



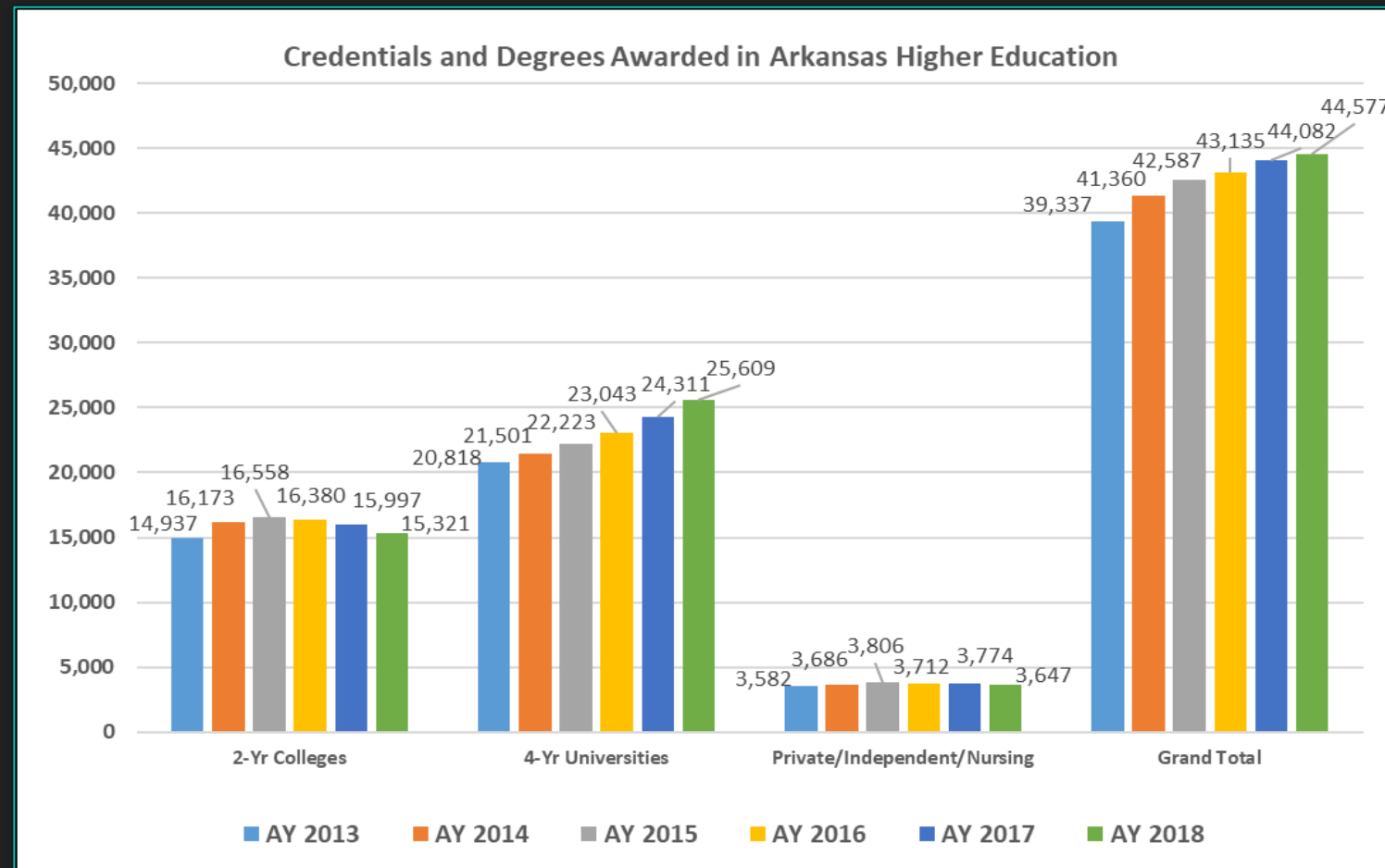
Master Plan for Higher Education in Arkansas

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Closing the Gap 2020

2015-2020 five year planning cycle adopted in this plan is a critical component in the long-term objective to reach the 2025 goal of a 60% post-secondary attainment rate in Arkansas, increasing from the 2015 estimate of 43.4%.

