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statewide approach to
educational attainment

Appalachian Regional Commission

Tomorrow's Workforce Conference

Strategies for Appalachia's Future

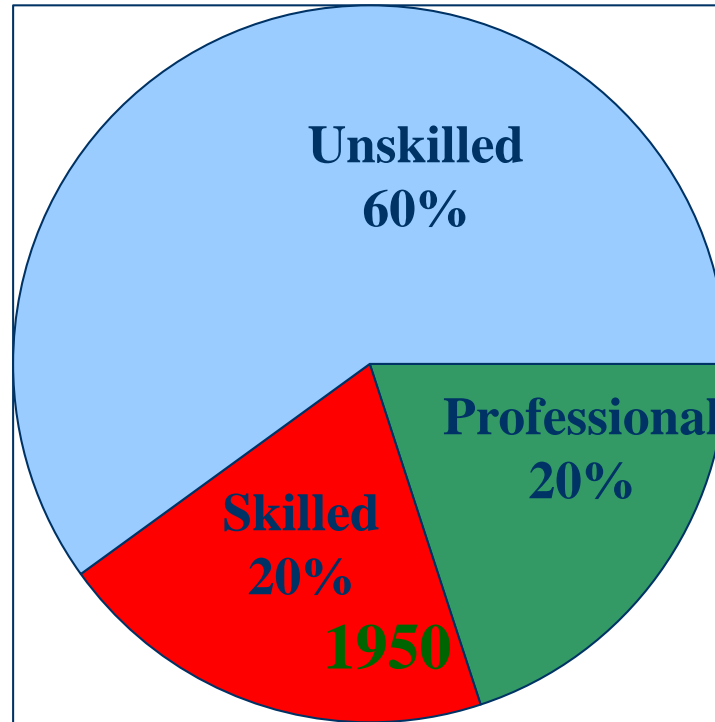
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October 22-23, 2008

