

# STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2 DEEP DIVE

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BINGHAMTON  
UNIVERSITY

**Provide a transformative learning community that prepares students for advanced education, careers and purposeful living.**



# 2026 SP2 goals and metrics

**Goal 1: Binghamton University has a dynamic and transformative learning community.**

Metric	Target
High Impact Practices (HIPs)	100% by 2026

**Goal 2: Undergraduates seeking graduate degrees are prepared for the challenges of graduate school; students are prepared to enter the workforce and successfully navigate their own career choices.**

Metric	Target
Placement rates	90% overall placement rate by 2026

# 2026 SP2 goals and metrics

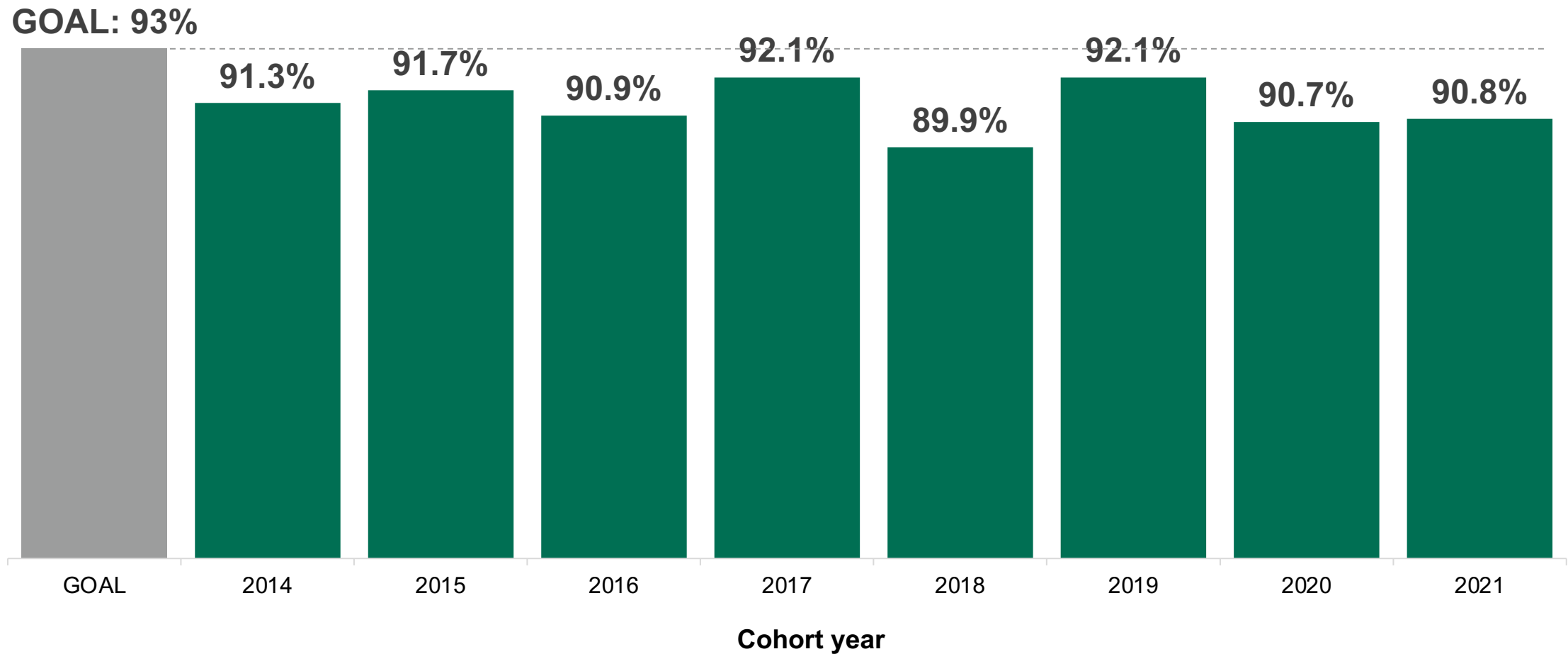
**Goal 3: Undergraduate students graduate in 4 years.**

	Metric	Target
<b>Retention</b>	1-year retention rate	93% by 2026
<b>Grad 4-year</b>	4-year graduation rate	75% by 2026
<b>Grad 6-year</b>	6-year graduation rate	85% by 2026





