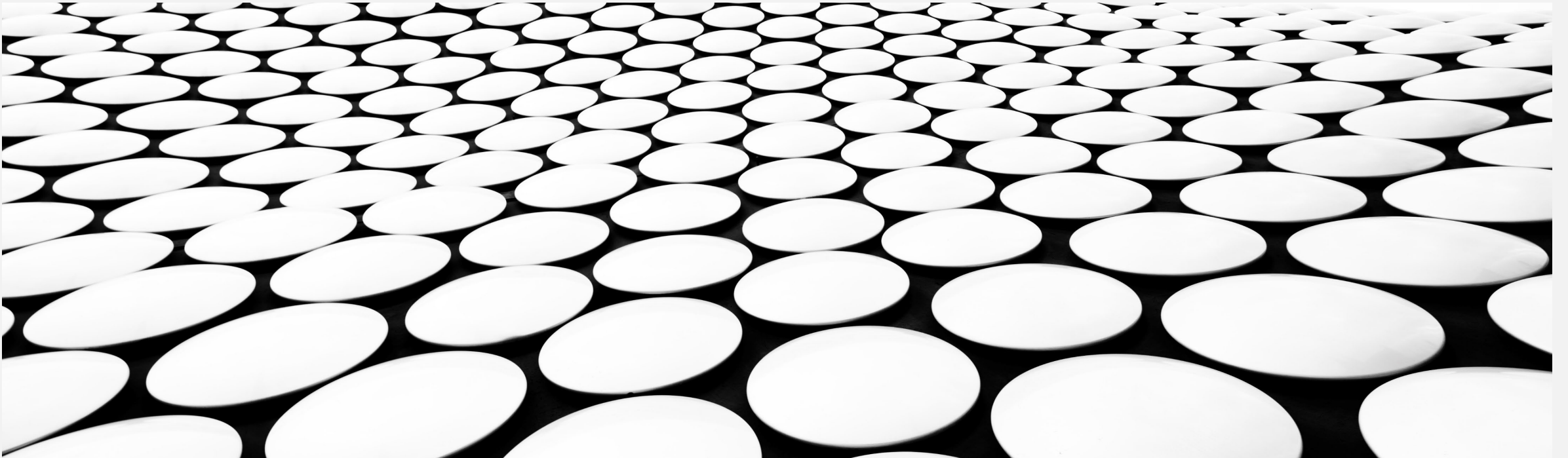

UNPACKING NSC RESEARCH CENTER REPORT

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THE ILLINOIS DATA?

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Undergraduate Degree Earners Report

A year over year report, including state-level data

Most recent version published AY 2021-22 data in March 2023

National trends vs Illinois specific outcomes

<https://nscresearchcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/UndergraduateDegreeEarnersReport2023.pdf>

Citation: Pevitz, A., Ryu, M., & Shapiro, D. (March 2023), Undergraduate Degree Earners: Academic Year 2021-22, Herndon, VA: National Student Clearinghouse Research Center.

