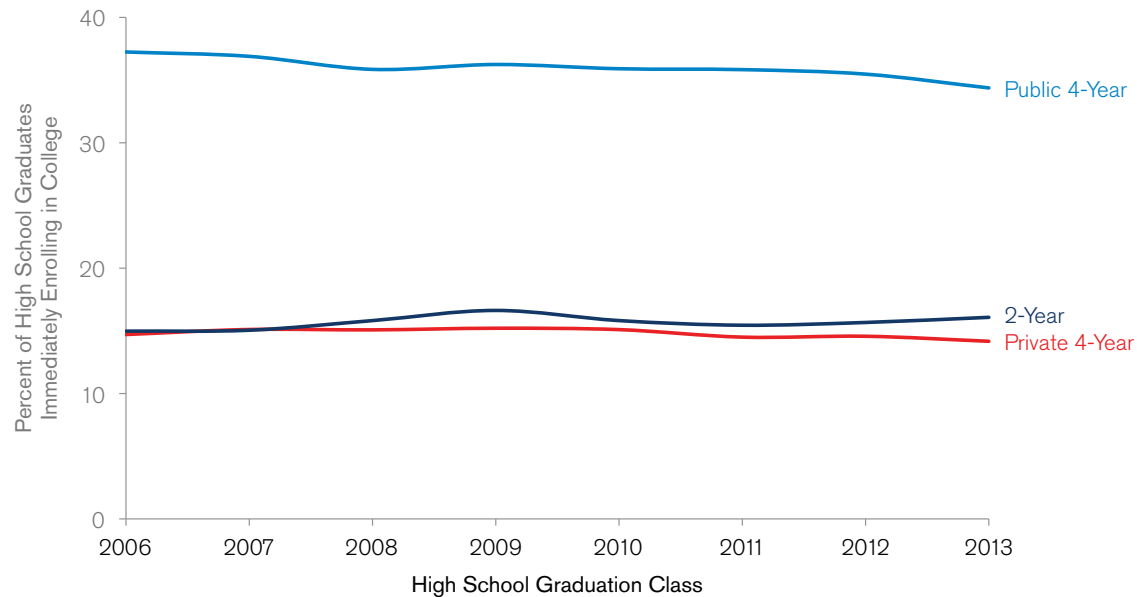


Between 2006 and 2013, there was a slight decrease in immediate post-graduation enrollment in 4-year colleges.

## Trends in College Enrollment: 2006–2013

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Percent of ACT-Tested High School Graduates Attending 4-Year Public, 4-Year Private, and 2-Year Colleges by Year



Note: Data come from 12,066,671 high school graduates who took the ACT from 2006 to 2013.

Fewer high school graduates are enrolling in 4-year colleges than in the past. In 2006, about 37% of high school graduates who took the ACT® college readiness assessment enrolled in a 4-year public college the fall following graduation. In comparison, about 34% of ACT-tested high school graduates enrolled in a 4-year public college in the fall of 2013. Private 4-year enrollment rates also declined by about 0.6 percentage points over this 8-year span. Meanwhile, the

enrollment rate for 2-year colleges increased from 15% in 2006 to 16% in 2013.

The overall trend in immediate college enrollments has declined from 66.9% in 2006 to 64.6% in 2013. Financial pressure from the recent economic slowdown is one possible explanation for these changes in enrollment patterns. ■