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What Does the Changing Mix of High School Graduates Mean for the West?



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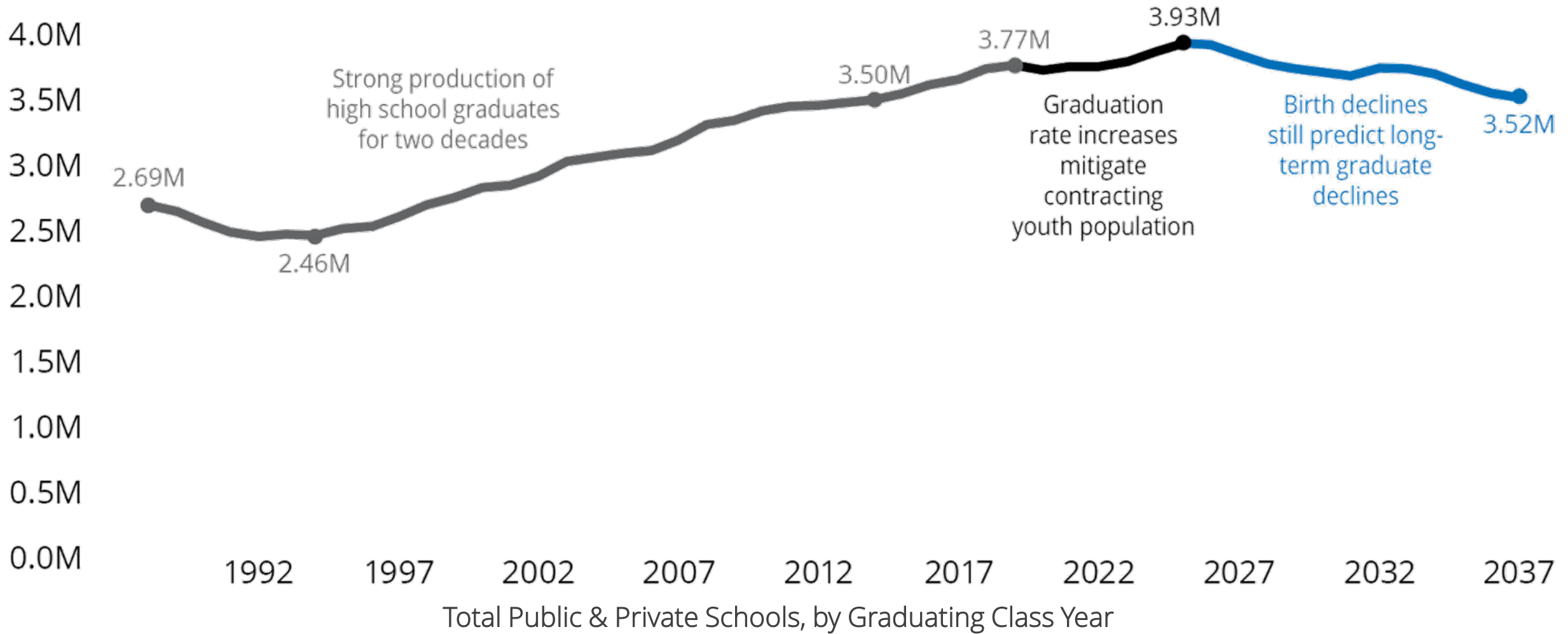
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WICHE Region in National Context

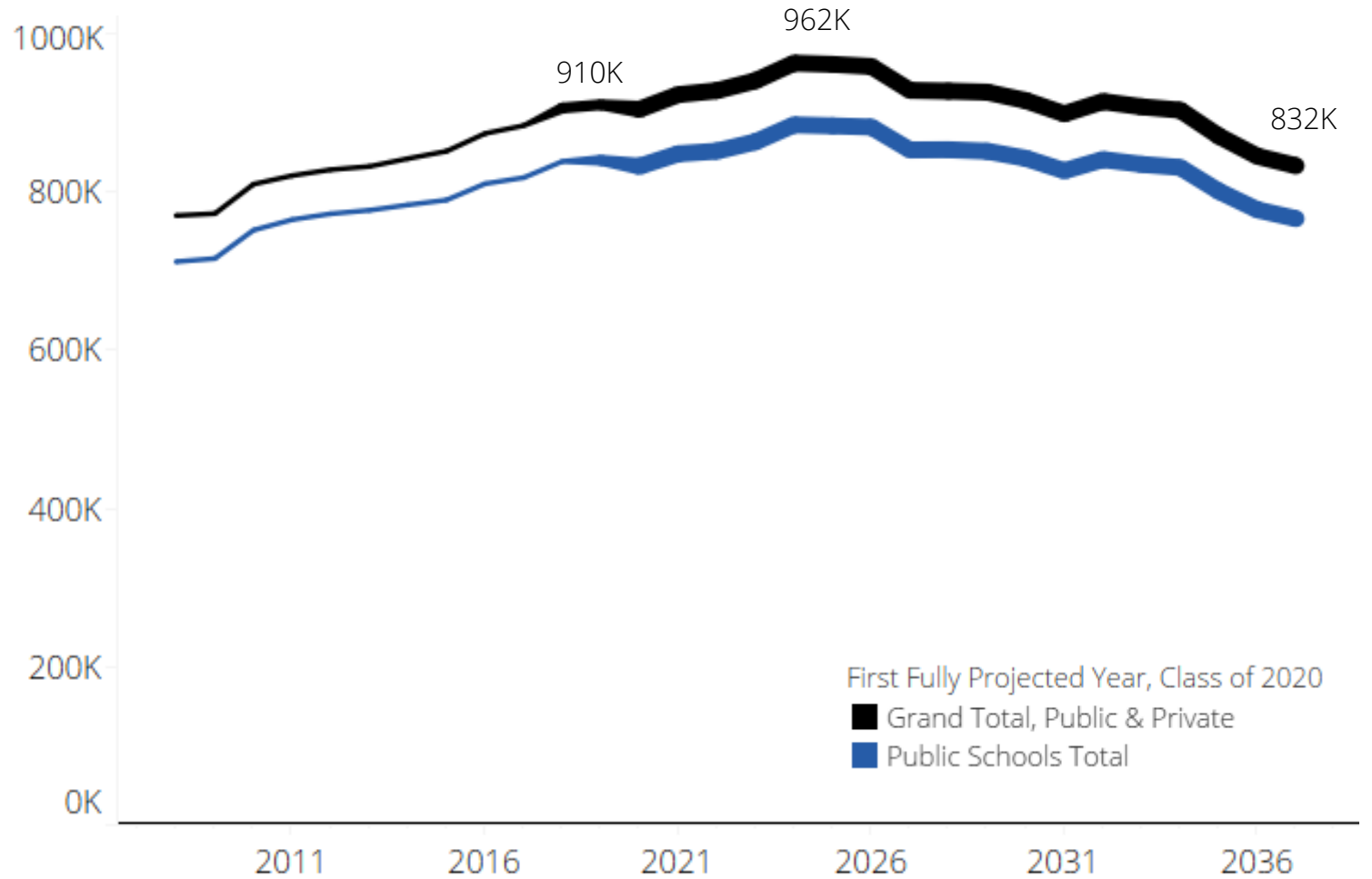
Slowing Number of U.S. High School Graduates, then Decline



