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Fall 2026 Enrollment and Retention Update

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Executive Summary

Fall 2026 Enrollment Highlights

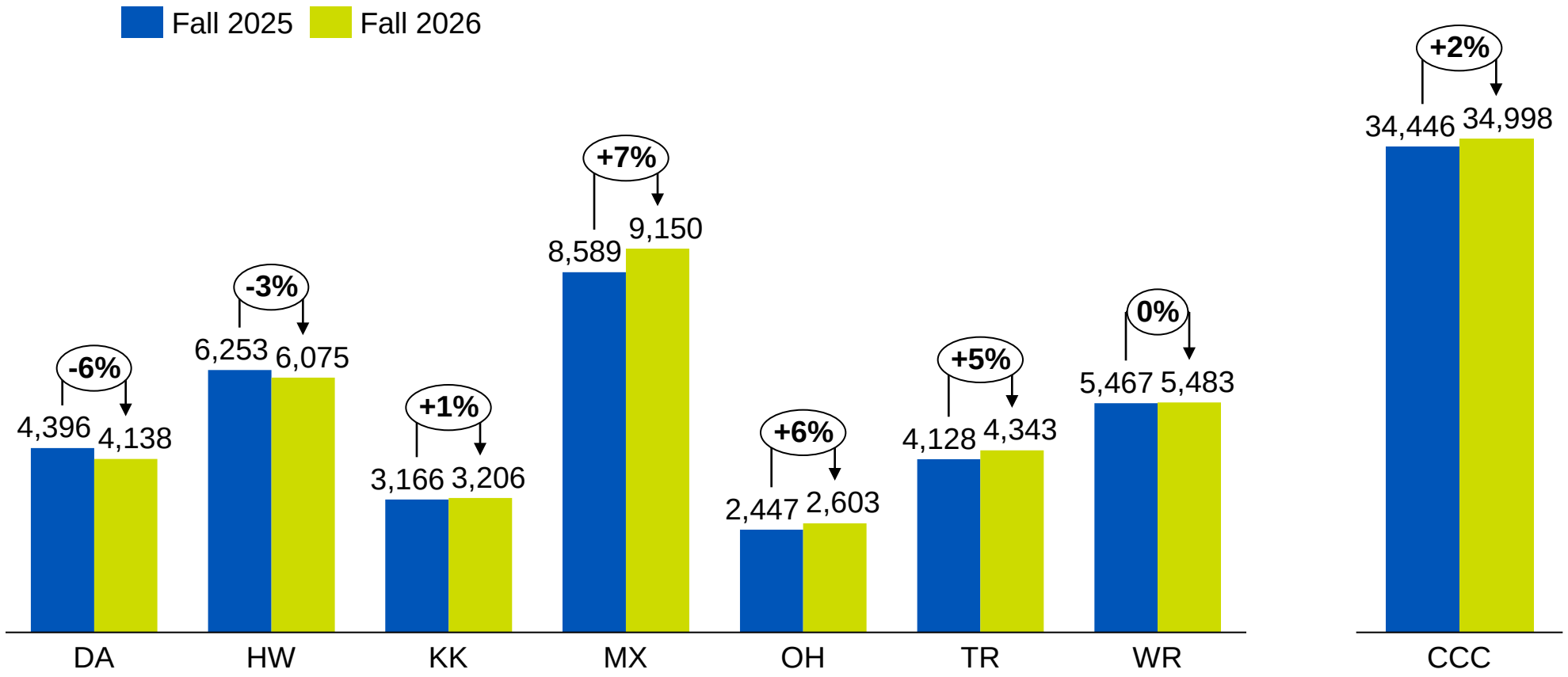
- **Credit enrollment increased 2%, while credit-hour production remained flat**
- **Continuing student enrollment increased 5%**
- **Fall-to-fall retention improved at six of seven colleges**
- **Black and Latine student enrollment continued to grow**
- **New student enrollment declined 2%, signaling pressure on the future enrollment pipeline**
- **Adult Education enrollment declined 17% year over year, compared with an 11% decline statewide**
- **ICCB total headcount enrollment declined 2.5% year over year, compared with a 0.7% decline statewide.**

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Fall 2026 Enrollment Data

Credit headcount at census date was up 2% in Fall 2026

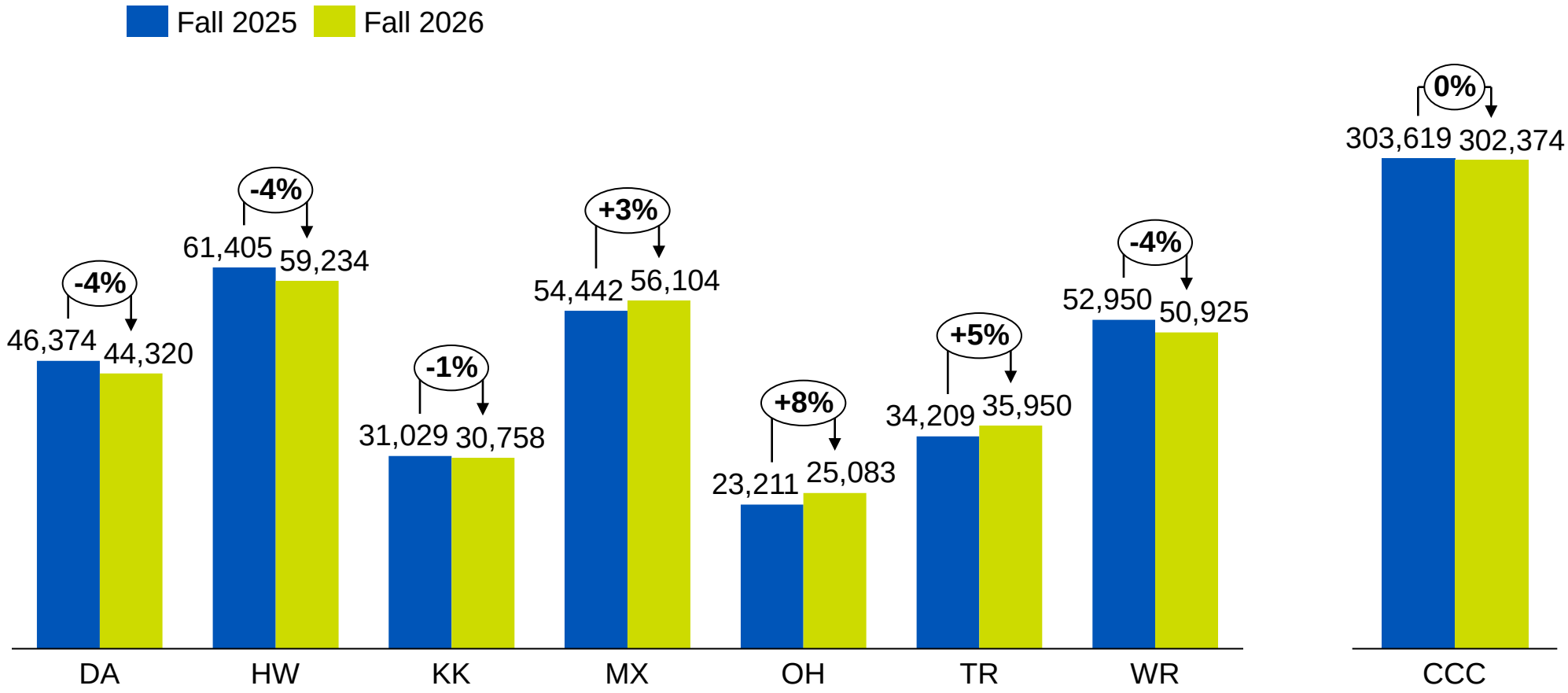
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Data Source: CCC Fall Census Enrollment 2026

