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College-Going Rate and Call to Action

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College Going and the Class of 2021

Available on THEC's website, <https://www.tn.gov/thec>

- Reports, Studies, and Publications
- College-Going Reports
- *Includes Data Downloads*

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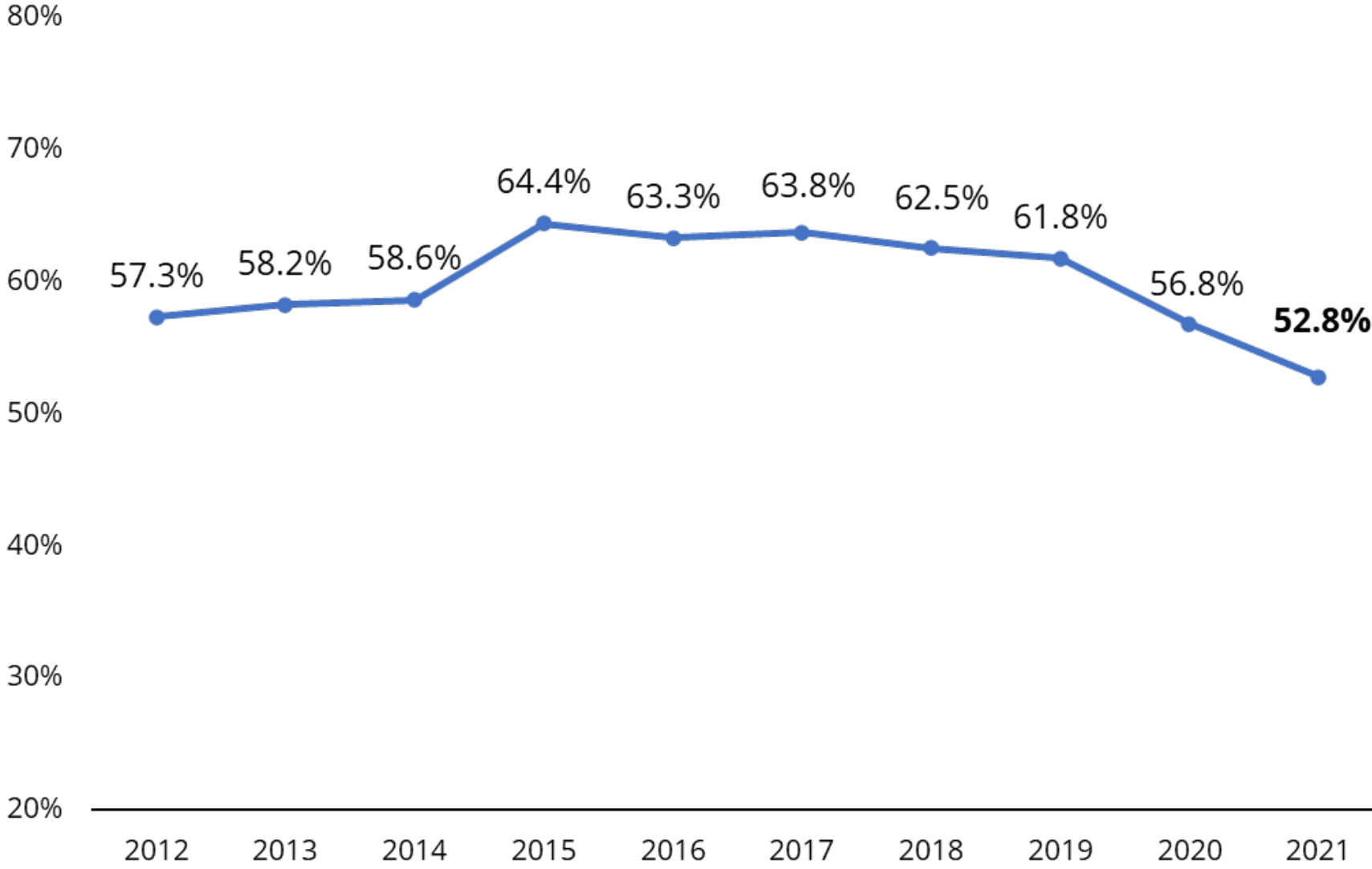
College-Going Rate, Class of 2021

