# THE CAREER COLLEGE IMPACT

# How career education serves Ohio's individuals, communities, and economy

Research report on Ohio's degree-granting colleges - March 2023



The primary sources for our research are made available at both the federal and state level.



At the federal level, the U.S. Department of Education's <u>Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS)</u>, collects information from every college, university, technical, and vocational institution that participates in the federal student financial aid programs, and is one of data is one of the most comprehensive data sets available. We have used the most recent available required reporting year; data used in this report is solely from the 2021 IPEDS report.

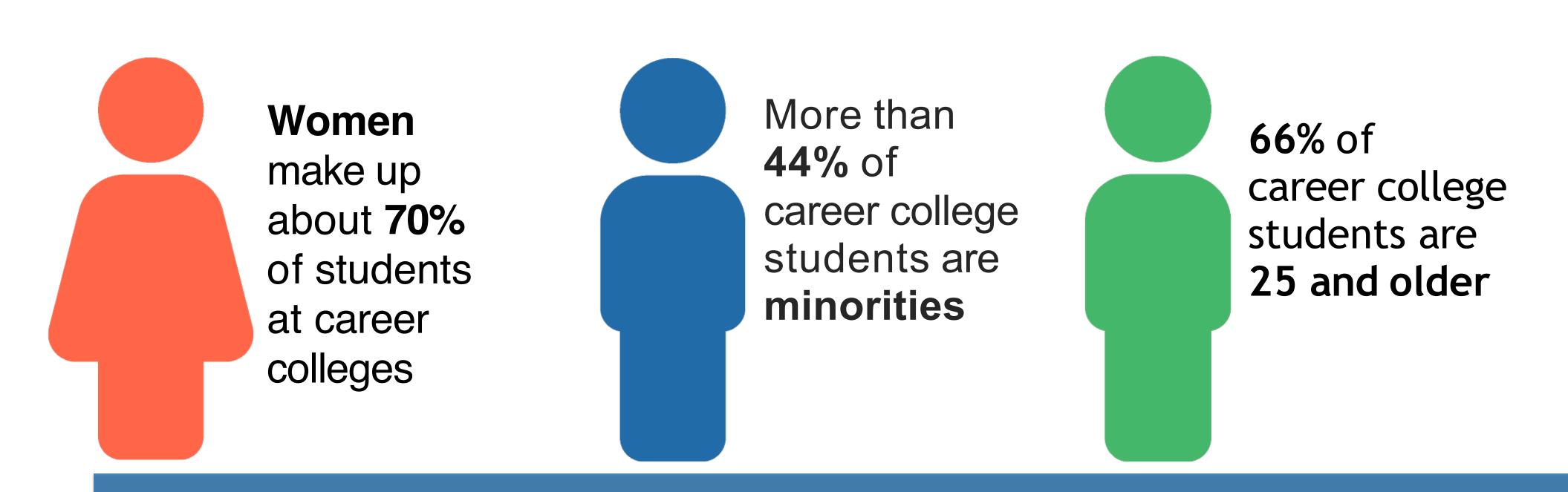


At the state level, the <u>Ohio State Board of Career Colleges and Schools (OSBCCS)</u> collects annual data from all the colleges and schools it oversees, presenting its annual data in the form of the OSBCCS Annual Report; data used in this report is taken from the 2022 edition.

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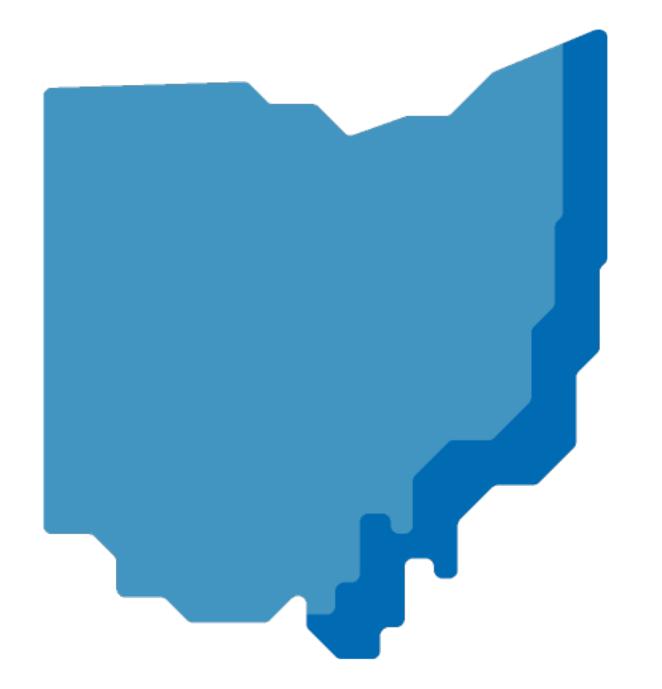
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# Executive Summary



Career colleges proportionately serve a larger share of underserved and economically disadvantaged students. Because our students are older, Ohio is the heart of it all for our non-traditional students who have their roots here and are more likely to continue to live and work in the Buckeye State after graduation.

