

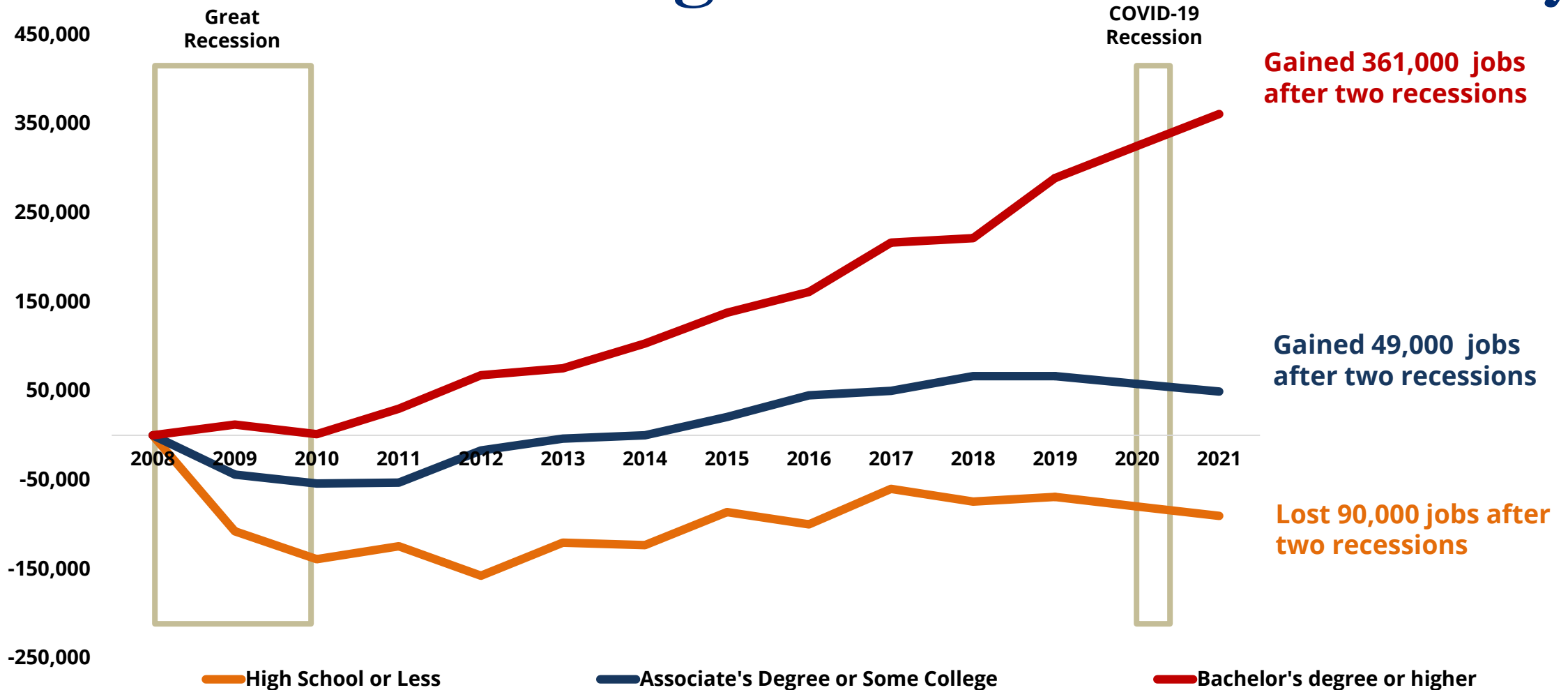


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# Recession Proofing the Tennessee Economy



**Gained 361,000 jobs after two recessions**

**Gained 49,000 jobs after two recessions**

**Lost 90,000 jobs after two recessions**

Notes: 2020 data is unavailable.

Source: Tennessee Higher Education Commission analysis of American Community Survey (ACS) data, 2008-2021. (Adapted from Carnevale, A.P., Jayasundera, T., & Gulish, A. (2016), *America's Divided Economy: College Haves and Have-Not's*.)



