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VISION

Every Tennessean has the opportunity to earn a postsecondary degree that leads to increased economic mobility, community engagement and quality of life.

MISSION

Complete Tennessee advocates for students and communities by supporting increased postsecondary access and completion.

GOAL

Tennessee reaches at least 55 percent postsecondary attainment by 2025.



Primary Focus Areas



Engagement | Advocacy & Accountability | Leadership Development | Innovation

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Engagement

Increase local ownership of Drive to 55

Advocacy & Accountability

Provide transparency and translation to the postsecondary attainment landscape

Leadership Development

Develop student-centric leaders who direct local and institutional Drive to 55 efforts

Innovation

Serve as an independent research and development hub for higher education in Tennessee

Room to Grow: State of Higher Education in Tennessee



- **Opening the discussion** about the successes and failures within the state's higher education system;
- Providing communities with a **clear picture** of the postsecondary landscape in Tennessee – the good, the bad, and the ugly;
- Laying the groundwork for **community engagement** on improving completion rates;
- Illustrating Tennessee's **commitment to postsecondary completion** and improved outcomes.

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3 out of **4**

Three out of four community college students in Tennessee do not complete a degree. In fact, there is not a single community college in Tennessee that graduates more than 50 percent of its first-time freshmen students within a six-year period.

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Half of public university students and a third of University of Tennessee students do not graduate within a six-year period.⁵

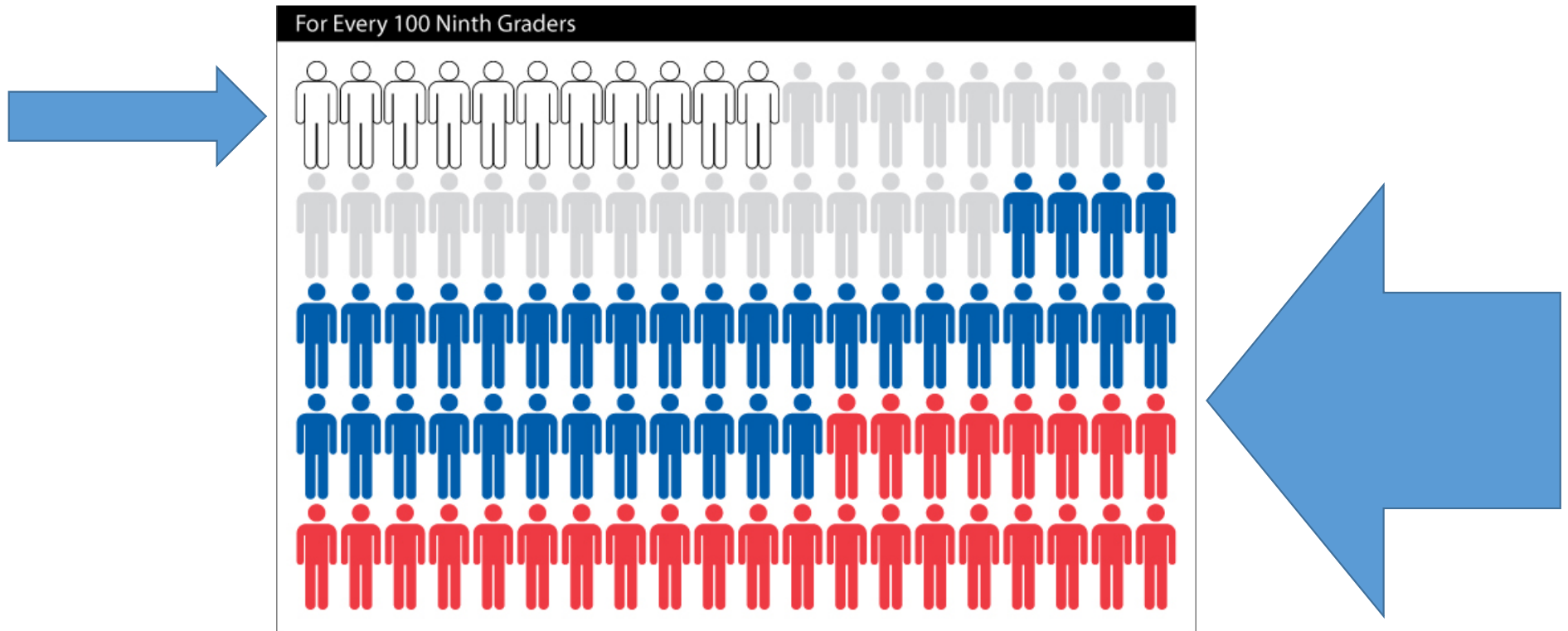
More than
HALF

Despite an overall 16 percentage point decline in the number of postsecondary students requiring remediation over the past four years, more than half of Tennessee community college students still require remediation.⁶