### **Executive Summary**



Over 53,000 **Ohioans attended a career college**in 2022, with over 9,218
in degree programs



For the last 10 years, graduation rates at Ohio career colleges have been higher than graduation rates at the state's public universities and community colleges

In 2022, Ohio's career schools\* paid \$124M in wages and spent \$284M in our local economies





Our **student-to-faculty ratio** for 2022 is 15:1. That's lower than Ohio's public universities and community colleges

### **Executive Summary**

78%

78% of 2022 graduates found employment in their field within 90 days after graduation, according to the OSBCCS Annual Report

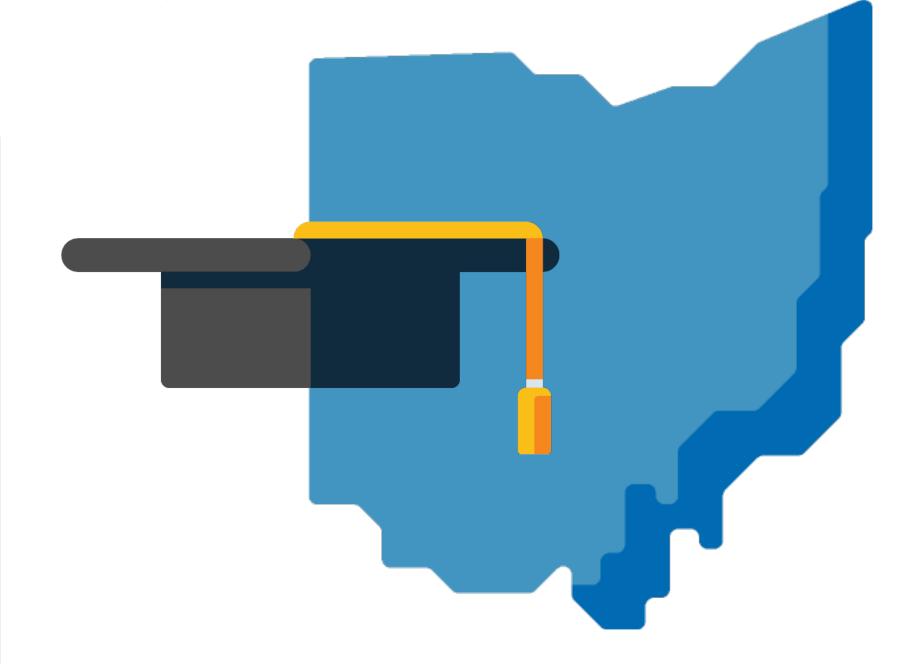
91%

91% of degree-earning graduates are in Ohio's fastest growing fields: health, business, and technology



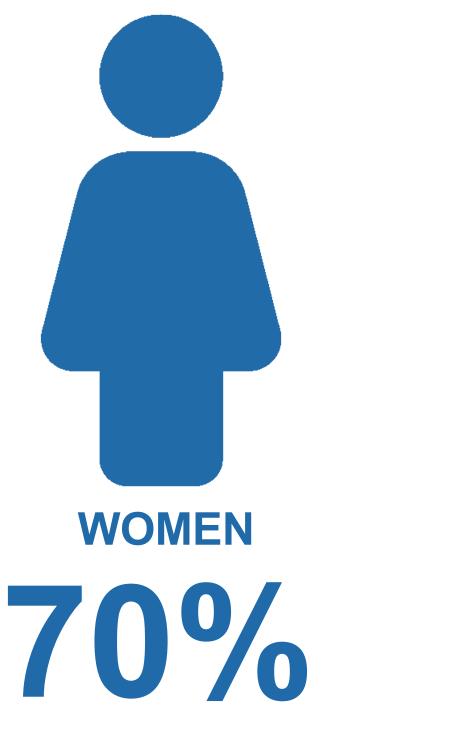
Career college grads represent **1.8%** of all Ohio's grads, but represent:

- 6.5% of all health graduates
- 2.2% of all technology graduates
- 0.6% of all business graduates

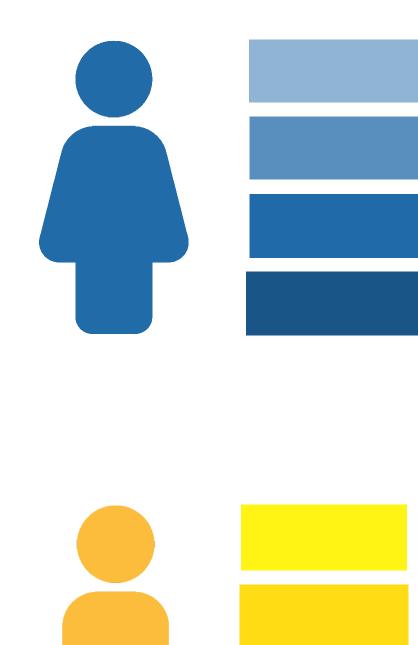


Based on the **U.S. Census Bureau**, since average earnings for individuals with a two-year degree are higher than those with a high school diploma alone, we're increasing the earning potential of our graduates. And because a majority of our graduates go to work in high-demand occupations, we're **helping Ohio keep pace with workforce demands**.

