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The Illinois Class of 2002 – An Overview: A Descriptive Summary Four-Years After High School

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The Class of 2002

- Who is included in the cohort
 - This study applies to a cohort of 113,220 “traditional” students who took the Prairie State Achievement Exam in the Spring of 2001.
- Who is not included in this cohort
 - Private high school graduates
 - Out-of-State high school graduates that migrated to higher education institutions in Illinois
 - Non-traditional/older students
 - Dual enrolled/credit students



The Class of 2002

- Contributors
 - The American College Testing Program, Inc.
 - Illinois Board of Higher Education
 - Illinois Community College Board
 - Illinois Shared Enrollment and Graduation Data
 - Illinois State Board of Education
 - Illinois Department of Employment Security
 - National Student Clearinghouse
 - Crosswalked to data from the National Center for Education Statistics (CCD and IPEDS)
- Limitations
 - Can't identify institutions, so unit of analysis is the individual within expectations of student privacy.



Figure 1. Percent of the Class of 2002 that Ever Enrolled in Postsecondary Education, Fall 2002 to Summer 2006 (N=113,660)

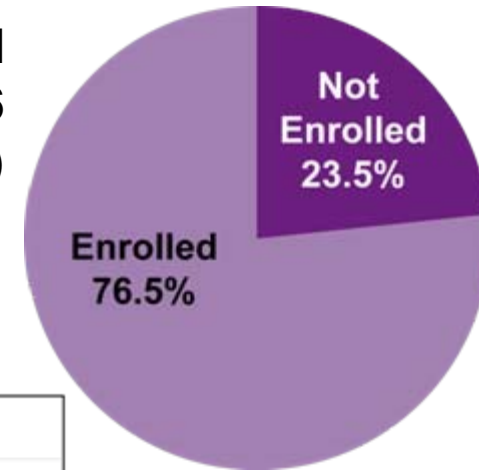


Figure 2. Enrollments Trends, by Semester: Fall 2002 to Summer 2006 (N=113,660)

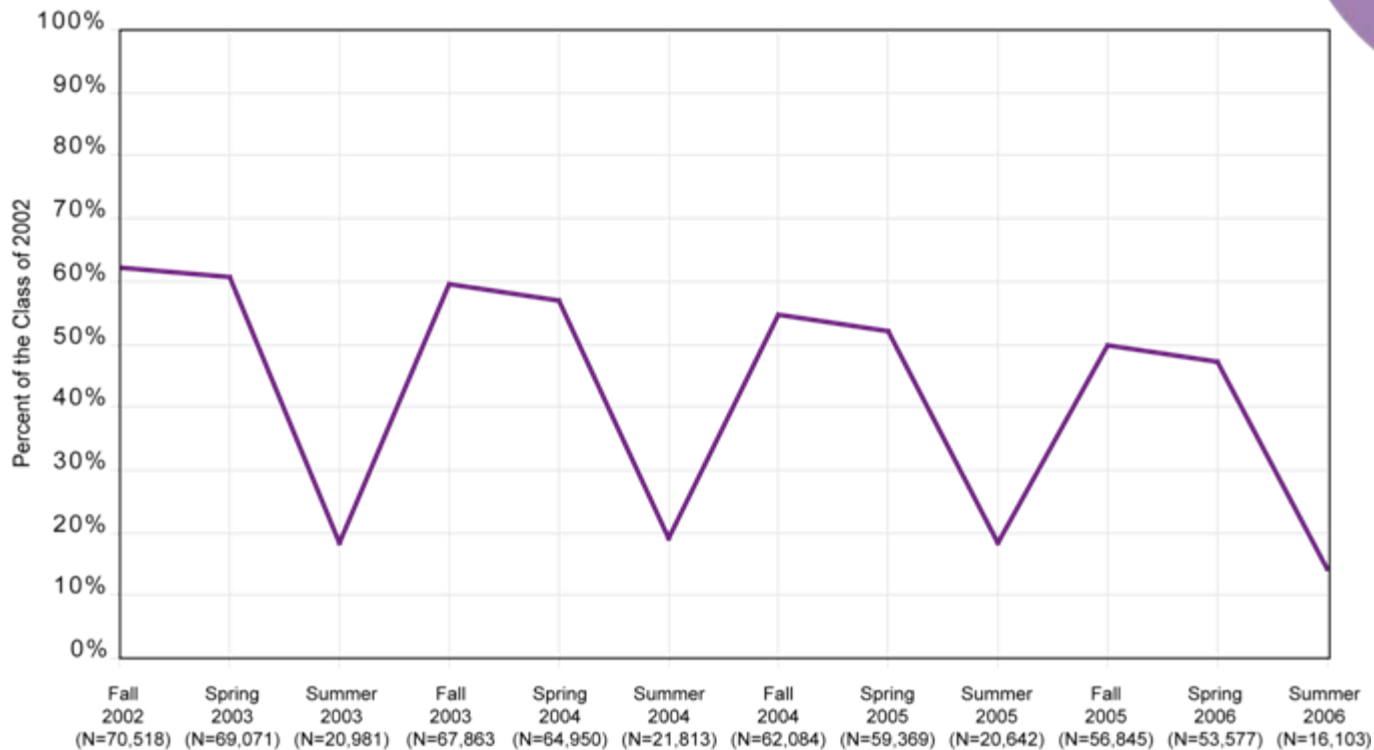




Figure 3. Public and Private Institution Enrollment Trends for the Class of 2002, by Level and Semester (N=113,660)

