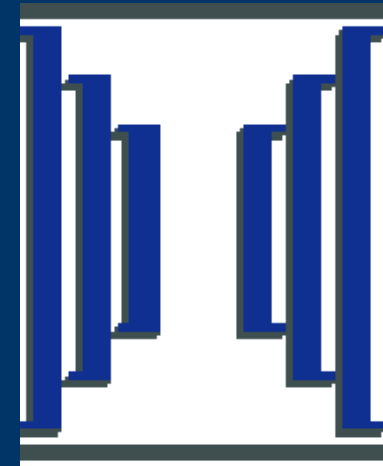


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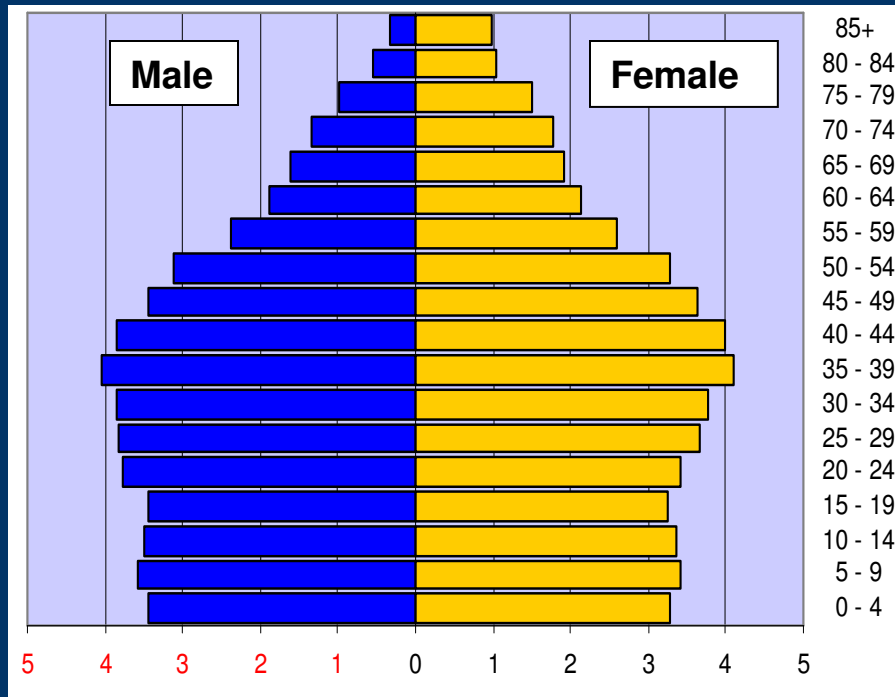
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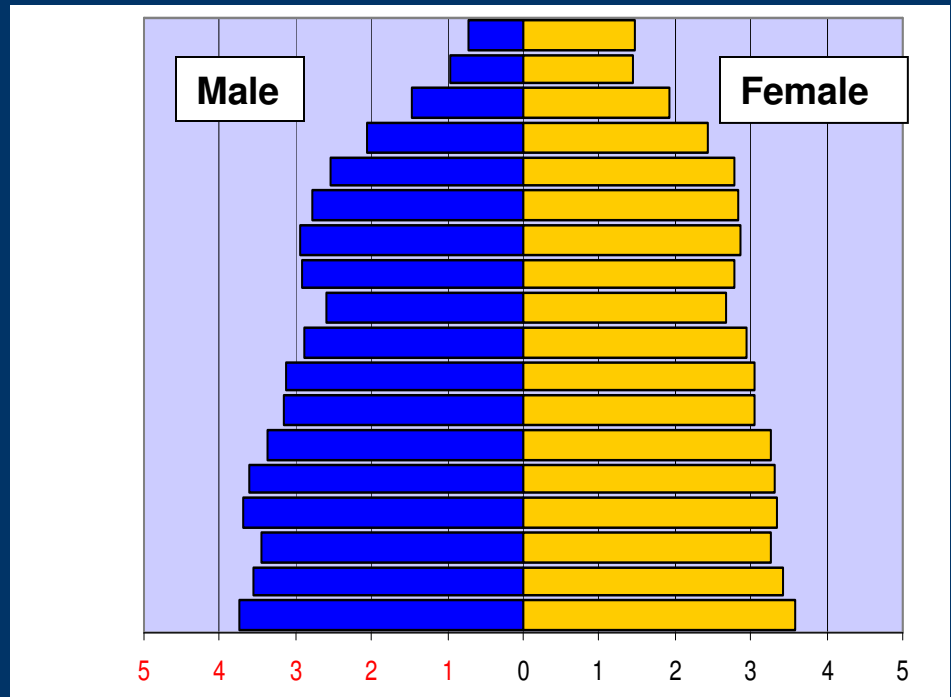
North Carolina Population Pyramids

