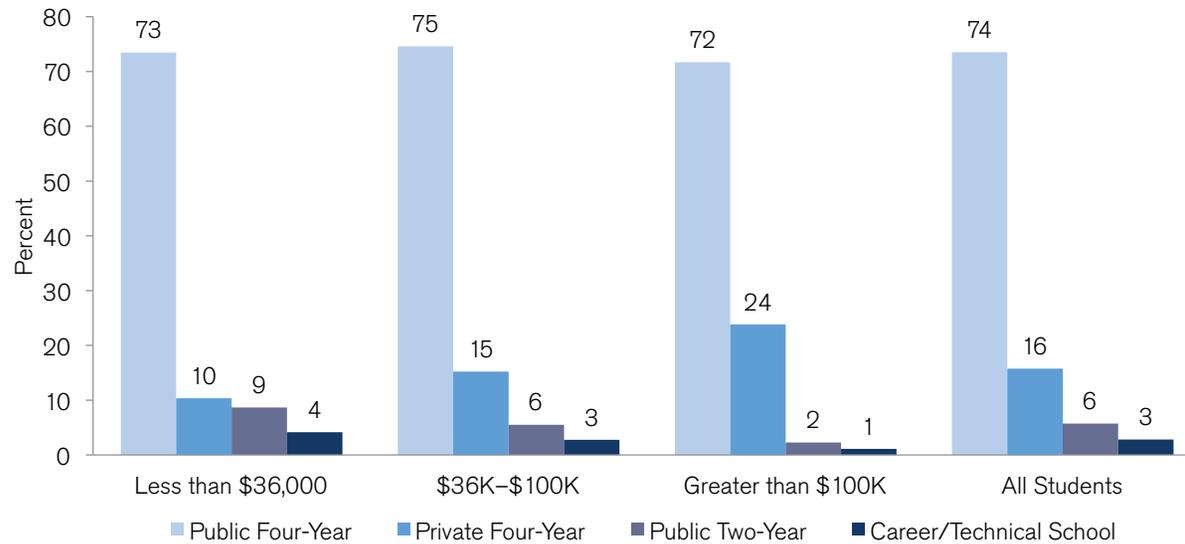


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Note: Data based on 1,350,770 ACT-tested 2015 high school graduates who reported annual family income and provided information about their preferred type of college or university.

Almost three-quarters (74%) of ACT®-tested 2015 high school graduates reported that they would prefer to attend a public four-year college or university over other types of postsecondary institutions. This chart illustrates the differences between preferred type of postsecondary institution at various family income levels. While the percentage of students who hope to attend a public four-year

college or university stays relatively constant across income levels, preferences for other types of postsecondary institutions vary by family income level. These results are consistent with prior findings from ACT-tested 2013 and 2014 high school graduates.¹ ■

¹ See ACT Information Briefs 2013-30 and 2014-29.

- The percentage of ACT-tested 2015 high school graduates who would prefer to attend a private four-year college or university increases as family income level increases.
- The percentage of 2015 graduates who hope to attend a public two-year college or career/technical school decreases as family income level increases.

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