



## 2023-24 Degrees Update

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# 2023-24 Degree & Credential Highlights

- Total credential production has grown steadily since AY 2018-19, with the most pronounced increases observed in credential production at KCTCS and AIKCU institutions, and graduate degrees overall.
  - We are optimistic that public baccalaureate degrees will rebound as traditional/non-traditional first-time enrollment is growing, along with dual credit enrollment.
  - Four-year publics had steeper setbacks in among key enrollment groups during the pandemic.
- Enrollment trends, along with growing retention and completion rates, suggest that credential production should continue to grow. Ongoing efforts to support low-income and adult students to completion will be crucial in pushing Kentucky to its 60x30 Goal.

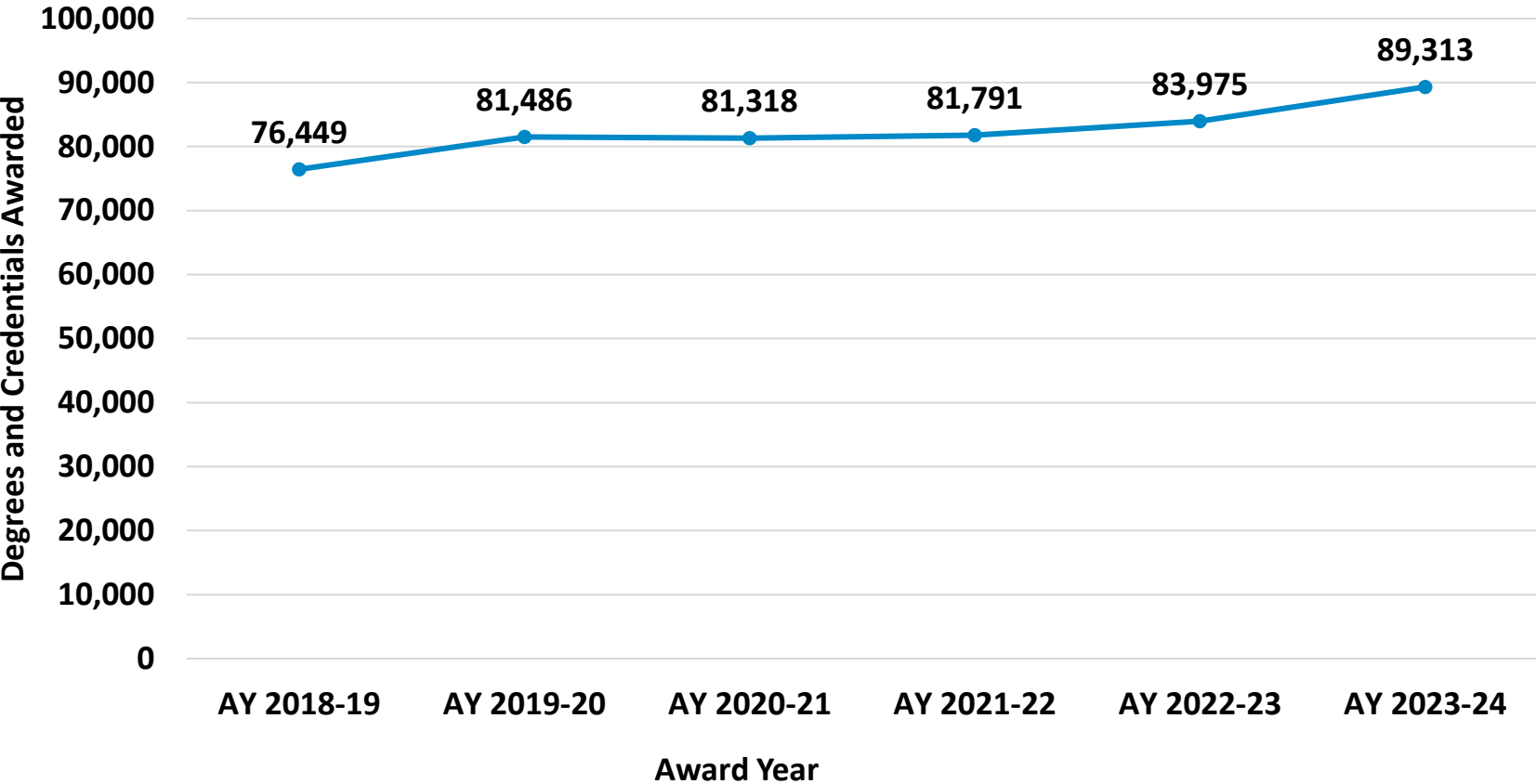
# All Degrees and Credentials 2018-19 to 2023-24

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# All Public and AIKCU Degrees and Credentials

Total Degrees and Credentials



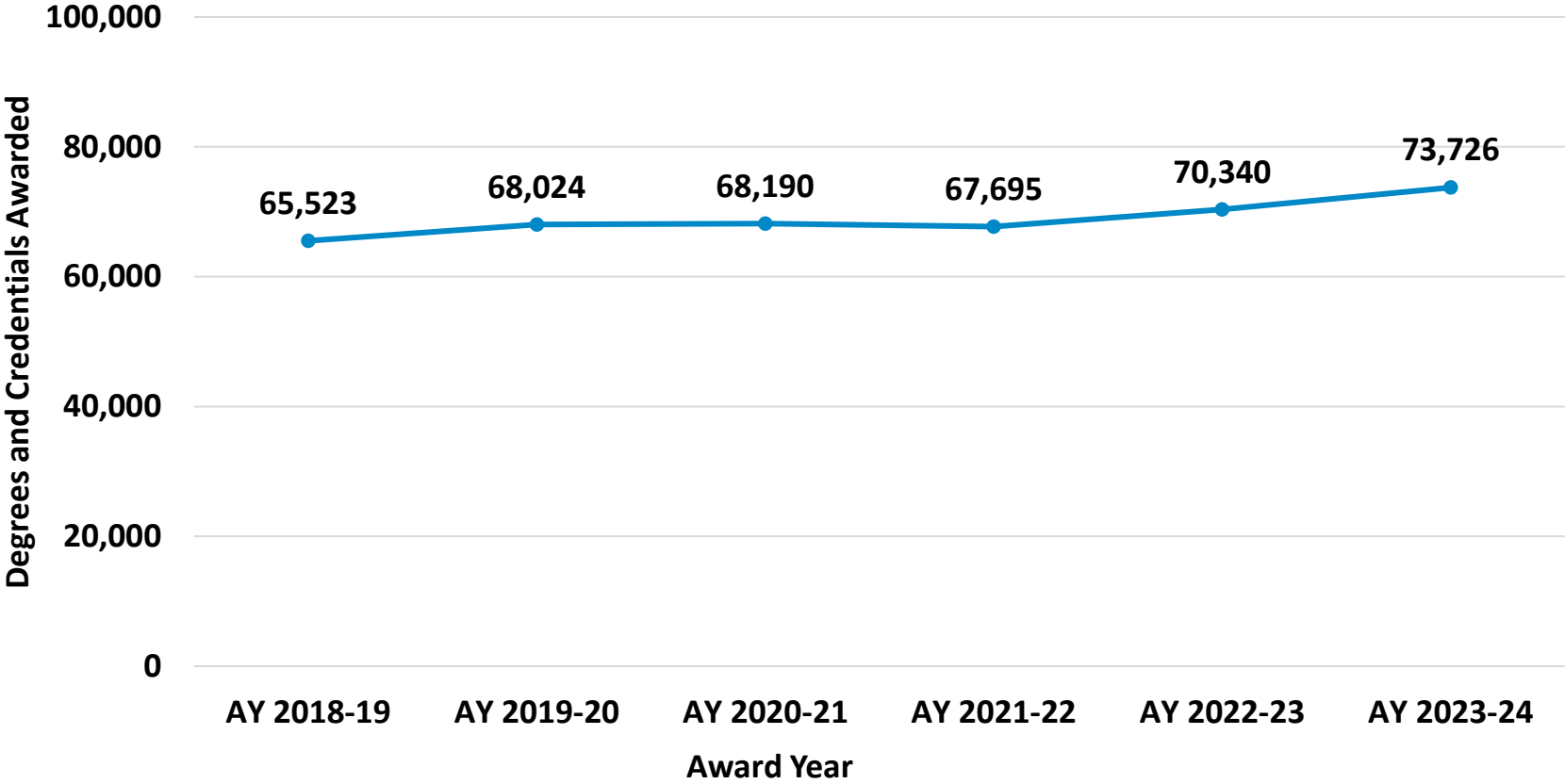
## Degree Trends Over Time.