Despite our statewide decrease in enrollment, our institutions of higher education have managed a 13.3% increase in the number of credentials awarded since 2013. In the past five years, Arkansas higher education has seen a 12.9% increase in career and technical certificates, and a 14.3% increase in the number of students receiving a Bachelor's degree.



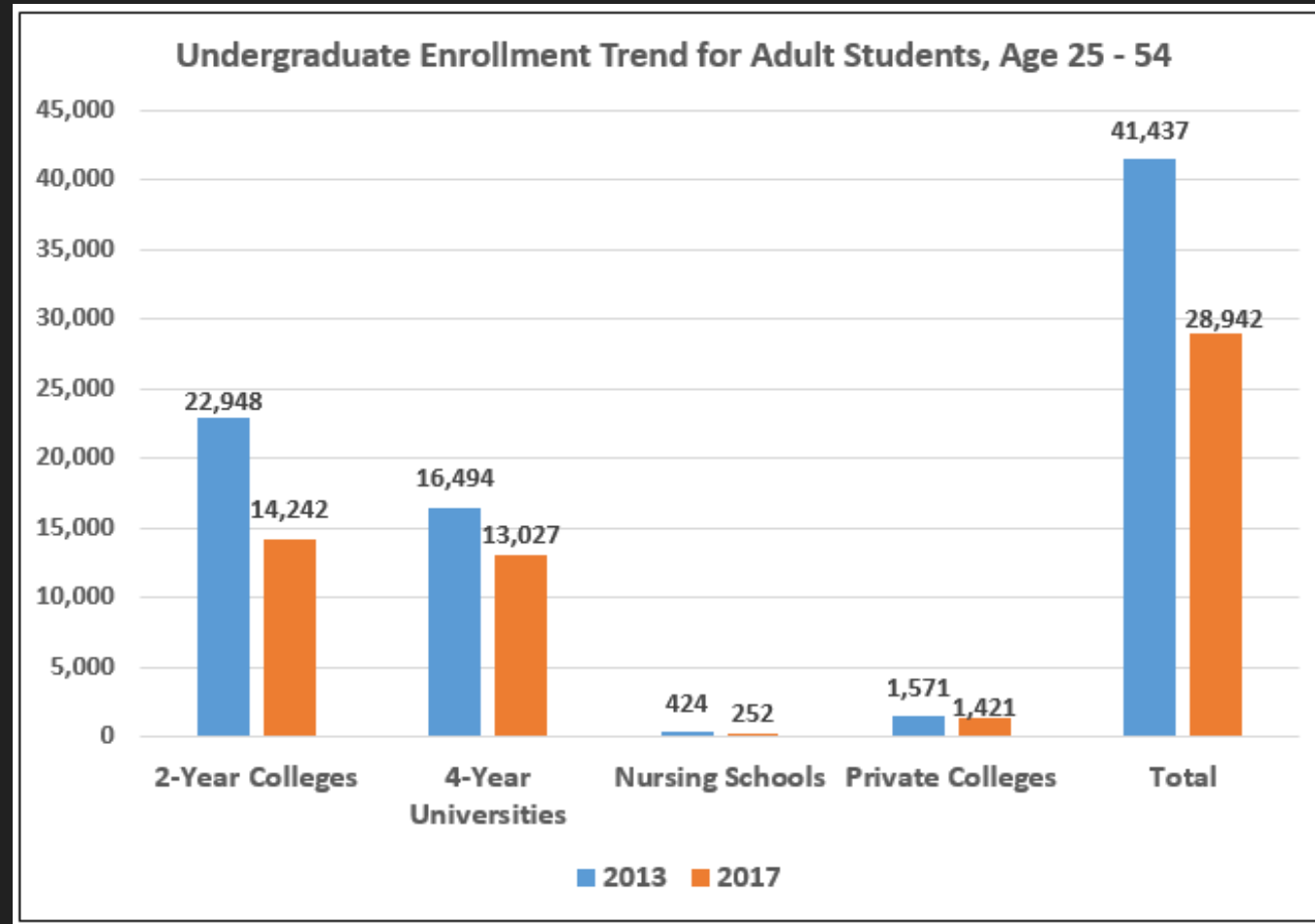
GOAL 1: Raise completion and graduation rates of colleges and universities by 10%