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

WICHE Region Total Public & Private High School Graduates

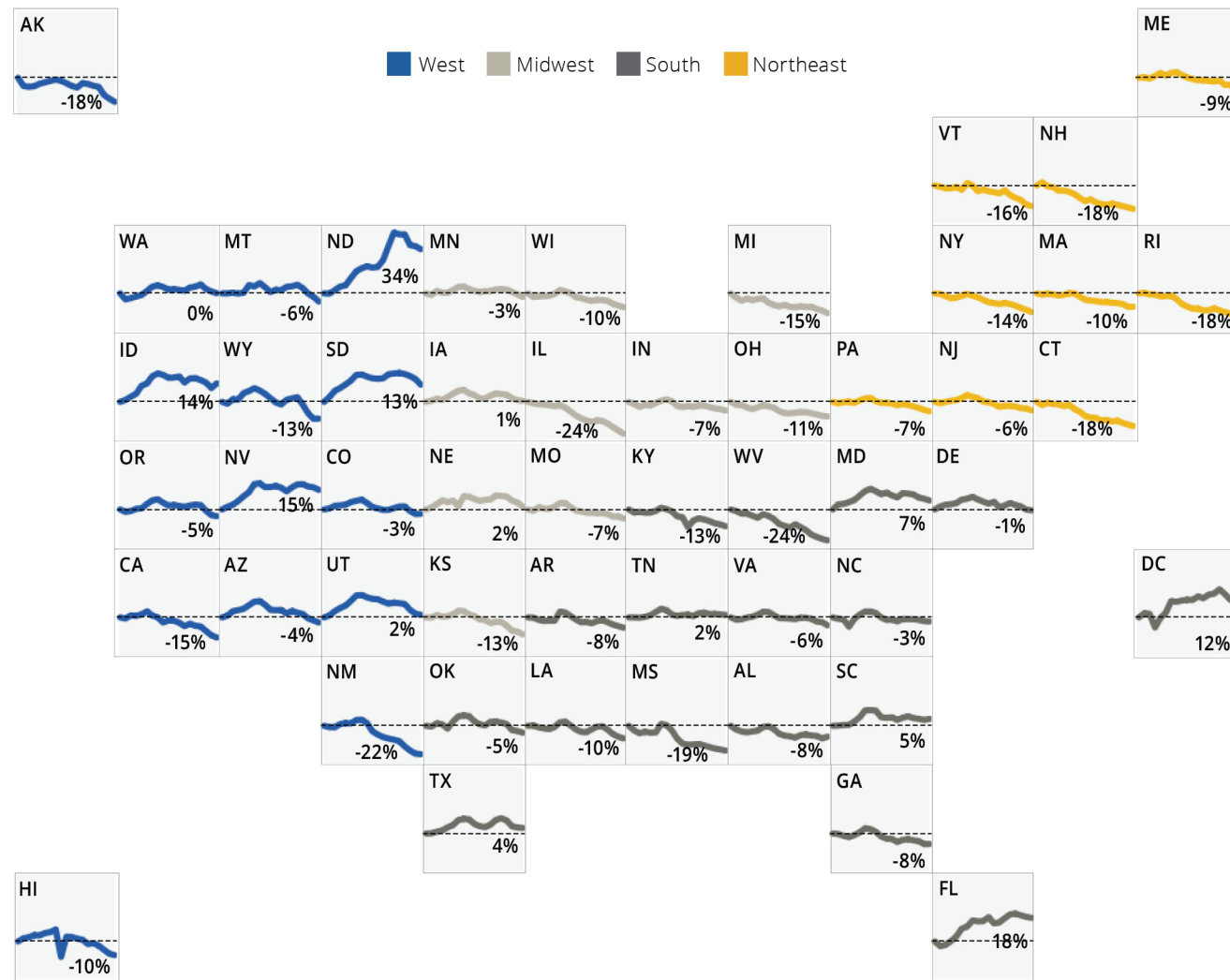
- Peak graduates: 2024 (962k)
- Period of decline through 2037 to 832k
 - 8% decline compared to 2020
- Possibility of continued graduation improvements



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WICHE States: Balance of Increases & Decreases Total Public & Private High School Graduates, 2019 to 2037

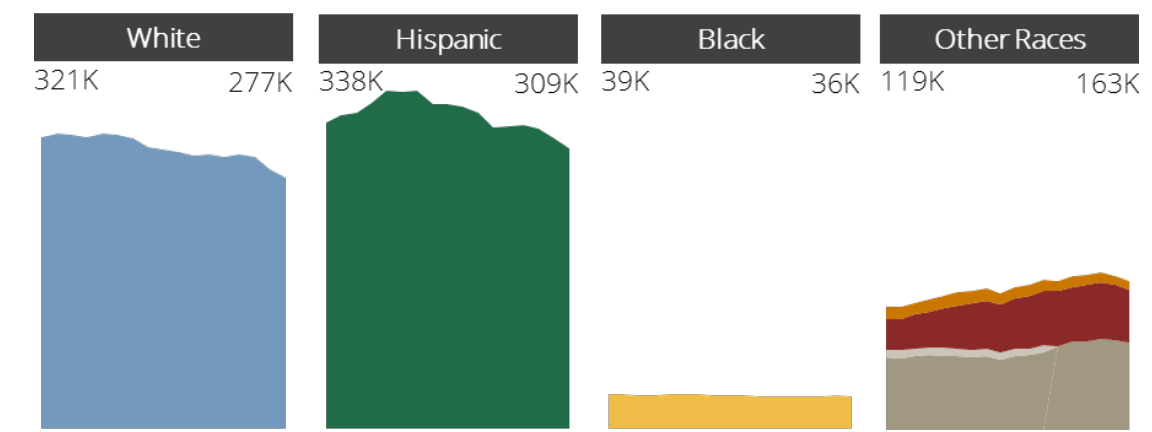
