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Fall in  FAFSA Frenzy Webinar:
Data!

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FAFSA Key Dates

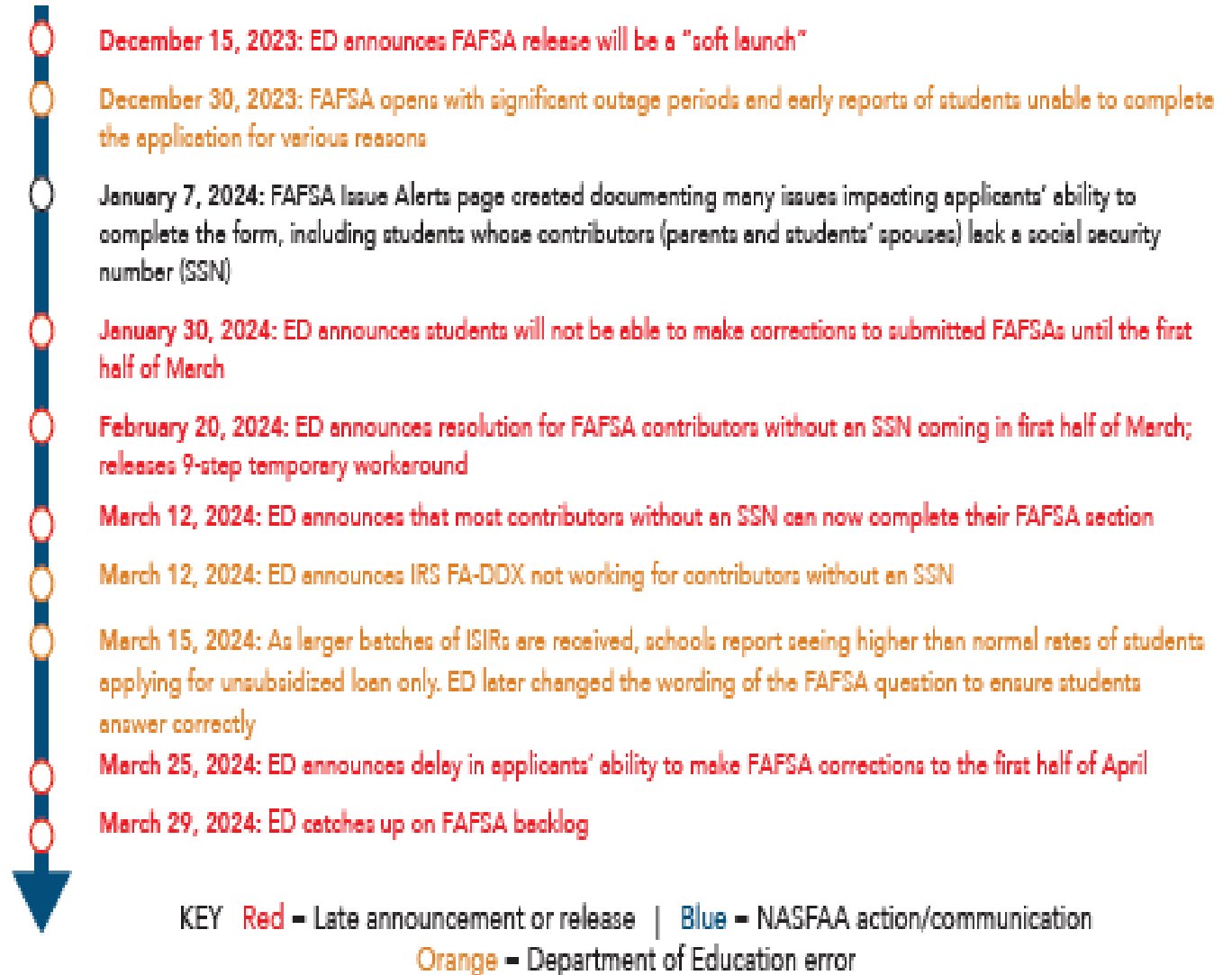
In a normal processing year, the FAFSA is released on October 1. Students complete the FAFSA, the FAFSA is processed, and ISIRs are generated within 3-5 business days and sent to institutions. Applicants and institutions are typically able to make corrections to the FAFSA immediately after it is processed. Below is a timeline of the 2024-25 cycle.