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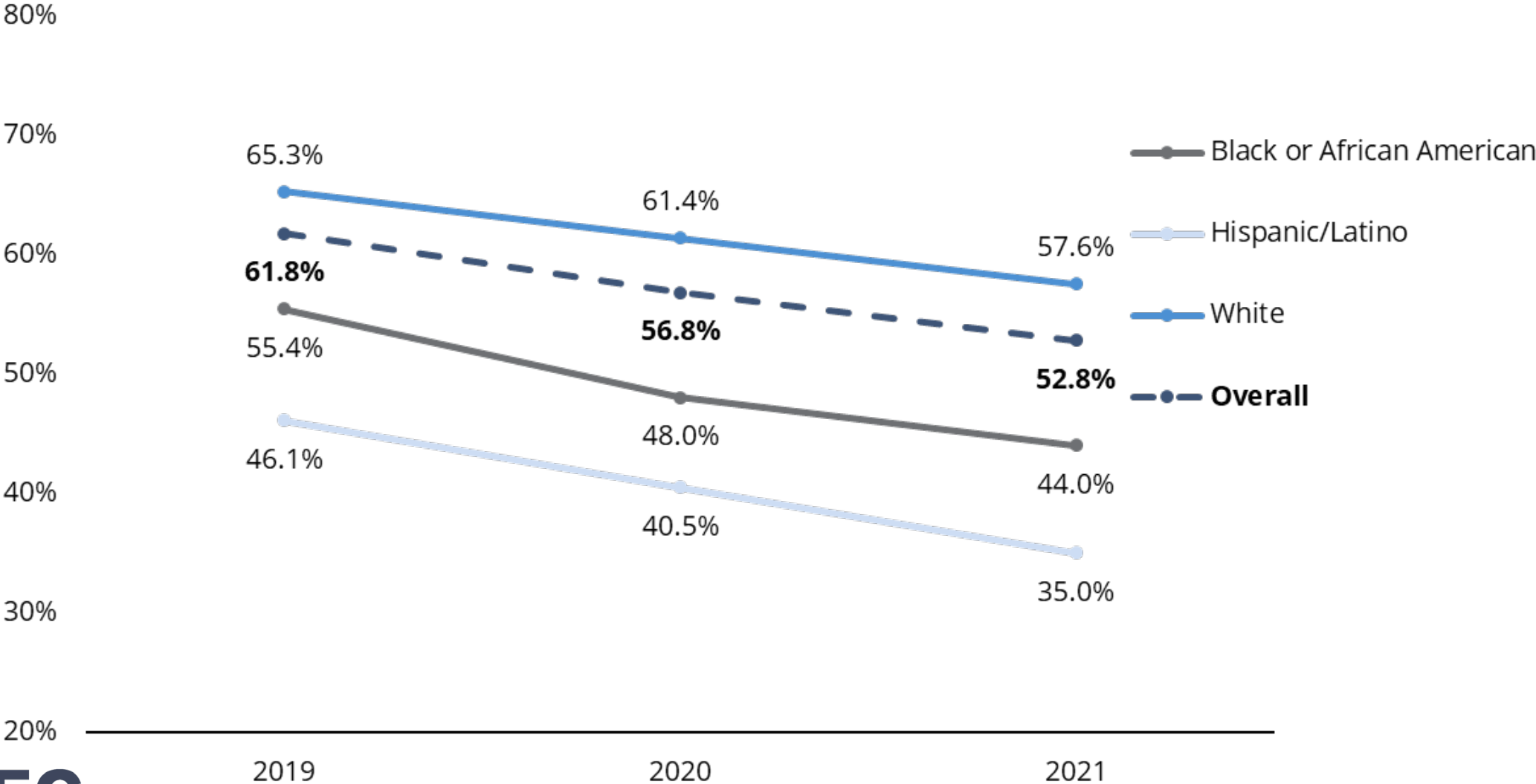
THEC Student
Information
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CGR =
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HS Graduates