Degree and credential awards have grown steadily over the last five academic years.

- **+6.4%** since AY 22-23.
- **+16.8%** since AY 18-19.

# All Public Institution Degrees and Credentials

Total Degrees and Credentials



## Degree Trends Over Time.

Degree and credential awards have grown steadily over the last five academic years.

- **+4.8%** since AY 22-23
- **+12.5%** since AY 18-19.

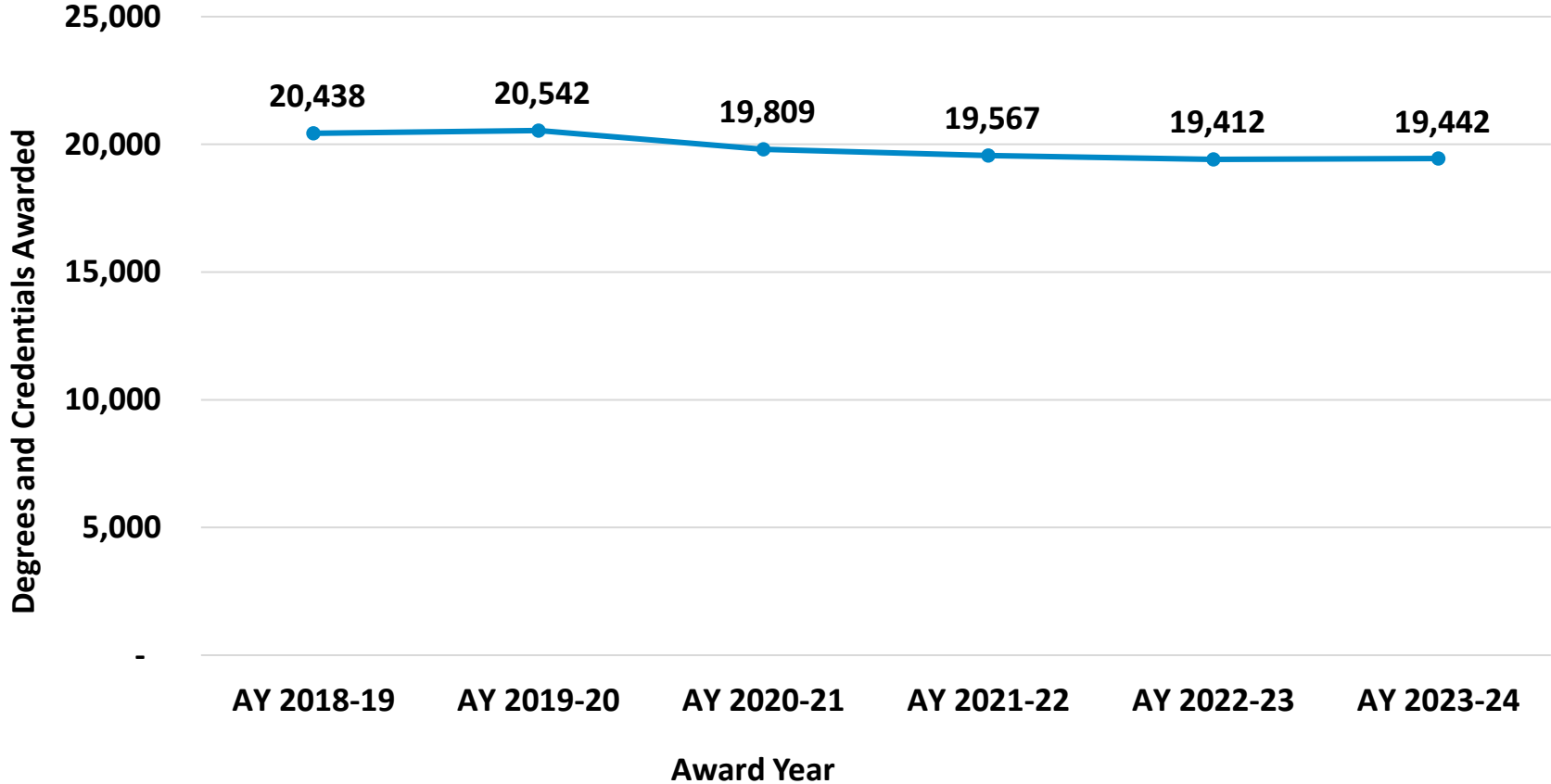
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# 4YR Public Degrees and Credentials

Four-Year Public Undergraduate Degrees and Credentials

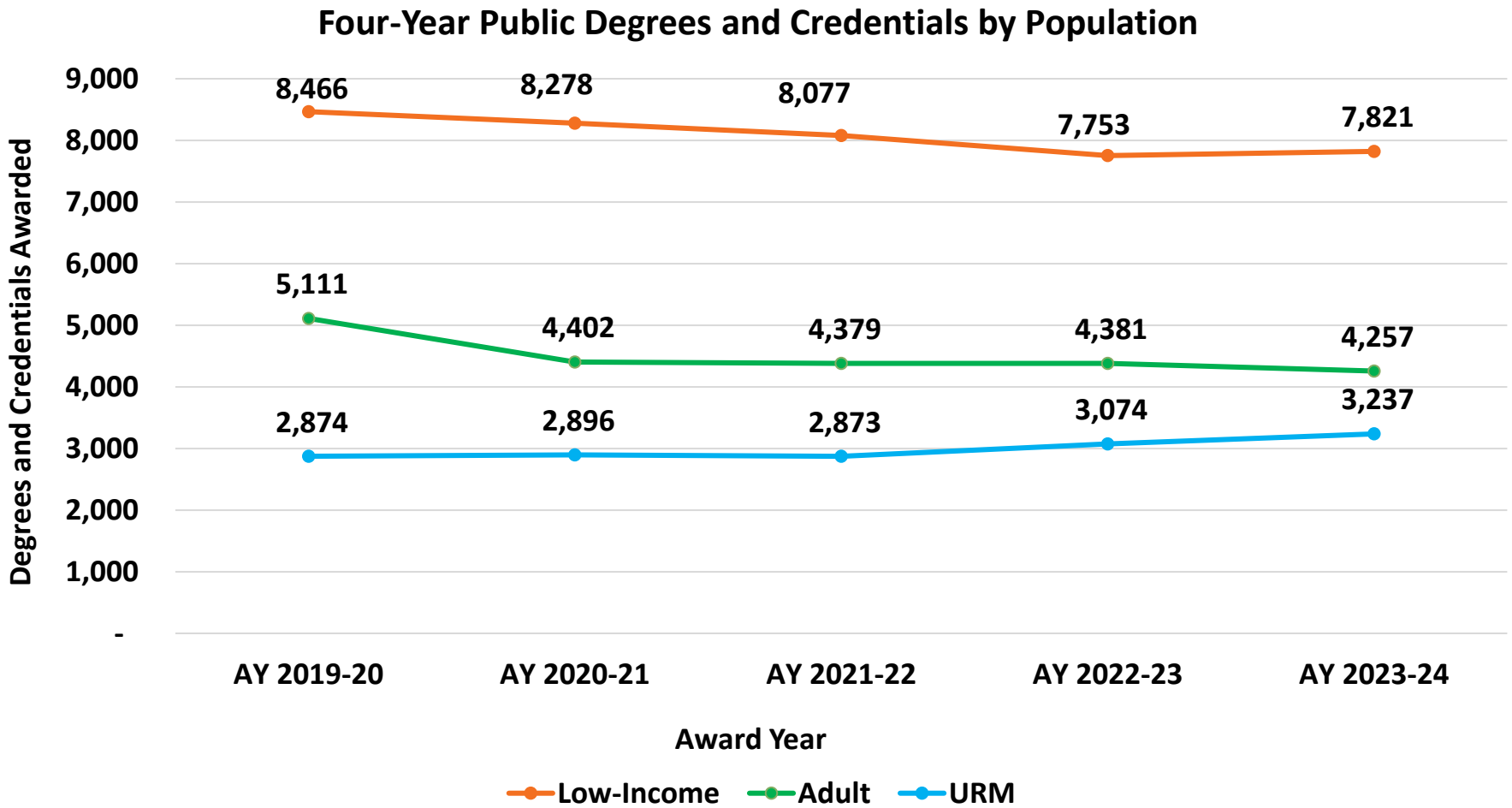


## Degree Trends Over Time

Undergraduate credential production declined during the pandemic, but the decline flattened and before reversing last year.

