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Accredited Degree Program Growth and Attrition

- Steady growth in the number of accredited Undergraduate (UG) and Graduate (G) Degree Programs has leveled since 2015, with a current total of 36 EHAC Accredited Degree Programs (25 Undergraduate and 11 Graduate Degree Programs).
- Newly accredited programs at the University of Pittsburgh:
    - Master of Public Environmental and Occupational Health and University of Washington:
    - Master of Science in Environmental Health Sciences - Applied
    - Master of Science in Environmental Health Sciences
    - Master of Public Health in Environmental Health Sciences

Undergraduate and Graduate Enrollment

- UG enrollment continued to decline from 2022-2023 to 2023-2024.
- Graduate enrollment rose by fifty students from in the last year.

Undergraduate and Graduate Graduation Rates

- UG graduation numbers continued a decline in 2023-2024 from a peak of 363 in 2018-2019. However, a slight increase is predicted for 2024-2025.
- Graduate graduation numbers fell again in 2023-2024 but, a slight increase is also predicted for next year for graduate programs.

Undergraduate and Graduate Graduation Employment

- The majority of UG and Graduates are working in the private sector. The majority for Graduate students in the private sector is higher than for Undergraduates.
- The majority of both Undergraduates and Graduates working in the public sector were reported at local agencies.
- Large majorities of both UGs and Graduates are working in Occupational Health and Safety, followed by Environmental Consulting and Remediation.

Undergraduate and Graduate On-Campus Recruitment Techniques

- UG Degree Programs again reported “Students recruiting other students” as the most successful on-campus recruitment tool in 2023-2024.

Undergraduate and Graduate Off-Campus Recruitment Techniques

- UG Degree Programs again reported the most success recruiting students off-campus using person to person contacts, participation in career day events, and Alumni visits.
- Graduate Degree Programs continued to find the most success for off-campus recruiting via person-to-person contact, graduate fairs, and community-university partnerships.

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EHAC Accredited Programs as of October 1, 2024 –

- 34 Total Undergraduate and Graduate Degree Programs
  - 25 Undergraduate Degree Programs
  - 11 Graduate Degree Programs
- Legend:
  - Yellow - reaccrediting in 2025

EHAC Accredited Institution	Program	Next Review	Iniatial Accreditation Date
Baylor University	Undergrad	2028	2010
Baylor University	Graduate	2028	2022
Benedict College	Undergrad	2029	2004
California State University, Northridge	Undergrad	2026	1973
California State University, Northridge	Graduate	2026	1979
California State University at San Bernardino	Undergrad	2025	2004
Central Michigan University	Undergrad	2025	2013
Colorado State University	Undergrad	2028	1973
East Carolina University	Undergrad	2027	1974
East Carolina University	Graduate	2030	1981
East Central University, Okalahoma	Undergrad	2026	1975
East Tennessee State University	Undergrad	2025	1969
Eastern Kentucky University	Undergrad	2030	1985
Eastern Kentucky University	Graduate	2030	2012
Fort Valley State University	Graduate	2027	2015
Illinois State Univesity	Undergrad	2025	1977
Mississippi Valley State University	Graduate	2030	2005
Missouri Southern State University	Undergrad	2026	1996
Montana State University	Undergrad	2025	2019
Ohio University	Undergrad	2028	1992
Old Dominion University	Undergrad	2026	1983
State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry	Undergrad	2027	2017
Texas Southern University	Undergrad	2025	2006
University of Findlay	Undergrad	2030	2012
University of Findlay	Graduate	2030	2005
University of Georgia, Athens	Undergrad	2030	1984
University of Illinois, Springfield	Graduate	2025	2006
University of Pittsburgh	Graduate	2030	2024
University of Washington	Undergrad	2030	1976
University of Washington	Graduate	2030	2024
University of Wisconsin Eau Claire	Undergrad	2029	1975
University of Wisconsin Oshkosh	Undergrad	2026	2013
West Chester University	Undergrad	2026	2008
Western Carolina University	Undergrad	2029	1984
Western Kentucky University	Graduate	2026	2019
Western Kentucky University	Undergrad	2028	2022

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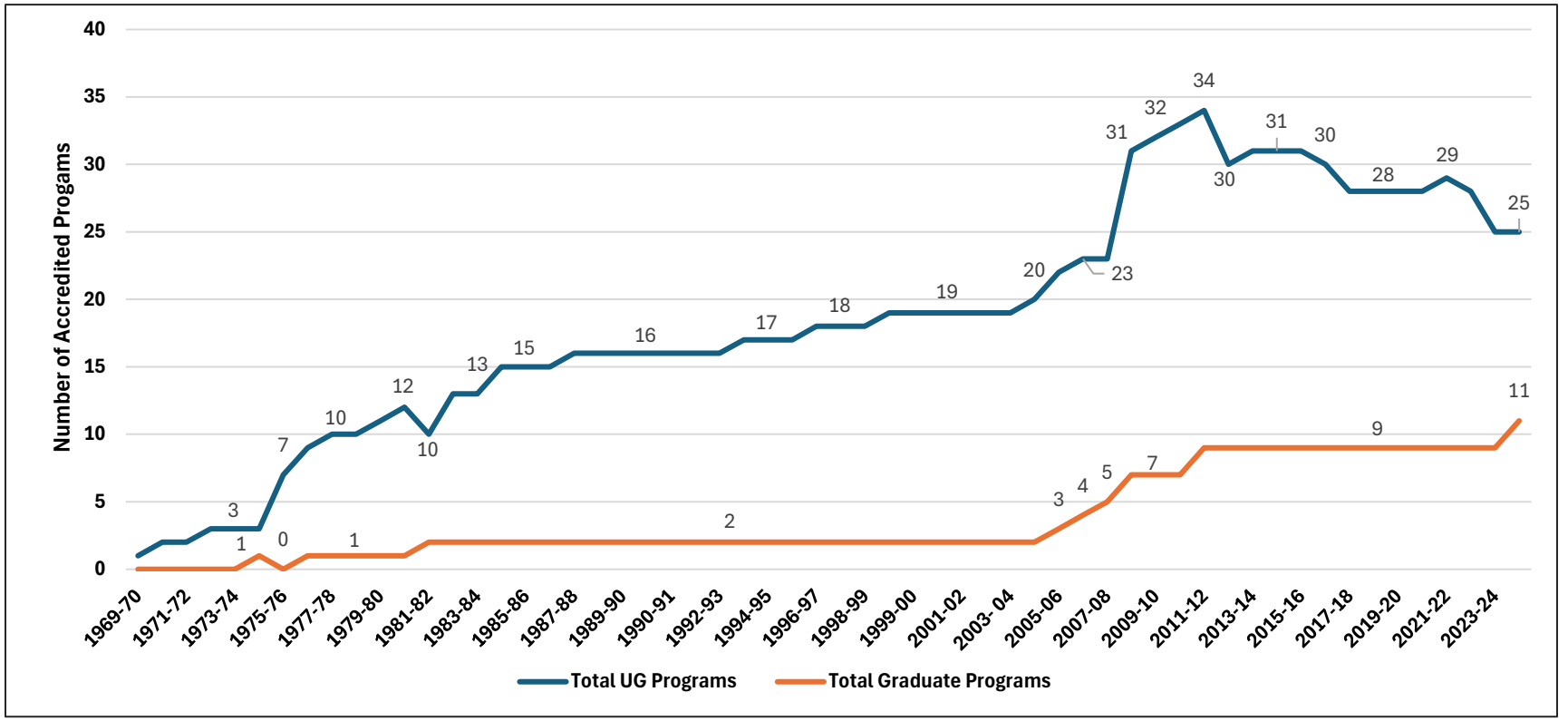

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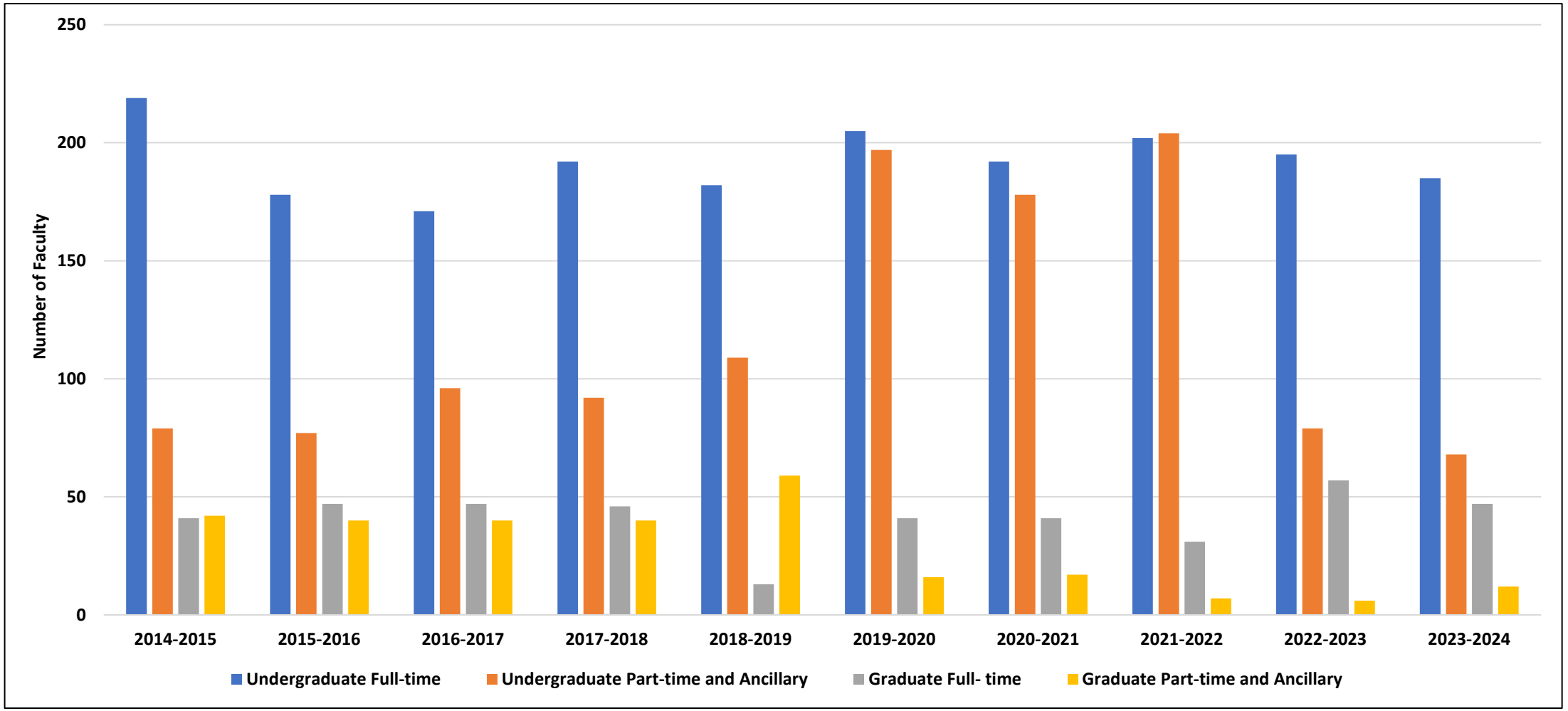

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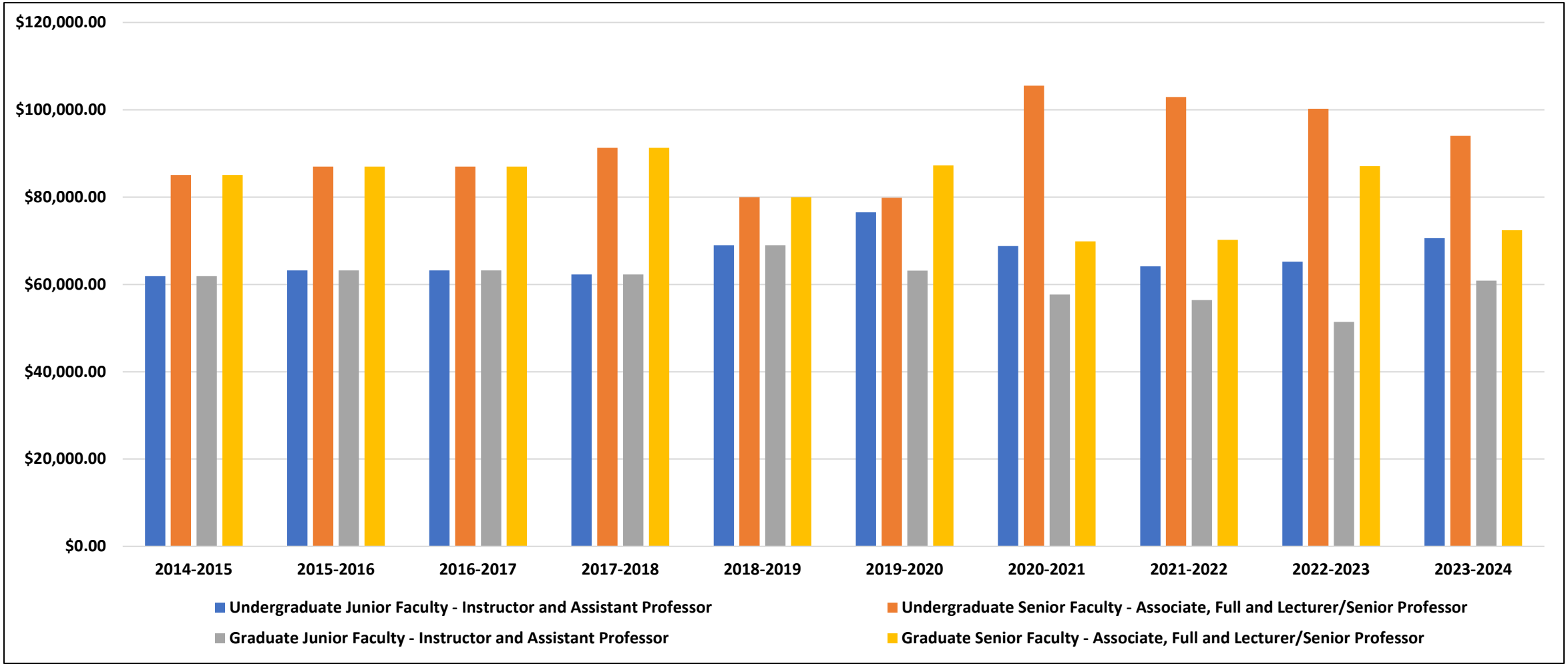

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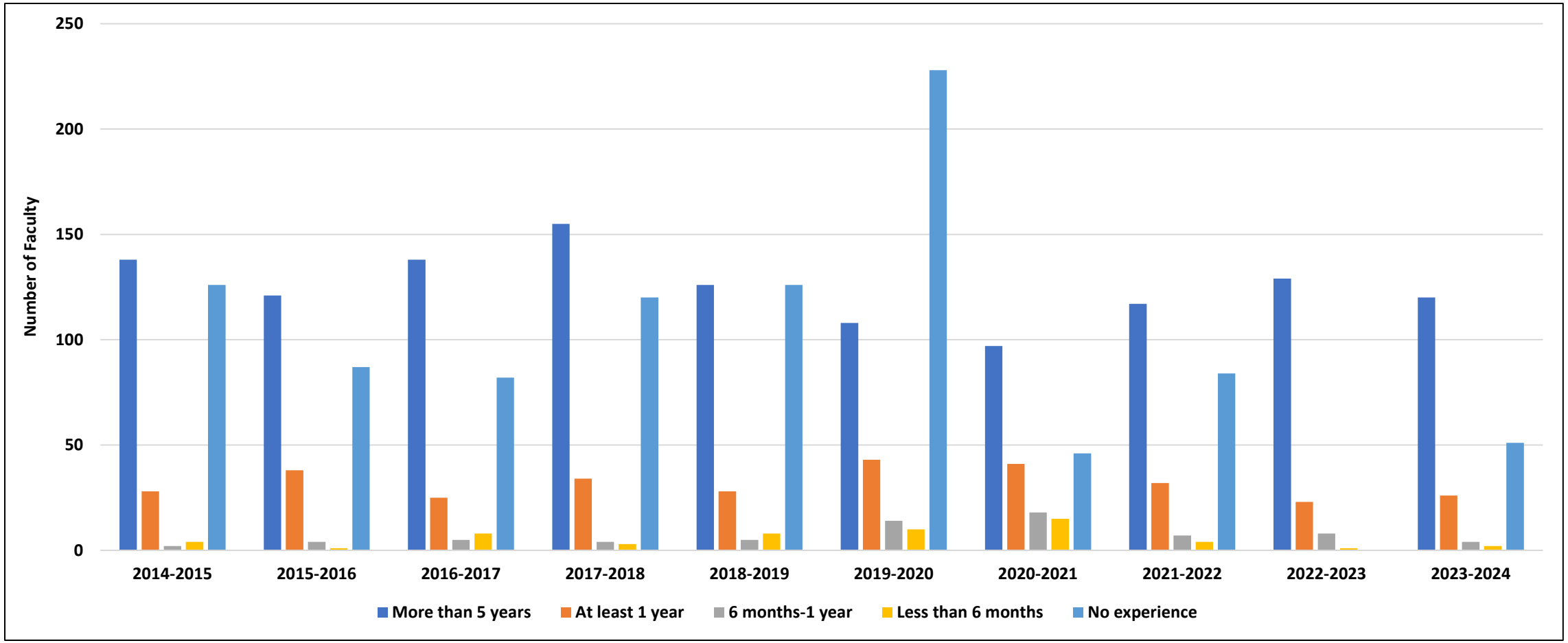

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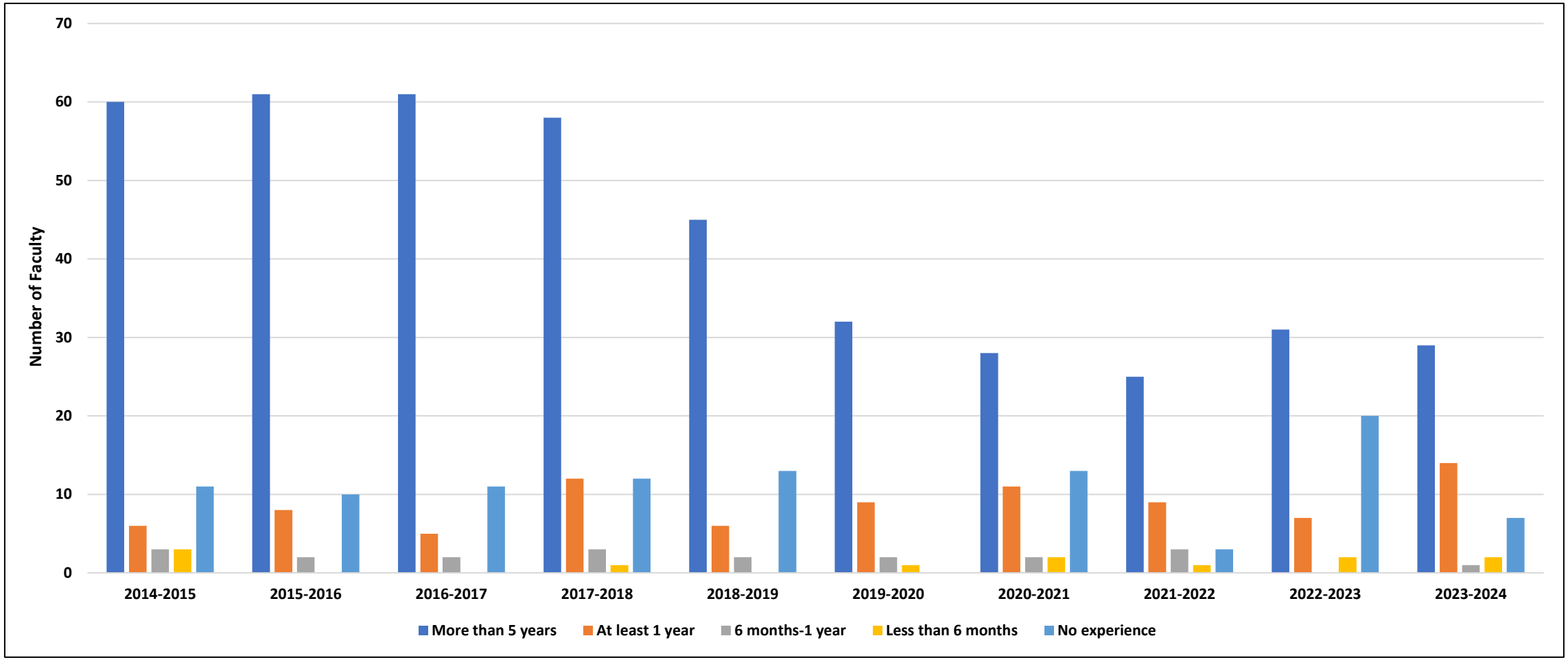