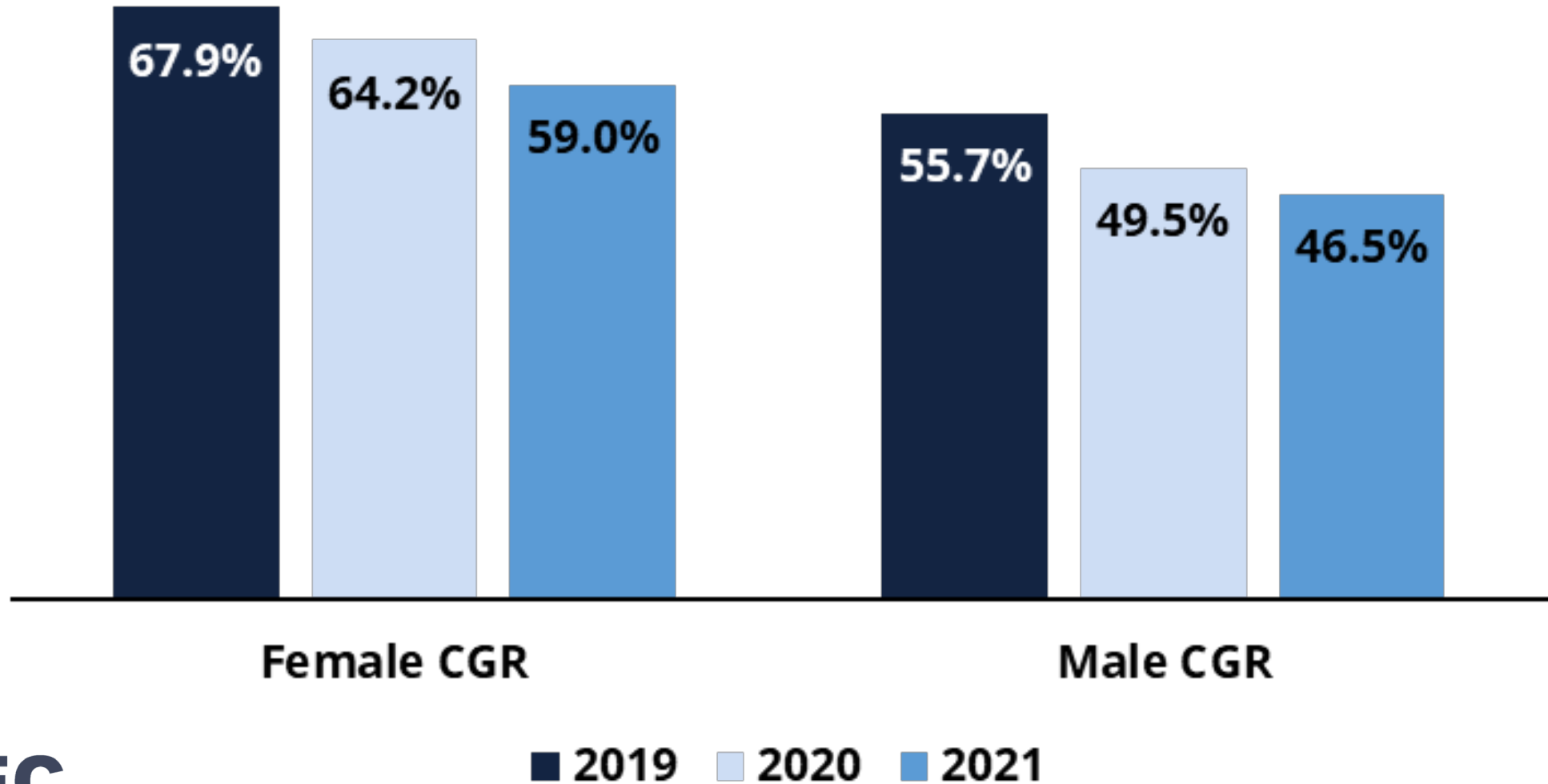
Class of 2021 and CGR Over Time



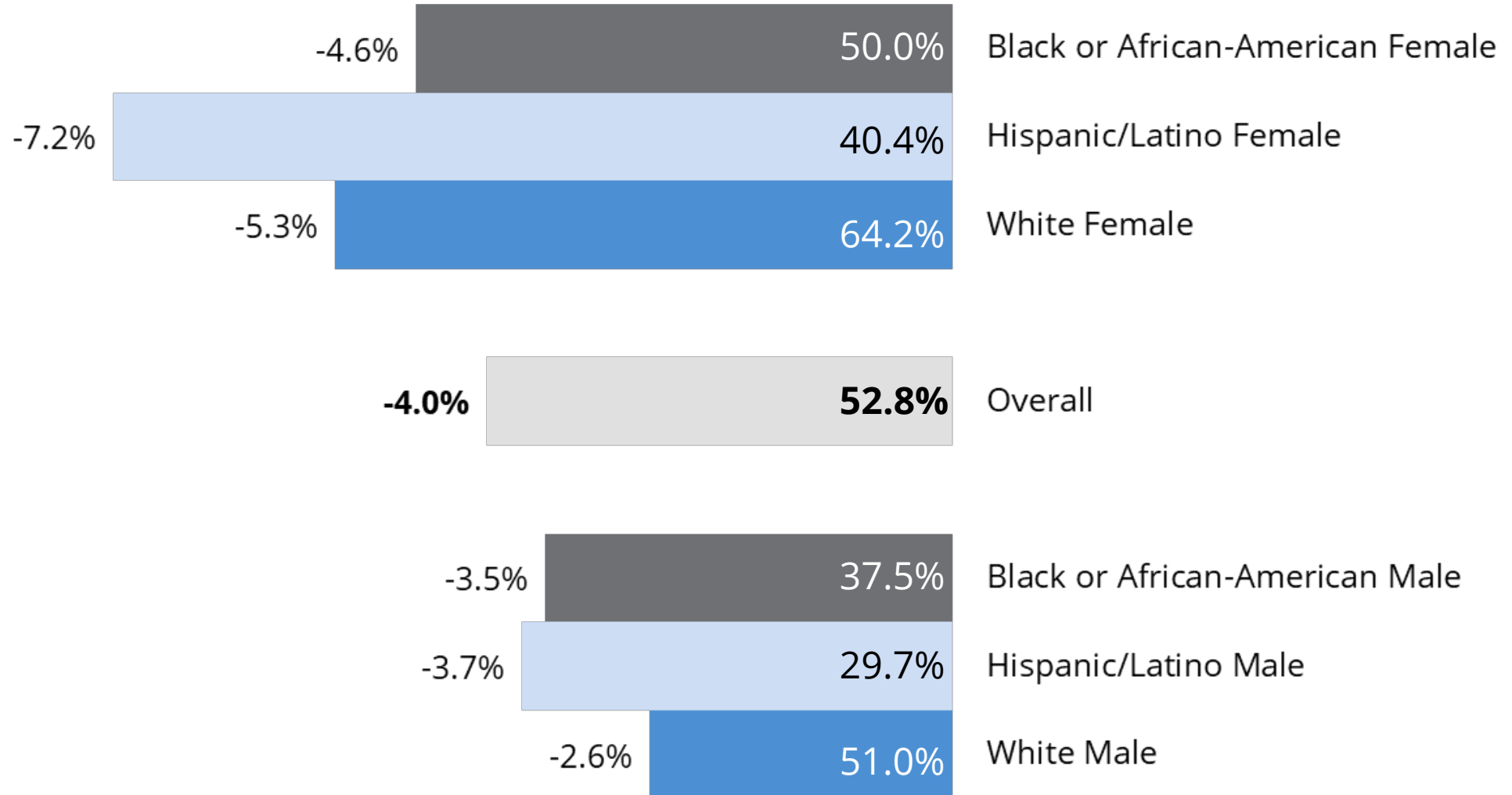
CGR Disparities by Race Widening