- **+0.2%** since AY 22-23
- **-5.1%** since AY 18-19.

# 4YR Public Degrees and Credentials by Subgroup

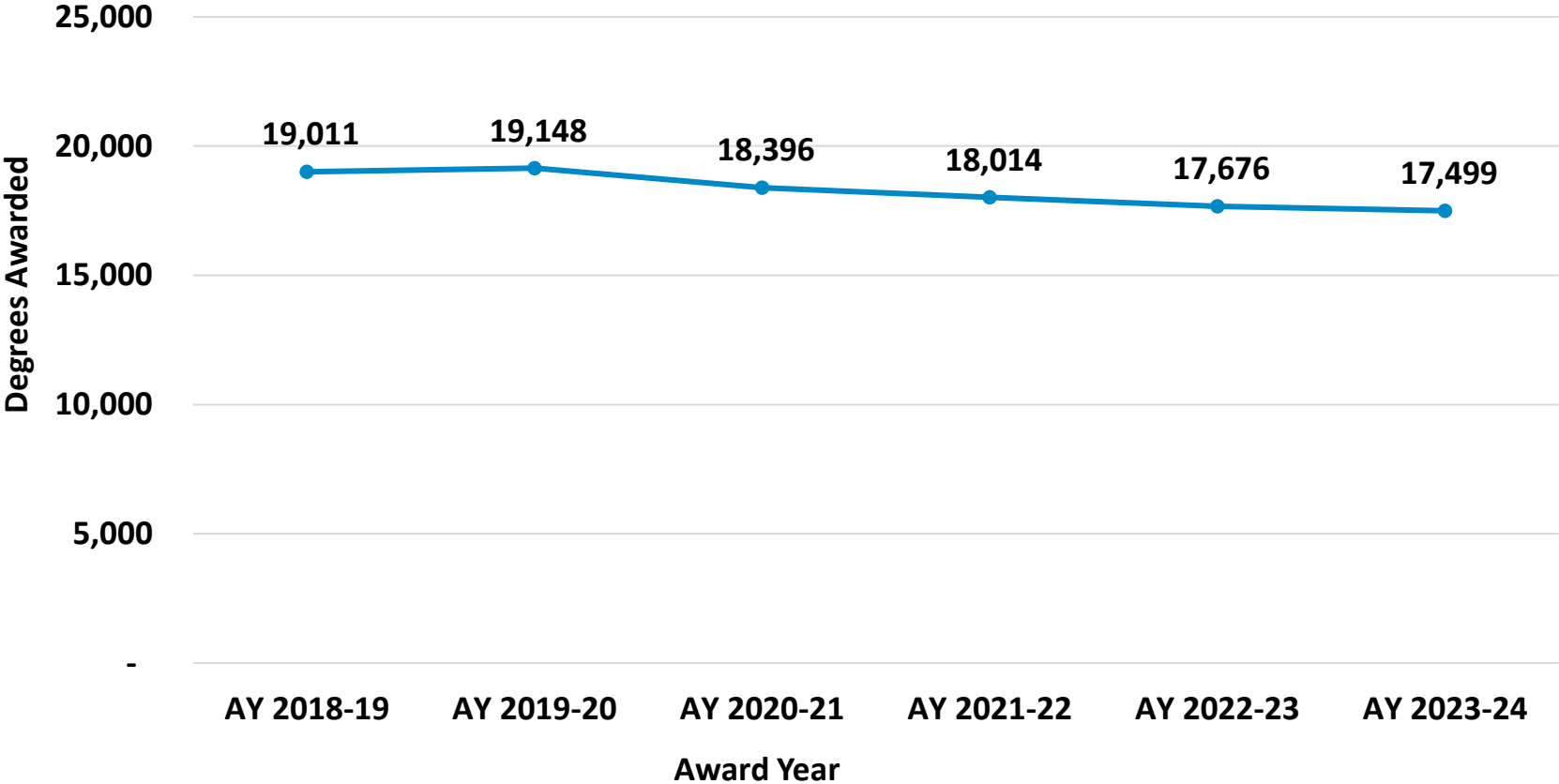


- Low-Income Trends**
- **+0.9%** since AY 22-23.
  - **-8.0%** since AY 18-19.
- Adult Learner Trends**
- **-2.8%** since AY 22-23.
  - **-21.2%** since AY 18-19.
- URM Trends**
- **+5.3%** since AY 22-23.
  - **+17.2%** since AY 18-19.



# 4YR Public Baccalaureate Degrees Only

Four-Year Public Total Baccalaureate Degrees



## Degree Trends Over Time

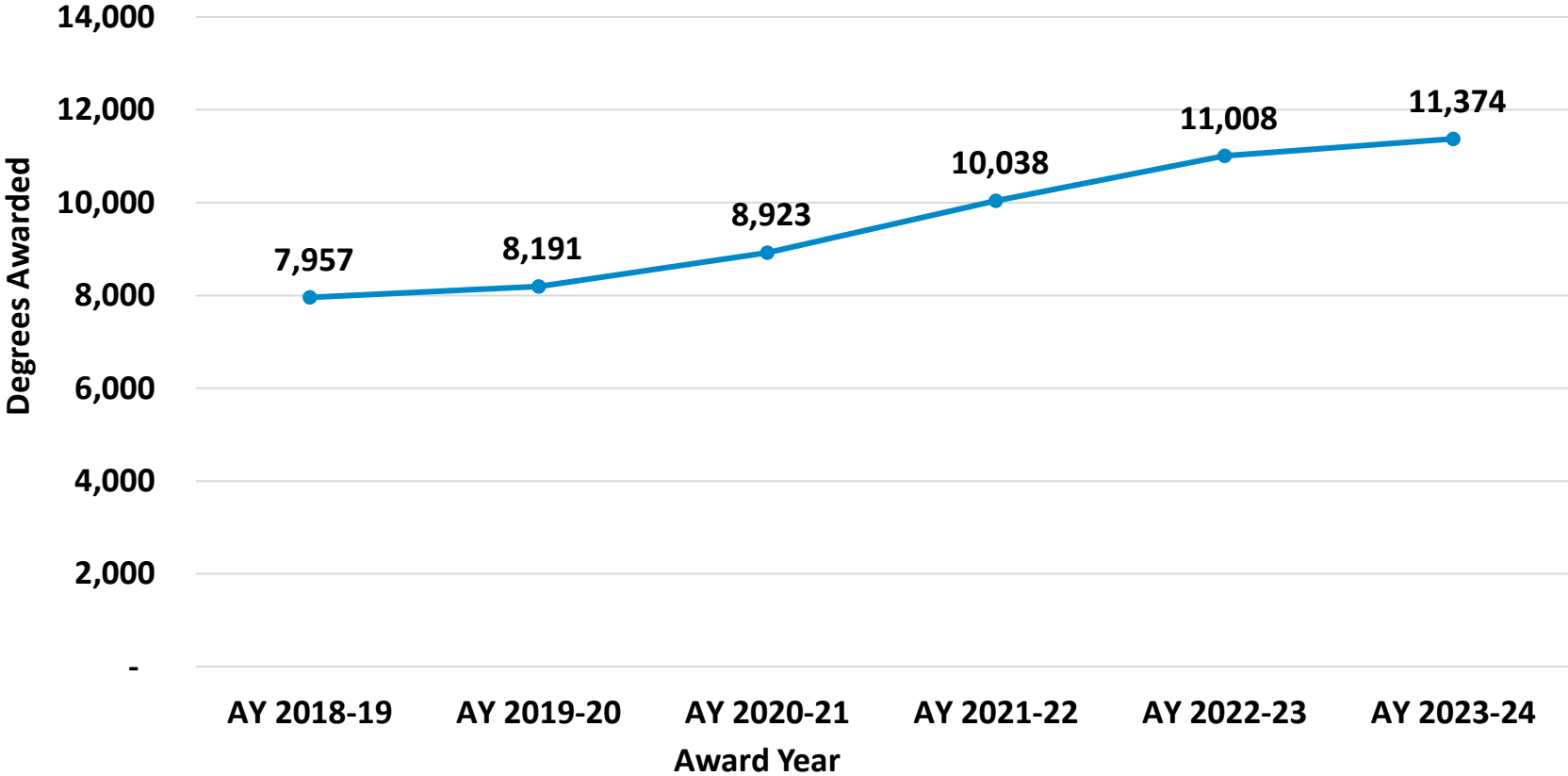
Baccalaureate degree production has slowed down since the pandemic.

