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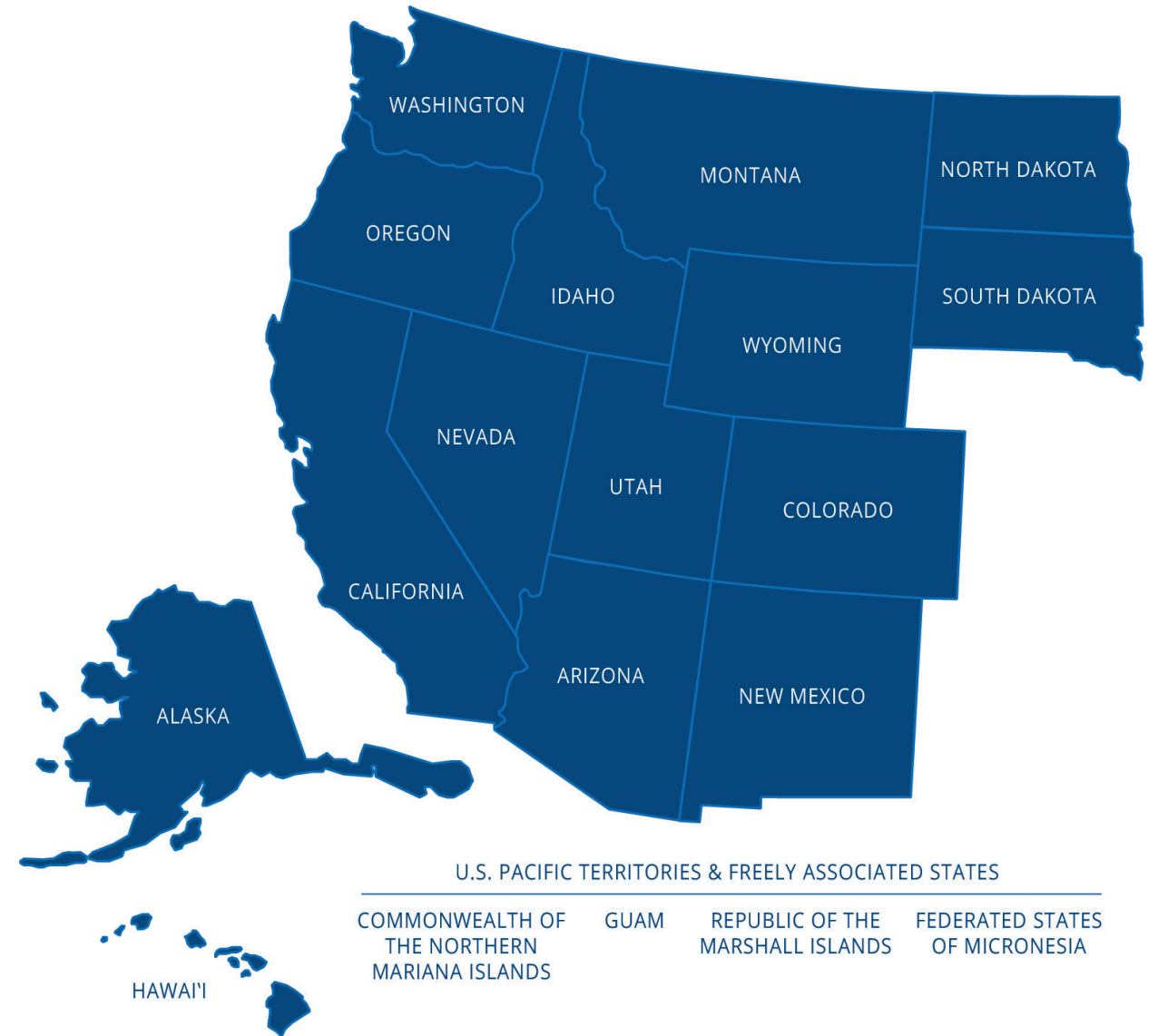
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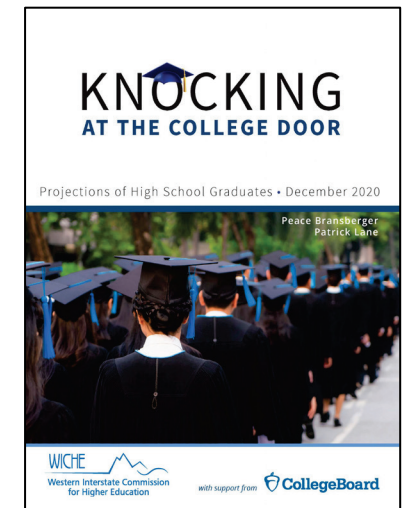
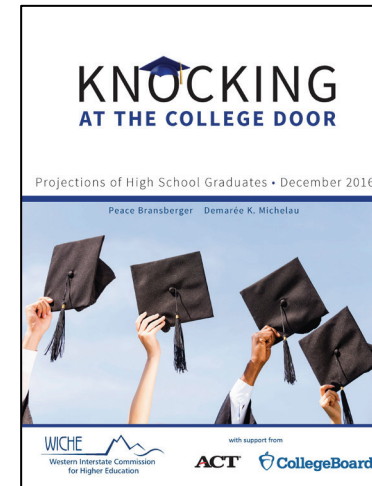
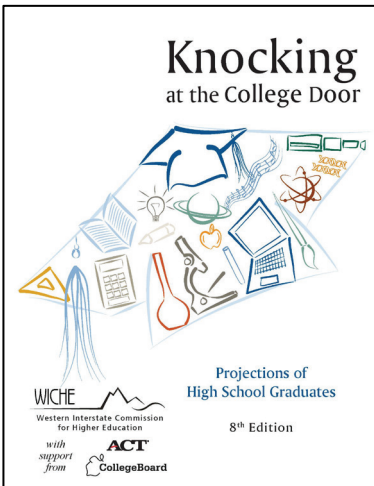
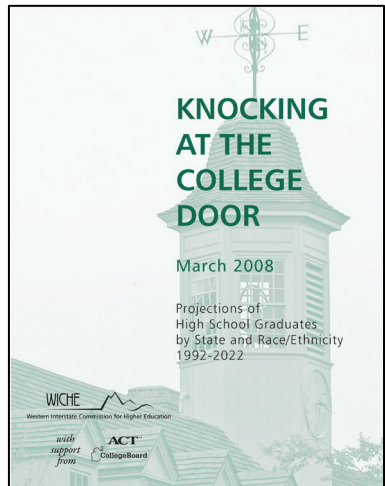
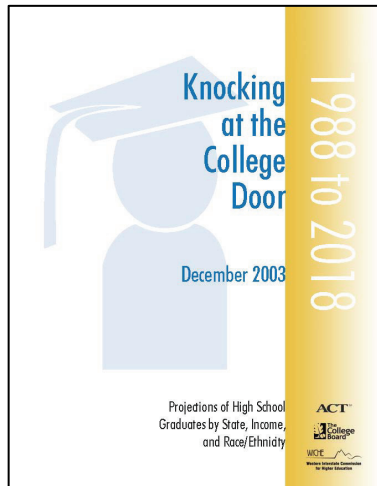
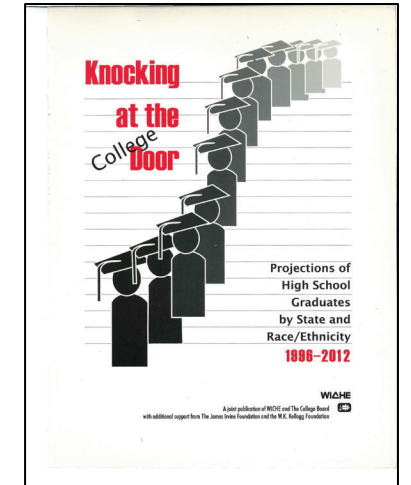
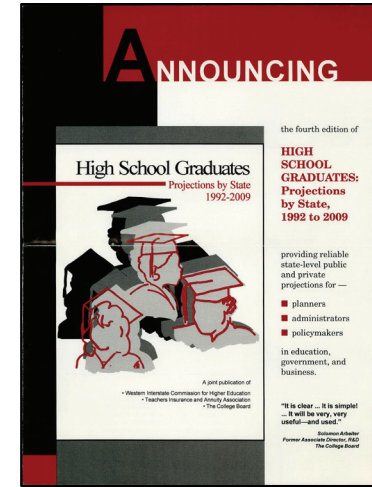
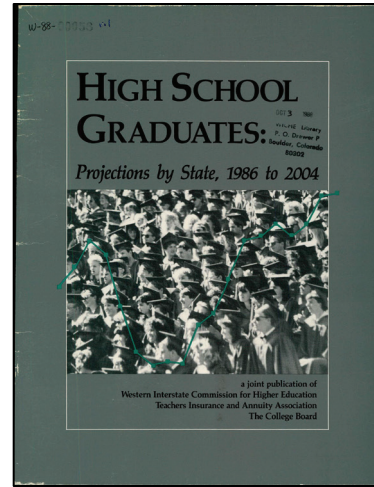
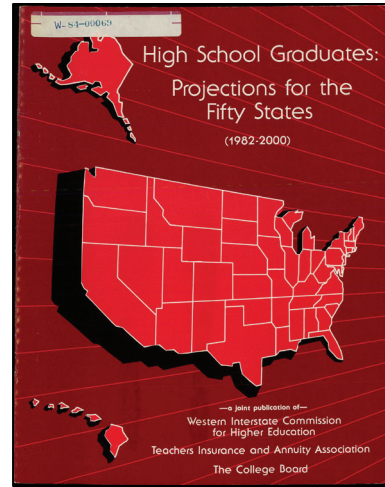
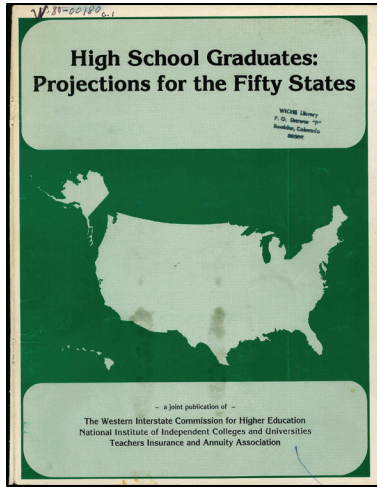
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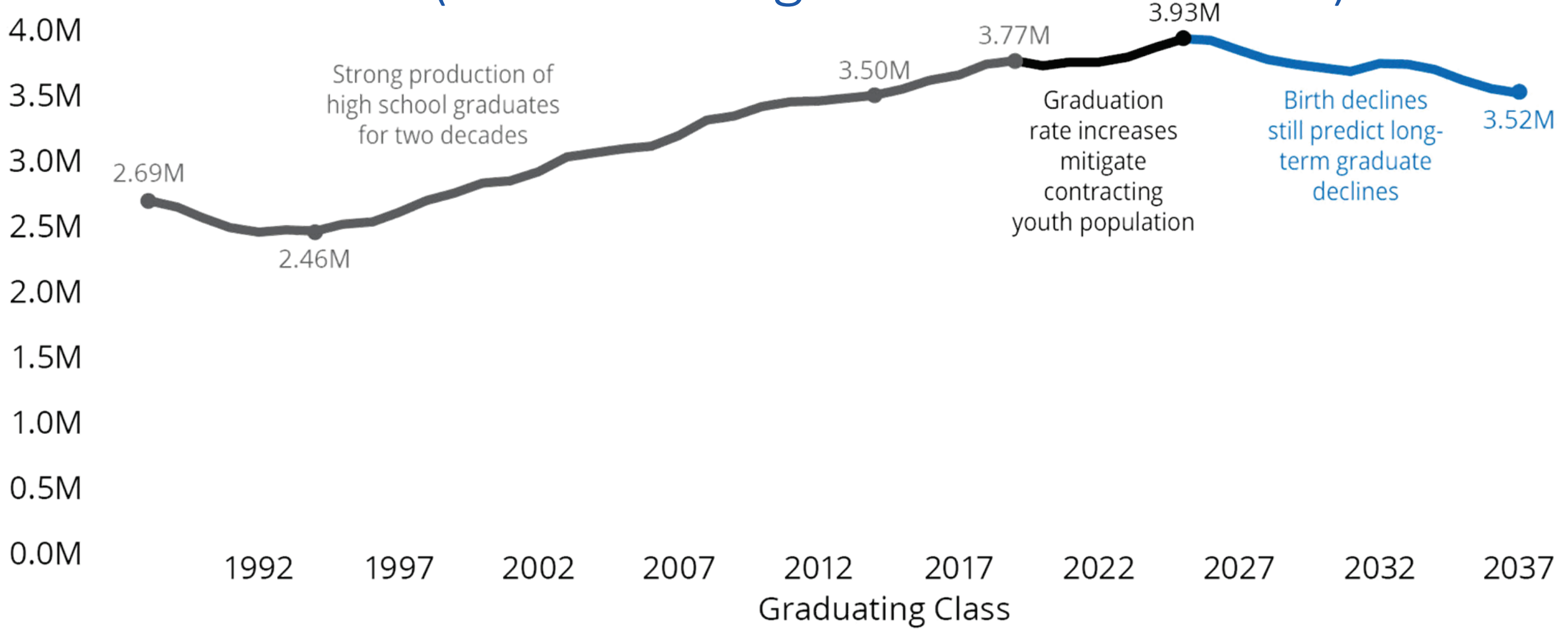