### **Enrollment by Gender**



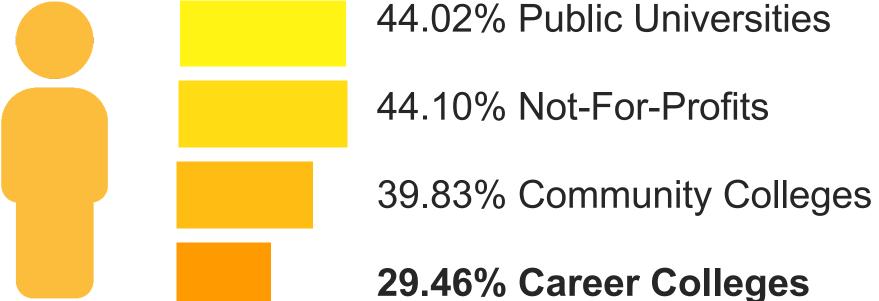




55.98% Public Universities55.90% Not-For-Profits60.16% Community Colleges

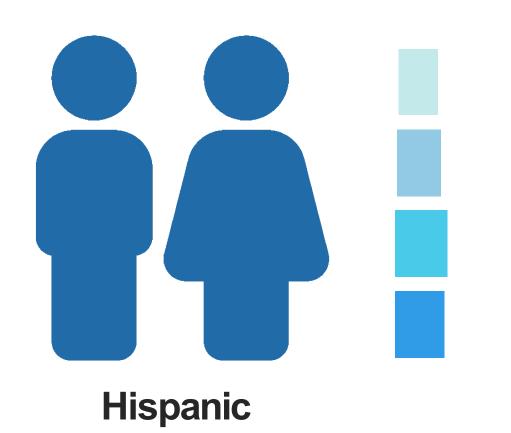
70.53% Career Colleges

Women make up a significant number of career college enrollment compared to other sectors of higher education