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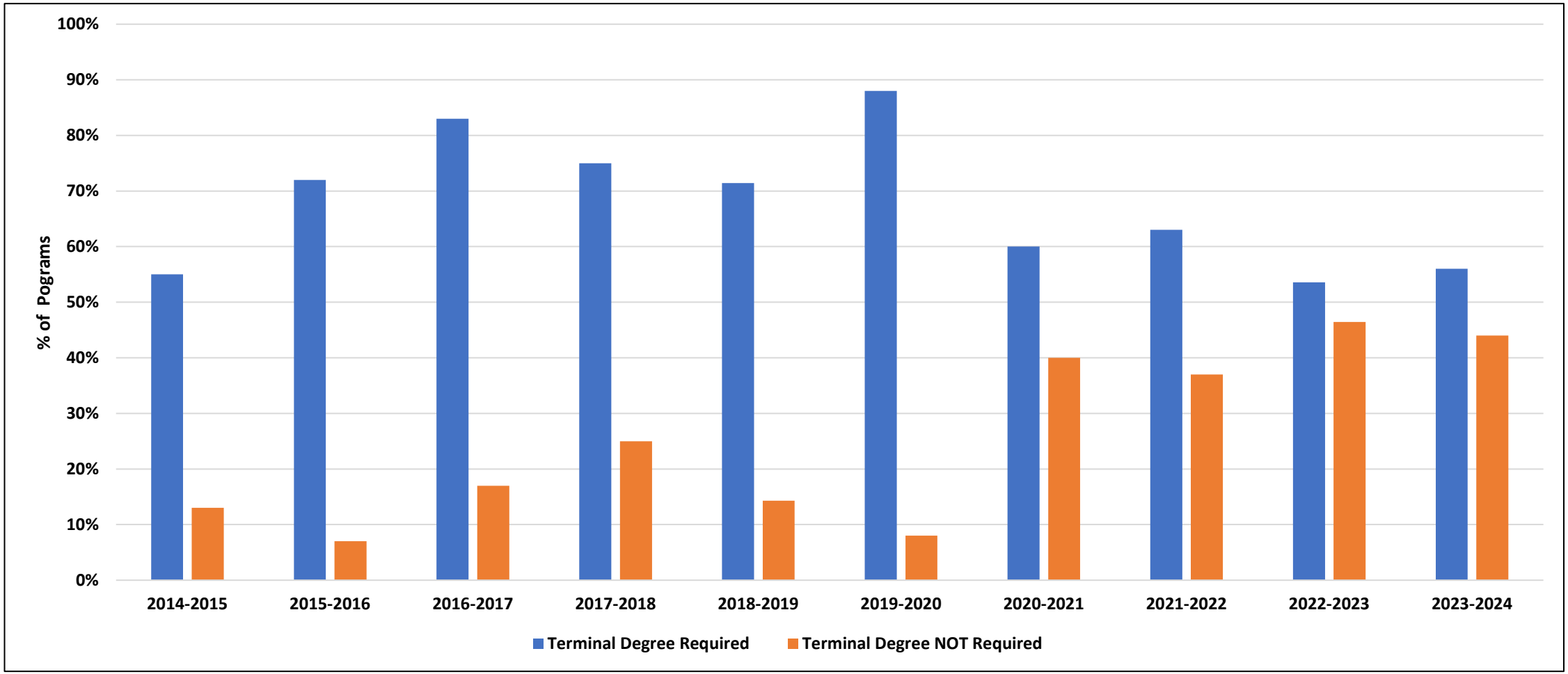

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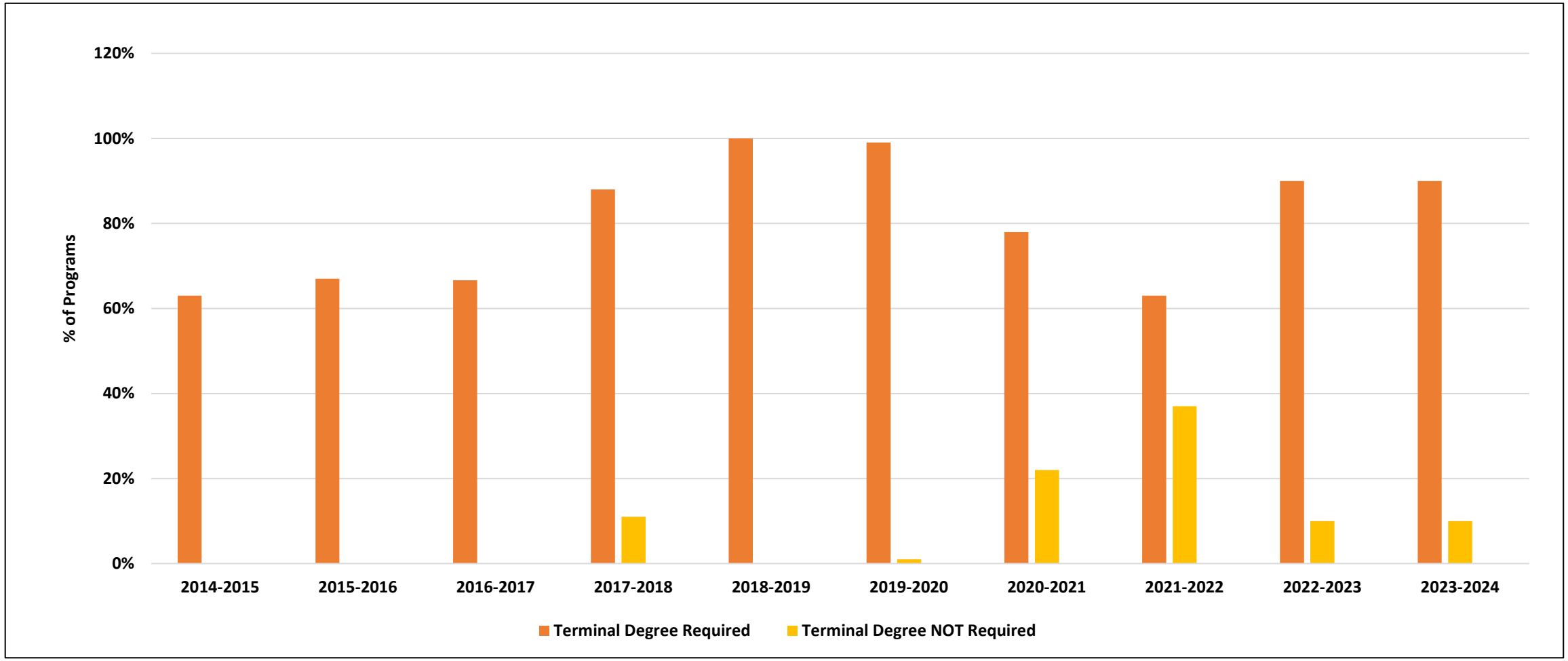

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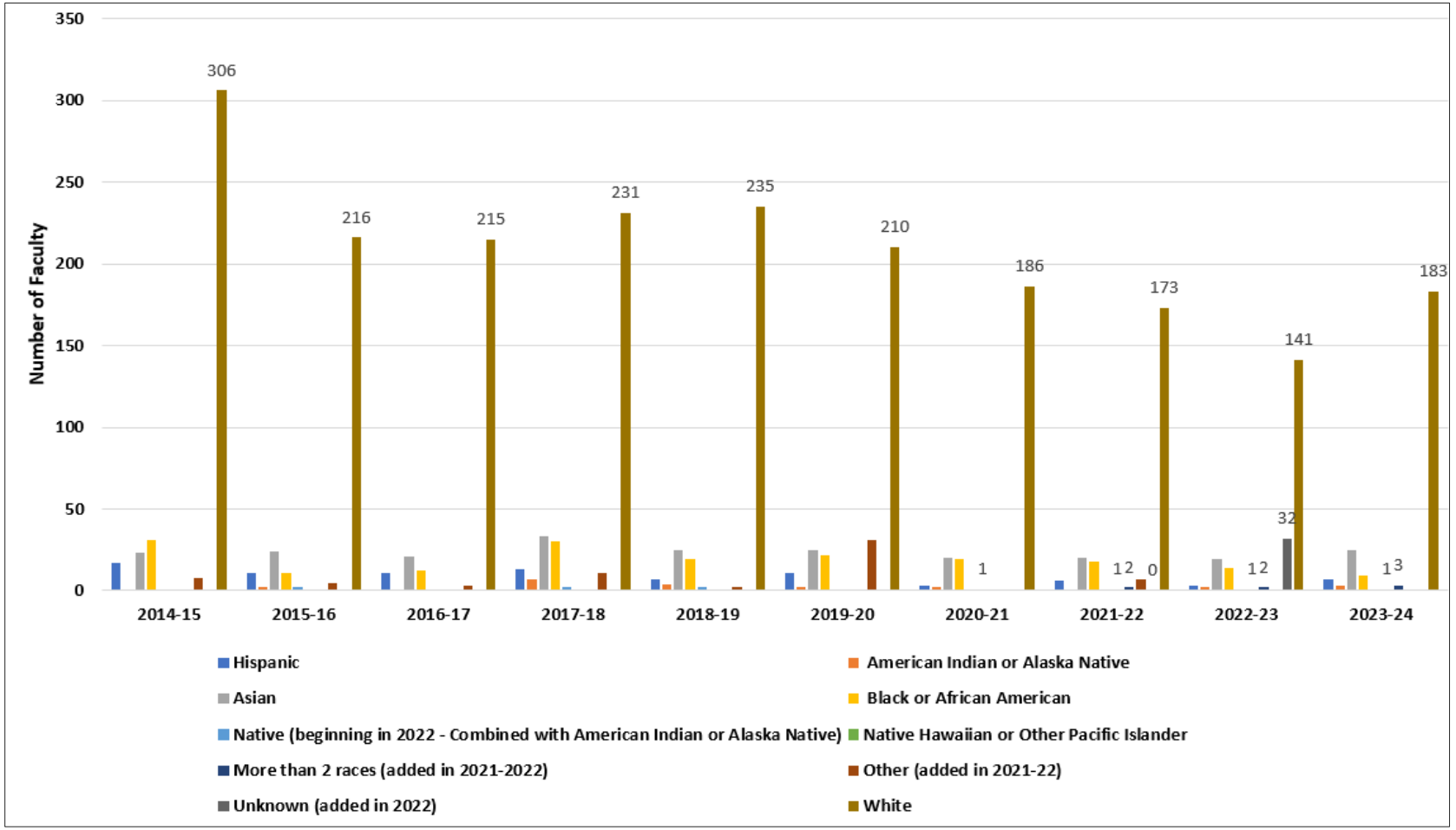

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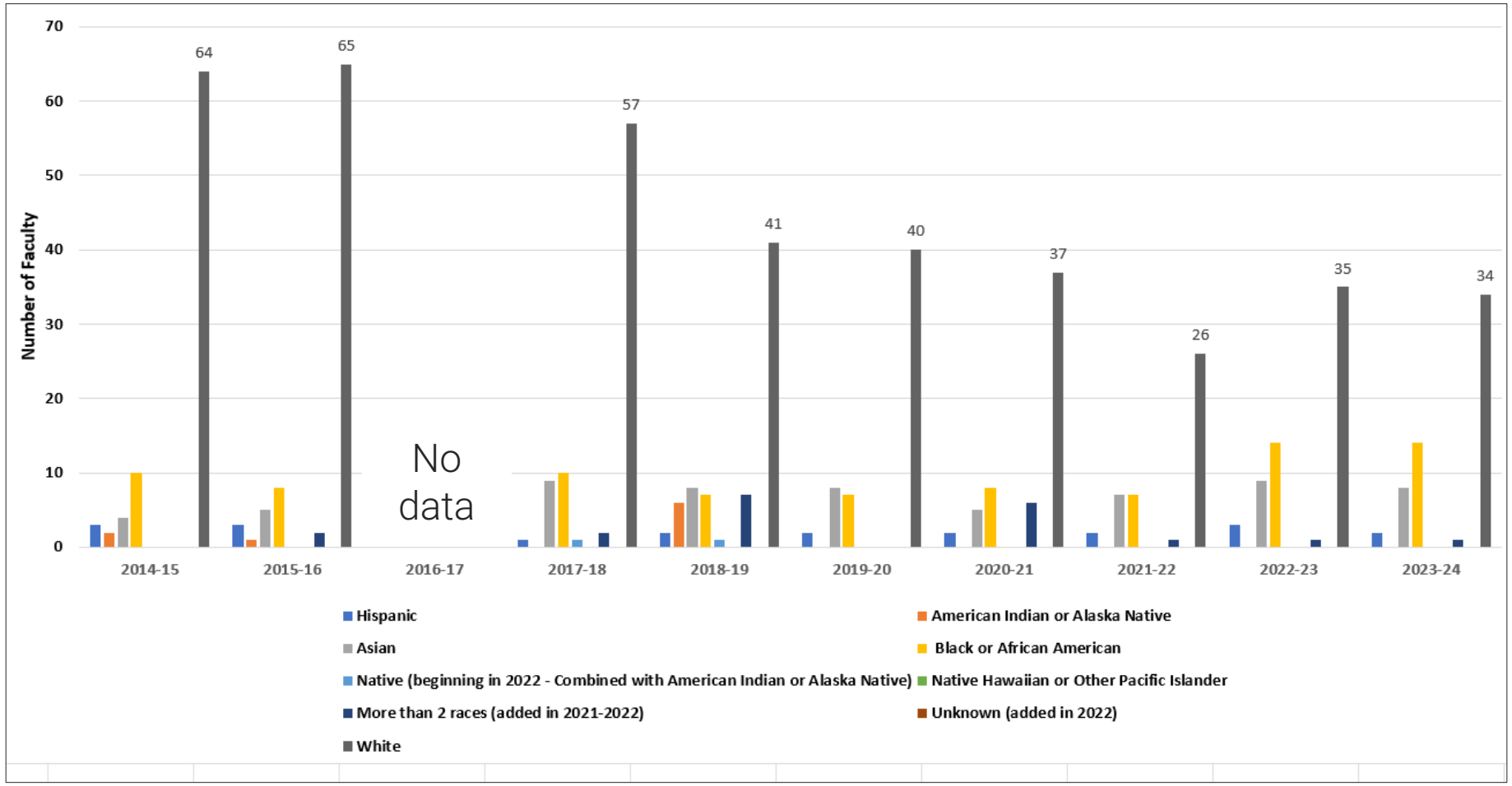

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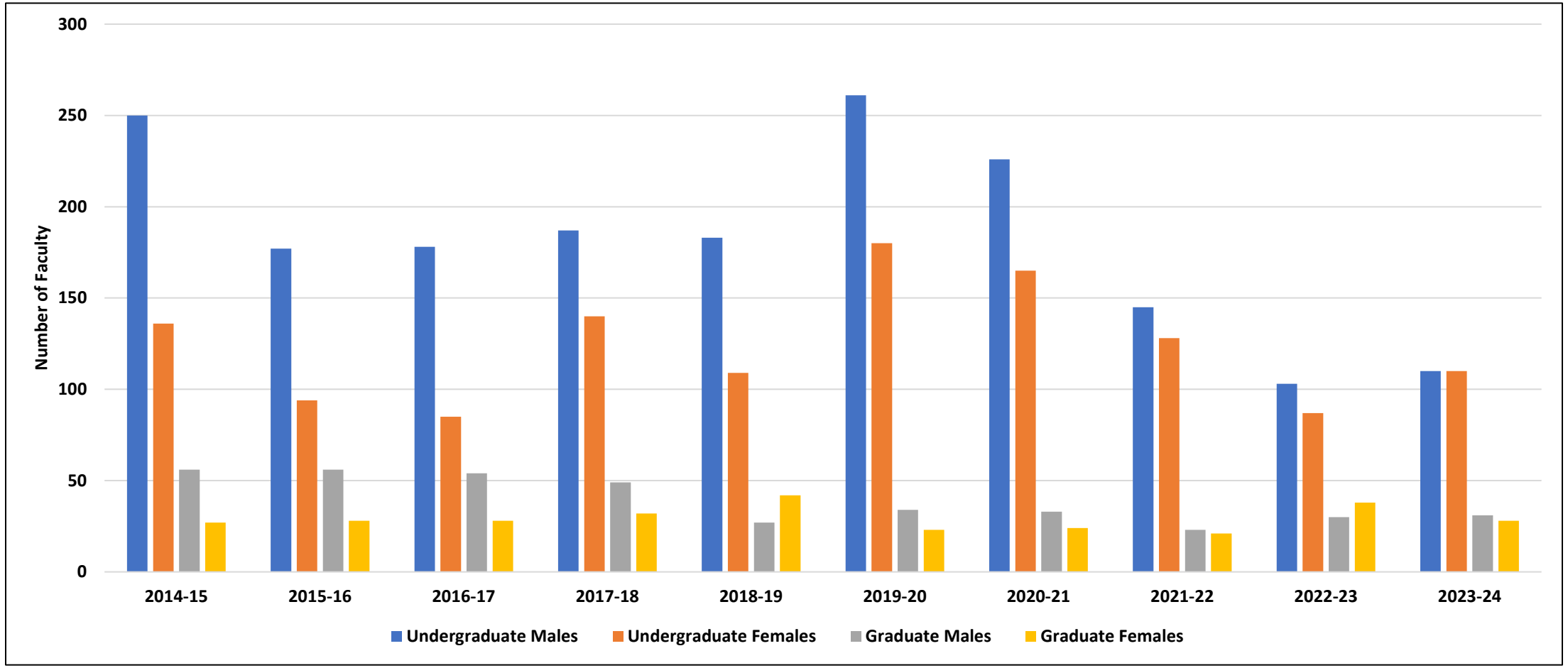