- The 4-Year institutions have seen a considerable 10% increase in their 100% graduation rate
- The 2-Year colleges have seen a solid 7% increase in their 100% graduation rate

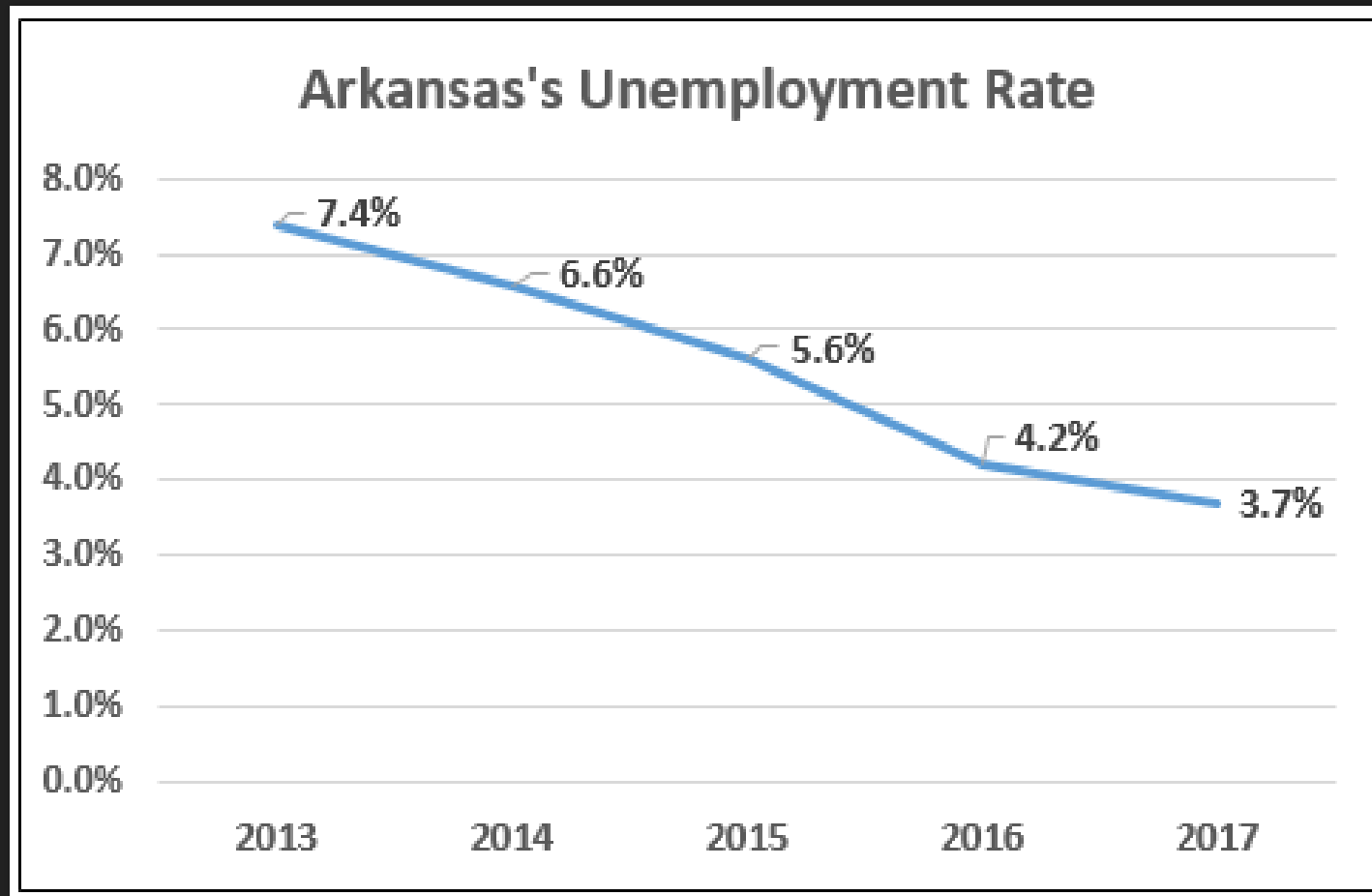
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- In addition, there has been a significant decline in remediation rates for both the 4-year and 2-year institutions from 43.2% to 30.5%.
- Retention and graduation rates have improved to close the gap among SREB states