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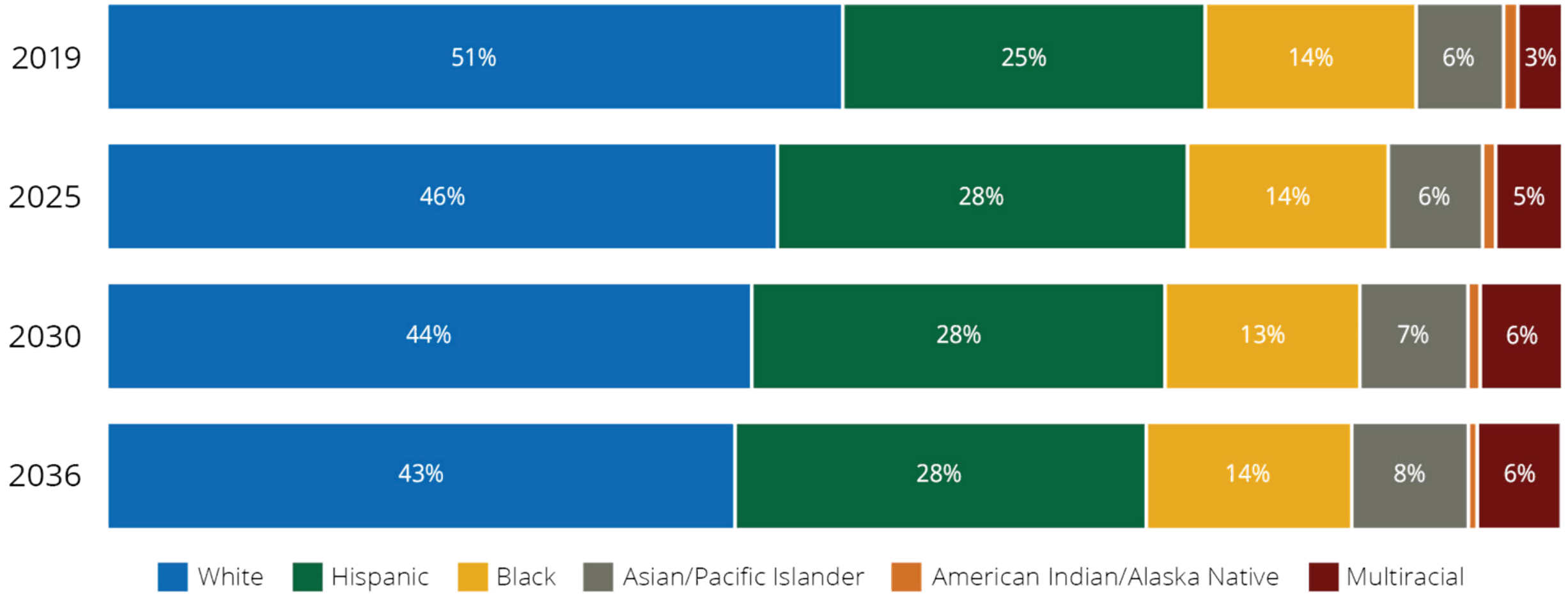
National Projections

Slowing Number of U.S. High School Graduates, then Decline (U.S. Total High School Graduates)



■ Class of 1988 to 2019 (reported) ■ Class of 2020 to 2025 (projected: increase) ■ Class of 2026 to 2037 (projected: decrease)