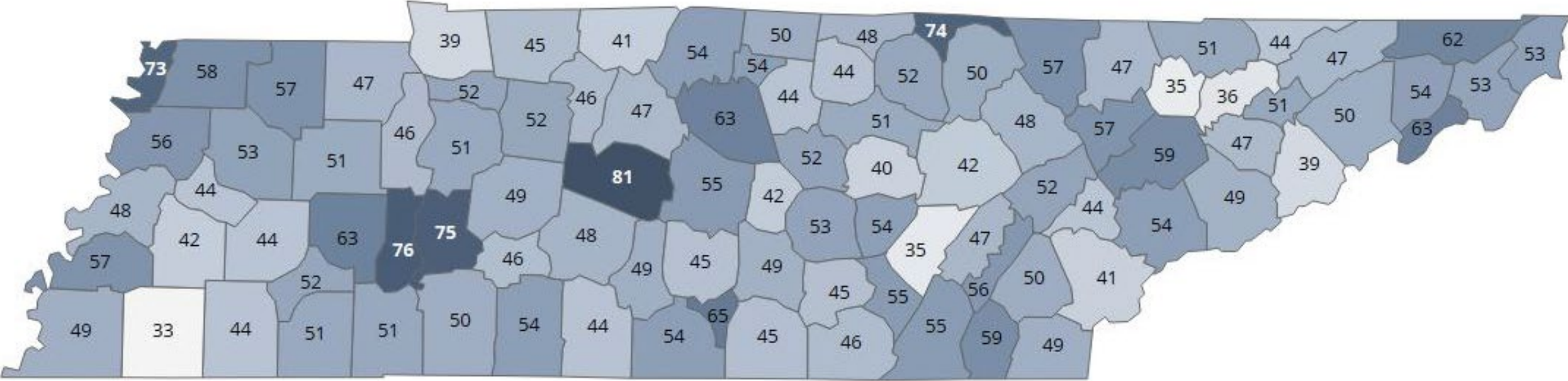
Male CGR Continues to Trail Female CGR



Class of 2020 to 2021 Drops in CGR Show Race-Gender Gaps