Percent of Total Population: Age and Gender

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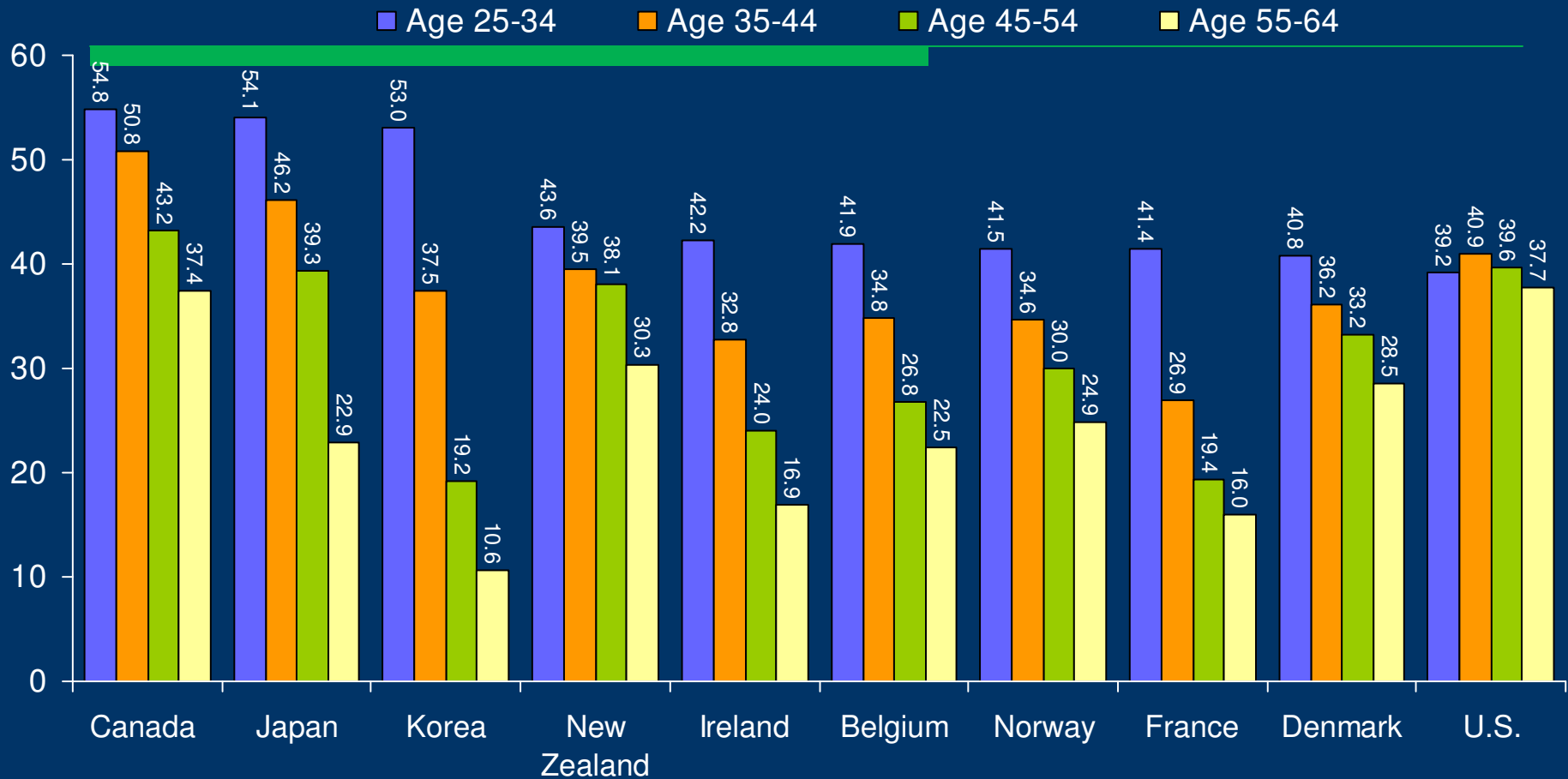


