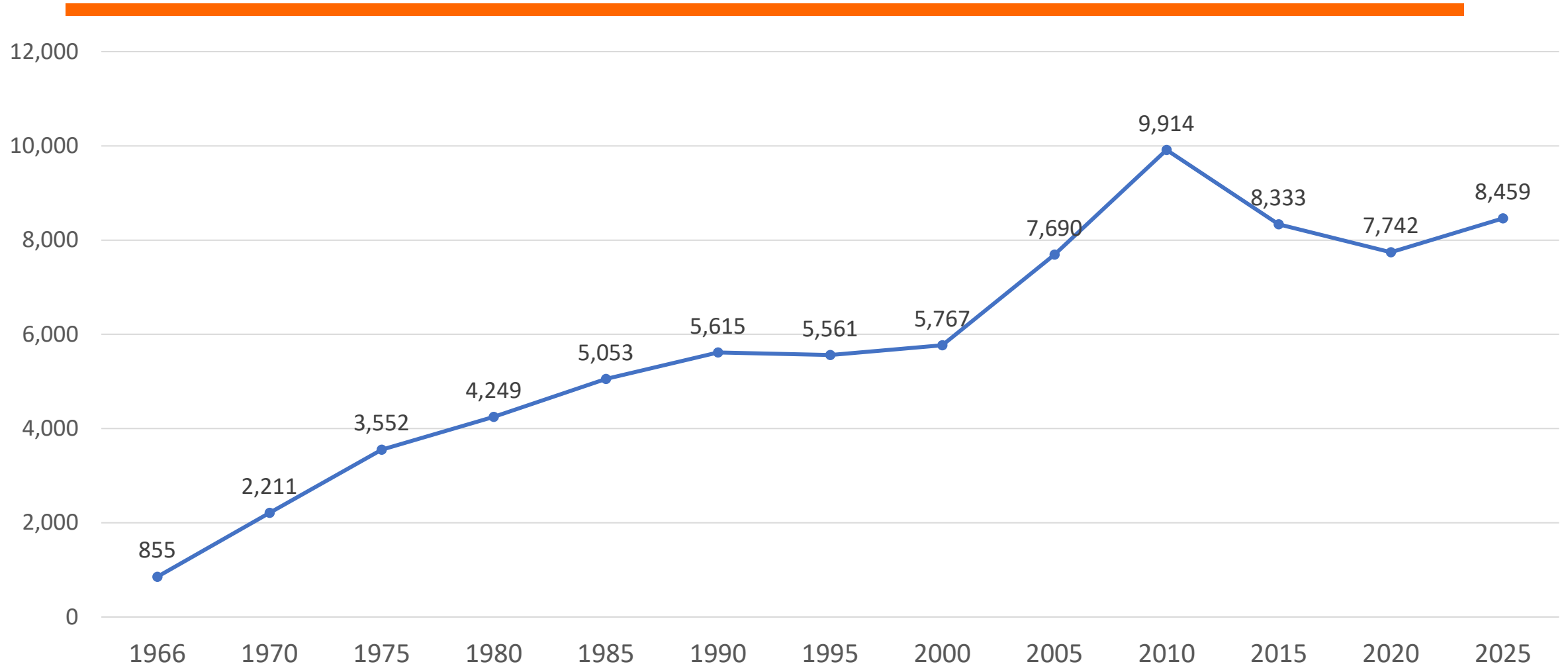
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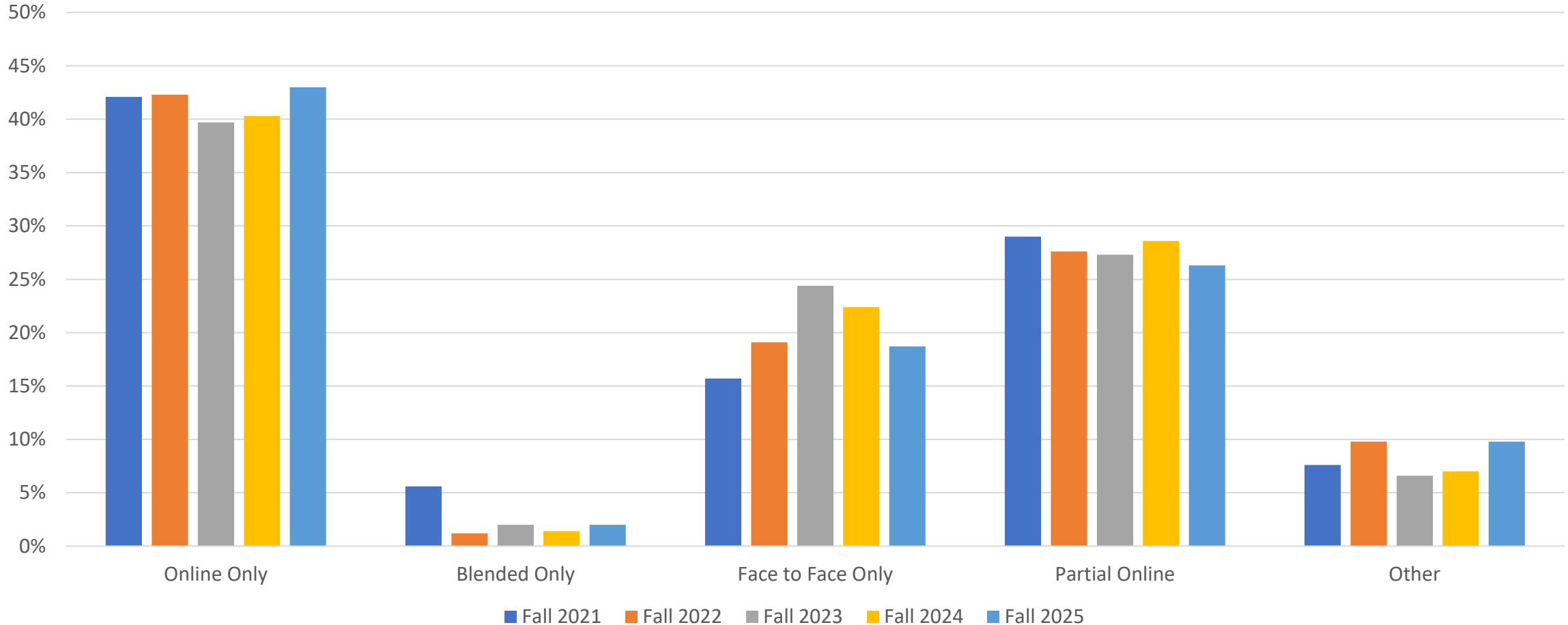