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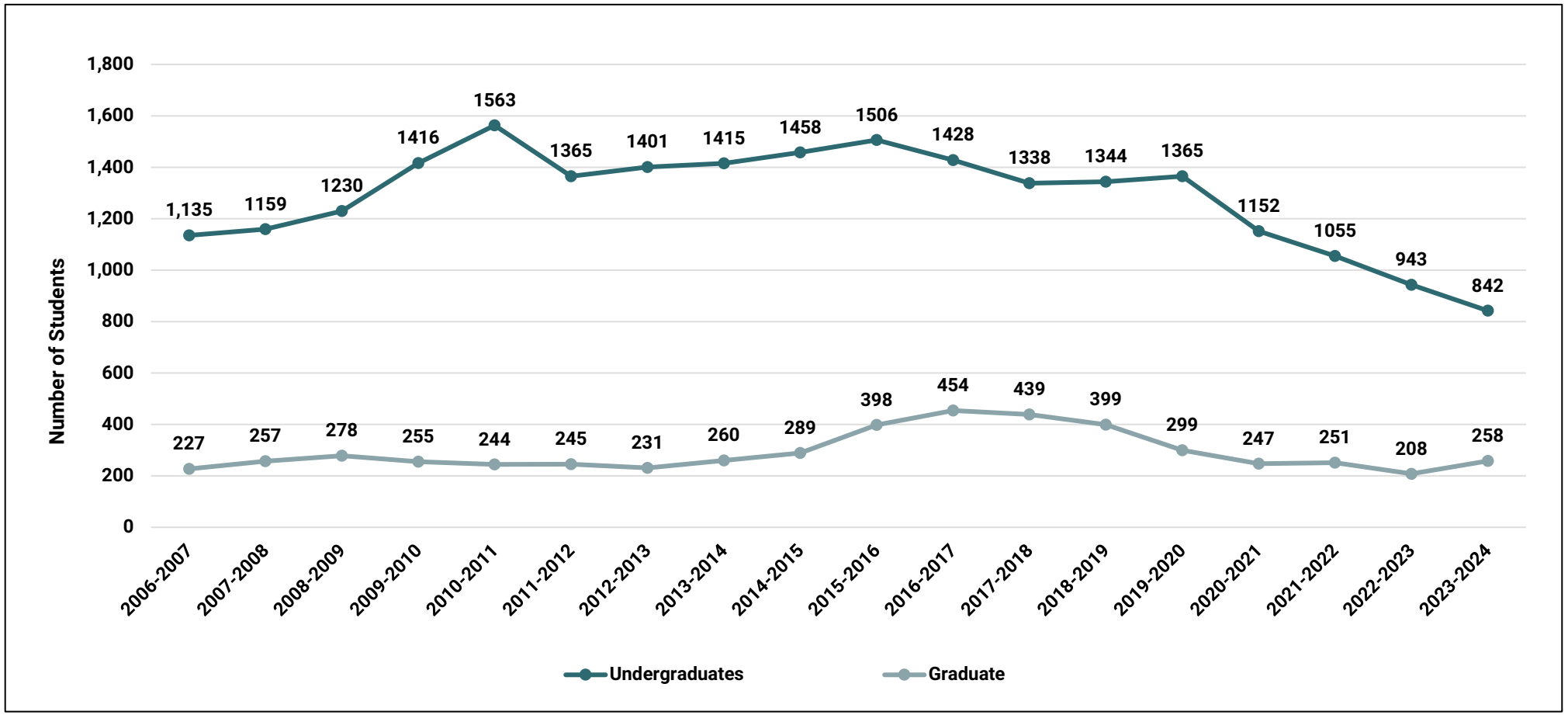

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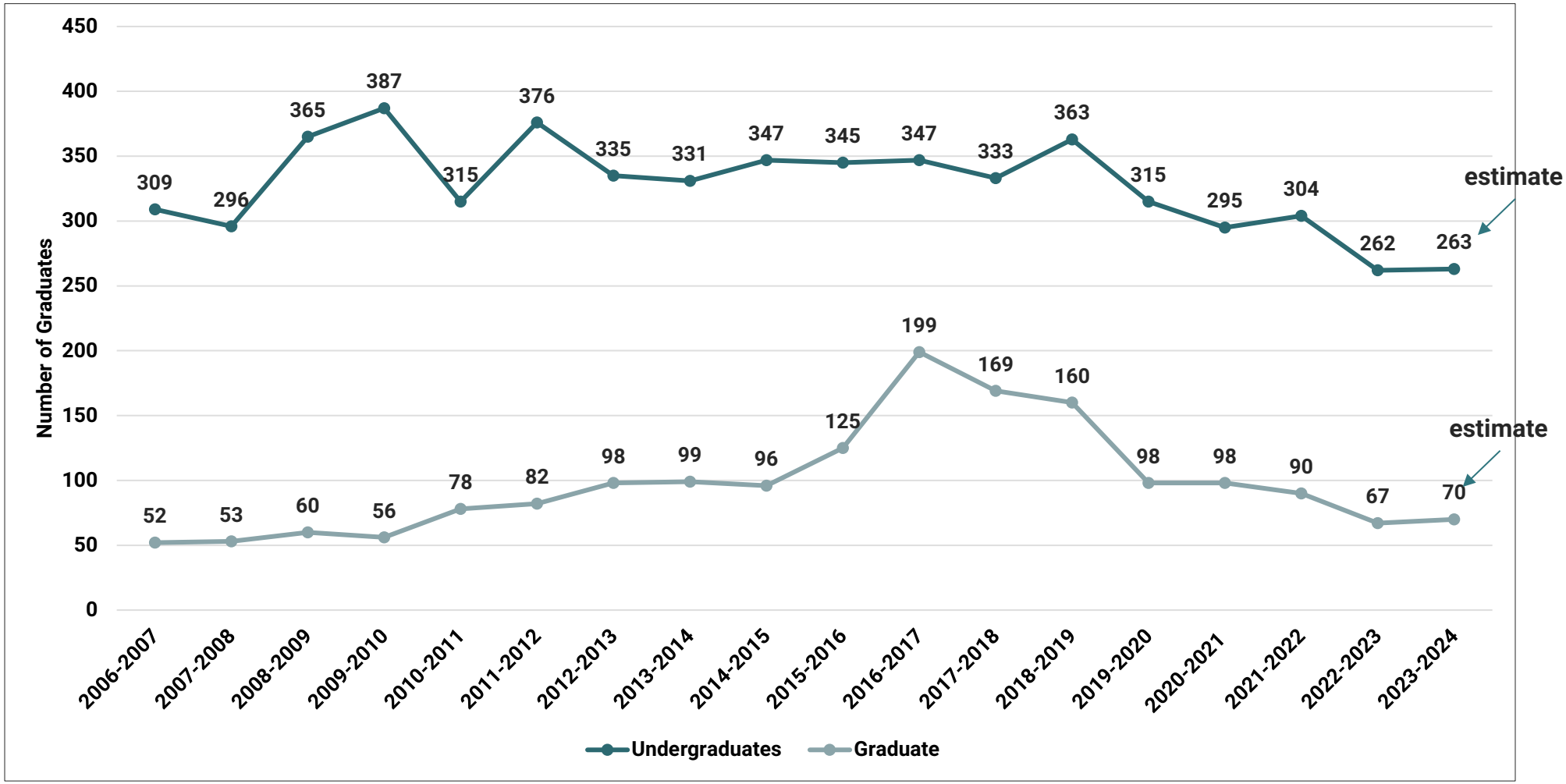

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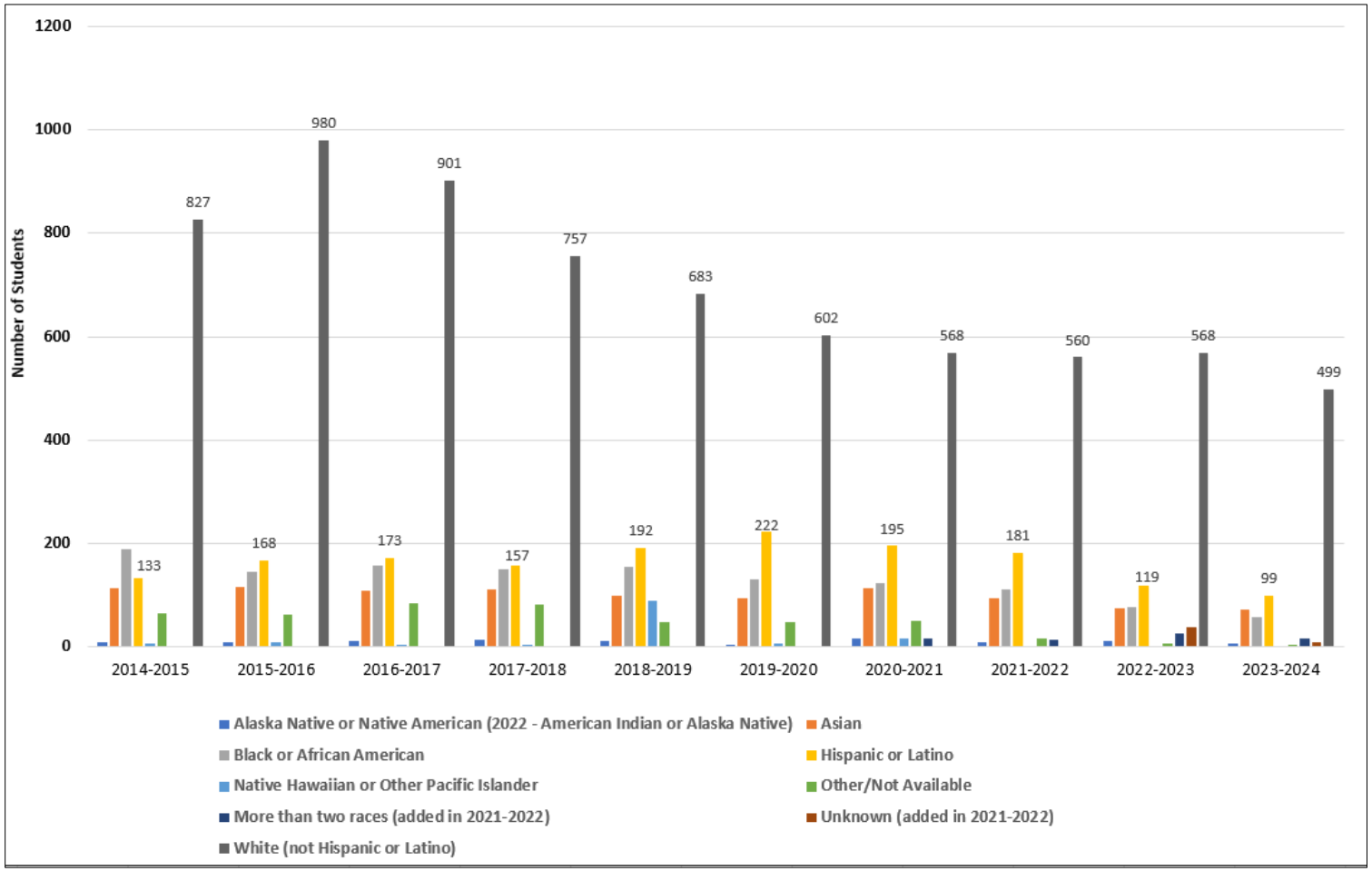

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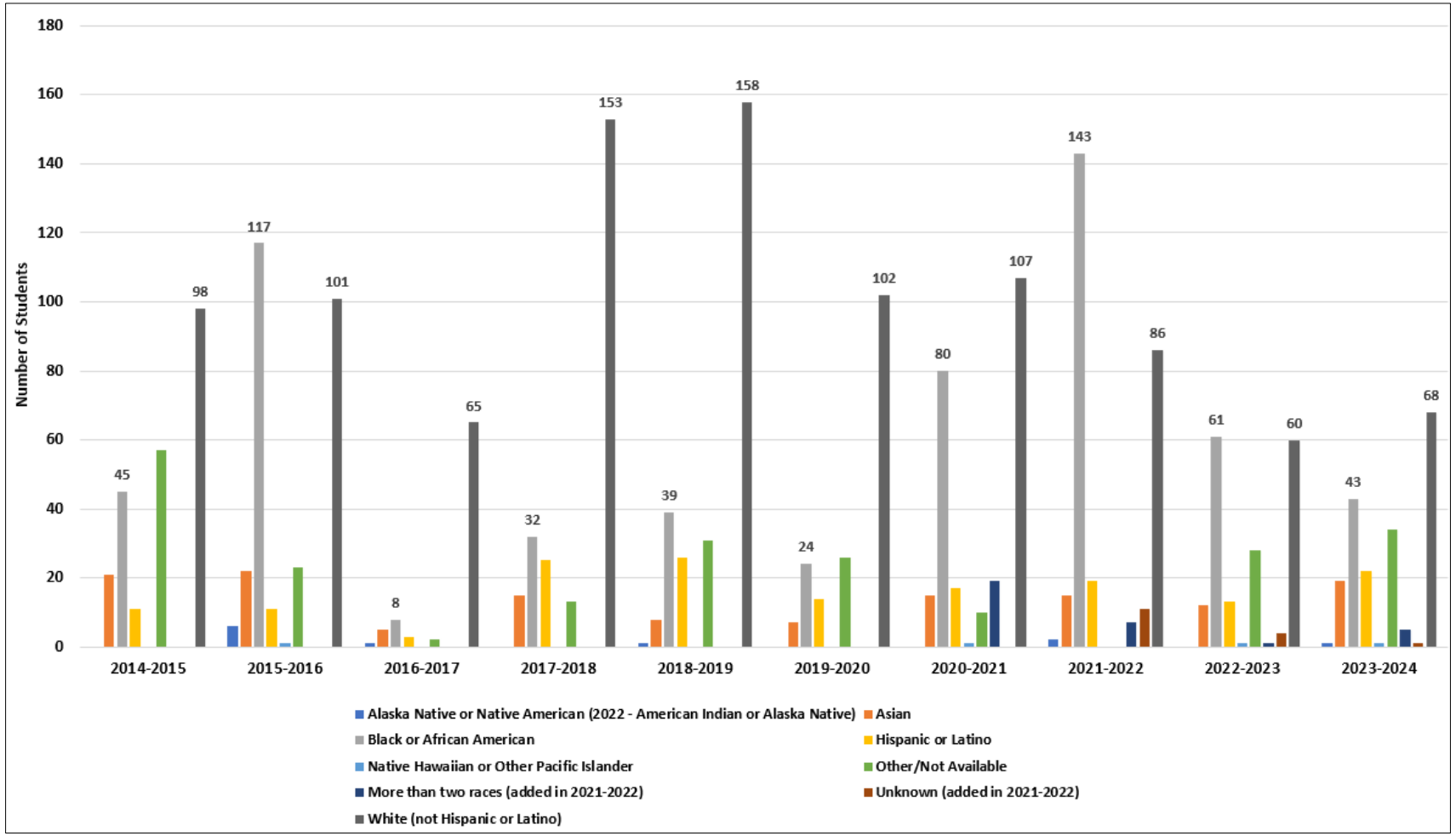

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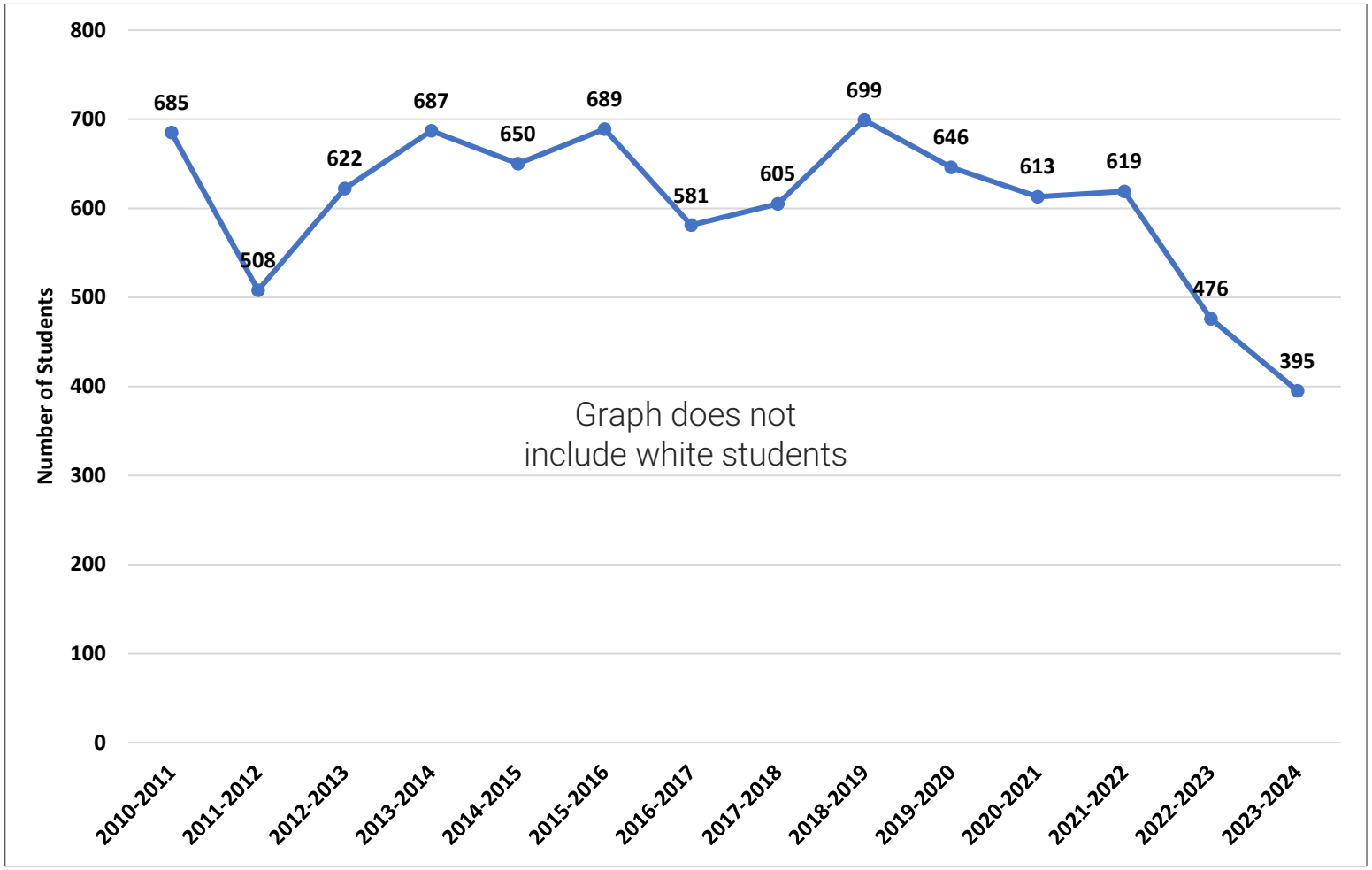

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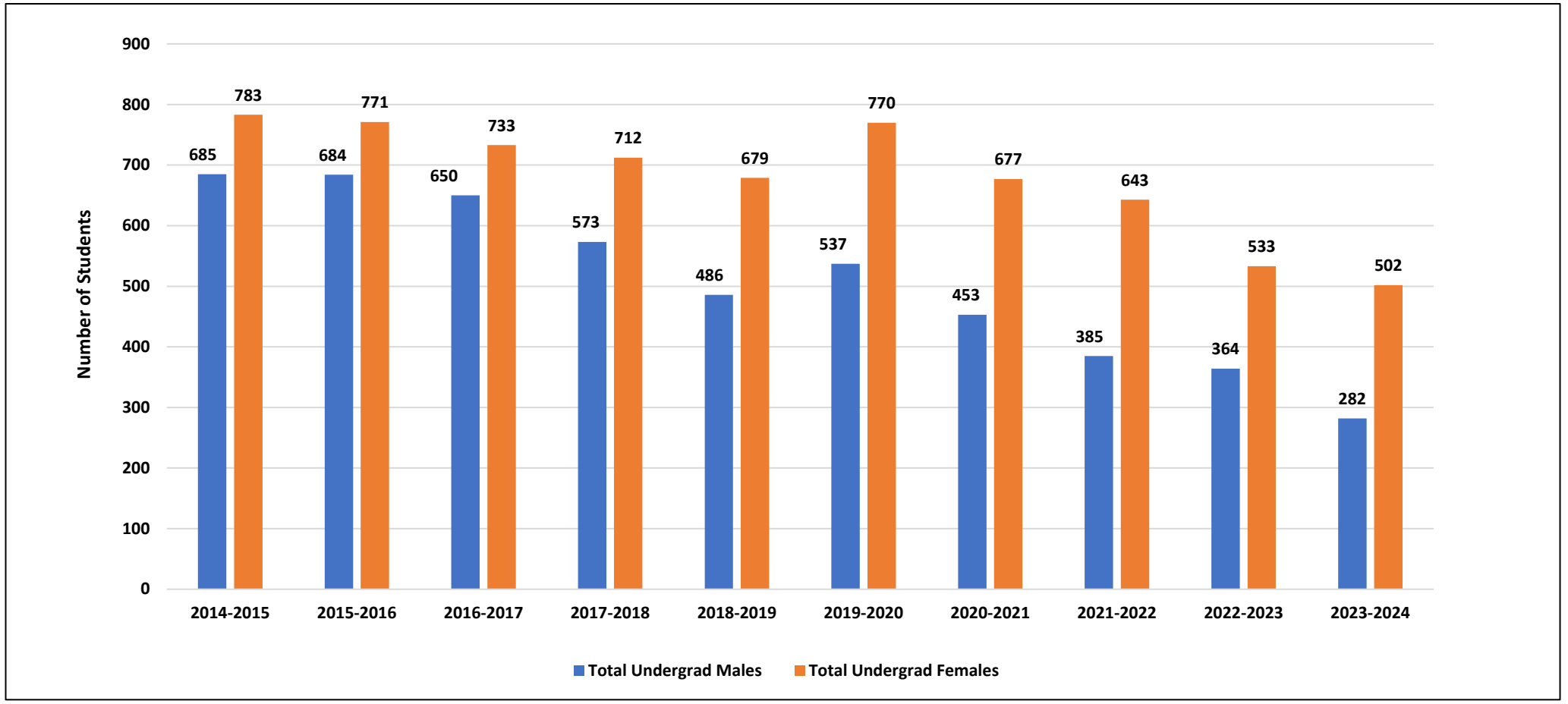