The Better FAFSA: 24-25 Cycle Timeline

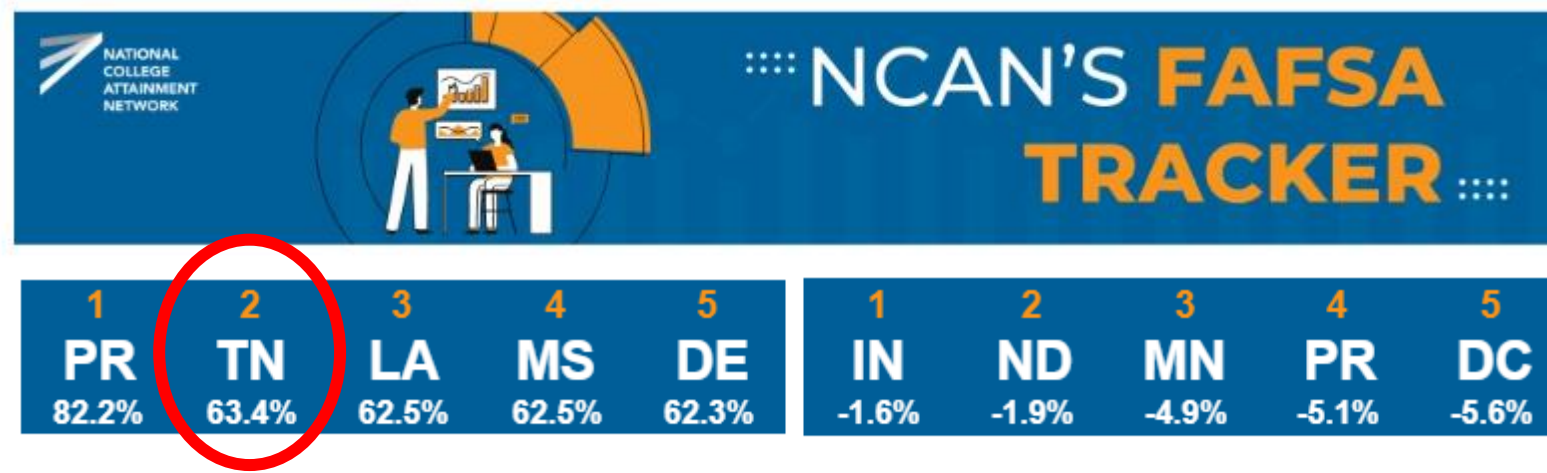
KEY **Red** = Late announcement or release | **Blue** = NASFAA action/communication
Orange = Department of Education error

- December 27, 2020:** Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 signed into law; includes FAFSA Simplification Act
- January 19, 2021:** NASFAA includes FAFSA simplification as a top priority in a brief prepared for incoming Biden administration
- March 15, 2021:** Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 includes technical revisions to the FAFSA Simplification Act including delaying implementation for FAFSA and SAI formula provisions to 2024-25
- November 28 - December 1, 2022:** ED does not commit to October 1 FAFSA release date at its annual FSA Training Conference; shares vague dates for release of FAFSA-related documentation that do not appear to allow for an October 1 launch
- December 14, 2022:** NASFAA and NCAN send joint letter to White House asking for confirmation of whether 2024-25 FAFSA launch will occur on October 1
- February 7, 2023:** ED officials refuse to commit to October 1 FAFSA release date for 2024-25 at NASFAA's Leadership & Legislative Conference & Expo
- March 15, 2023:** NASFAA & other higher education organizations send a joint letter to ED asking for commitment on FAFSA release date
- March 21, 2023:** ED releases Better FAFSA Better FUTURE Roadmap with announcement of December FAFSA launch
- March 27, 2023:** ED releases 2024-25 paper draft FAFSA for 60-day public comment period
- September 18, 2023:** ED releases second draft paper FAFSA for 30-day comment period
- October 13, 2023:** NASFAA & other higher education organizations urge ED to provide specific FAFSA release date
- November 15, 2023:** ED announces 2024-25 FAFSA will be available by December 31. Students will also be unable to make corrections to submitted FAFSAs until late January
- November 17, 2023:** NASFAA joins other higher organizations in joint letter requesting more detailed information about timelines