Credit headcount increased while credit-hour production remained flat

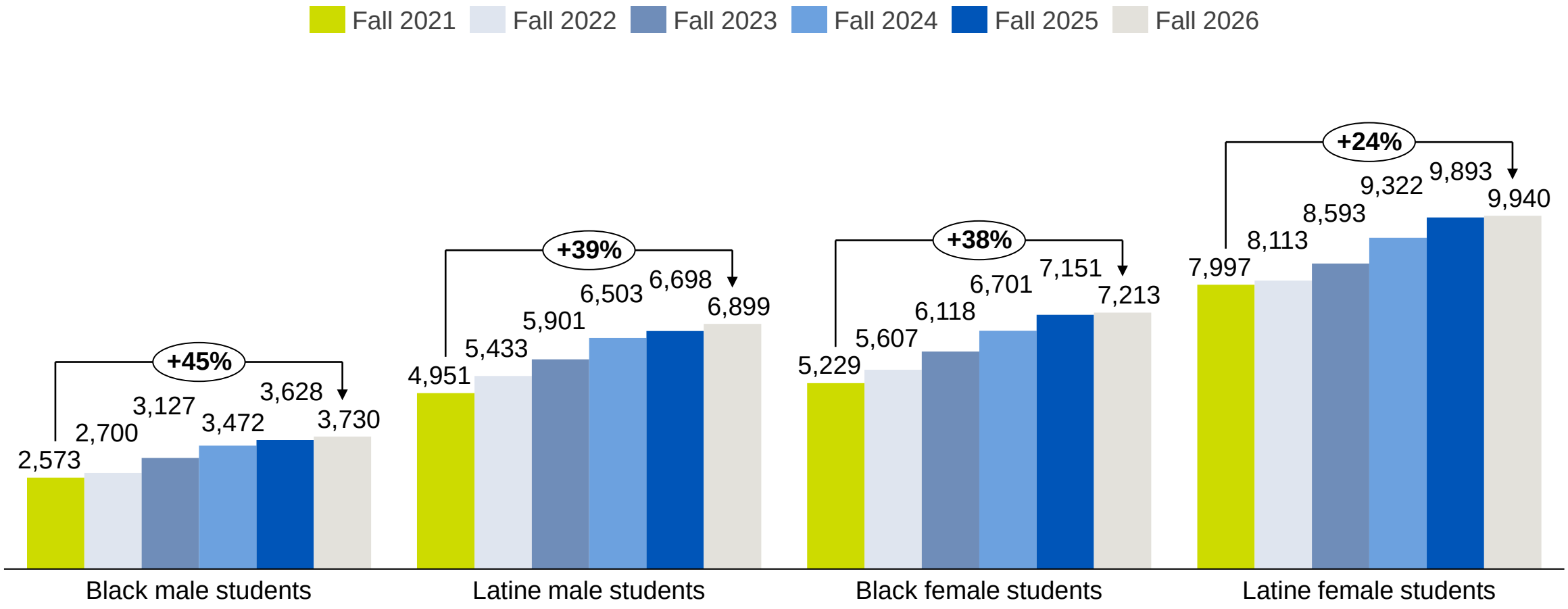
Census Date Credit Hour Production by Course College, Fall 2025 – Fall 2026



Data Source: OpenBook Credit Hour Production Snapshot accessed 10/20/2026, filtered to enrolled at midpoint = yes

Continued growth in Black and Latine credit enrollment

Census Date Black and Latine Student Credit Enrollment, Fall 2025 – Fall 2026

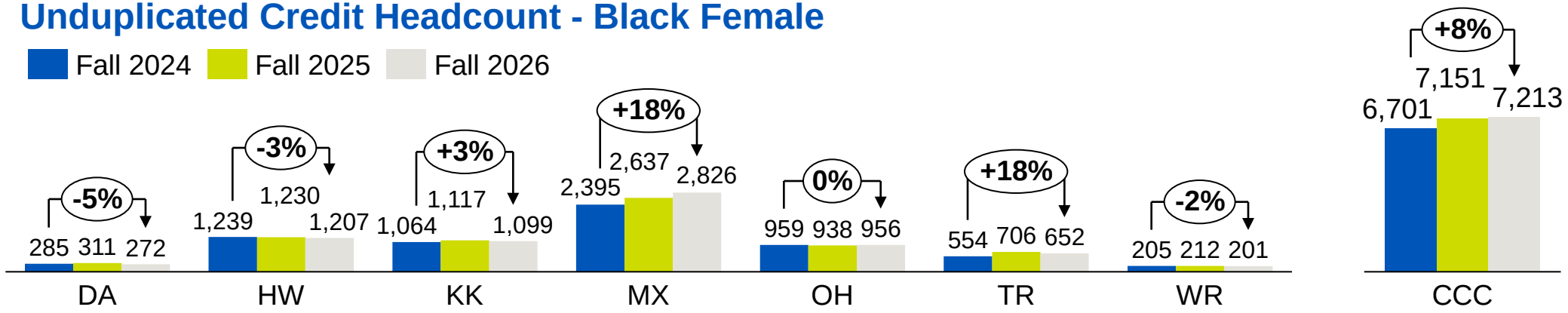


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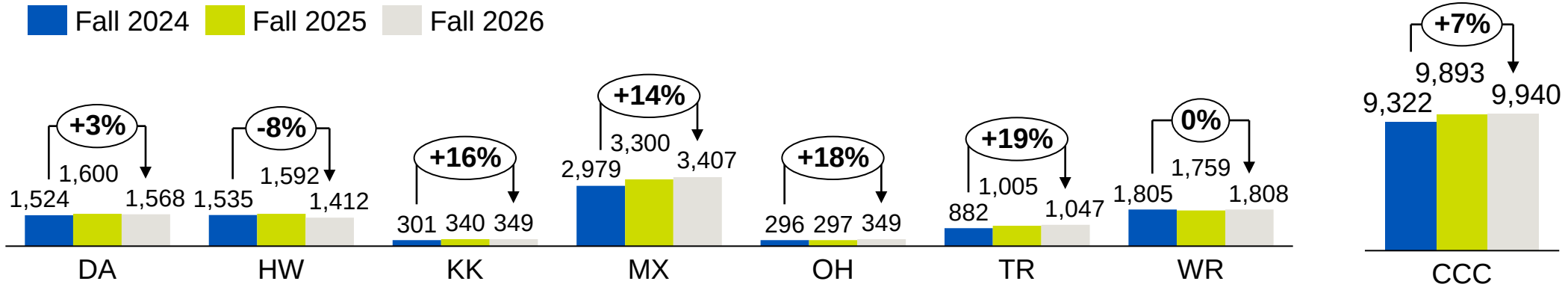
Black and Latine female enrollment remains above Fall 2024 levels

Since Fall 2024, Black female enrollment has grown 8% and Latine female enrollment has grown 7%, with continued gains in Fall 2026 (+0.9% and +0.5%).