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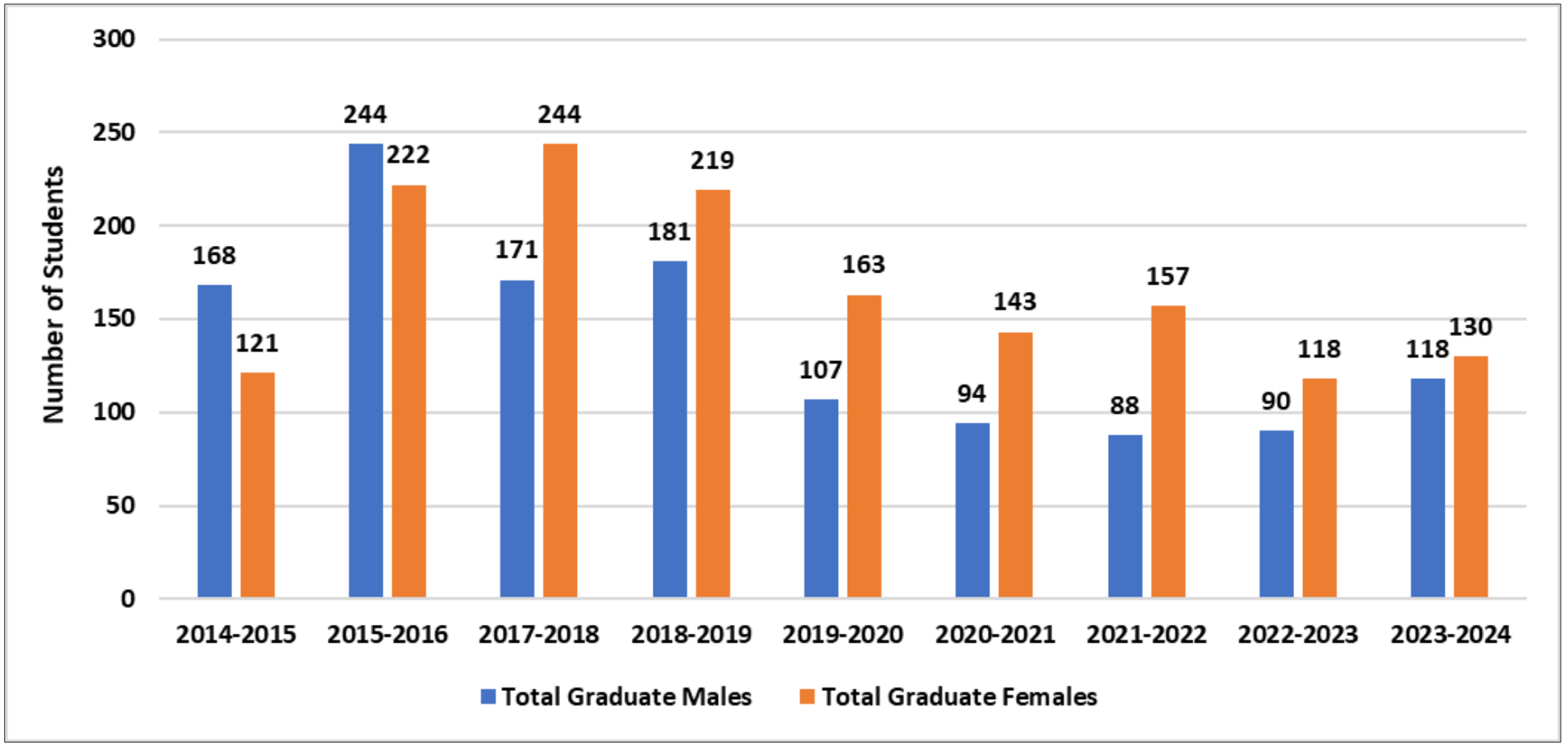

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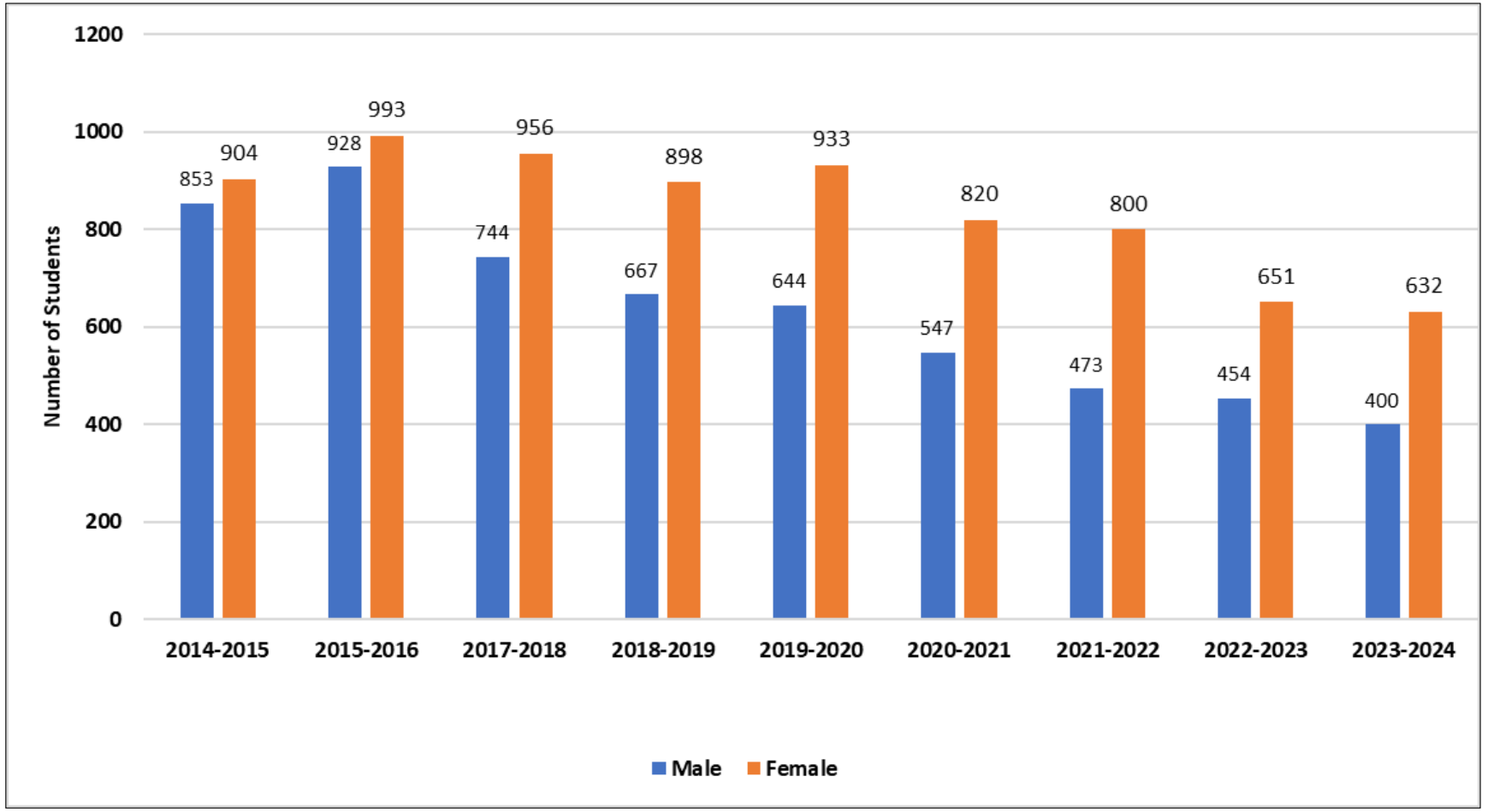

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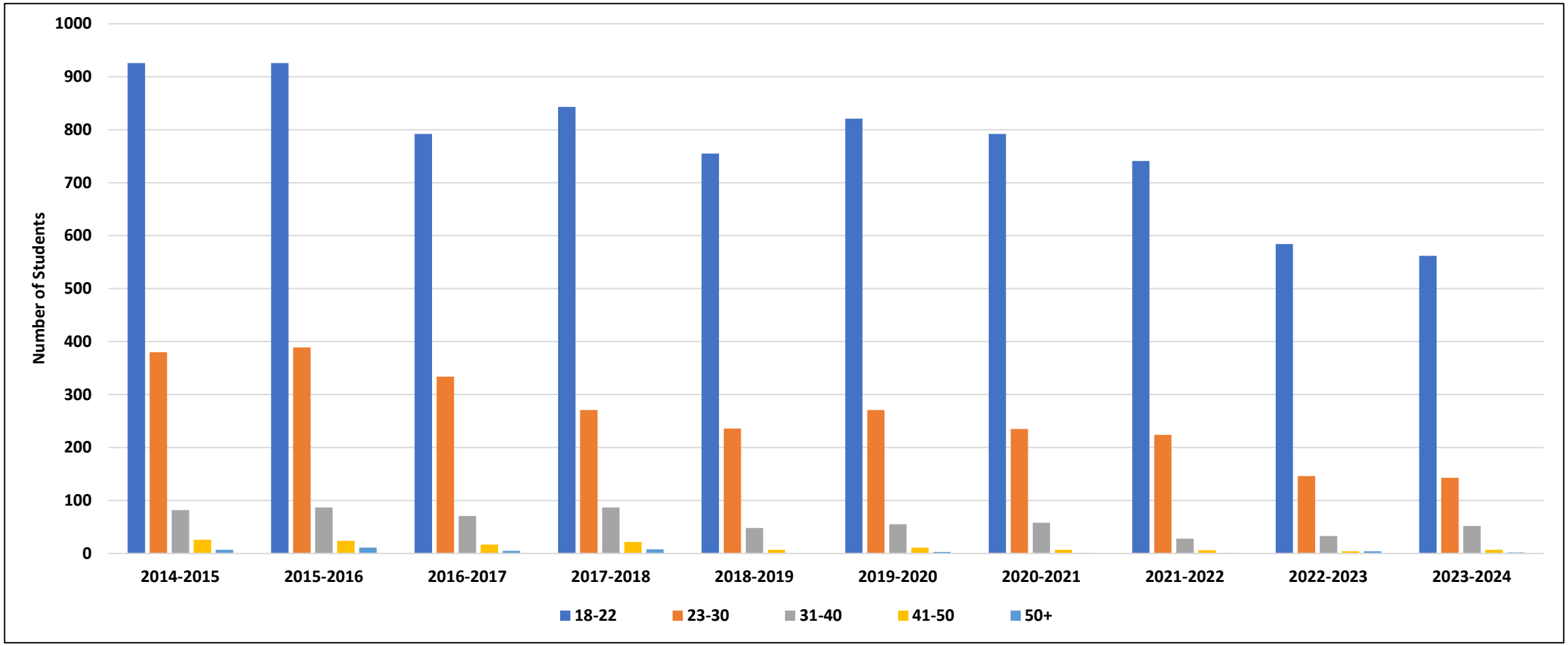

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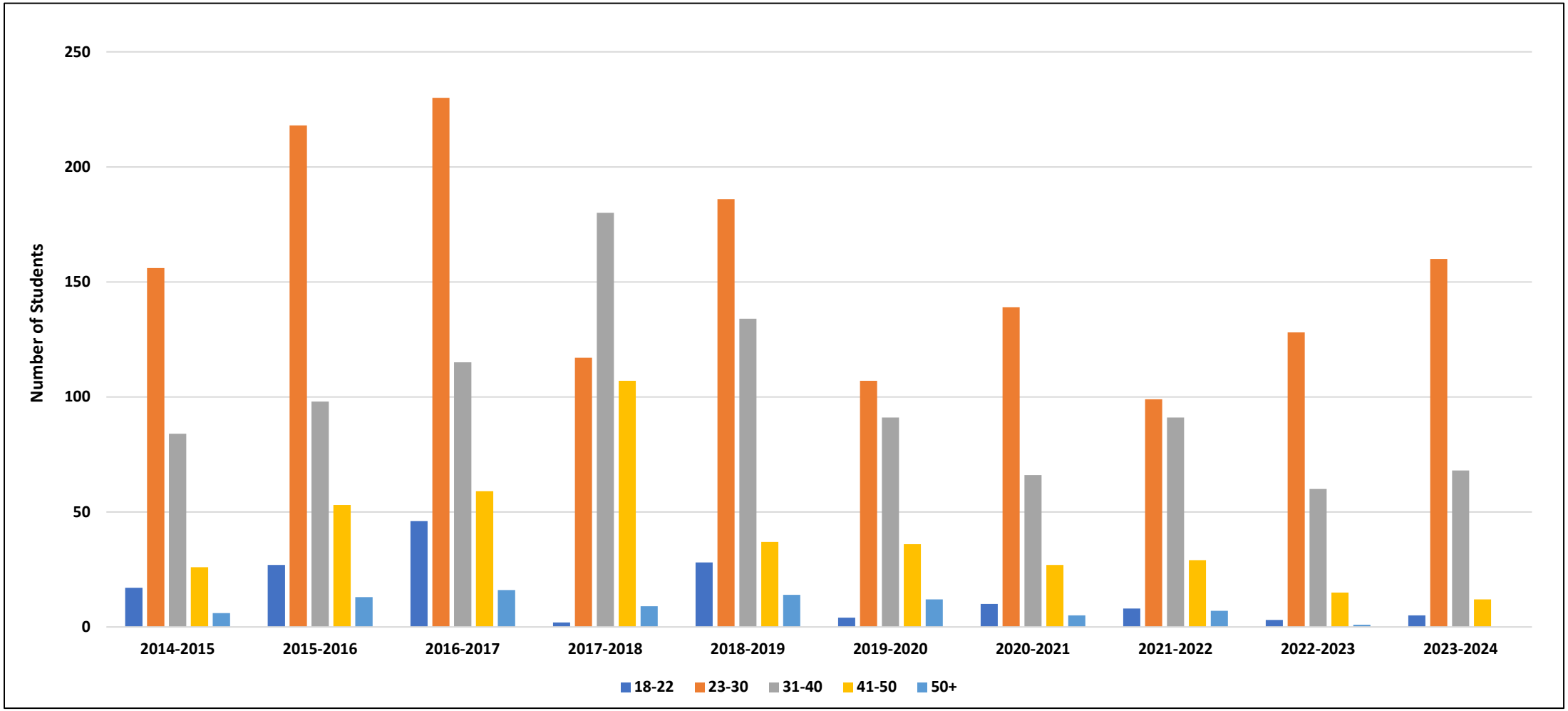

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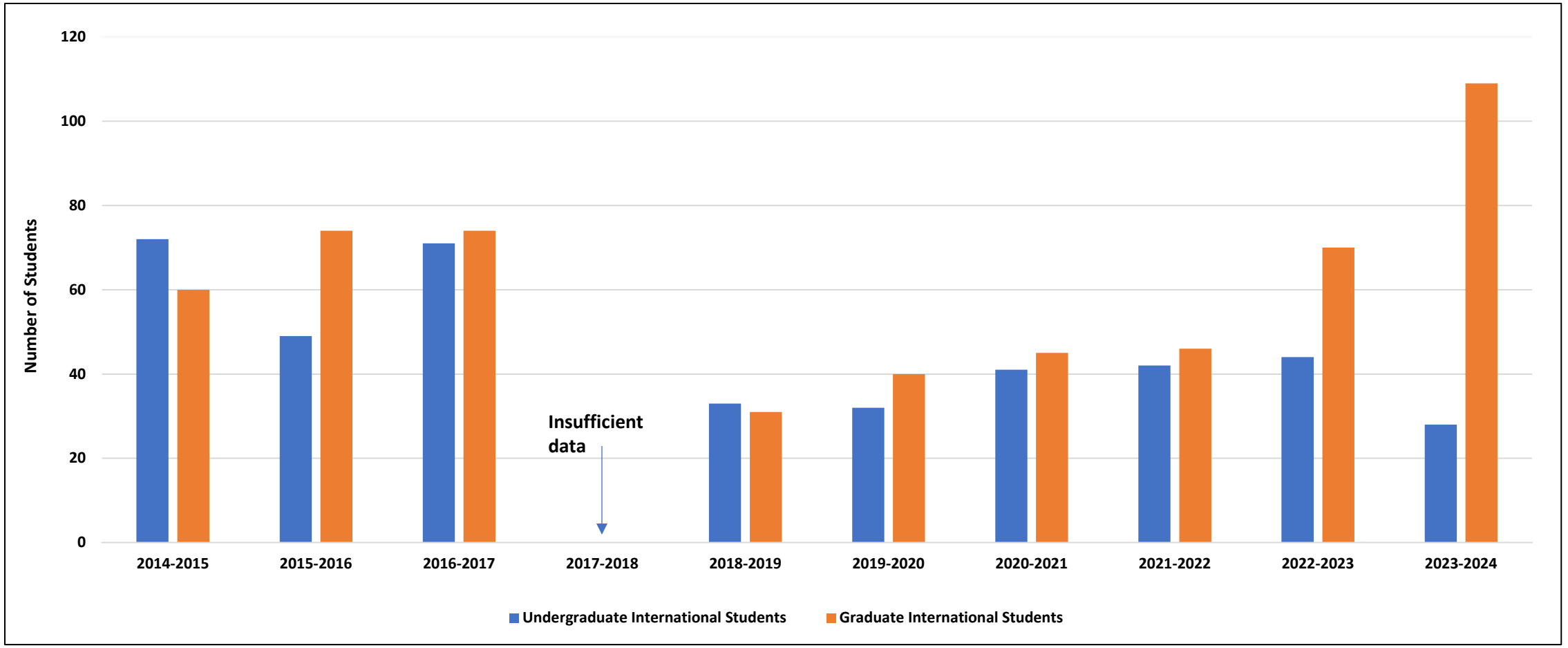