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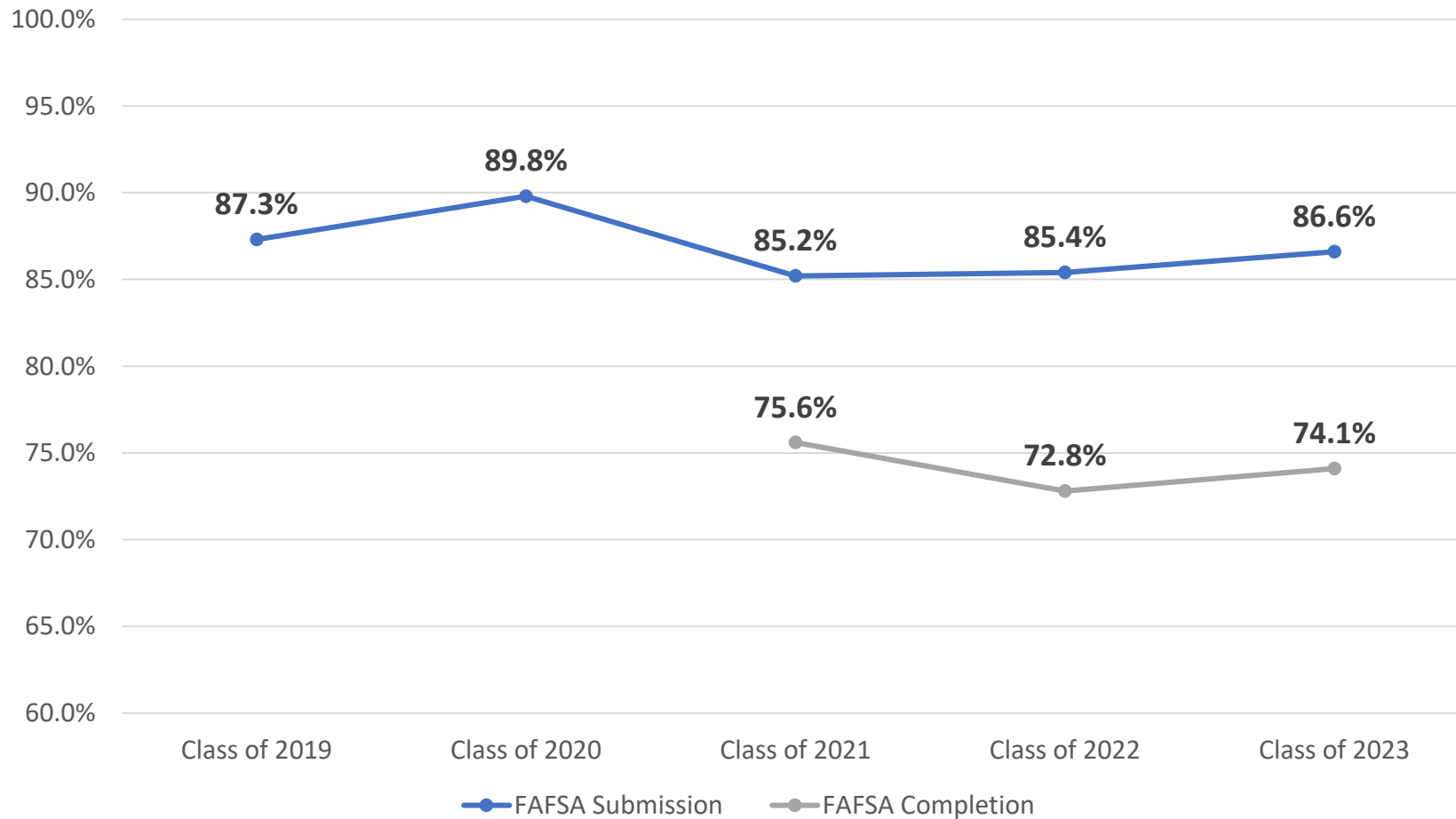
TN Leads the Nation in FAFSA Completion