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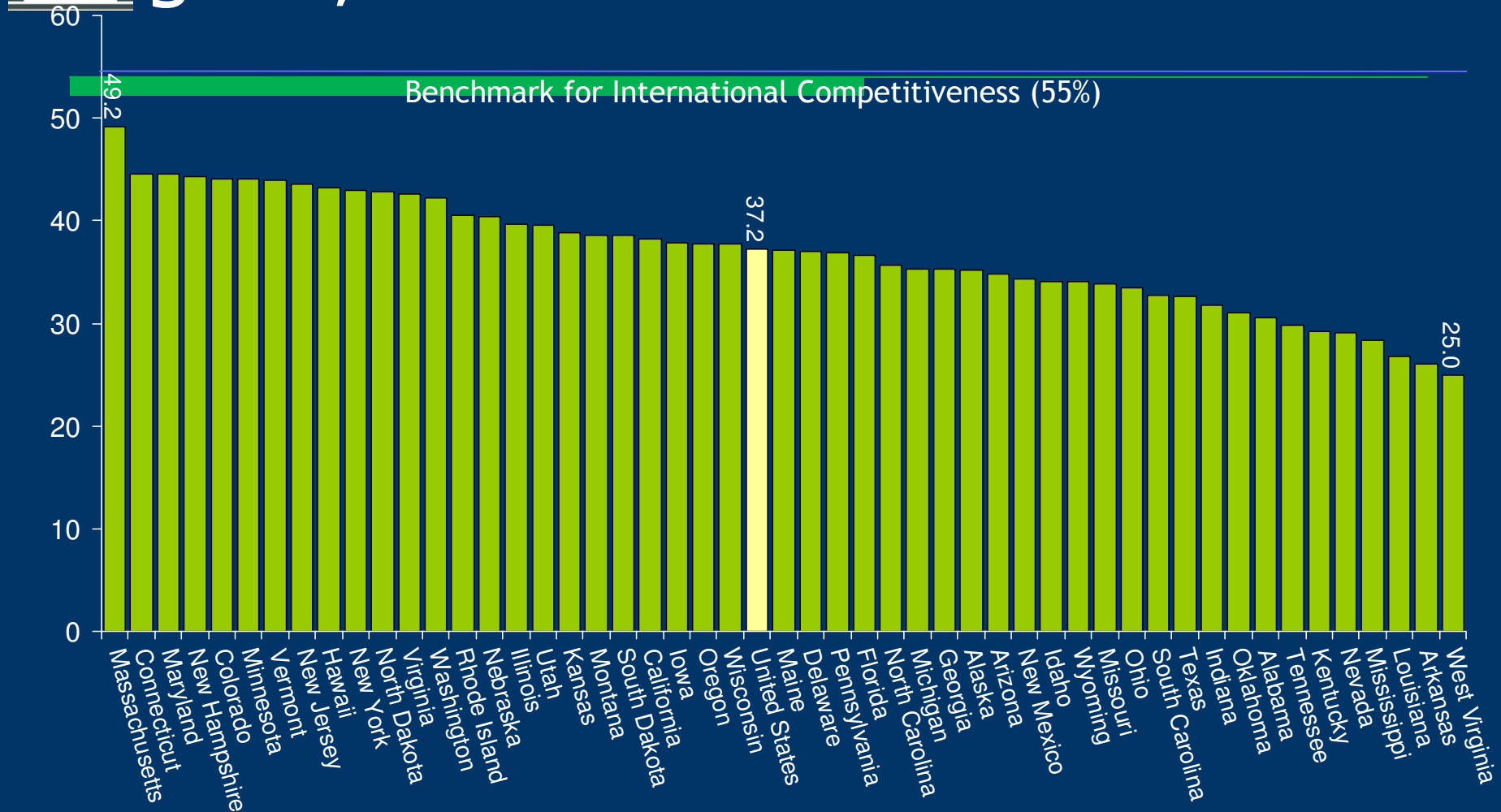




Percent of Adults with an Associate Degree or Higher by Age Group - U.S. & Leading OECD Countries