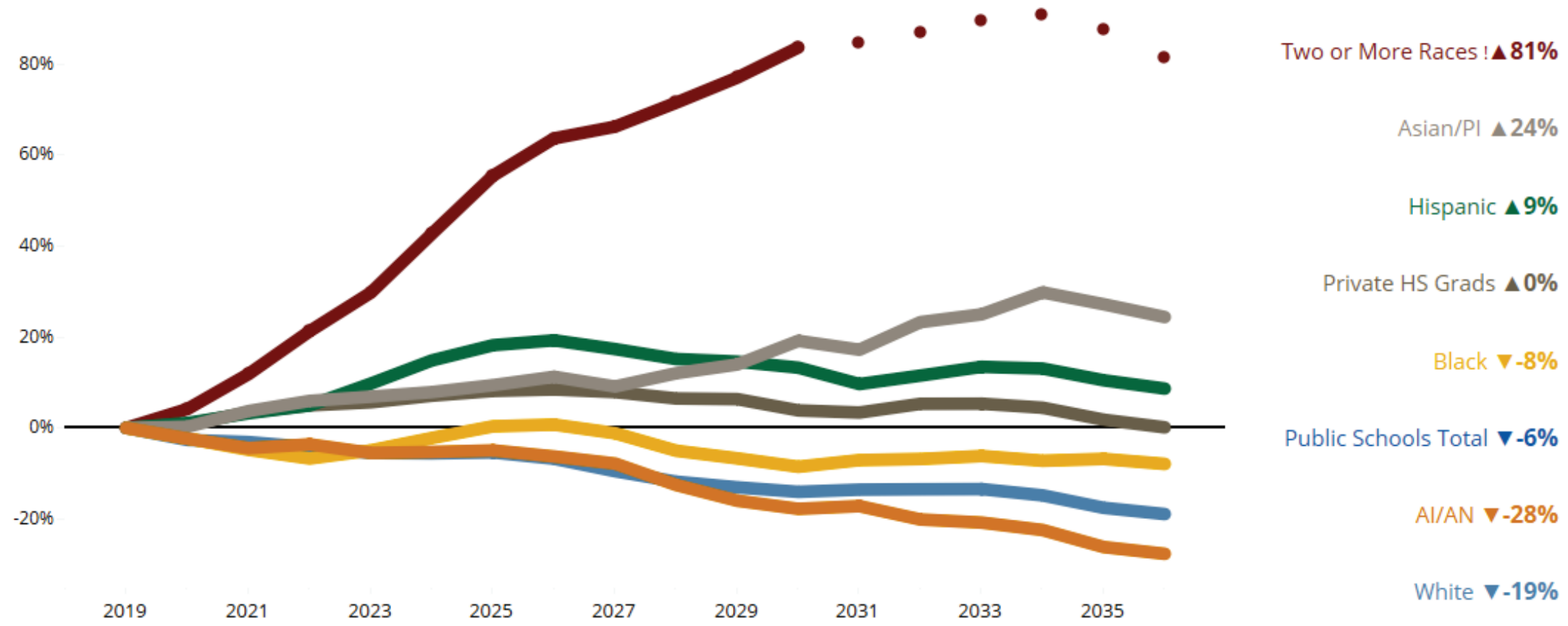
Projected Diversification of Public High School Graduating Classes, United States, Class of 2019 to Class of 2036



Projected Percent Change in Public Graduates vs. 2019 by Race/Ethnicity, United States

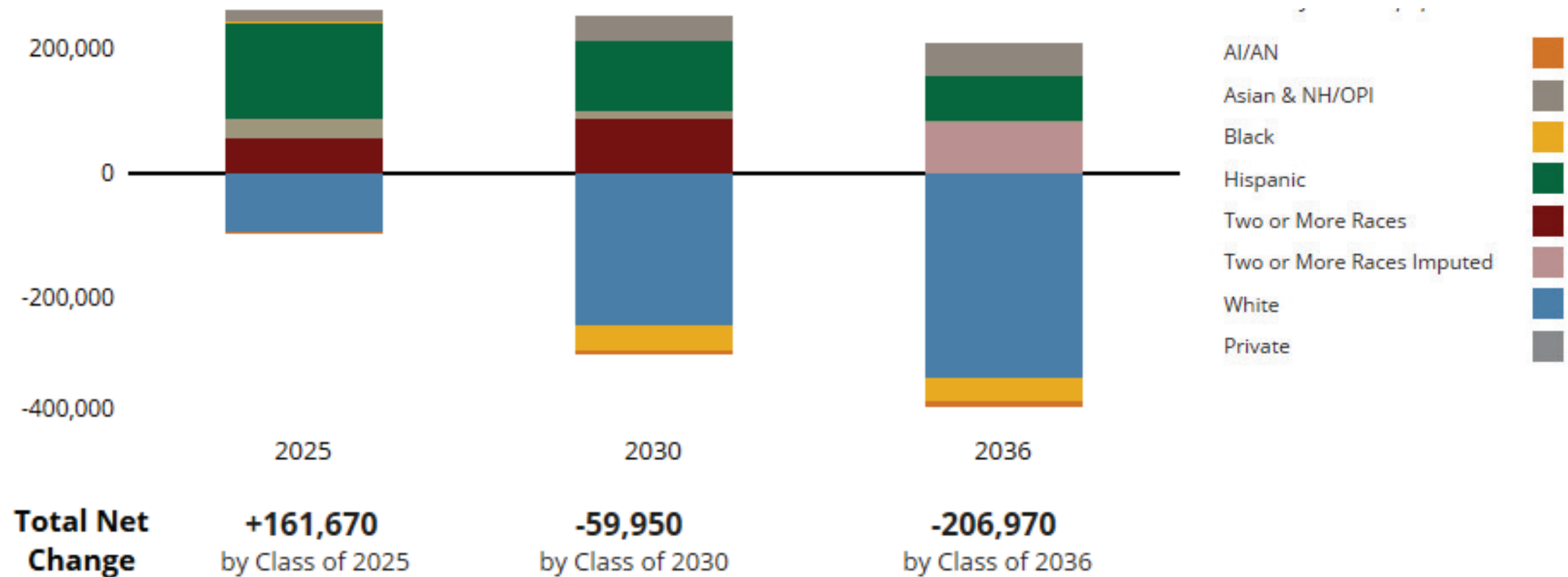
Cumulative Percent Change

Change between 2019 & 2036

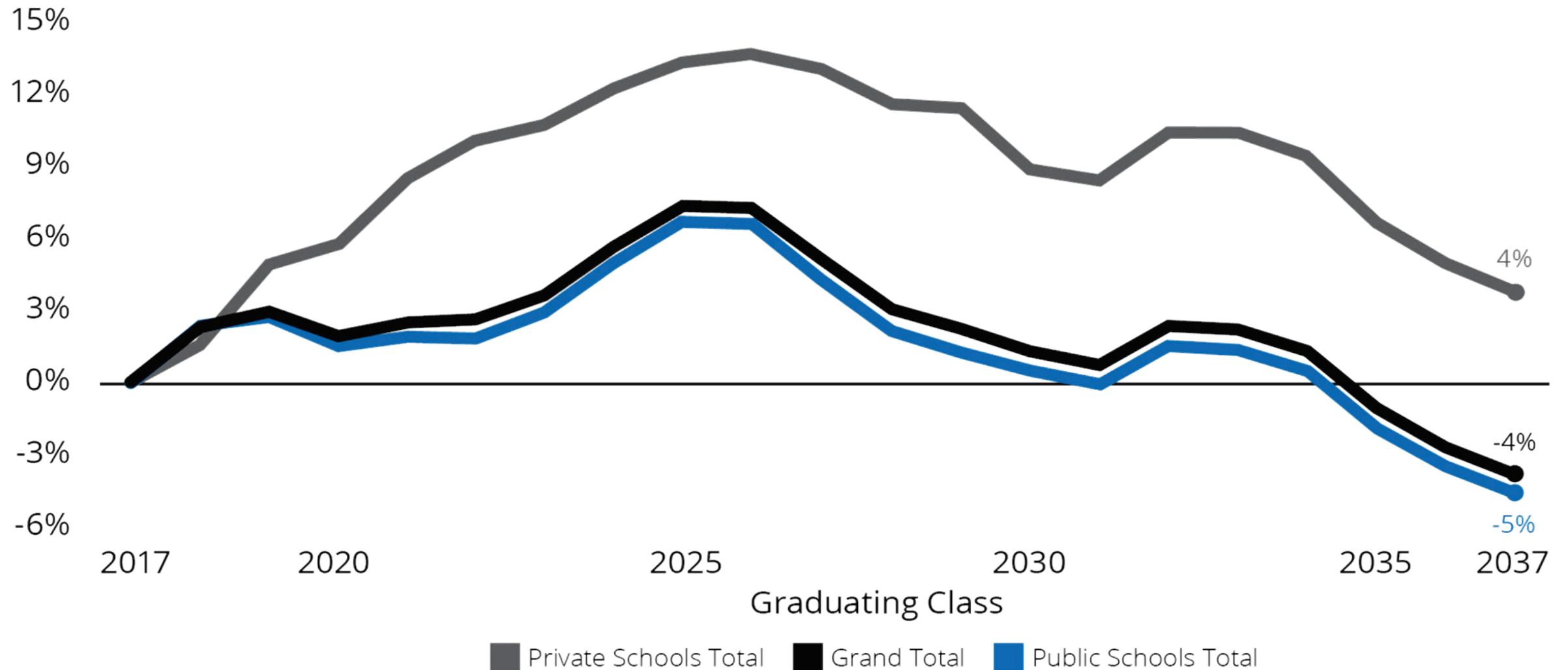


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Cumulative Change in the Number of Graduates