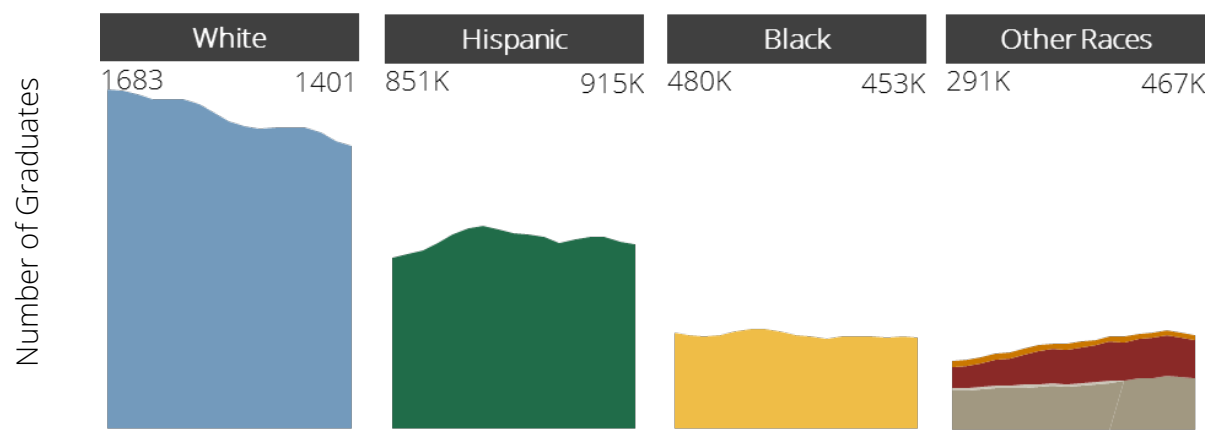
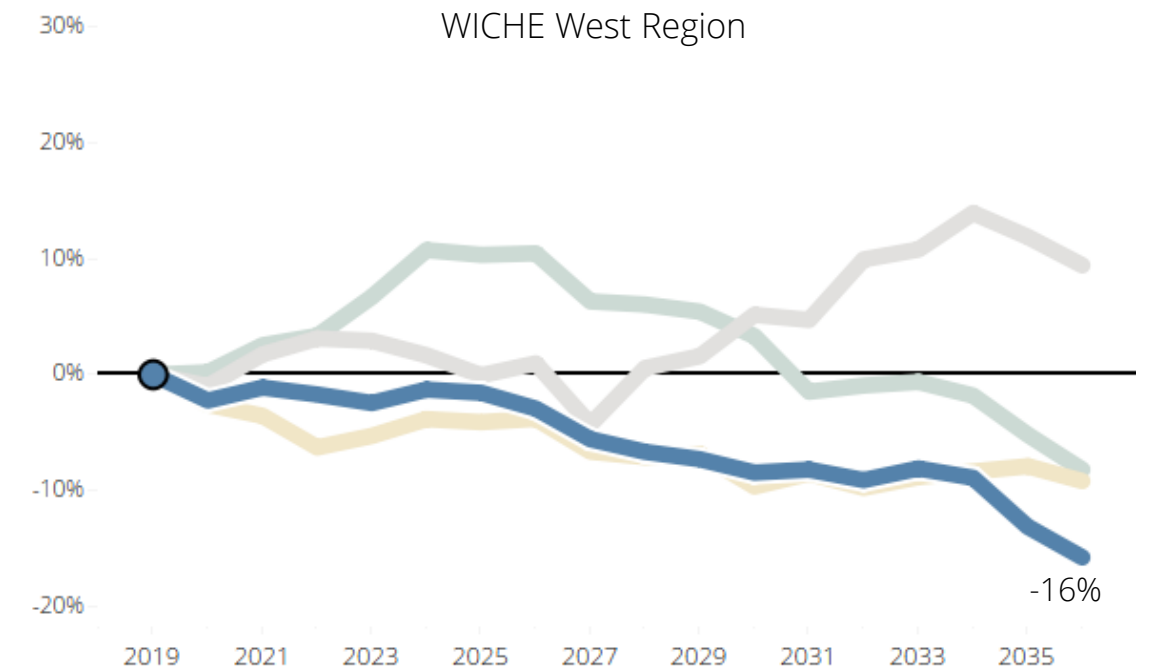
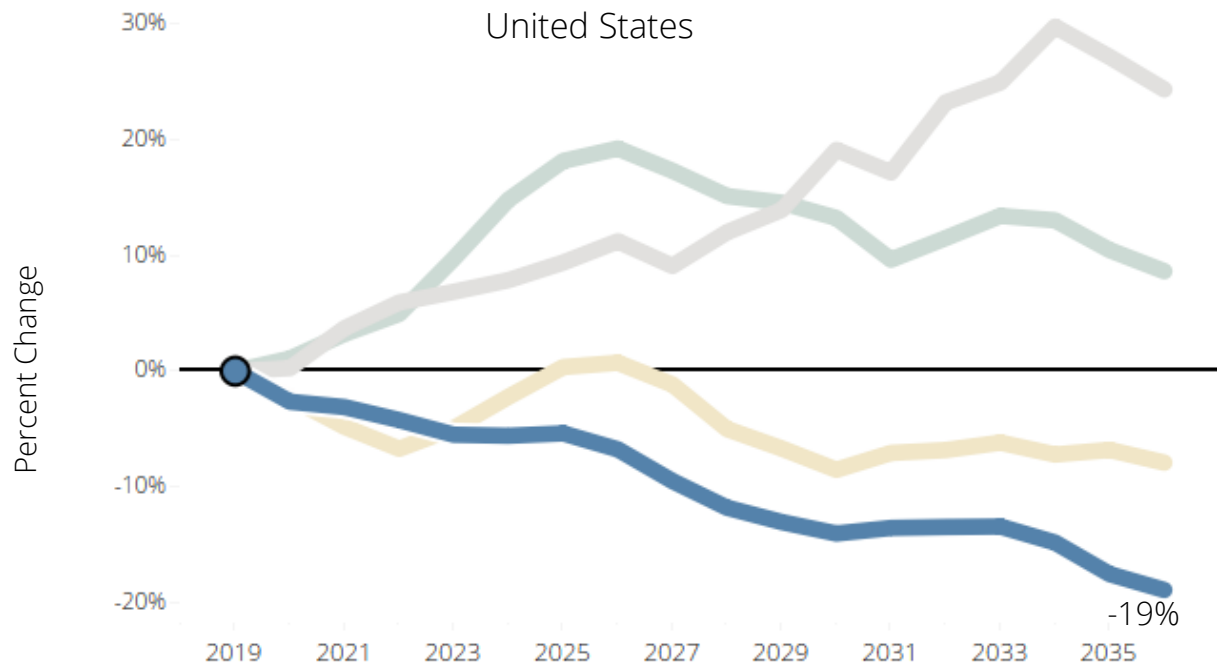
	2019	2026	2037
United States	3.77 M	4%	-7%
WICHE West	910 K	5%	-8%
New Mexico	21 K	5%	22%
Alaska	9 K	-1%	18%
California	485 K	0%	15%
Wyoming	6 K	9%	13%
Hawaii	14 K	9%	10%
Montana	10 K	8%	-6%
Oregon	42 K	8%	-5%
Arizona	76 K	12%	-4%
Colorado	61 K	8%	-3%
Washington	77 K	6%	0%
Utah	44 K	17%	2%
South Dakota	9 K	21%	13%
Idaho	20 K	21%	14%
Nevada	30 K	20%	15%
North Dakota	7 K	19%	34%