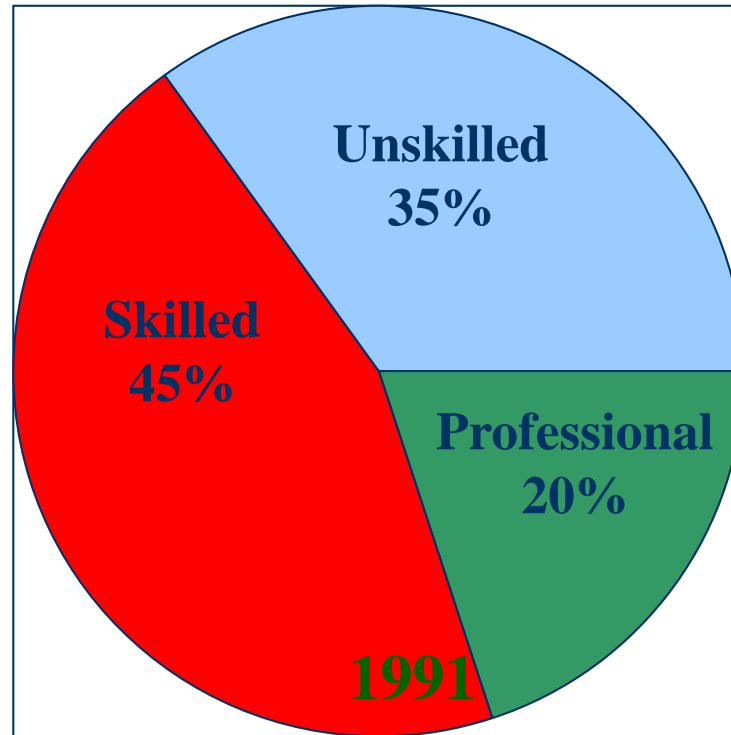
Context for change

- **Economics**
- **Demographics**
- **Affordability**

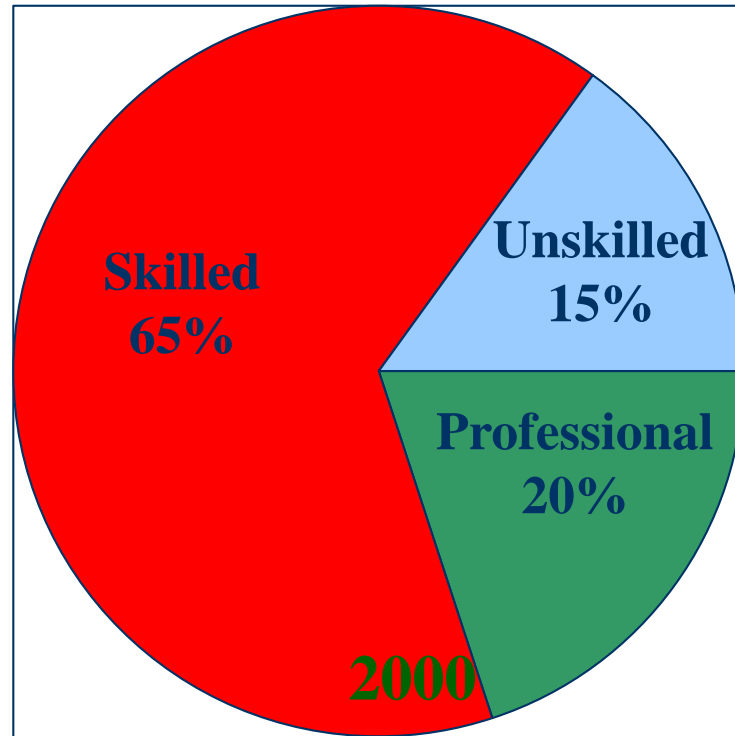
Skill Level Changes



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NORTH CAROLINA

Public and Nonpublic High School Graduates 2003-04 through 2017-18 (projected)