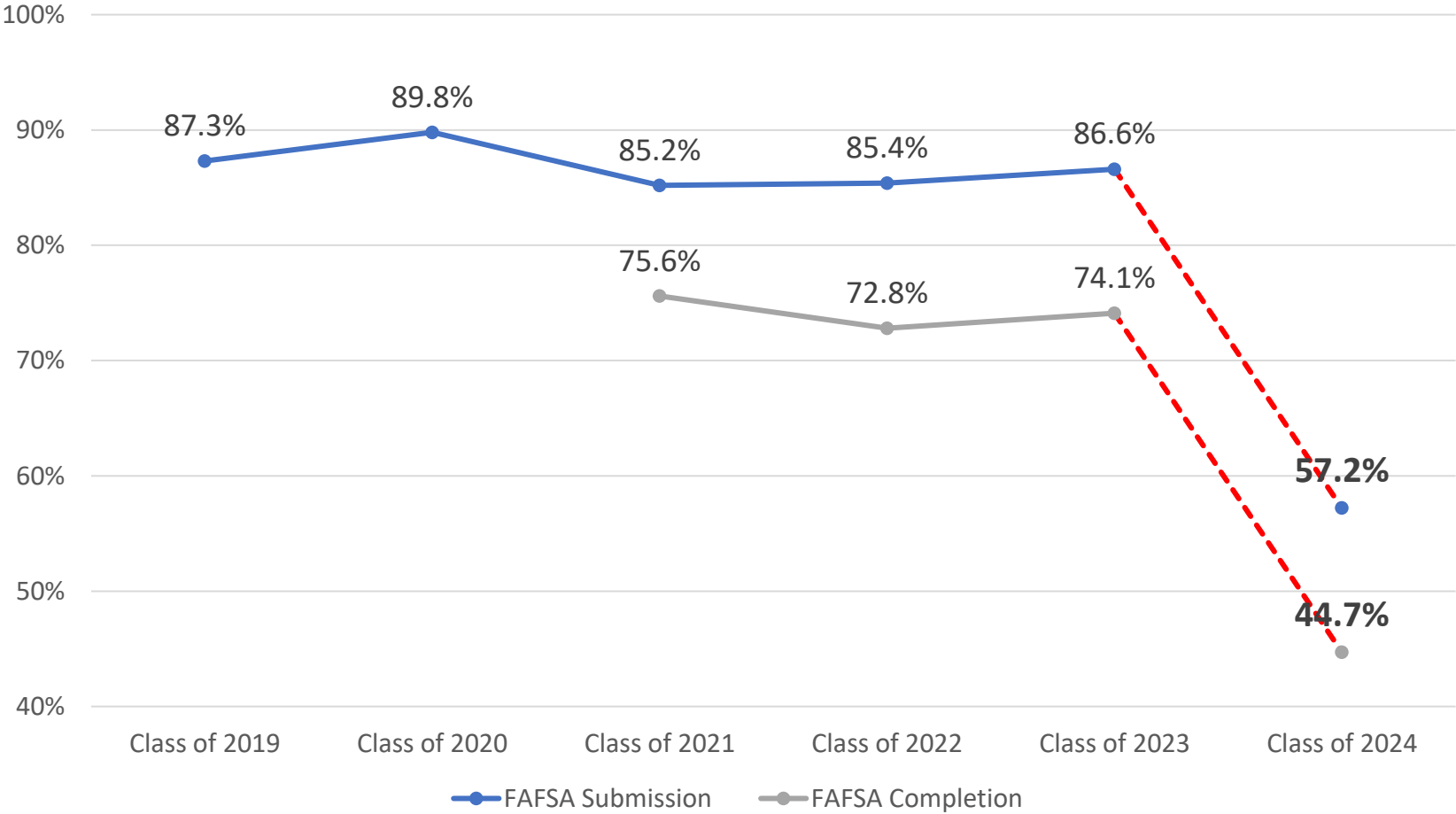
	Rank	% of Seniors Completing
Puerto Rico	1	82.2%
Tennessee	2	63.4%
Louisiana	3	62.5%
Mississippi	4	62.5%
Delaware	5	62.3%
Washington, D.C.	6	61.0%
Illinois	7	60.4%
Texas	8	59.9%
Connecticut	9	59.5%
New Jersey	10	59.4%