- **-1.0%** since AY 22-23.
- **-8.6%** since AY 18-19.

Decreases related to the pandemic should recover over time but will lag the enrollment rebound.

# 4YR Public Graduate/Professional Degrees and Credentials

Graduate/Professional Degrees and Credentials



## Degree Trends Over Time

Graduate/professional completions demonstrate steady growth.

- **+3.2%** since AY 22-23.
- **+30.0%** since AY 18-19.

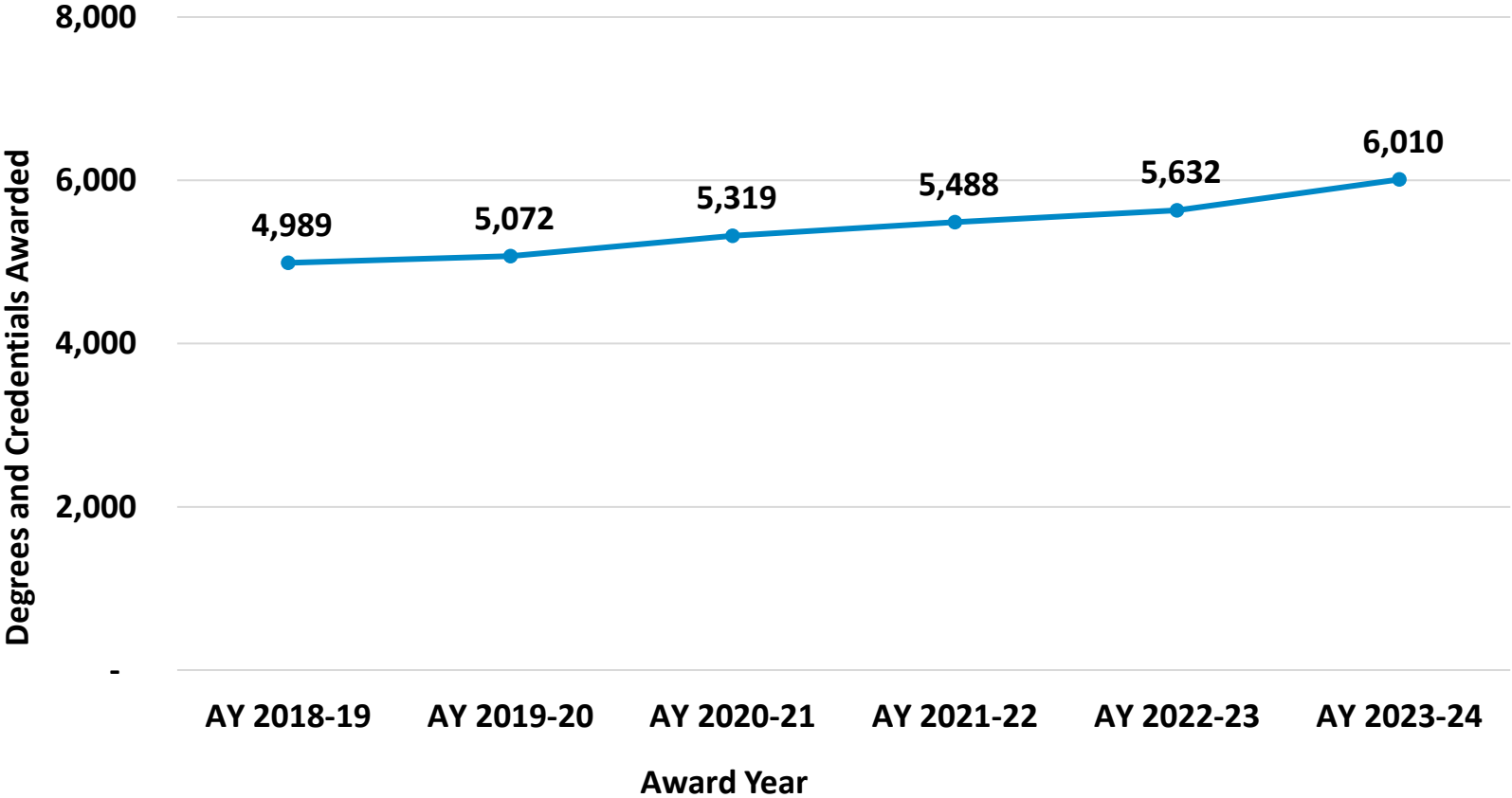
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# 4YR Private Undergraduate Degrees and Credentials

Four-Year Private Undergraduate Degrees and Credentials



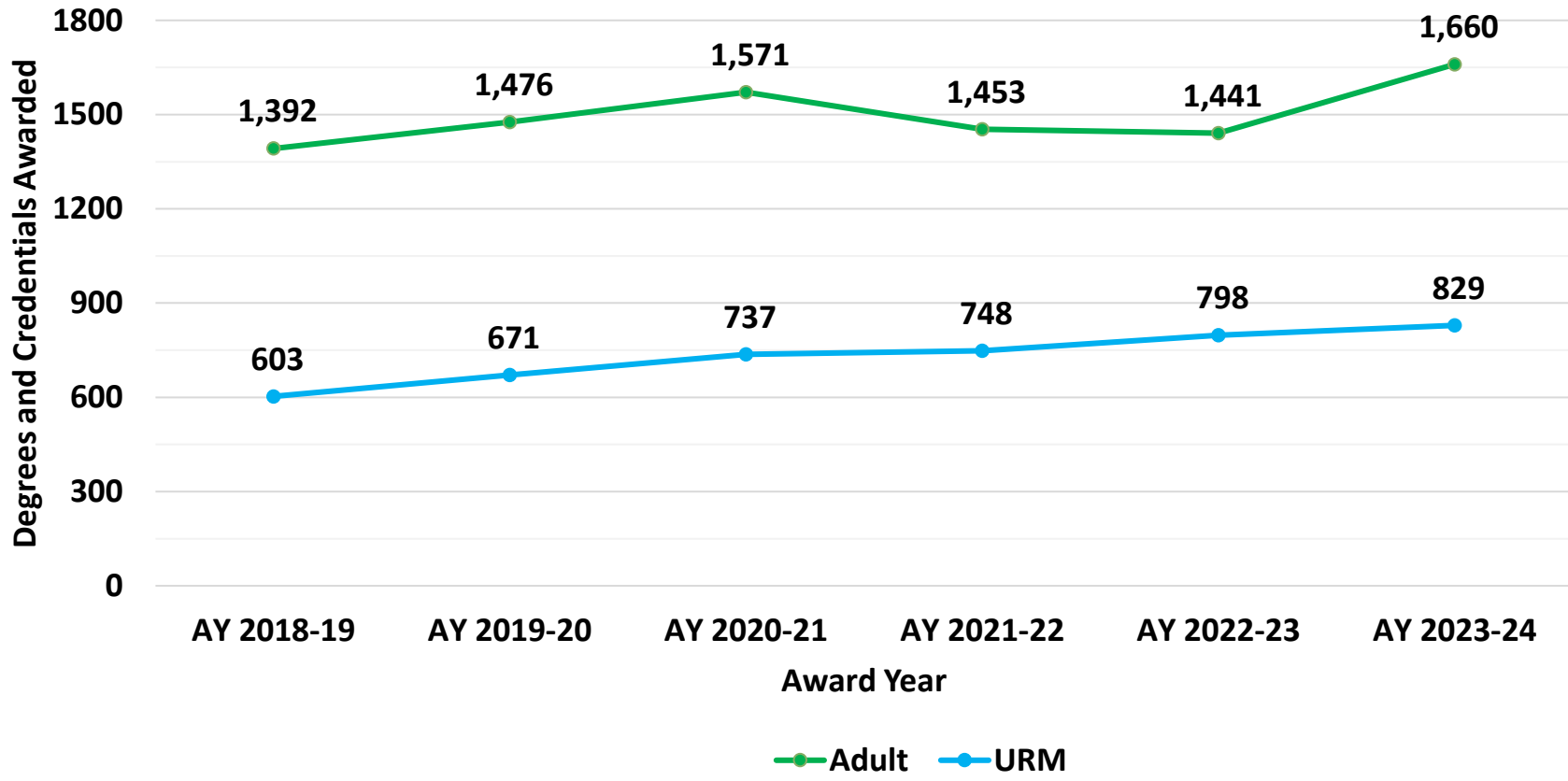
## Degree Trends Over Time

Undergraduate credential completions at private institutions demonstrate steady growth.

