

Residency in Washington

Washington Student Achievement Council

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The Student Achievement Council, with the advice of the Attorney General, shall:

- **adopt rules** to be used by the state's institutions for determining a student's resident and nonresident status and for recovery of fees for improper classification of residency;
- **apply uniform rules** as prescribed in law.

Equity

- Ensure students are treated fairly in the residency determination process.
- Provide institutions with clear rules to ensure they are in compliance with state law.

Fiscal responsibility

- Ensure taxpayer supported subsidy benefits Washington residents rather than individuals who move to the state solely for educational purposes.

Dependent students

- One or both parents have maintained a 'domicile' in Washington for at least a year prior to postsecondary enrollment.

Independent students

- Must have maintained a 'domicile' in Washington at least a year prior to postsecondary enrollment.

Apply to students who have either

- a) Completed the full senior year of high school and obtained a high school diploma, **or**
- b) Have received the equivalent of a diploma

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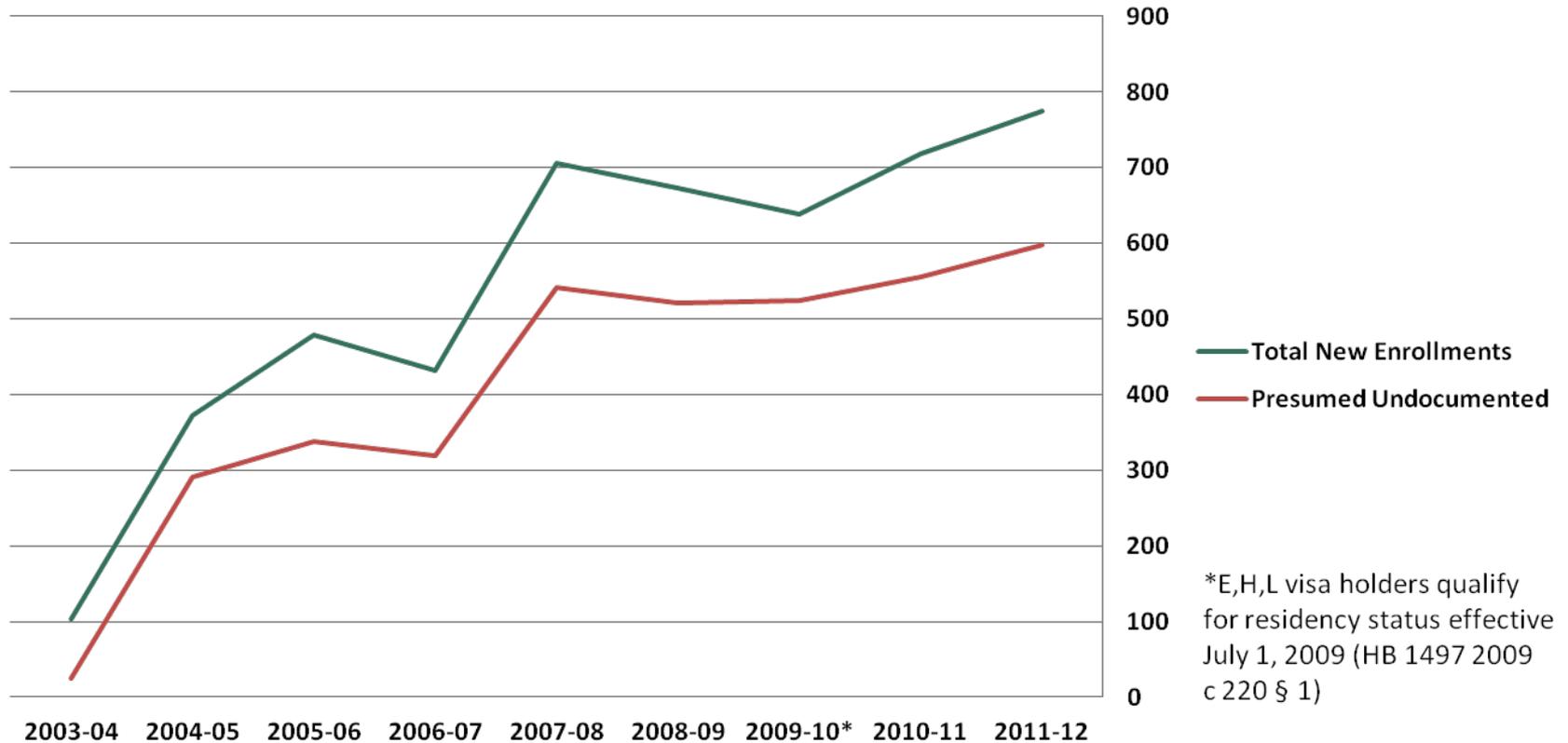
- lived in Washington for at least 3 years immediately prior to receiving the diploma or its equivalent;
- continuously lived in Washington after receiving the diploma or its equivalent;
- submitted affidavit indicating they will file an application to become a permanent resident at the earliest opportunity they are eligible to do so;
- are willing to engage in any other activities necessary to acquire citizenship, including but not limited to citizenship or civics review courses.