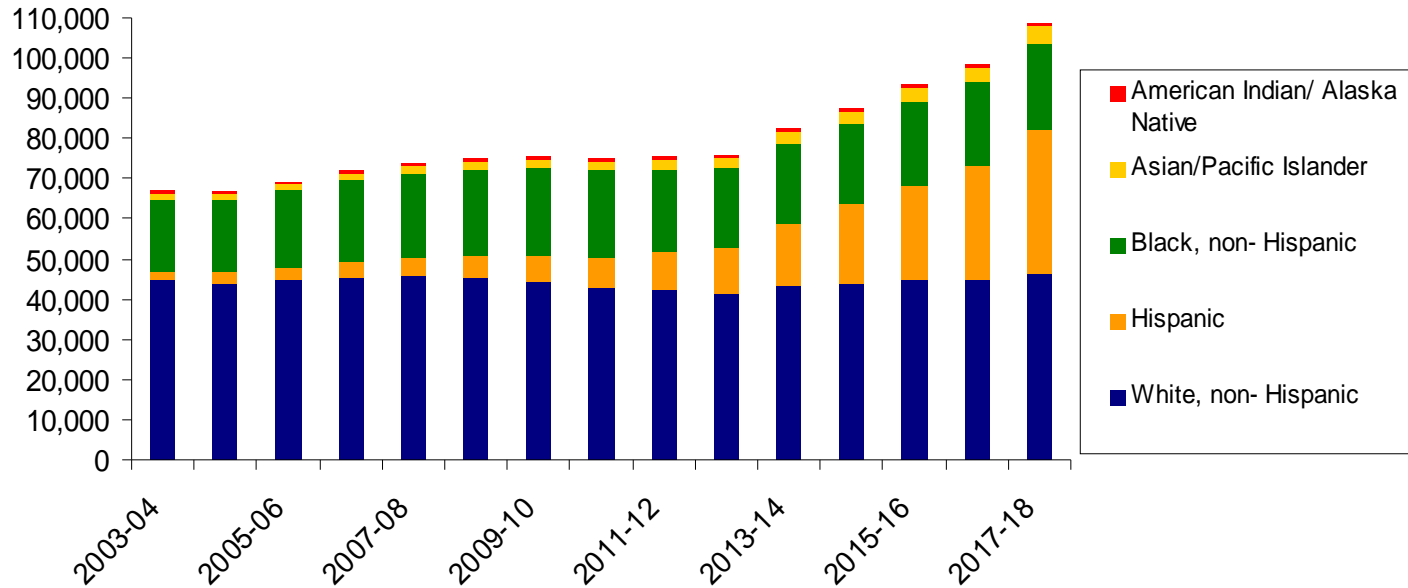
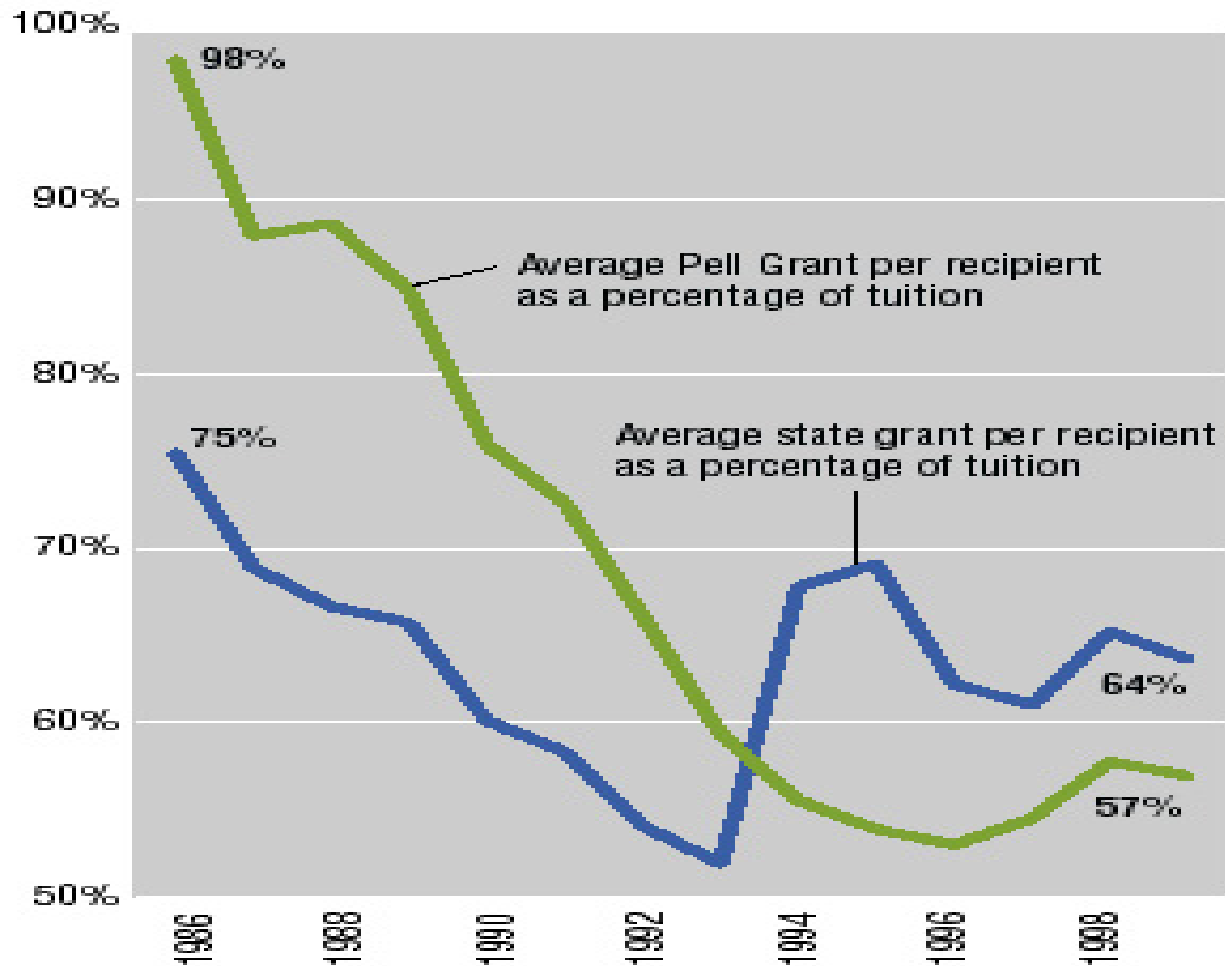


Figure 3
**Grant Aid to Students Has Not Kept Pace
with Increases in Tuition**



**Federal Pell Grant Aid and State Grant Aid as a Percentage
of Tuition at Public Four-Year Colleges (in current dollars)**

Source: College Board.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING PAY