Unduplicated Credit Headcount - Black Female



Unduplicated Credit Headcount – Latine Female

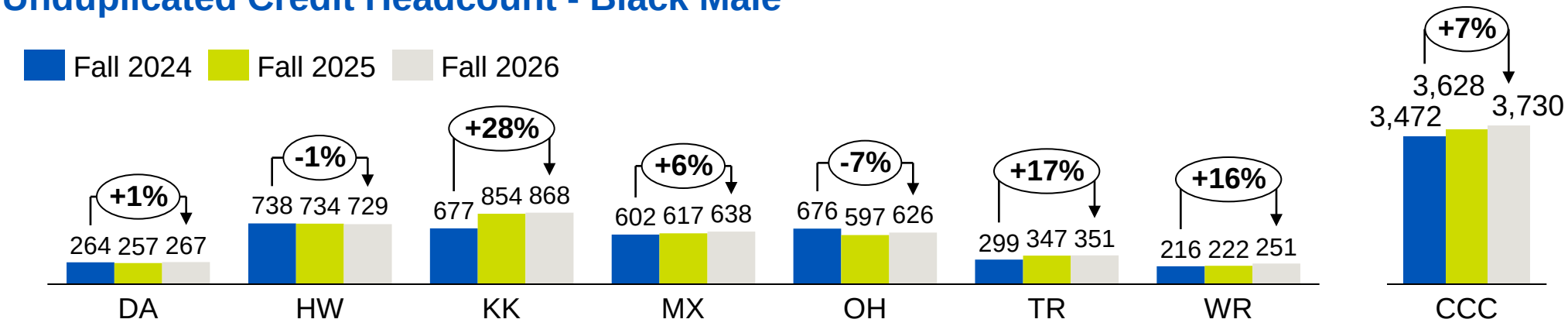


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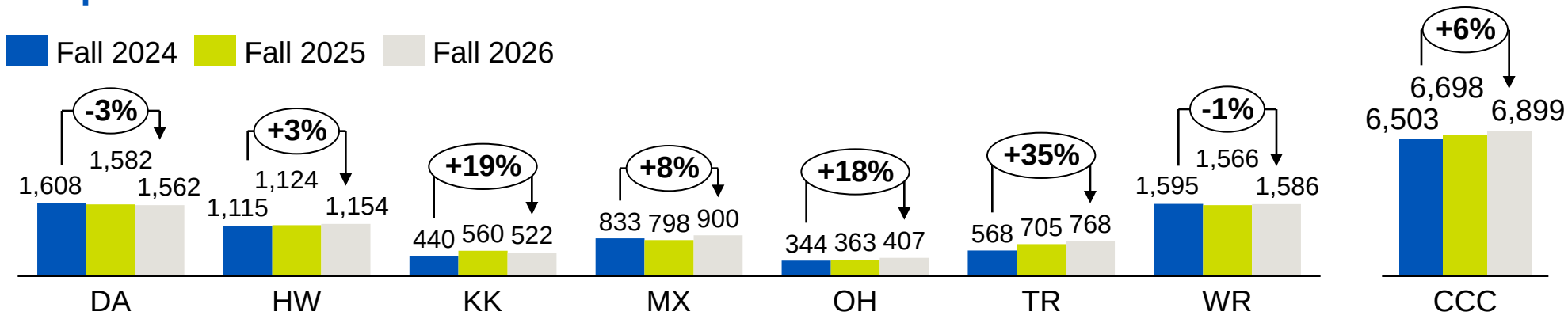
Enrollment for Black and Latine male students continues to rise

Since Fall 2024, Black male enrollment has grown 7% and Latine male enrollment has grown 6%, with continued gains in Fall 2026 (+3% YOY)

Unduplicated Credit Headcount - Black Male



Unduplicated Credit Headcount - Latine Male



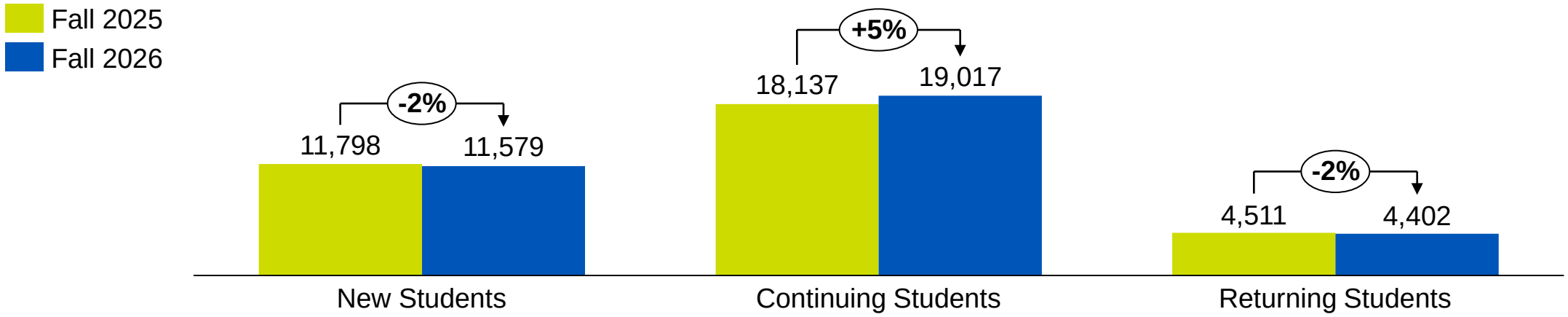
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Continuing Students

Continuing student enrollment increased 5% year over year

Census Date Unduplicated Credit Headcount by Student Type and Home College, Fall 2025 – Fall 2026



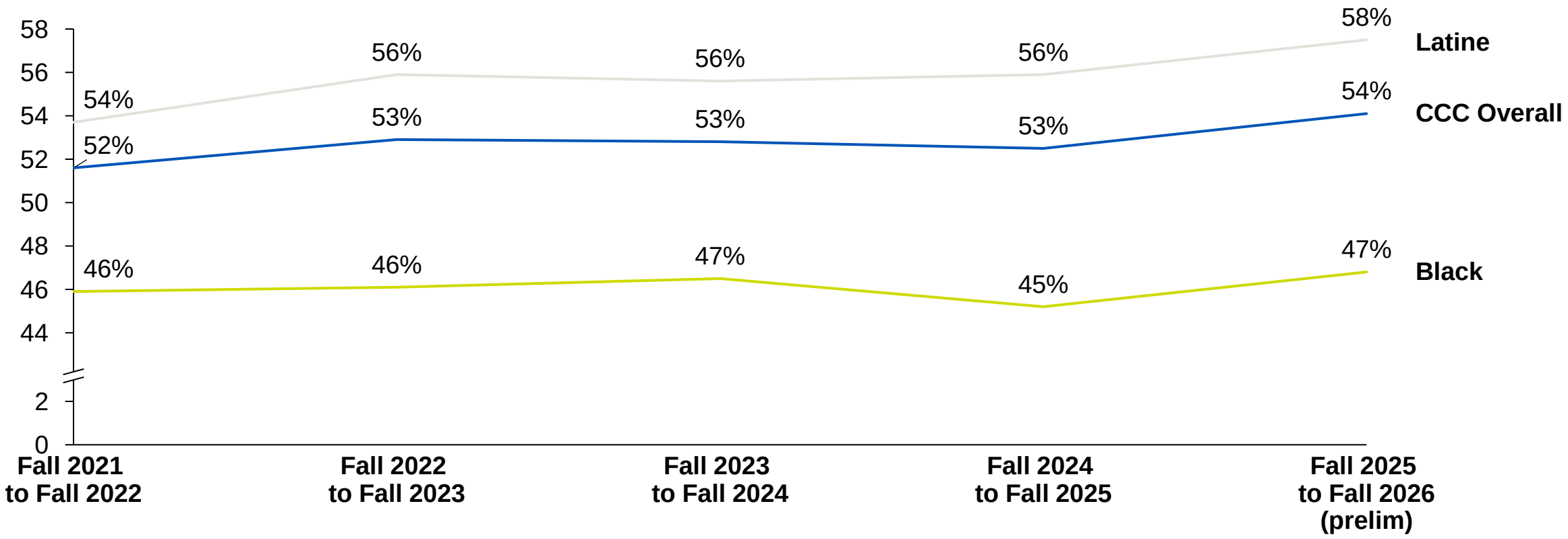
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KK	-3% YOY (-39)	8% YOY (104)	-6% YOY (-25)
MX	1% YOY (26)	9% YOY (434)	8% YOY (101)
OH	6% YOY (57)	10% YOY (113)	-4% YOY (-14)
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WR	0% YOY (7)	0% YOY (-10)	3% YOY (19)

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Data Source: CCC Fall Census Enrollment 2026

