



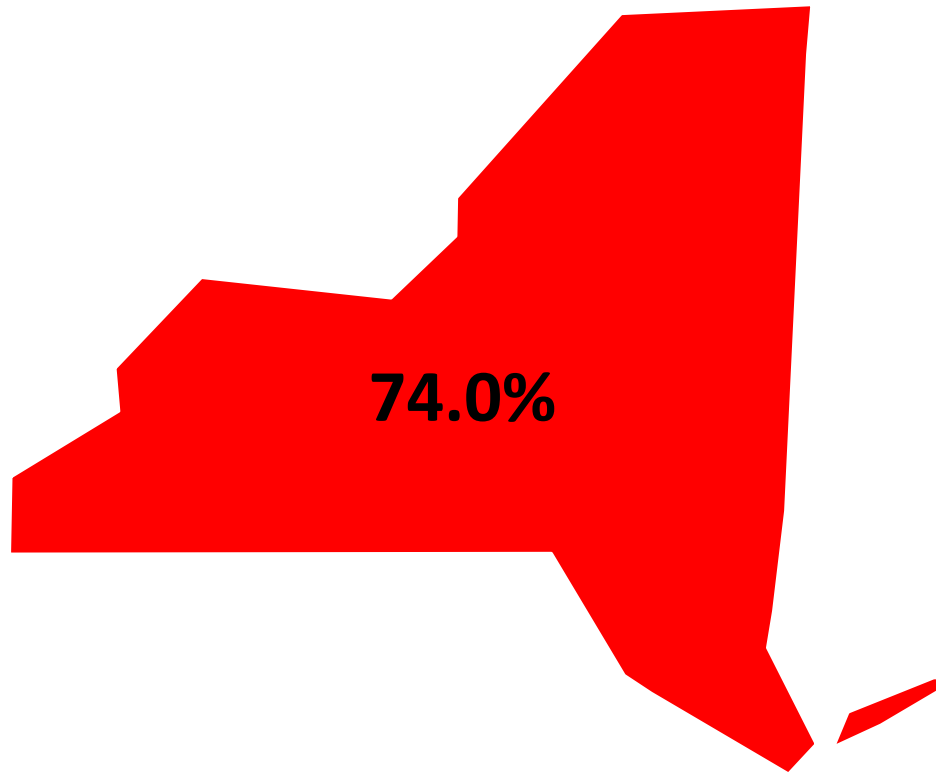
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The Graduation Crisis in New York State