# Minority Enrollment

OHIO



4.51% Public Universities

5.16% Not-For-Profits

7.73% Community Colleges

4.27% Career Colleges



8.51% Public Universities

9.61% Not-For-Profits

15.80% Community Colleges

40.13% Career Colleges

More than

40%

of the total student population at Ohio's degree-granting career schools are

# MINORITIES

# Students Age 25+

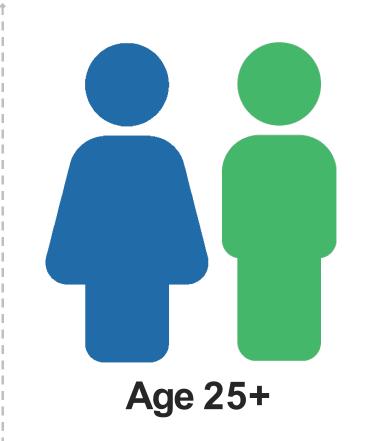
Students aged

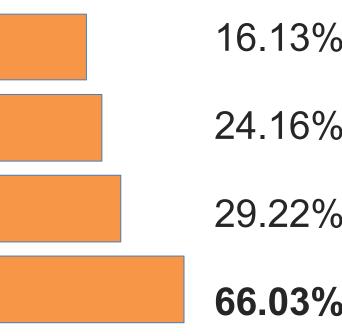