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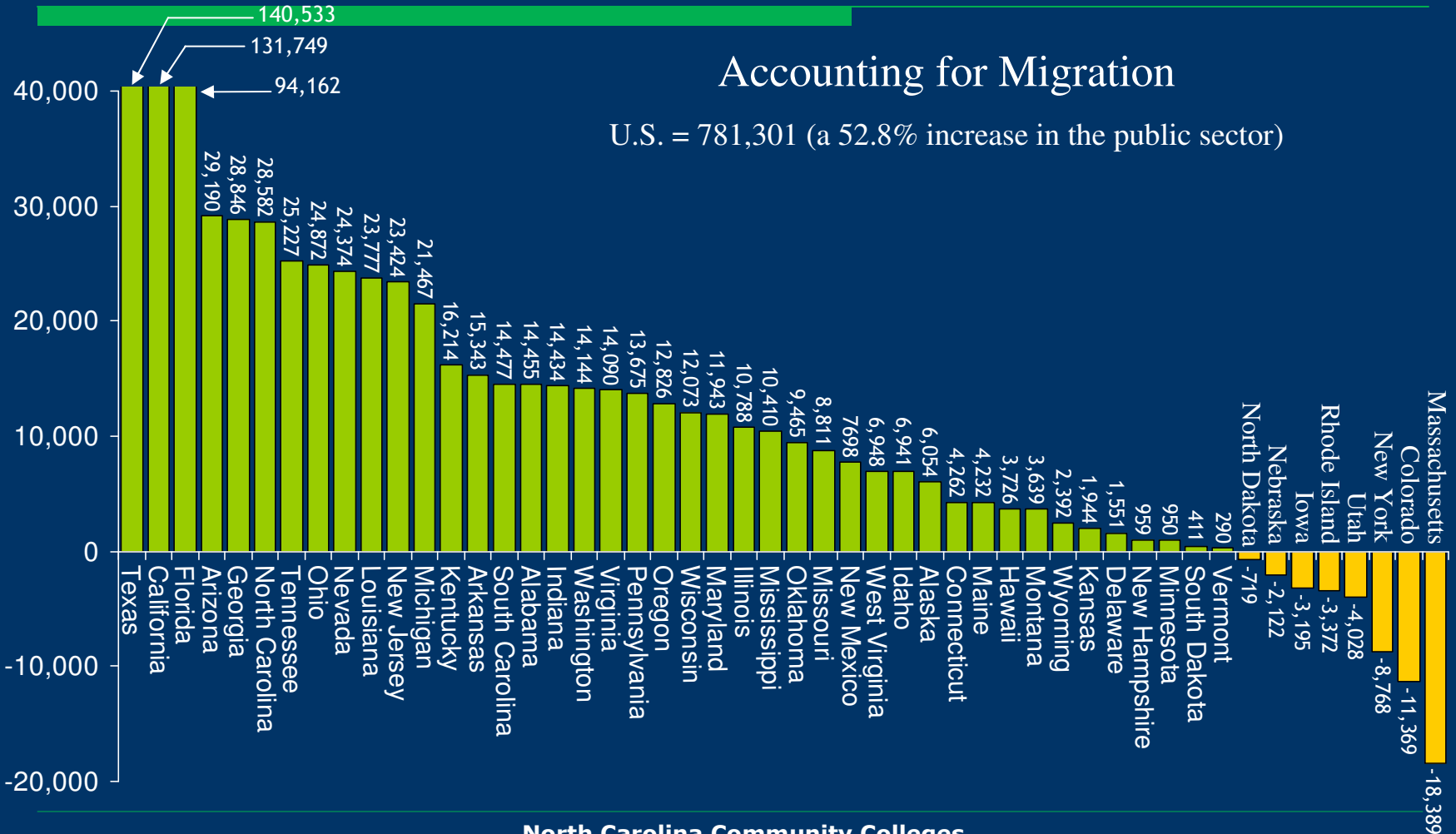
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 ACS



The "Gap" - Difference in Annual Degrees Currently Produced and Annual Degrees Needed to Meet Benchmark