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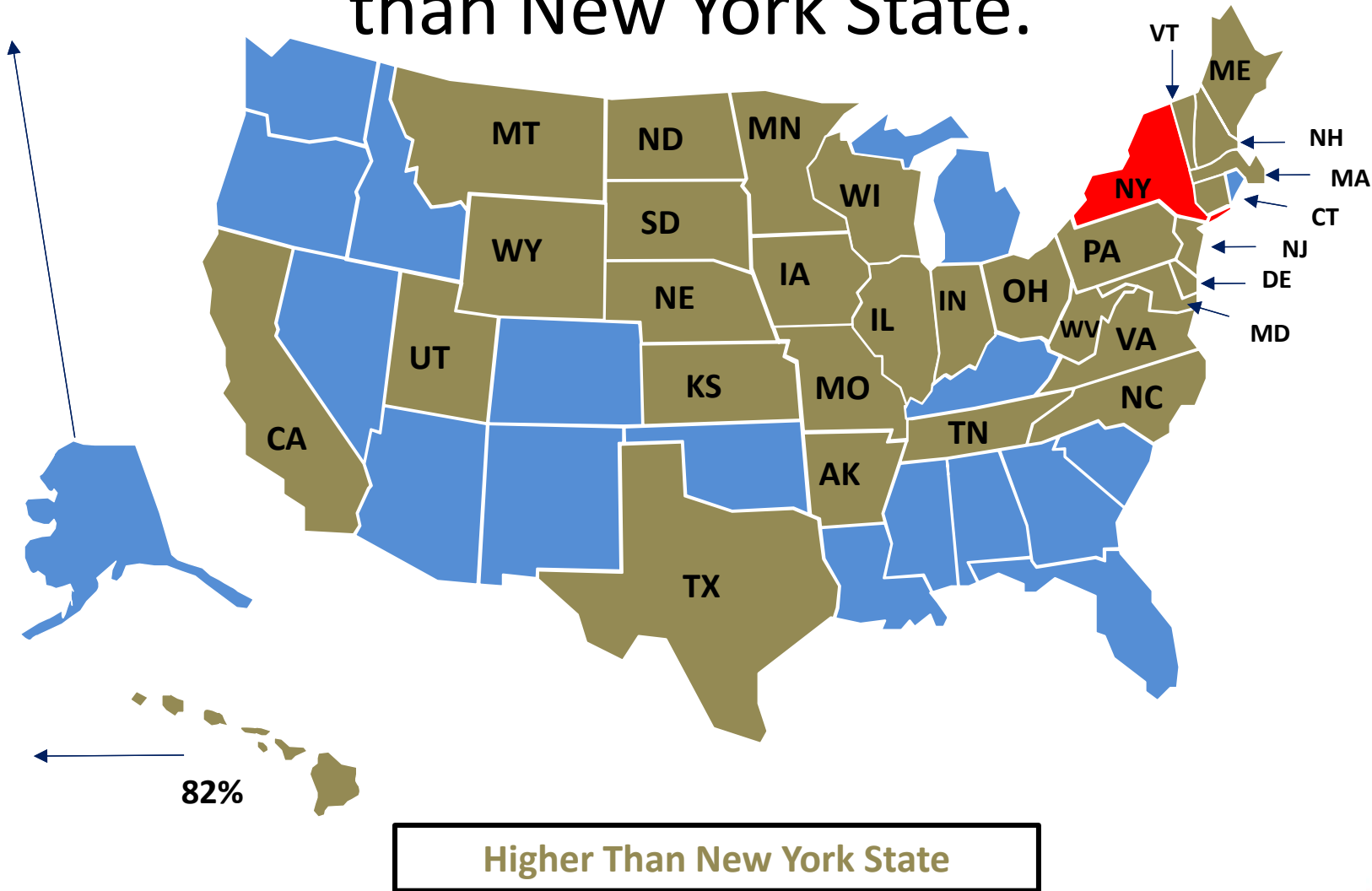
New York State High School Graduation Rate



Source: New York State Education Department, Graduation Rates (2008 Cohort), 2013.