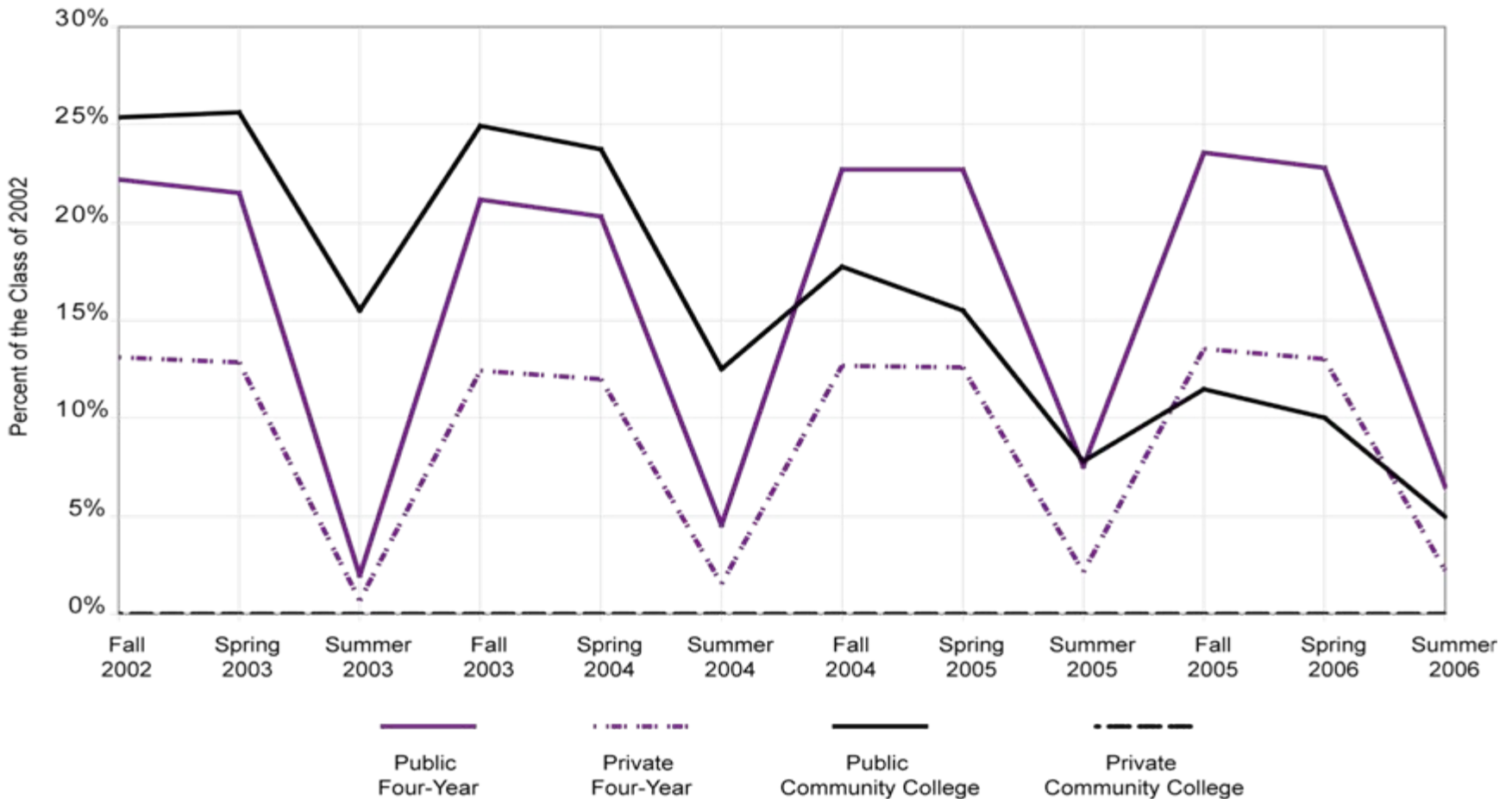




Figure 4. Public and Private Institution Enrollment Trends for Those Enrolled, by Level and Semester (N varies)