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN 2003

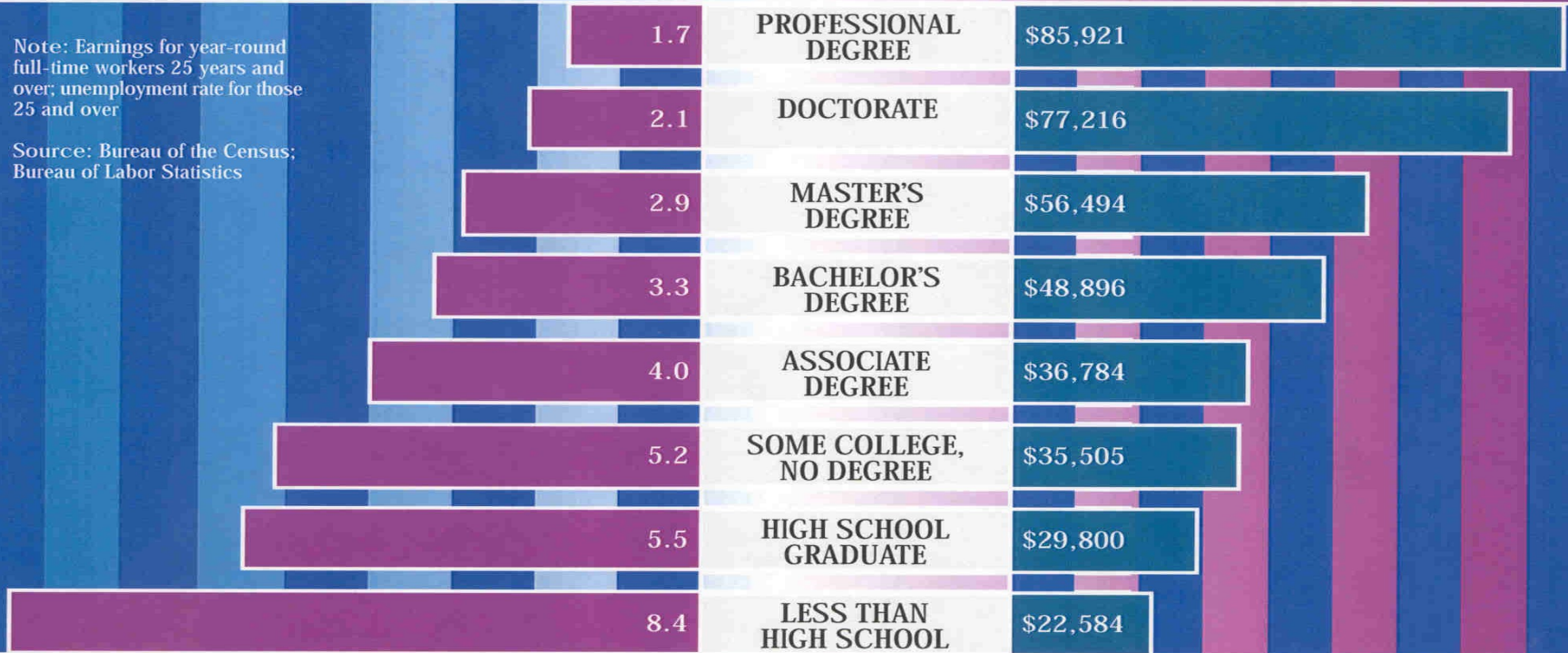
8% 7% 6% 5% 4% 3% 2% 1% 0

MEDIAN EARNINGS IN 2002

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80

Note: Earnings for year-round full-time workers 25 years and over; unemployment rate for those 25 and over

Source: Bureau of the Census; Bureau of Labor Statistics



What happens to 9th graders?

Missing the Cut: North Carolina by the Numbers⁶

100 enter the 9th grade



58 graduate in four years



38 enter college



28 enter their 2nd year



18 graduate within six years



Information obtained from the NC Statistical Profile, 2003

North Carolina's Response

To Develop A Comprehensive
and Coordinated Effort that
Assists Students in
***Planning for, Applying to, and
Paying for College***

Pathways of North Carolina

**The 1999 General Assembly
funded the Pathways Partnership
to increase the college going rate.
Members include:**

NC Department of Public Instruction

NC Community College System

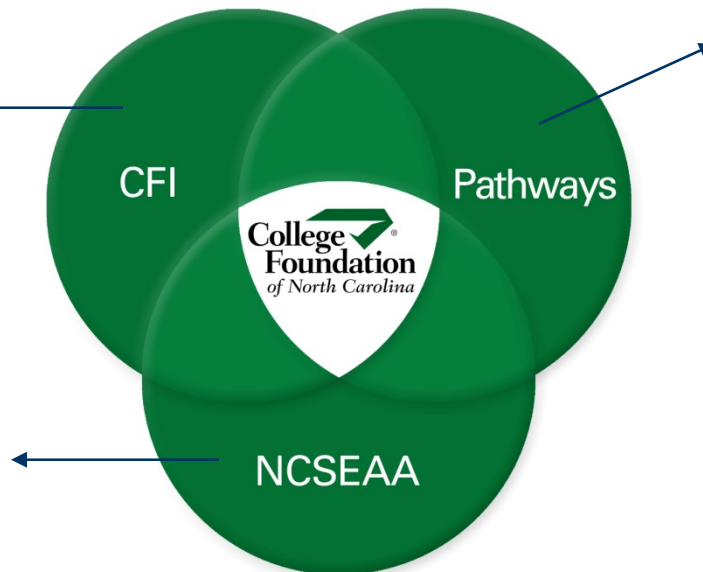
NC Independent Colleges and Universities