Fall-to-Fall Retention Increased Overall and for Black and Latine Students

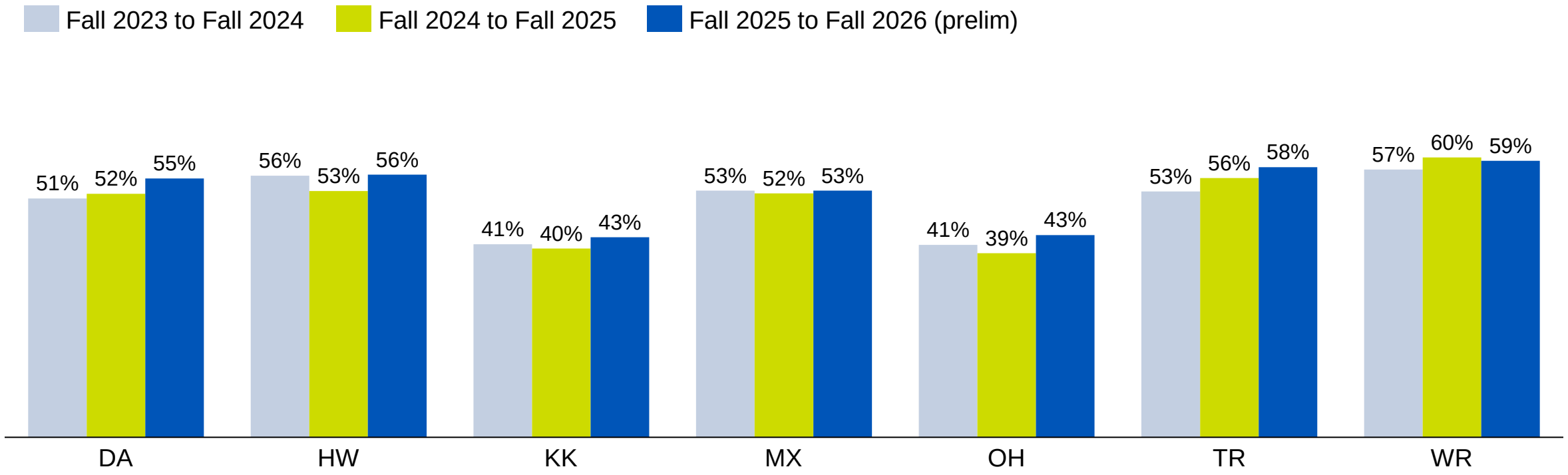
Fall-to-Fall Credit Student Retention for Credential-Seeking Students



Data Source: Fall-to-Fall Retention_v2026 *Accessed 10/16/2026*

6 of 7 colleges saw an increase in Fall-to-Fall retention

Fall-to-Fall Retention – All Credit Students



Data Source: Fall-to-Fall Retention_v2026 *Accessed 10/16/2026*

Strategic re-enrollment and student supports are improving retention outcomes

Strategic Re-enrollment Campaigns

- Provide colleges with a dynamic calendar, targeted student rosters, and ready-to-use email templates to support timely and consistent outreach
- All 7 colleges saw improvement in first-year re-enrollment outcomes

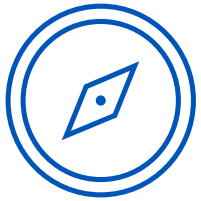
Spring 2026 to Fall 2026 Re-enrollment data to date:

- First-year student re-enrollment: 6.4% ahead YOY from prior YTD (54.4% vs. 48%)
- All student re-enrollment rate: 5.3% ahead YOY from prior YTD (63.9% vs. 58.6%)

This is one of several components of our holistic student support strategy, including, but not limited to:



Thrive



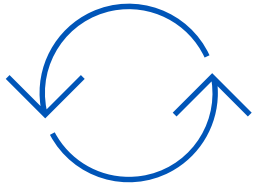
New Student Advising



One Million Degrees



Career and Workforce Success Big Play



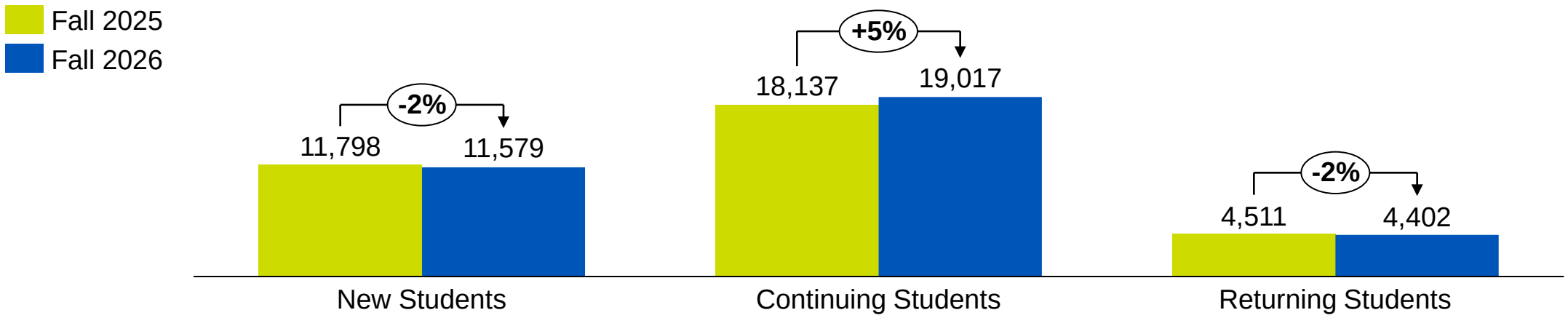
Transfer Big Play

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New Students

New Student Enrollment Declined for the First Time Since 2020

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CCC surpassed the Fall Admitted-to-Enrolled Yield Rate target by 7 percentage points

Fall 2022-2026 Enrolled Credit Students Compared to Target Yield Rate

▲ **Outstanding – Significantly Exceeds (>=34%)**

● **Meets Standard (30.0 – 33.0%)**

▼ **Does Not Fully Meet – Unsatisfactory (≤ 29.9%)**

Target: Minimum 30% admitted students to enrolled

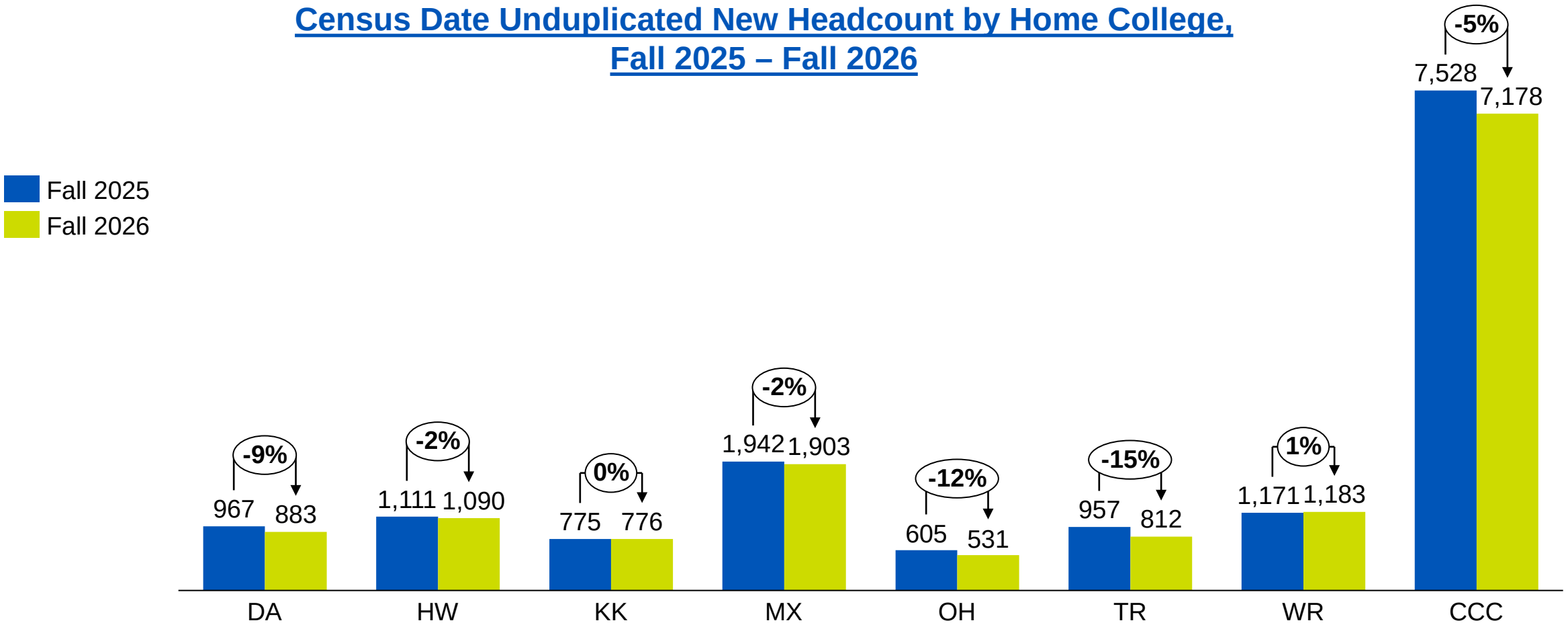
Admitted-to-Enrolled Yield Rate Performance
Fall 2022 - Fall 2026