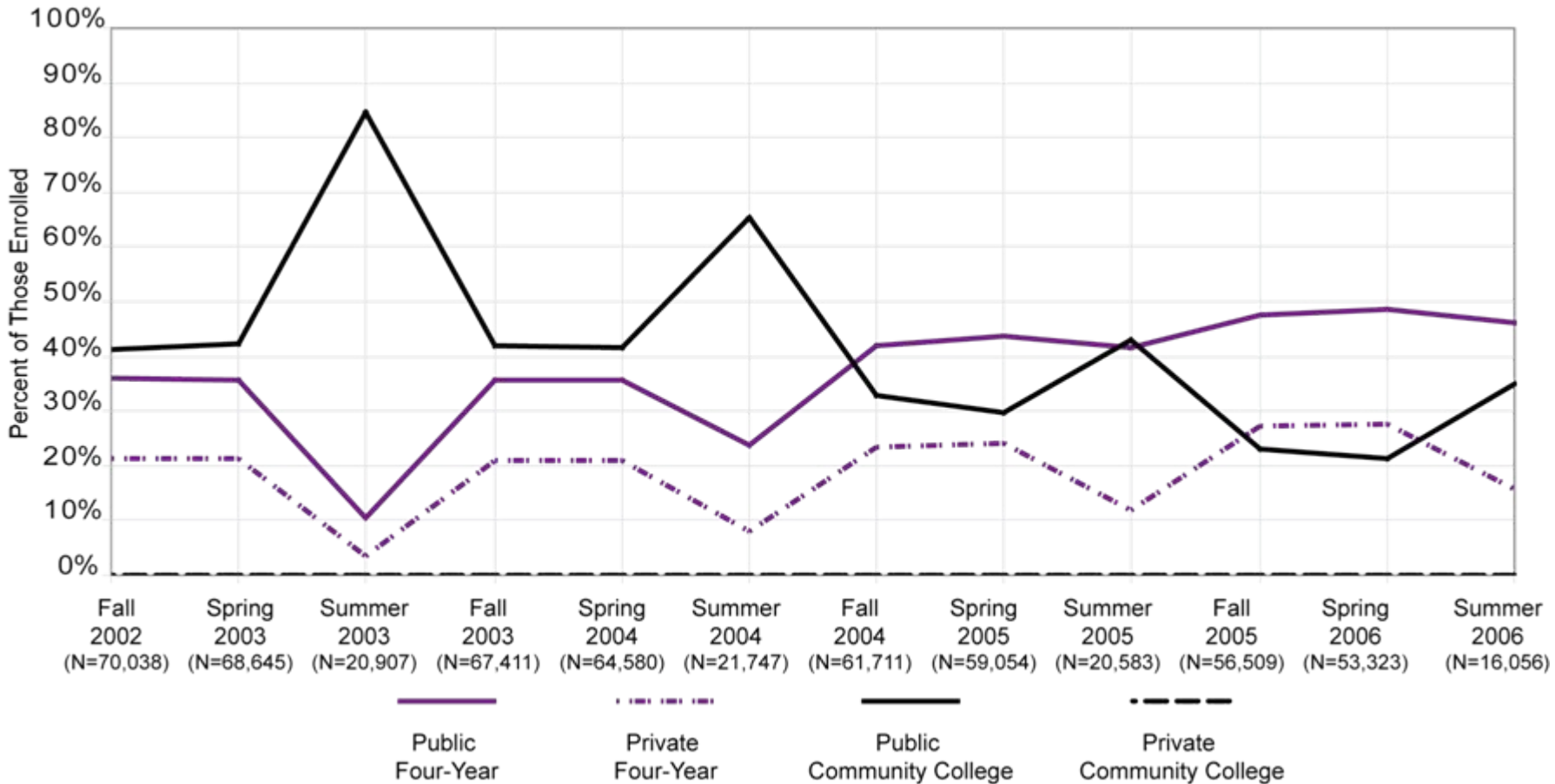




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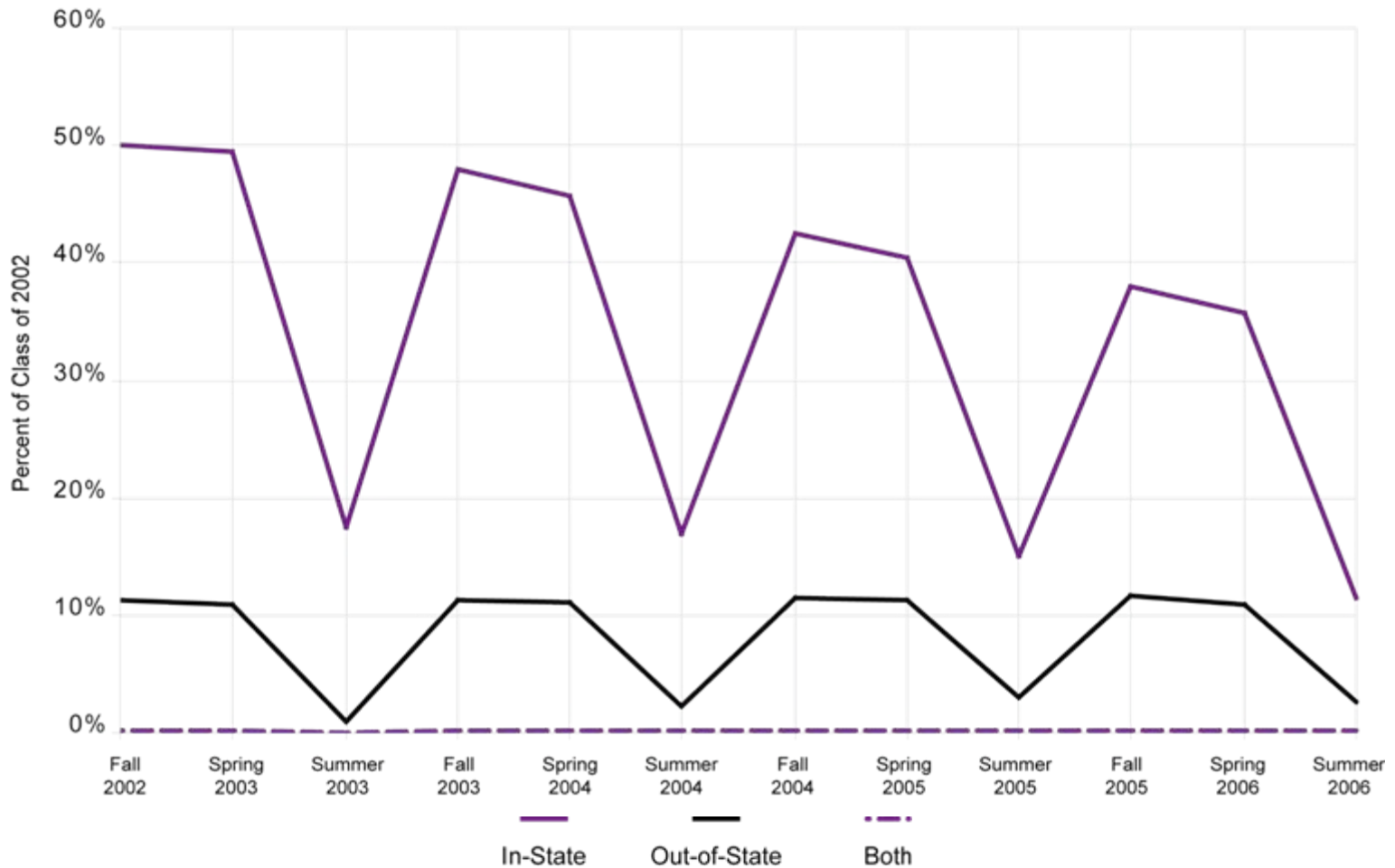




