

Student Pathways Affect Time to Degree

An analysis of 2014-15 degree earners reveals that the majority of students no longer follow the traditional path taking 2 years for an associate degree or 4 years for a bachelor's degree. Average times to degree are longer because students are starting later, enrolling part-time, changing institutions, or taking stop-outs, often in response to family and work obligations.

Associate Degree

at Public Institutions

7.4%

2 yrs

Earned degree in two academic yrs. of enrollment

Average calendar years to degree



5.6 yrs

Average academic years enrolled



3.4 yrs

Bachelor's Degree

10.1%

4 yrs

Earned degree in four academic yrs. of enrollment

Average calendar years to degree



5.6 yrs

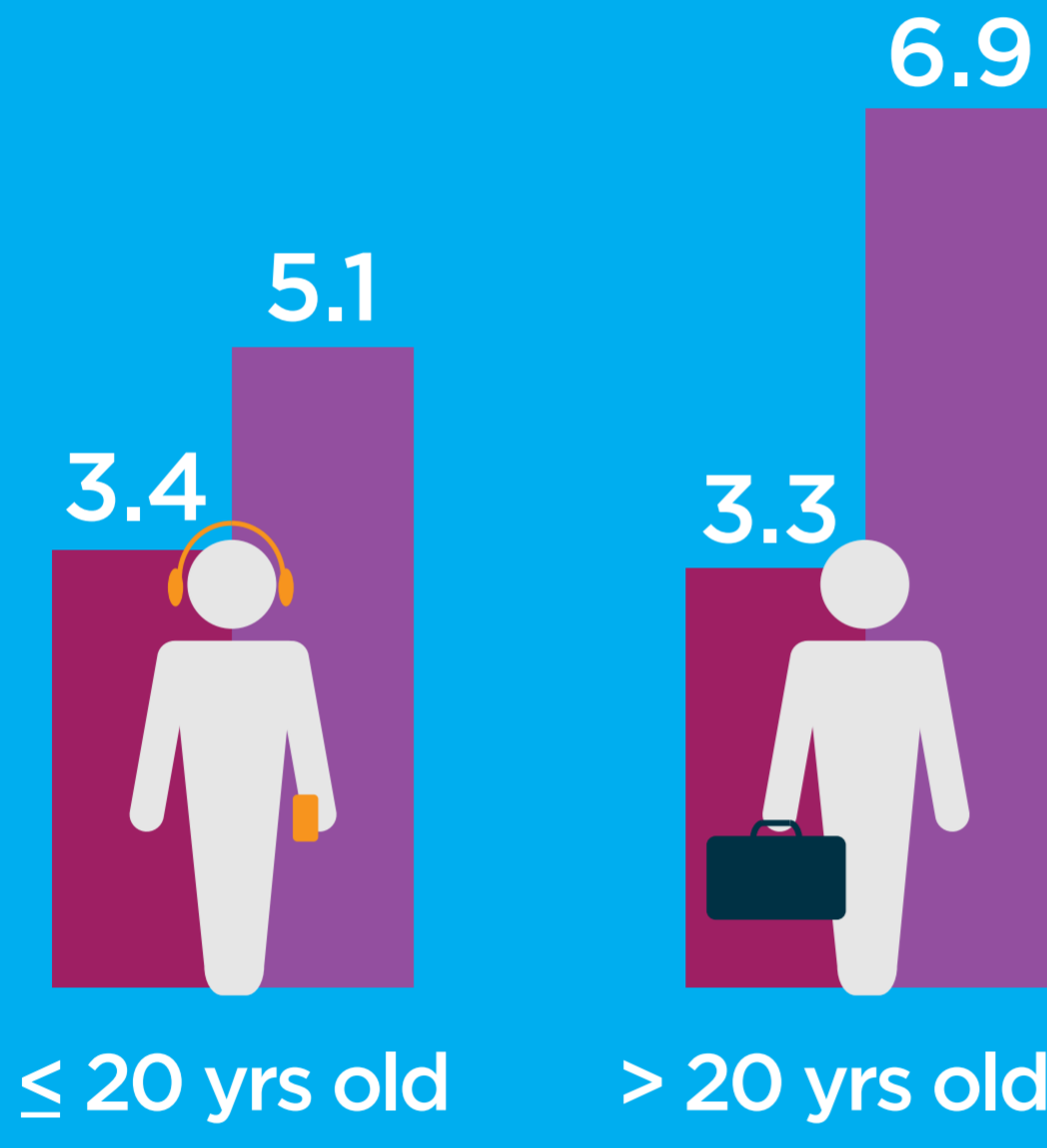
Average academic years enrolled



5.2 yrs

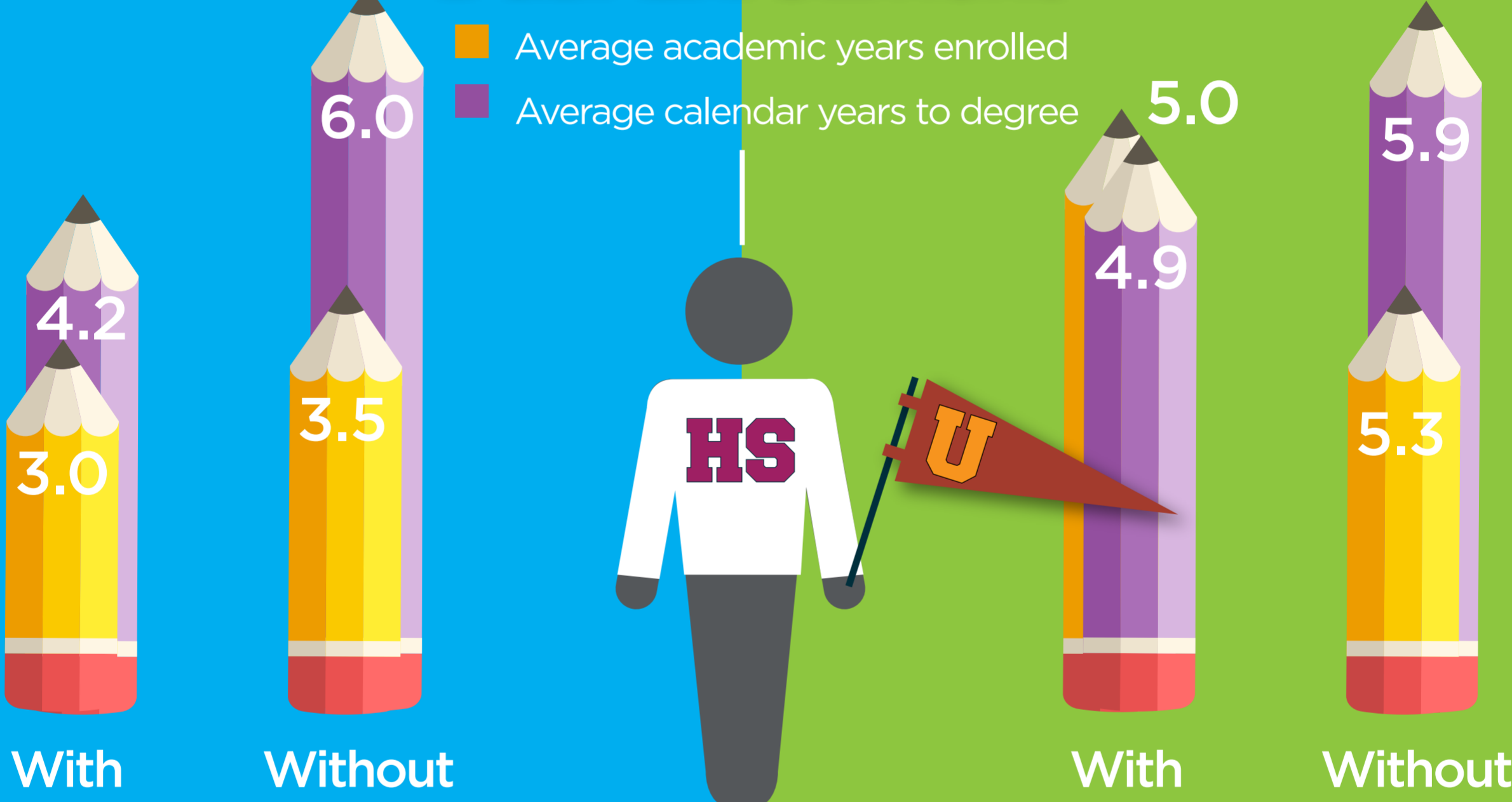
Age

■ Average academic years enrolled