Students from varied backgrounds are eligible to receive in-state tuition:

- Individuals with (E)(iii), (H)(i), or (L) visa or spouse or child with lawful non-immigrant status;
- Active duty military personnel stationed in Washington or certain Oregon counties, or spouse or dependent of qualifying military personnel;
- An out-of-state student enrolled under a 'home tuition' agreement; and
- A tribal member from a neighboring state if tribe has historic land in Washington.

**1079 affidavits have increased since 2003.
Majority are presumed undocumented.**

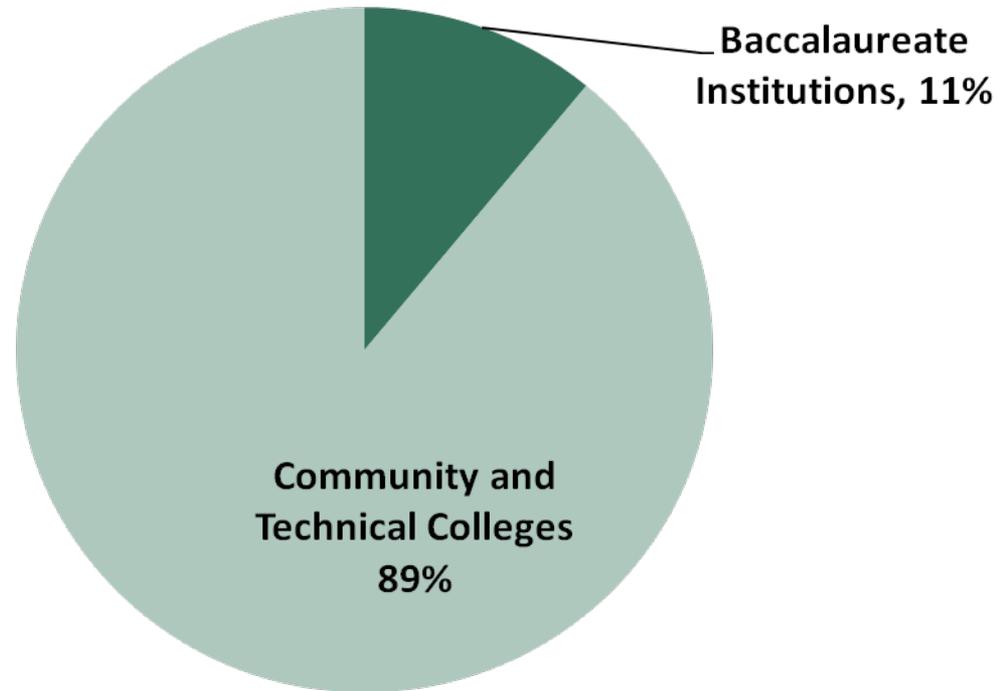
1079 Affidavits 2003-2012



1079 Applicants

Majority of 1079 affidavits are received by the
community and technical colleges

2011-12 Affidavits by Sector



- Residency decisions are *not transferrable* from one institution to the next.
- Decisions are institutional. There is *no state level authority* for residency decisions.
- *Waiting period* for separating military personnel.
- Advocacy groups are seeking changes in which students classified as residents should benefit from *State Financial Aid* programs.

Thank You!

Questions?