GOAL 2: By fall 2018, increase the enrollment of adult students, age 25 to 54, by 75%

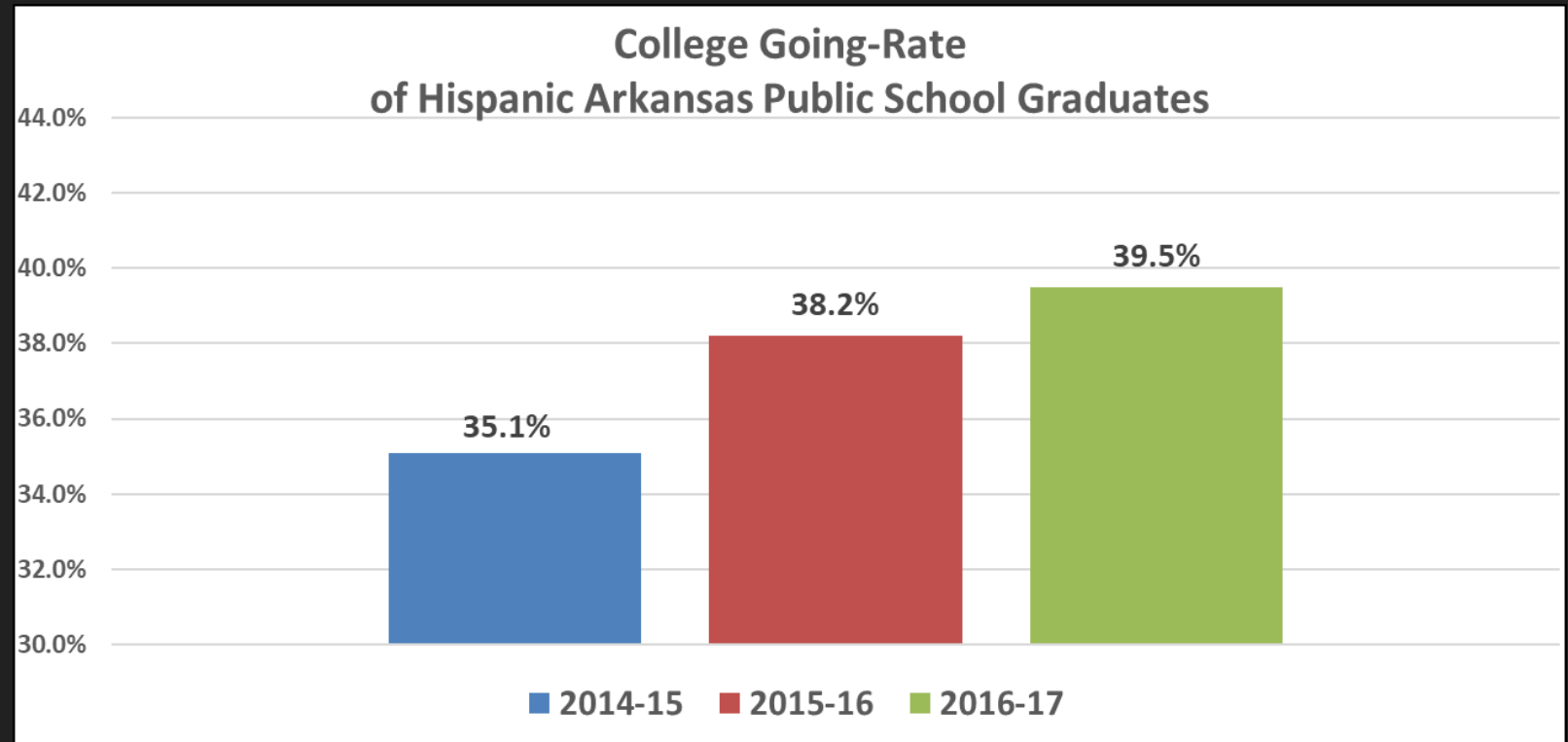