31 States have Graduation Rates Higher than New York State.

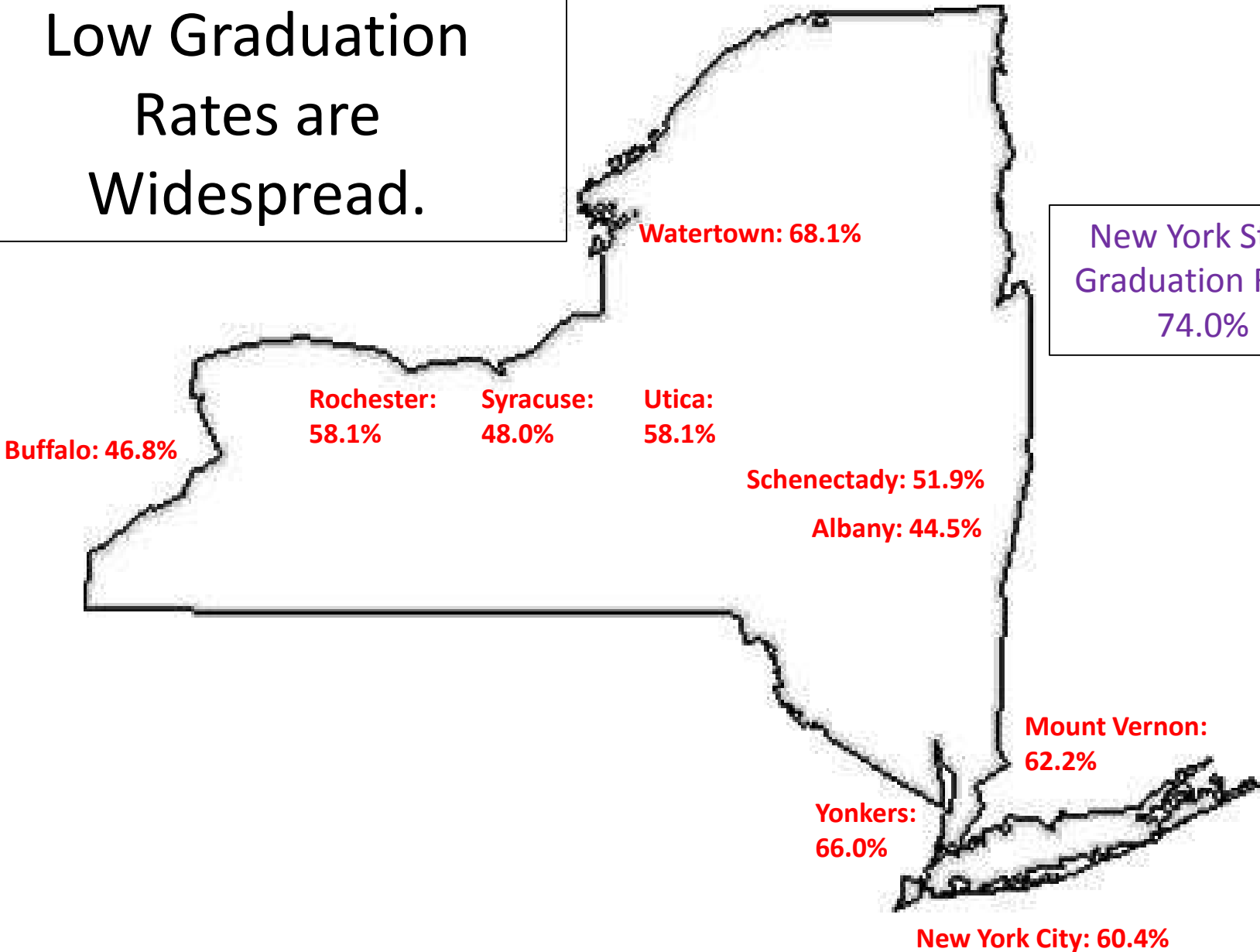


Source: U.S Department of Education (2013)



Low Graduation Rates are Widespread.