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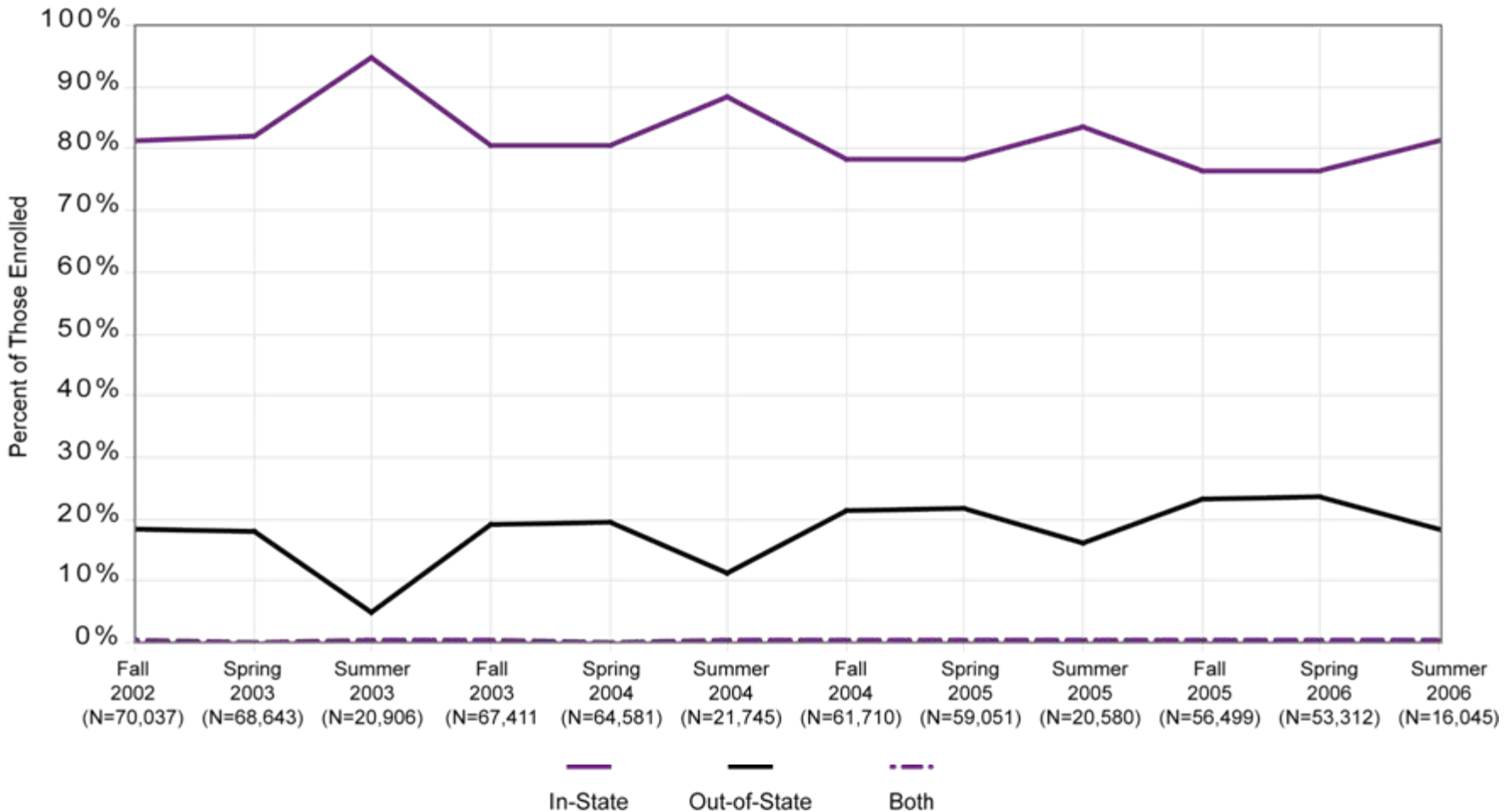




Figure 7. Percent of the Class of 2002 that Ever Completed a Certificate or Degree Program: Fall 2002 to Summer 2006 (N=113,660)