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CC Graduation Rate

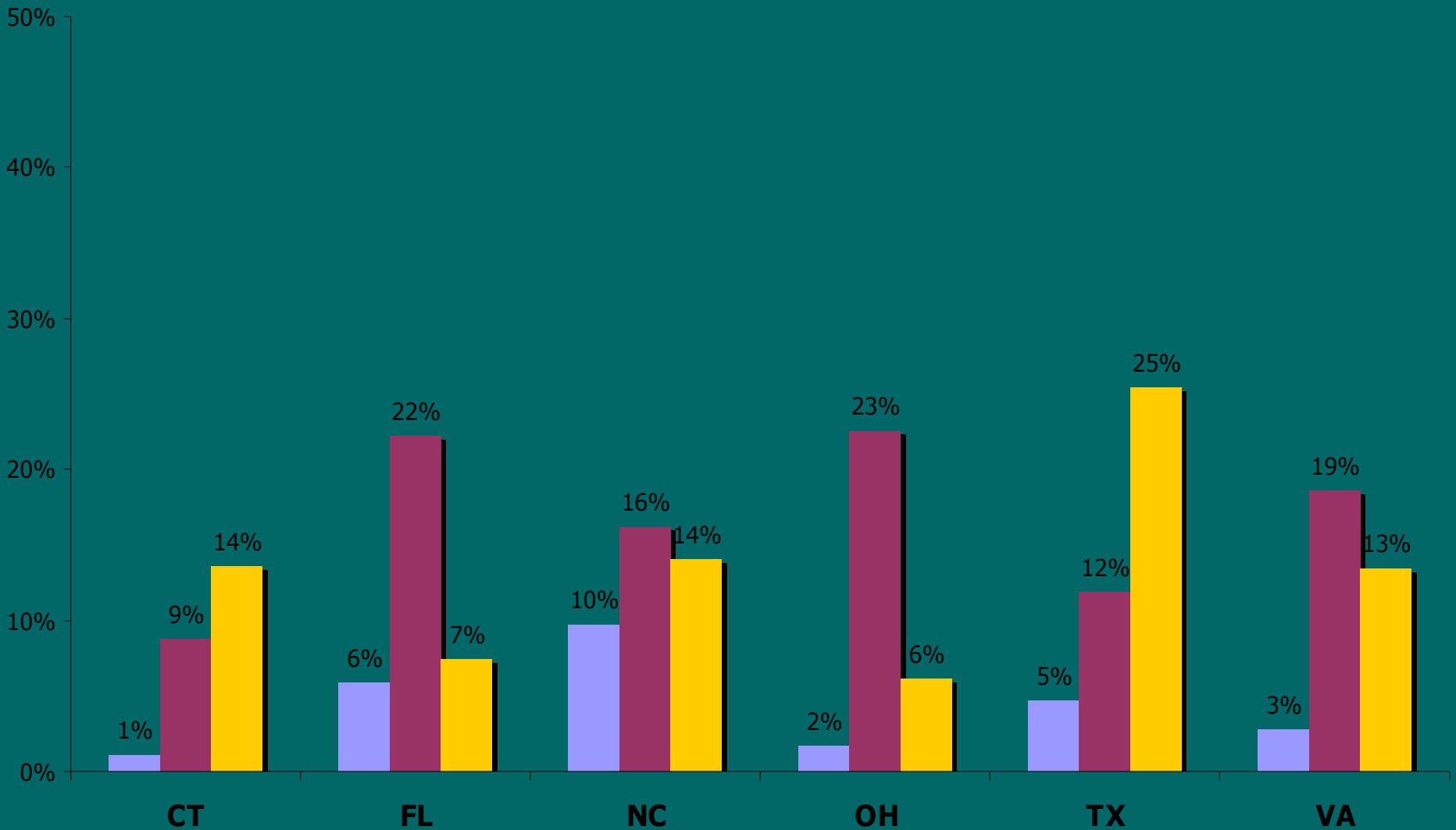
- ❑ NC – 18%
US – 20%
SREB – 16%
- ❑ 3-yr. graduation rate for full-time freshmen who first enrolled in a CC to earn a degree in 2004
- ❑ Measure only accounts for 23% of NCCCS entering students