The University of North Carolina

CFNC is the name of a service provided by three NC entities

NC's loan originator 501(c)3

State Guarantor - scholarships, 529 program



State-funded K-16 Pathways Partnership (DPI, NCCCS, UNC, NCICU) administered by the UNC General Administration



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Elements of College Access



Availability



Affordability



North Carolina
Learn and Earn



Appalachian
ACCESS

packpromise





Aspiration, Awareness, Academic Readiness, and Application Submission

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NORTH CAROLINA MATHEMATICS AND
SCIENCE EDUCATION NETWORK



GEAR UP

North Carolina



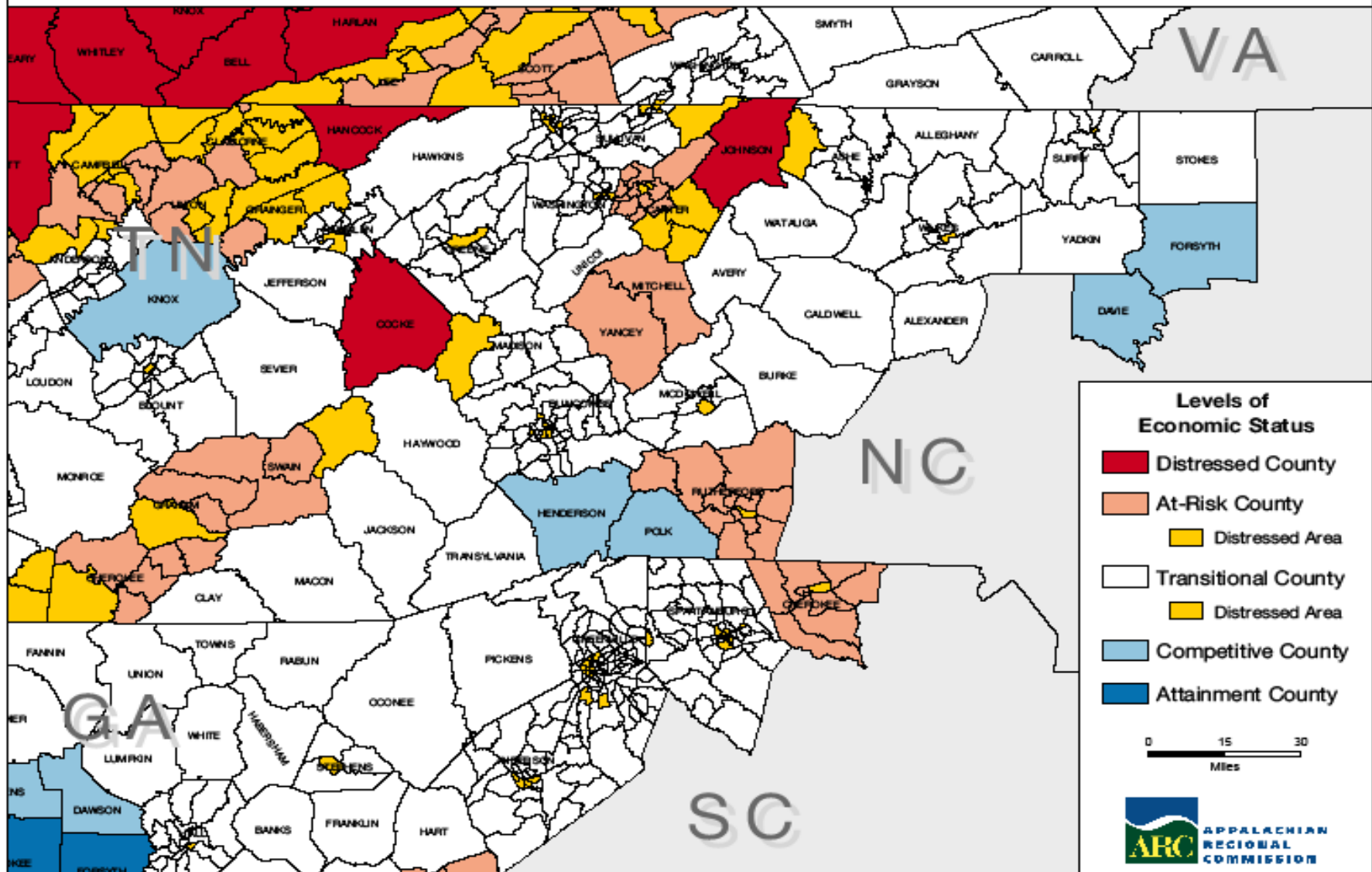
**SOUTHWESTERN
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**