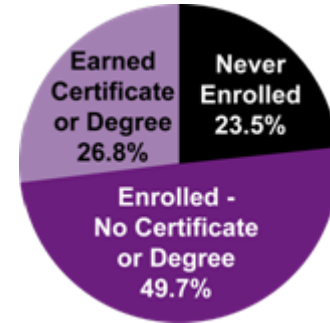
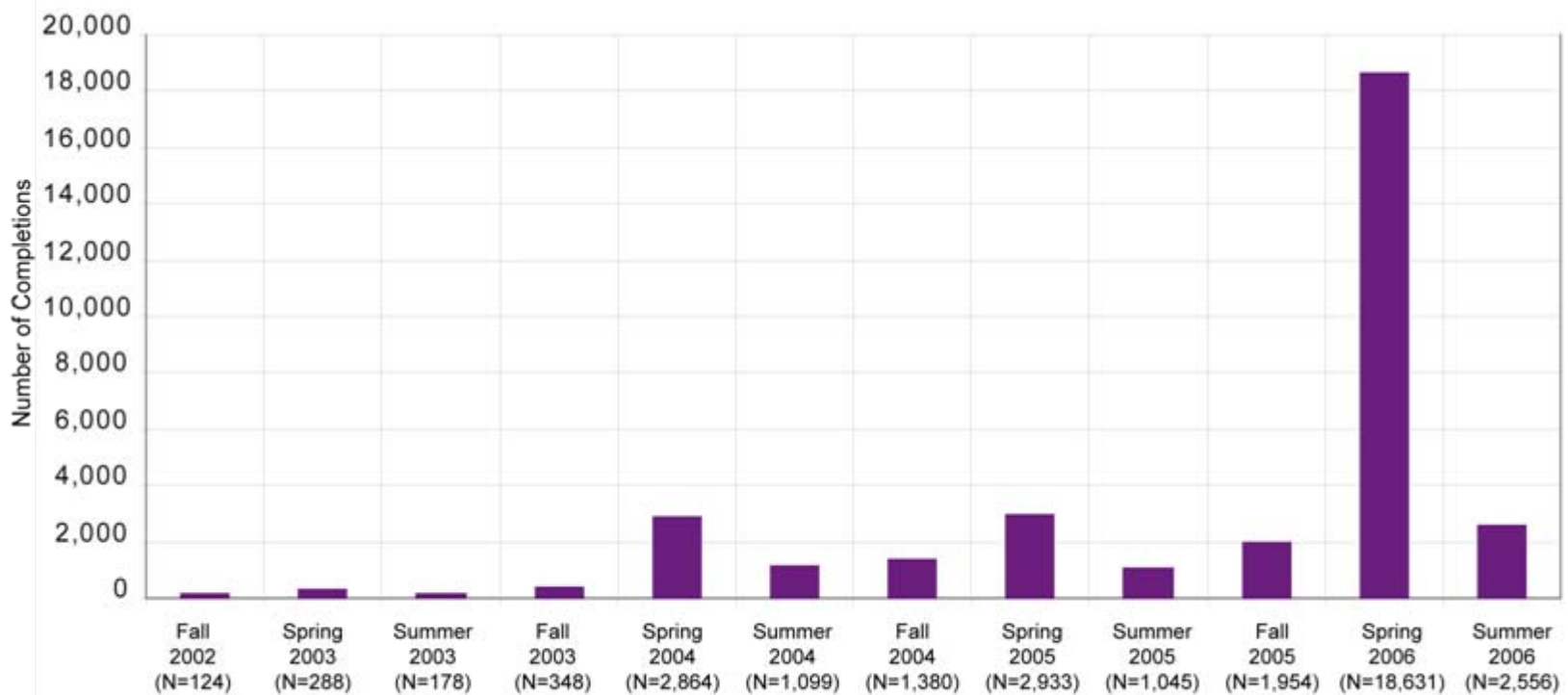
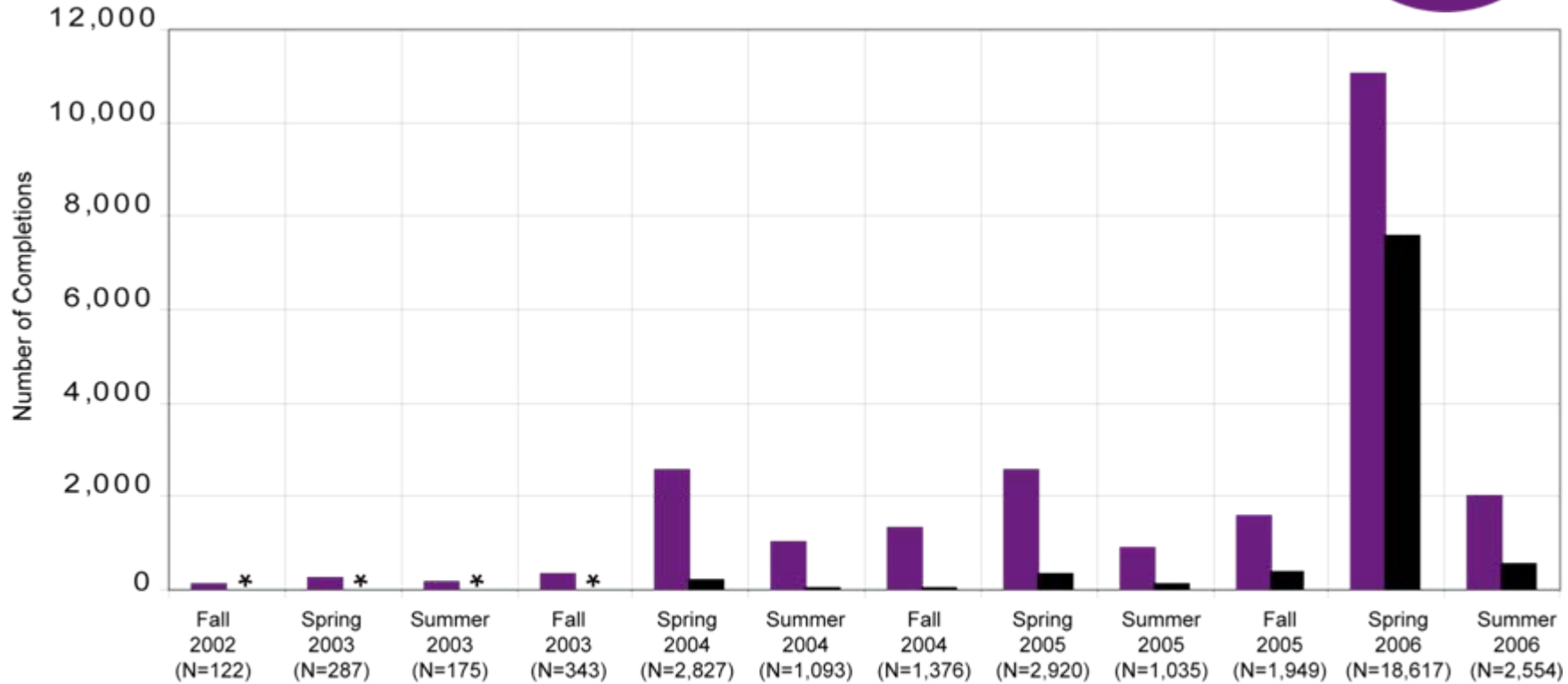
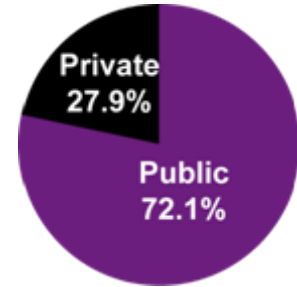