- **+6.7%** since AY 22-23.
- **+17.0%** since AY 18-19.

# 4YR Private Degrees and Credentials by Subgroup

Four-Year Private Degrees and Credentials by Population



### Adult Learners Trends

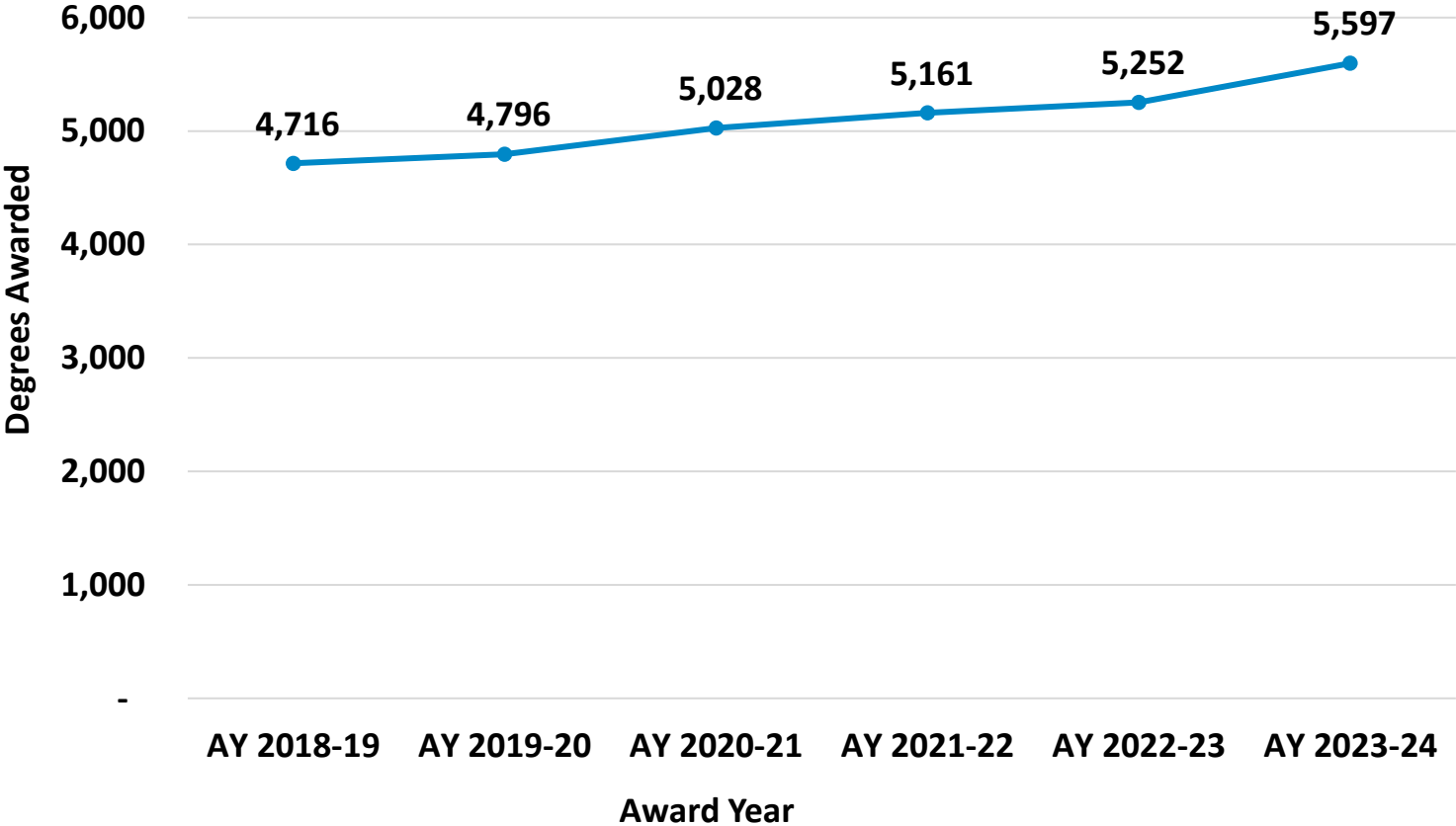
- +15.2% since AY 22-23.
- +19.3% since AY 18-19.

### URM Trends

- +3.9% since AY 22-23.
- +37.5% since AY 18-19.

# 4YR Private Baccalaureate Degrees Only

Four-Year Private Total Baccalaureate Degrees



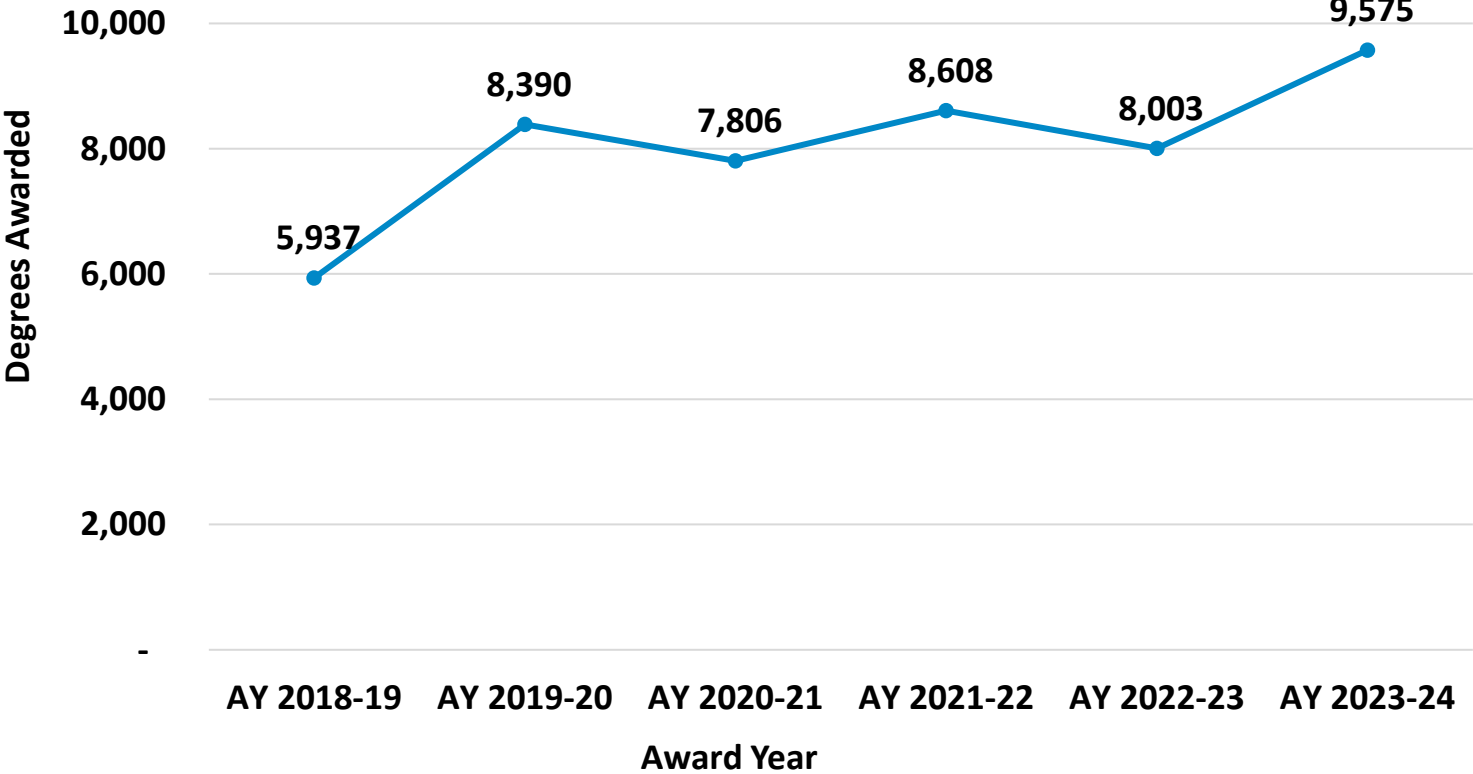
## Degree Trends Over Time

Baccalaureate degree completions at private institutions continue to grow, driven by strong demand and effective student support strategies.