	(FA22)	(FA23)	(FA24)	(FA25)	(FA26)
DA	▲ 38%	▲ 42%	▲ 38%	▲ 34%	▲ 44%
HW	▲ 38%	▲ 42%	▲ 47%	▲ 44%	▲ 42%
KK	▼ 26%	● 31%	● 32%	● 33%	● 30%
MX	▼ 26%	▼ 25%	▼ 28%	▼ 28%	● 30%
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CCC	● 28%	● 34%	▲ 36%	▲ 36%	▲ 37%

Data Source: SEM Dashboard pulled 10-19-2026. Duplicate & suspicious applications removed

Excluding Early College, new student enrollment declined 5%

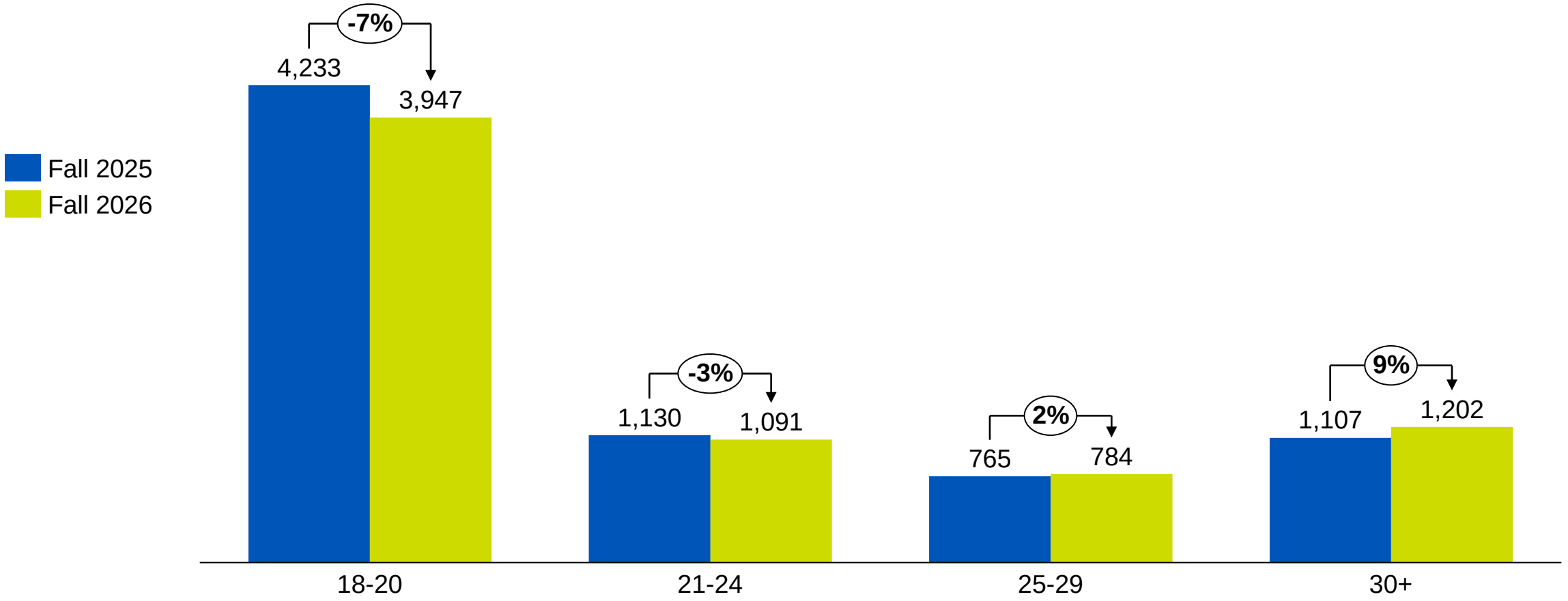
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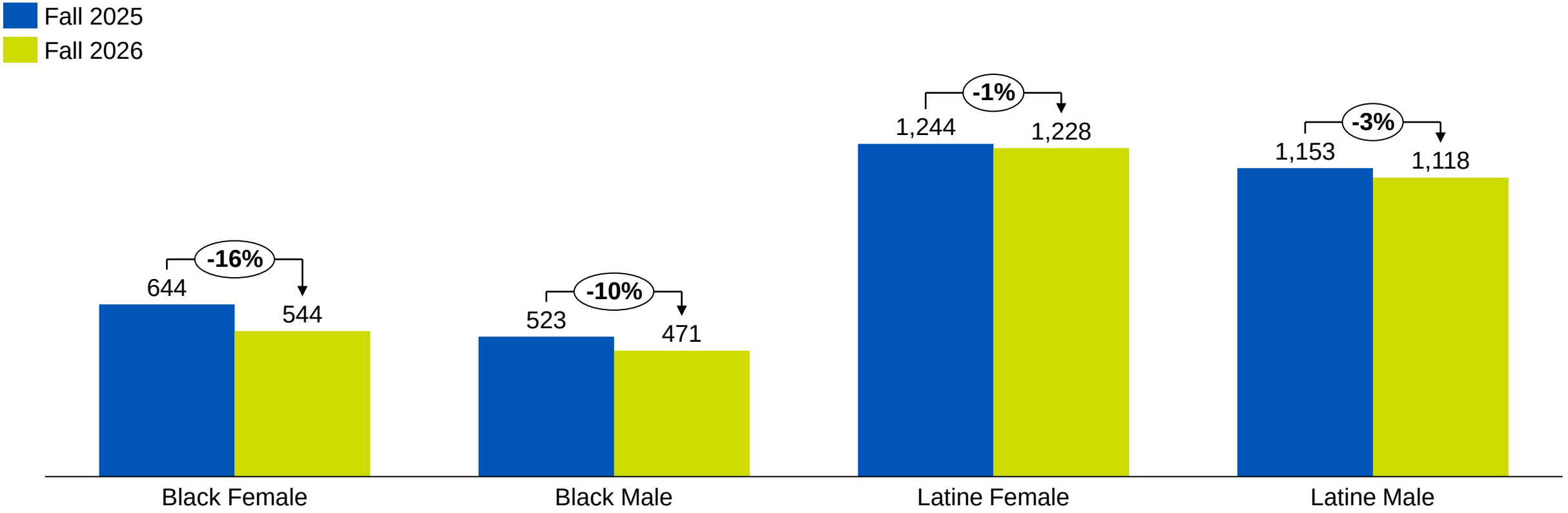
Census Date Unduplicated New Headcount by Age Group, Fall 2025 – Fall 2026



Data Source: CCC Fall Census Enrollment 2026, SOT retention status = New, Transfer In; Early College = No

Among new students ages 18–20, the largest YOY decline was among black students

Census Date Unduplicated New Headcount by Ethnicity and Gender, Fall 2025 – Fall 2026



Data Source: CCC Fall Census Enrollment 2026, SOT retention status = New, Transfer In; Early College = No

CPS enrollment trends provide important context for CCC enrollment planning

CPS 20th Day Student Report of CPS Enrollment Trends AY25-27

GRAD YEAR	ALL CPS Students		HS Students		8TH GRADE		9TH GRADE		10TH GRADE		11th GRADE		12th GRADE	
2024-2025	**325,305**	--	101,363	--	24,059	--	24,318	--	27,103	--	25,264		24,678	--
2025-2026	**316,224**	**-2.79%**	98,807	-2.52%	22,912	-4.77%	23,739	-2.38%	26,038	-3.93%	24,767	-1.97%	24,263	-1.68%
2026-2027	**304,687**	**-3.65%**	94,247	-4.62%	22,185	-3.17%	22,391	-5.68%	24,554	-5.70%	23,704	-4.29%	23,598	-2.74%

ENROLLMENT CONTEXT

CPS enrollment decreased from **325,305 to 304,687** over the three academic years shown.

