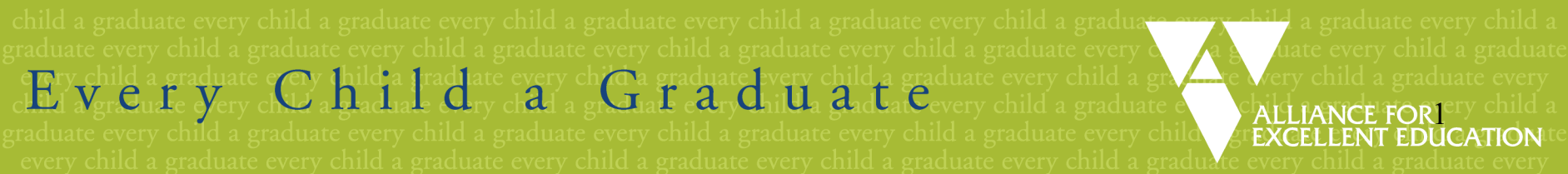


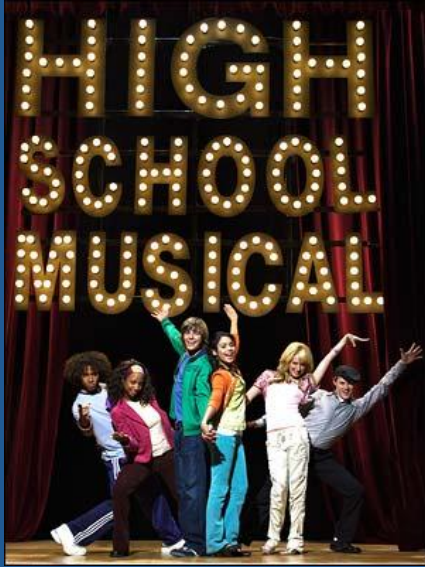
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# Online Learning: Addressing Challenges, Seizing Opportunities

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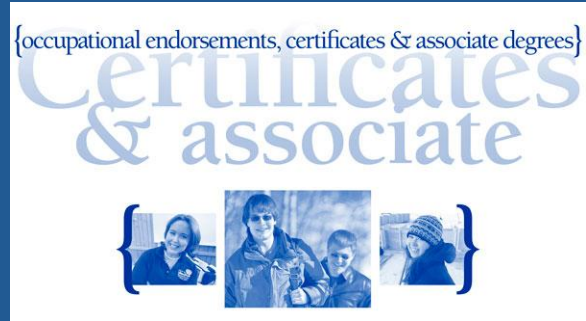


# Challenge 1: There is growing demand for an increasingly educated workforce...yet the U.S. is failing to produce college graduates.