1 in **20**

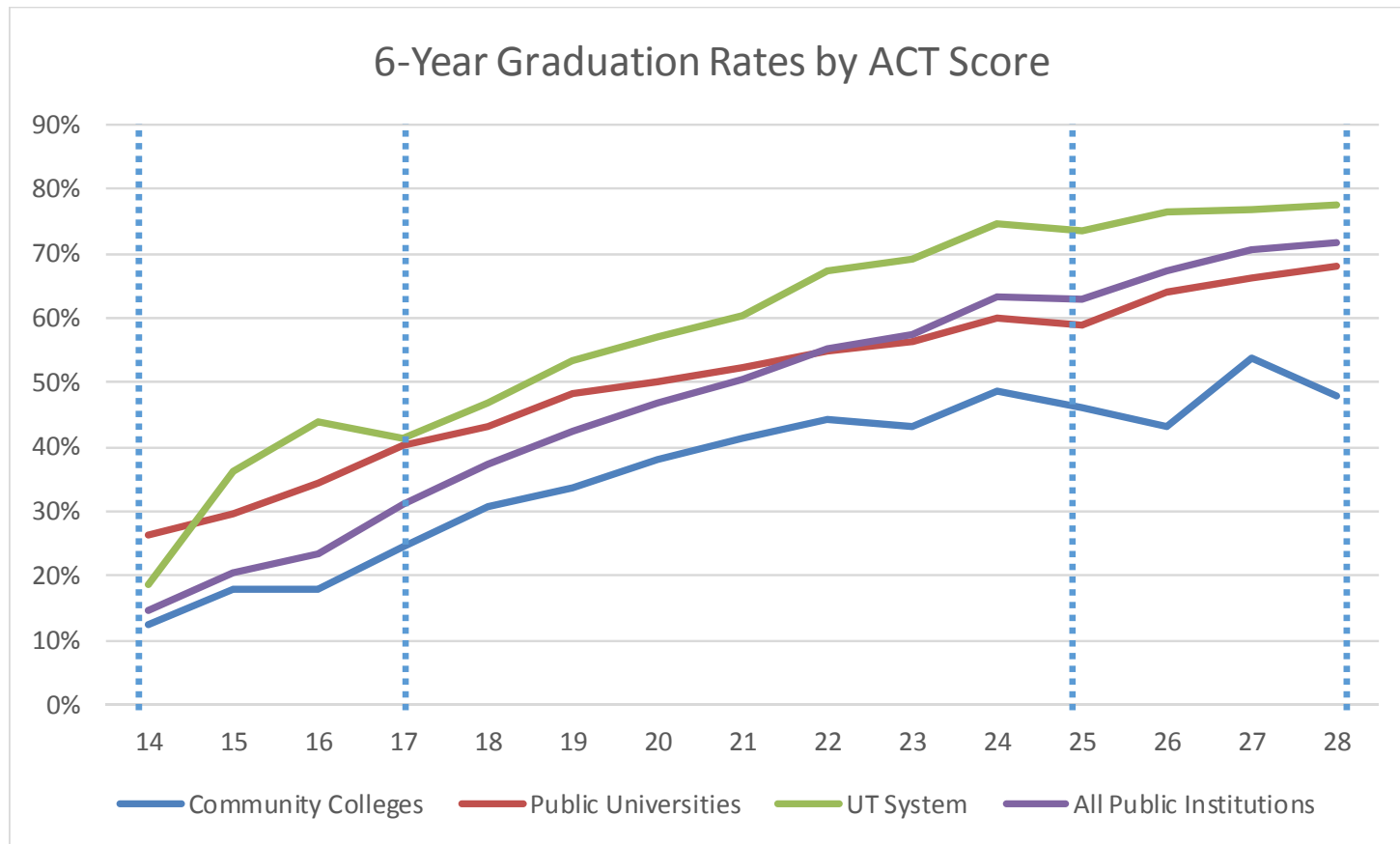
Only one of twenty African American students enrolled in community college in Tennessee attains a degree within three years.⁸