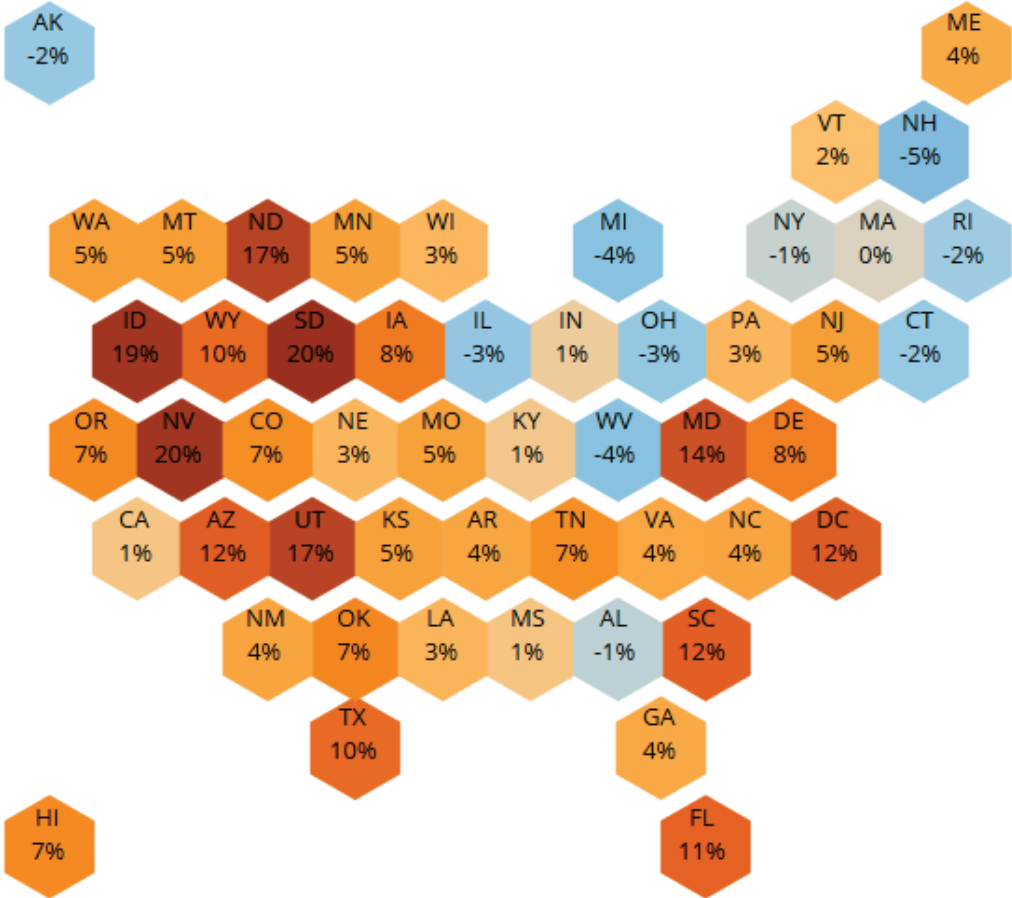
Projected Change in High School Graduates by School Sector, Class of 2017 to Class of 2037