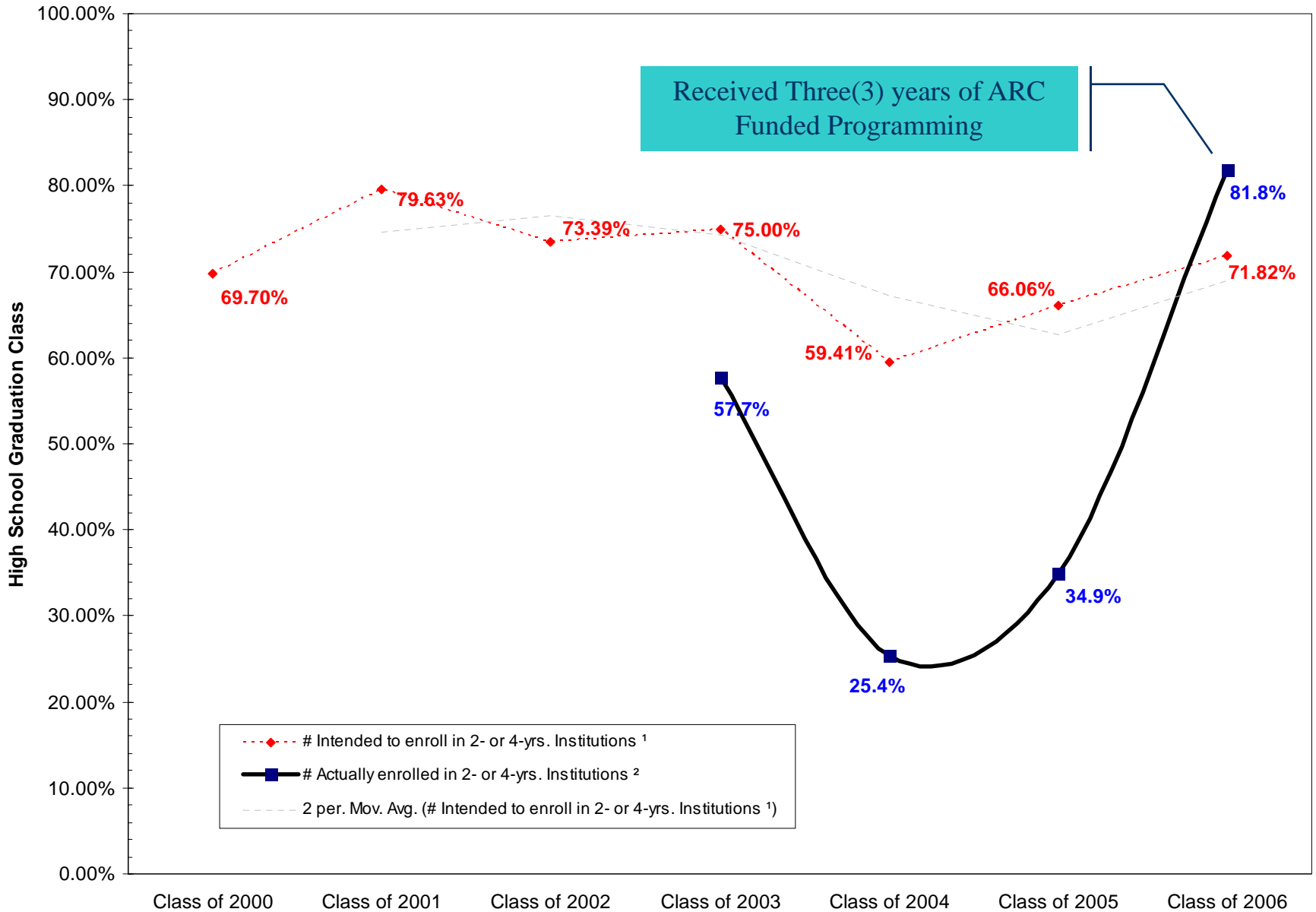
Direct Services for Students

- College Counseling & College Visits
- Financial Aid Information and Counseling; FAFSA Days; College Bowl Sunday (January and February)
- College Application Week (November)
- Career Awareness through Bridges (cfnc.org portal)