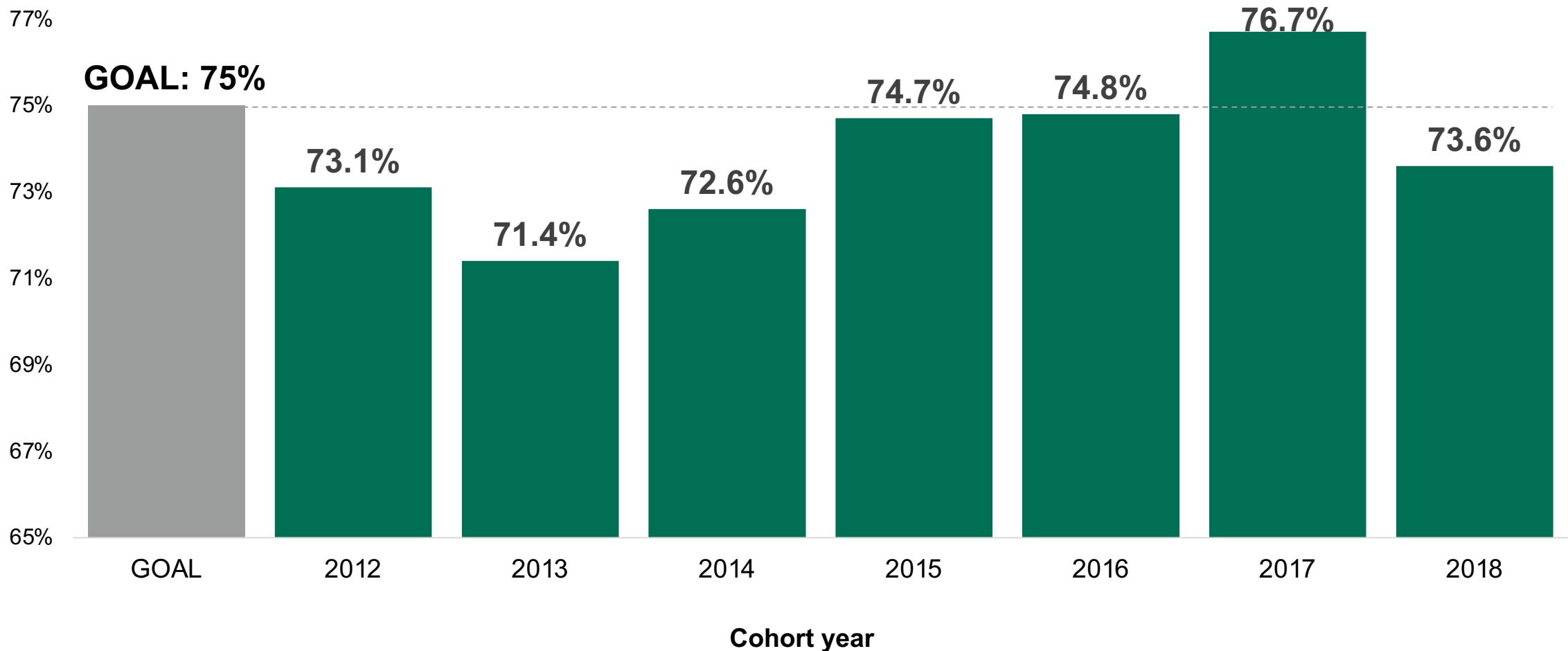
# First-year retention rate over time





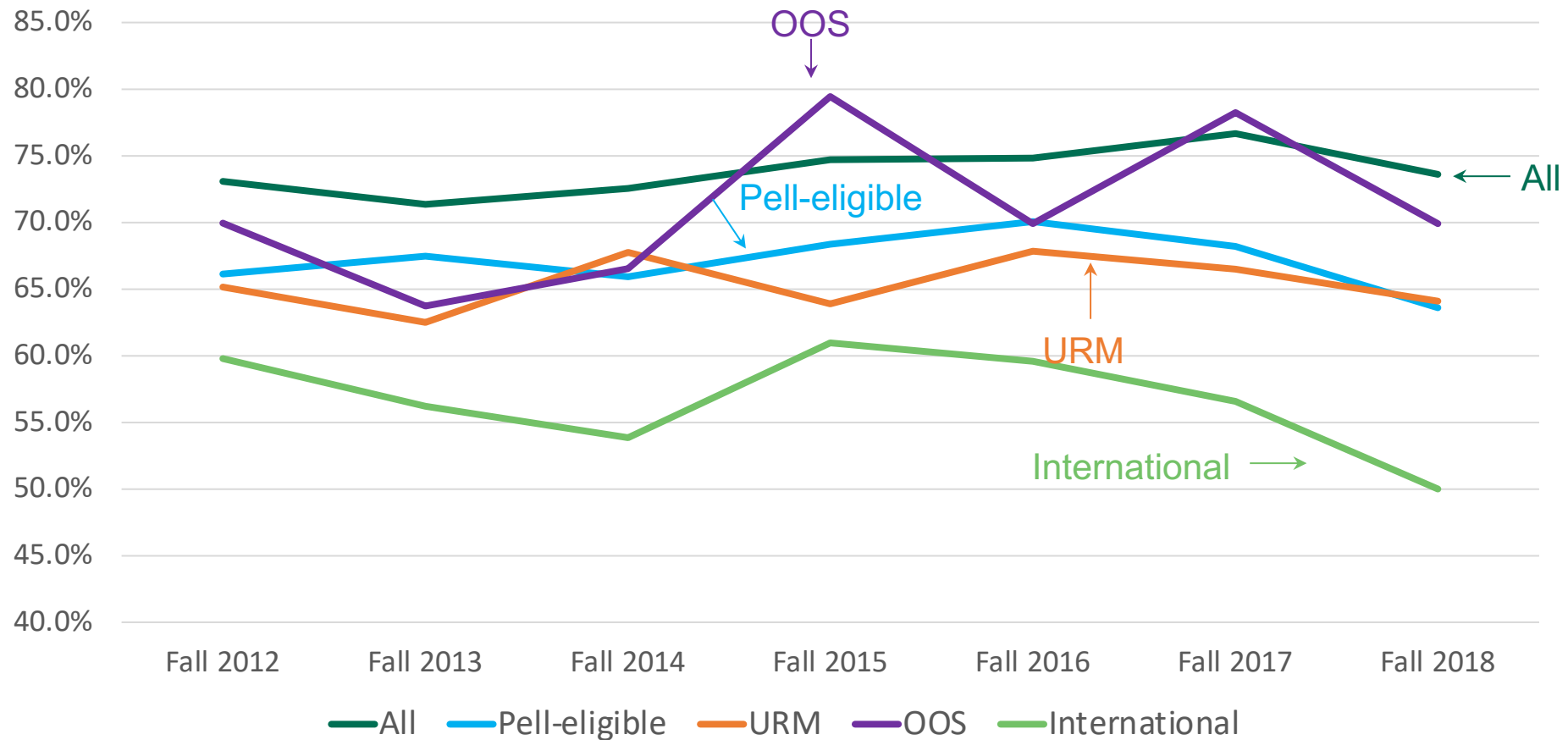


# 4-year graduation rate over time





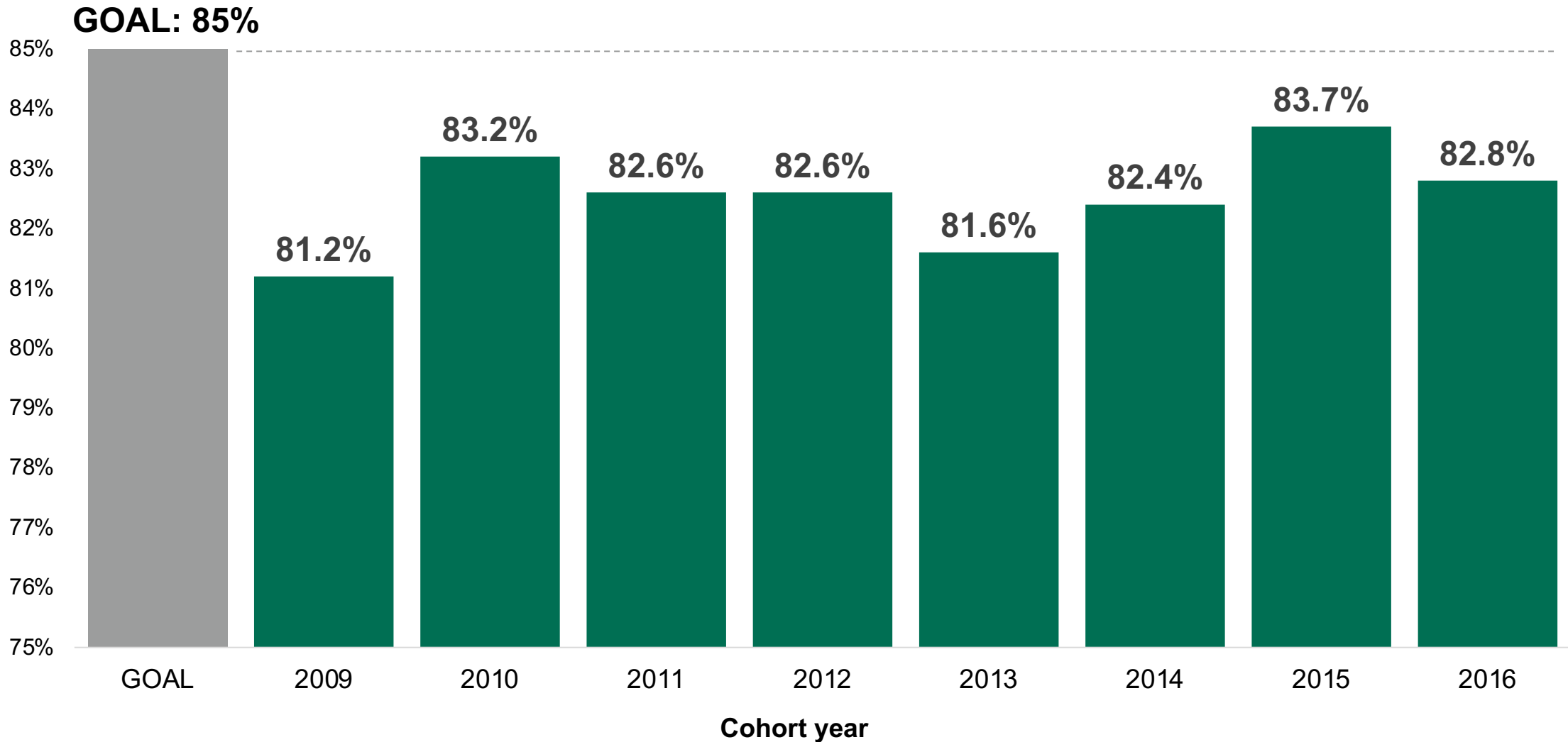
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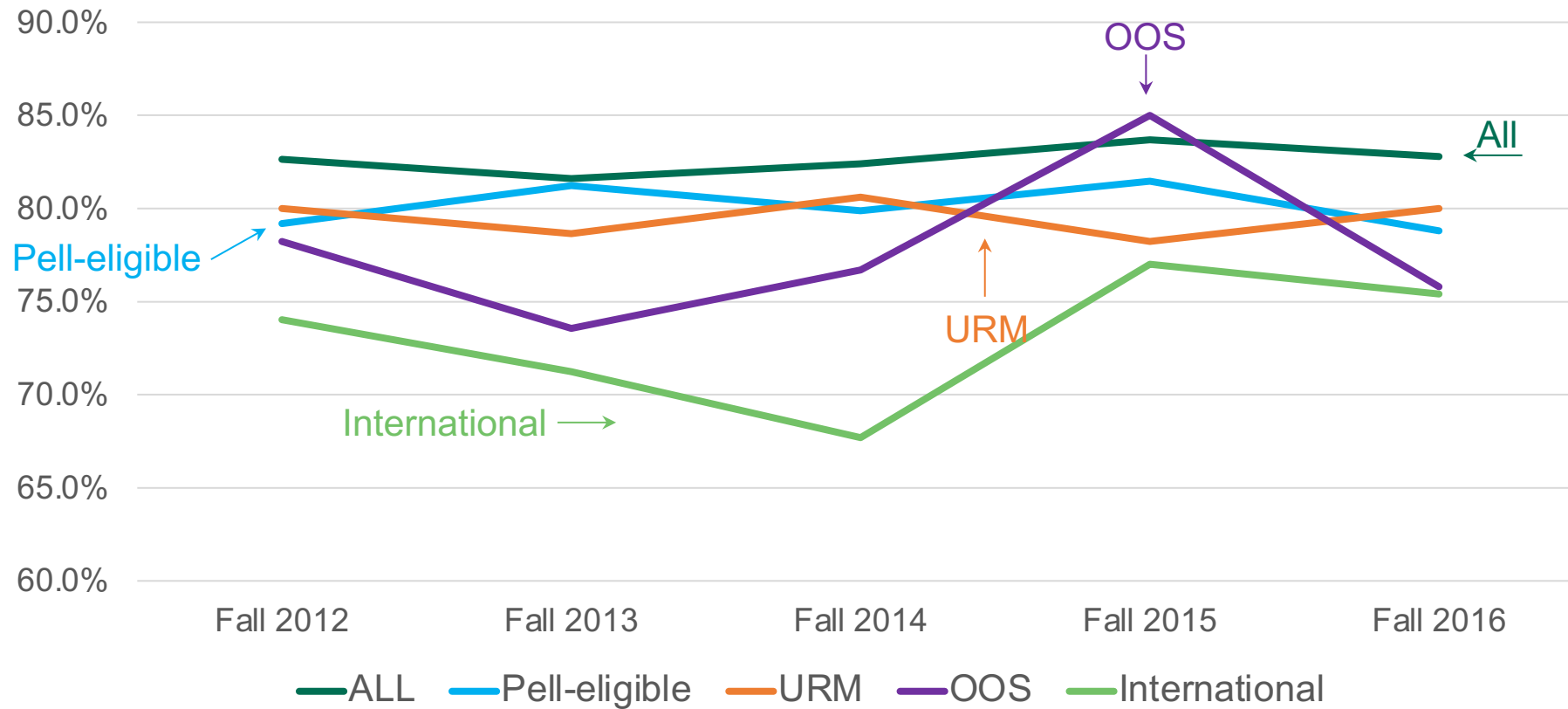