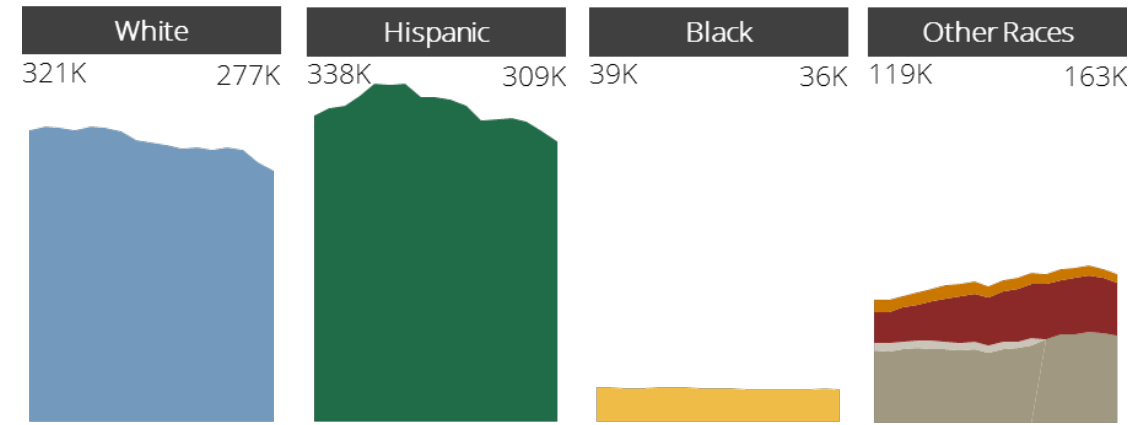
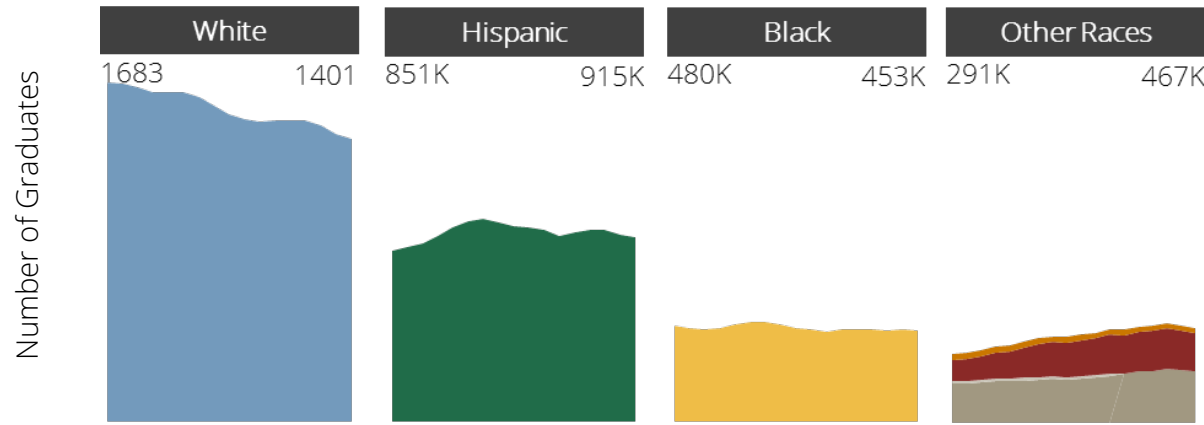
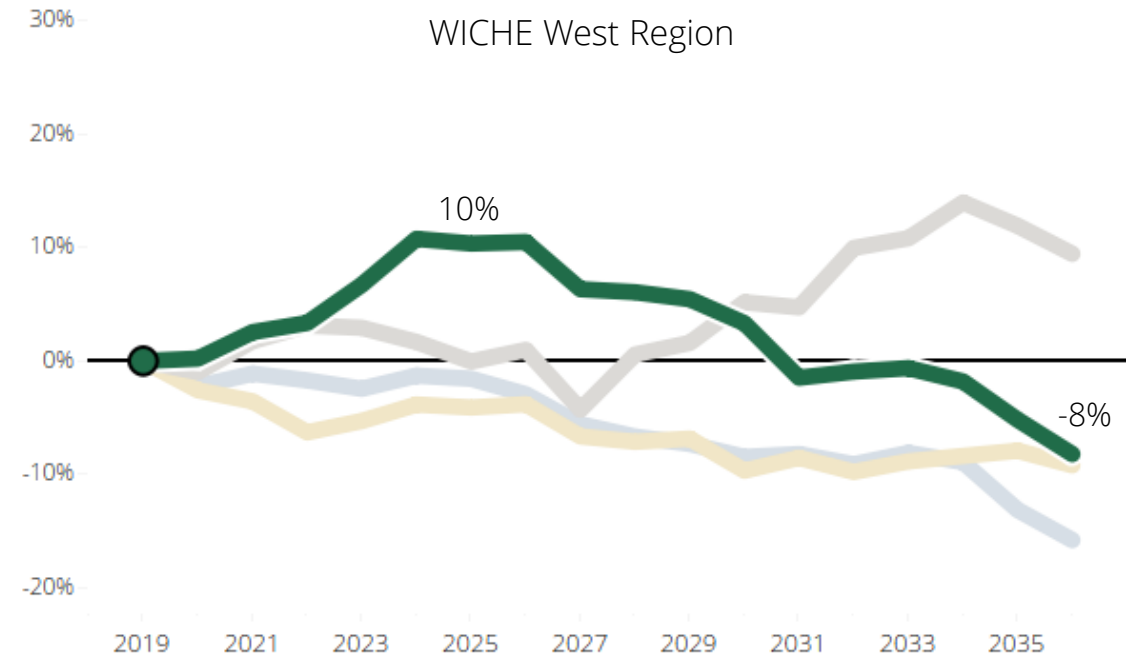
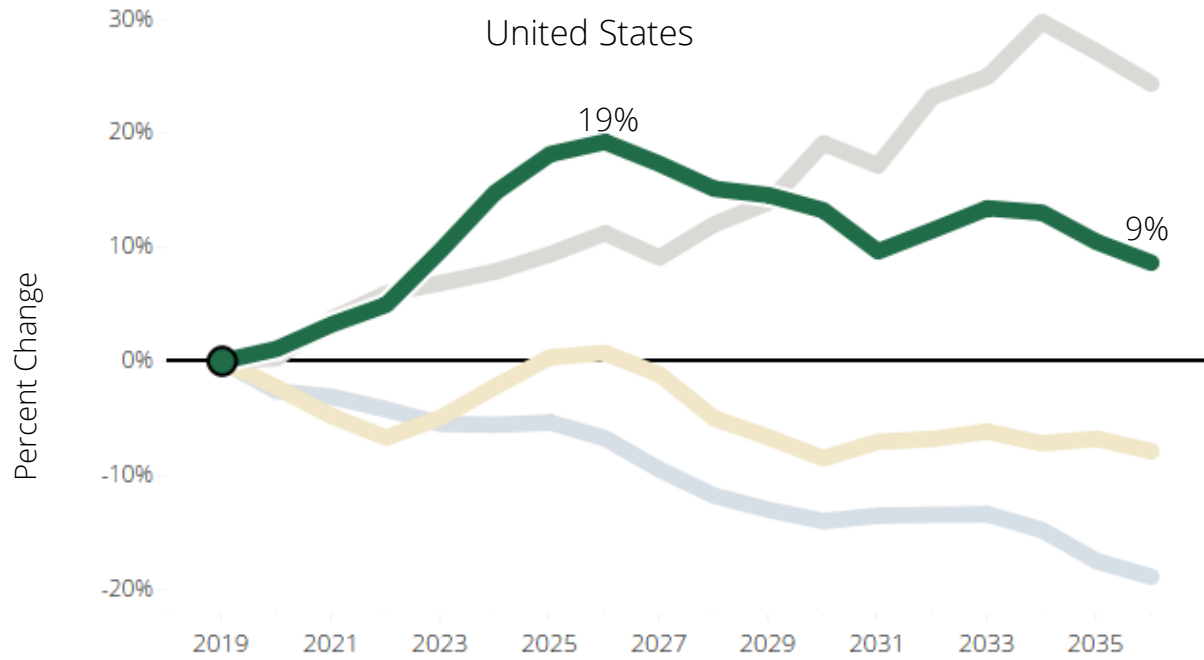
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Graduates of Color Factor Strongly