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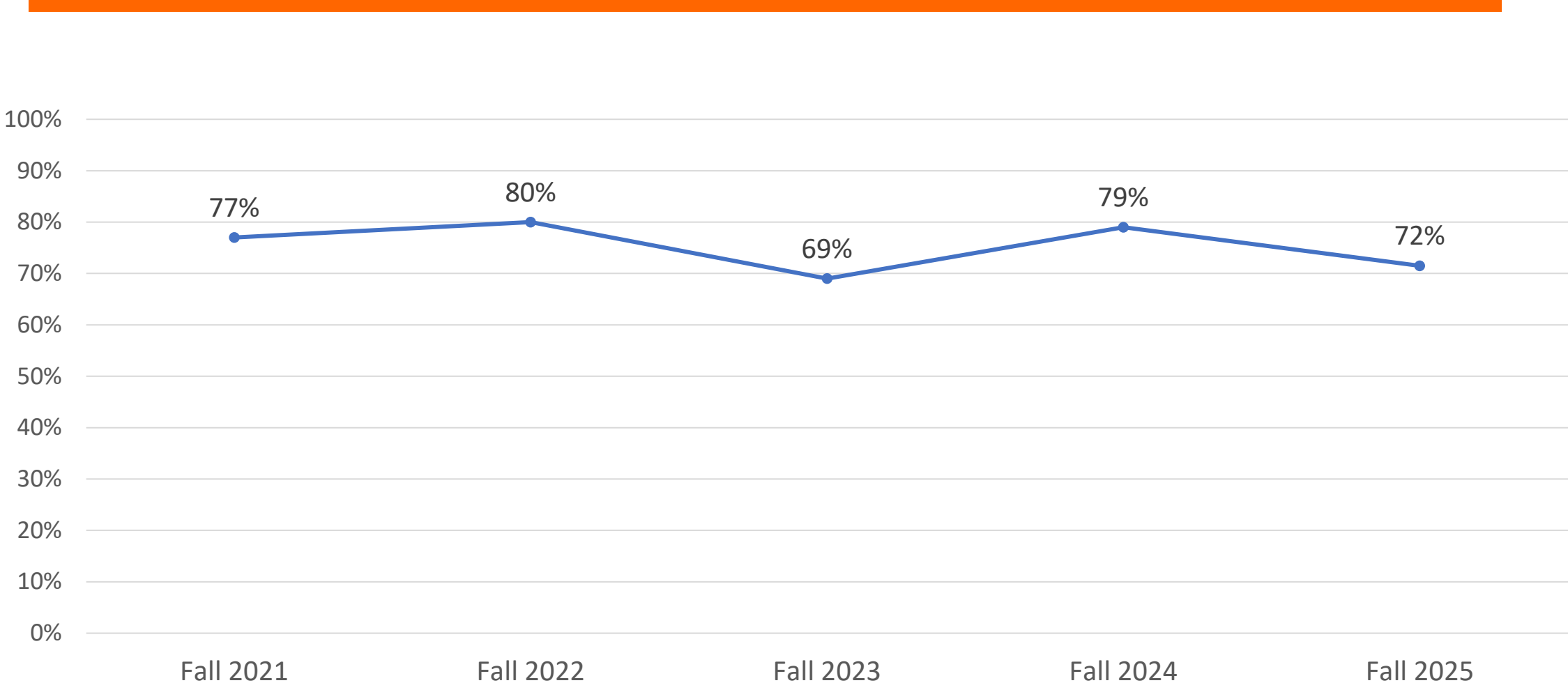