Figure 8. Completion Trends, by Semester: Fall 2002 to Summer 2006 (N=113,660)





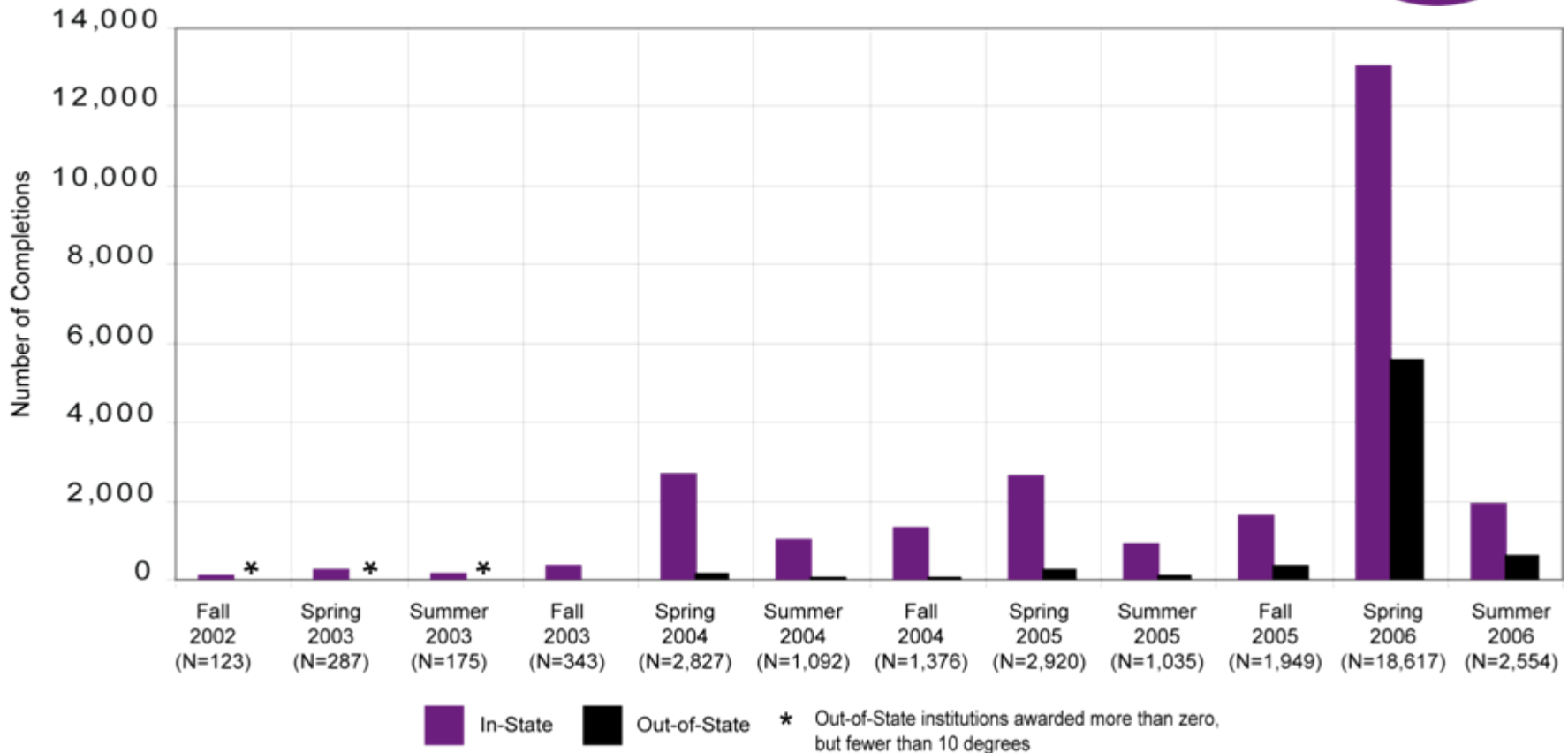
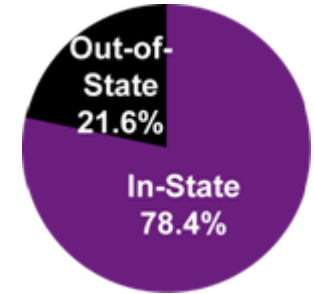
Figures 9a & b. Completions at Public and Private Institutions:
Fall 2002 to Summer 2006



Public
 Private
 * Private institutions awarded more than zero, but fewer than 10 degrees



Figures 10a & b. Completions at In-State and Out-of-State Institutions: Fall 2002 to Summer 2006





Figures 11a & b. Completions at Four-Year Institutions and Community Colleges: Fall 2002 to Summer 2006

