



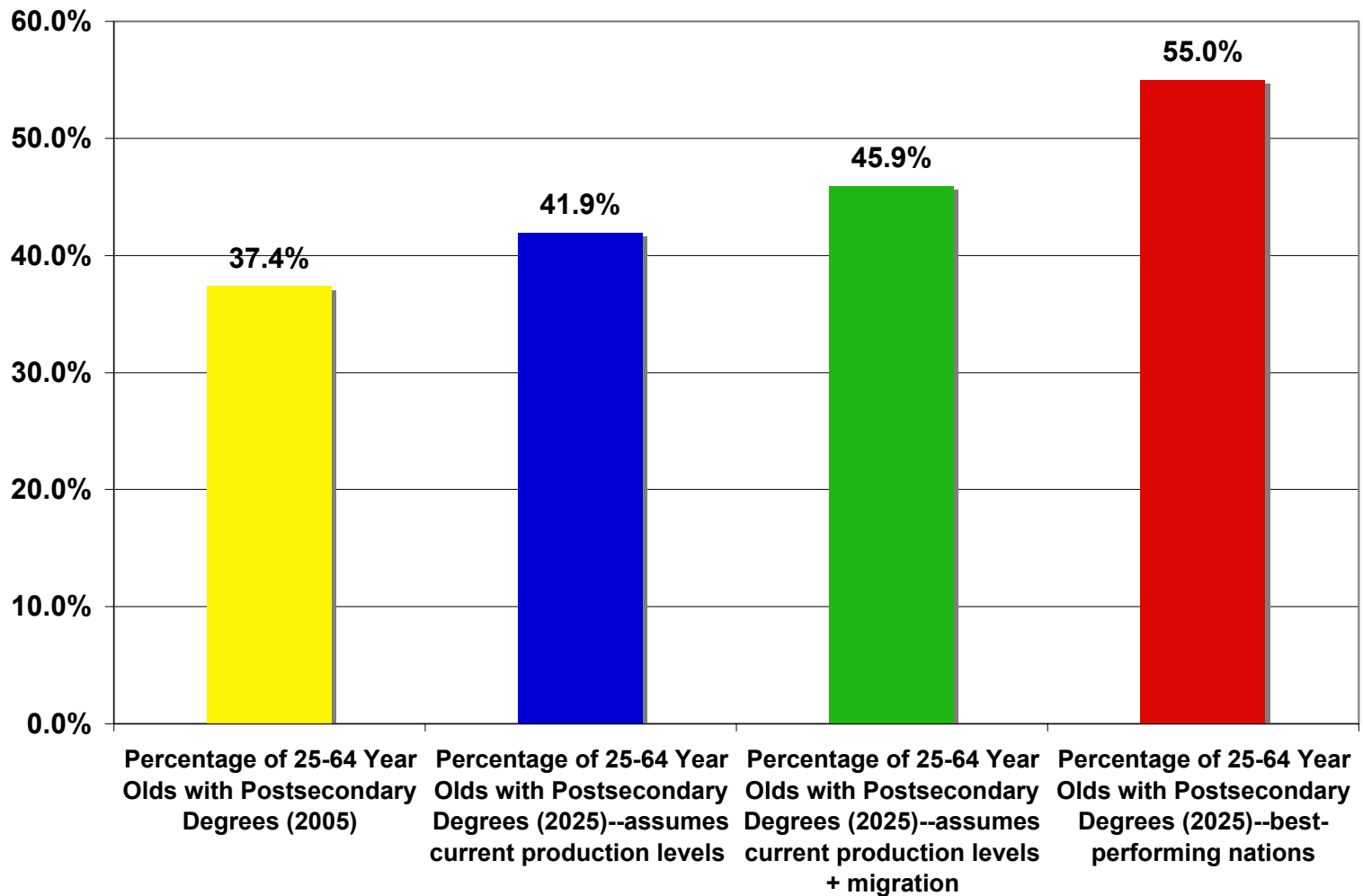
Sealing the Cracks in the Educational Pipeline