# 6-year graduation rate over time



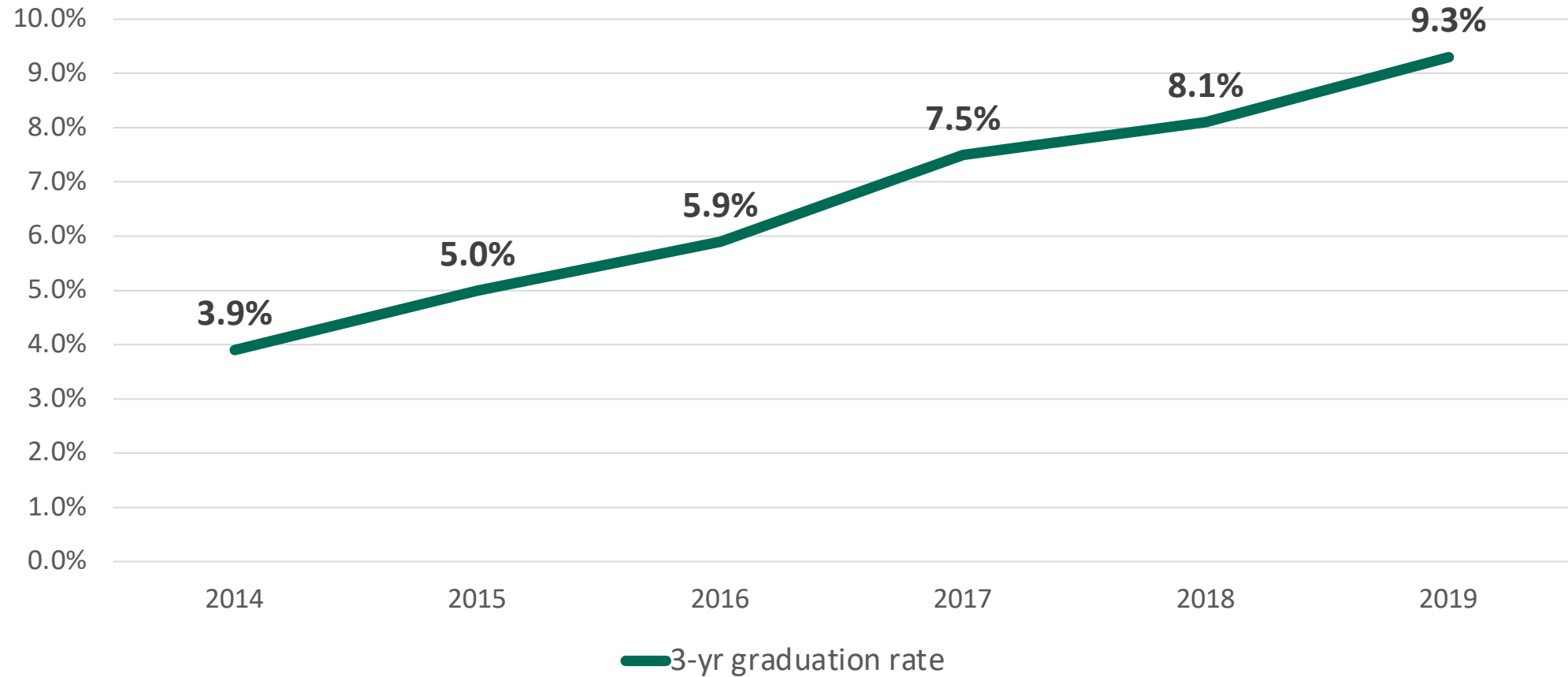


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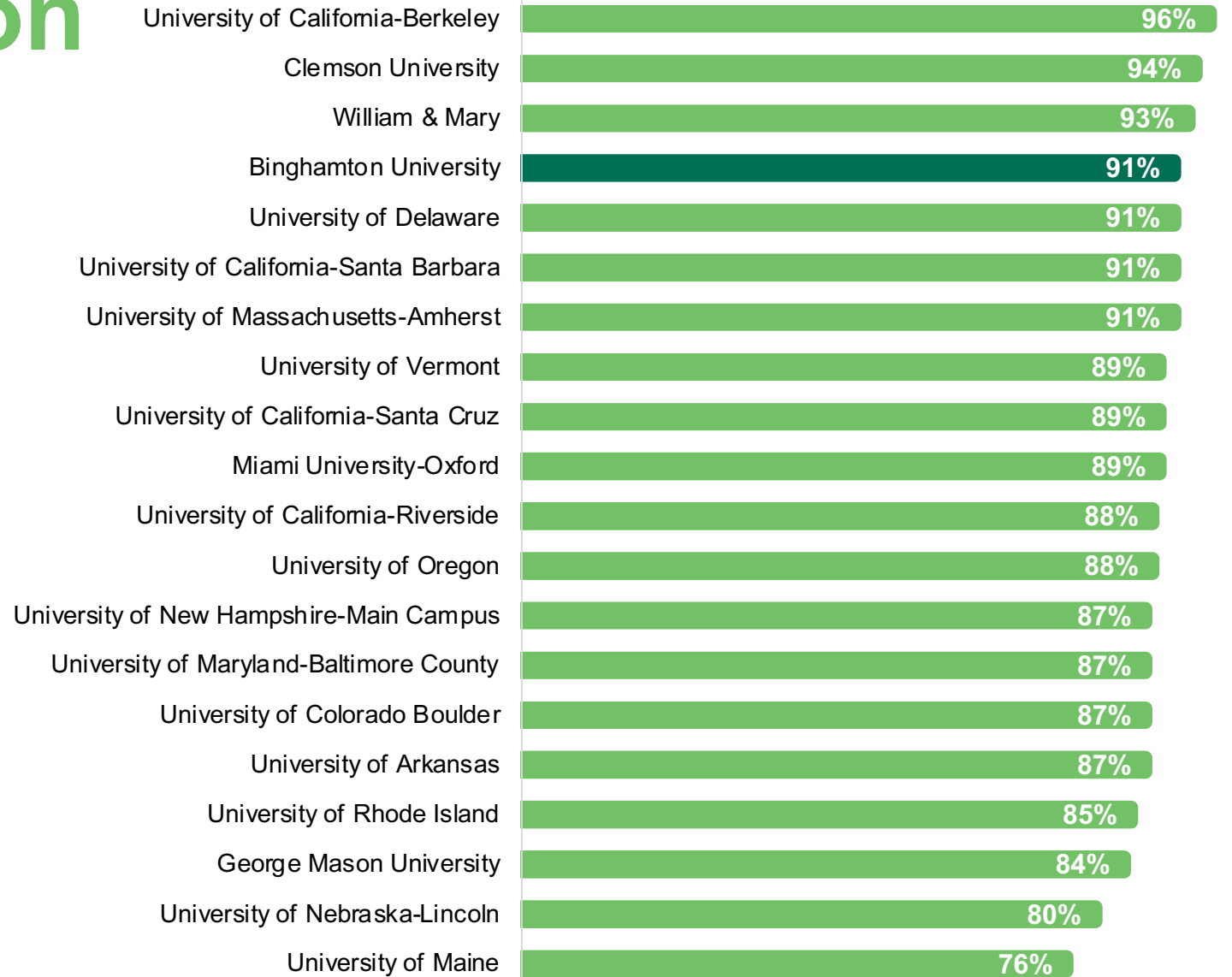