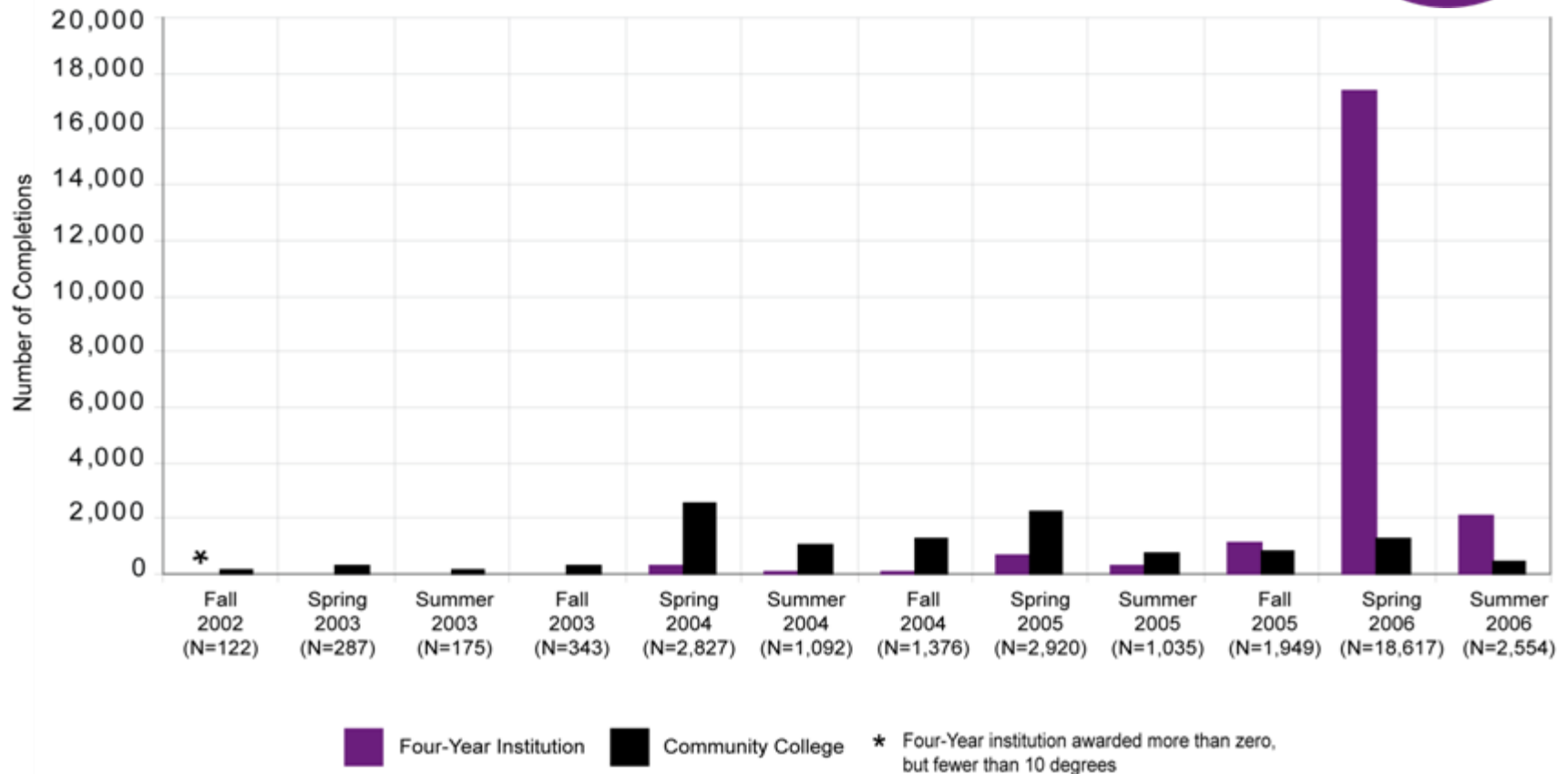
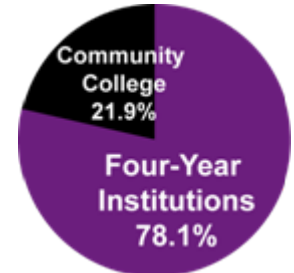




Table 1. Number of Completions by Type and Semester: Fall 2002 to Summer 2006

Semester of Completion	Missing Degree Information	Unknown Certificate/ Associate Type	Transfer Associate/ Certificate	Terminal Associate/ Certificate	Baccalaureate Degree	Masters Degree	Total
Fall 2002	*	23	*	87	*		110
Spring 2003	*	43	37	198	*	*	278
Summer 2003	14	22	37	103	*		176
Fall 2003	33	58	81	172	*		344
Spring 2004	267	489	1,556	531	20	*	2,863
Summer 2004	91	153	655	193			1,092
Fall 2004	129	203	713	296	39		1,380
Spring 2005	298	445	1,015	647	524	*	2,929
Summer 2005	124	134	358	217	212		1,045
Fall 2005	230	182	363	275	904	*	1,954
Spring 2006	2,873	261	443	458	14,565	31	18,631
Summer 2006	228	79	170	177	1,883	19	2,556
Total	4,287	2,092	5,428	3,354	18,147	50	33,358