ENROLLMENT PIPELINE

CPS high school enrollment decreased from **101,363 to 94,247** over the same period.

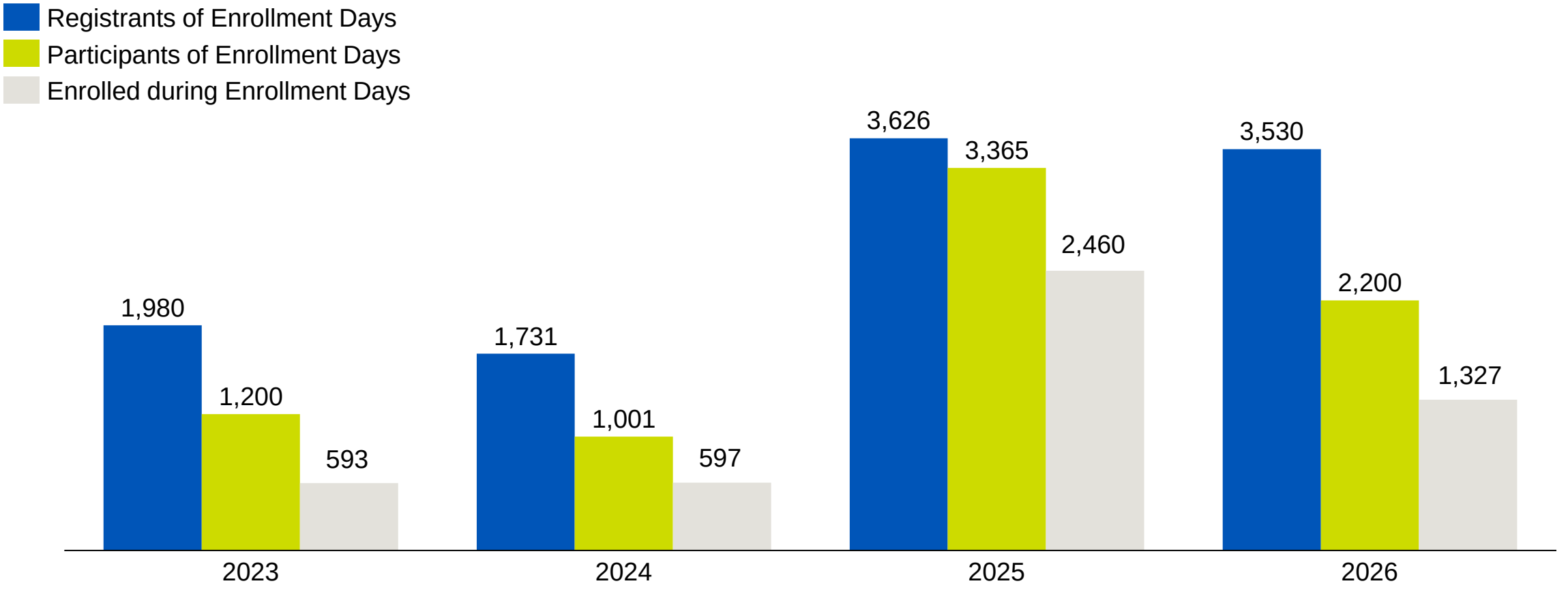
ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITY

Strengthen high school recruitment and conversion while expanding enrollment opportunities across other student populations.