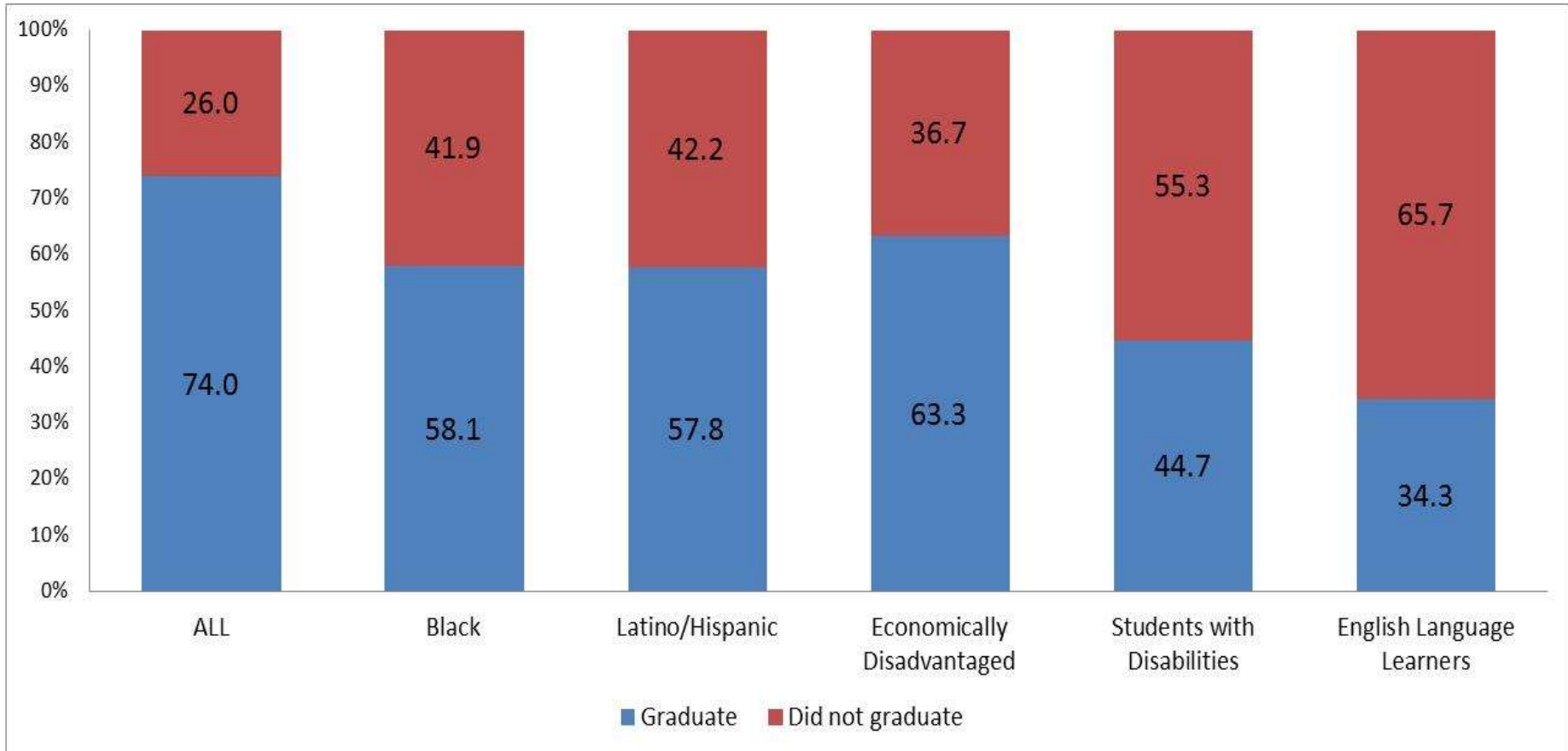
New York State Graduation Rate: 74.0%



Source: New York State Education Department, Graduation Rates (2008 Cohort), (2013).



New York State has Wide Disparities in 4-year Graduation Rates by Subgroup.