# 3-yr graduation rate over time



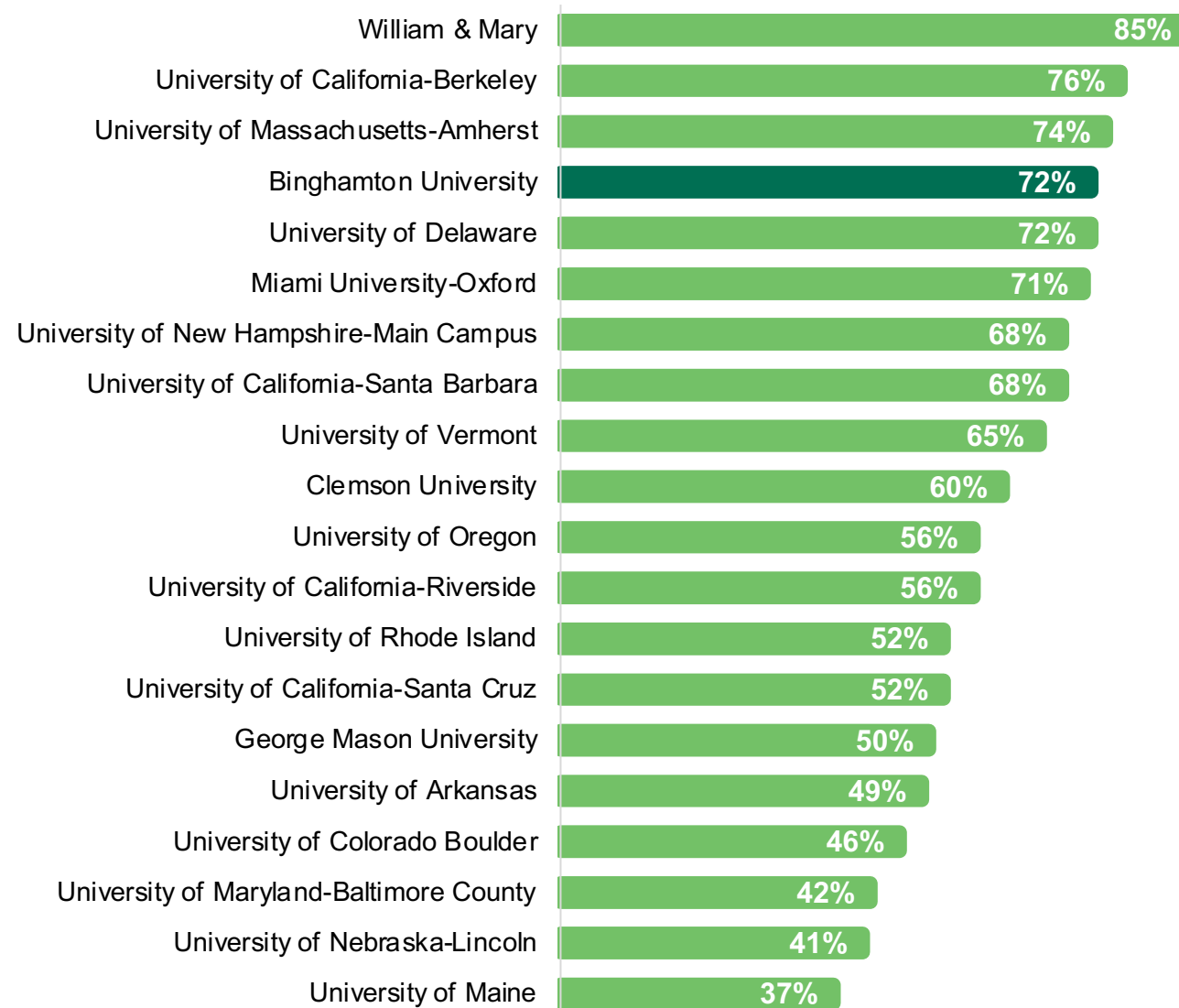
# Peer comparison

## Full-time retention rate in comparison to US NEWS Peer Institutions



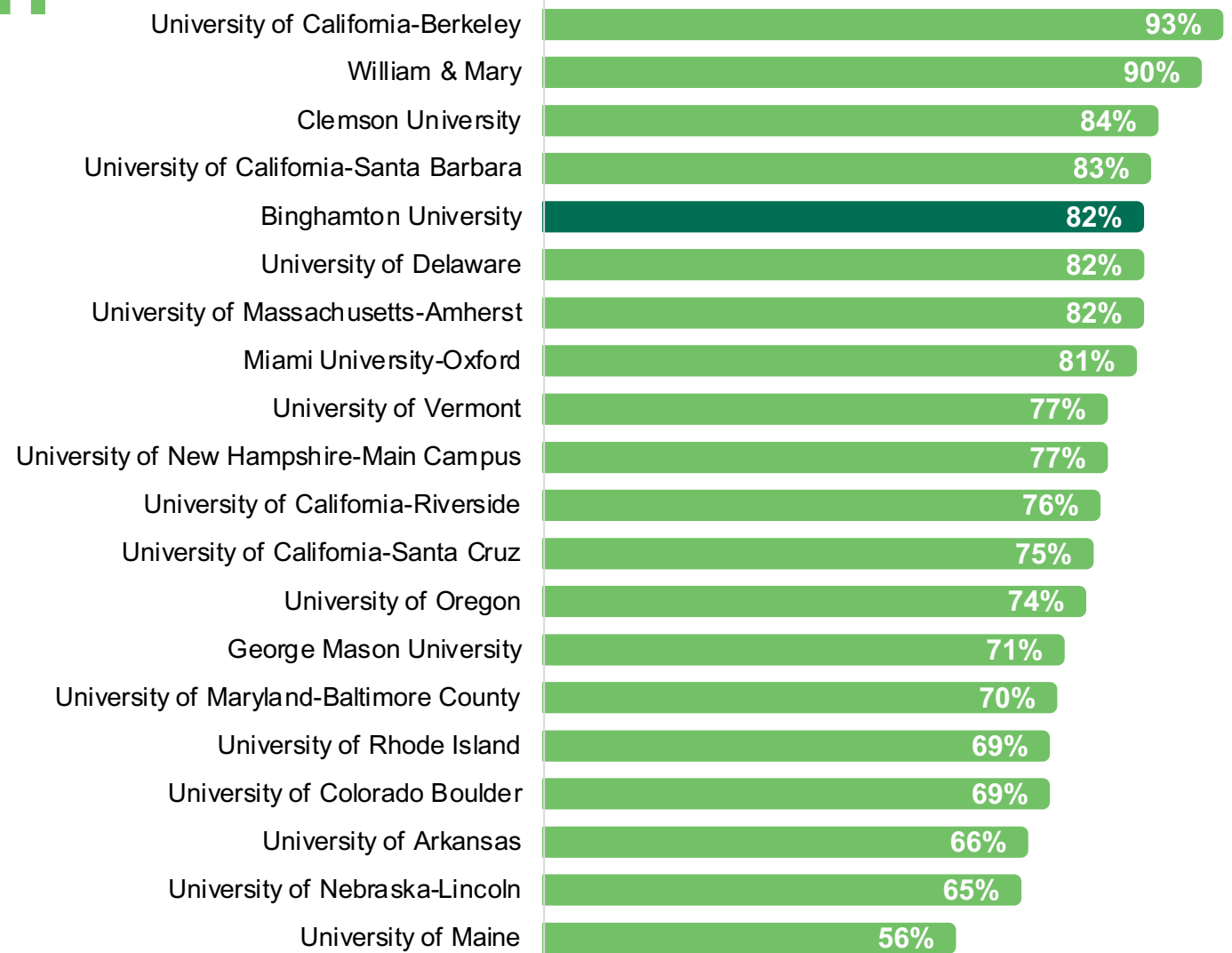
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## Four-year graduation rate in comparison to US NEWS Peer Institutions



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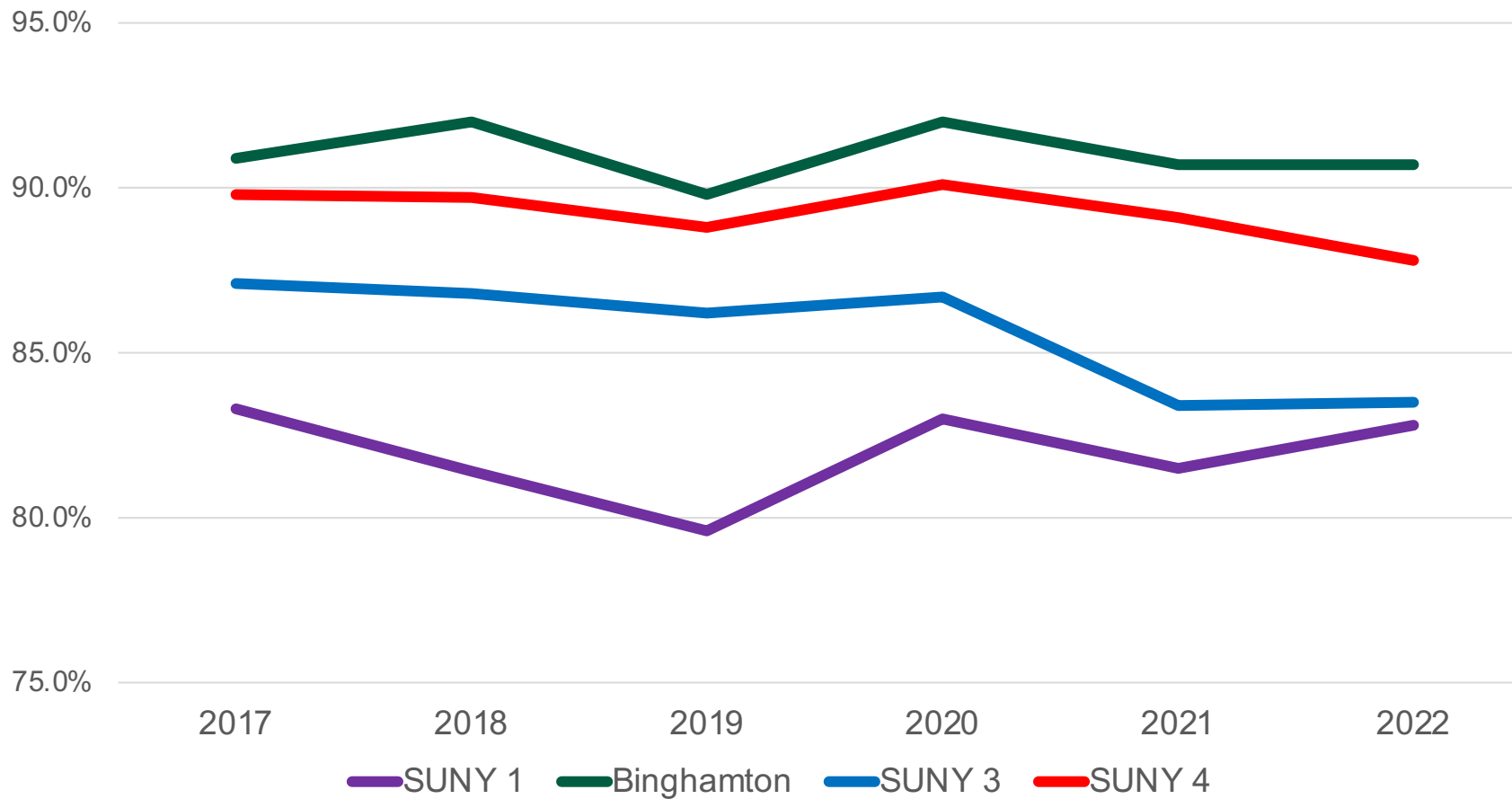
## Six-year graduation rate in comparison to US NEWS Peer Institutions