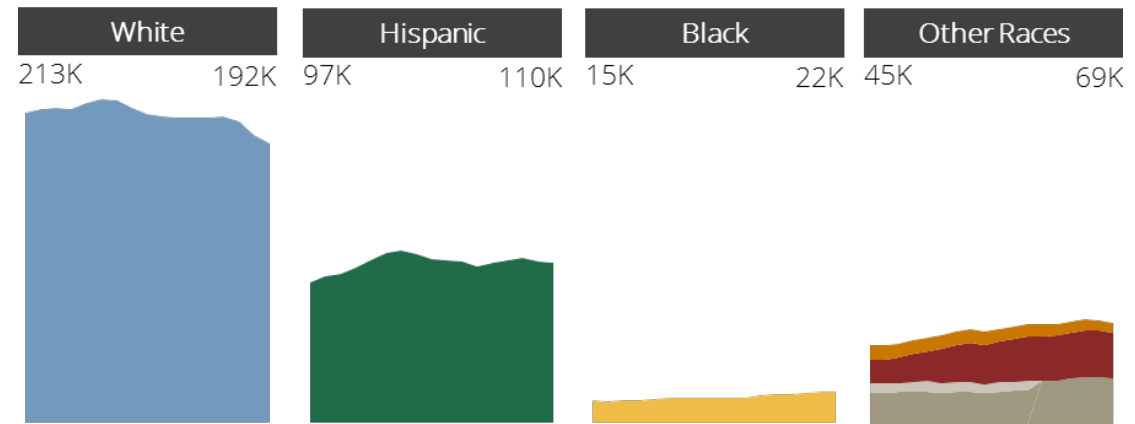
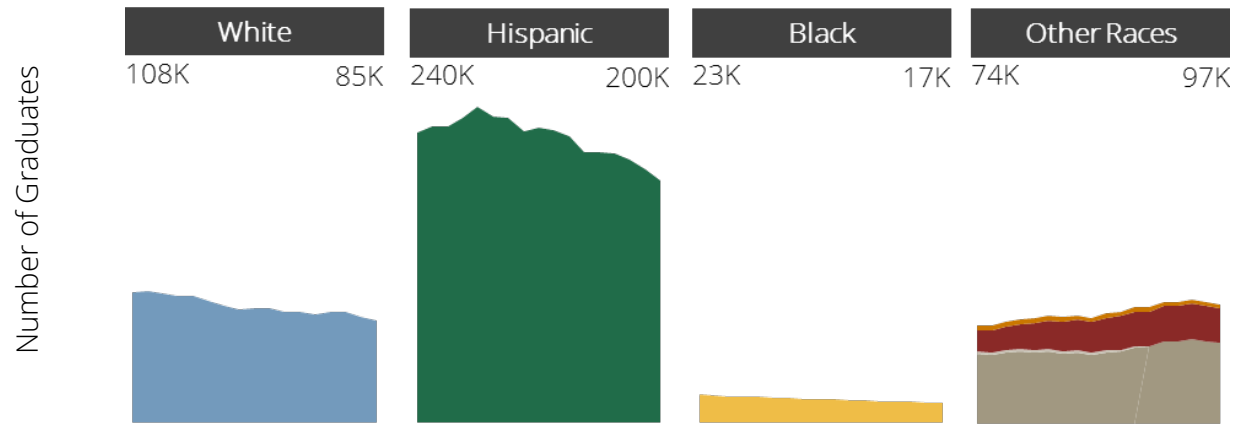
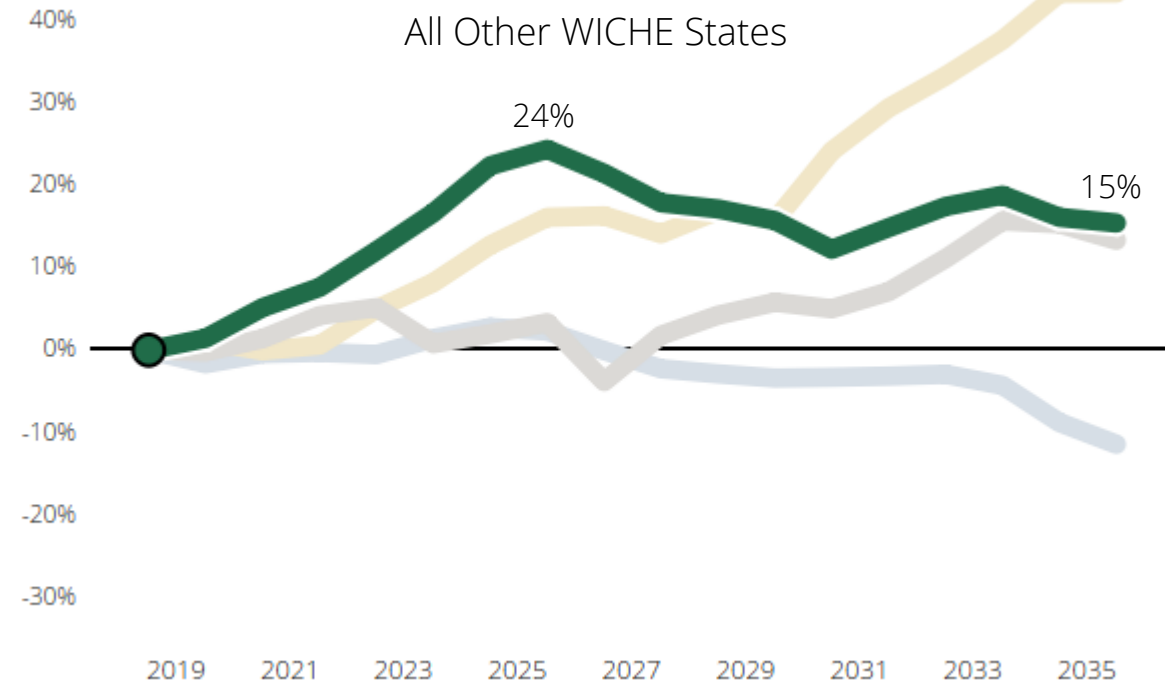
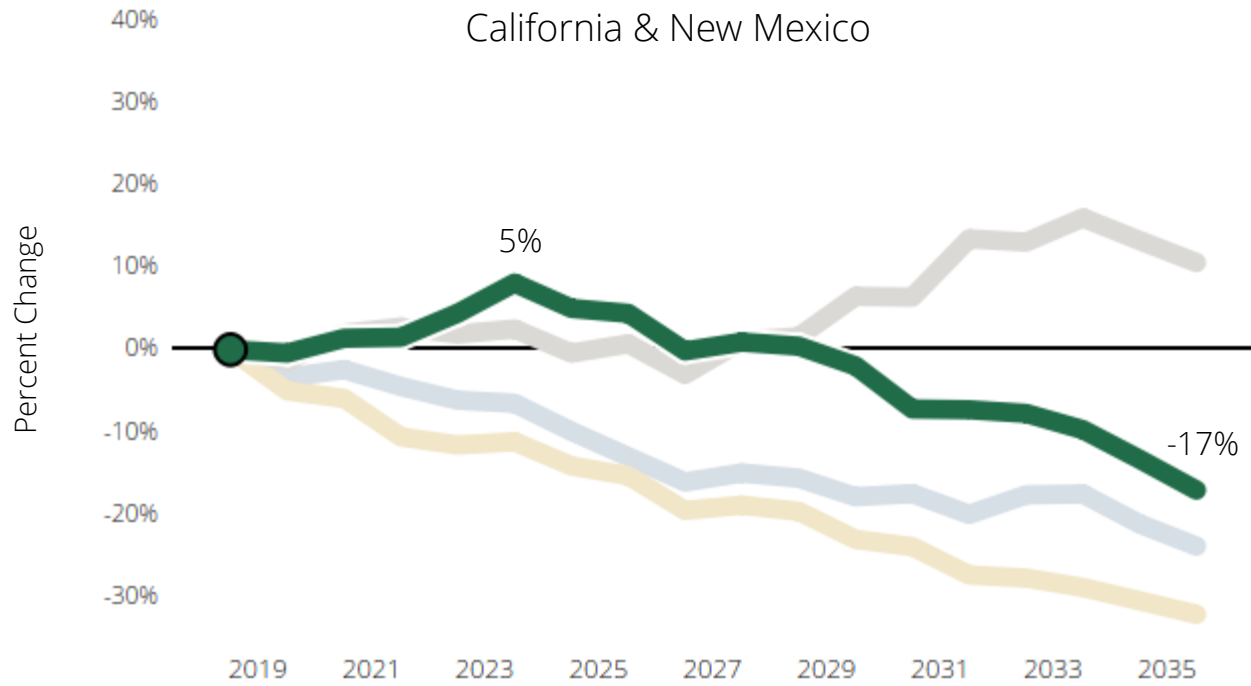
White Non-Hispanic Public High School Graduates, By Race/Ethnicity, 2020 to 2036