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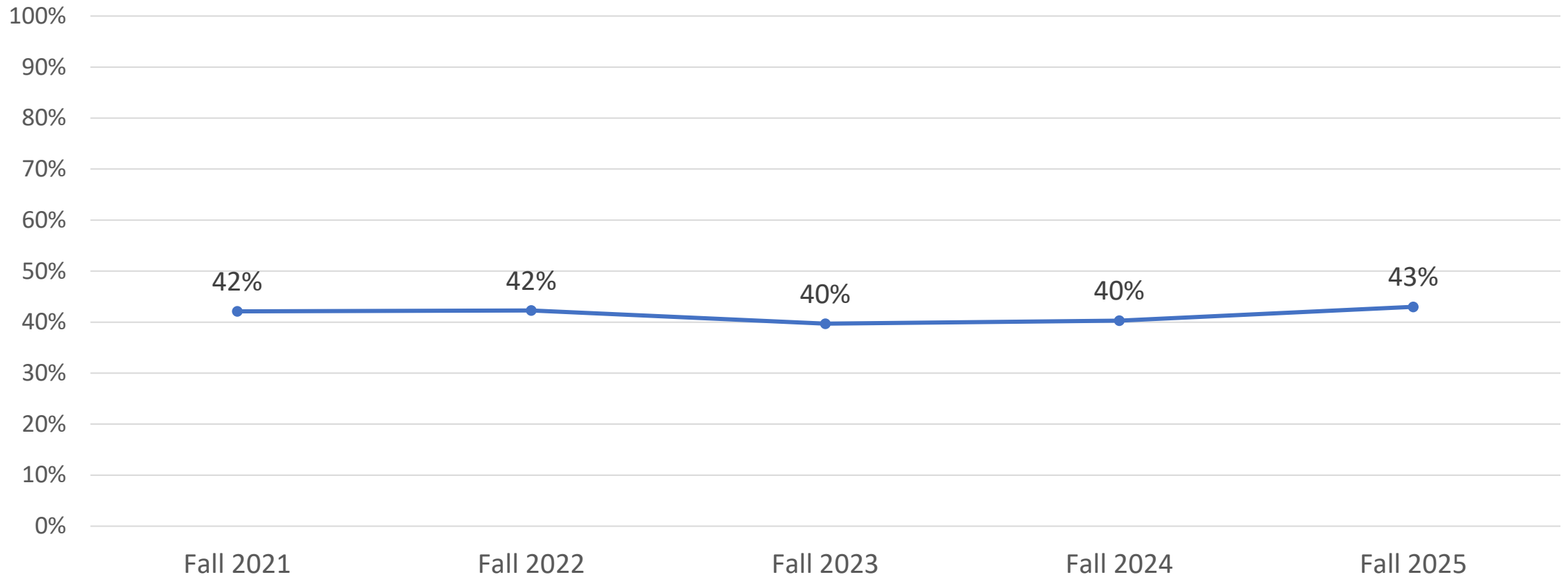
MCC Enrollment Trends by Mode