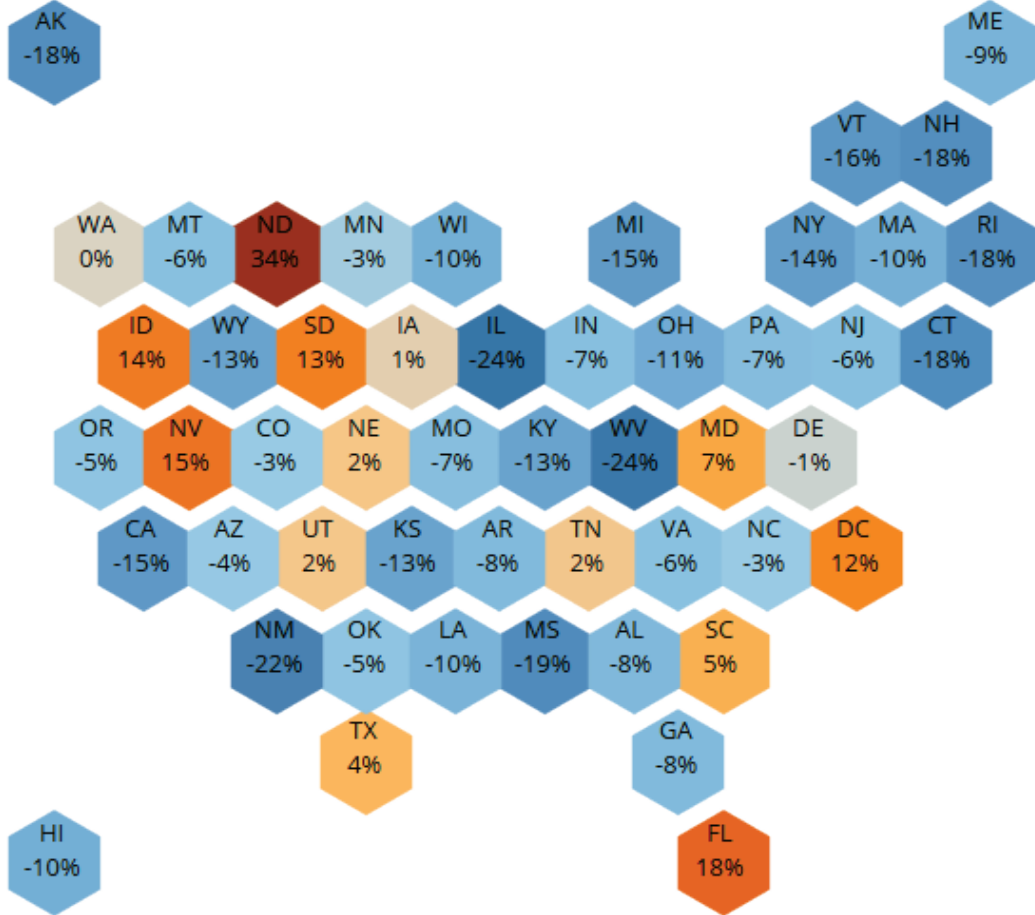
Regional & State Variation

Projected Percent Change, Total High School Graduates by State

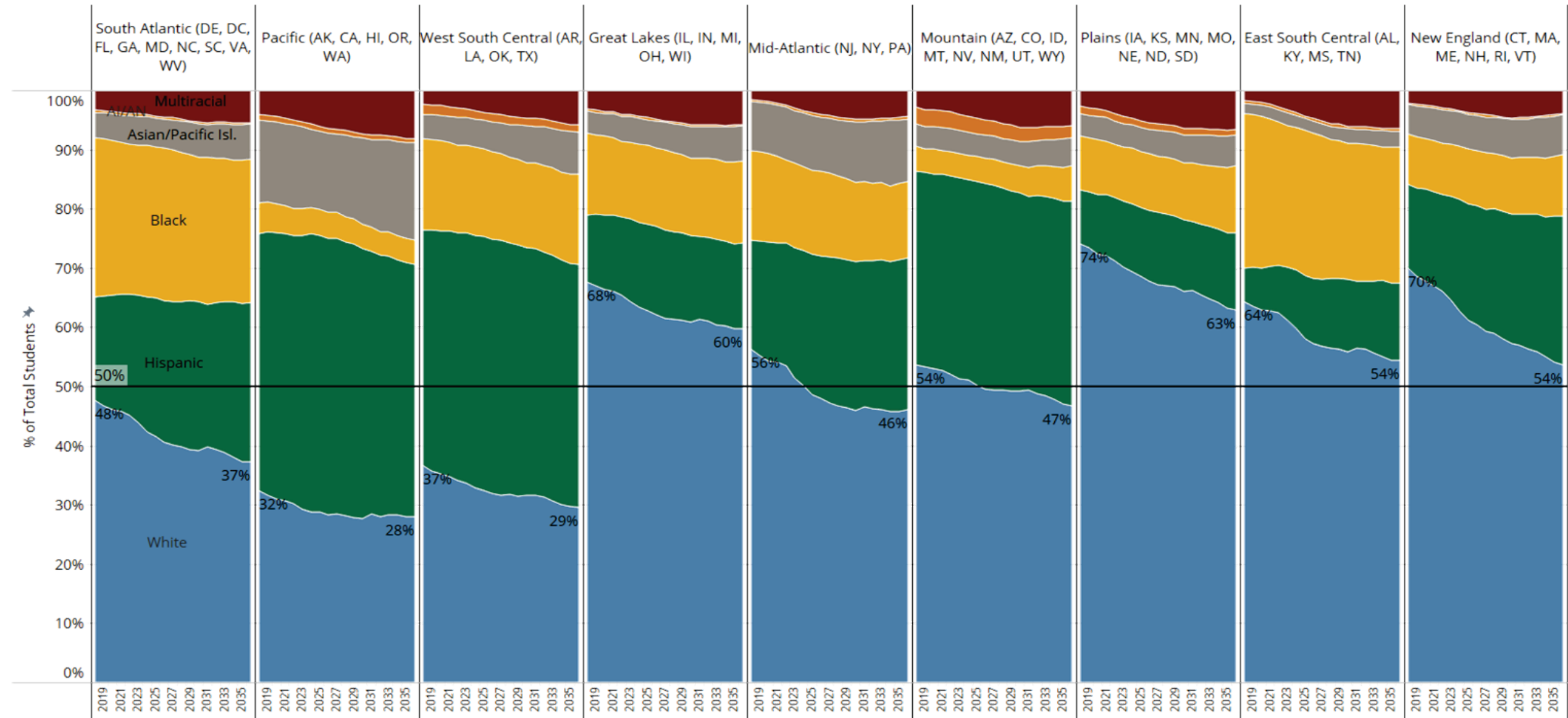
Class of 2019 to Class of 2025



Class of 2019 to Class of 2037

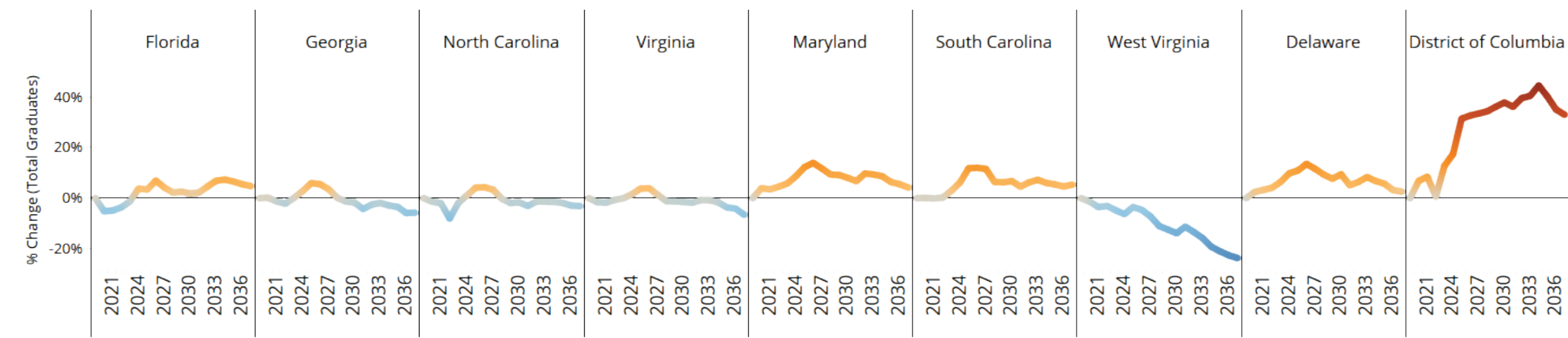


Share of Public High School Graduates by Race/Ethnicity, by Census Division, Class of 2019 to Class of 2036

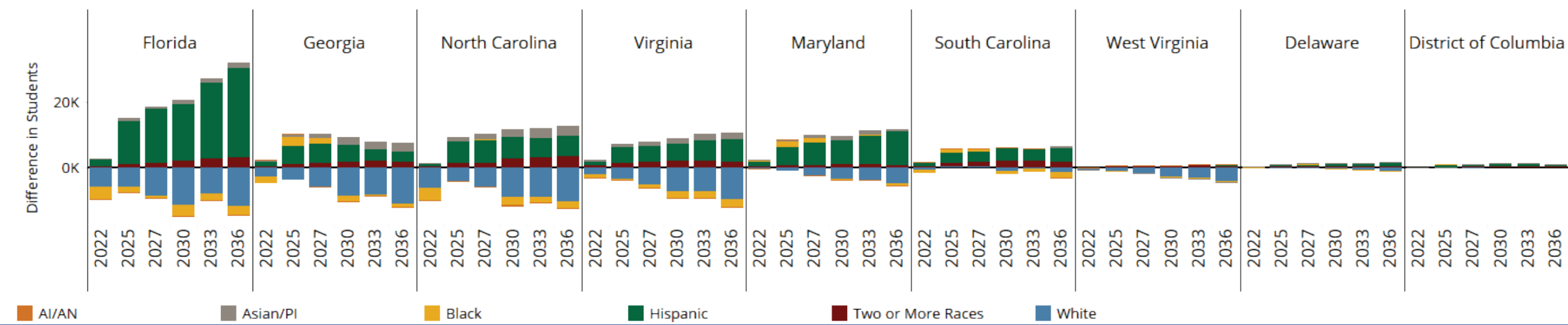


South Atlantic High School Graduates, Class of 2019 to Class of 2036

Percent Change in Total High School Graduates

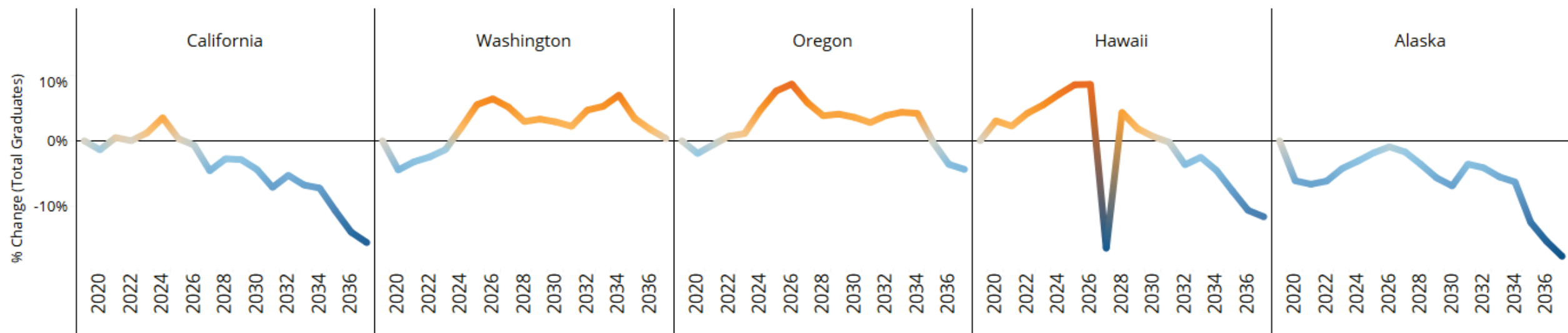


Change in Number of Public High School Graduates from Class of 2019 by Race Ethnicity