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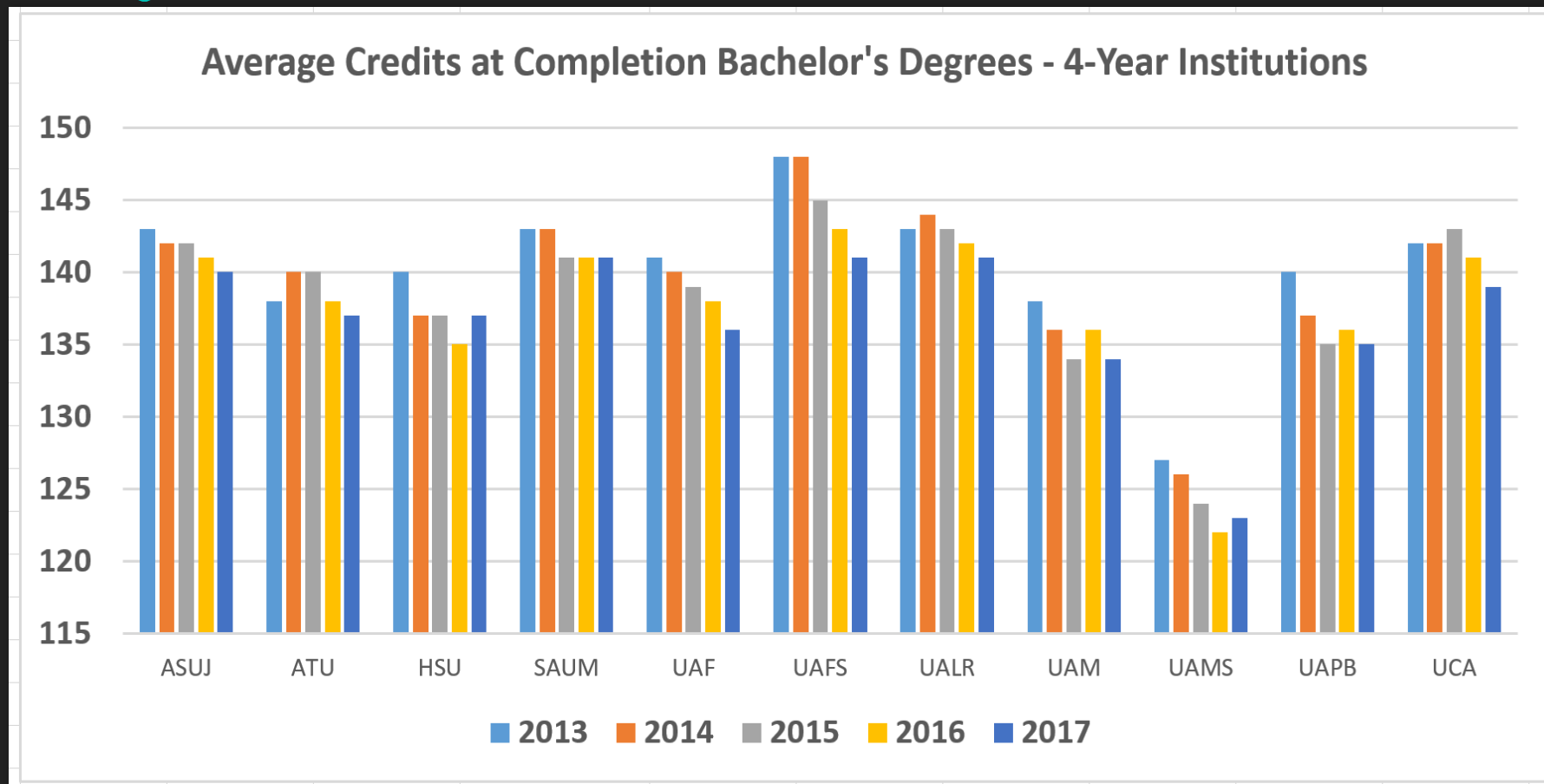