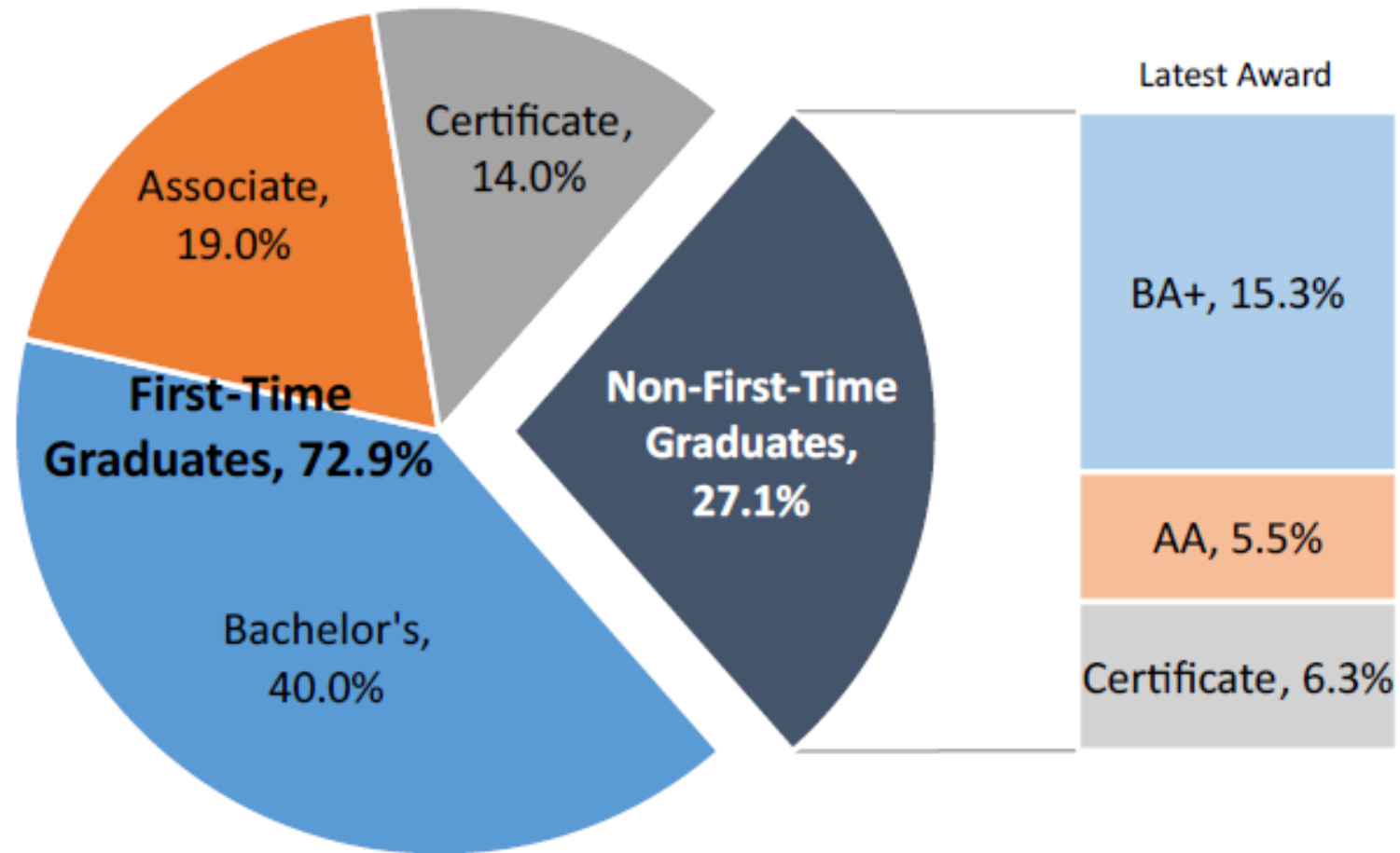
REPORT OVERVIEW

“Provides demographic and educational profile data for all students graduating with an undergraduate credential each year.”

- Bachelor degrees
- Associate degrees
- Certificates
- First time vs non-first-time graduates
- Demographic profile data includes age and type of credential earned

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- Total undergrad credential earners fell for first time in a decade, down -1.6% or -58,800
 - Caused by one-year loss of 50,700 first-time graduates
 - Among first-time graduates
 - Associate degree completions fell -7.6% or -56,800
 - Baccalaureate recipients fell -2.4% or -36,000
 - Declines steep for grads aged 25 years/older, -4.1% or -30,600
 - Declines less among grads 24 years/younger, -1.0% or -19,100
 - Of note, first-time certificate completers grew considerably, +9.0% or +42,200
 - Among non-first-time graduates
 - Baccalaureate earners w/prior associate degree down by 2.5% or -11,600
 - Until this year, that number had increased annually since 2012-13.
 - Drop was significant enough to cause *overall* non-first-time graduates to decline for the first time in a decade, down -0.8% or -8,100.

Figure 2. 2021-22 Graduate Profile (N = 3.6M)



Illinois Undergraduate Degrees Earned (2012 thru 2022)

Associate Degree Recipients

First-time Graduates		Non-first-time Graduates		Total # Undergrad degrees awarded	
Share	Number	Share	Number	Number	Academic Year
78.1	29,436	21.9	8,259	37,695	2012-13
76.4	27,361	23.6	8,463	35,824	2013-14
77	25,212	23	7,552	32,764	2014-15
77.7	26,577	22.3	7,645	34,222	2015-16
78	28,501	22	8,041	36,542	2016-17
77.7	27,721	22.3	7,978	35,699	2017-18
77.6	26,362	22.4	7,603	33,965	2018-19
76.4	25,772	23.6	7,944	33,716	2019-20
75.3	25,410	24.7	8,316	33,726	2020-21
76.2	24,900	23.8	7,781	32,681	2021-22
				*Down by 5,014 degrees over 10 years, primarily from 1st time degree earners (4,536 fewer).	

Illinois Undergraduate Degrees Earned (2012 thru 2022)

Bachelor Degree Recipients

First-time Graduates		Non-first-time Graduates		Total # Undergrad degrees awarded	
Share	Number	Share	Number	Number	Academic Year
75.3	49,248	24.7	16,129	65,377	2012-13
75.7	49,397	24.3	15,885	65,282	2013-14
74.8	47,407	25.2	15,934	63,341	2014-15
74.3	47,282	25.7	16,321	63,603	2015-16
73.8	47,141	26.2	16,698	63,839	2016-17
73.9	46,184	26.1	16,280	62,464	2017-18
73.1	45,047	26.9	16,558	61,605	2018-19
72.6	43,734	27.4	16,510	60,244	2019-20
72.4	43,103	27.6	16,425	59,528	2020-21
73	42,673	27	15,812	58,485	2021-22
				*Down by 6,892 degrees over 10 years, primarily from 1st time degree earners (6,575 fewer).	

Illinois Undergraduate Degrees Earned (2012 thru 2022)

Associate & Bachelor Degrees Recipients (excludes certificates)

First-time Graduates		Non-first-time Graduates		Total # Undergrad degrees awarded	
Share	Number	Share	Number	Number	Academic Year
76.3	78,684	23.7	24,388	103,072	2012-13
75.9	76,758	24.1	24,347	101,105	2013-14
75.6	72,619	24.4	23,486	96,105	2014-15
75.5	73,859	24.5	23,967	97,826	2015-16
75.4	75,641	24.6	24,739	100,380	2016-17
75.3	73,905	24.7	24,258	98,163	2017-18
74.7	71,409	25.3	24,161	95,570	2018-19
74	69,505	26	24,453	93,958	2019-20
73.5	68,513	26.5	24,742	93,255	2020-21
74.1	67,573	25.9	23,593	91,166	2021-22
				*Down by 11,906 degrees over 10 years, primarily from 1st time degree earners (11,111 fewer).	

TAKE-AWAYS; WHAT CAN WE CONCLUDE?

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