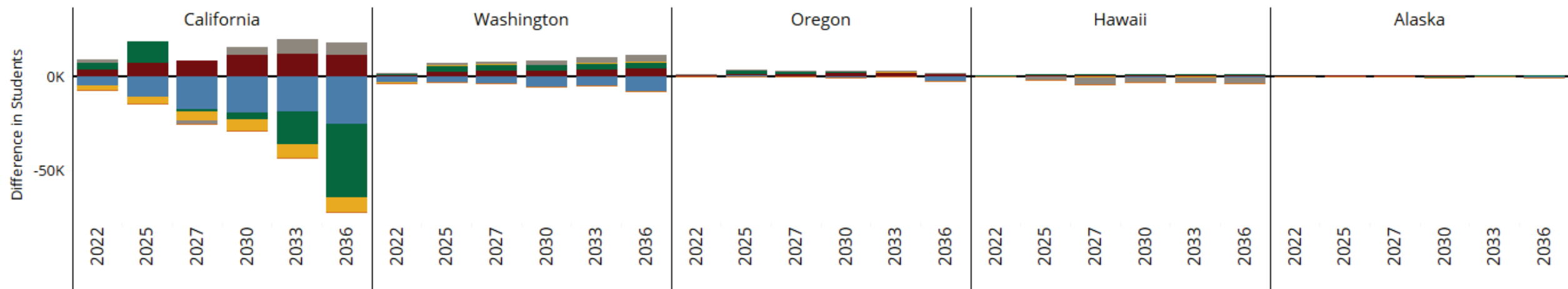


Pacific High School Graduates, Class of 2019 to Class of 2036

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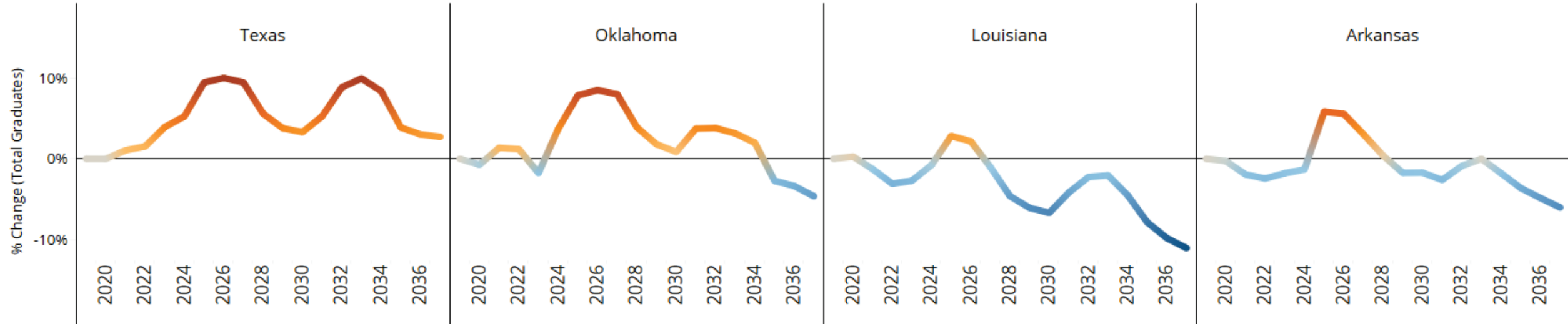
Change in Number of Public High School Graduates from Class of 2019 by Race Ethnicity



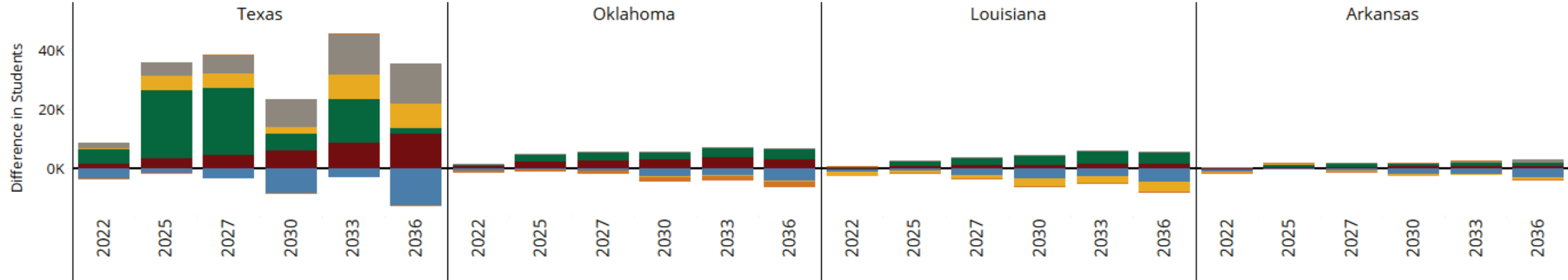
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West South Central High School Graduates, Class of 2019 to Class of 2036

Percent Change in Total High School Graduates

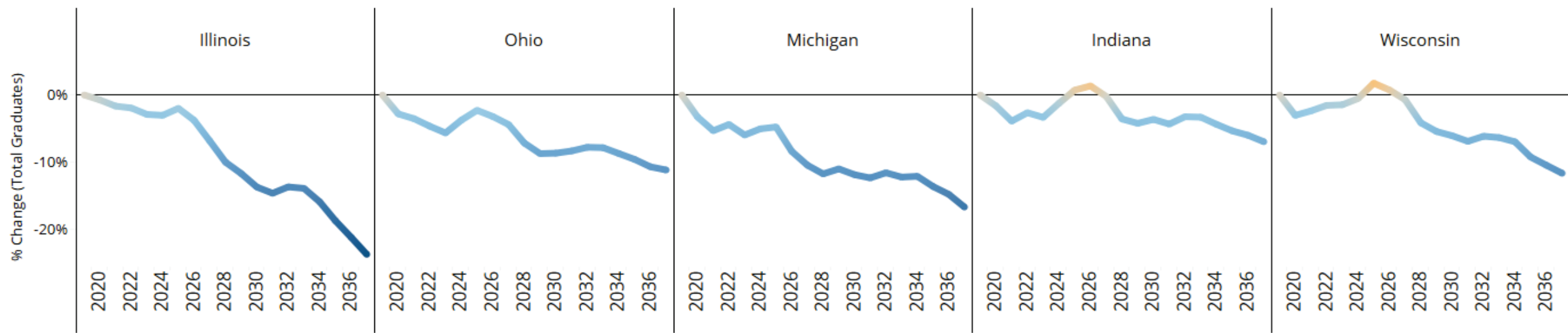


Change in Number of Public High School Graduates from Class of 2019 by Race Ethnicity

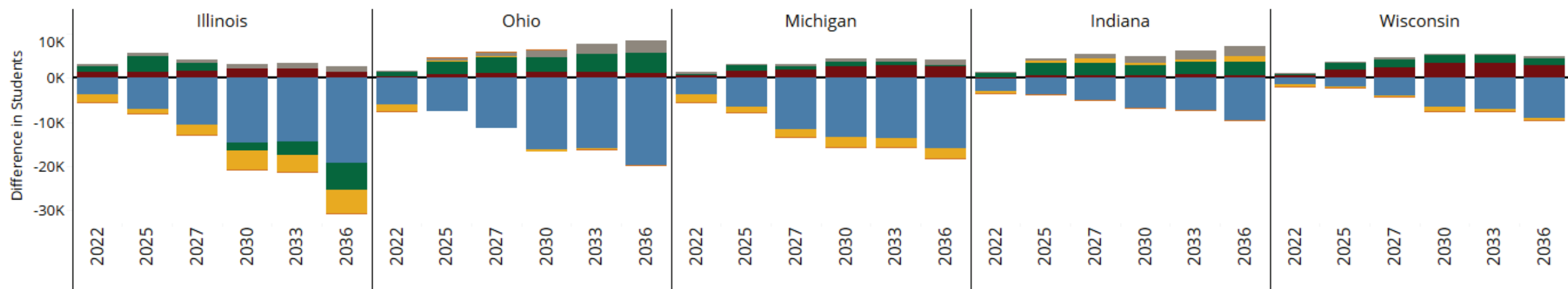


Great Lakes High School Graduates, Class of 2019 to Class of 2036

Percent Change in Total High School Graduates



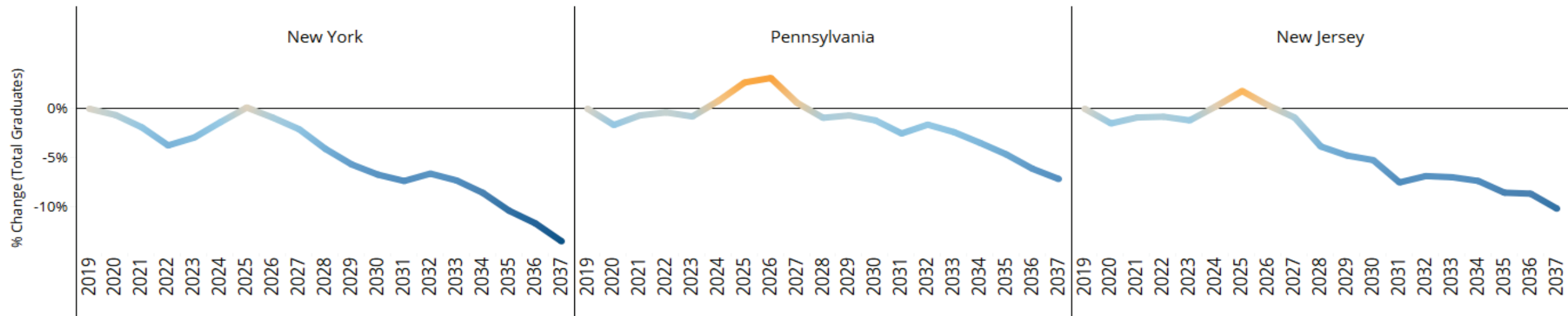
Change in Number of Public High School Graduates from Class of 2019 by Race Ethnicity