■ Average calendar years to degree

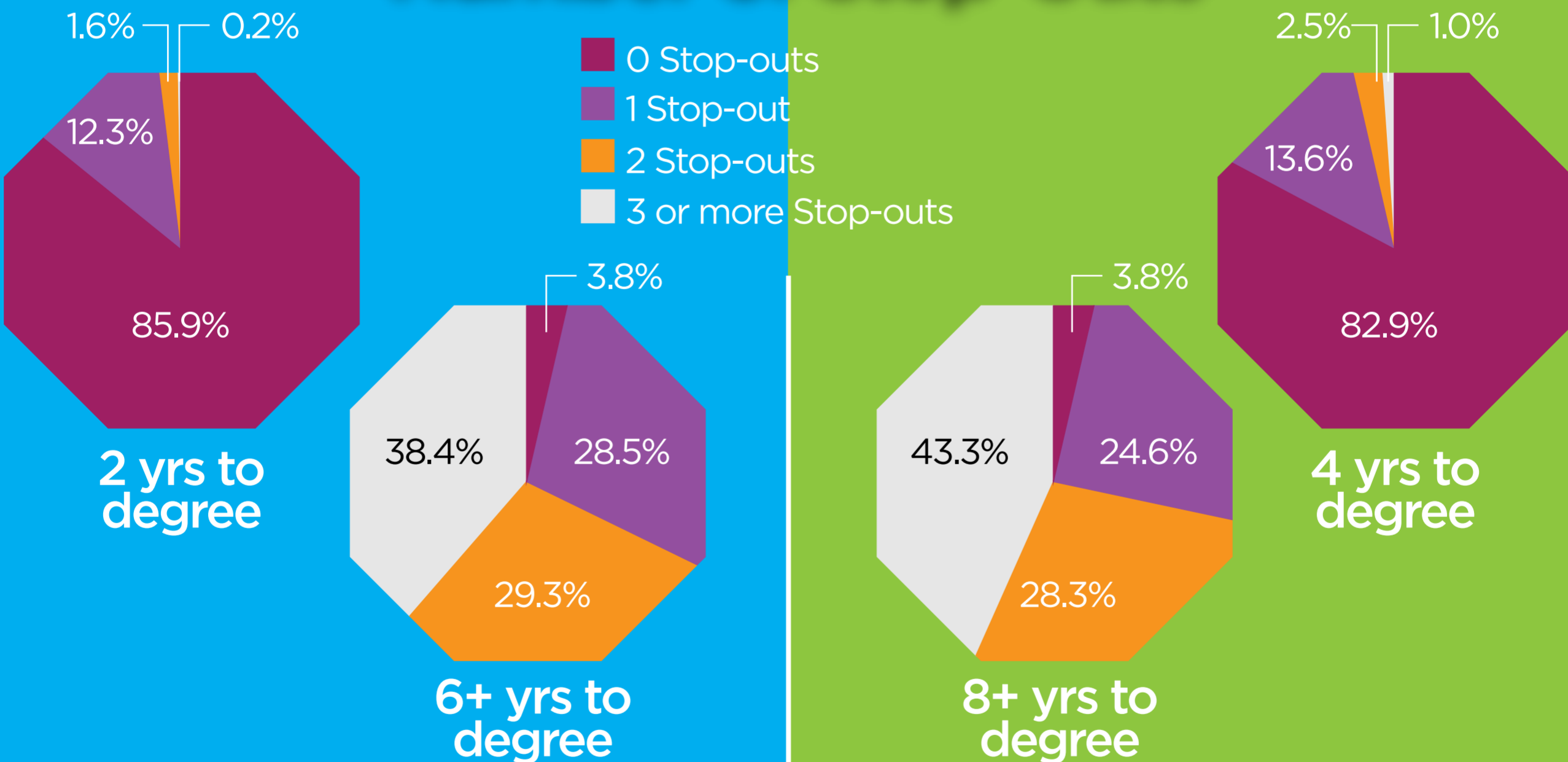


Dual Enrollment

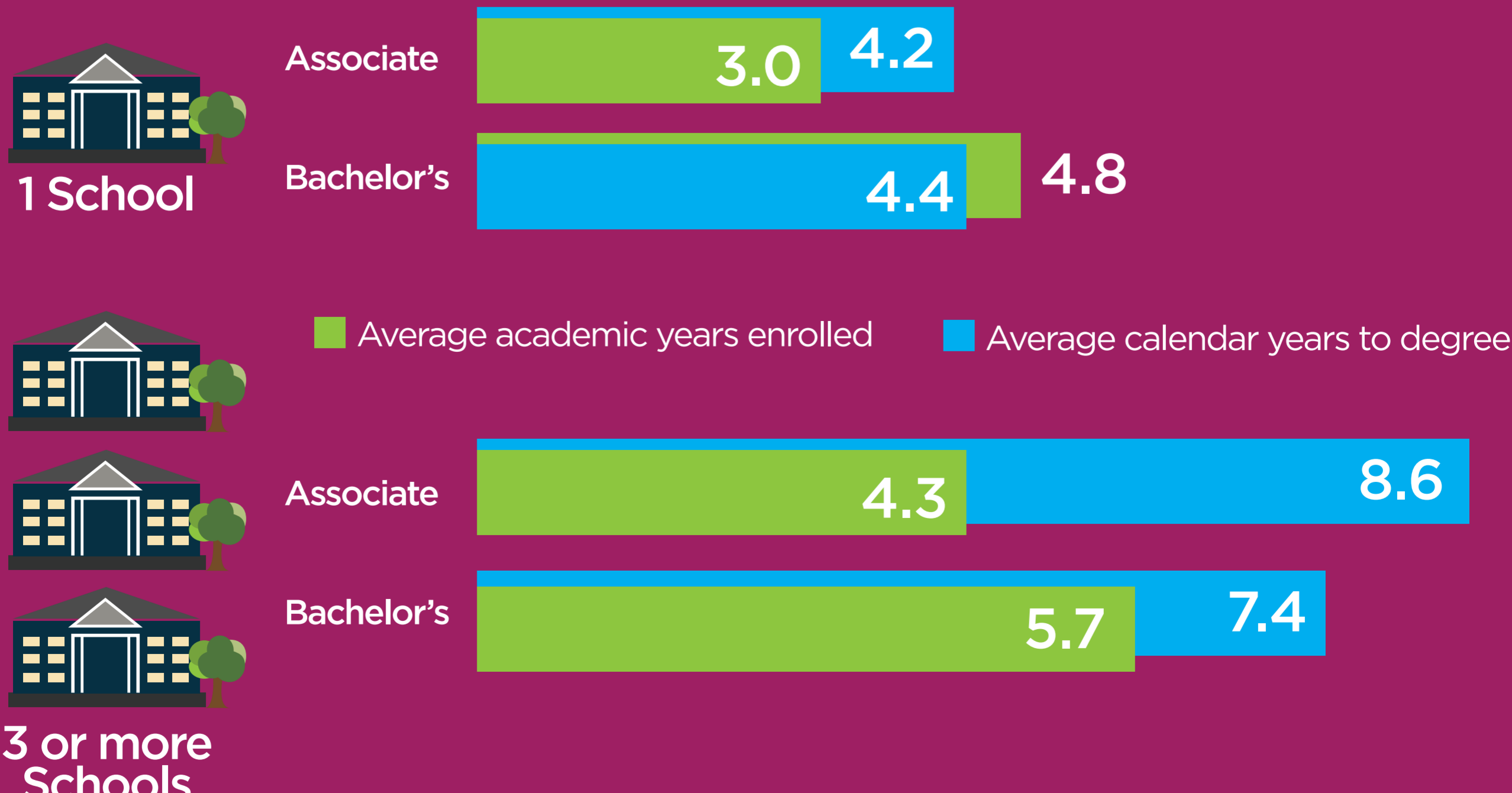
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Number of Stop-Outs



Number of Institutions Attended



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