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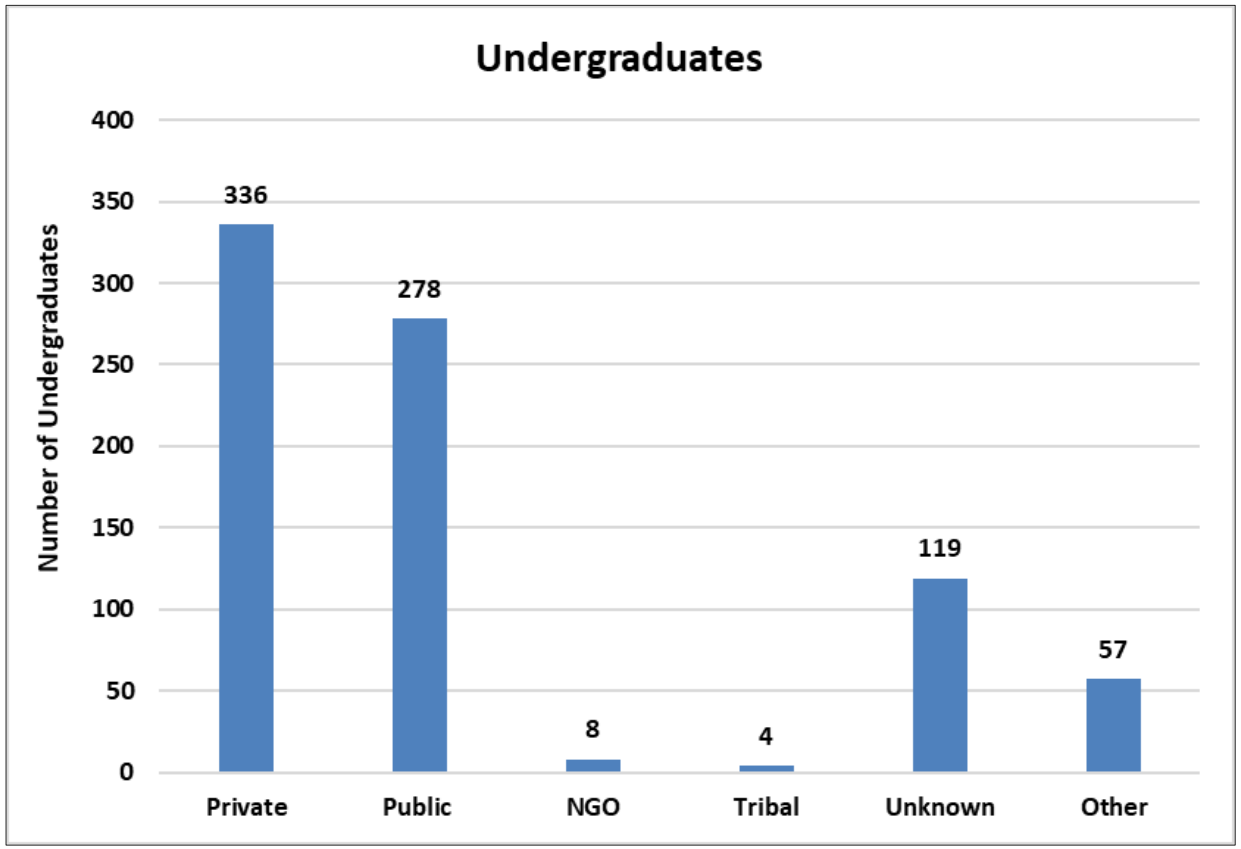

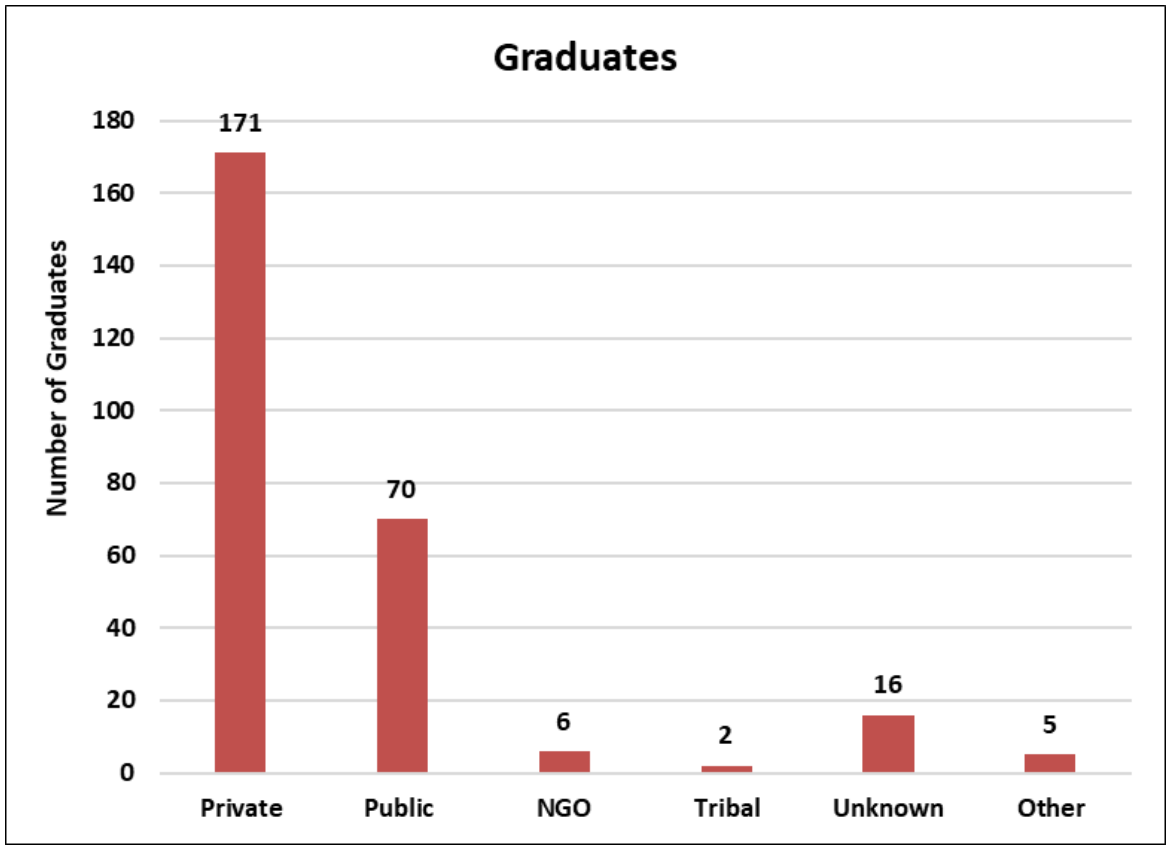

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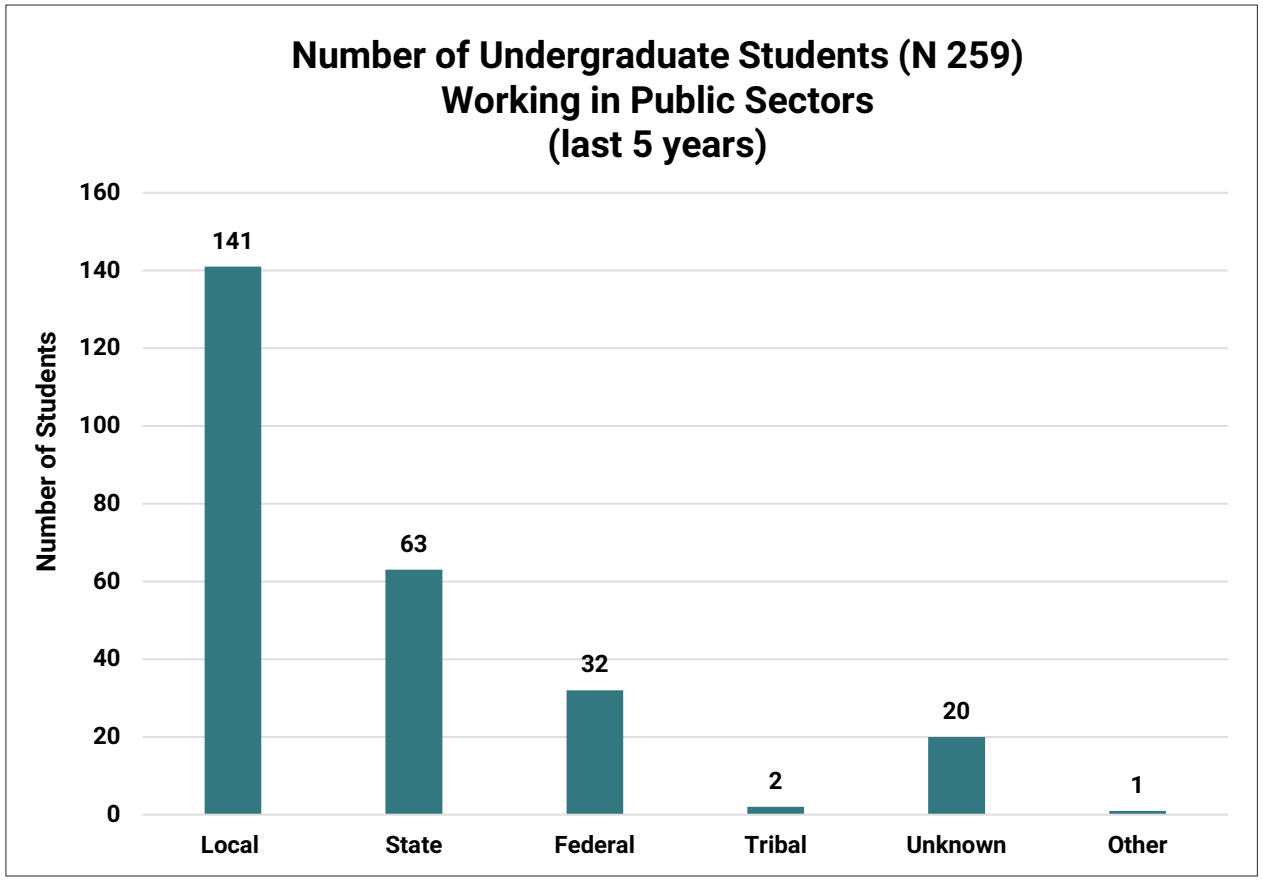

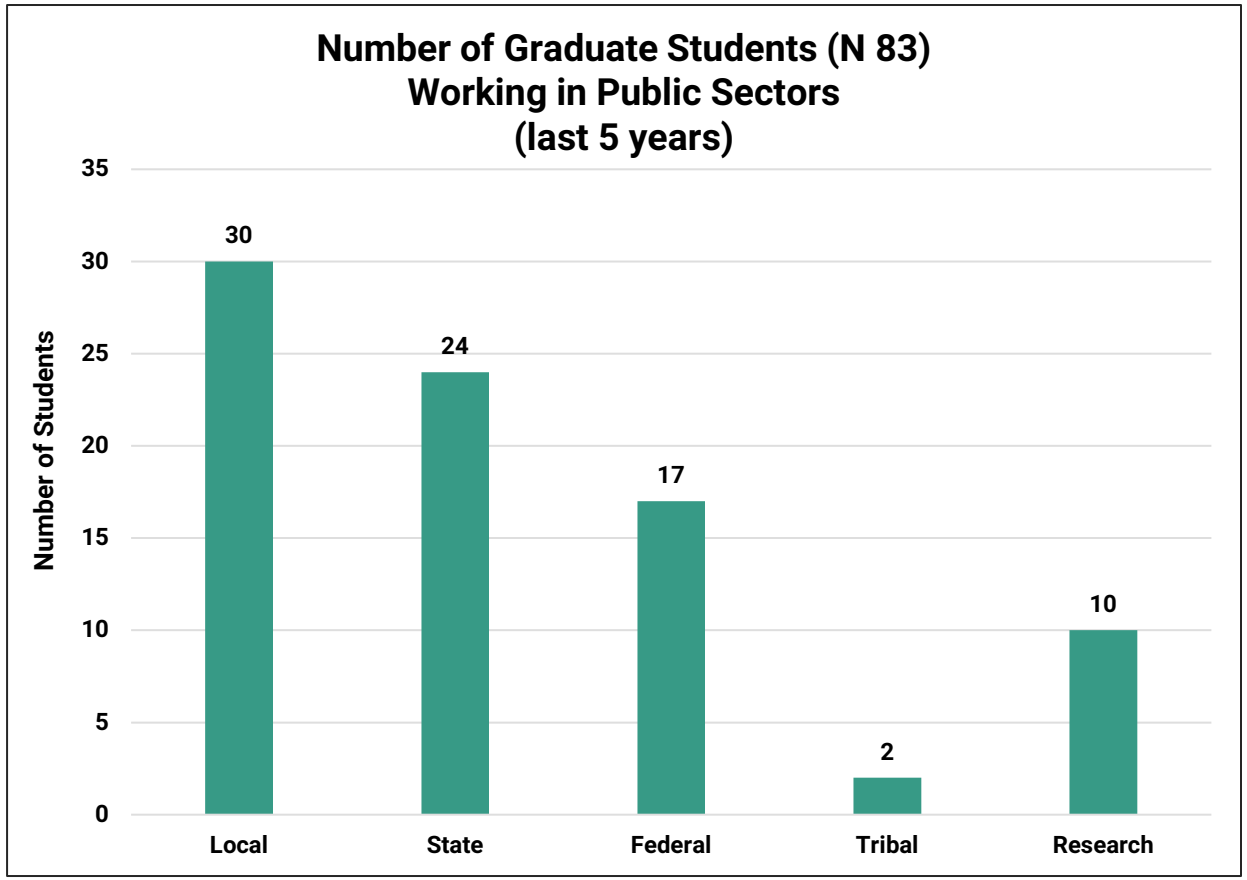

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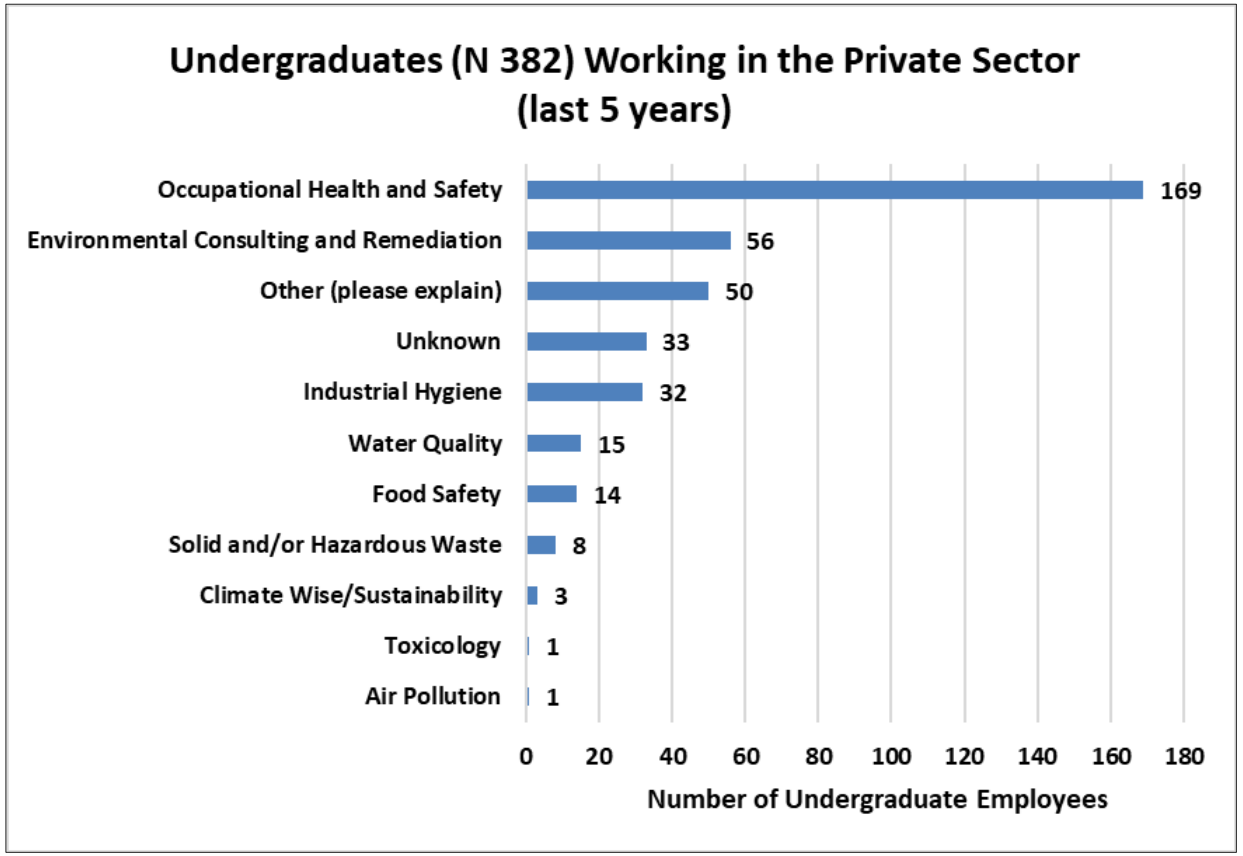

