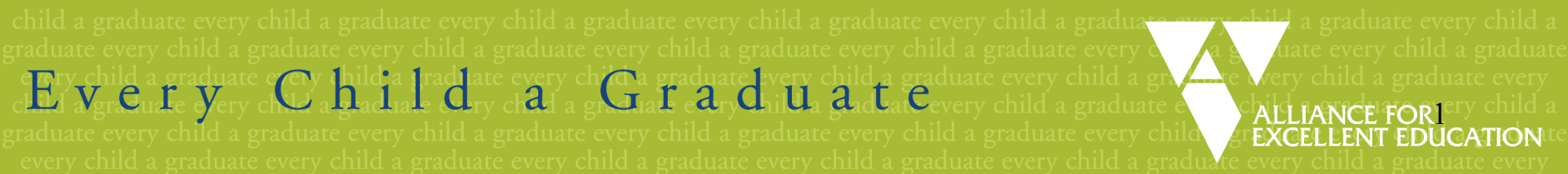


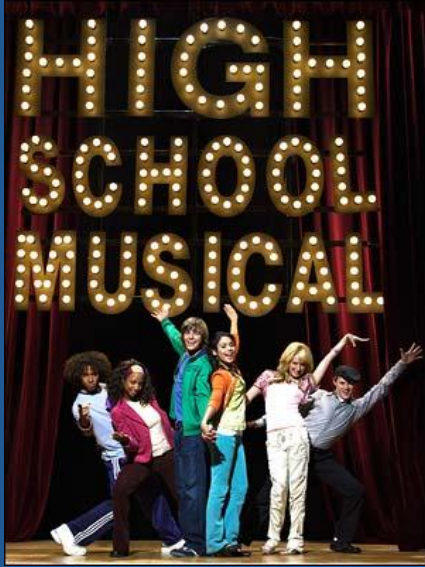
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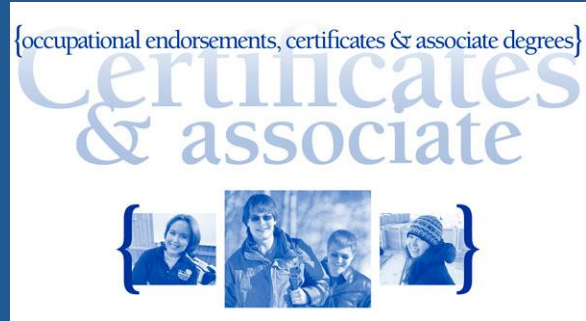


Challenge 1: There is growing demand for an increasingly educated workforce...yet the U.S. Is failing to produce college graduates.



The national high school graduation rate

69%



The national graduation rate in 2-year institutions

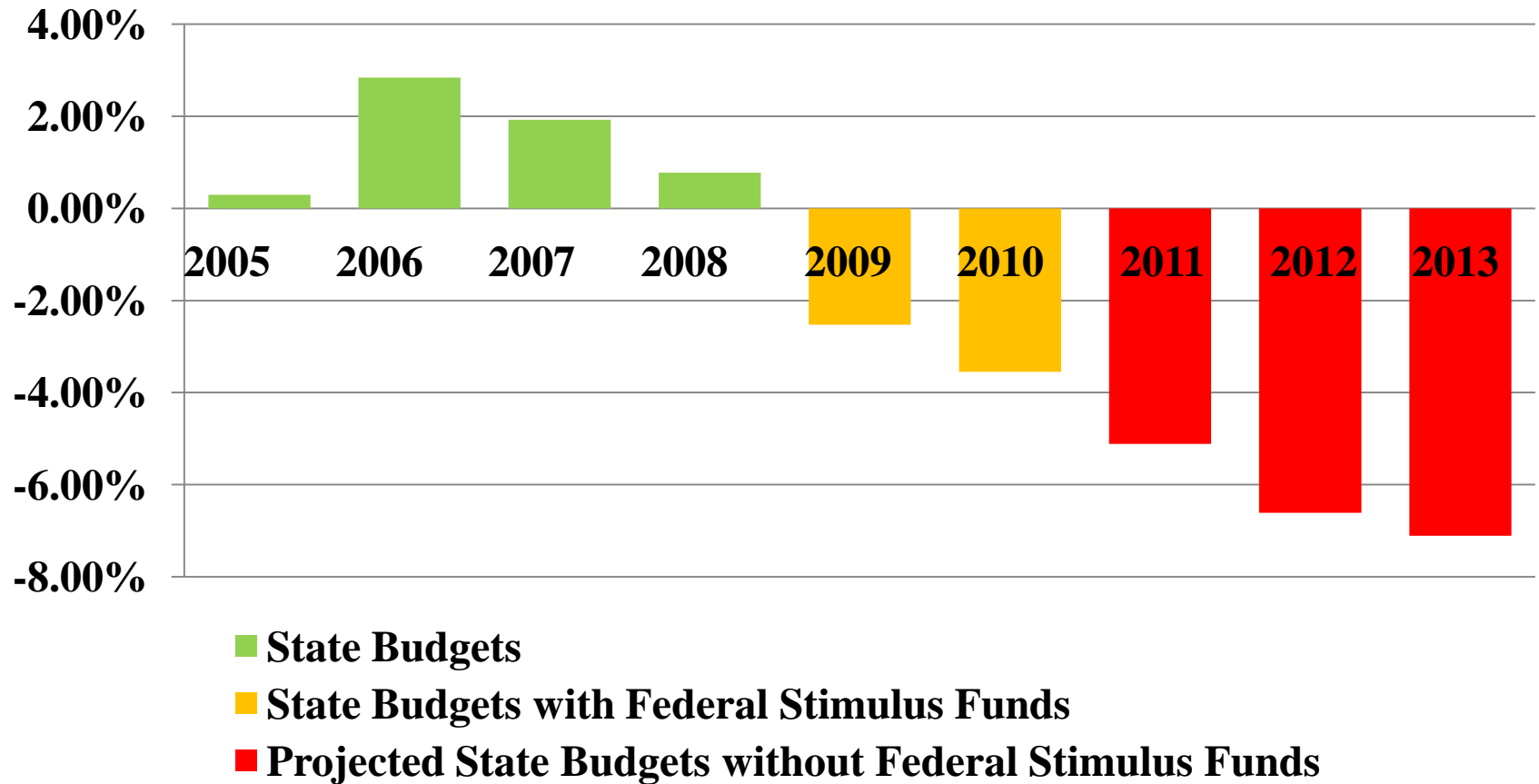
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The national graduation rate in 4-year institutions