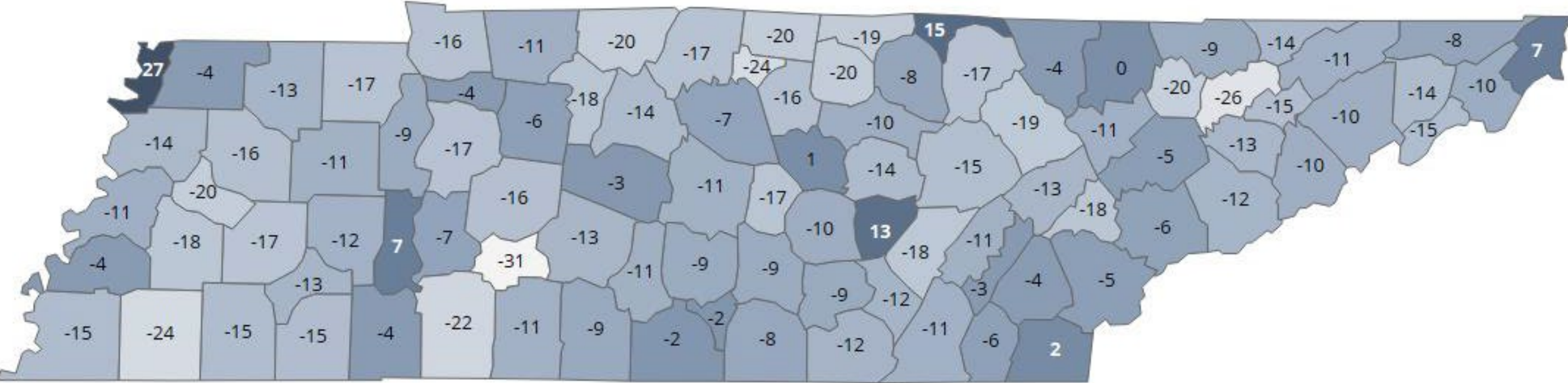


Geographic Disparities Persist



The number in the county represents the class of 2021 college-going rate percentage.