25+

represent over

66%

of all students enrolled in a degree-granting career school in Ohio





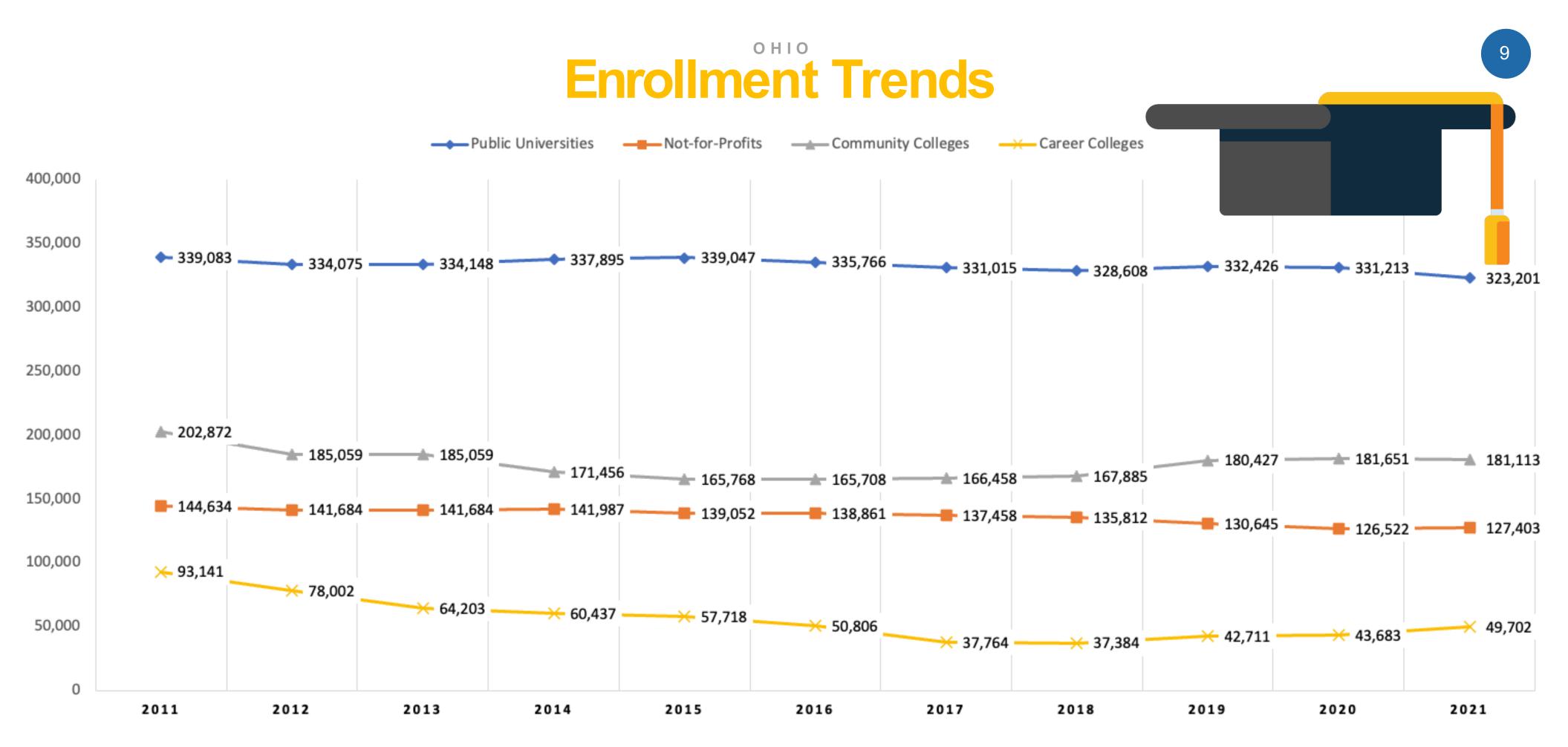
16.13% Public Universities

24.16% Not-For-Profits

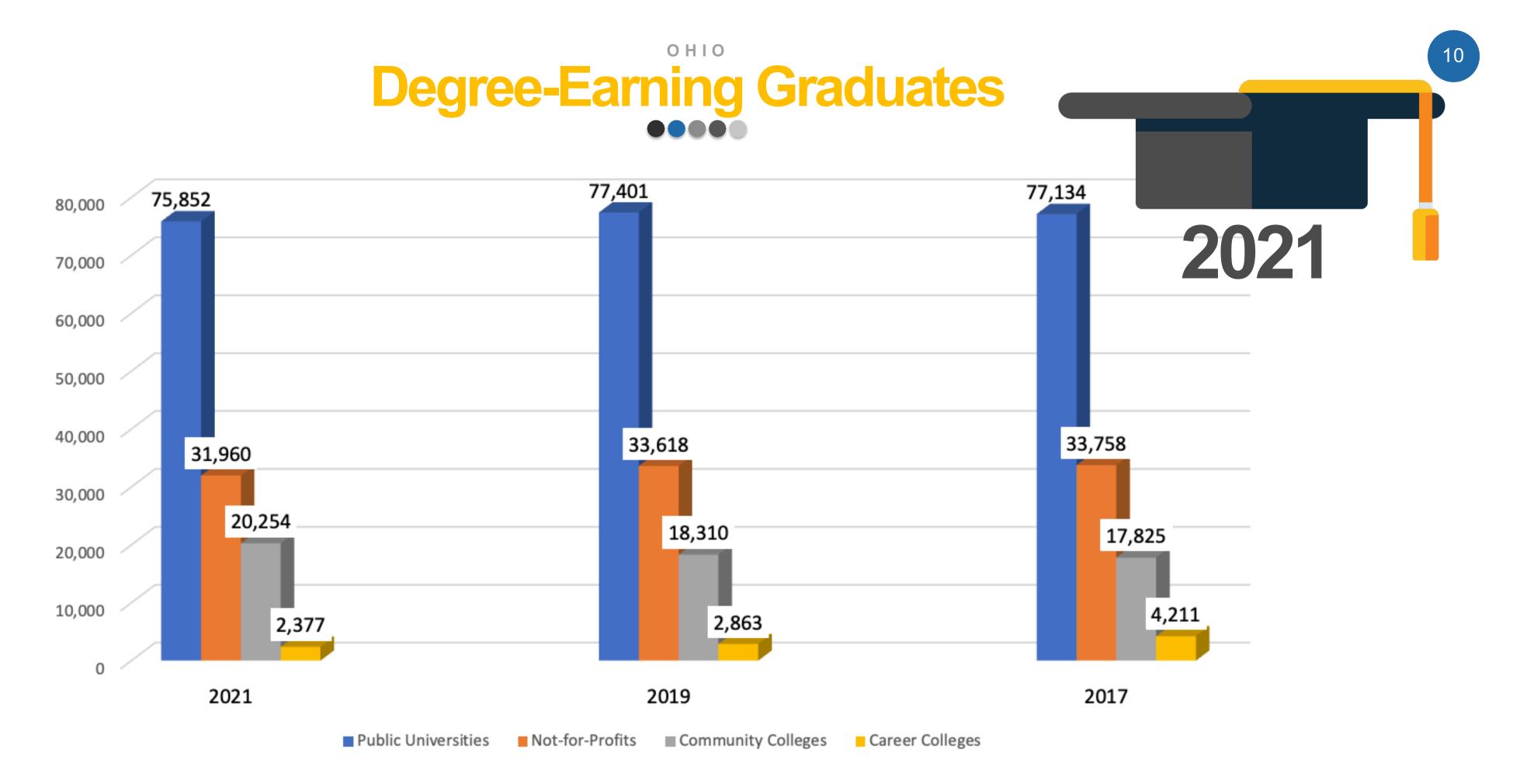
29.22% Community Colleges

66.03% Career Colleges

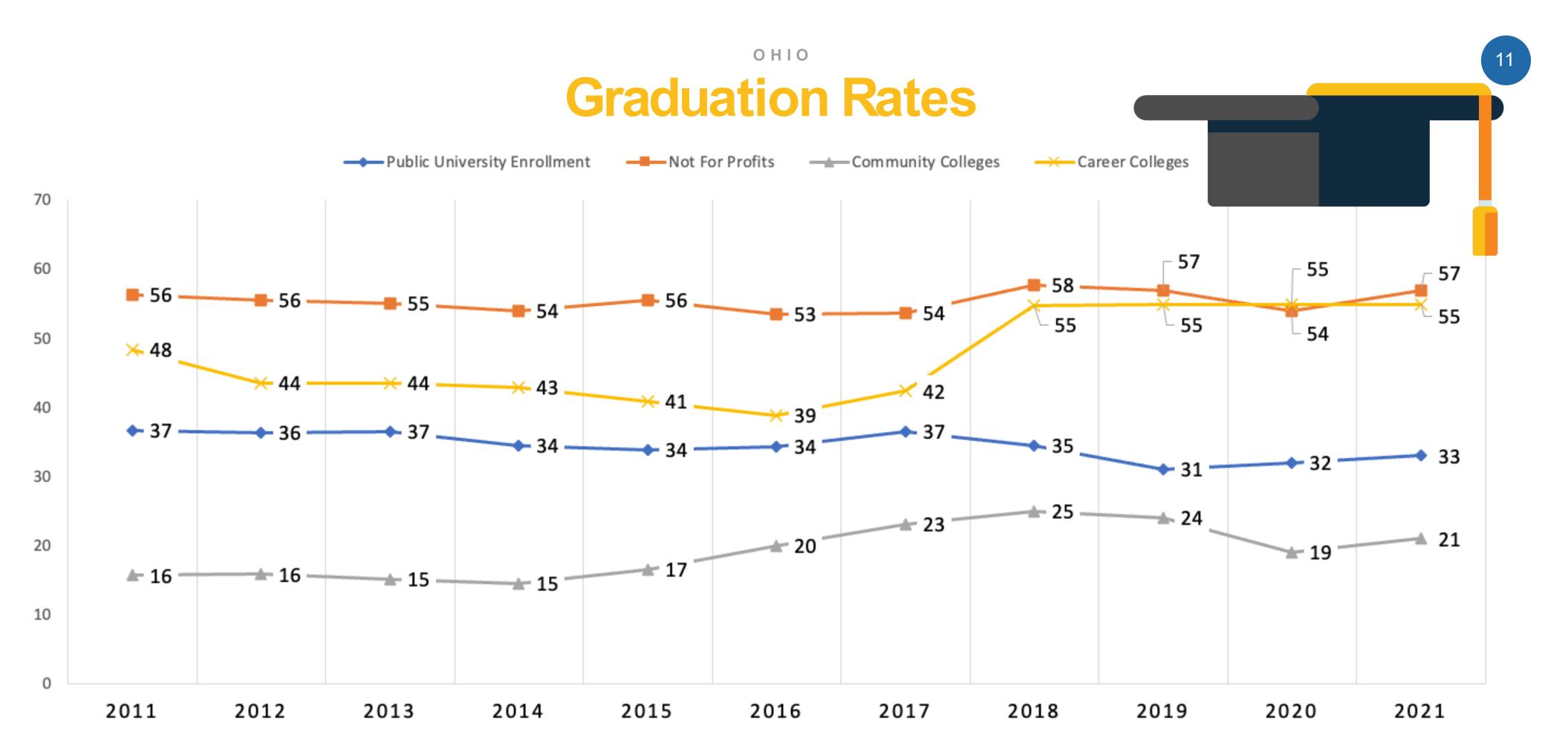




In 2021 18.5% of all students at Ohio's career colleges and schools (9,218 students) were enrolled in degree-level programs.