	Rank	Y/Y % Chg
Indiana	1	-1.6%
North Dakota	2	-1.9%
Minnesota	3	-4.9%
Puerto Rico	4	-5.1%
Washington, D.C.	5	-5.6%
Michigan	6	-5.9%
Oregon	7	-6.6%
Utah	8	-6.9%
California	9	-7.0%
Wyoming	10	-8.1%

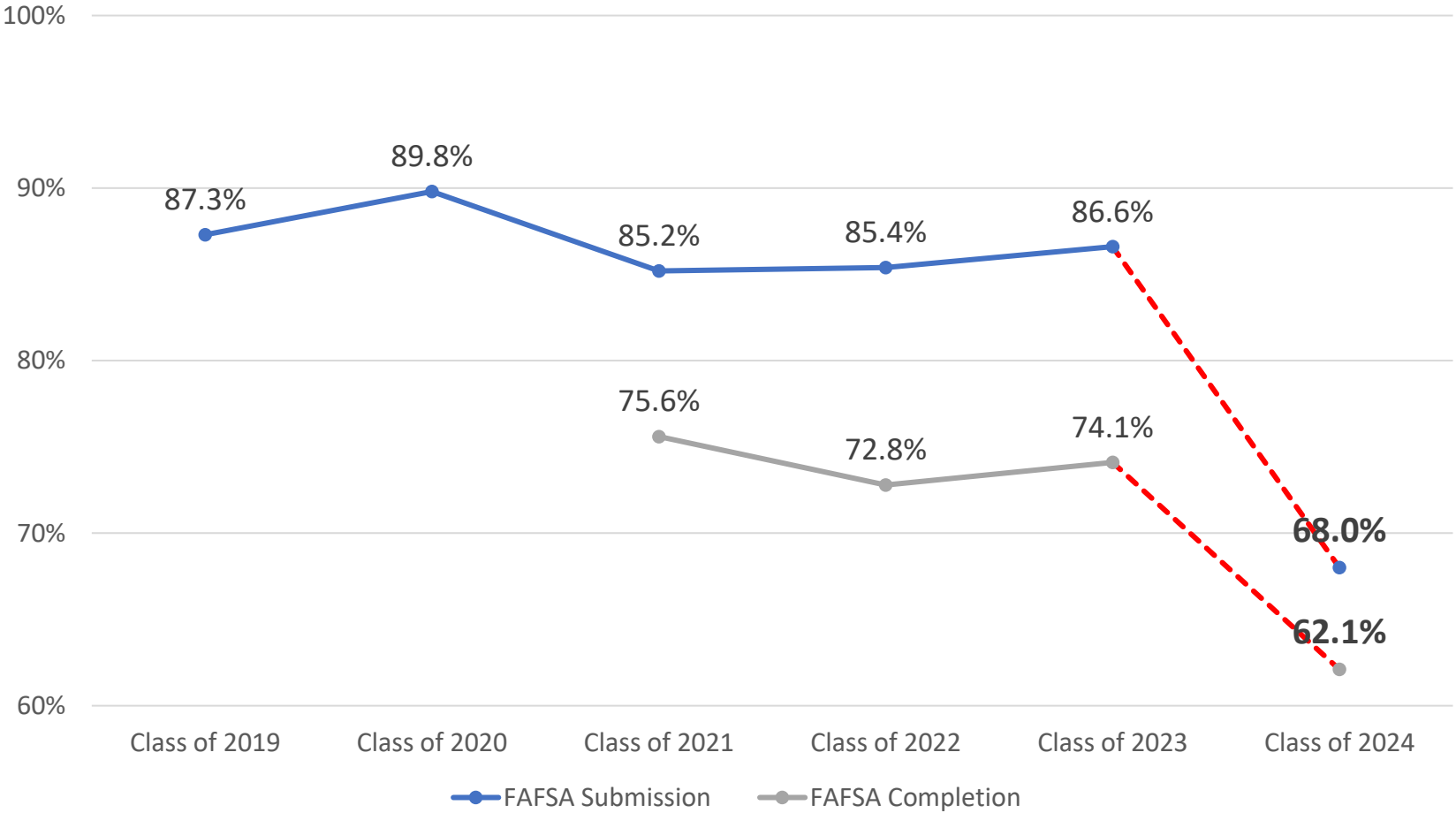
FAFSA Filing Among TN Promise Applicants (at the FAFSA deadline)