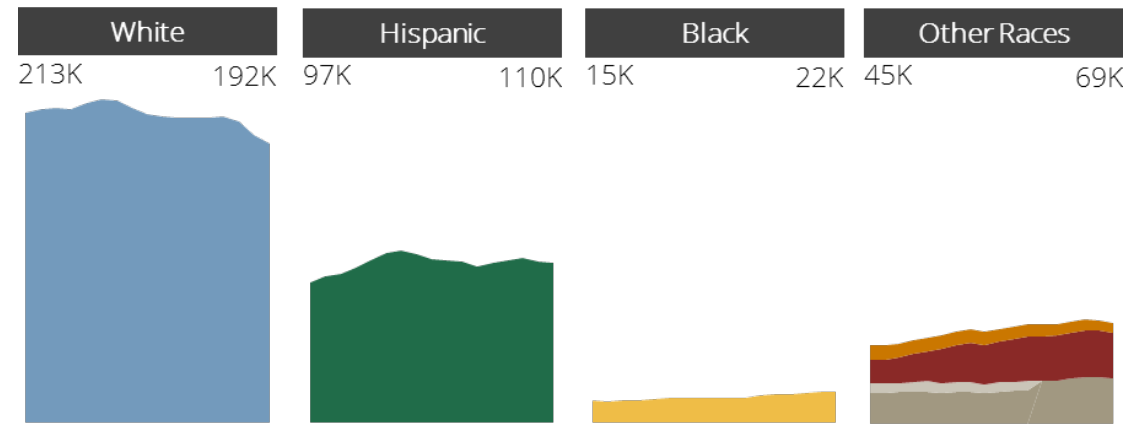
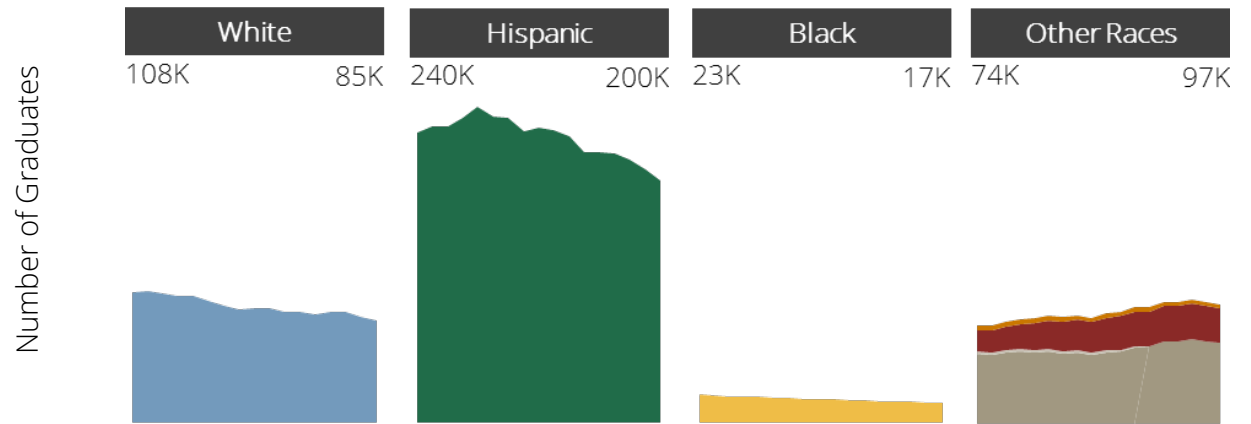
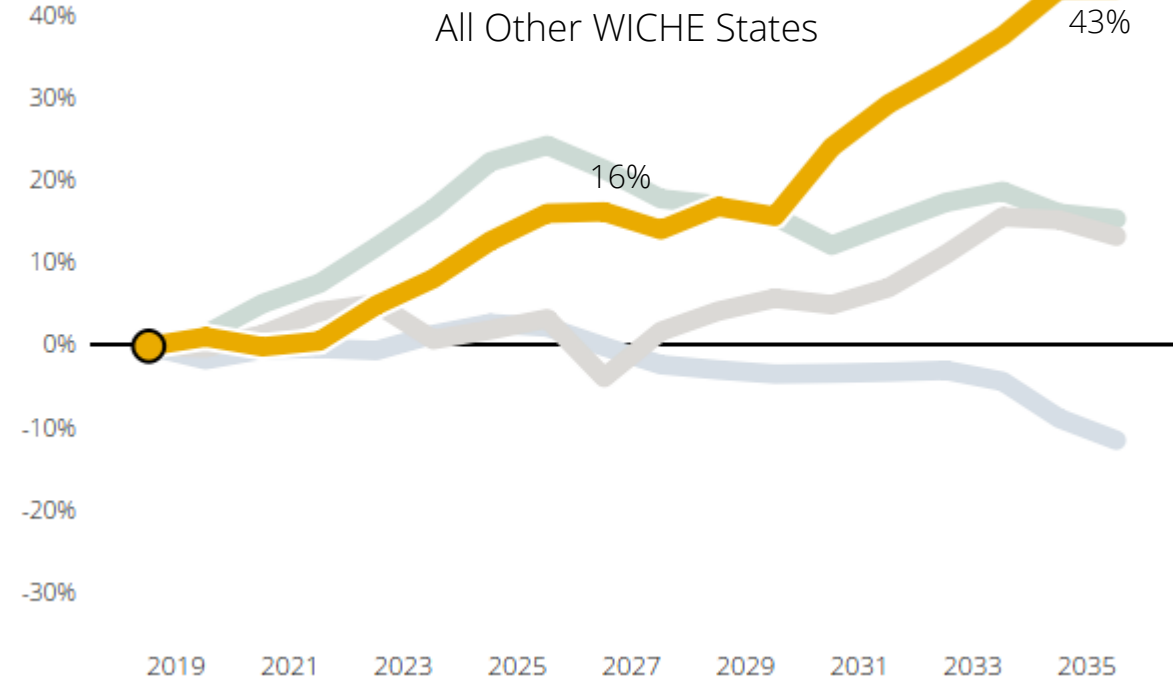
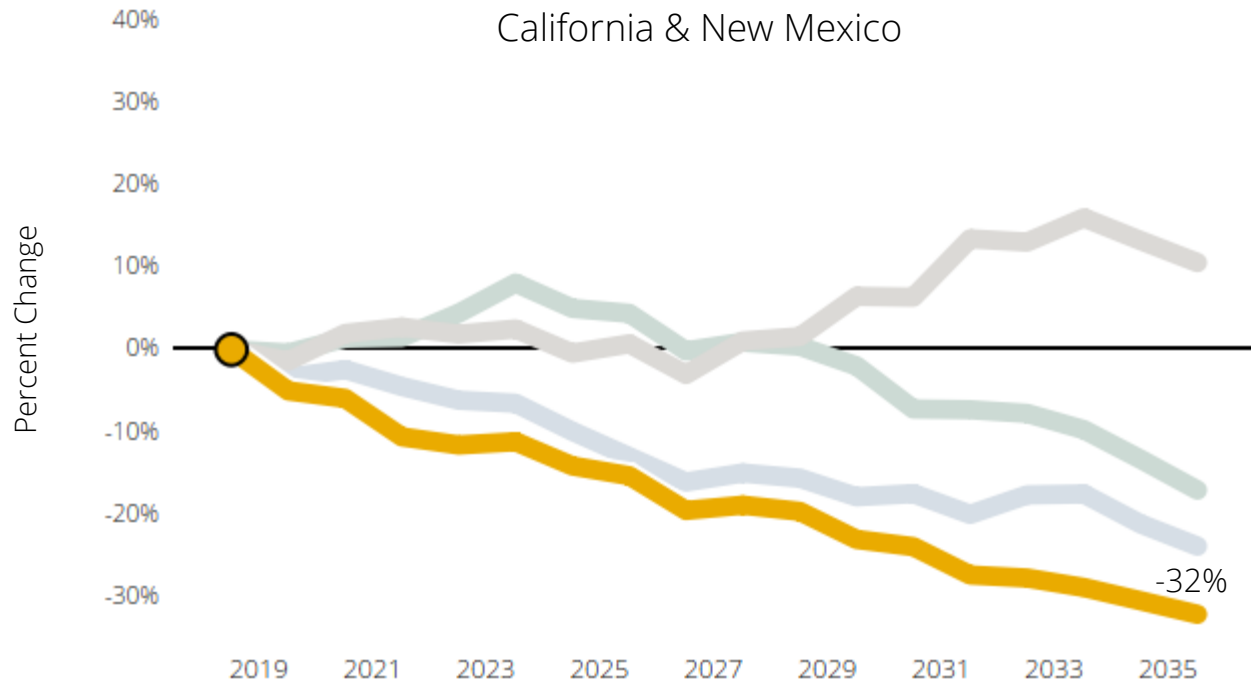
Hispanic Public High School Graduates, By Race/Ethnicity, 2020 to 2036