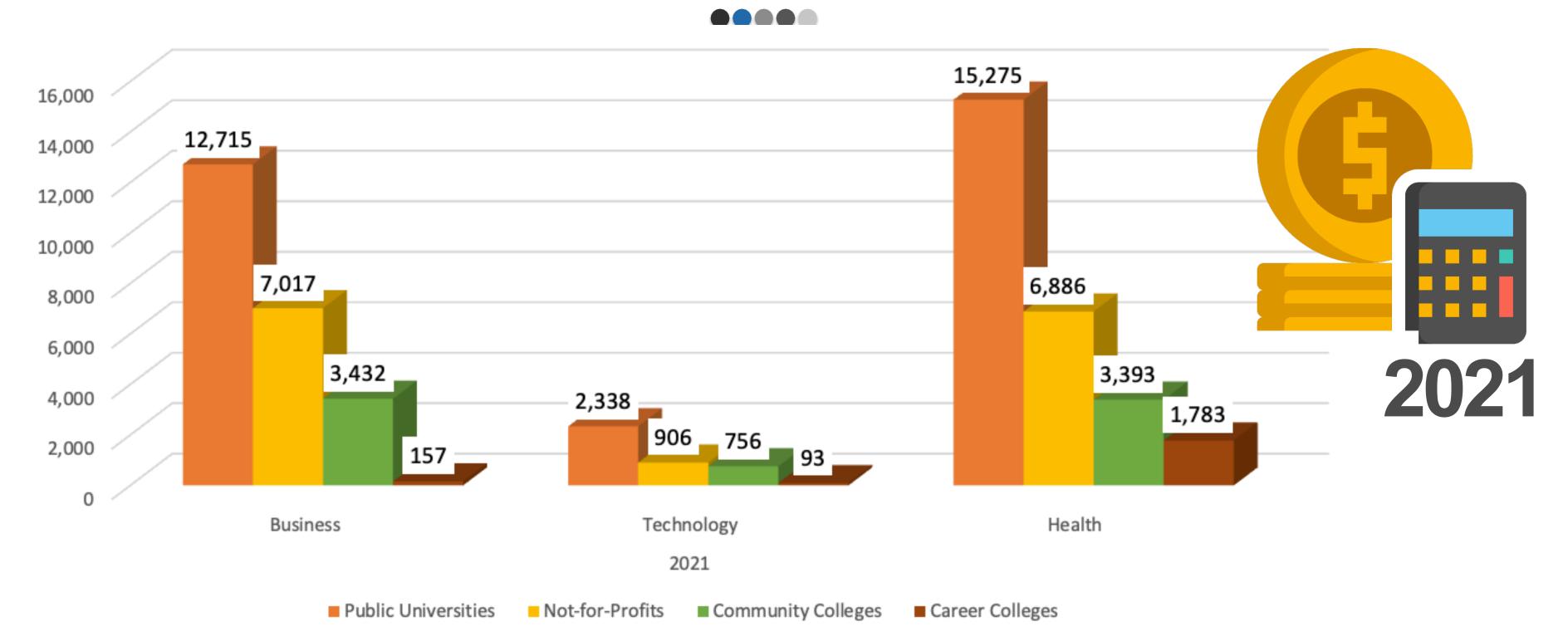


Of the 130K+ degree-earning graduates in Ohio, career colleges account for 1.8% of all Ohio college graduates. However, Ohio career colleges and schools totaled **28,719 graduates across all levels of programs** offered.

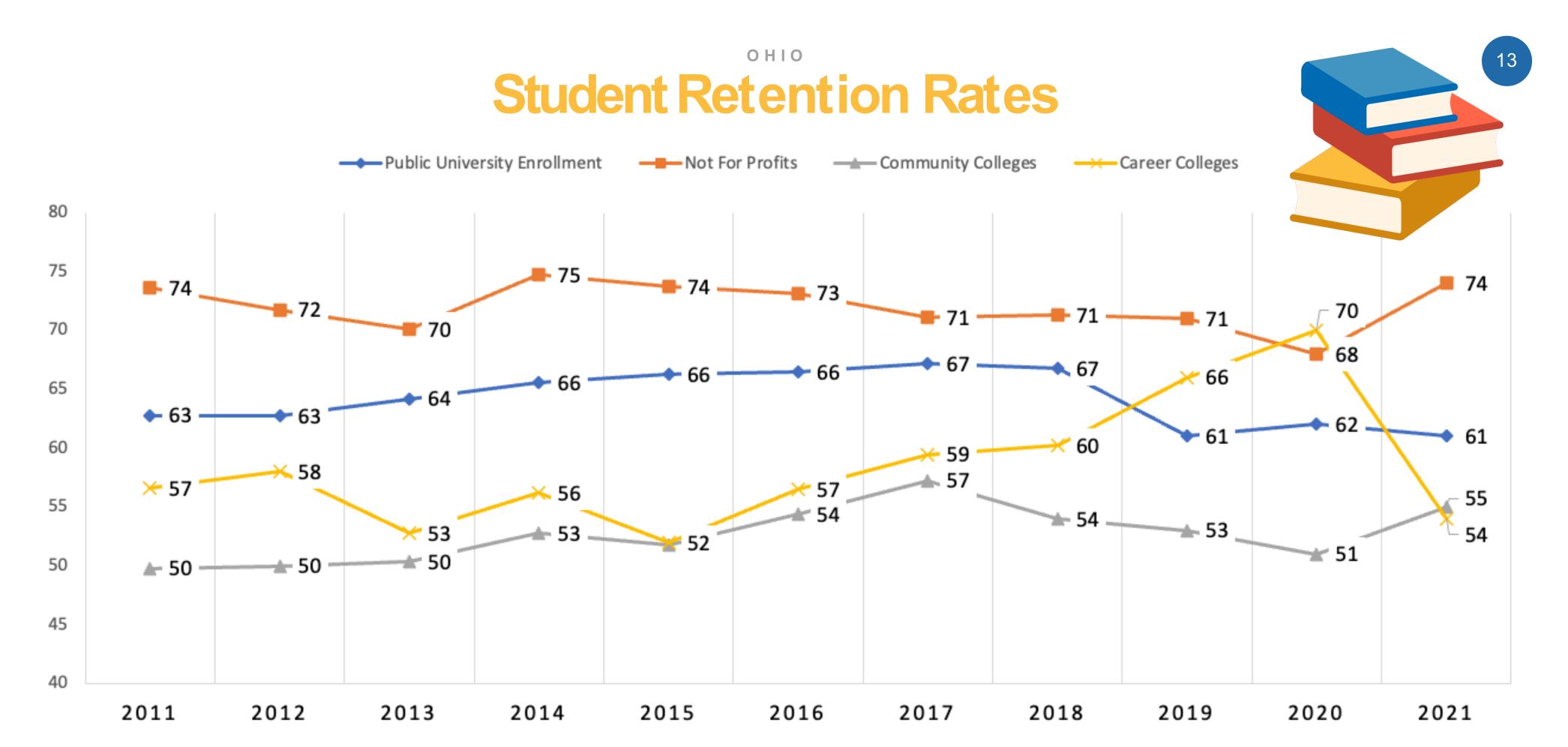


Career schools in Ohio continued to consistently achieve higher graduation rates than public universities and community colleges, and have rivaled not-for-profits in the last 4 years.