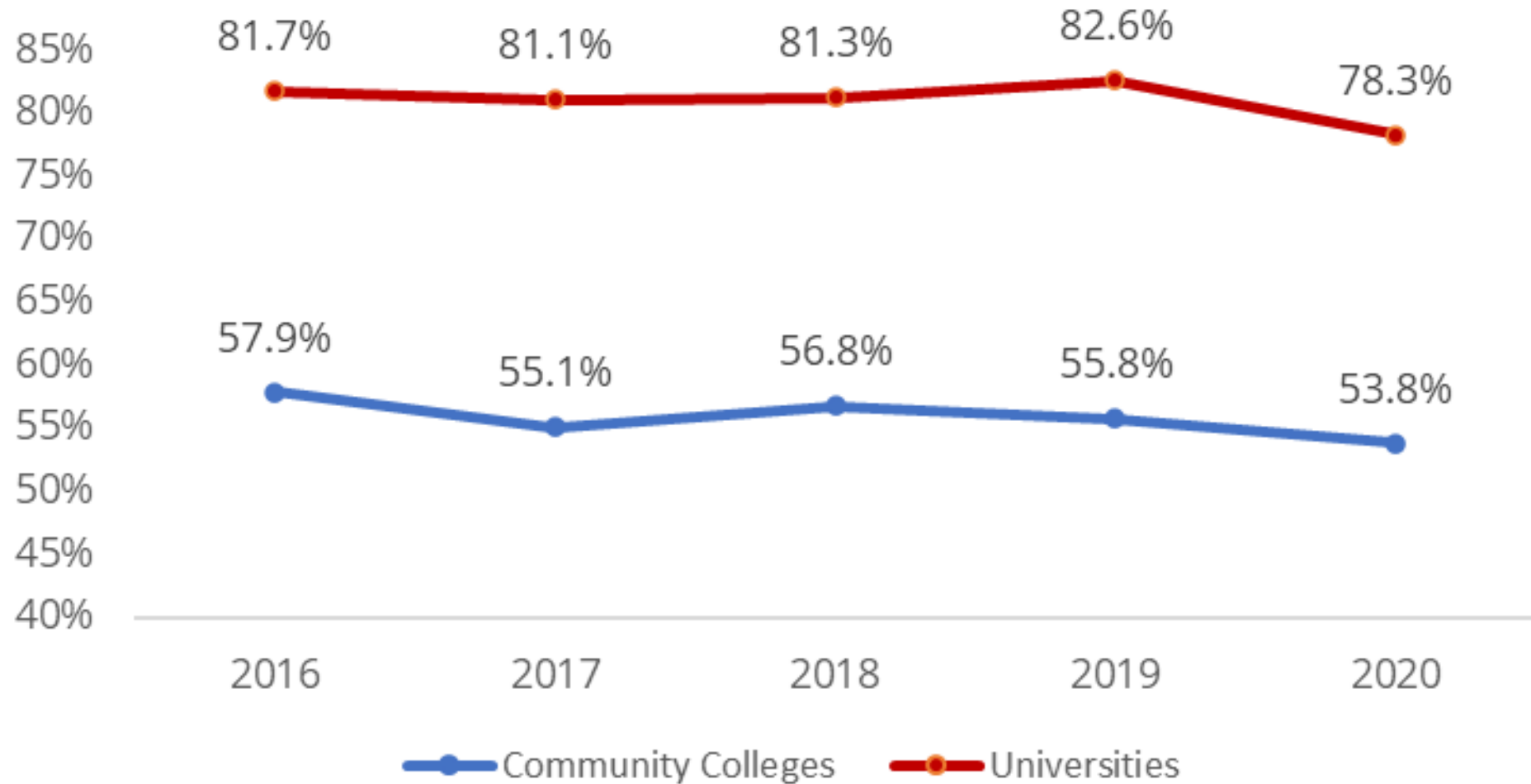
5-Year CGR Change, 2017 to 2021



The number in the county represents 5-year percentage point change in college-going rate.

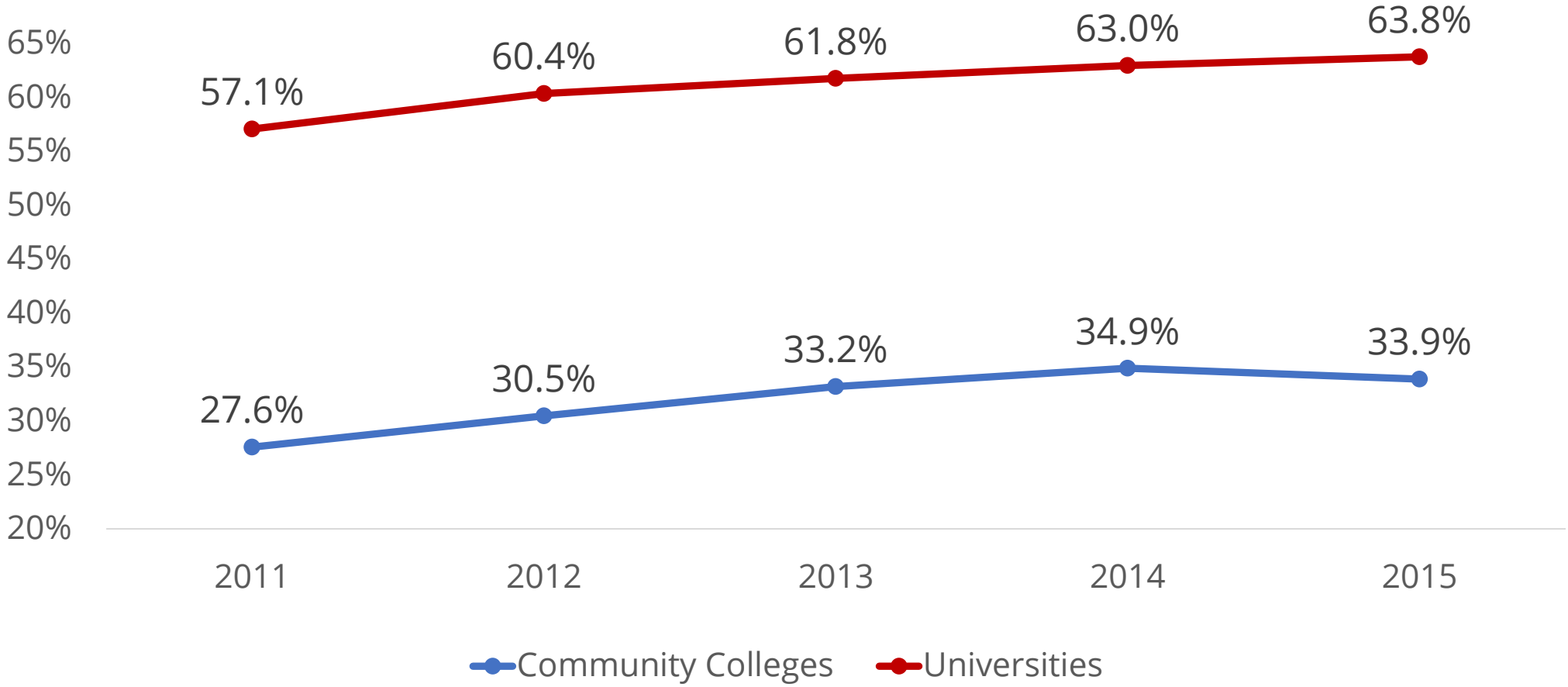
Pipeline *through* College Narrowing, too