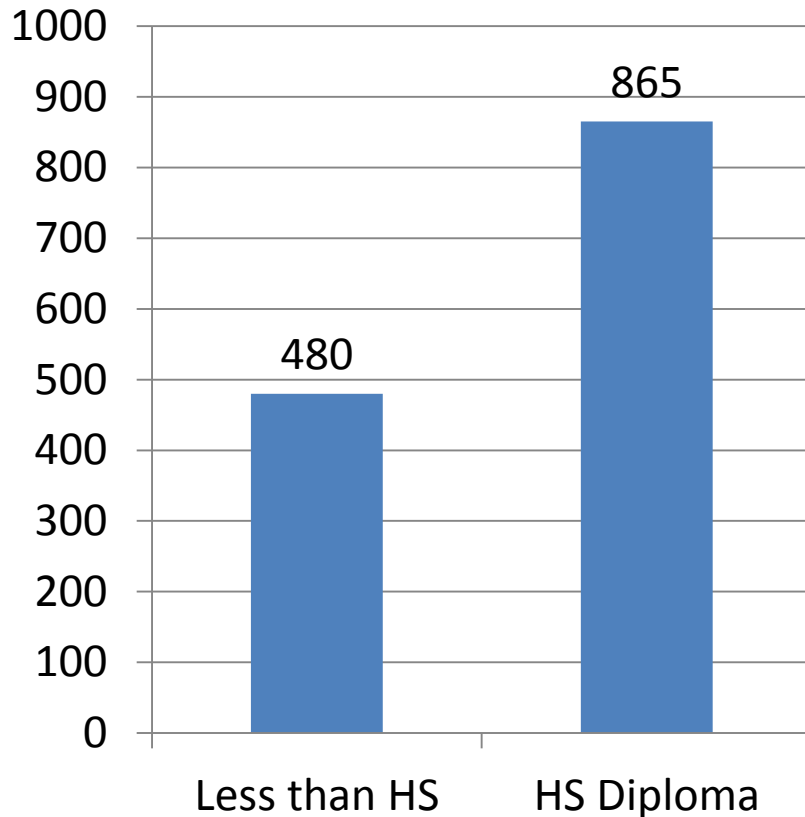


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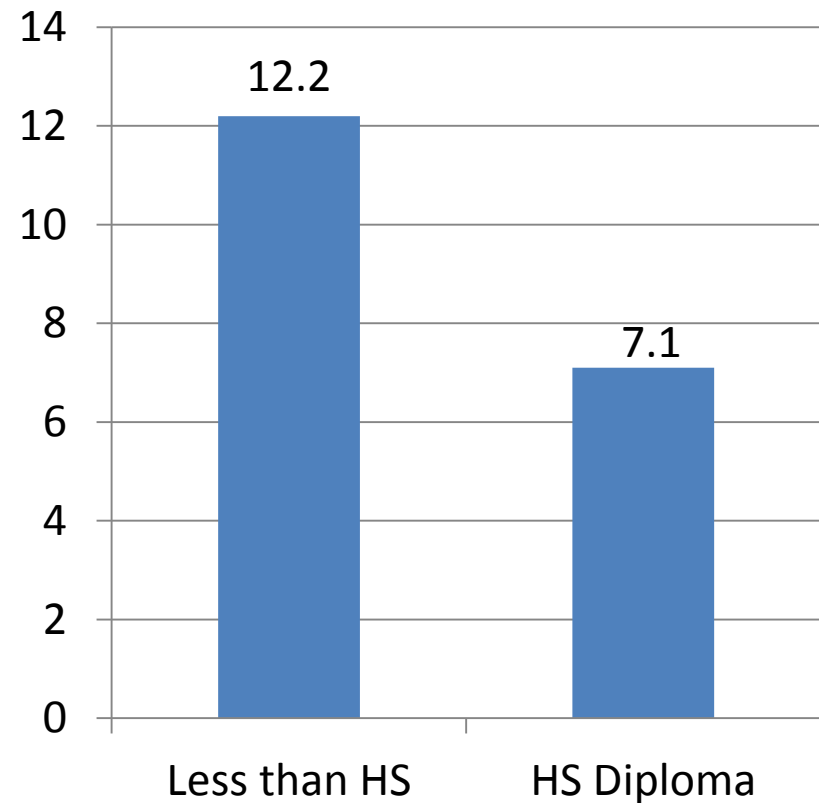


In New York State, Students Without a HS Diploma are More Likely to Be Low-Income and Unemployed.