# SUNY Center comparisons

## 1-yr retention rates for 2020 cohort

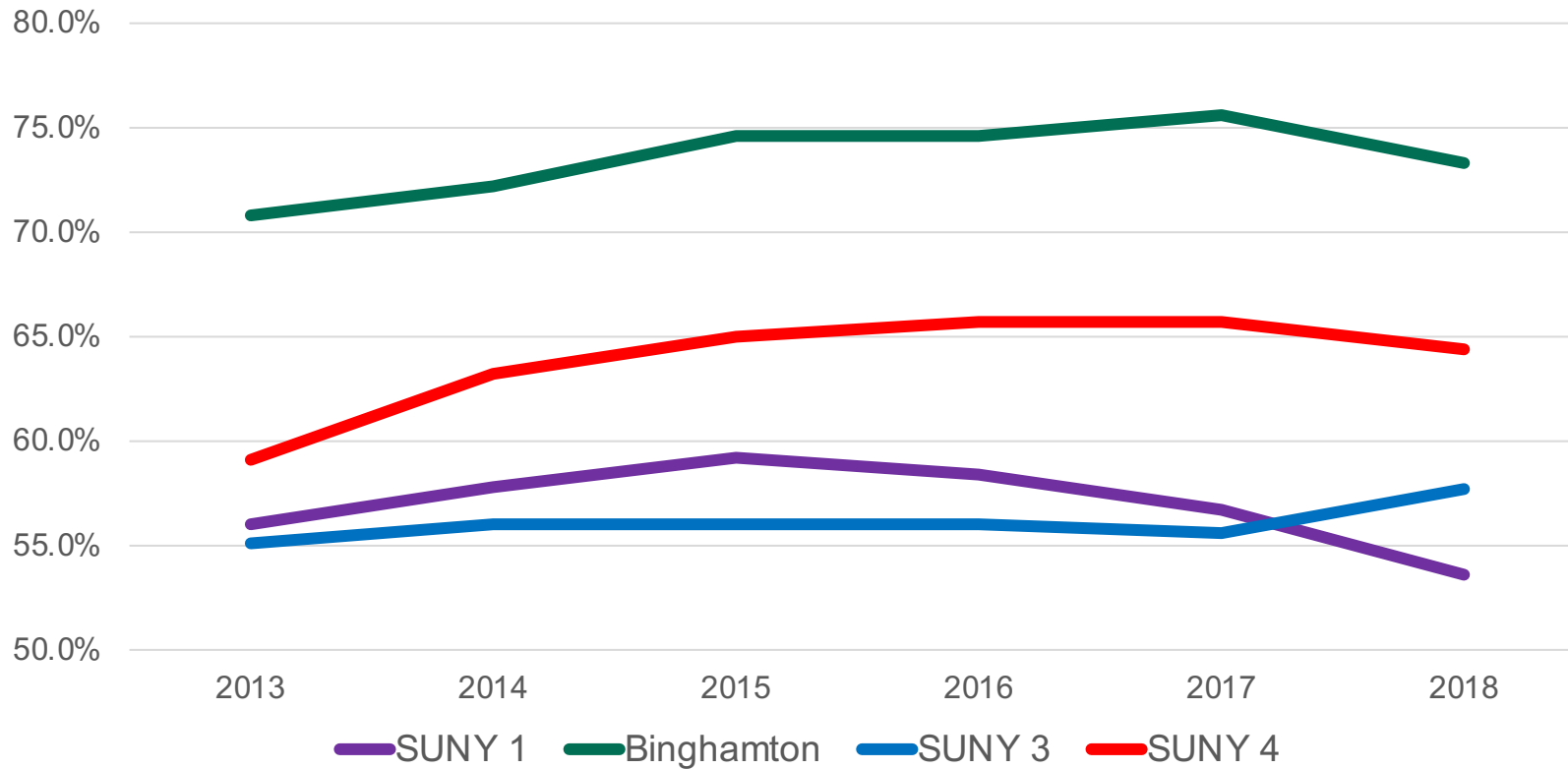


Source: SUNY BI  
SUNY 2020 avg: 79.3%



# SUNY Center comparisons

## 4-yr graduation rates



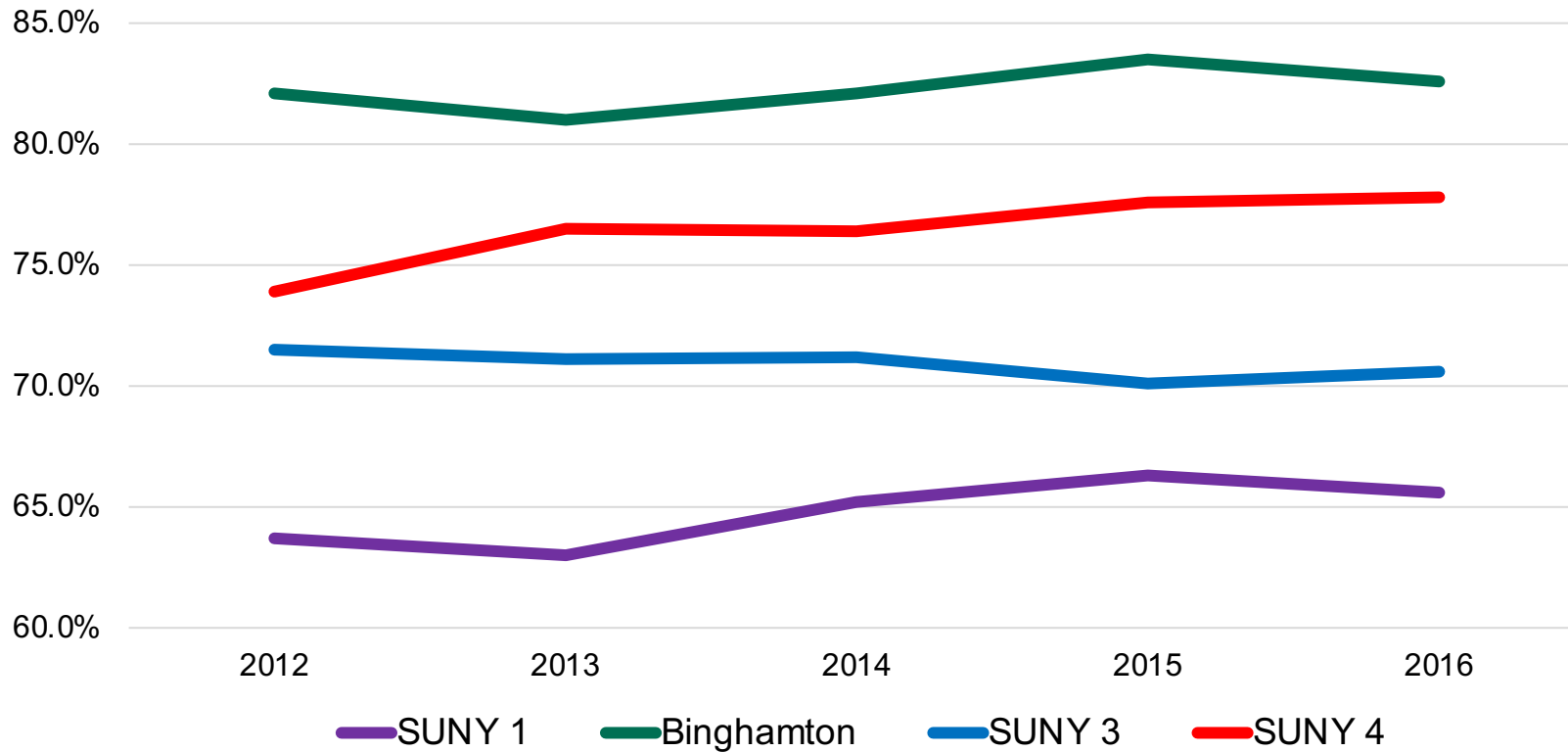
Source: SUNY BI  
SUNY 2020 avg: 56.1%





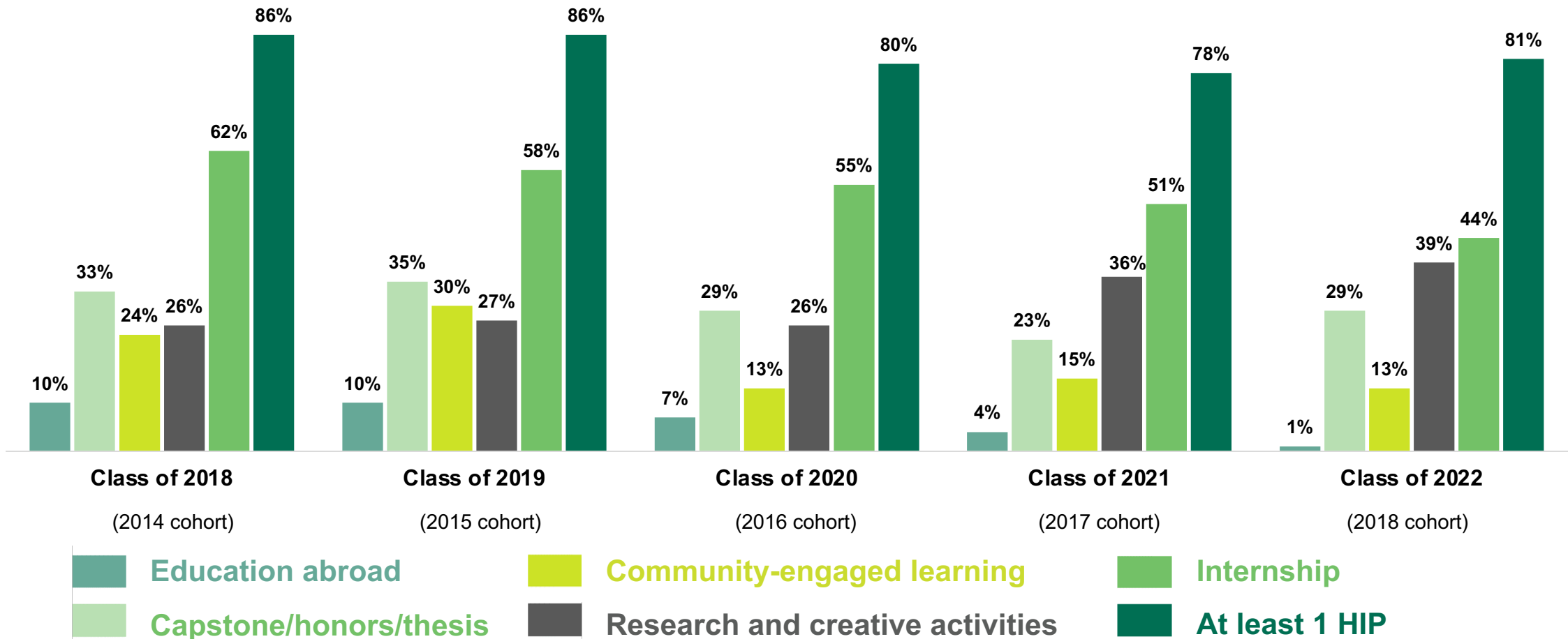
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## 6-yr graduation rates