Breaking Down Graduation Rates

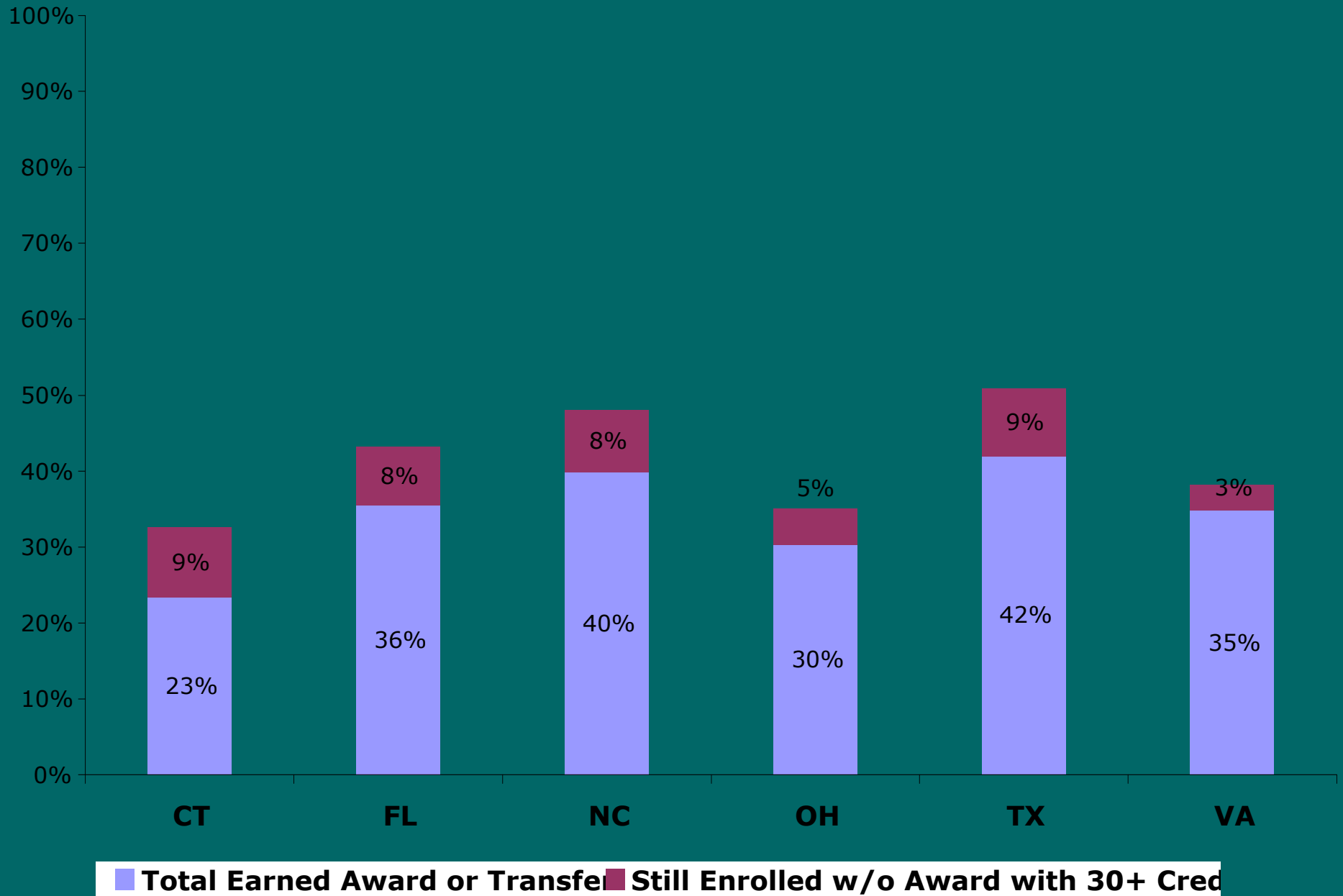
- Certificate - 48.43%
- Diploma - 22.83%
- Assoc. Degree - 8.04%
 - AAS - 11.13%
 - All Others - 4.80%
- 2.5 times as many students (11,758) transfer to a 4-year college from an NCCCS institution as complete a college transfer degree (4,588)

Distribution of Awards and Transfer w/o Award Outcomes (all students)



Award of Less Than AA Degree **Associate's Degree** **Transfer w/o Award**

Students Who Earned an Award or Transferred Who Are Still Enrolled with 30+ Credits (all students)





Reasons CC Students Withdraw

- 1) Transfer to a 4-yr. institution
- 2) Lack of money
- 3) Pressure to work full-time
- 4) Child care issues
- 5) Lack of academic preparedness



Intermediate milestones to track students

First-Year Milestones

- Persisted fall to spring
- Passed 80% or more of attempted hours
- Earned 24 or more hours

Second-Year Milestones

- Persisted fall to fall
- Completed developmental math by year 2
- Earned 48 or more hours

Third-Year Milestones

- Passed gatekeeper English or higher by year 3
- Passed gatekeeper math or higher by year 3



Gates Foundation – Postsecondary Success

By 2025, double the number of low-income young adults who, by age 26, earn a postsecondary credential with labor market value



Initial areas of attention

- Drop-outs
- Financial aid opportunities
- Developmental Programs
- First-year engagement
- Programs with labor market value

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Mary Warren – a wife, mother and grandmother – went to college to find out how to make life better for teenagers headed for trouble. Thanks to North Carolina Community Colleges, she now has a college degree, a published paper and her “dream job” helping children and families.

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