Median Weekly Income \$



NYS Unemployment Rate

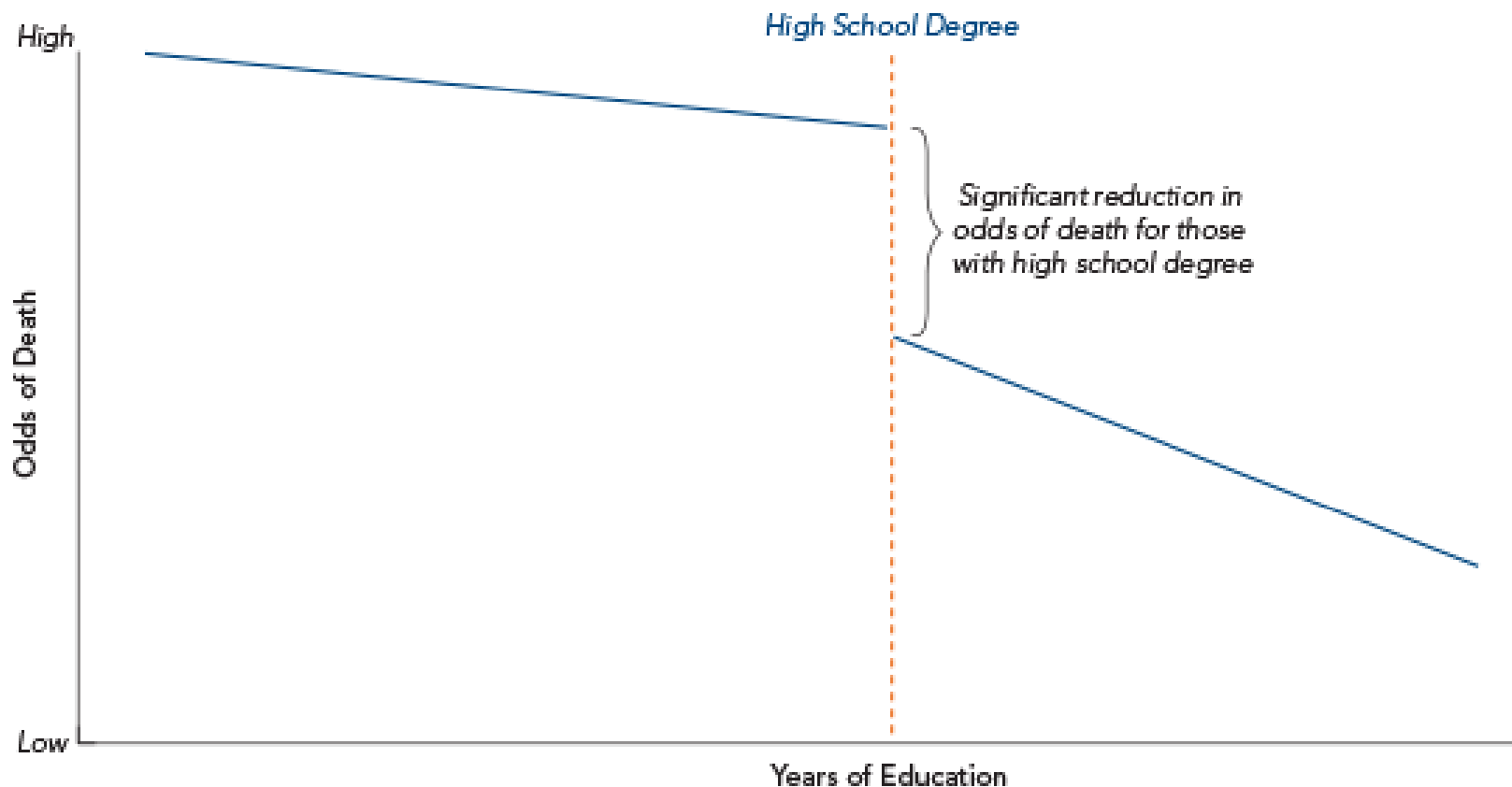


Source: Current Population Survey (2012). U.S. Census Bureau.

Source: Alliance for Excellent Education (2011).