Source: SUNY BI  
SUNY 2020 avg: 67.8%

# High-impact practices (HIP) by type over time



# Non-participants

19% of the class of 2022 **did not participate in a HIP** before graduating.

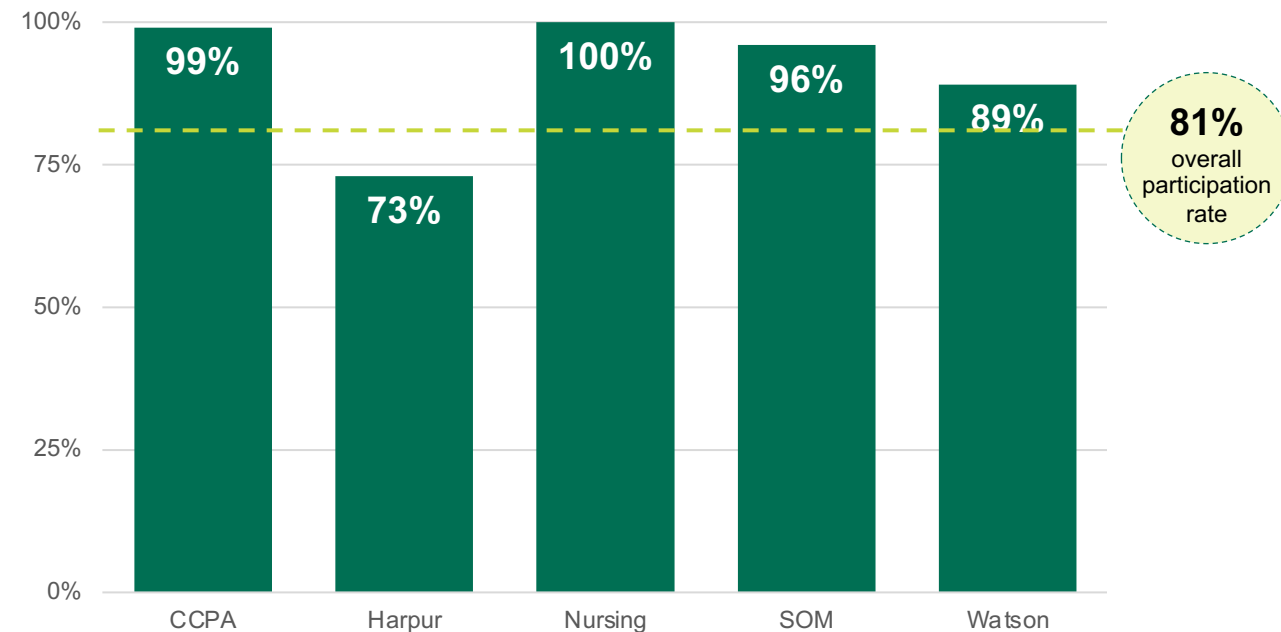
Non-participants were:

- More likely to be in Harpur College (88% of non-participants)
- More likely to be transfers and male
- Less likely to be student employees and attend University events
- Similarly likely to participate in student organizations

HIP participation rates for URM students were **similar** to rates for non-URM students

- slightly less likely to participate in internships and capstones

## Participation rate by school/college



Economics students account for over 20% of all non-participants and 25% of Harpur College non-participants

# Student employment as a HIP

## HIP components

- High expectations
- Investment of time and effort
- Relationships with faculty and peers
- Experience with diversity
- Teamwork opportunities
- Solving real-world problems
- Frequent, timely, constructive feedback
- Reflection

## New Fleishman Career Center initiative

Core focus: skills students can gain and reflection

Student  
Employment Grants

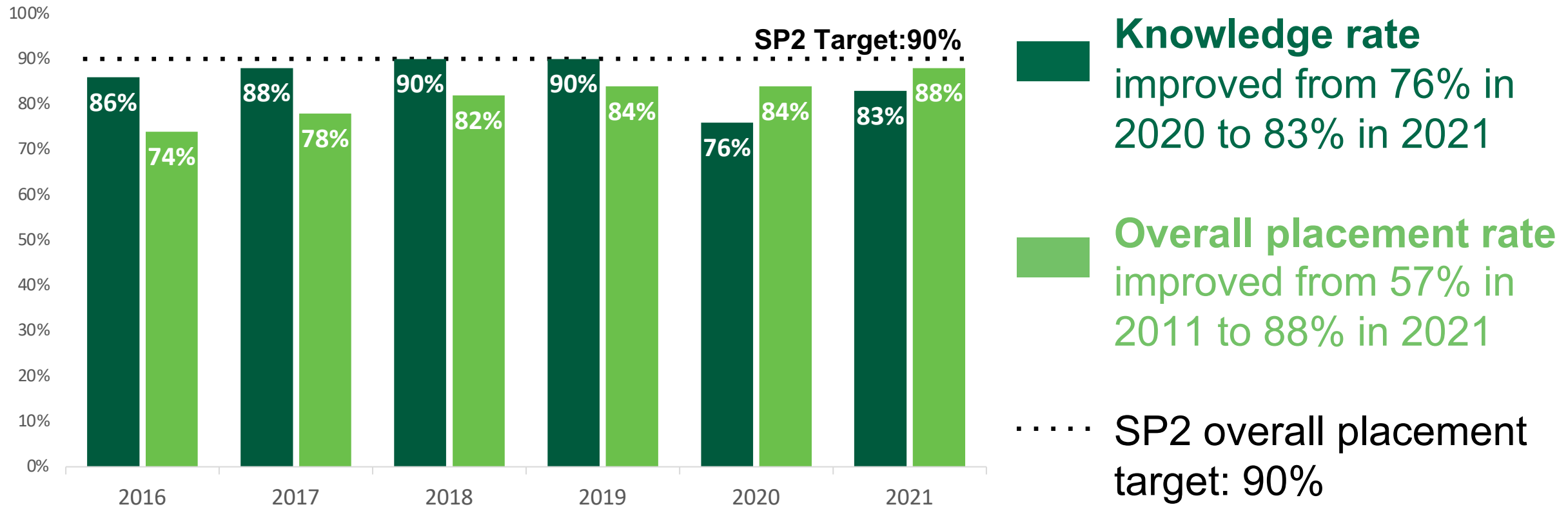
**SkillsSurvey tool**  
(career readiness skill  
feedback for students and  
supervisors to use)