Figure 12. Percent of Completions, by Type:
Fall 2002 to Summer 2006

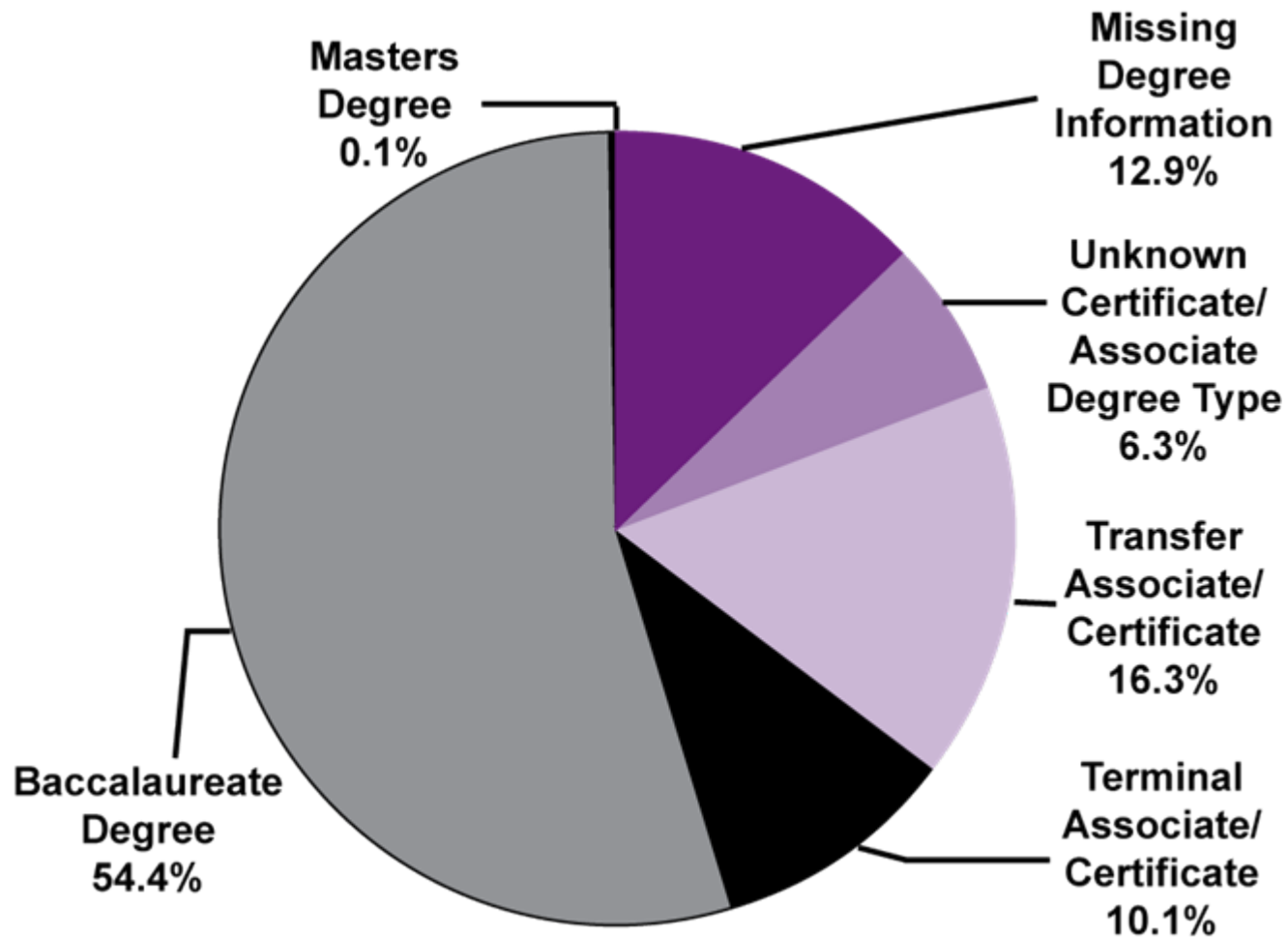




Table 2. Comparison of Transfer and Terminal Completions between the Class of 2002 and the Illinois Community College Board Annual Reports: Fiscal Year 2004 to 2006

Semester of Completion	<u>Transfer Associates / Certificate</u>			<u>Terminal Associate/ Certificate</u>		
	ICCB Total, by Fiscal Year	IERC Class of 2002	Difference	ICCB Total, by Fiscal Year	IERC Class of 2002	Difference
Summer 03		37		103		
Fall 03		81		172		
Spring 04		1,556		531		
<i>Fiscal Year 2004 Total</i>	14,906	1,674	13,232	33,080	806	32,274
Summer 04		655		193		
Fall 04		713		296		
Spring 05		1,015		647		
<i>Fiscal Year 2005 Total</i>	15,424	2,383	13,041	36,020	1,136	34,884
Summer 05		358		217		
Fall 05		363		275		
Spring 06		443		458		
<i>Fiscal Year 2006 Total</i>	15,811	1,164	14,647	33,816	950	32,866
Total	46,141	5,221	40,920	102,916	2,892	100,024

ICCB Data Source: Recurring Tables III-7 and III-8 in Illinois Community College Board, A fiscal year runs July 1 to June 30.



Key Findings

- **Participation**

- 62.0% of the Class of 2002 enrolled in the first fall after high school.
- The longitudinal nature of the data allowed us to find that 76.5%—or more than 16,000 additional students—enrolled in postsecondary education within four years after high school.
- Public community colleges enrolled the greatest percentage of the 113,660 individuals comprising the Class of 2002 in the two years immediately following high school graduation. In years three and four, the proportion of individuals enrolling at public and private four-year institutions increased while community college enrollment decreased.
- Of those who enrolled in postsecondary education, approximately 20% of Illinois high school graduates attended institutions in other states during the four years after high school. However, institutions in Illinois were found to provide a large share of summer enrollments. For example, 94.8% of those enrolled during the Summer 2003 semester attended institutions in Illinois.



Key Findings

• Completion

- Of the 113,660 members of the Class of 2002, 26.8% enrolled in postsecondary education and completed a certificate and degree program by Summer 2006. If we examine only those who enrolled, 35.1% earned a certificate or degree.
- Of the 33,402 awards earned between Fall 2002 and Summer 2006, there were:
 - 18,165 Baccalaureate Degrees (54.4%),
 - 5,433 Transfer Associate/Certificates (16.3%),
 - 3,354 Terminal Associate/Certificates (10.0%),
 - 58 Master's Degrees (0.2%), and
 - 6,392 Credentials (award type unknown, 19.2%).
- Slightly over half of all credentials earned (55.8%) were conferred in the spring of 2006, four years after high school.
- Community Colleges awarded the greatest number of certificates and degrees for every semester three years after high school.