GOAL 3: Raise the attainment rates of underserved student groups in the state by 10%

4.4% increase in the college-going rate for Hispanic students



GOAL 4: Improve College Affordability through Effective Resource Allocation



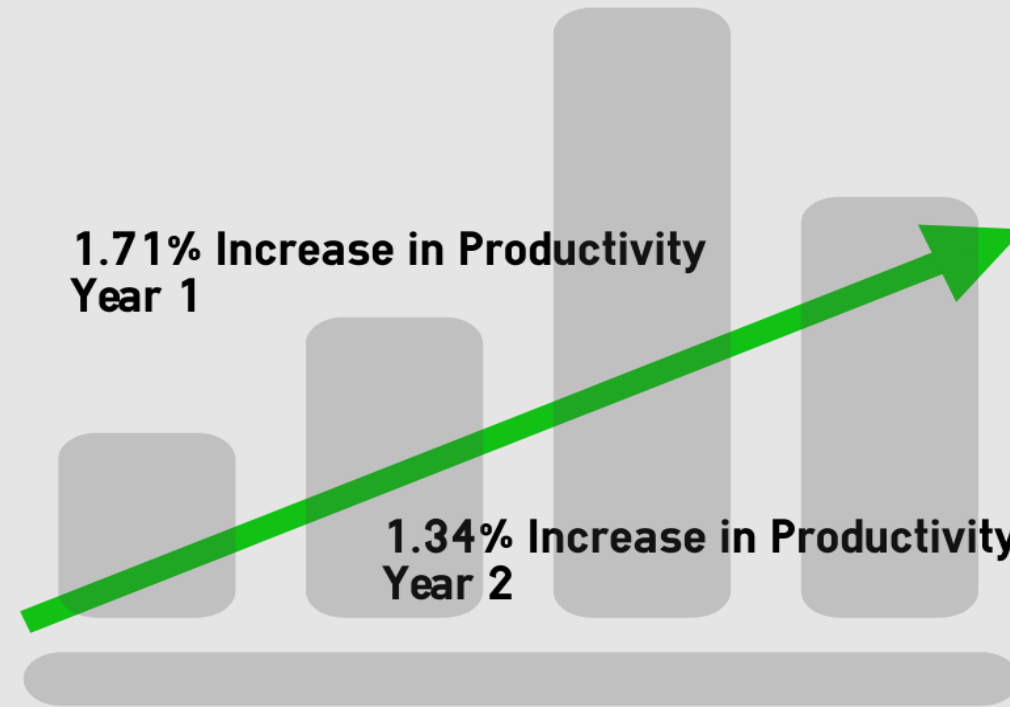
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- Tuition increases have been held to one of the lowest levels in the SREB and nation
- Students are completing in less time and with fewer credits

Funding Formula

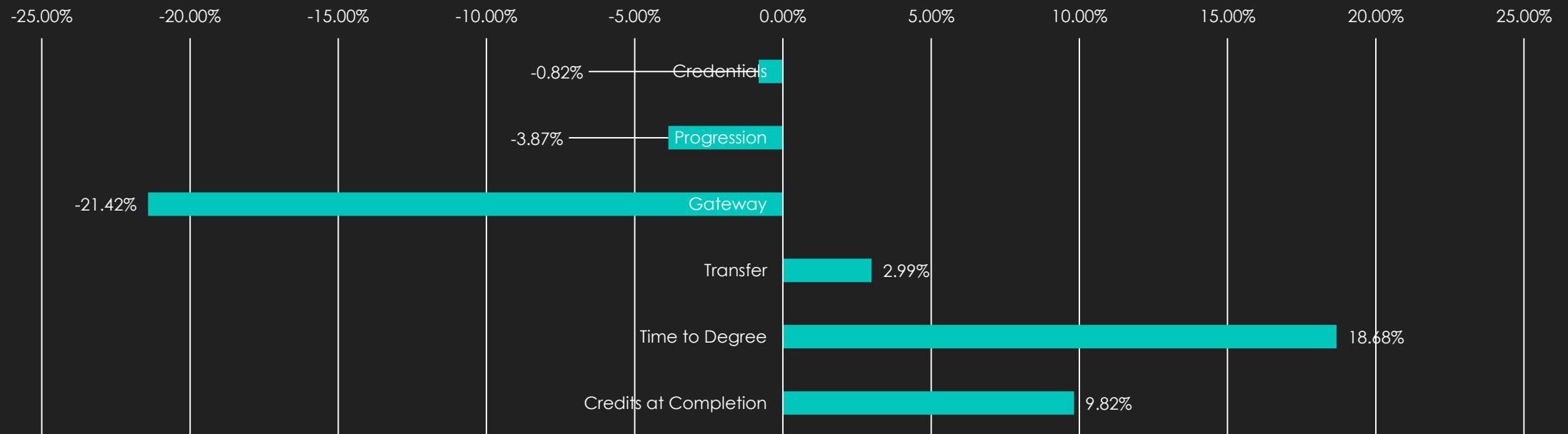
Productivity-based funding is a mechanism to align institutional funding with **statewide priorities** for higher education by incentivizing progress toward statewide goals as identified in Closing the Gap 2020. At the same time, such models encourage **accountability** to students and policymakers by focusing on the **success of students** through the achievement of their educational goals.