### Supplying the Workforce



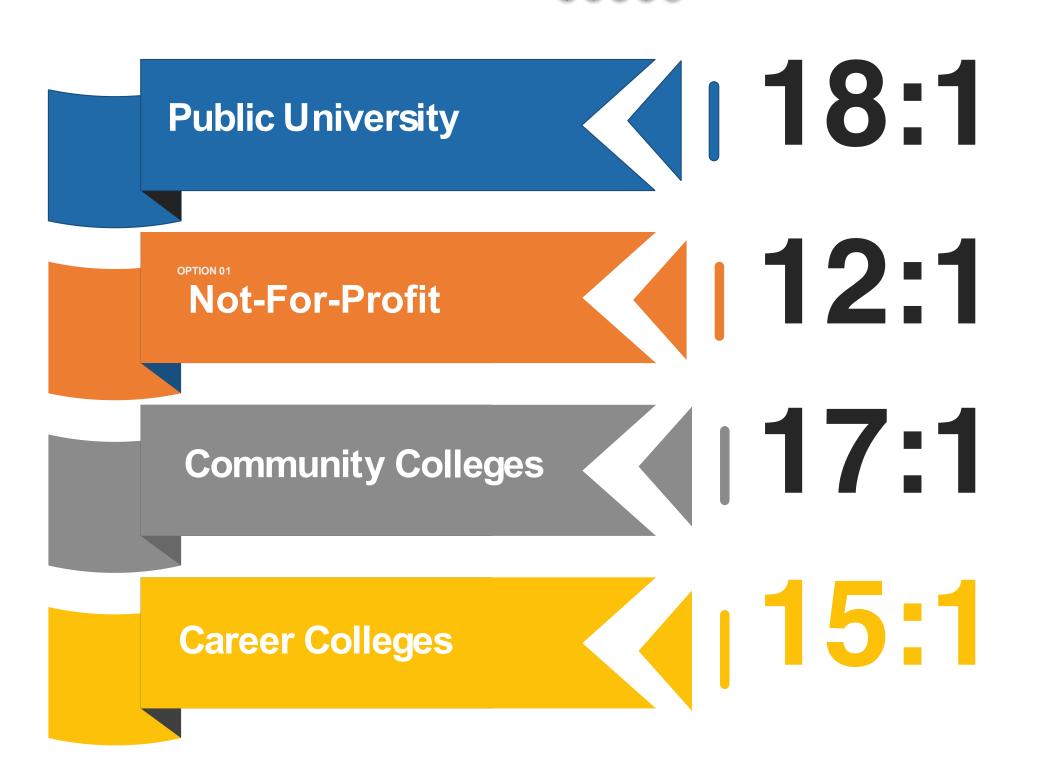
While career colleges comprised only 1.8% of all graduates of degree-granting institutions in 2021, they represented 6.5% of all students earning a health-related degree, 2.2% of all graduates in the state earning a computer/technology degree, and 0.6% earning a business degree. Among the 2,033 career college degree-earning graduates, 91% of them earned degrees in health, technology and business



From 2015 to 2020, career college retention rates increased every year, until a decline back towards the median in 2021.

Retention rate is the percentage of a school's first-time, first-year undergraduate students who continue at that school the next year.