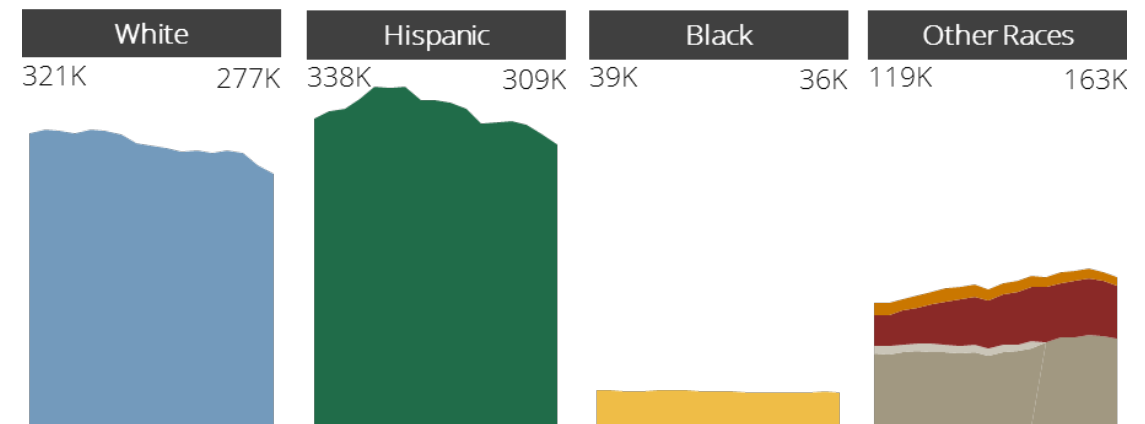
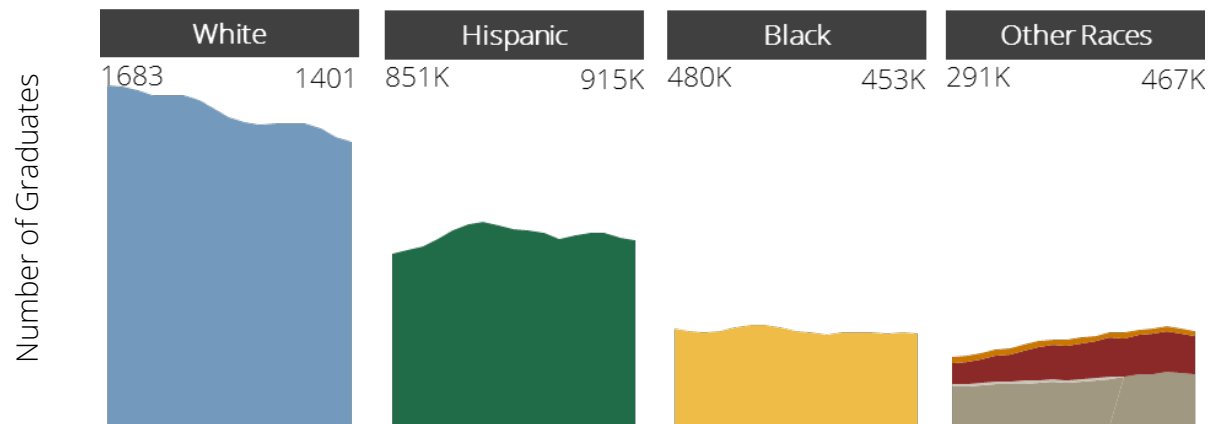
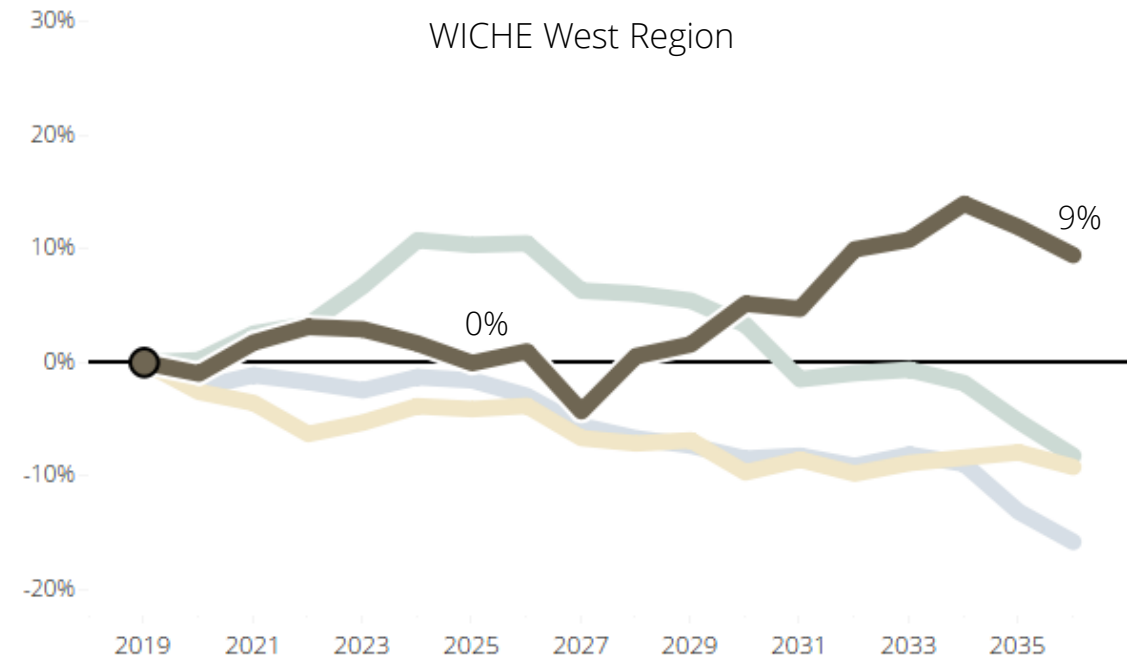
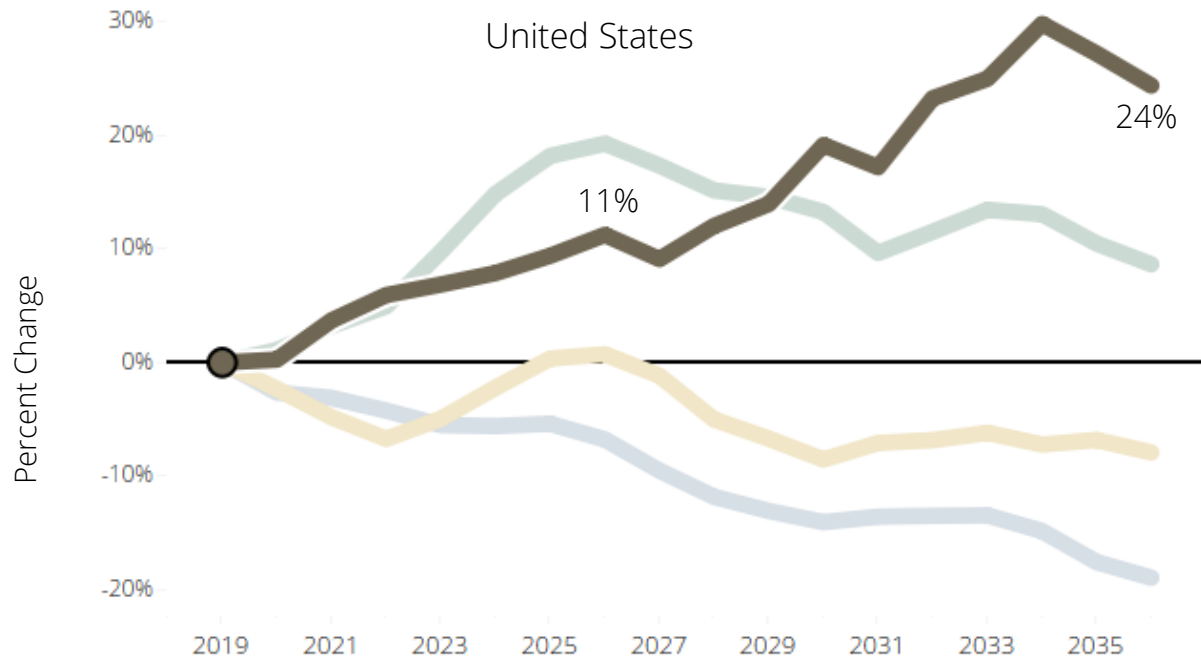
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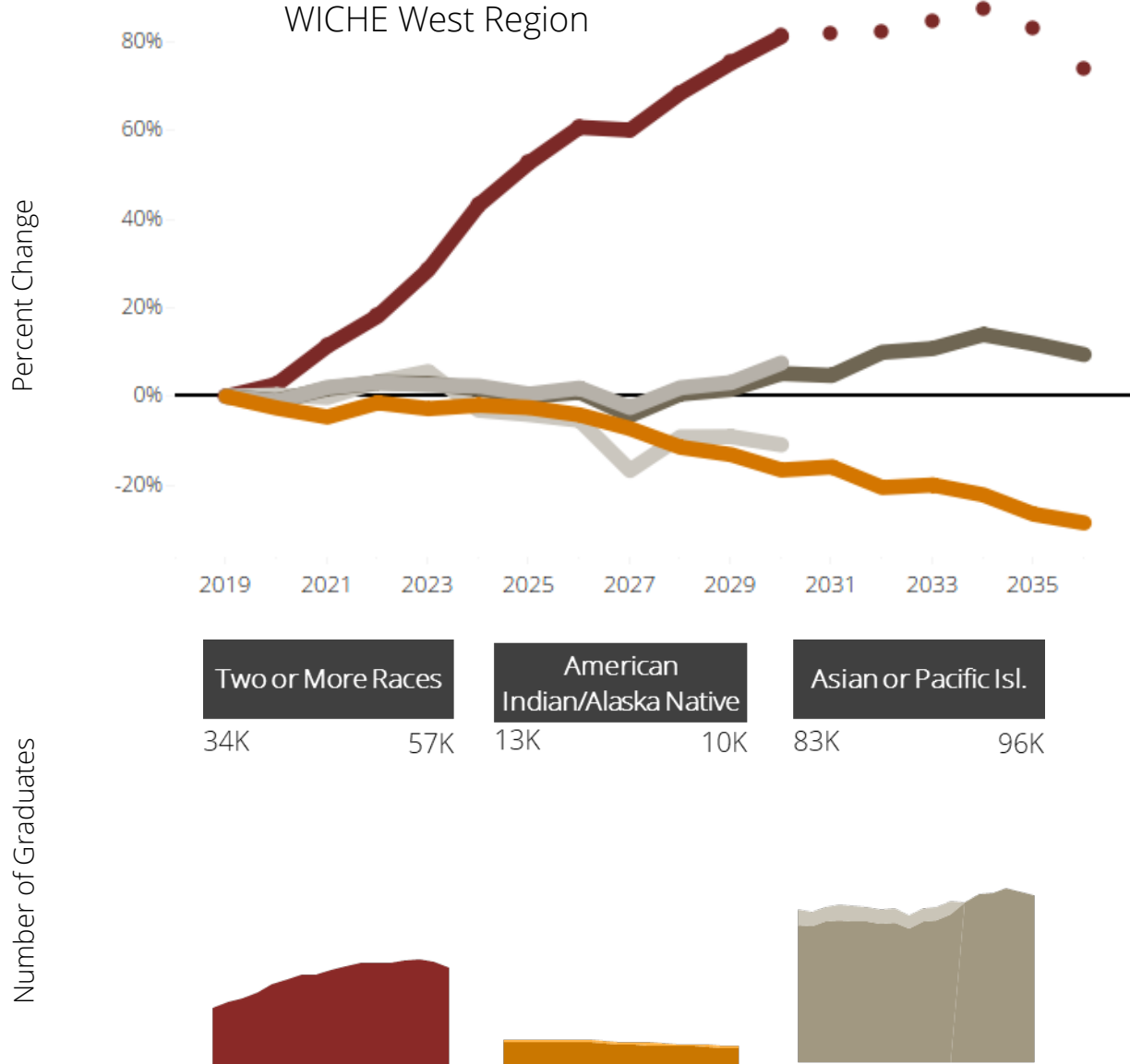
Black Non-Hispanic Public High School Graduates, By Race/Ethnicity, 2020 to 2036