*The national high school graduation rate*

**69%**



*The national graduation rate in 2-year institutions*

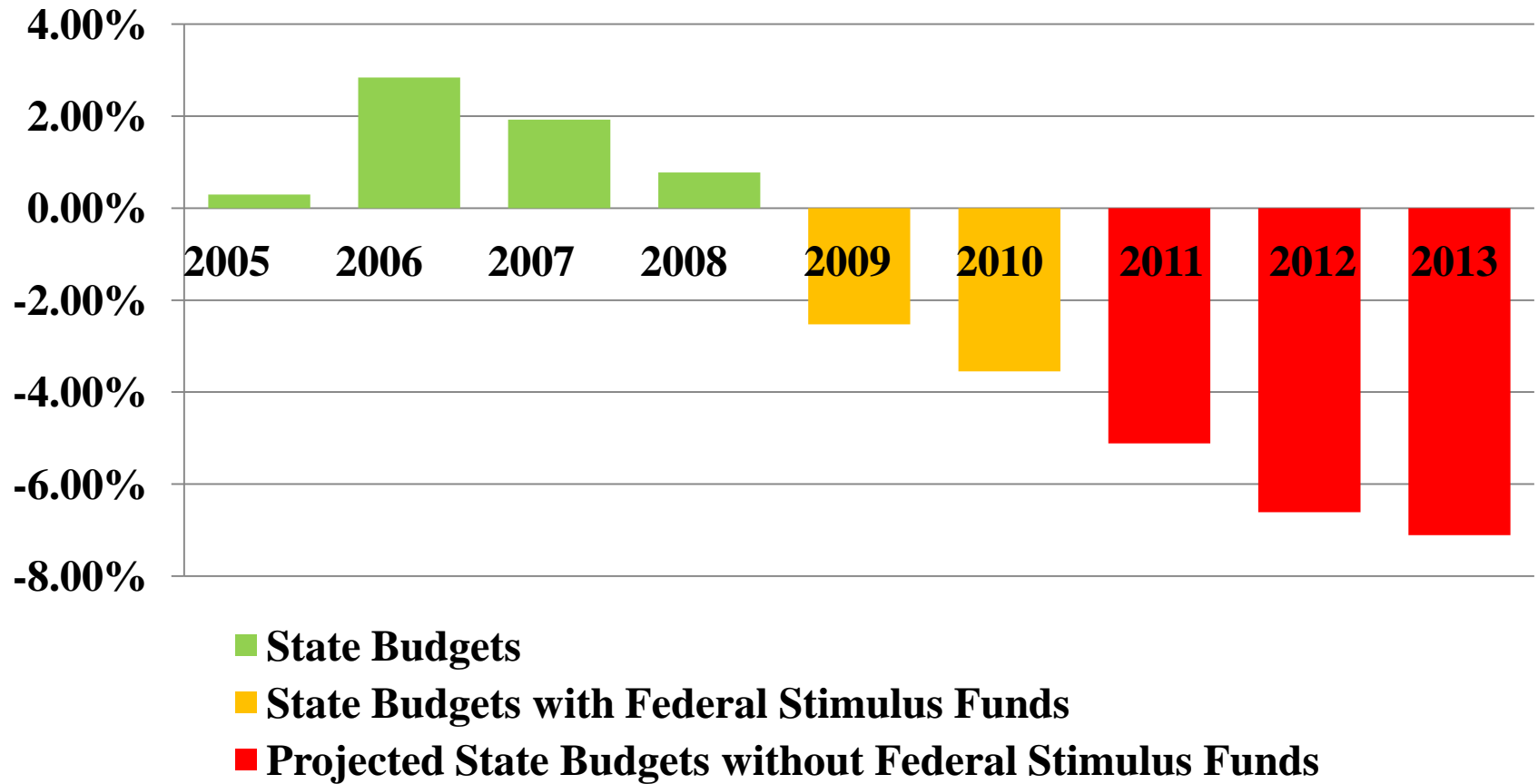
**31%**



*The national graduation rate in 4-year institutions*

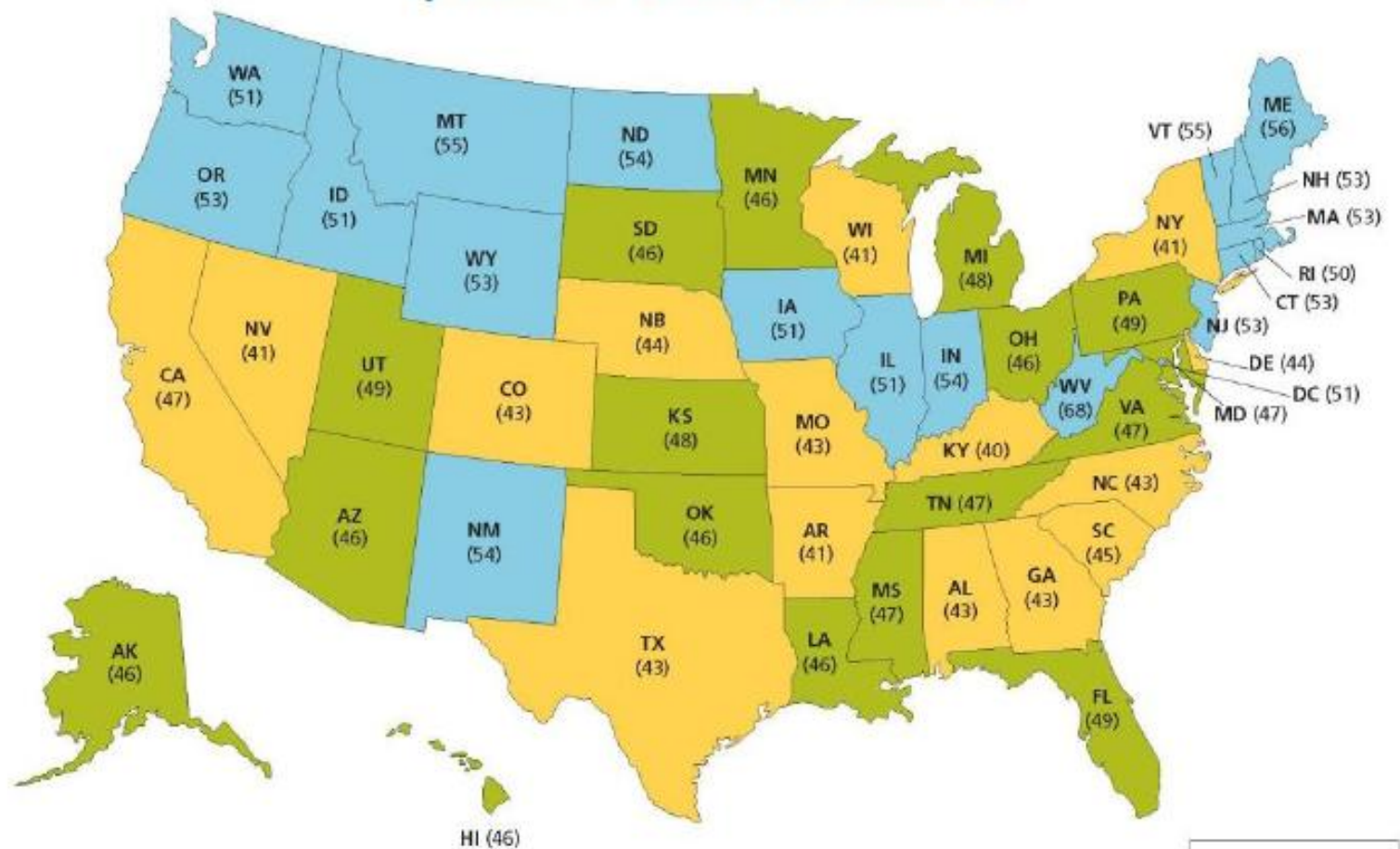
**56%**

## 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.