- Motivational Activities/Cultural Events
- Parent Involvement Opportunities
- After school programs, tutoring, and mentoring
- Transition Programs (6th to 7th, 8th to 9th)
- Summer Enrichment

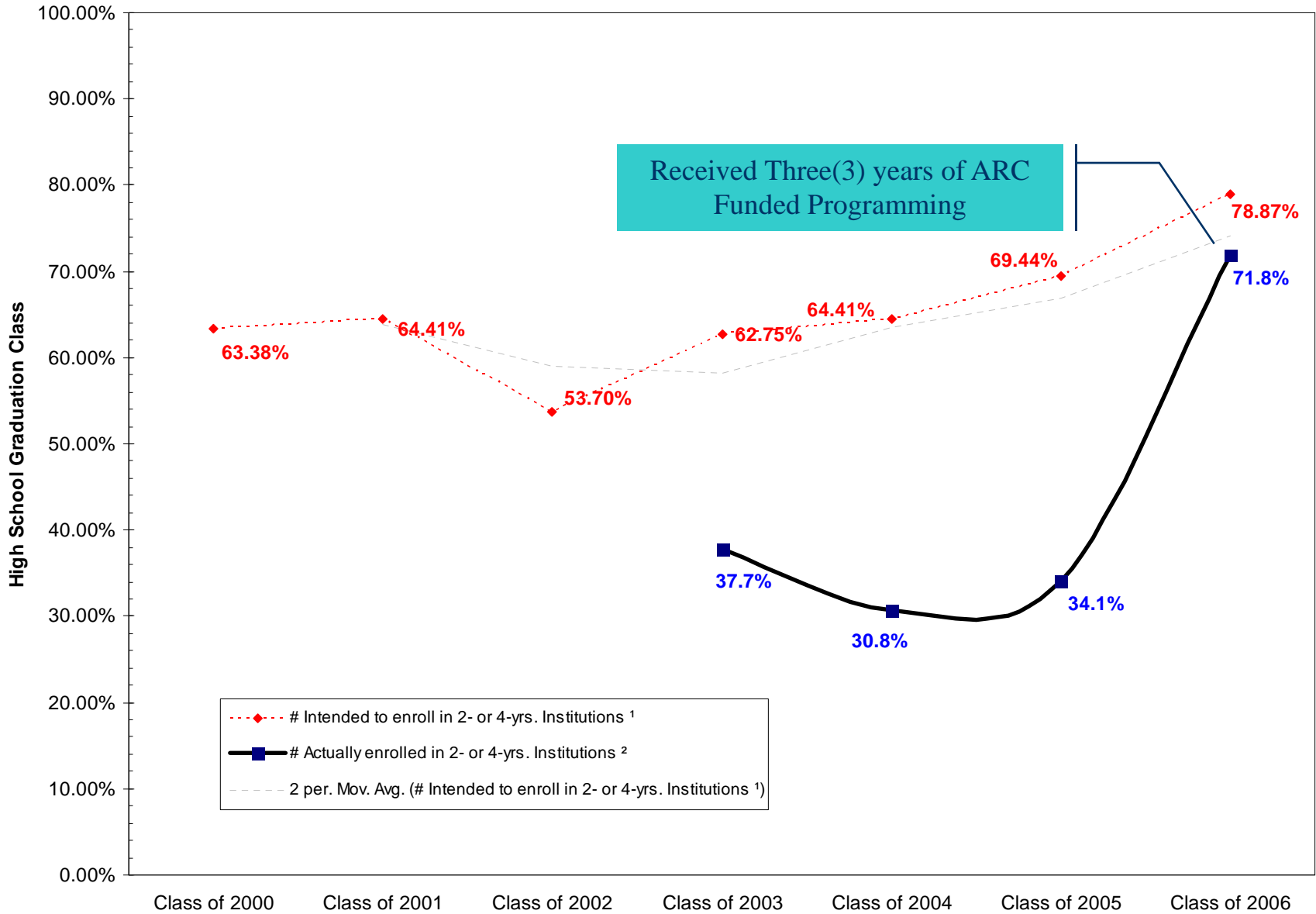
County Economic Status and Distressed Areas in Appalachian North Carolina, Fiscal Year 2009