Spring Student  
Employment Fair

**Next phase:**  
Supervisor training, large  
group student trainings

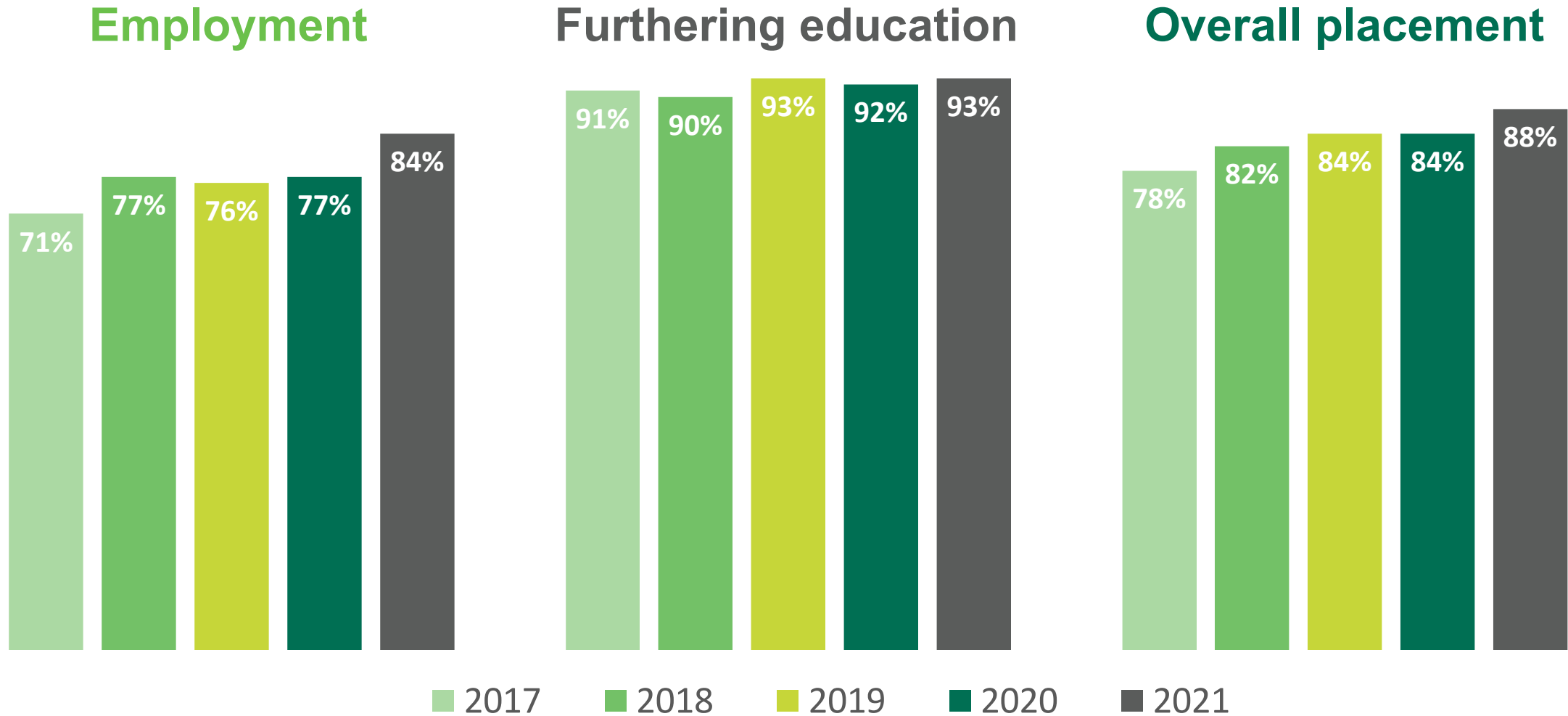


# Knowledge and placement rates over time



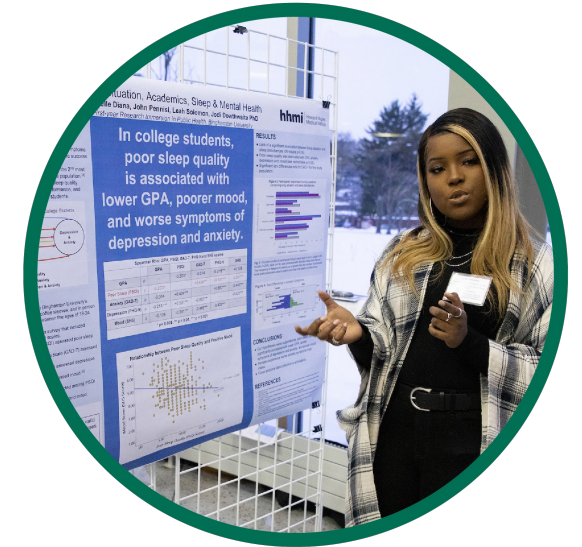


# Placement by type



# SP2 health metric

**Goal:** Binghamton University will prepare students for success by providing opportunities for students to develop healthy lifestyles that support continuous and resilient well-being.



# Student persistence

More than **three-quarters** of bachelor's degree students who have considered dropping out in the past six months cite emotional stress as the reason. That's a **34% increase** from 2020.

*Which of the following describes why you considered stopping your coursework? Select all that apply.*

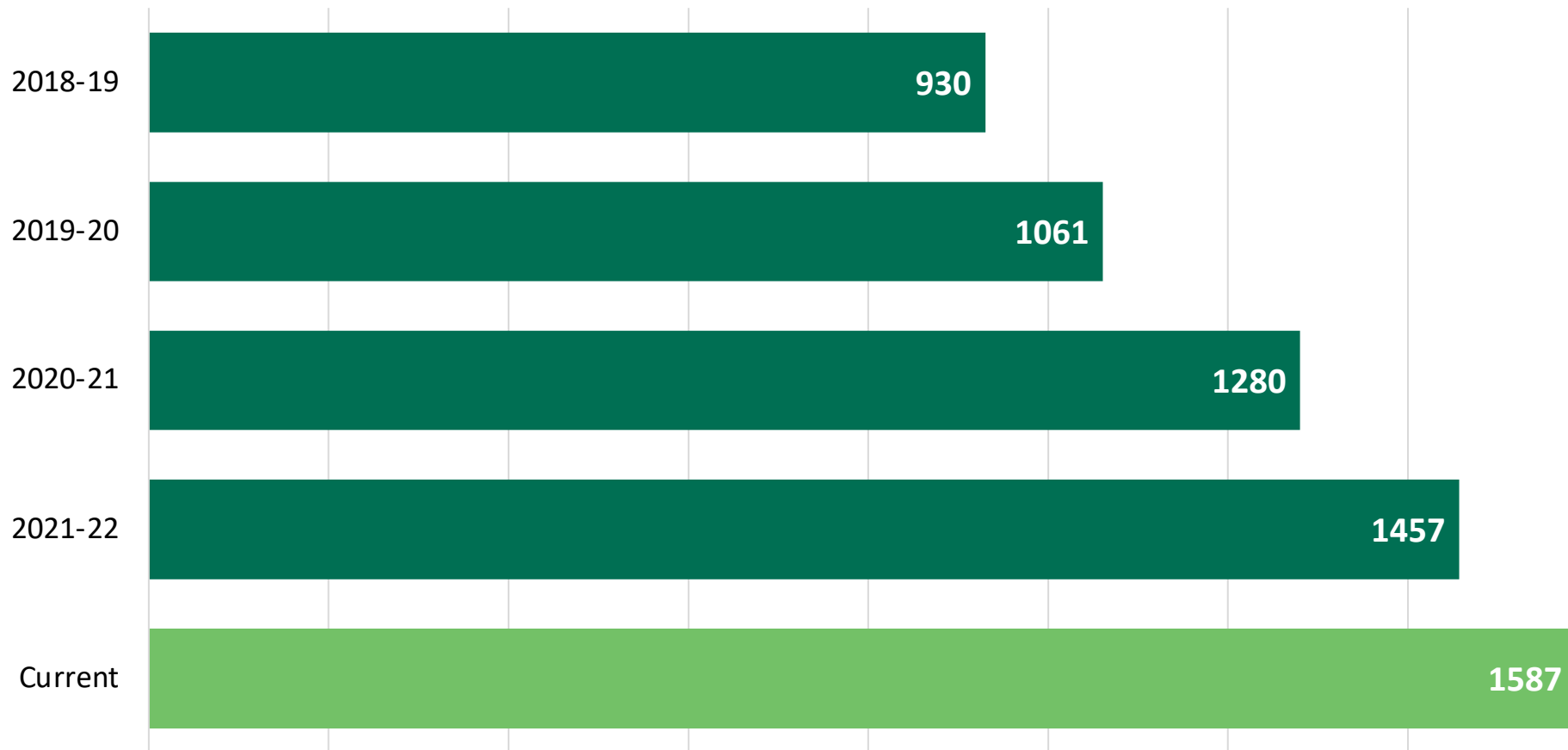
	Bachelor's degree	Change from 2020	Associate degree	Change from 2020
Emotional stress	76%	+34%	63%	+39%
COVID-19	33%	-18%	33%	+6%
Cost of attendance	36%	+3%	31%	+6%
Coursework too difficult	34%	+17%	24%	+10%