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- 11% Did Not Graduate From High School
- 37% Did Not Enroll in College
- 63% Enrolled in College
- 28% Graduated From College

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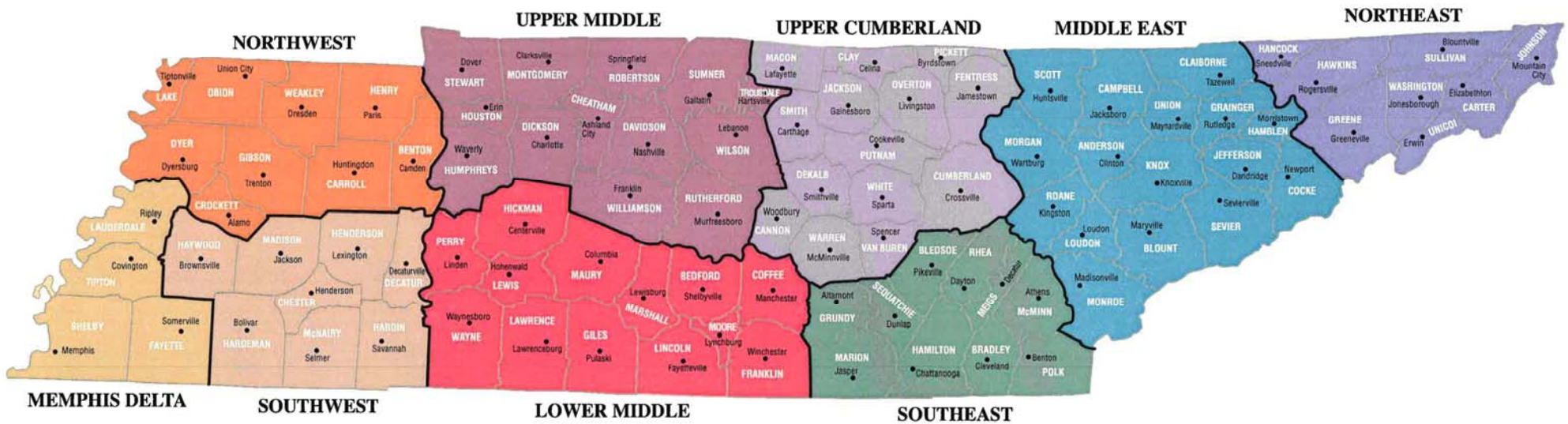
State of Higher Education in Tennessee 2017 Listening Tour

Goals:

1. formally introduce Complete Tennessee to communities across the state;
2. gather the feedback necessary to develop an actionable long-term engagement strategy, and;
3. begin the work of developing community-based completion strategies in each of the nine regions

ECD Region	City	Date	Location
Northwest	Union City	Wednesday, January 18, 2017	Discovery Park of America
Southern Middle	Spring Hill	Wednesday, February 1, 2017	Workforce Development & Conference Center at Northfield
Southwest	Jackson	Tuesday, February 7, 2017	Jackson Chamber of Commerce
East	Knoxville	Wednesday, February 15, 2017	<u>Pellissippi</u> State Community College, Hardin Valley
Upper Cumberland	Cookeville	Wednesday, March 1, 2017	Cookeville Chamber of Commerce
Northeast	Greeneville	Wednesday, March 8, 2017	General Morgan Inn & Conference Center
Southeast	Chattanooga	Wednesday, March 29, 2017	TBD: Chattanooga State Community College
Memphis Delta	Memphis	Wednesday, April 12, 2017 <i>tentative</i>	TBD: University of Memphis
Upper Middle	Nashville	Wednesday, April 19, 2017 <i>tentative</i>	TBD

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Leadership Development

- **Complete Tennessee Leadership Academy (CTLA)**
 - Memphis: Doing Education Differently
 - Knoxville: The Student Experience
 - Nashville: Our Future Workforce
 - Chattanooga: Community Ownership of Attainment Goals
 - Sewanee: Tennessee & America's College Promise Movement
- **Tennessee Legislative Staff Education Institute**



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Questions & Comments

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