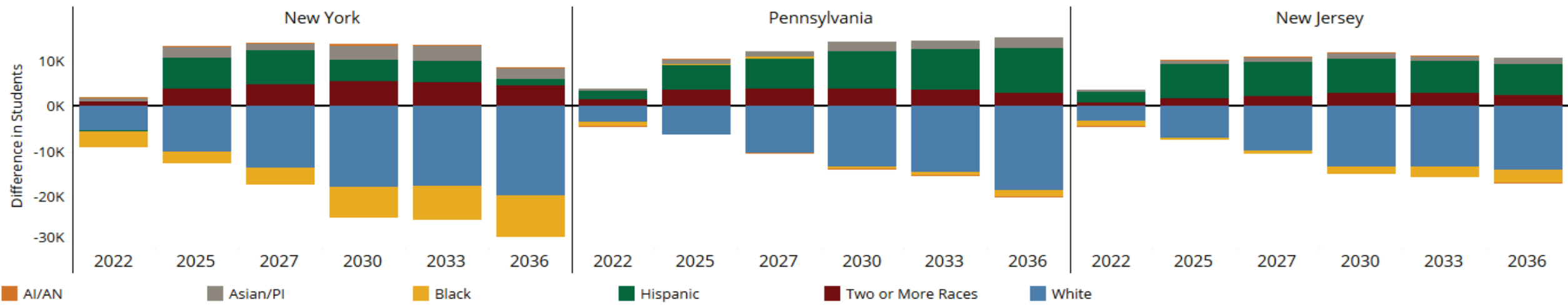
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 ■ Hispanic
 ■ Two or More Races
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Mid-Atlantic High School Graduates, Class of 2019 to Class of 2036

Percent Change in Total High School Graduates

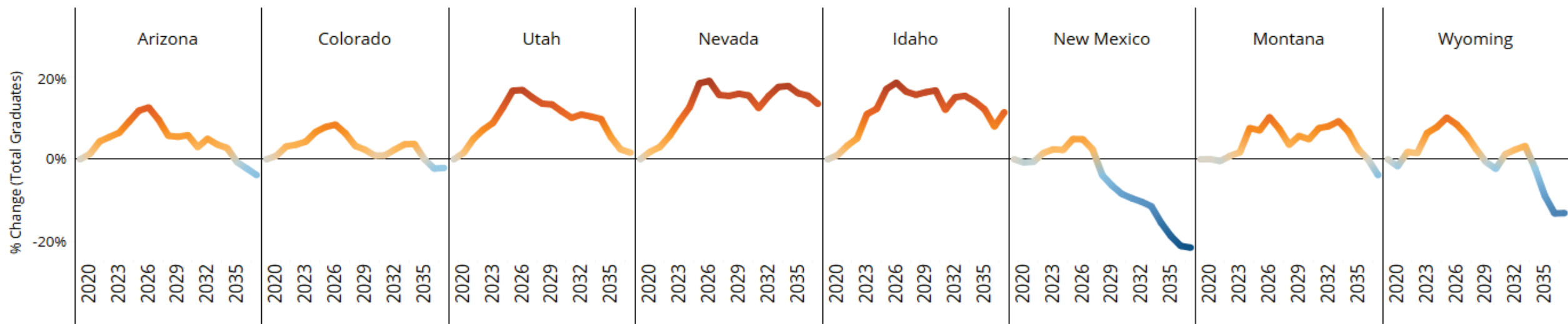


Change in Number of Public High School Graduates from Class of 2019 by Race Ethnicity

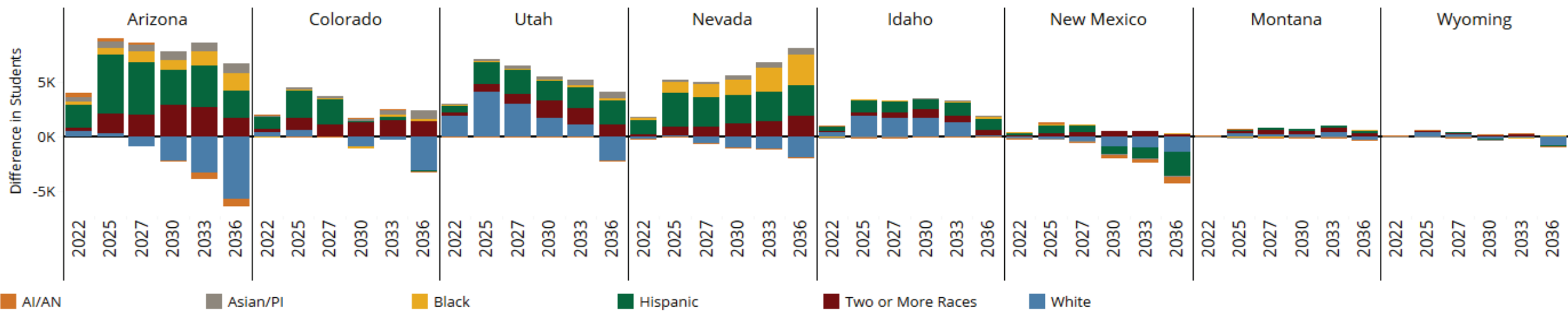


Mountain High School Graduates, Class of 2019 to Class of 2036

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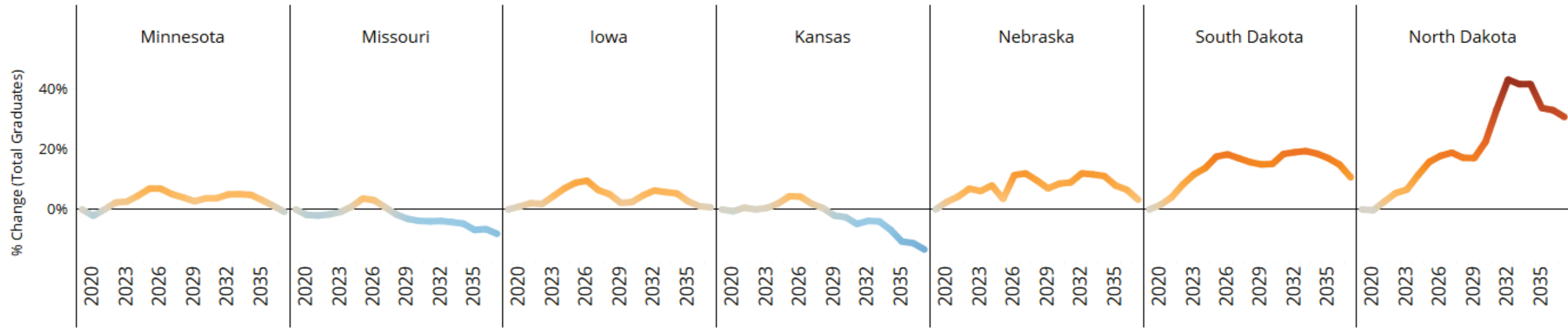


Change in Number of Public High School Graduates from Class of 2019 by Race Ethnicity