Asian/Pacific Islander Non-Hispanic Public High School Graduates, By Race/Ethnicity, 2020 to 2036



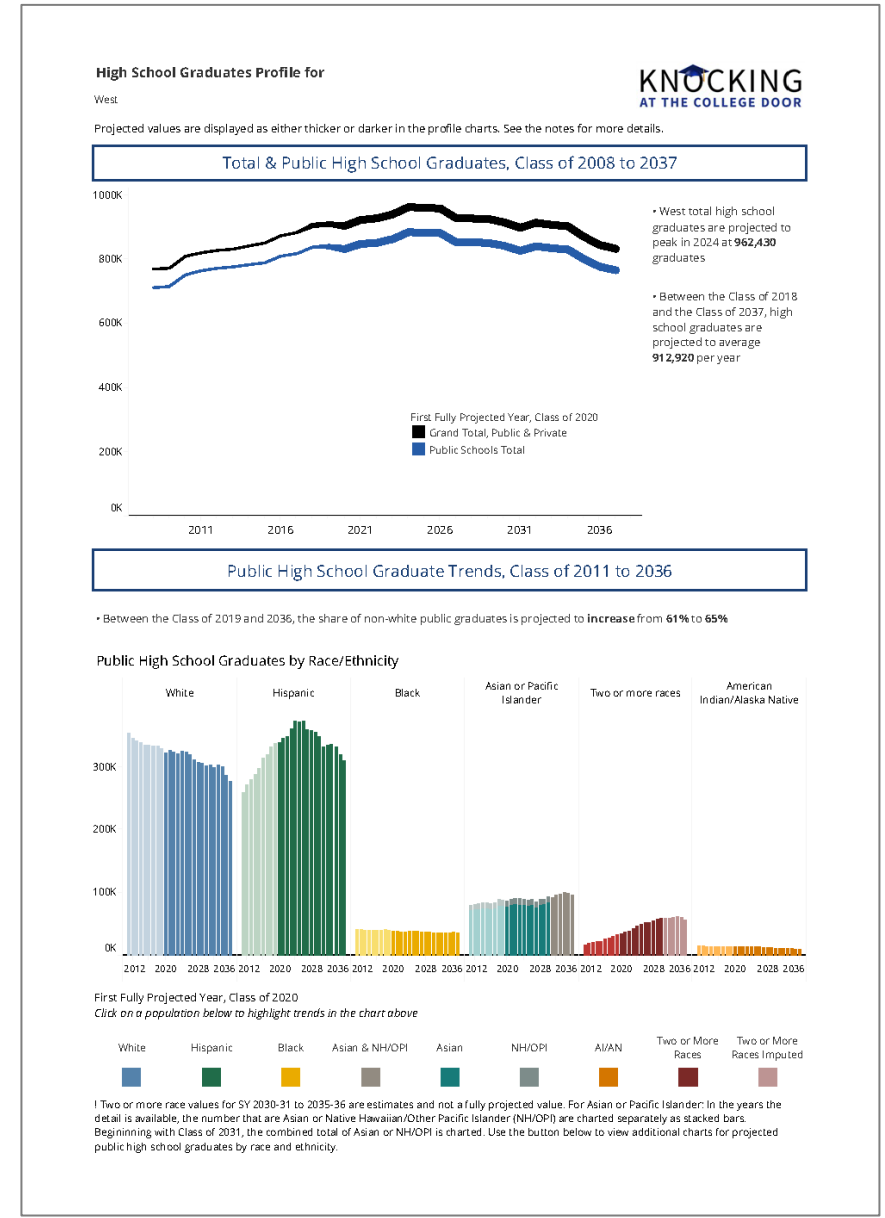
Other Racial Categories of Public High School Graduates, By Race/Ethnicity, 2020 to 2036



- ▲ 80% more multi-racial graduates
 - Incl. some American Indian and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander, who are frequently multiracial
- ▲ 9% more Asian or Pacific Islander graduates
 - Driven by Asian graduates; ▼ -11% NH/OPI graduates projected (not incl. those of multiple race)
- ▼ -14% to -29% American Indian/Alaska Native graduates
 - May be ~10% more American Indian graduates from Bureau of Indian Education Schools
 - Other data would predict increases of graduates (or lesser decline), if multiple race American Indians were included

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Questions and Discussion

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	Total Public & Private HS Graduates				Changes in Public HS Graduates, White or Non-White, 2019 to 2036				Private HS Graduates, by 2036	Summary Pattern for 16 Years of Public HS Graduating Classes from 2019 to 2036*
	No. in Class of 2019	Pct Change by Class of 2025	Pct Change by Class of 2036		Chg in White by Class of 2036	Chg in Non-White by Class of 2036	Percent Non-White in 2019	Chg in Pct Non-White by 2036		
New Mexico	21 K	5%	-22%	▼ -29%	▼ -17%	76%	3%	-21%	Net decreases of both White and non-White graduates; 65% of total decrease is from non-White graduates.	
Alaska	9 K	-1%	-18%	▼ -19%	▼ -7%	50%	3%	-18%	Net decreases of both White and non-White graduates; 20% of total decrease is from non-White graduates.	
California	485 K	0%	-15%	▼ -24%	▼ -9%	76%	3%	-16%	Net decreases of both White and non-White graduates; 56% of total decrease is from non-White graduates.	
Wyoming	6 K	9%	-13%	▼ -17%	▲ 10%	19%	5%	-13%	For every 100 fewer White graduates, there are about 20 additional non-White graduates.	
Hawaii	14 K	9%	-10%	▼ -32%	▼ -27%	84%	1%	-12%	Net decreases of both White and non-White graduates; 80% of total decrease is from non-White graduates.	
Montana	10 K	8%	-6%	▼ -3%	▲ 28%	17%	4%	-4%	More than 2 additional non-White graduates for every 1 less White graduate.	
Oregon	42 K	8%	-5%	▼ -10%	▲ 11%	37%	5%	-4%	Roughly 1 additional non-White graduate for every 1 less White graduate.	
Arizona	76 K	12%	-4%	▼ -19%	▲ 14%	59%	8%	-4%	Almost 1 additional non-White graduate for every 1 less White graduate.	
Colorado	61 K	8%	-3%	▼ -9%	▲ 9%	44%	5%	-2%	For every 100 fewer White graduates, there are about 60 additional non-White graduates.	
Washington	77 K	6%	0%	▼ -18%	▲ 37%	41%	13%	0%	More than 2 additional non-White graduates for every 1 less White graduate.	
Utah	44 K	17%	2%	▼ -7%	▲ 39%	24%	8%	2%	More than 1 additional non-White graduate for every 1 less White graduate.	
South Dakota	9 K	21%	13%	-3%	▲ 133%	19%	17%	11%	Increase then drawback to almost same number of White graduates. More than doubling of non-White graduates from 2019.	
Idaho	20 K	21%	14%	1%	▲ 39%	23%	6%	11%	Increase then drawback to about same number of White graduates. 35% net increase of non-White graduates from 2019.	
Nevada	30 K	20%	15%	▼ -19%	▲ 44%	65%	12%	13%	More than 4 additional non-White graduates for every 1 less White graduate.	
North Dakota	7 K	19%	34%	▲ 11%	▲ 123%	19%	13%	31%	11% net increase of White graduates and more than doubling of non-White graduates, compared to 2019.	

*Patterns that are consistent from a cumulative and annualized basis.