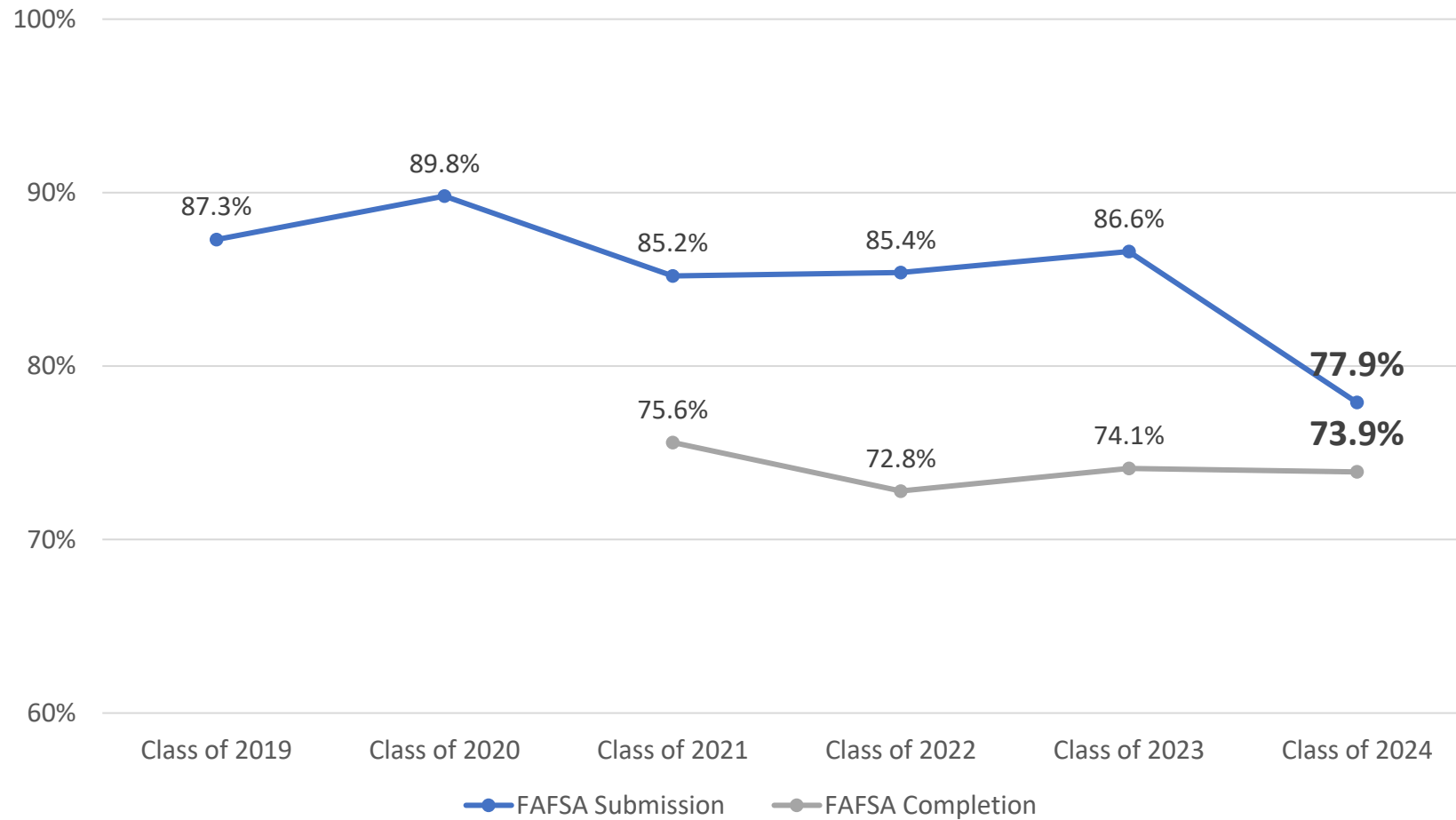
Class of 2024 FAFSA Filing Among TN Promise Applicants – Original April 15 Deadline