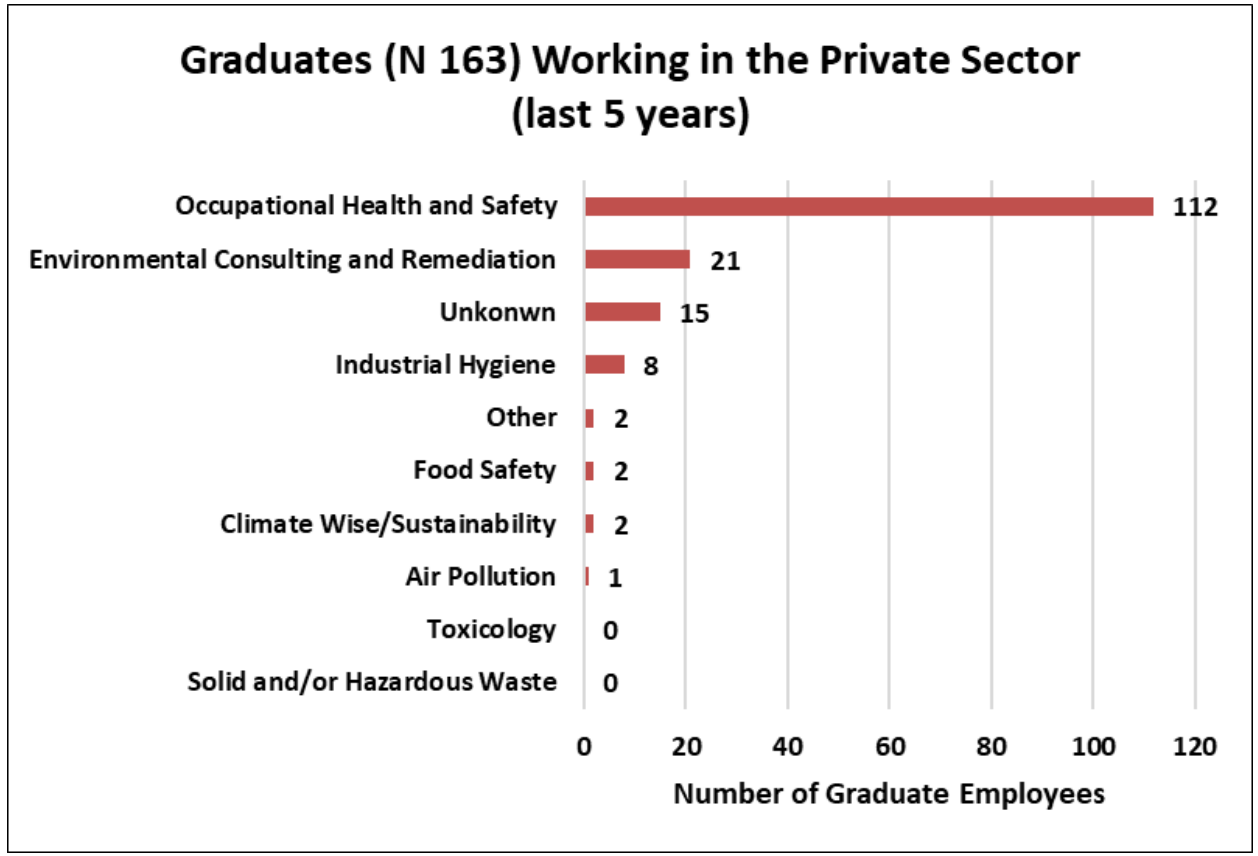

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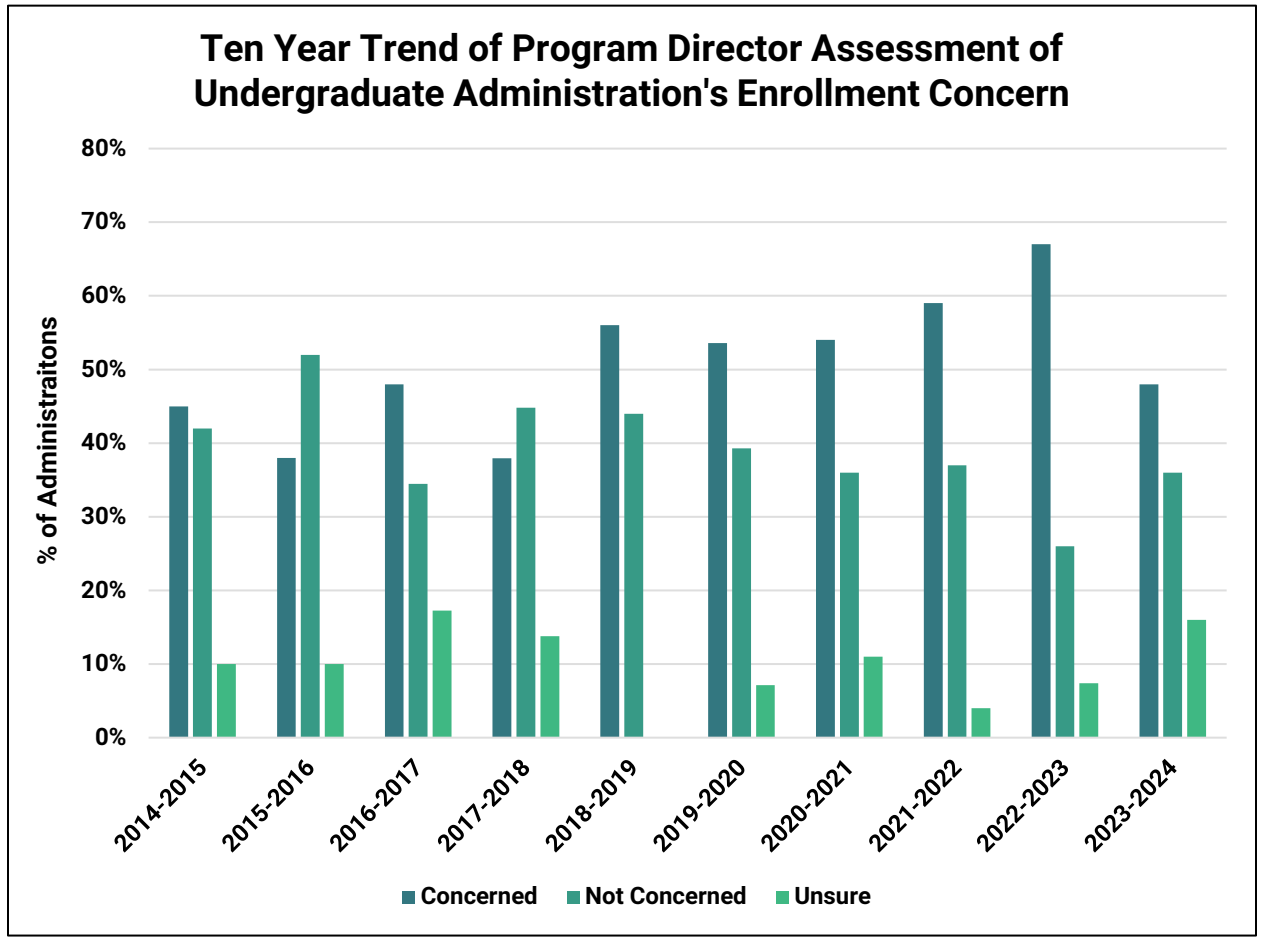

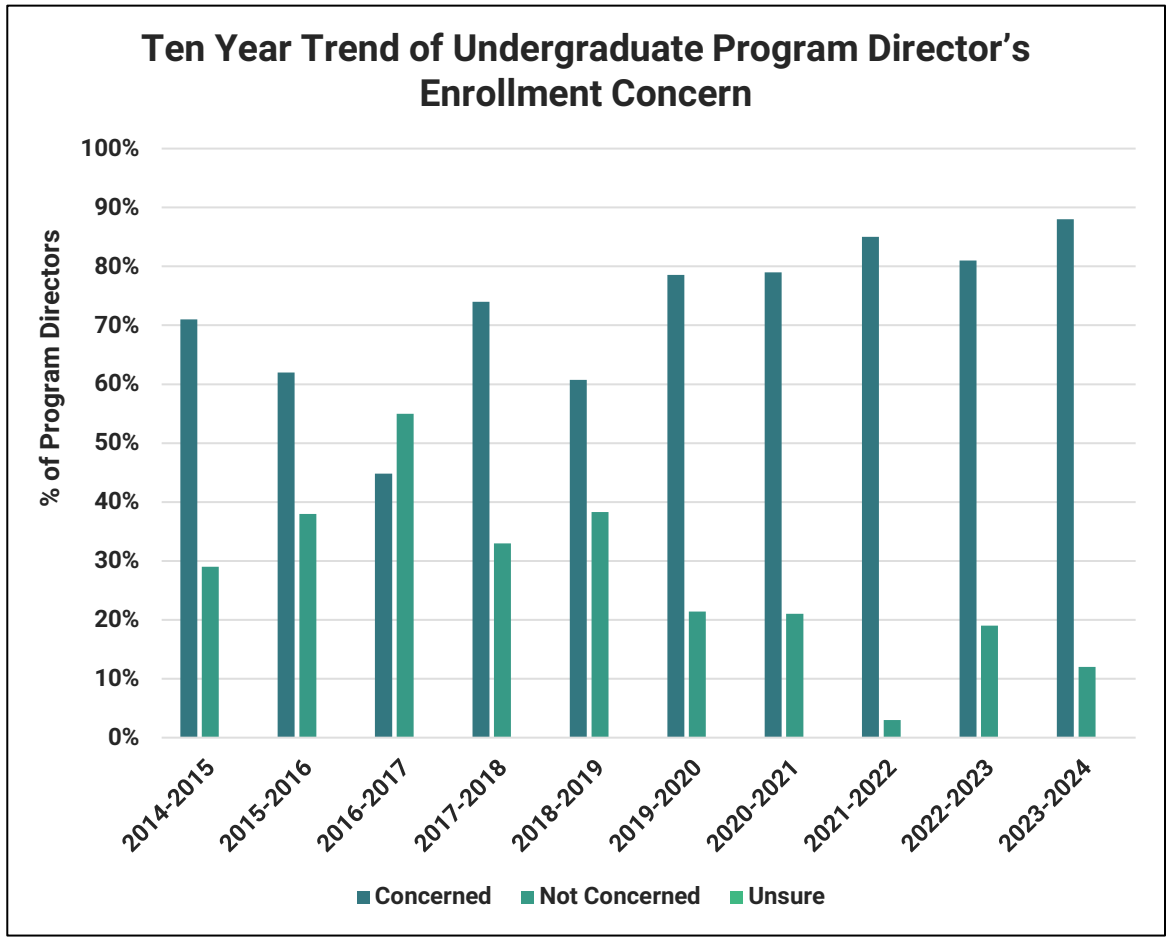

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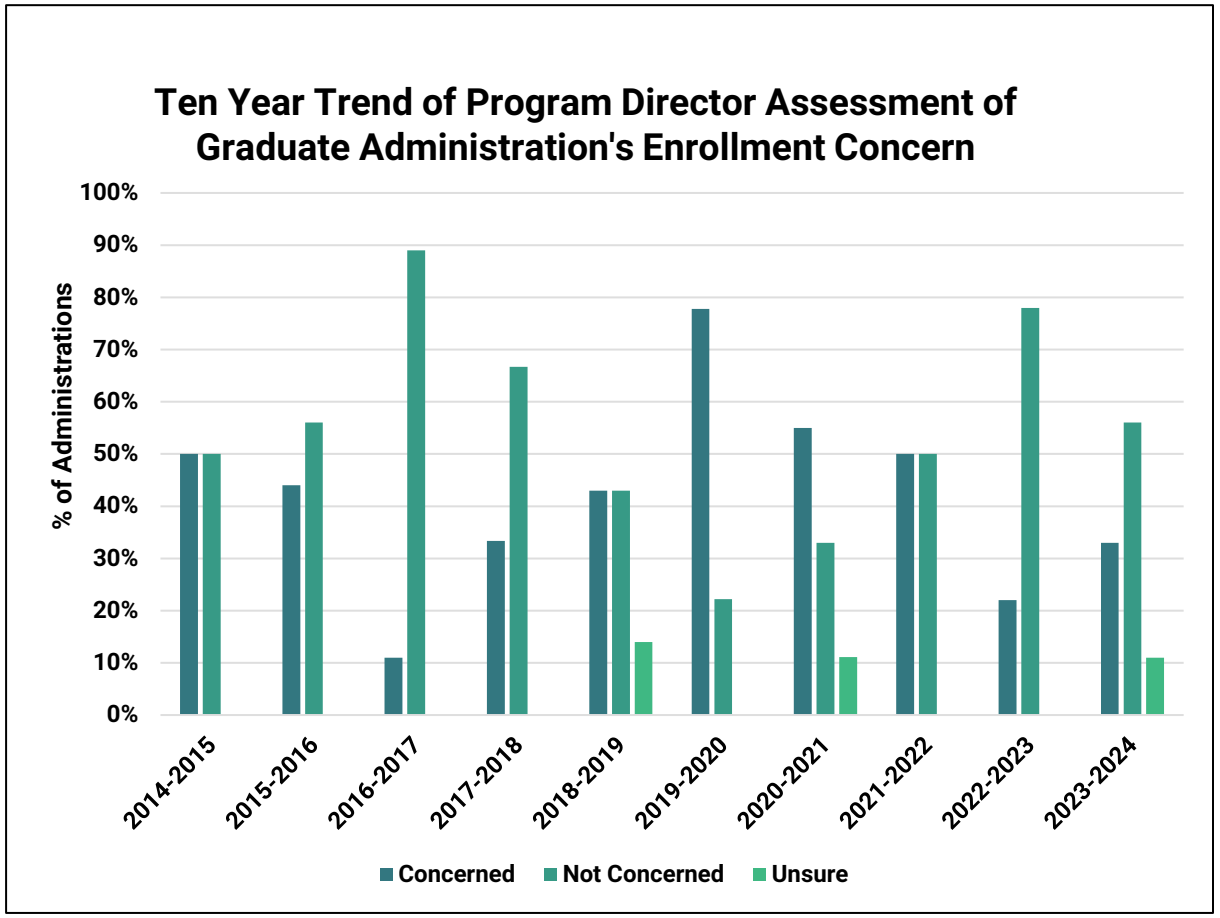

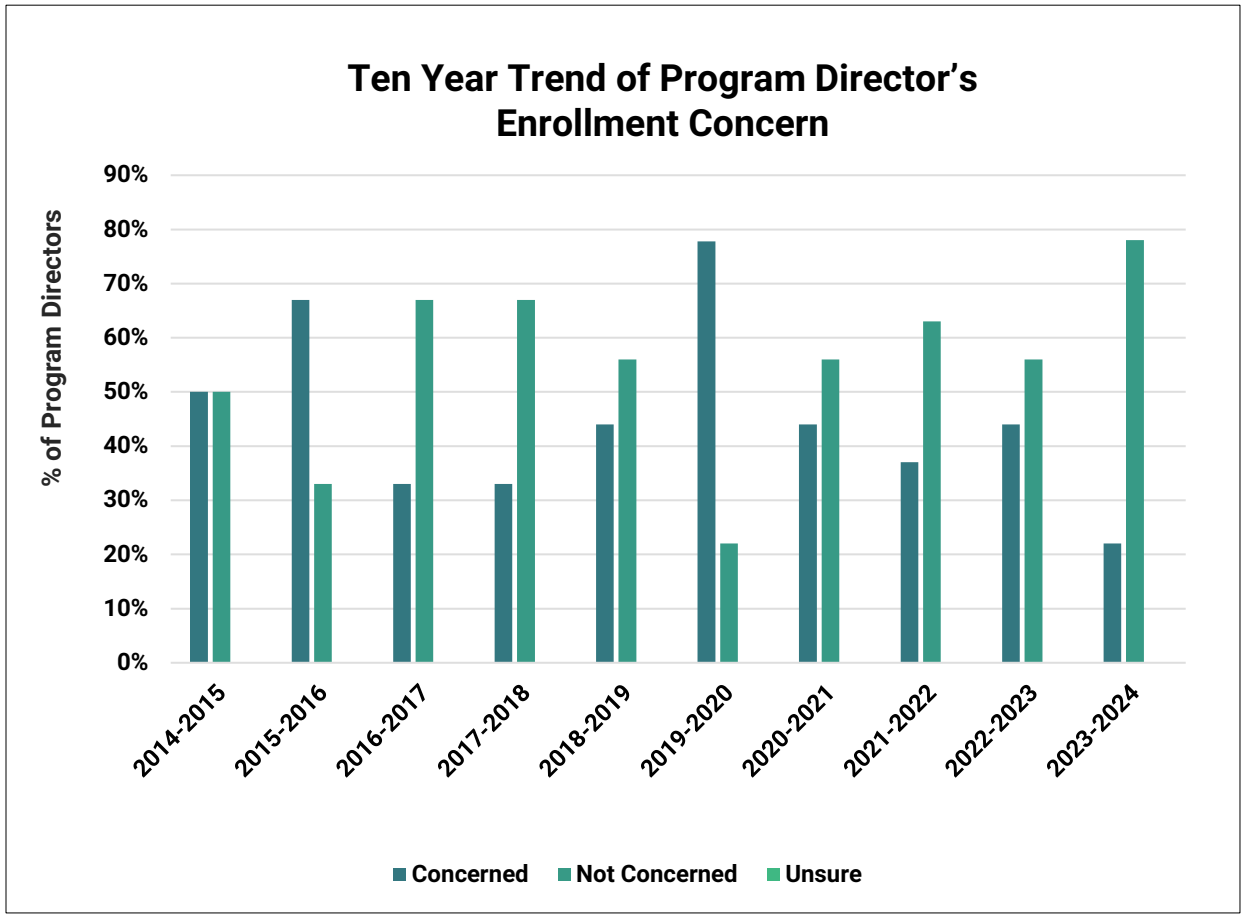

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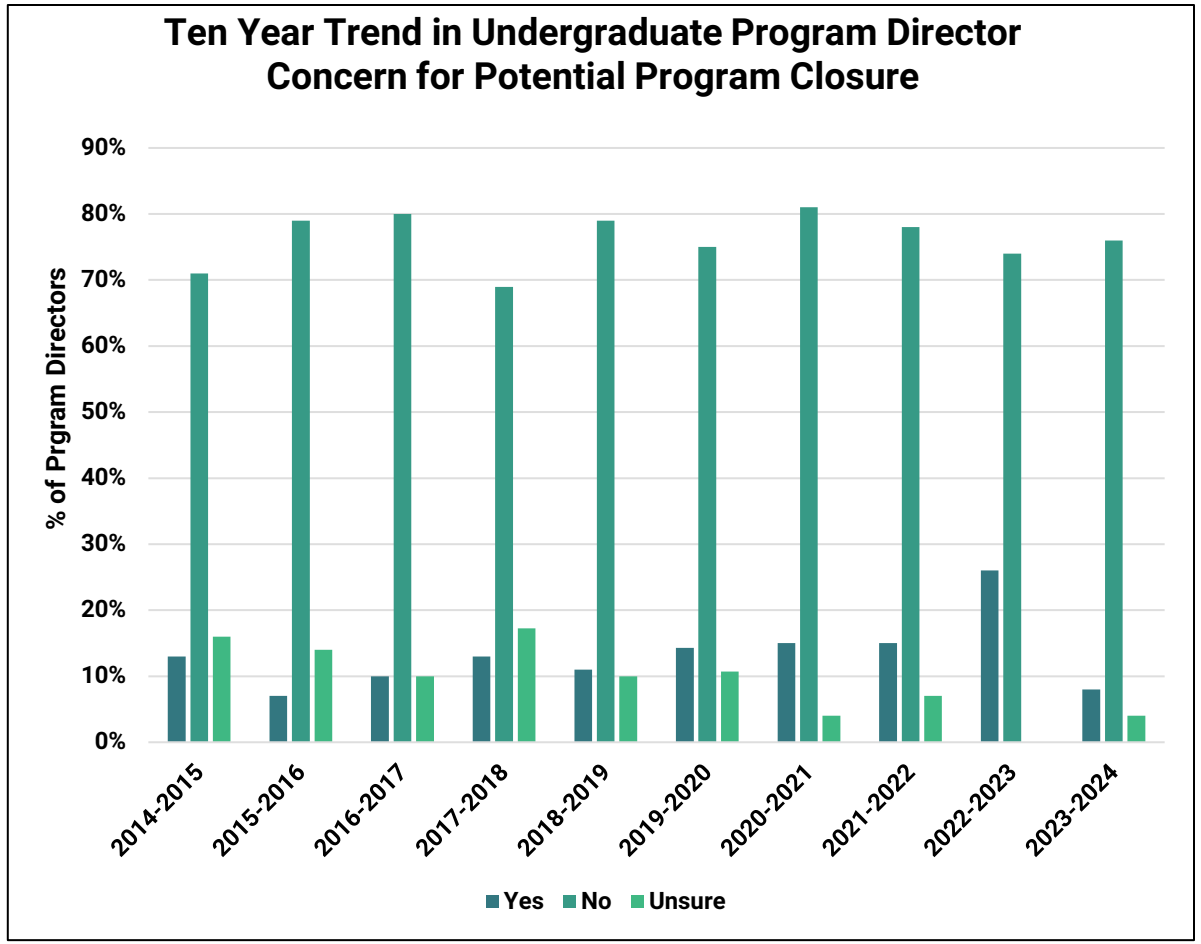