Data Source: CPS Data Stats and Facts

Enrollment Days remain a key strategy for converting interest into enrollment

Enrollment Days Participation, 2023 – 2026

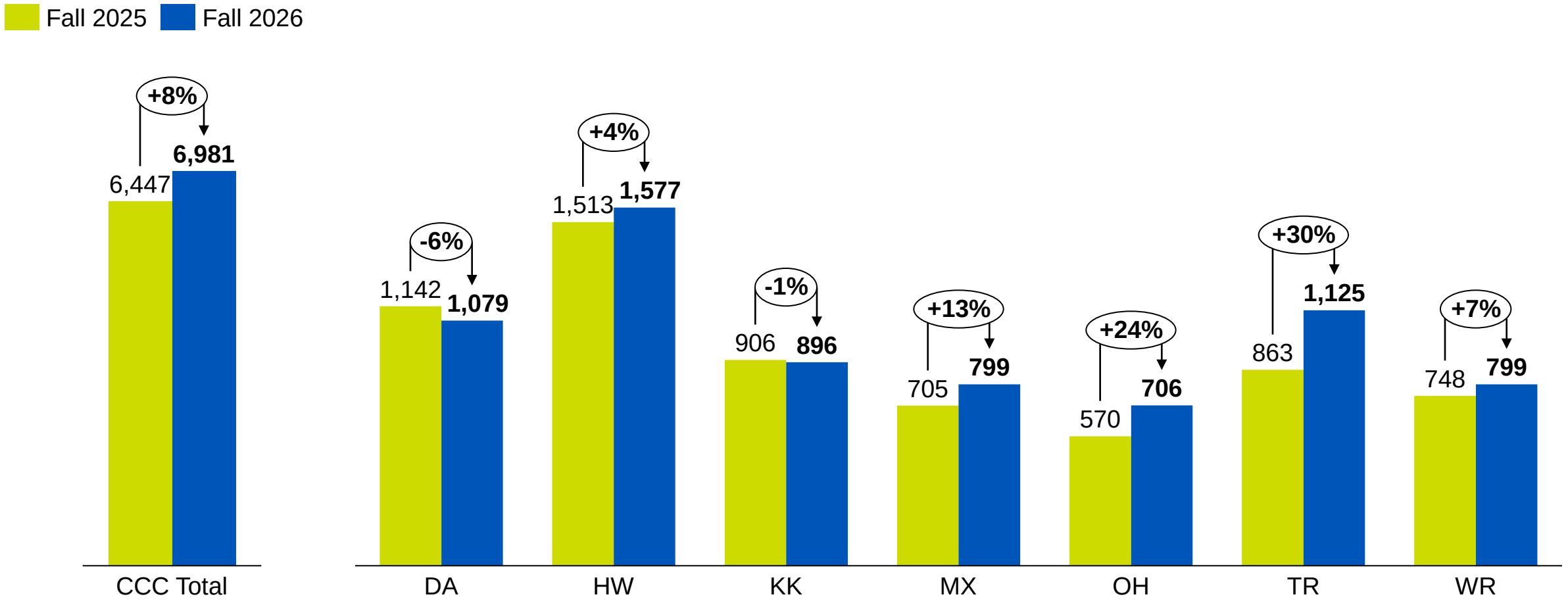


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Early College

Early College enrollment continues to grow, up 8%

Early College YoY Change Fall 2025 to 2026 at Census



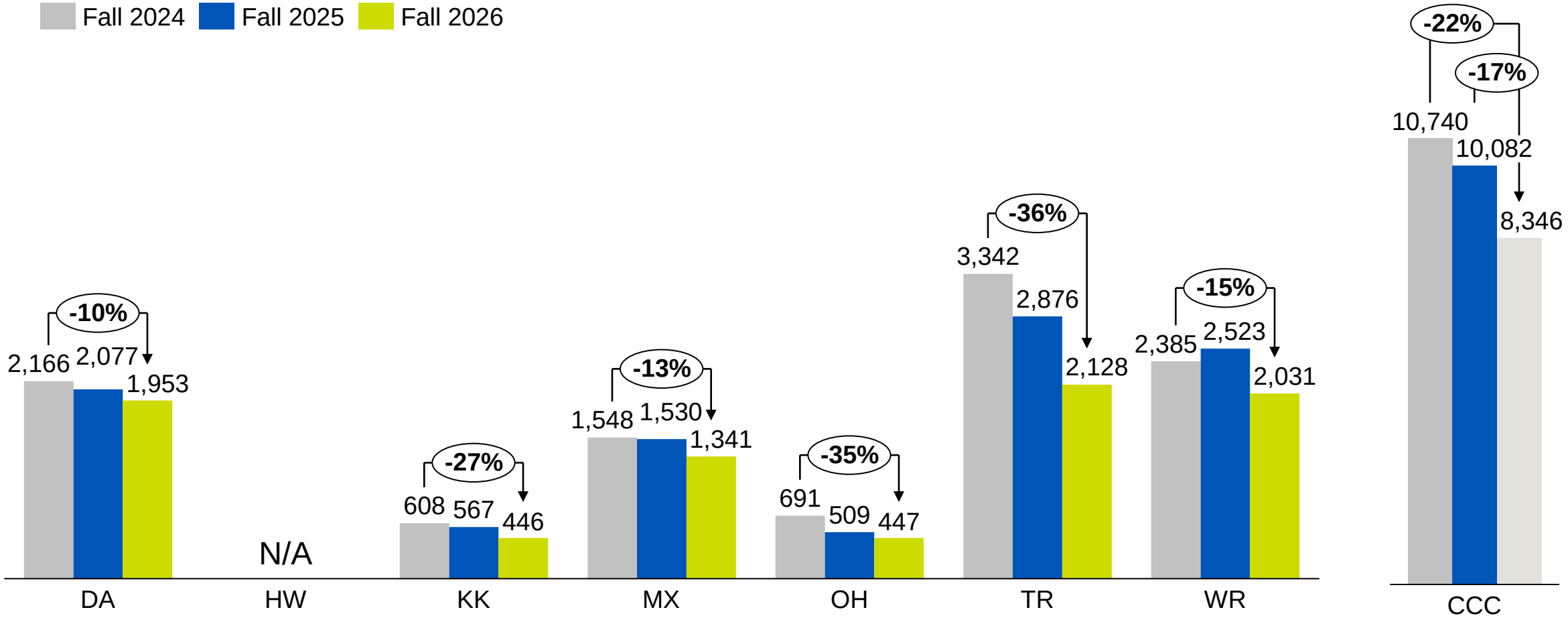
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Adult Education

Adult Education headcount declined 17%, compared with an 11% statewide decline

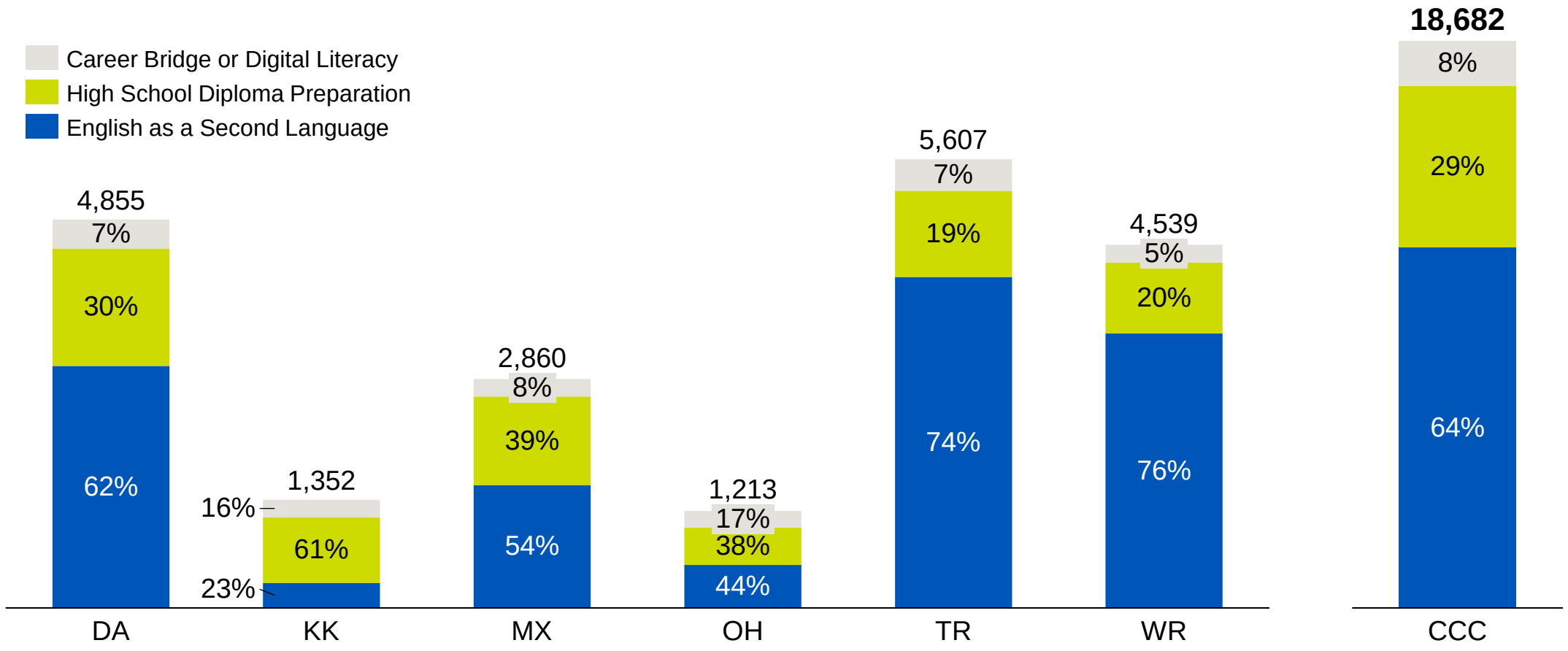
Census Date Unduplicated Adult Education Headcount by Home College, Fall 2024 – Fall 2026



Data Source: Fall 2025 to Fall 2026 ICCB Enrollment_2026-10-07.xlsx, Fall 2024 Enrollment Data Sheet

Adult Education Served More Than 18,000 Students in FY26

Adult Education Enrollment* by Subject, FY26



Note: Reflects CCC FY26 enrollment data; CCC total is unduplicated.
Data Source: OpenBook ADED Enrollment by Subject accessed 10/19/2026

Where We Will Focus Moving Forward

- Increase Our Share of CPS Graduates
- Strengthen Enrollment Conversion
- Grow and Re-Engage Adult Learners
- Continue Our Commitment to Retention
- Advance Service Excellence
- Deepen Pathways and Partnerships
- Strengthen Institution-wide Enrollment Planning and Accountability

Aligned to *Forward, Together*

Empower students

Retention • Persistence • Student Experience

Strengthen our collaborative ecosystem

CPS • Pathways • Partnerships

Ensure a culture of excellence

Service Excellence • Enrollment Accountability

Thank you!