- **+6.2%** since AY 22-23.
- **+15.7%** since AY 18-19.

# 4YR Private Graduate/Professional Degrees and Credentials

Graduate/Professional Degrees and Credentials



## Degree Trends Over Time

Graduate and professional credential completions continue to rise, driven by increasing demand for advanced education.

- **+16.4%** since AY 22-23.
- **+38.0%** since AY 18-19.

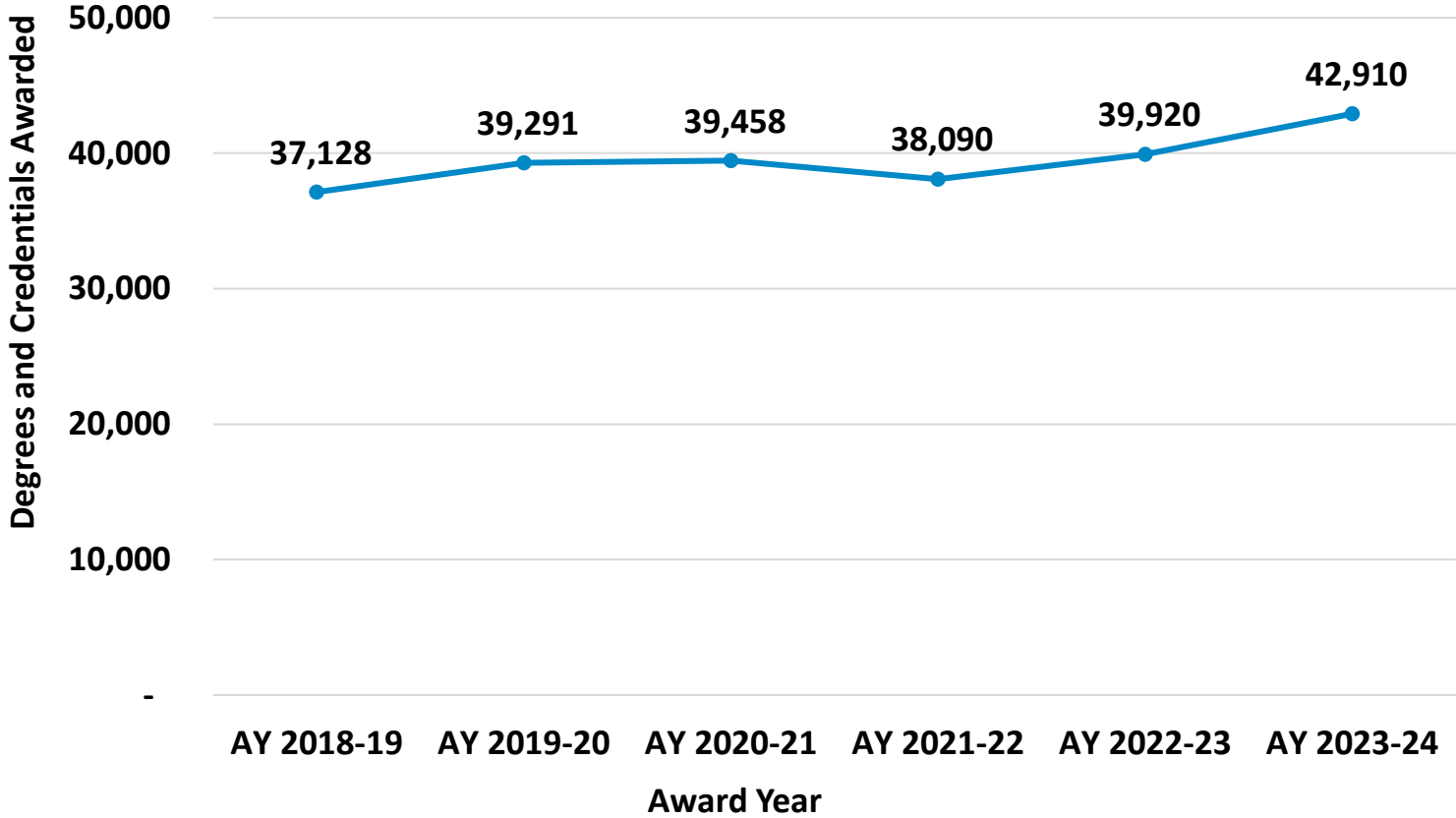
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# 2YP Degrees and Credentials

Two-Year Public Total Degrees and Credentials



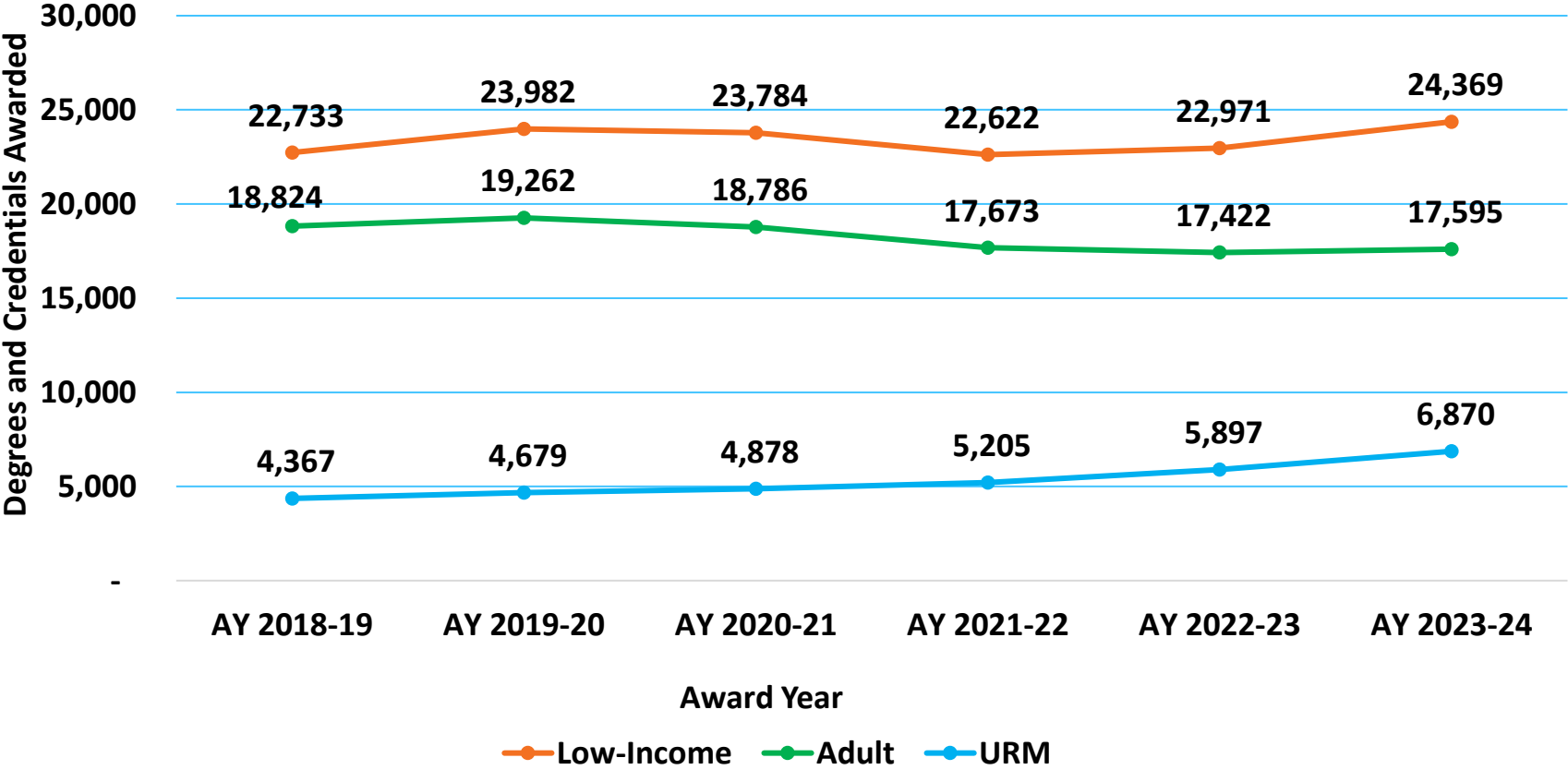
## Degree Trends Over Time

Completions at two-year public institutions show steady growth, with a strong recovery following the pandemic.