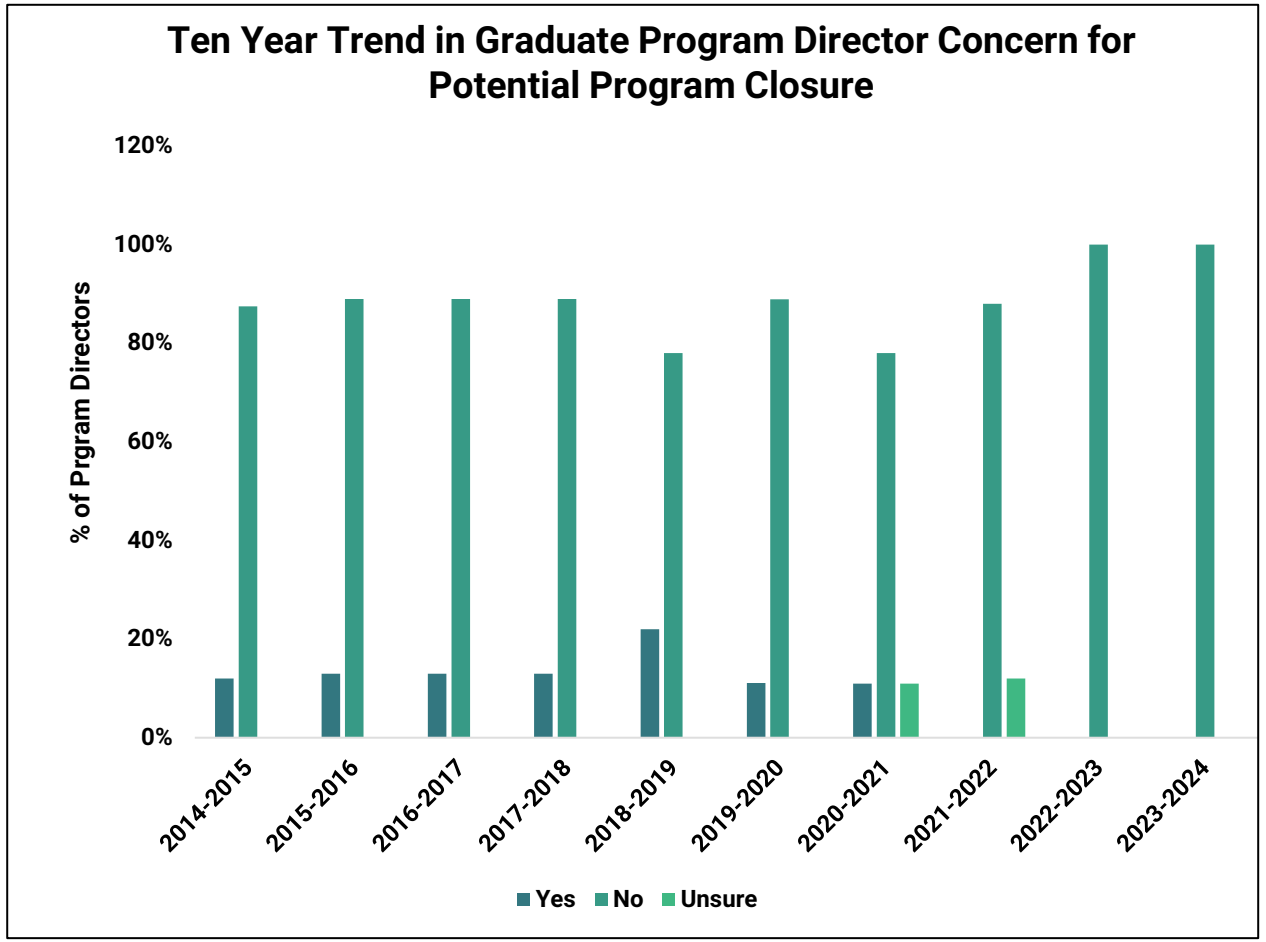

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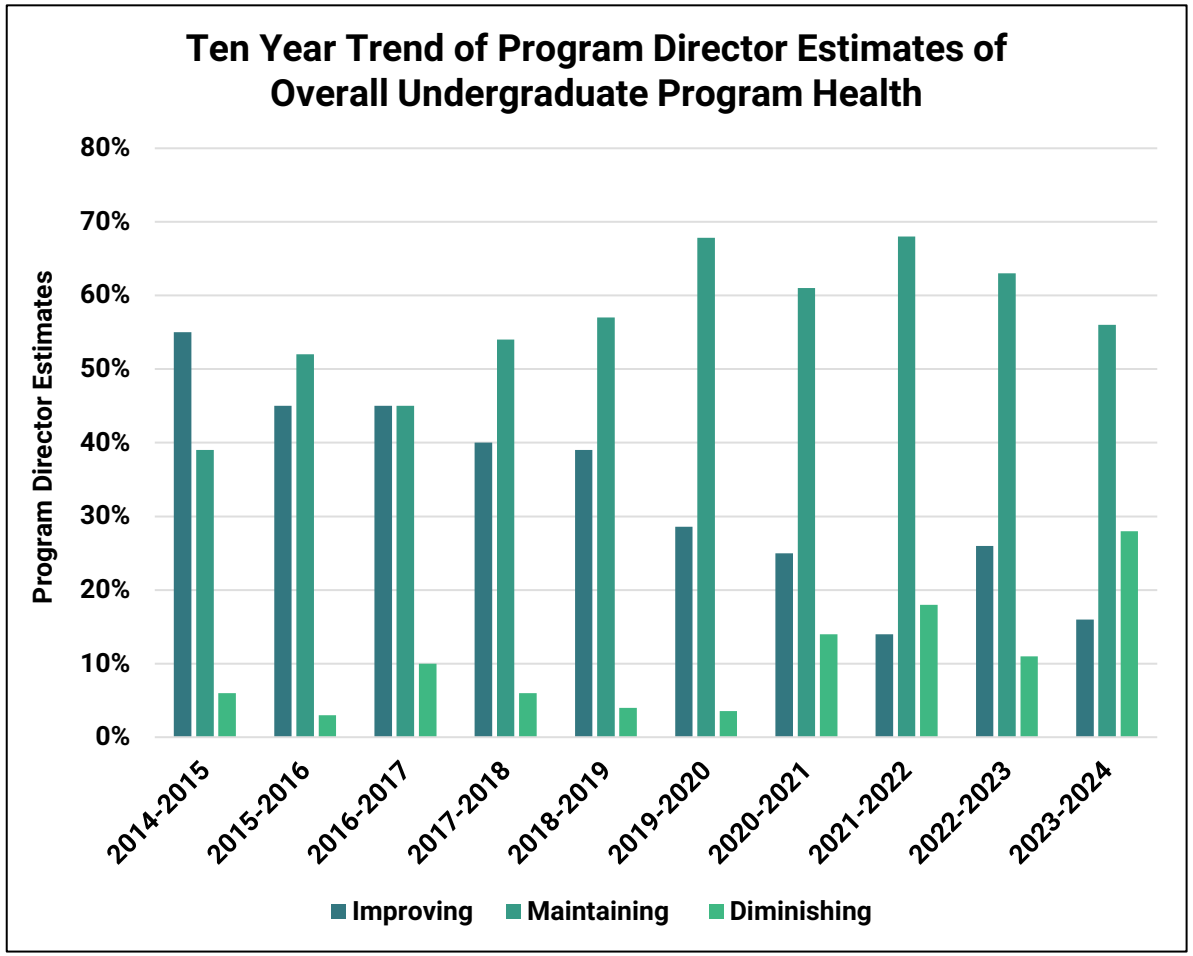

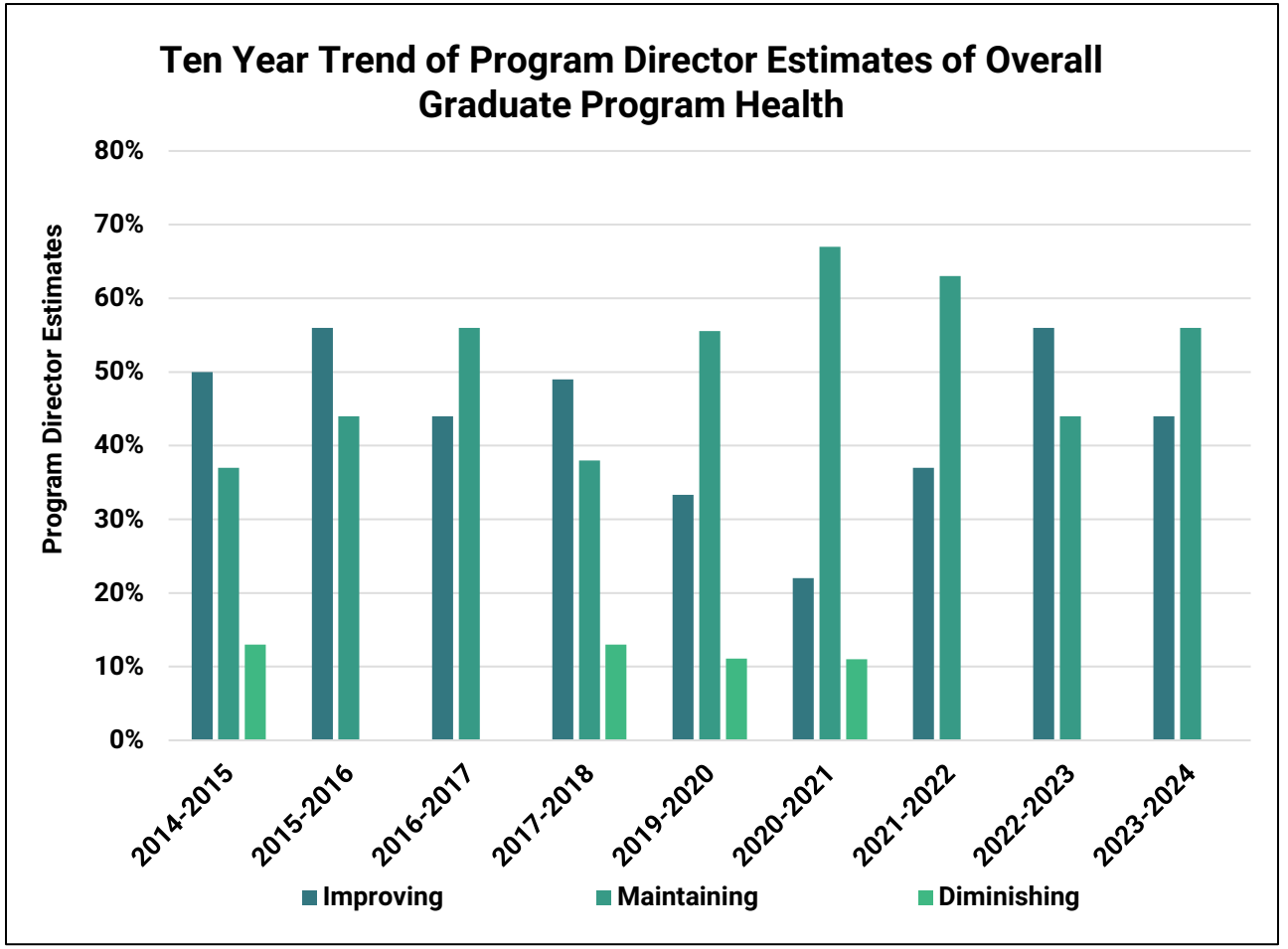

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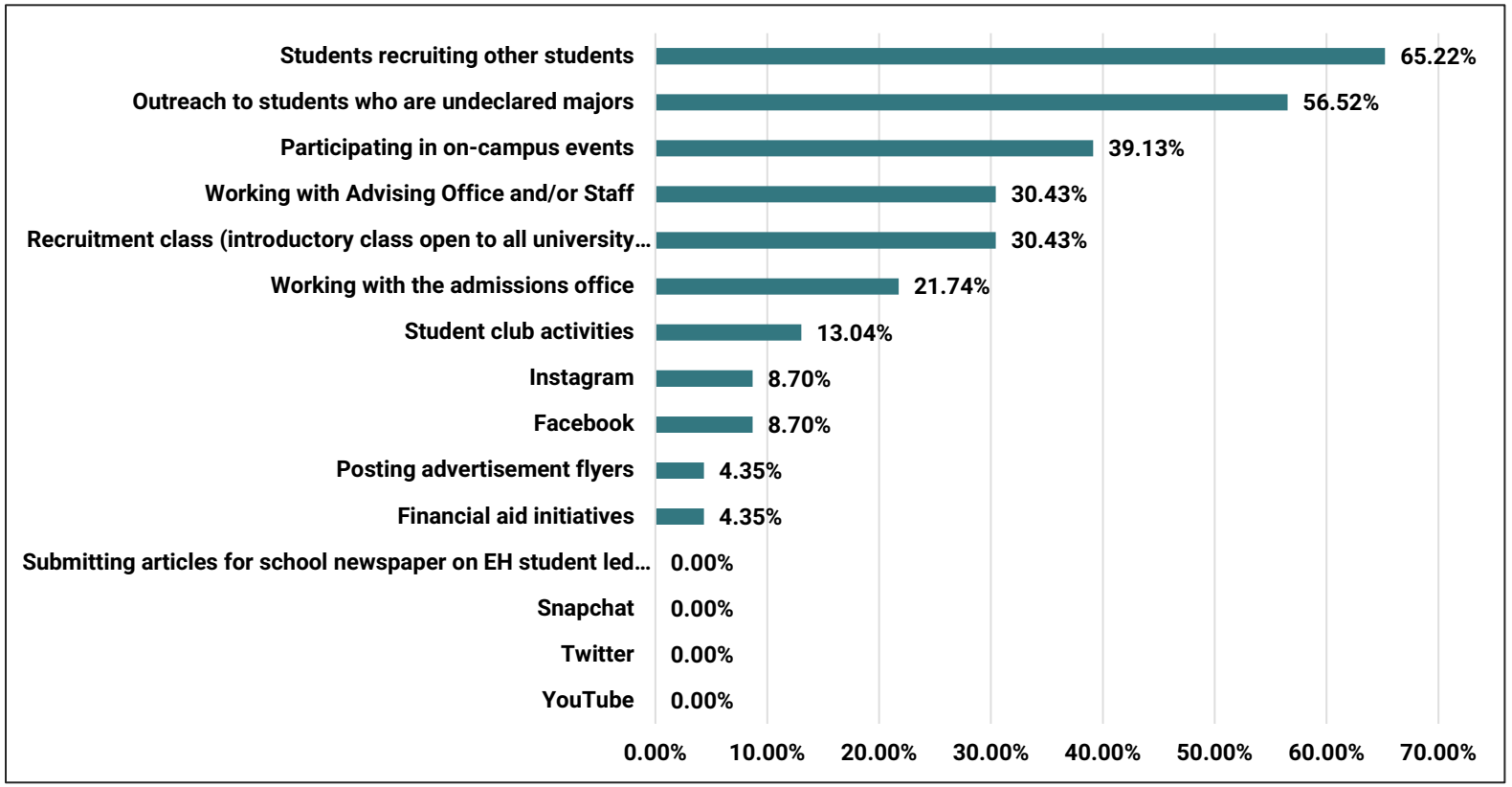

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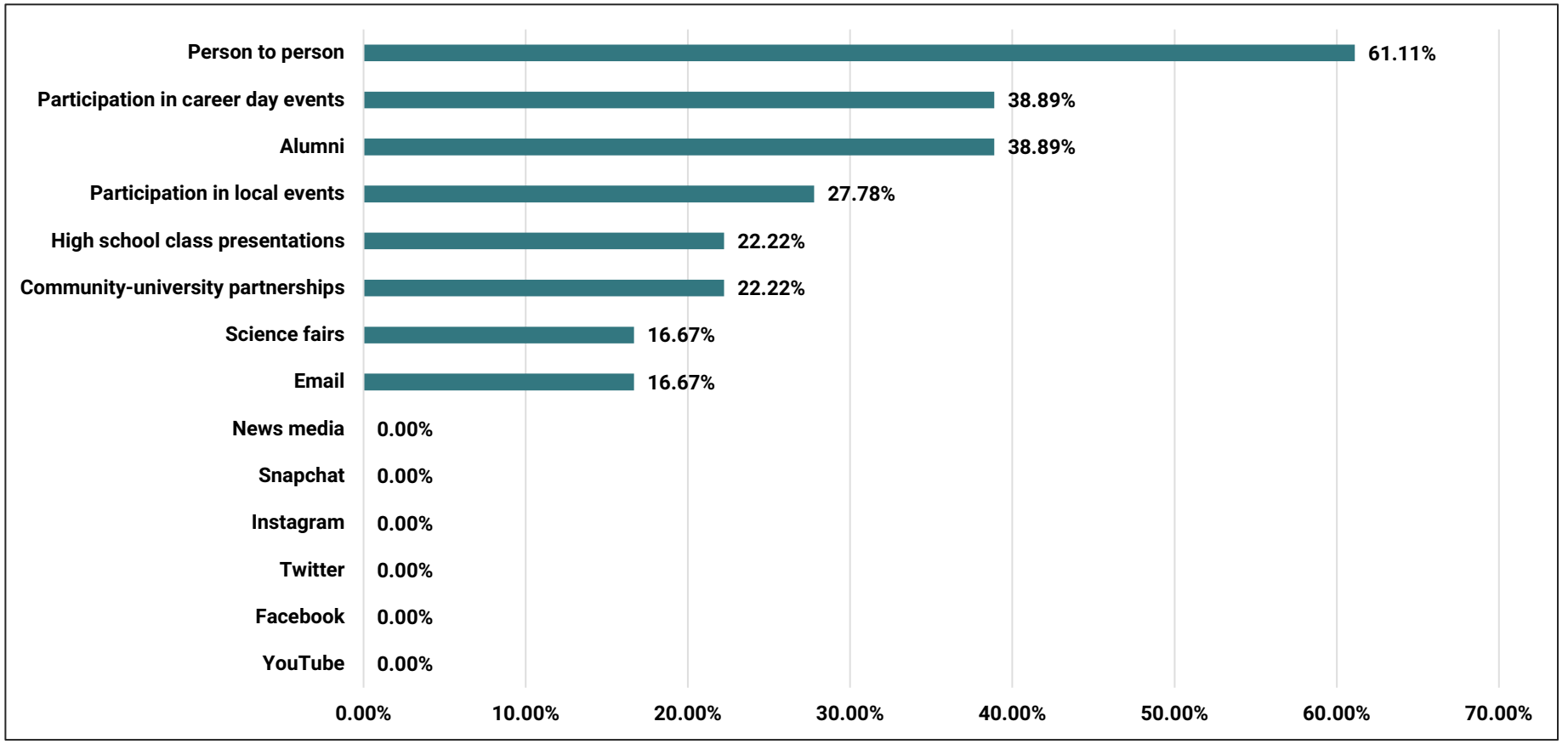

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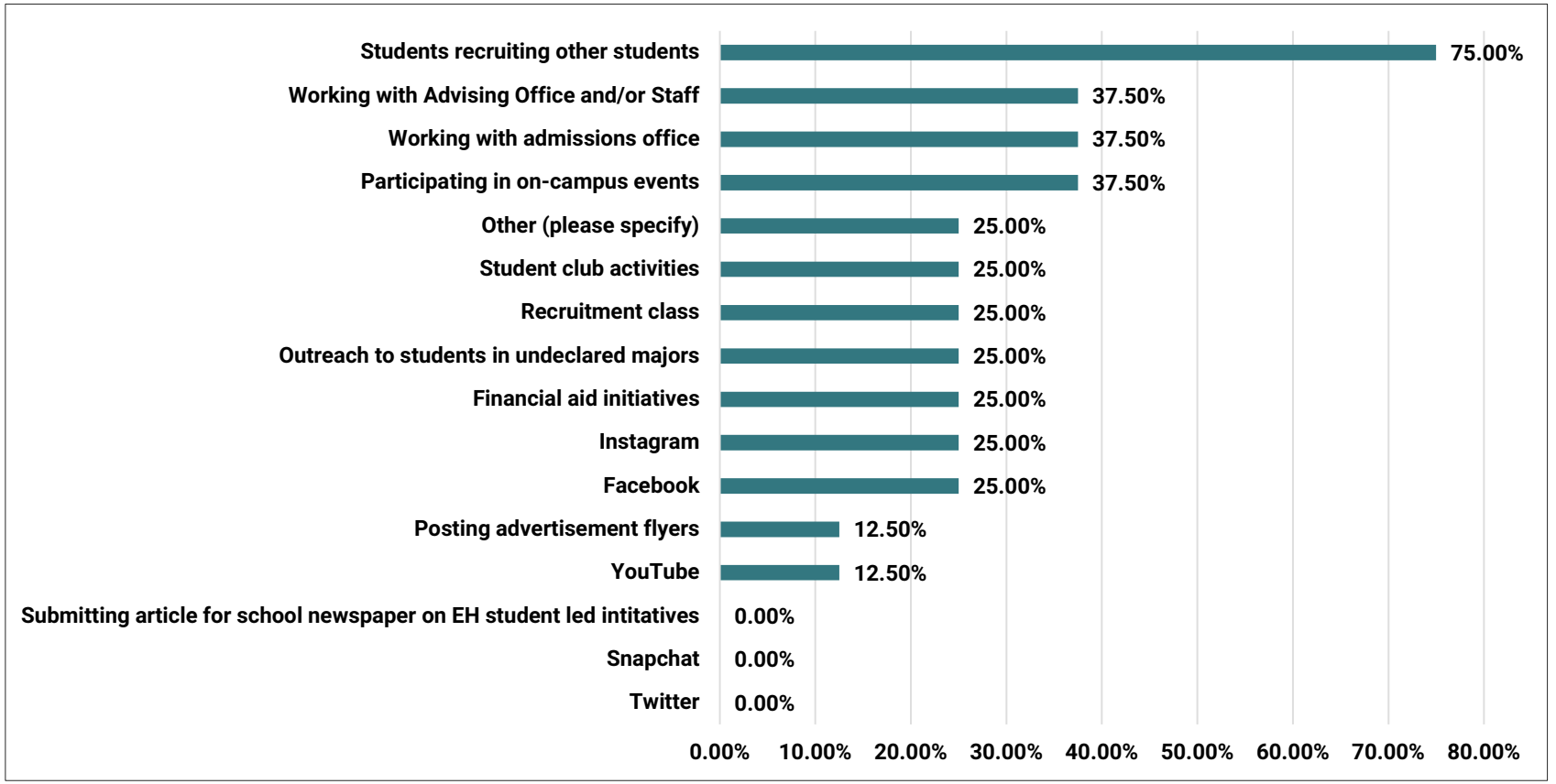