# Looking Back

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**TN EDUCATION  
LOTTERY  
SCHOLARSHIP  
(TELS)**

**2004**



**COMPLETE  
COLLEGE  
TENNESSEE ACT**

**2010**



**TENNESSEE  
PROMISE**

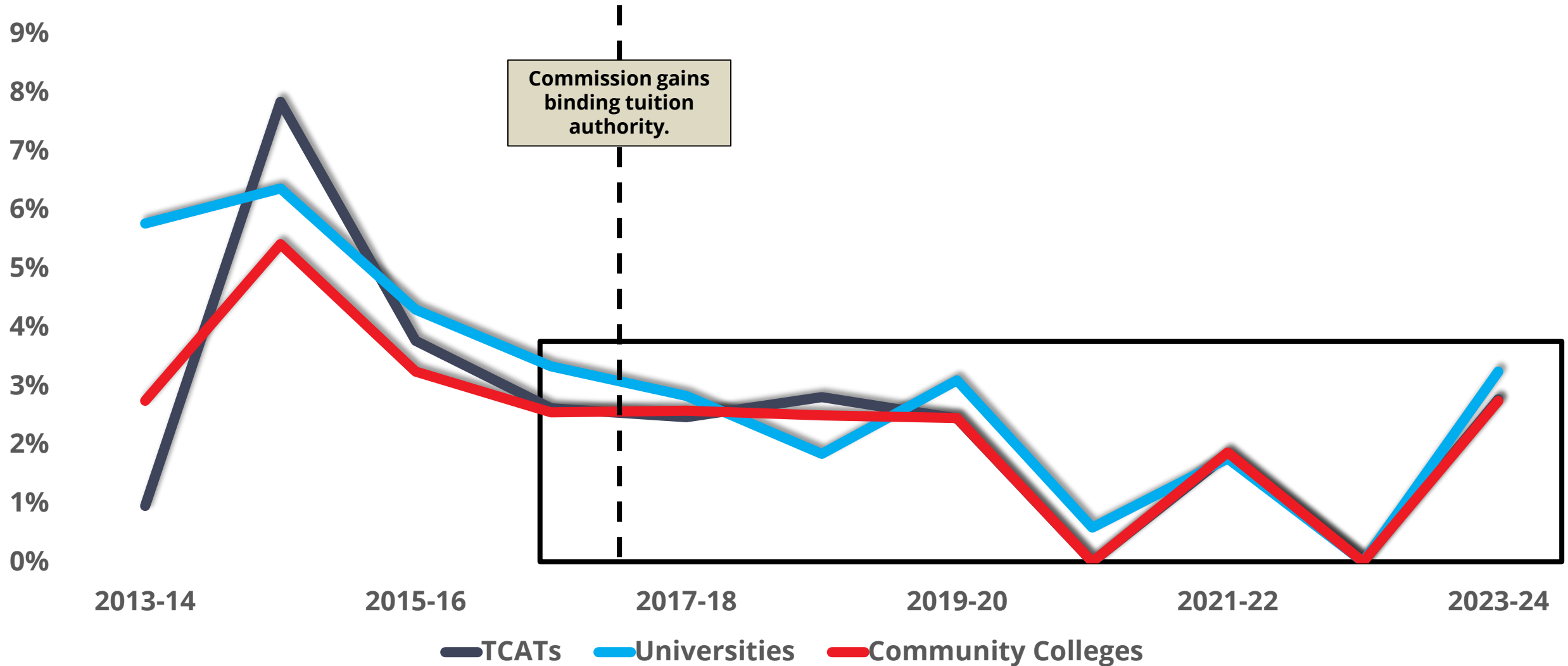
**2014**



**FOCUS  
ACT**

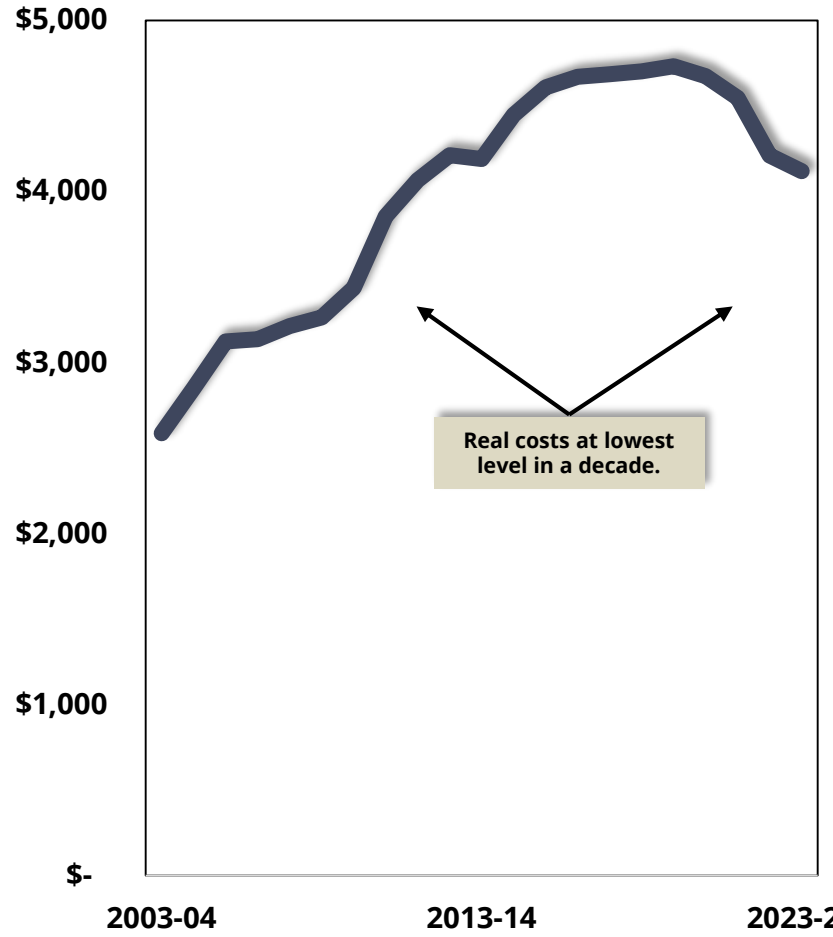
**2017**

# Sector Growth in Tuition and Fees

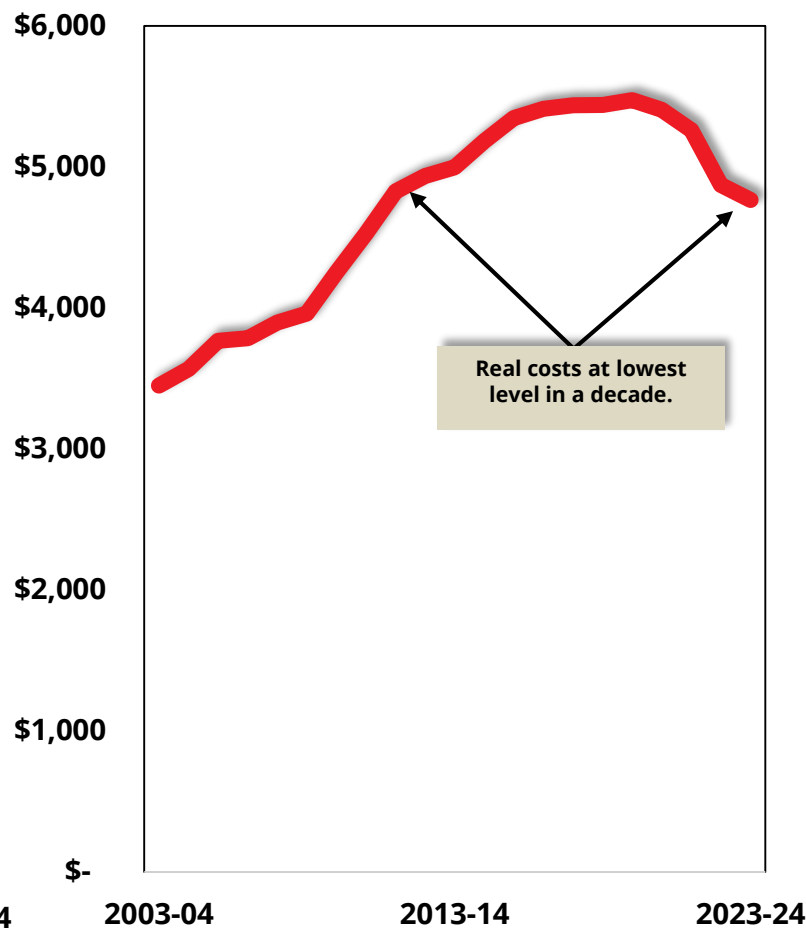


# Students Paying Less in Inflation Adjusted Dollars

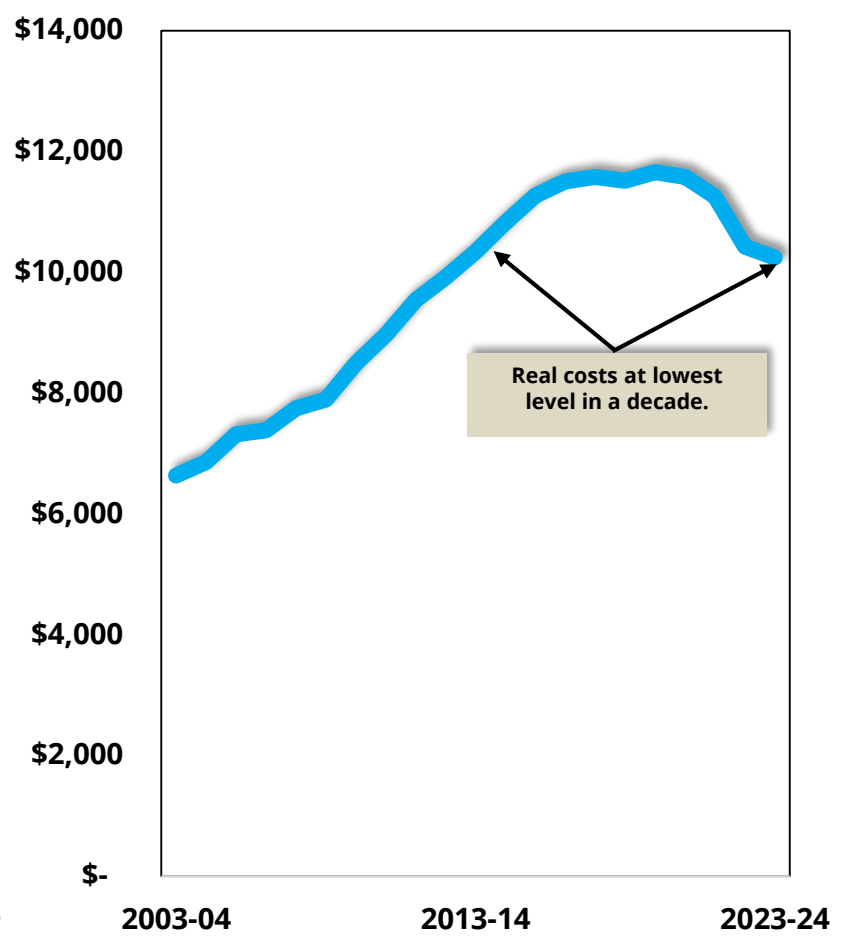
TCATs



Community Colleges



Universities

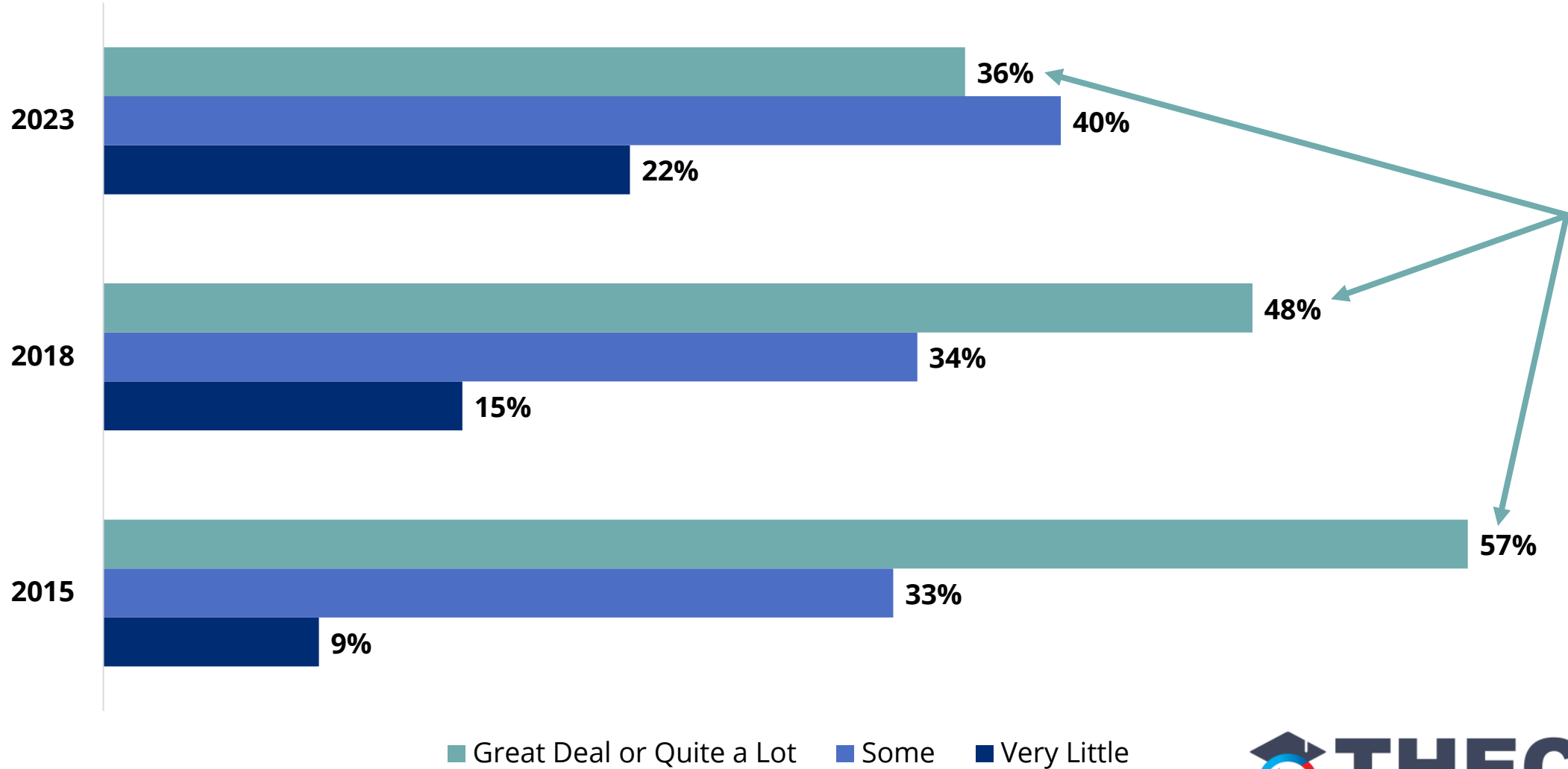


Source: THEC Tuition Files  
U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers



# Looking Forward

# Americans' Confidence in Higher Education Waning





# Policy Developments Moving Forward

## *In Progress*

- Streamlined academic program approval process
- Capital outlay needs assessment
- GIVE 3.0 RFP Release
- Expanded college advising to support in critical workforce areas of need

## *On-going*

- Needed clarity to transfer pathways between sectors
- Increase on-time completion
- Defining Credentials of Value
- Dual enrollment expansion and effectiveness
- Enhanced data analytics to predict higher education needs

# Agency Requests



**\$10.3M**

to fund agency requests

# Agency Requests



## **\$5.4M Recurring | Advise TN**

*Sustain and expand Advise TN, serving an additional 10,000 students supporting students' college readiness and exposure to in-demand careers.*



## **\$500,000 Recurring | Veteran Reconnect**

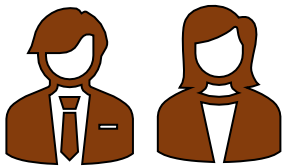
*Sustain funding to ensure veteran students are equipped with resources and support to be successful as they pursue education opportunities.*

# Agency Requests



## ***\$3.5M Non-Recurring | Affordable Instructional Materials for Workforce Readiness***

*Decrease students' instructional cost by developing affordable, zero- and low-textbook-cost in academic programs linked to in-demand careers.*



## ***\$885,000 Recurring | Navigate Reconnect***

*Sustain funding to ensure adult students are equipped with resources and support to be successful as they pursue education opportunities.*

# Tennessee Student Assistance Award



**\$35.9M**

to meet increased demand for the  
Tennessee Student Assistance Award

# 2024-25 Proposed Capital Outlay Budget

## THEC Recommendation

**\$861.6M Total State Funding**

**12 New Projects**

LGIs – 6 projects

TBR – 3 projects

UT – 3 projects

## Administration Proposed Budget

**\$96.4M Total Funding**

UTC Fletcher Hall Addition &  
Renovation



# 2024-25 Proposed Capital Maintenance Budget

## THEC Recommendation

**\$547.8M Total State Funding**

Capital Maintenance - \$396.9M

ADA Funding - \$117.4M

Safety and Security - \$28.0M

Capital Demolition - \$5.5M

## Administration Proposed Budget

**\$49.9M Total Funding**

Capital Maintenance - \$49.9M





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