Productivity Outcomes



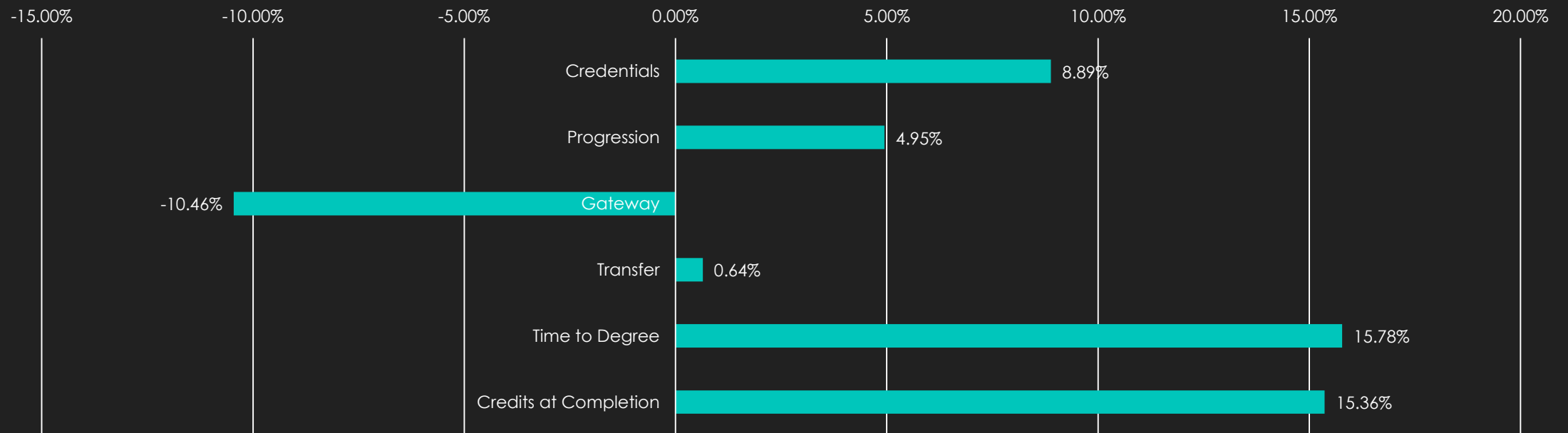
Productivity Outcomes

2-Year College Percent Change in Productivity Metric Scores: Baseline of Year 1 - Comparative of Year 2



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4-Year University Percent Change in Productivity Metric Scores: Baseline of Year 1 - Comparative of Year 2



Refinements

- weights and scaling
- diseconomies and research adjustments
- additional contingencies plans for incentive distribution scenarios

Best Practices

- Co-requisite remediation
- 15 to Finish
- New Math Pathways
- Intensive mentoring and advising
- Mandatory orientation
- Early intervention
- Credit hour reductions

Student Aid

- ArFuture
- Workforce Challenge

On the Horizon

- Legislative agenda
- Need-based aid
- Common course numbering
- Master plan 2025