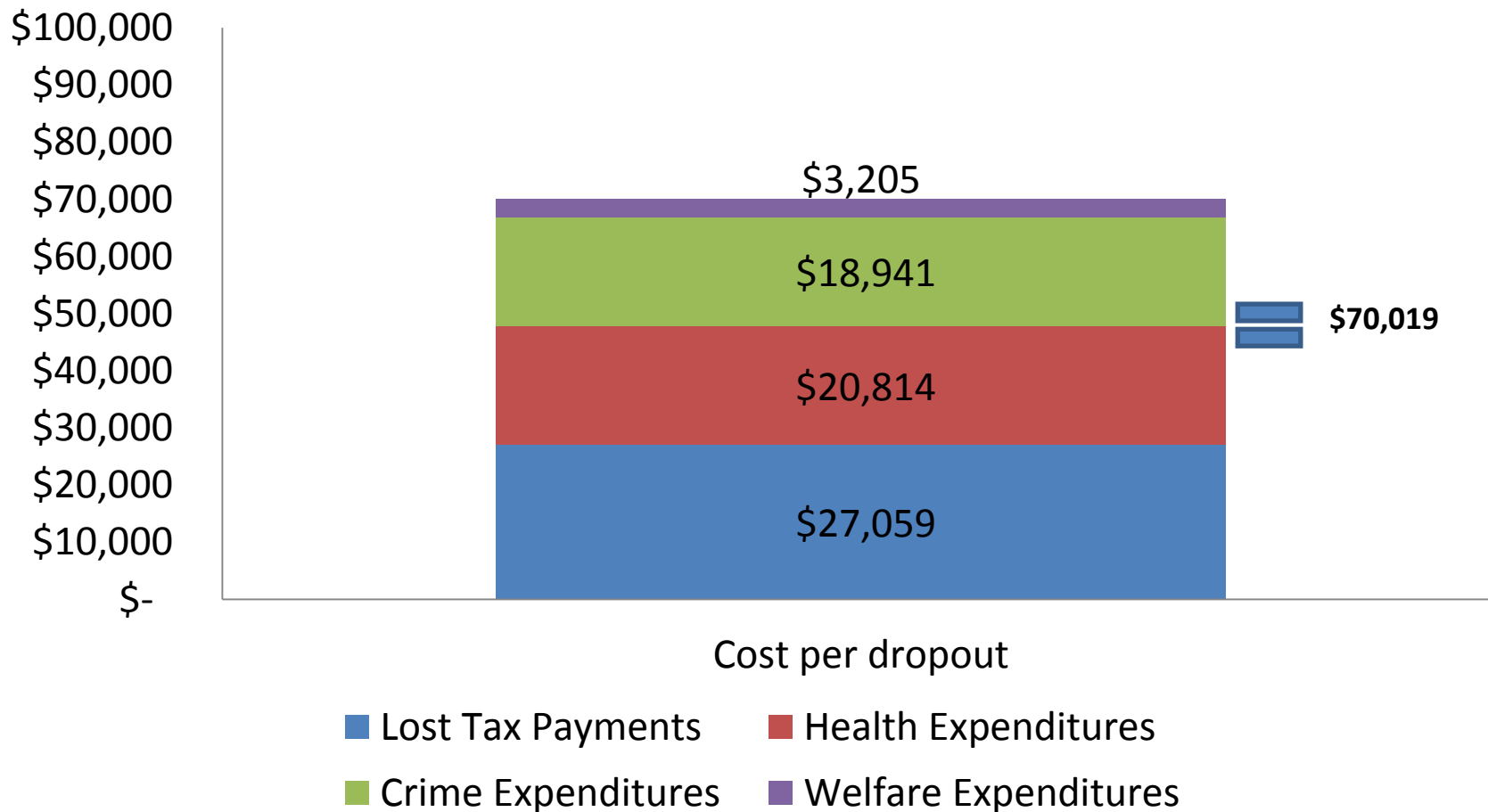
Students Without a HS Diploma Face Higher Mortality Rates.



Source: J. K. Montez et al., "Educational Attainment and Adult Mortality in the United States: A Systematic Analysis of Functional Form," *Demography* 49, no. 1 (2012): 315-36.