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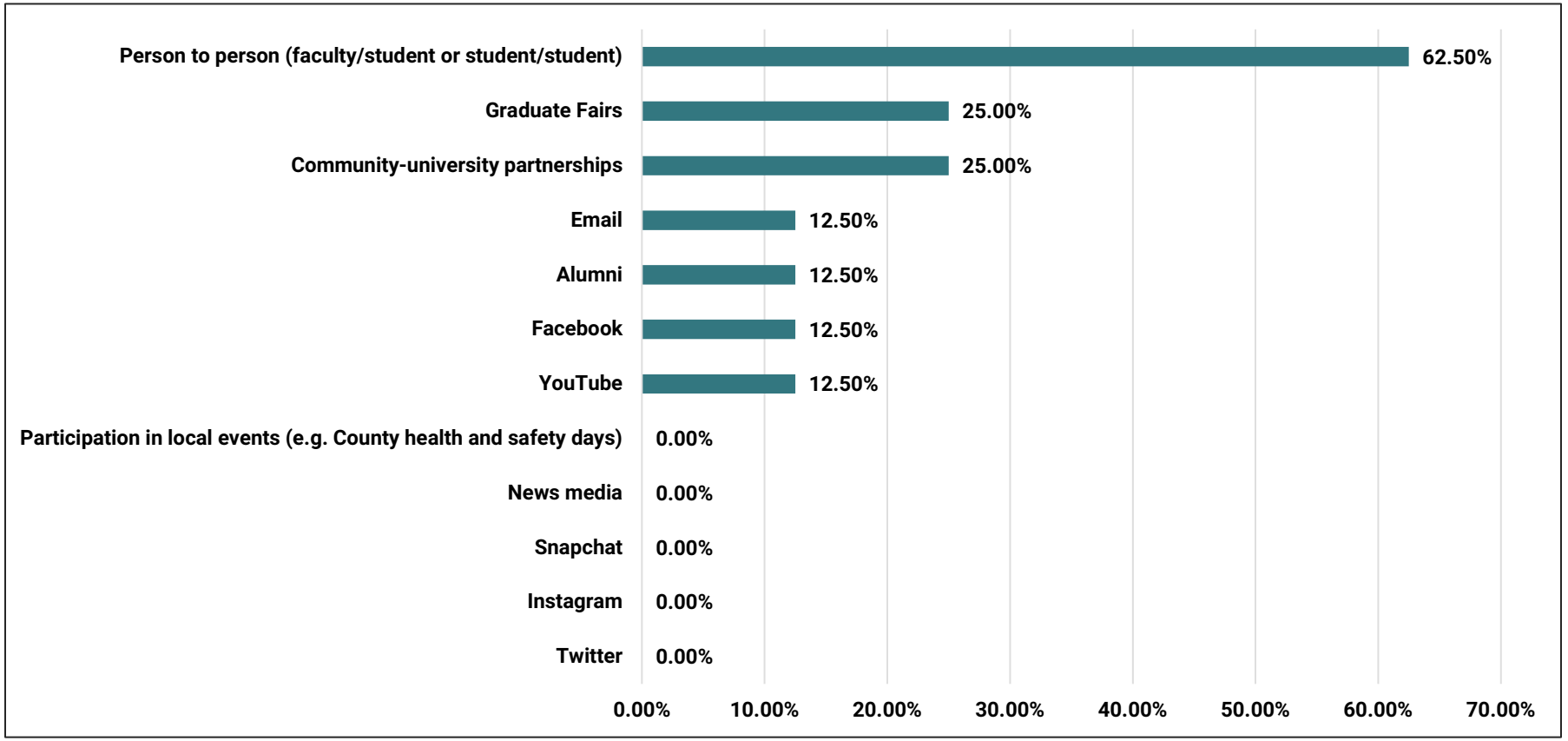

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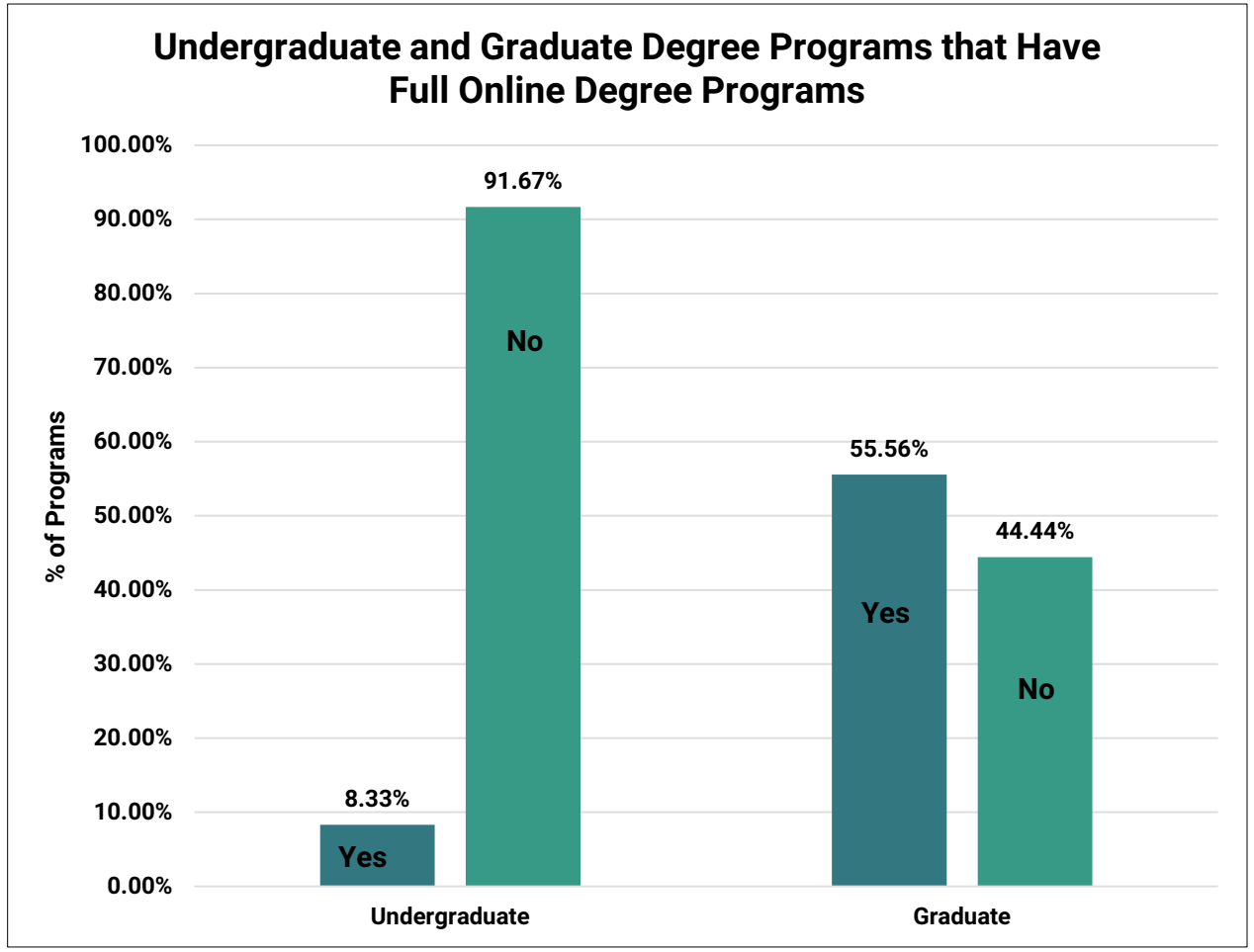

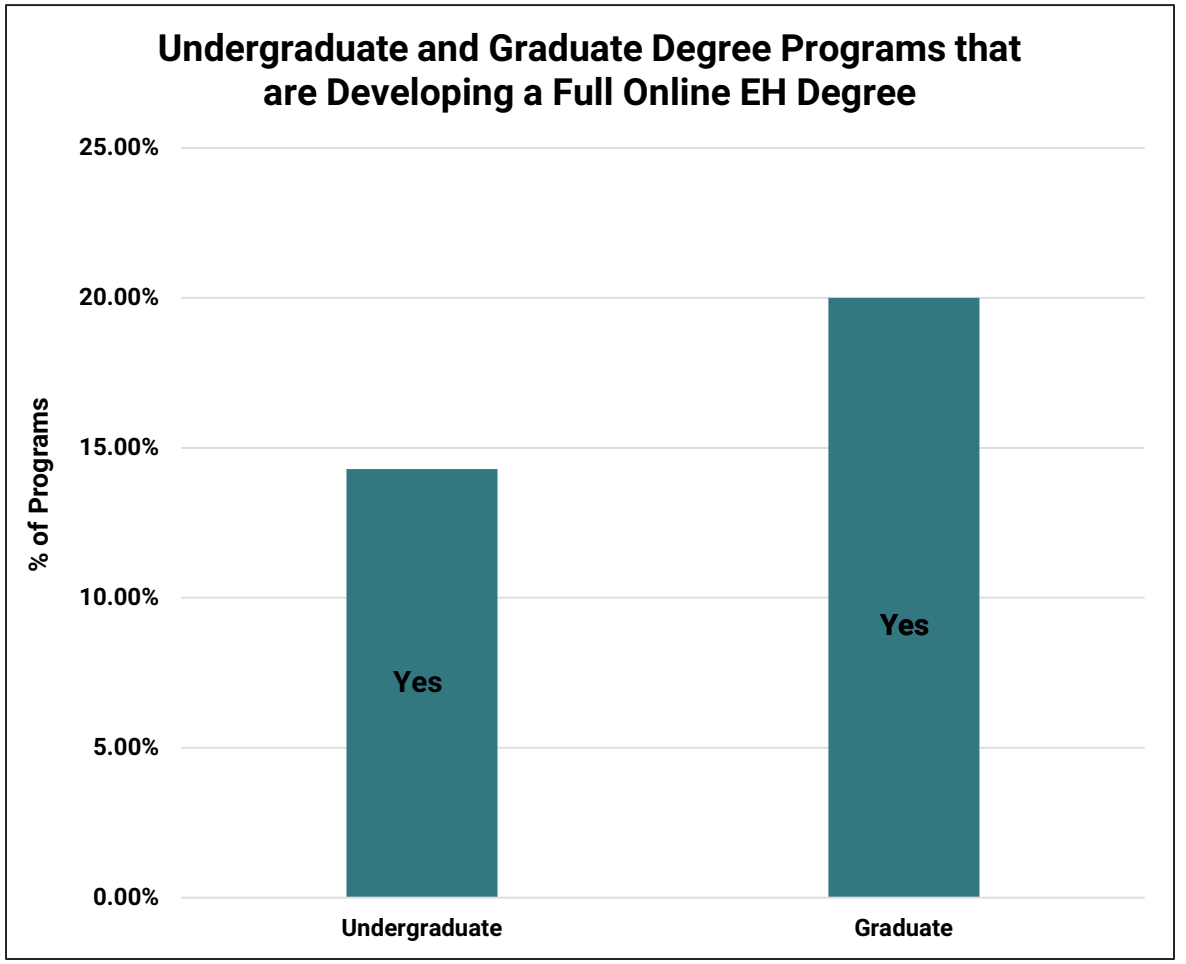

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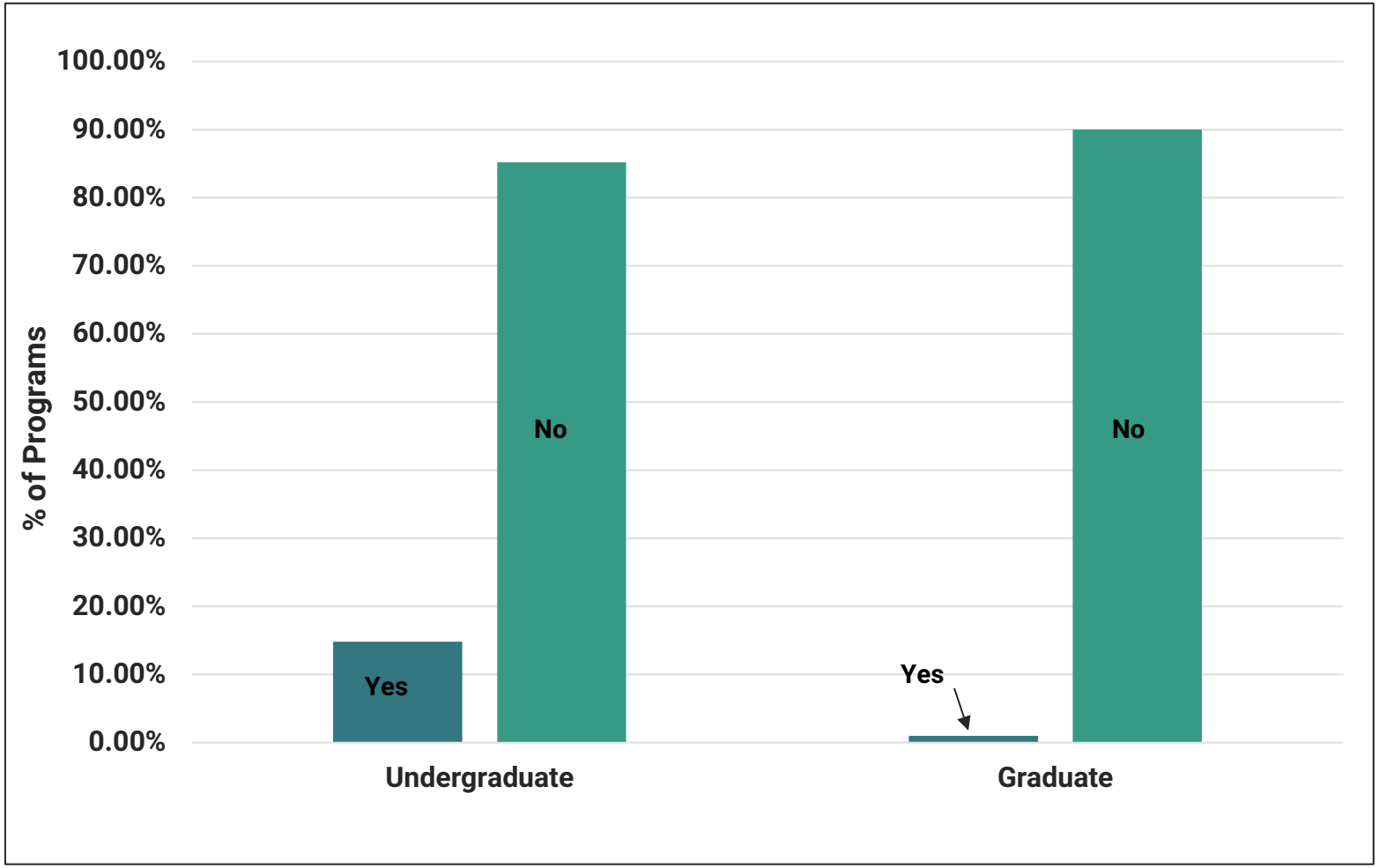

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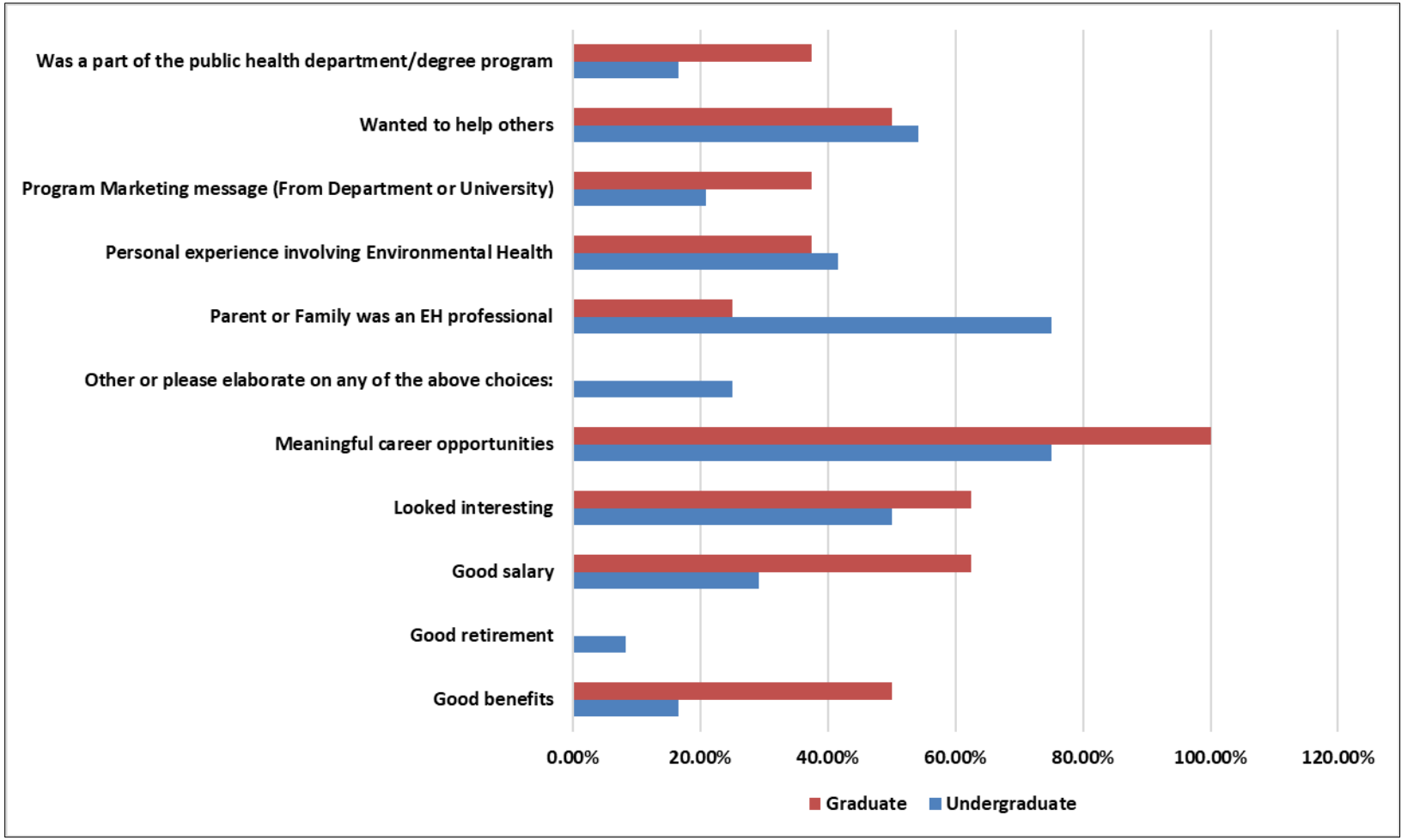

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