MCC Students in One or More Online Courses



MCC Students in Online Only



Workforce Pell

What is Workforce Pell

- **Program Type:** Federal Pell Grant expansion
- **Focus:** Short-term, high-value workforce training
- **Application:** FAFSA – Enrollment into an approved WPG program
- **Status:** Pending federal implementation

Workforce Pell Purpose

- **Expand Access:** Open more pathways to workforce education.
- **Increase Attainment:** Increase the number of high-value credentials earned within in-demand industries and occupations.
- **Reduce Debt:** Minimize the financial burden on students entering the workforce.
- **Maintain High Quality:** Provide high-value workforce education designed to maximize a return on investment.

Student Eligibility

- Students must be **Pell Grant eligible**.
- Students must **enroll in an approved short-term WPG program**.
- Students who have completed a bachelor's degree are eligible, with the condition that they do not have a graduate degree and have Pell lifetime eligibility remaining.
- Students receiving a traditional Pell Grant are **ineligible** for a Workforce Pell Grant during the same period.
- Students cannot use Pell Grant funds for more than one workforce program at a time.

Program Criteria

- Is offered by an accredited institution eligible for Title IV Federal student aid.
- Has been offered by the institution for **at least one year**.
- Must be between **150-599 clock hours** or 4-15 semester hours, or 6-23 quarter hours.
- Duration is **at least 8 weeks but fewer than 15 weeks**.
- Must be taught at least 75% by the offering institution.

Program Criteria Continued

- Program leads to a stackable, portable credential recognized by multiple employers, **OR** prepares students for entry-level employment that requires one specific credential.
- Program leads to credit articulation.
- Program leads to a high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand occupation as defined by the governor.

Program Criteria Continued

- **Accountability Metrics:**

- $\geq 70\%$ program completion rate within 150% of its expected completion time.
- $\geq 70\%$ job placement rate within 180 days of program completion.
- Program Cost \leq value-added earnings of graduates 3 years prior.

Potential Programs for Workforce Pell with Modifications

- **Business**

- OSA Agroecology Technician
- OSA Network Technology
- OSA CIS/Information Security
- OSA Certified Production Technician
- OSA Paralegal Studies
- OSA HITT Documentation Specialist
- ESC Management/Accounting

- **Continuing Education**

- OSA Truck Driving
- OSA Dental Assistant
- OSA Certified Patient Care Technician
- OSA Certified Pharmacy Technician

- **Healthcare**

- ESC Physical Therapist Assistant
- ESC Abdominal Ultrasound
- ESC Medical Laboratory Technician
- OSA Phlebotomy

- **Public Service**

- Paramedicine I Certificate
- Long Term Care/Assisted Living Certificate

- **Potential New Programs**

- Sterile Processing Technician
- Heavy Equipment Operator
- AI Certificate

Questions