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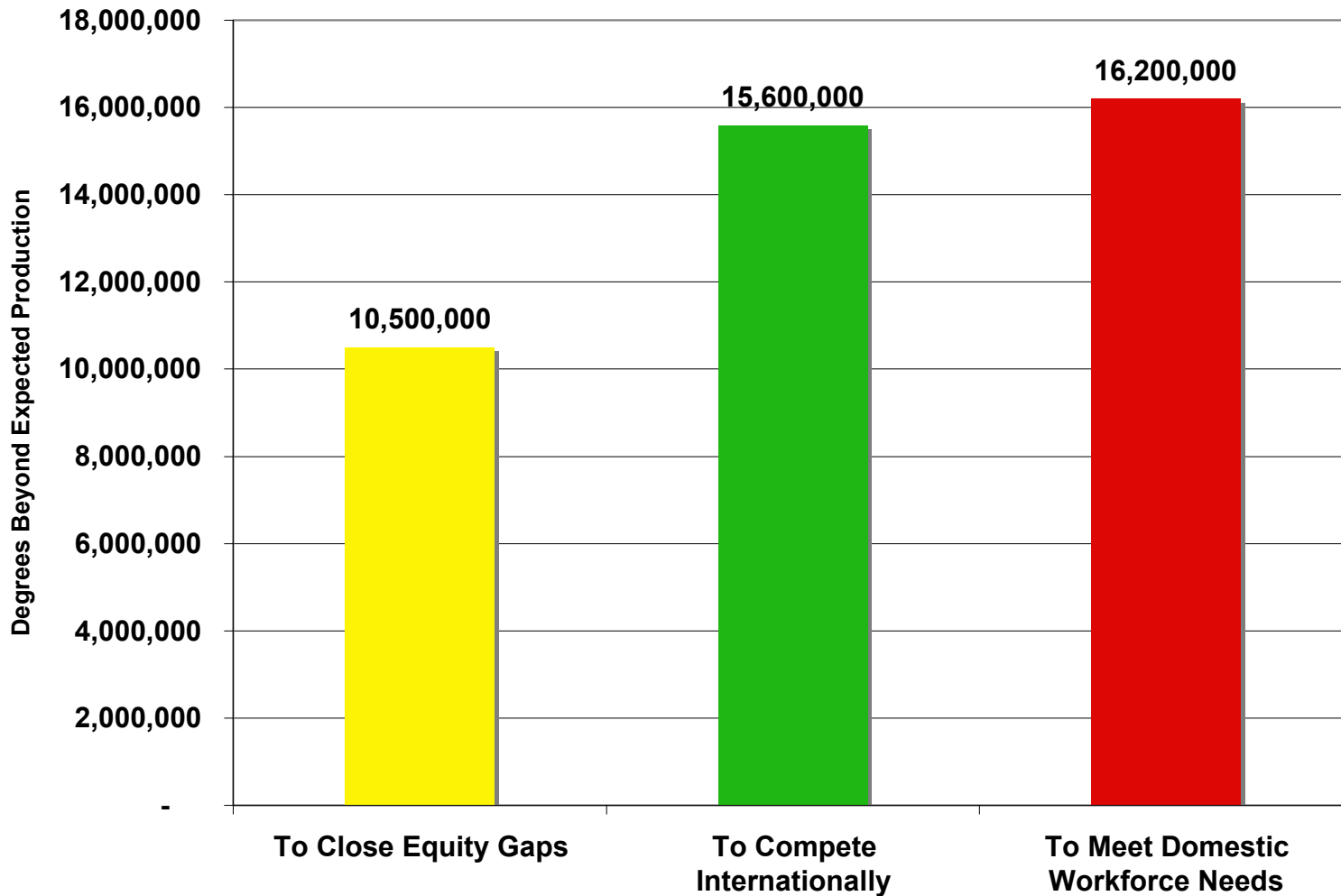
The U.S. Attainment Challenge



SOURCES: USDOE, U.S. Census Bureau, NCHES



Closing the Gap--Number of Degrees Required Beyond Expected Production, 2005-2025



SOURCE: NCHEMS



Pipeline Improvement Strategies

- Implement or Strengthen Accelerated Learning Options
 - Early College High Schools
 - Dual/Concurrent Enrollment
- Develop--and Use--Better Data to Guide Academic and Finance Policy
 - Community College Data Project
 - Making Opportunity Affordable



Accelerated Learning Options

- Early College High Schools (ECHS)
 - Approach that combines secondary and up to two years of postsecondary coursework in a single program
 - Focuses on underrepresented student groups
 - 2006-07: 130 schools in 24 states serving 16,000 students
 - Preliminary results: attendance rates over 90%; college course enrollment rate near 90%; promotion rates exceed 90%; ROI analysis shows positive results
 - Challenges remain in postsecondary transition, success

www.earlycolleges.org



Accelerated Learning Options

- Dual/Concurrent Enrollment
 - Access to college coursework while in high school
 - 40 states currently have programs serving more than 1M students; program scope, structure, financing vary widely
 - Significant opportunity for scaling BUT issues need to be understood and resolved: finance, accountability, quality assurance, program consistency within states

http://www.wiche.edu/Policy/Accelerated_Learning/



Better Data, Better Decisions

- Community College Data Project--12-state collaborative to develop common performance measures that move beyond federal Student Right to Know measures
 - Testing key predictors of student success (e.g. earning 12 credit hours, passing math/English gatekeeper courses)
 - Predictors can then be used to guide interventions



Better Data, Better Decisions

- Making Opportunity Affordable--Major Lumina Foundation initiative focusing on attainment, cost, and quality
- Focus on spending and results, rather than revenues and inputs
 - National database on trends in institutional spending and student results
 - Template for gauging ROI of programs that promote student retention and completion

www.makingopportunityaffordable.org



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