- **+7.5%** since AY 22-23.
- **+15.6%** since AY 18-19.

# 2YP Degrees and Credentials by Subgroup

Two-Year Public Degrees and Credentials by Population



### Low-Income Trends

- +6.1% since AY 22-23.
- +7.2% since AY 18-19.

### Adult Learners Trends

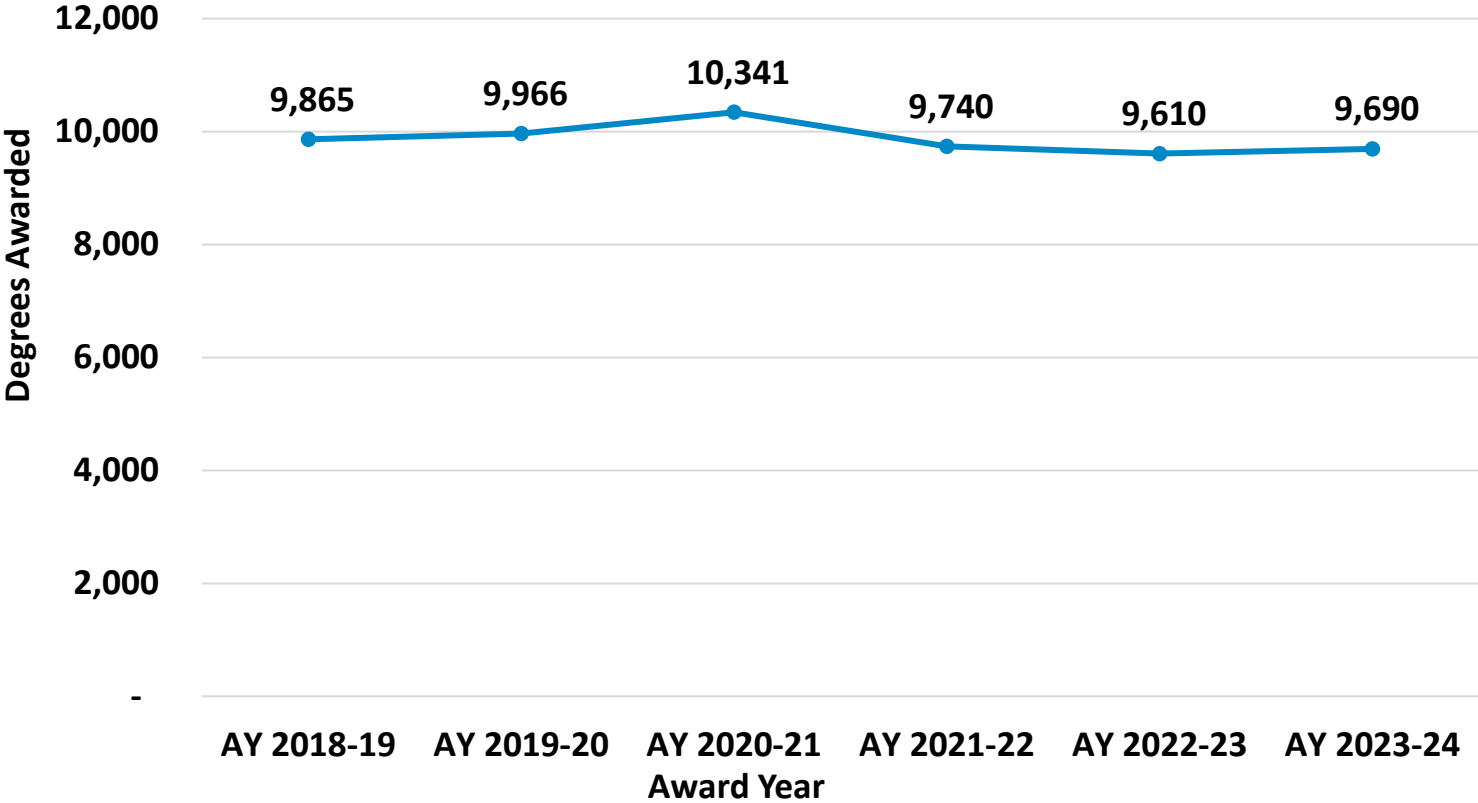
- +1.0% since AY 22-23.
- -6.5% since AY 18-19.

### URM Trends

- +16.5% since AY 22-23.
- +57.3% since AY 18-19.

# 2YP Associate Degrees Only

Two-Year Public Total Associate Degrees



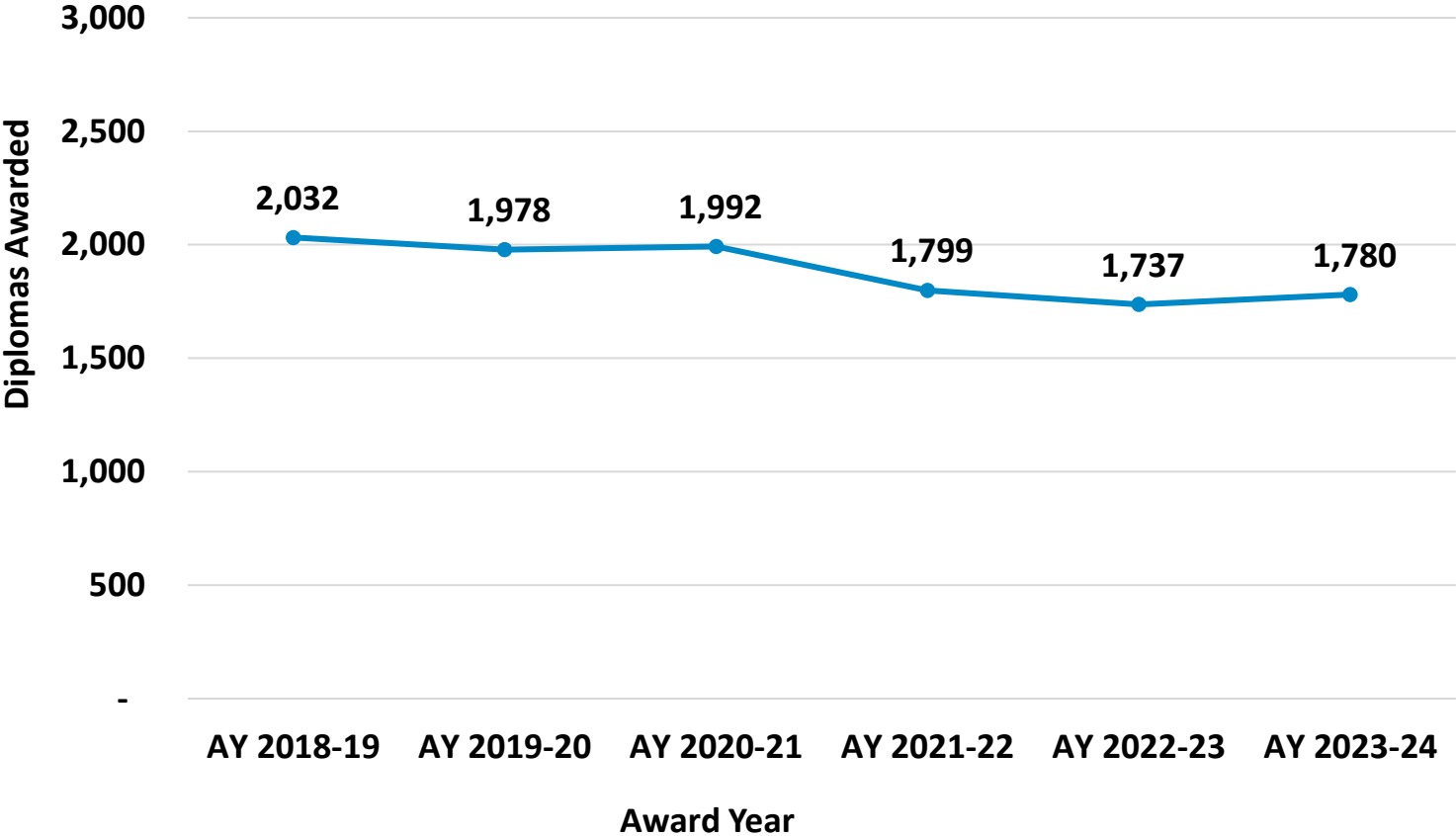
## Degree Trends Over Time

Degree completions at two-year public institutions have remained stable, with minor fluctuations over recent years.