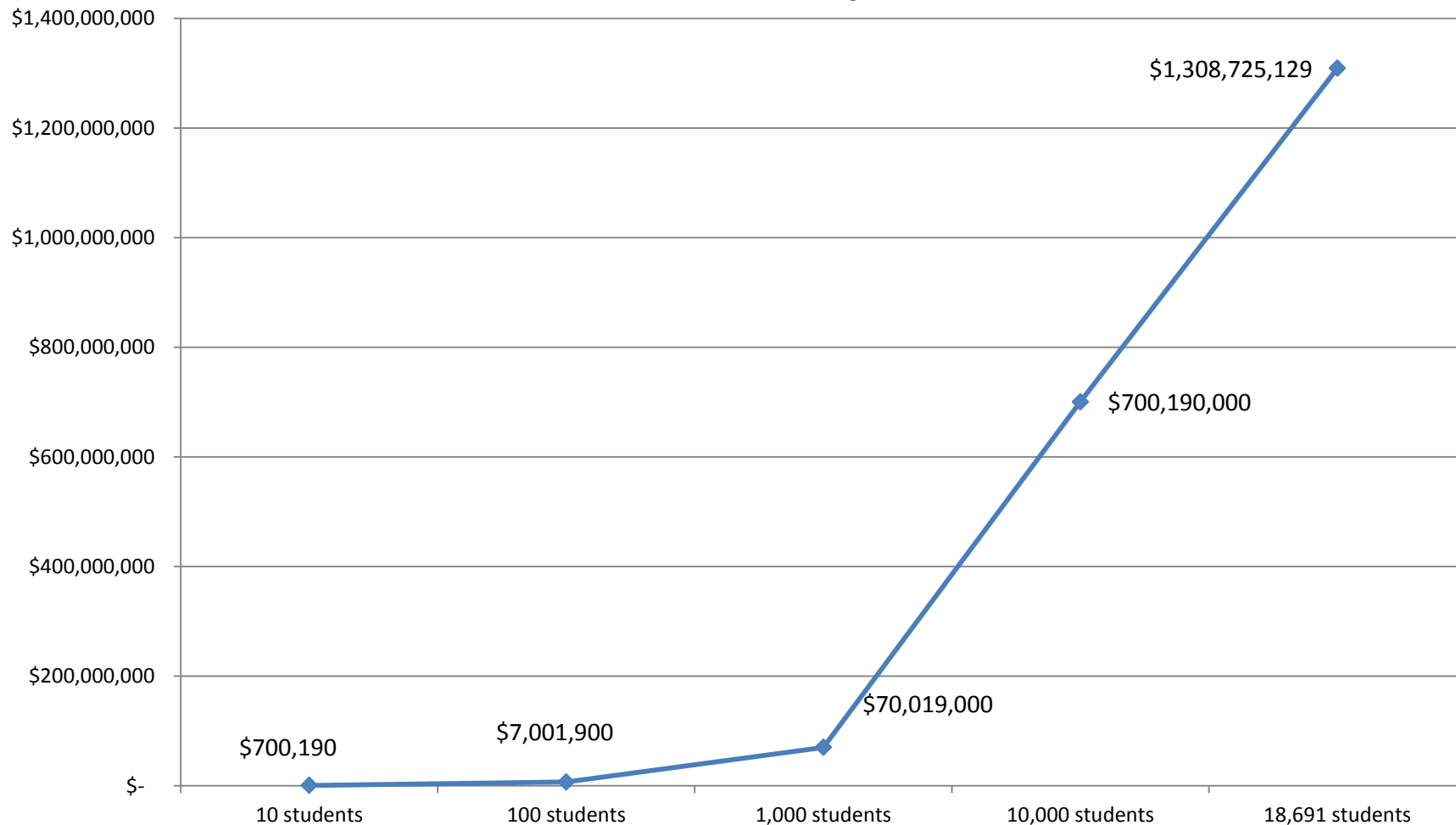
Each Student Without a HS Diploma Costs New York State at least \$70K.



Source: Belfield (2007); Muennig (2005); Unpublished Advocates for Children Analysis (2013)



For Each Cohort, these Costs Add Up to At Least \$1.3B.



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New York State Graduation Requirements Remain Burdensome

- Exit Exams
 - NYS requires 5 exit exams.
 - States with exit exams tend to have lower graduation rates.
 - Only one state requires more exit exams than NY.
- Multiple Pathways
 - NYS offers no meaningful alternative for ALL students to demonstrate proficiency.
 - Many states with exit exams offer students alternative ways to demonstrate proficiency of state standards.