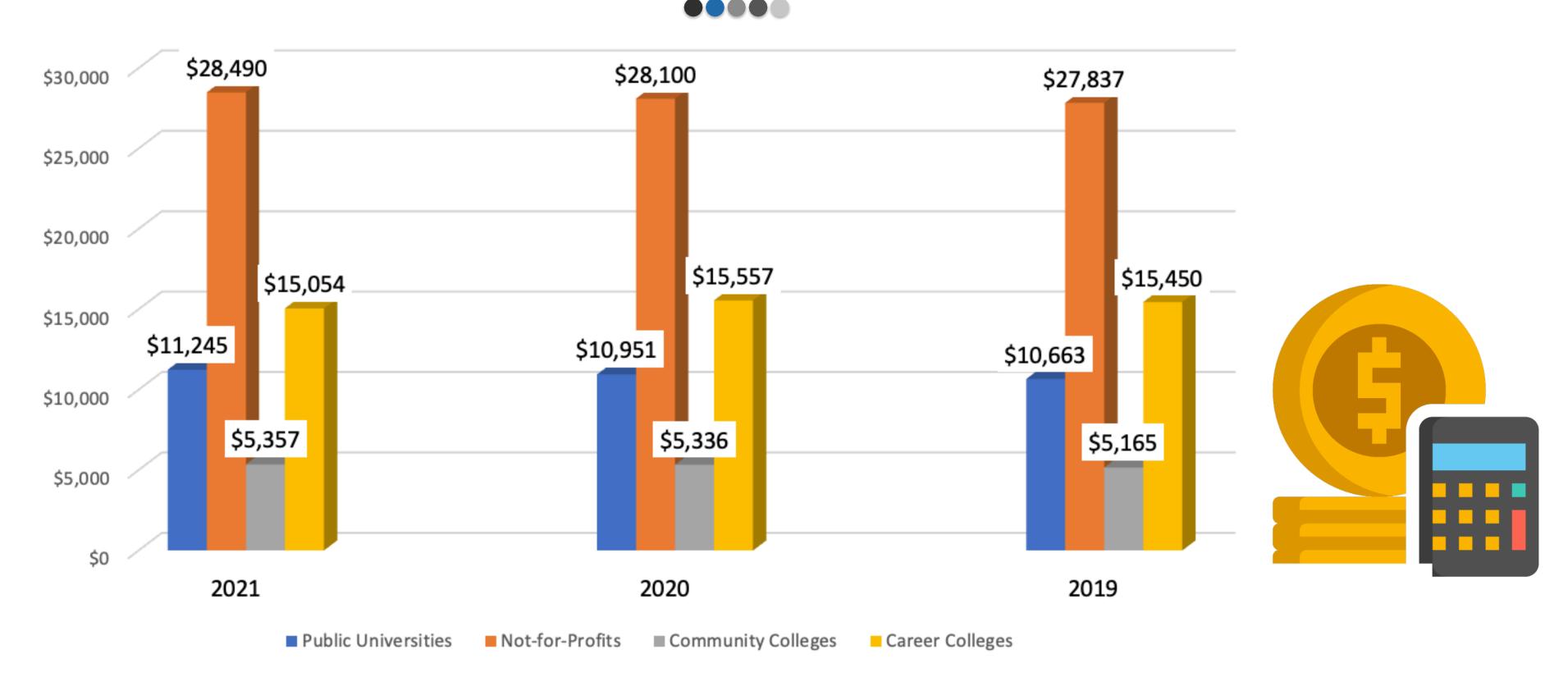
# Student-to-Faculty Ratio





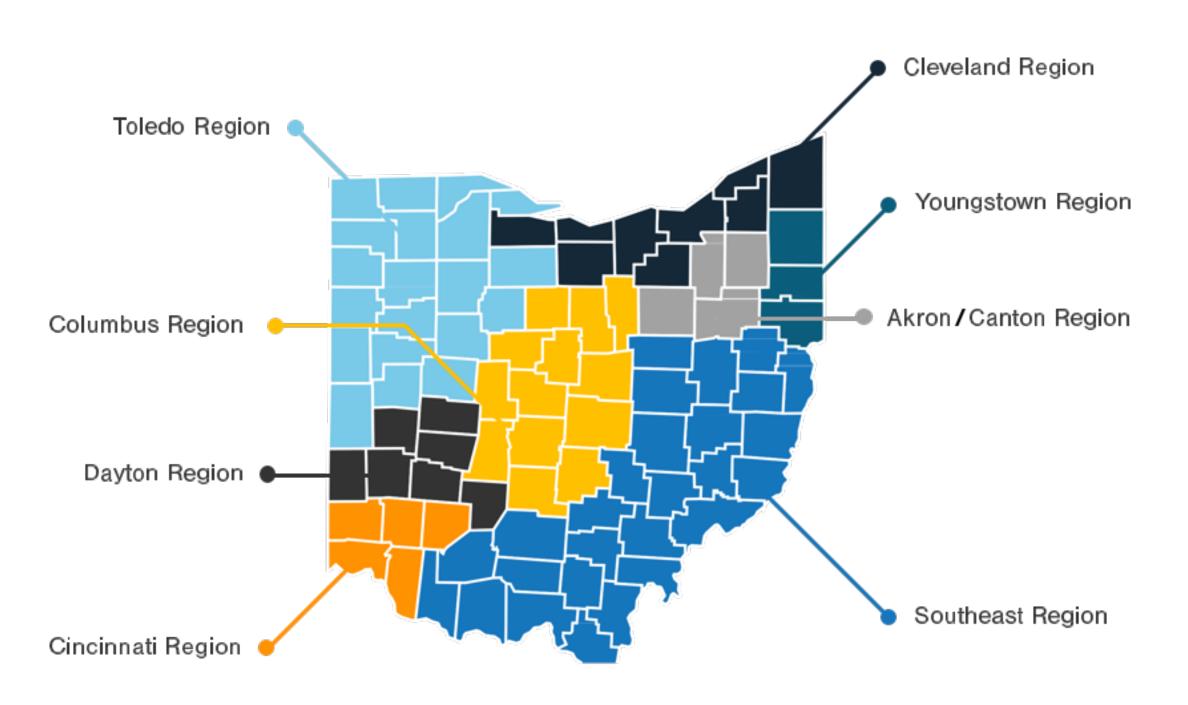
Ohio career colleges' **student-to-faculty ratios** are lower than those compared to Ohio's public universities and community colleges. They have maintained a long tradition of keeping class sizes small enough to foster one-on-one learning.

### **Average Degree Program Tuition**



From 2019 through 2021, tuition at public universities was capped by the Ohio Legislature. Career colleges have raised tuition **by just over 1%** from 2019 to 2021.

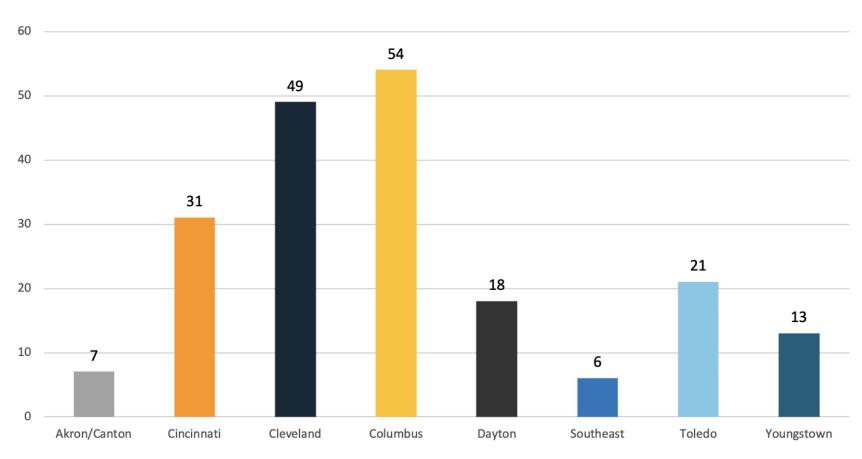
### **Total Student Enrollment**



Ohio boasts nearly 200 career colleges and schools that serve students in all major regions of the state, including **54 degree-granting institutions**.

Source: The OSBCCS 2022 Annual Report

#### **Career Colleges by Region**



#### **2022 Total Enrollment by Region**

Akron/Canton - 1,278

Cincinnati - 13,331

Cleveland - 9,340

Columbus - 12,618

Dayton - 3,348

Southeast - 507

Toledo - 5,616

Youngstown - 1,959

9,218
Total degree program enrollments in 2022

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