- **+0.8%** since AY 22-23.
- **-1.8%** since AY 18-19.

# 2YP Diplomas Only

### Two-Year Public Total Diplomas



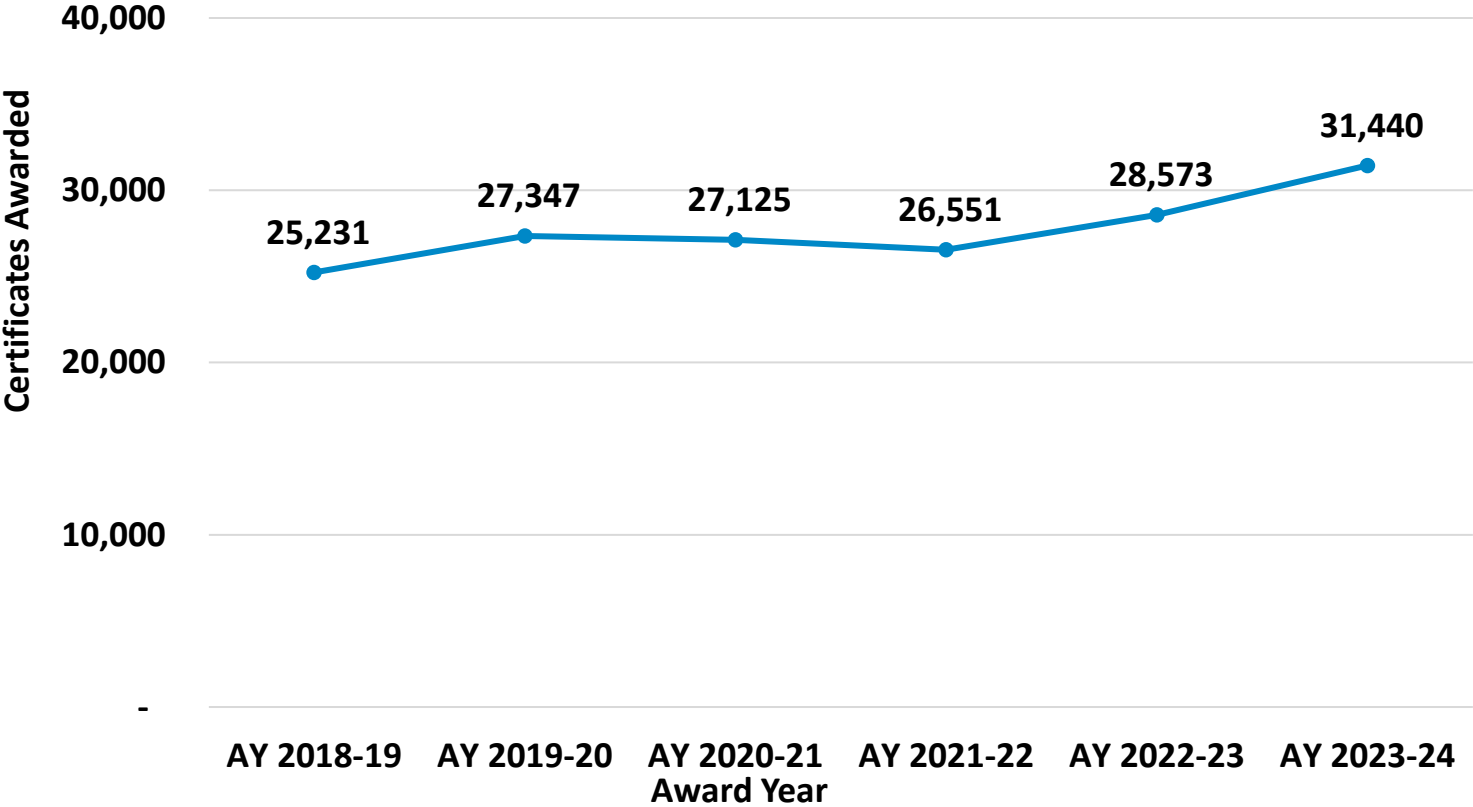
### Degree Trends Over Time

Diploma completions declined in AY 21-22, followed by a modest rebound in AY 23-24.

- **+2.5%** since AY 22-23.
- **-12.4%** since AY 18-19.

# 2YP Certificate Only

Two-Year Public Total Certificates



## Degree Trends Over Time

Certificates are the primary driver of credential growth at two-year public institutions and remain the most awarded credential, surpassing both degrees and non-degrees.

- **+10.0%** since AY 22-23.
- **+24.6%** since AY 18-19.

# Summary

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## Overall Trends

- Credential attainment is recovering to pre-COVID levels but remains uneven across subgroups and credential types.

## Subgroup Highlights

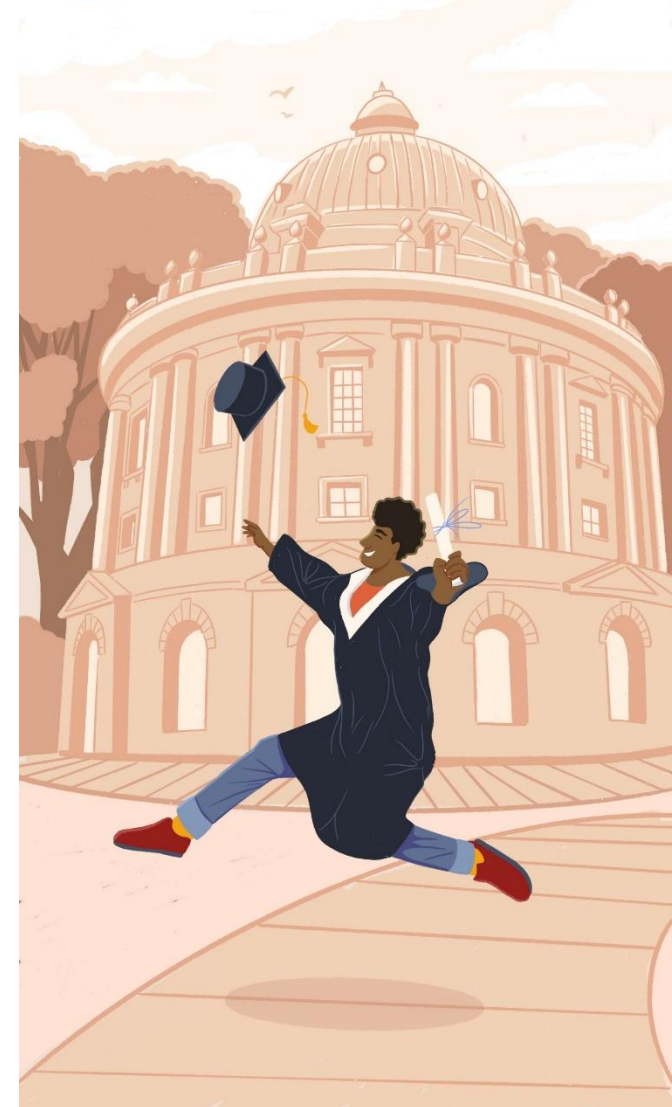
- **URM Students:** Strong growth at public (+41.8%) and private (+37.5%) institutions since AY 2018-19.
- **Low-Income Students:** Declines at four-year publics (-8%) but modest recovery in 2023-24 (+0.9%) and steady growth at two-year publics (+7.2% since AY 2018-19).
- **Adult Students:** Overall declines since AY 2018-19, with slight recovery at two-year publics (+1.0%).

## Credential Trends

- **Undergraduate Credentials:** Variable, with KCTCS leading growth in non-degree credentials.
- **Graduate Credentials:** Sustained, consistent increases.

## Key Insight

- Enrollment patterns and subgroup disparities are closely tied to trends in undergraduate credential attainment, reflecting the importance of statewide work aimed at enrolling and supporting targeted populations.



# Areas of Opportunity



## Advancing Kentucky's 60X30 Goal

- **Focus Areas:** Adult & Low-Income Enrollment and Completion
- **Key Achievements:**
  - Performance funding now weights adult enrollment.
  - New staff and statewide initiatives address student basic needs for adult learners, parenting students, etc.
  - Total & first-time adult enrollment trending upward.
  - Increased tracking and reporting of early postsecondary completion and college-going

## Support Programs:

- [Student Success Collaborative](#)
- Commonwealth Education Continuum
- Credit for Prior Learning
- [Work Ready Kentucky Scholarships \(WRKS\)](#)
- Institution-Led Initiatives



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