Class of 2024 FAFSA Filing Among TN Promise Applicants – First Deadline Extension to May 15



Class of 2024 FAFSA Filing Among TN Promise Applicants – Final August 1 Deadline



TN FAFSA Frenzy

Collaborative, cross-sector collaboration that aims to increase FAFSA filing among high school seniors



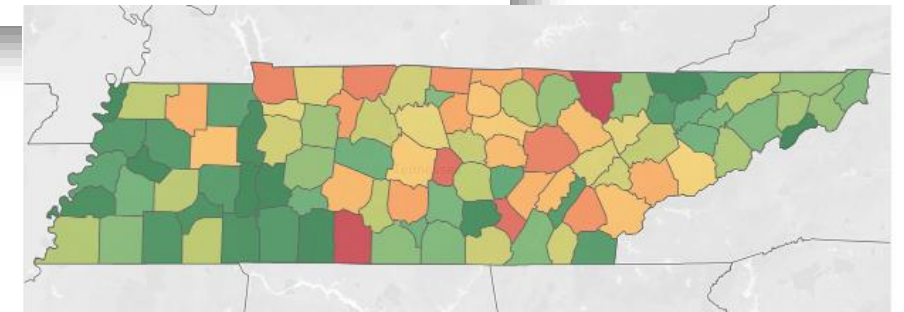
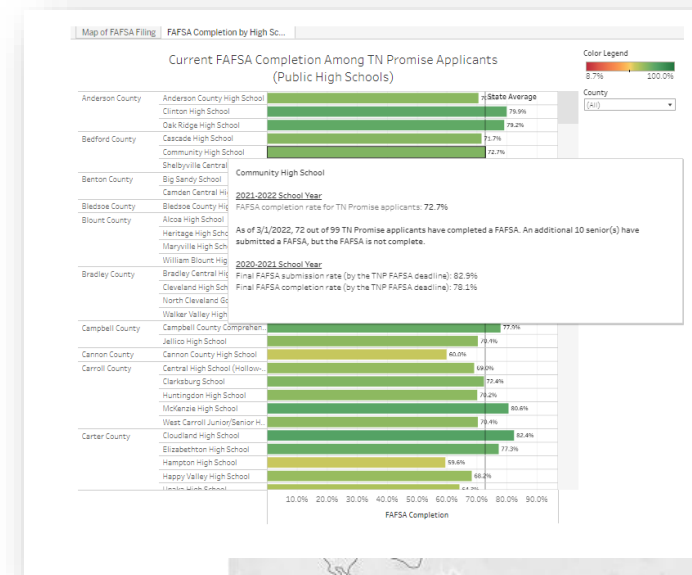
Collaboration – THEC, TSAC, TDOE, SCORE, TBR, Ayers, tnAchieves, K12, counselors

Resources – Path to College mailing, Toolkit, CollegeforTN.org, student resources, Webinars

Communications – Email communications, social media campaign, texting students

Data – Public dashboard with FAFSA filing data, updated

Targeted High School Outreach – Weekly emails to principals and school counselors with current FAFSA filing rates, student-level data in FAST, TN FAFSA Challenge



FAFSA Resources



www.ncan.org/page/FAFSATracker



www.CollegeforTN.org

Questions?

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