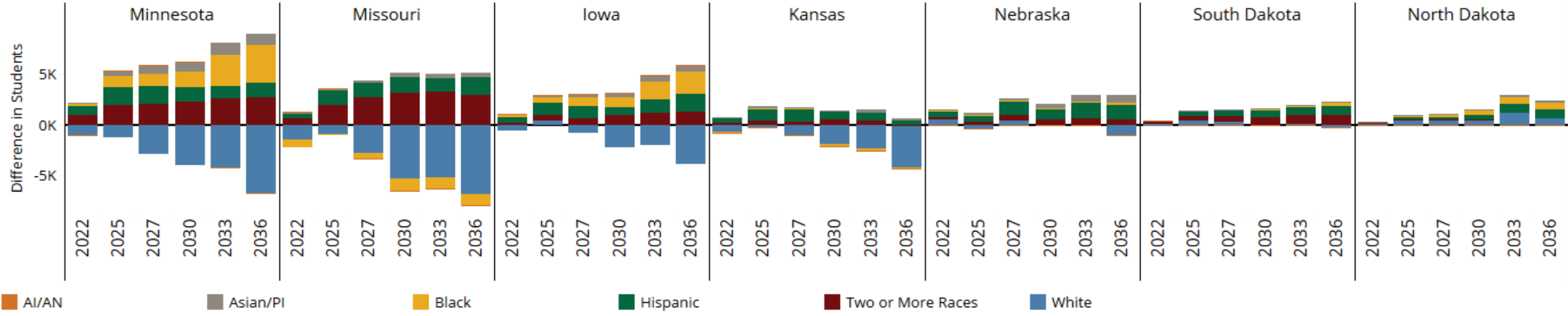


Plains High School Graduates, Class of 2019 to Class of 2036

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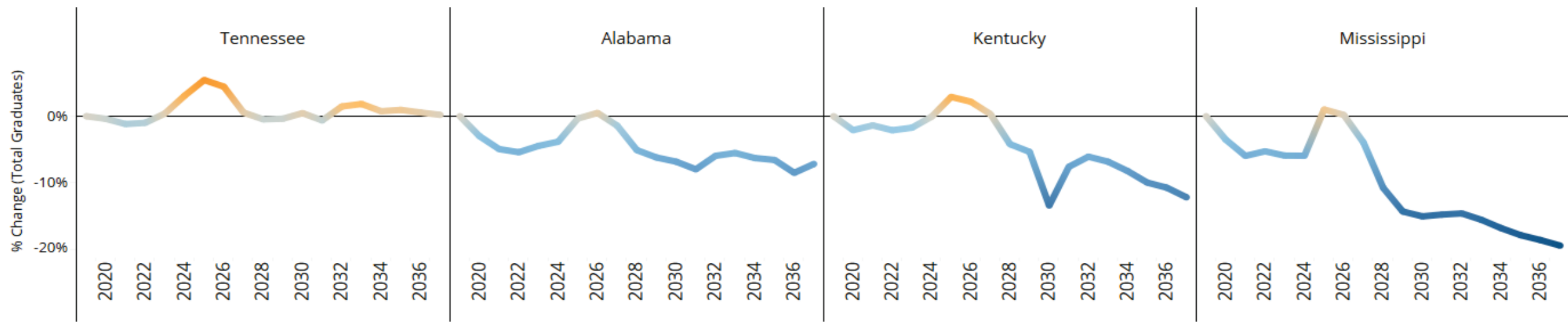


Change in Number of Public High School Graduates from Class of 2019 by Race Ethnicity

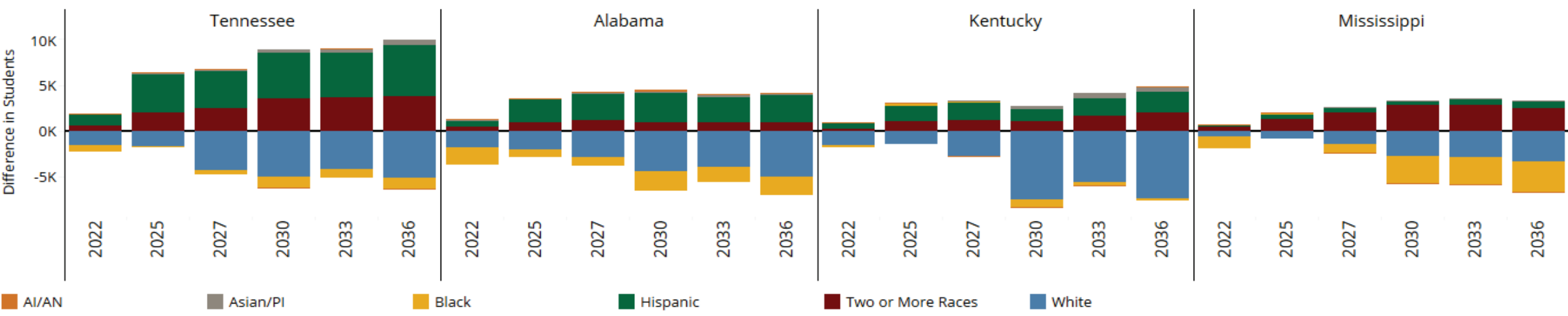


East South Central High School Graduates, Class of 2019 to Class of 2036

Percent Change in Total High School Graduates

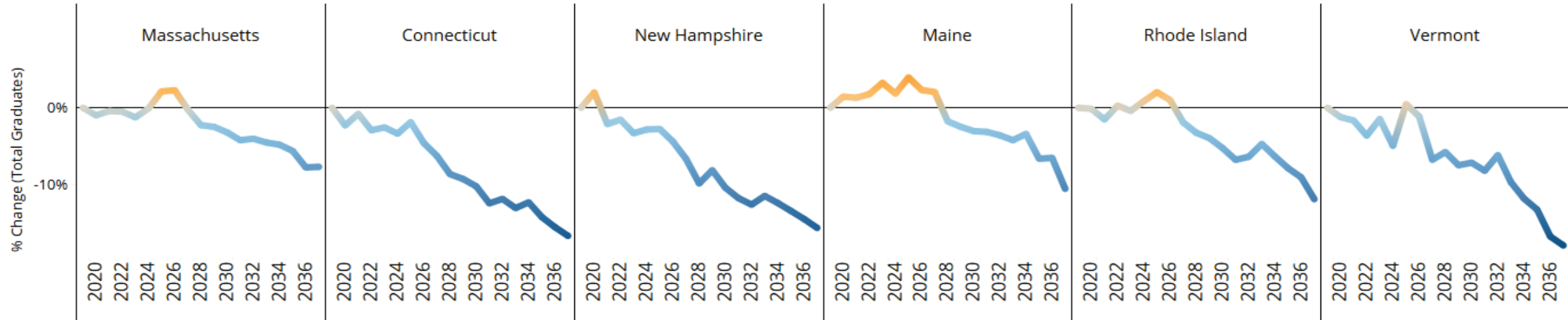


Change in Number of Public High School Graduates from Class of 2019 by Race Ethnicity

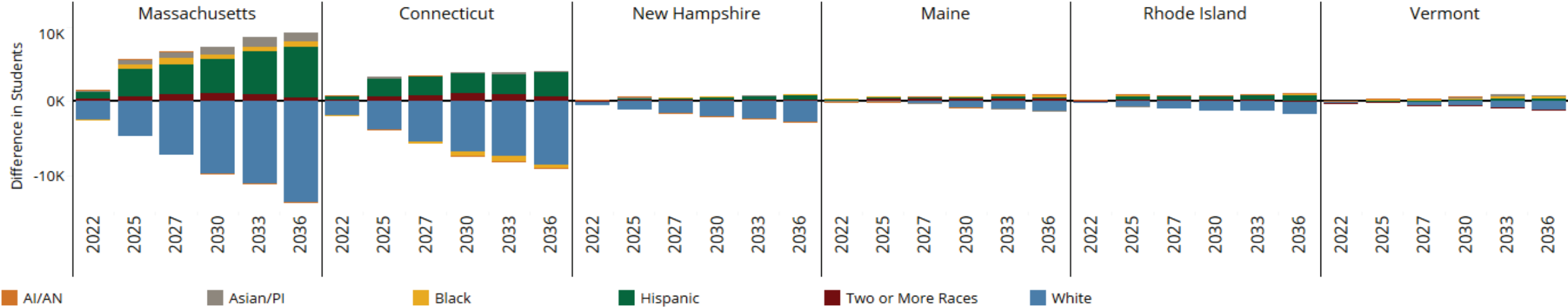


New England High School Graduates, Class of 2019 to Class of 2036

Percent Change in Total High School Graduates





Change in Number of Public High School Graduates from Class of 2019 by Race Ethnicity



Potential COVID-19 Implications: Projections

- 10th edition projections were released in December 2020 and included actual counts through Class of 2019
- The COVID-19 pandemic appears to have limited effect on the immediate potential number of public high school graduates
- The widespread public school enrollment declines in fall 2020 varied by race and ethnicity
- Younger grades had substantial drops in enrollment last year
- Continued declines in babies being born could yield significant long term impacts

Potential COVID-19 Implications: Postsecondary Education

-  15% in enrollment at public 2-year institutions nationally between Fall 2019 and Fall 2021 compared to  4% at public 4-year institutions
- Larger enrollment decreases among men, American Indian/Alaska Native, and Black undergraduates
- Larger decreases at community college and less selective four-year institutions



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Questions and Discussion

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