# Services for Student with Disabilities

## Trends

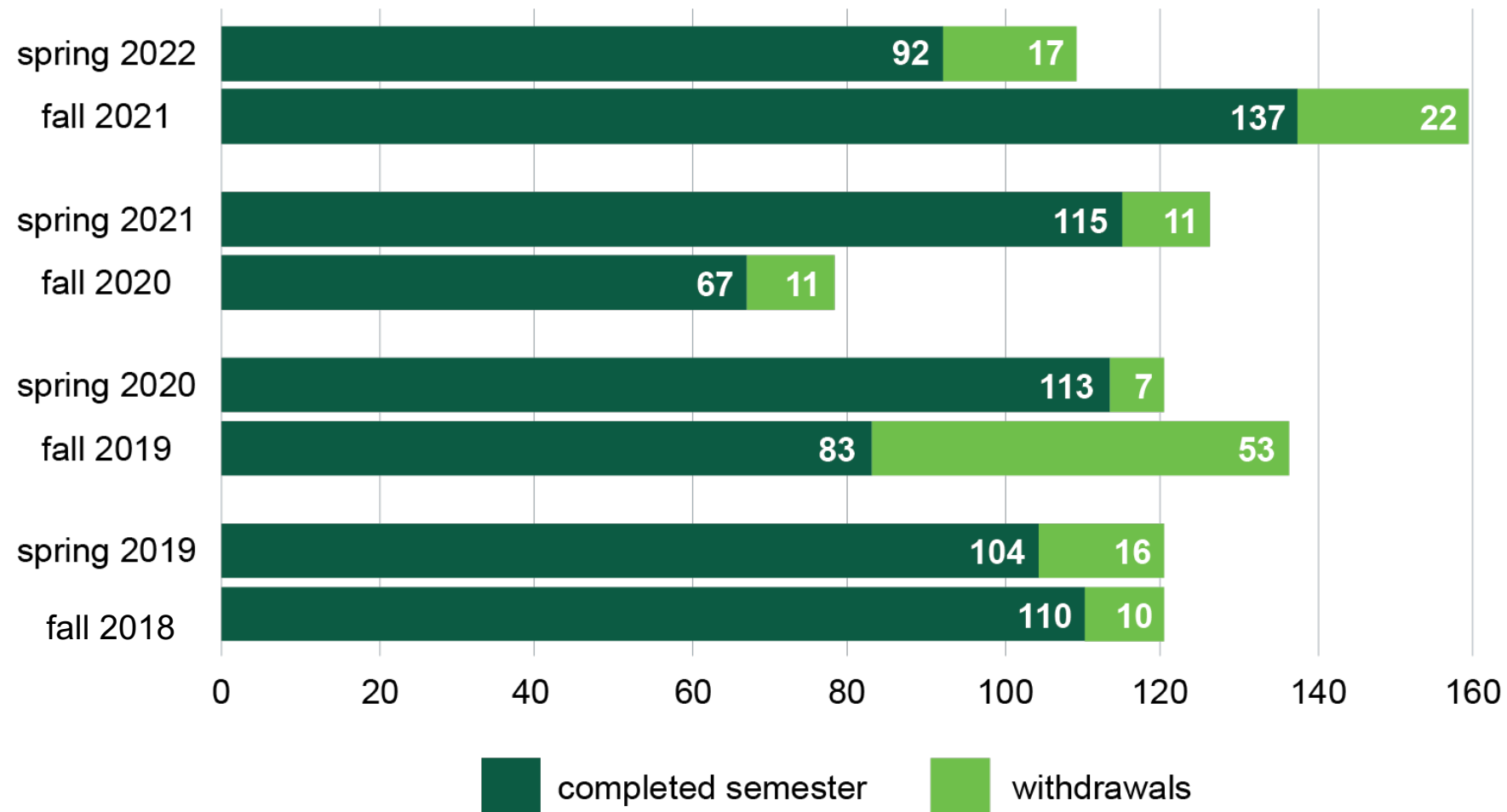
Students registered with SSD



~9%  
total student  
population



# Students of Concern (SOC) committee case outcomes



# Measuring success (return on investment)

- Change in approach to national benchmarking — moving from individual health status/practices to institutional culture around wellness
- Custom tool with cohort design
- **Constructs of interest** — Emotional well-being; social connection; supporting a culture of care; resiliency

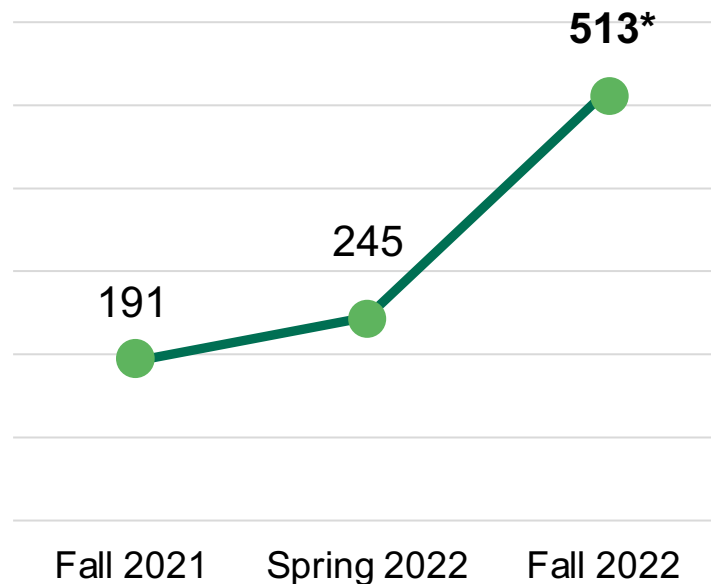


# Reignite Road Map funds

## Success Coaching

Professional and peer Success Coaches support student learning through personalized one-on-one appointments. We focus our empowering questions on the student's learning, who they are and how they have experienced campus.

### Appointments held



\*Does not include 400 additional Success Team appointments

### Success Coaching partnerships

#### Individual appointments

- Student Records: Academic Success Program
- SOM: Transformational Leadership Program (course requirement)
- SOM: probation
- Watson: academic probation

#### Class assignments

- UNIV 101: 23 sections with assigned peer for each class
- HARP 201: 5 sections
- CDCI 200: 3 sections

### Next steps:

- Engage all first-year students in success coaching services
- Promote success coaching from a growth perspective for students
- Expand offerings to student leadership development (i.e. Student Association, student employees)
- Continue to collect testimonial insights from participants

# Reignite Road Map funds

## UNIV 101 “Success Team” pilot

- Students registered for UNIV 101/103 had an **assigned Peer Success Coach and Senior Peer Consultant** for fall 2022 (23 sections)
- Fewer sections but **22% increase in enrollment** from fall 2021
- **400 additional** success coaching appointments (included an intro meeting, success coaching, strengths-based coaching and career coaching appointments)

*“I really love the fact this class is offered to new students at Binghamton University. Coming into college is a very nerve-wracking thing to go through, as you are unaware of the expectations that will be placed on you as a student. However, being in this class definitely eased my anxiety towards this new environment and has helped me find my place here at Binghamton University.”*

– UNIV 101 student in FYPSC-linked section

# Reignite Road Map funds

## Fall 2022 Supplemental Instruction (SI)

**Total session attendance: 1,380\***

**16 sessions/week in 8 content areas**

- BIO 113; PYSC 111, 220, 243; PHYS 121; CS 140, 240, 373

## Feature: computer science partnership

- Development of four SI sessions
- CS recruits and pays position
- STS leads the training/logistics of SI leader

\*Numbers are self-reported by students attending SI sessions.

Feedback from fall 2022  
SI attendee survey:

*“SI helped my grade tremendously. I attended the second session hoping to increase my grade from the first test and it clearly did. SI gave me the perfect way of studying, which I used for test three, and I saw an increase in that score as well.”*

# Early Alert Initiative and retention implications for students

Probationary status as a key leading indicator





# Graduation rates for students who have been on probation (excludes EOP)

First-year cohort	# in cohort	# on probation	Probation 4-year grad %	Overall 4-year grad %		Probation 5-year grad %	Overall 5-year grad %		Probation 6-year grad %	Overall 6-year grad %
Fall 2016	2,643	266	27.3%	74.8%		39.5%	81.6%		39.5%	82%
Fall 2017	2,673	261	26.5%	77.0%		35.3%	82.6%			
Fall 2018	2,909	219	17.3%	73.8%						

\*Probation was not calculated at the end of the spring 2020 semester



# At-risk enrollment — spring 2023

Cohort	# in cohort	Probation (current or previous)	Anticipated attrition	% points lost toward 4-year grad rate
Fall 2019	2,896	198	148	5.1%
Fall 2020	2,859	211	158	5.5%
Fall 2021	3,083	175	131	4.2%
Fall 2022	3,106	158	119	3.8%

	Cumulative GPA between 2 and 2.5 with fall term GPA < 2.0
At risk of probation	150 enrolled / 29 not enrolled

- All first-time probation students in Harpur College are invited to the HARP program (successful completion leads to removal of the probation status)
- 164 students have scheduled appointments to meet with the new Academic Success Advisor within Enrollment Management

# B-Successful: Early Alerts

## Courses with raised alerts

<b>5,430</b>	<b>Total alerts raised</b>	<b>Change from fall 2021 – 1,124 alerts</b>
<b>2,431</b>	Kudos	<b>-634 alerts</b>
<b>1,805</b>	Medium level: Attendance or class participation concern, low quiz or exam score, late or missing assignments, etc.	<b>+526 alerts</b>
<b>1,194</b>	High level: In danger of failing – student not attending or poor course performance — overall decline in performance, etc.	<b>-1,016 alerts</b>

# Early Alerts: Student information

Students who had (X) courses with a medium or high alert	0	1	2	3	4	5	
First-year	2,423	532	117	28	4	0	3,104



# Early Alerts: Outcomes

	A/A-	B+/B/B-	C+/C/C-	D	F	W	P
No alert				761	713		

## Among the students who had no alert raised:

- 1,343 unique students received a D or F (288 first-year students)
  - 15 degree candidates
  - 279 students are on probation (89 first-year students)
    - 61 students did not enroll for the spring semester (19 first-year students)
  - 59 of these students were suspended after the semester
  - 88 students in good standing did not enroll spring 2023 (4 first-year students)

# Going forward

## Developing a teaching metric

- Measure teaching activities and course development using evidenced-based practice
- Leverage the support available at the CLT and other sources
- More comprehensive approach to improvement of teaching using student and peer feedback as well as self reflection
- Examples may include instructor “refresh” workshops on syllabus review, learning objectives, assessments, latest tech developments

## Joint FSEC — Provost Office task force on teaching evaluation

- Useful and appropriate student feedback
- Delivery methods and response rates
- Challenges with bias
- Embracing the wide scope of teaching in various disciplines and instructional delivery modalities

# SP2 Takeaways

- Binghamton **compares very favorably to peers** with respect to traditional measures of student success
- Binghamton is not immune to the **national trend of post-pandemic decline** in student outcomes
- **Early identification** of students needing support is critical to our success (probation can be “too late”)
- We have developed a **comprehensive suite of initiatives** (academic support, experiential learning, health and well-being services)
- **Broader engagement** in early identification and steering students to support will determine our success in maintaining our position and meeting the even higher future goals we have set