Fall First-Time, Full-Time Freshmen to Second Fall Retention Rates



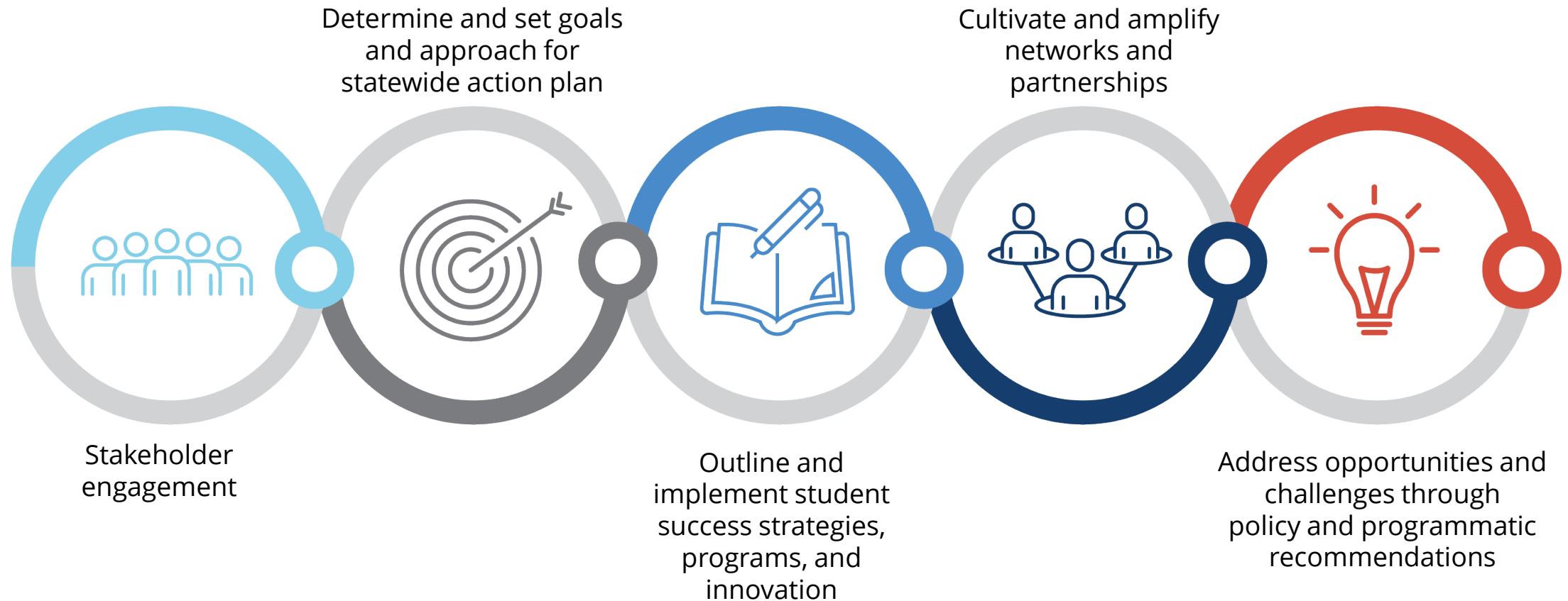
Rising (6-Year) Graduation Rates

Six-Year Graduation Rates



Call to Action

Next steps: Stakeholder engagement and statewide action planning process.