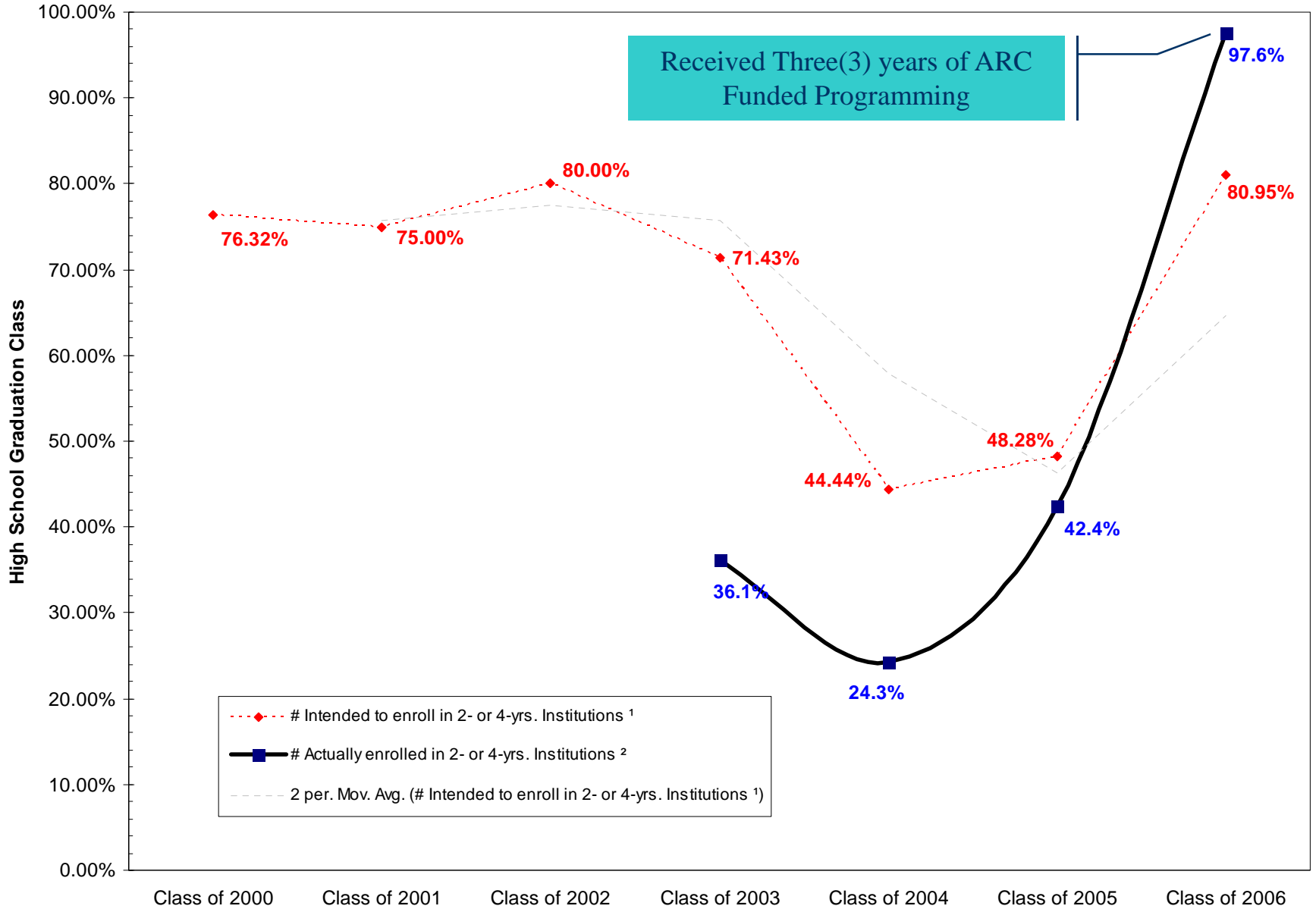
Swain County High School
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Robbinsville High School
Graham County Schools



Hiwassee Dam High School
Cherokee County Schools



“Everyone knows if you go to Hiwassee Dam, you are going to go to college.”



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