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Appendix

Understanding the ICCB Enrollment Measure

ICCB ENROLLMENT MEASURE

- *ICCB total headcount captures a broader student population than CCC's credit enrollment measure, including Adult Education students. This means trends in Adult Education can affect the overall ICCB result.*

CCC CREDIT ENROLLMENT

- *Credit enrollment increased 2% year over year.*

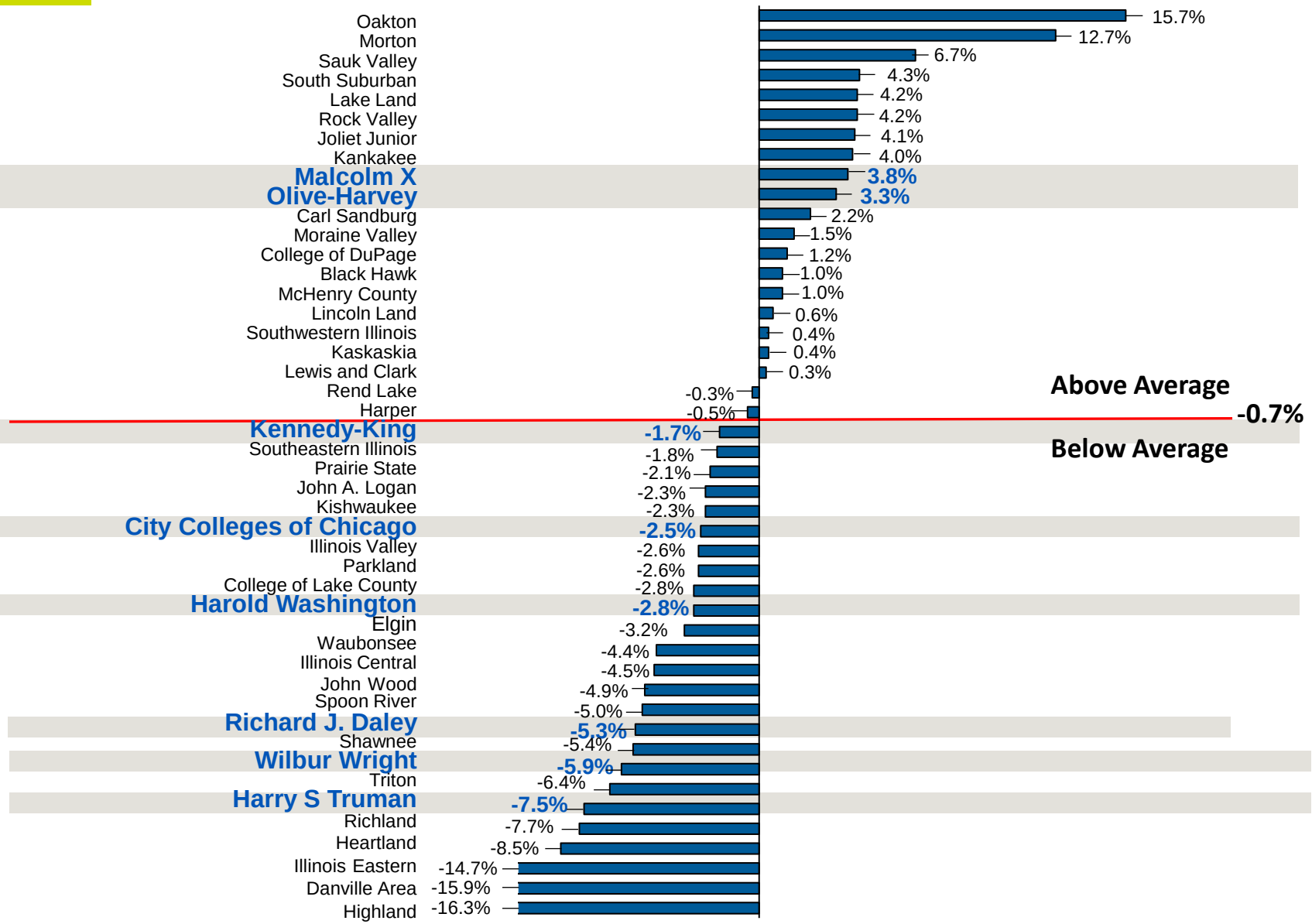
ADULT EDUCATION ENROLLMENT

- *Adult Education enrollment declined 17%, compared with an 11% statewide decline.*

ICCB TOTAL HEADCOUNT

- *The broader CCC total headcount declined 2.5%, compared with a 0.7% statewide decline.*

ICCB total headcount enrollment: % Change FA25-FA26

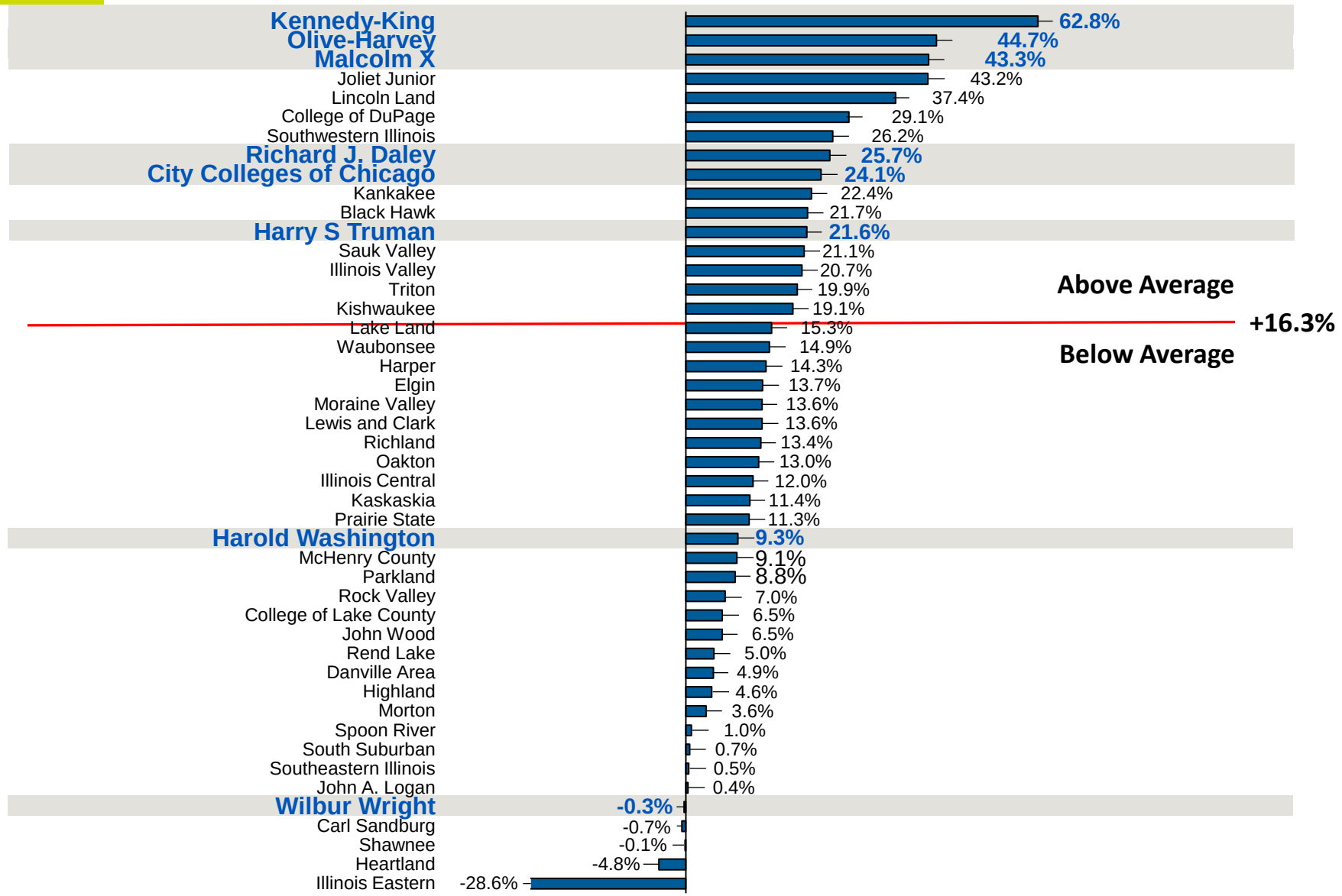


CCC's Fall enrollment declined 2.5%, compared with a 0.7% decline statewide.

Olive-Harvey and Malcolm X outperformed the statewide enrollment trend.

Data Source: ICCB Fall 2026 Enrollment report

ICCB Opening Headcount Enrollment: % Change, Fall 2022–Fall 2026



Five City Colleges continue to rank among the state's enrollment growth leaders over the five-year period.

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