Ongoing Stakeholder Engagement

- ✓ Convening of K-12 education, higher education, labor and workforce, and nonprofit partners
- ✓ Meetings and presentations with stakeholder groups to share data and request input and ideas
- ✓ Research scan of current programs and innovative models
- ✓ Feedback survey

Stakeholder Engagement Feedback Survey

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Student Feedback

➤ 2021 High School Senior Opinion Survey:

- Pandemic impacts
- Familiarity of financial aid options
- Perception of community colleges

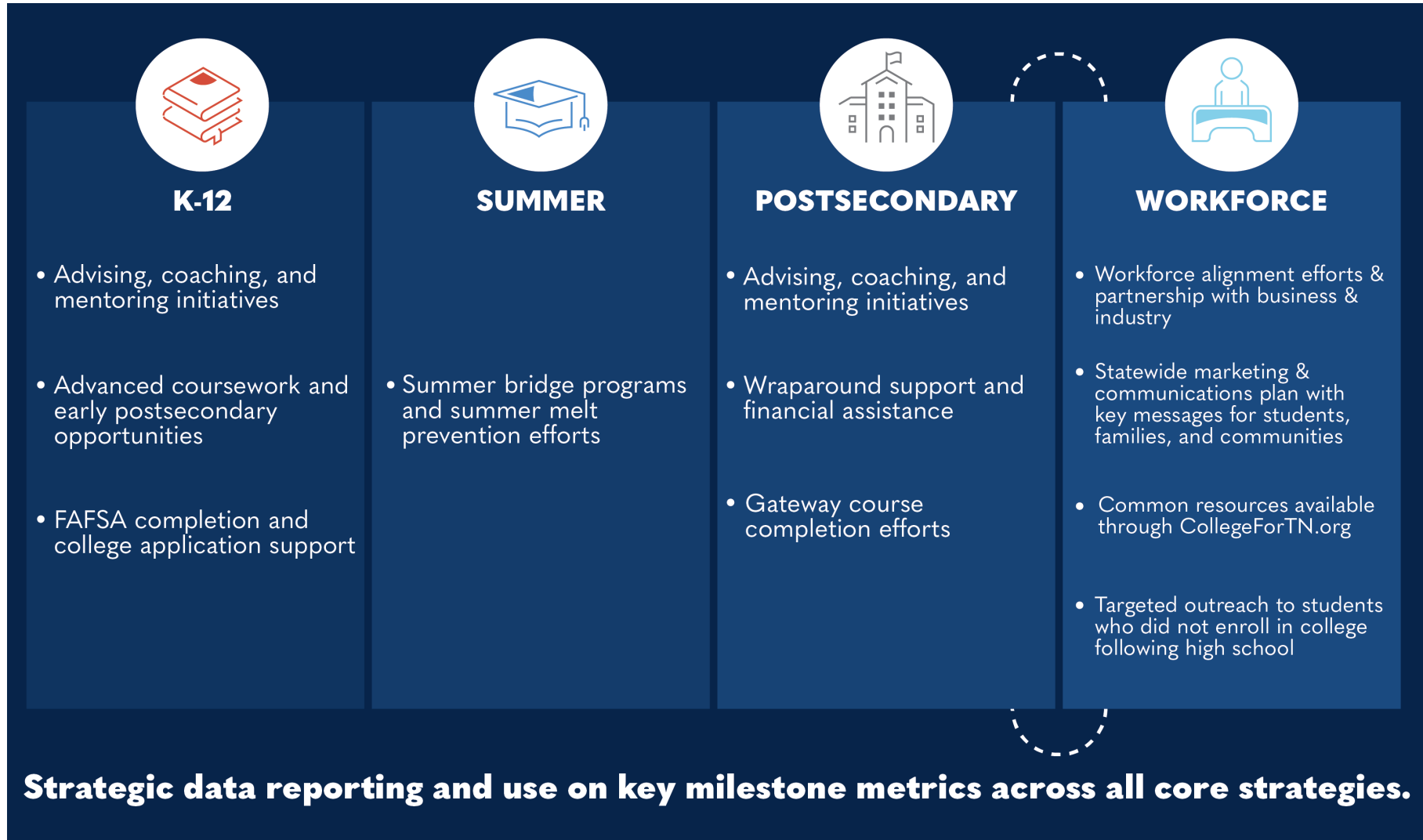
➤ tnAchieves Class of 2021 Survey:

- Perceived costs and desire to work
- Value proposition of higher education

➤ *Continued feedback from students will be part of the planning process*

Core Strategies

Emerging priorities from stakeholder engagement process.





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