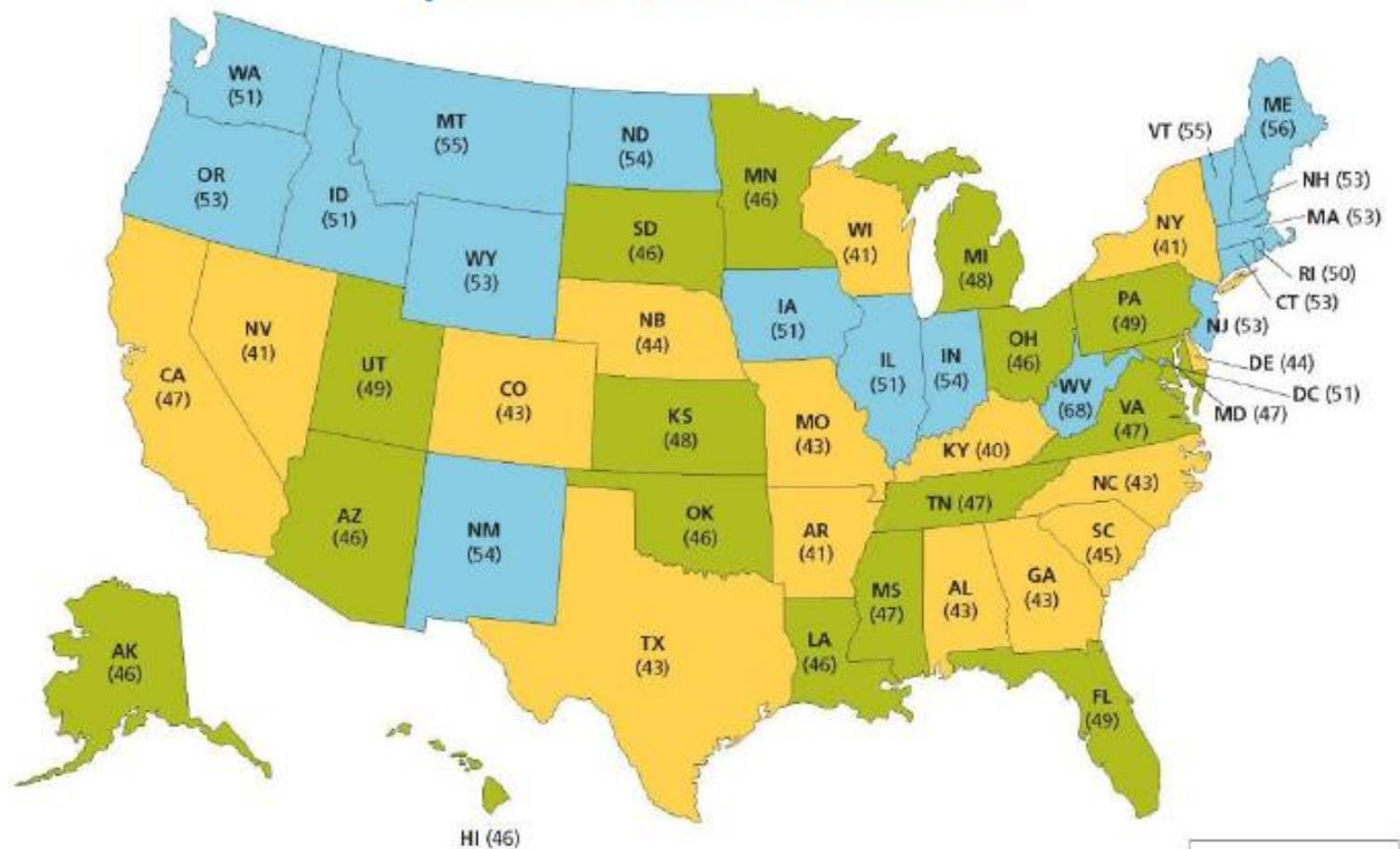
56%

Challenge 2: Projected state budgets indicate a pending funding cliff. Cuts to education budgets mean educators need to do more with less.



Challenge 2: A looming staffing crisis requires more creativity than ever before in recruiting and retaining teachers.

Percentage of Teachers Age Fifty and Older, by State for School Year 2008–09



* NCTAF projection based on actual data for School Year 2003–04.
SOURCES: U.S. Department of Education, Schools and Staffing Survey, 2003–04; NCTAF and Richard Ingersoll analysis.

