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# Academic Leadership Councils

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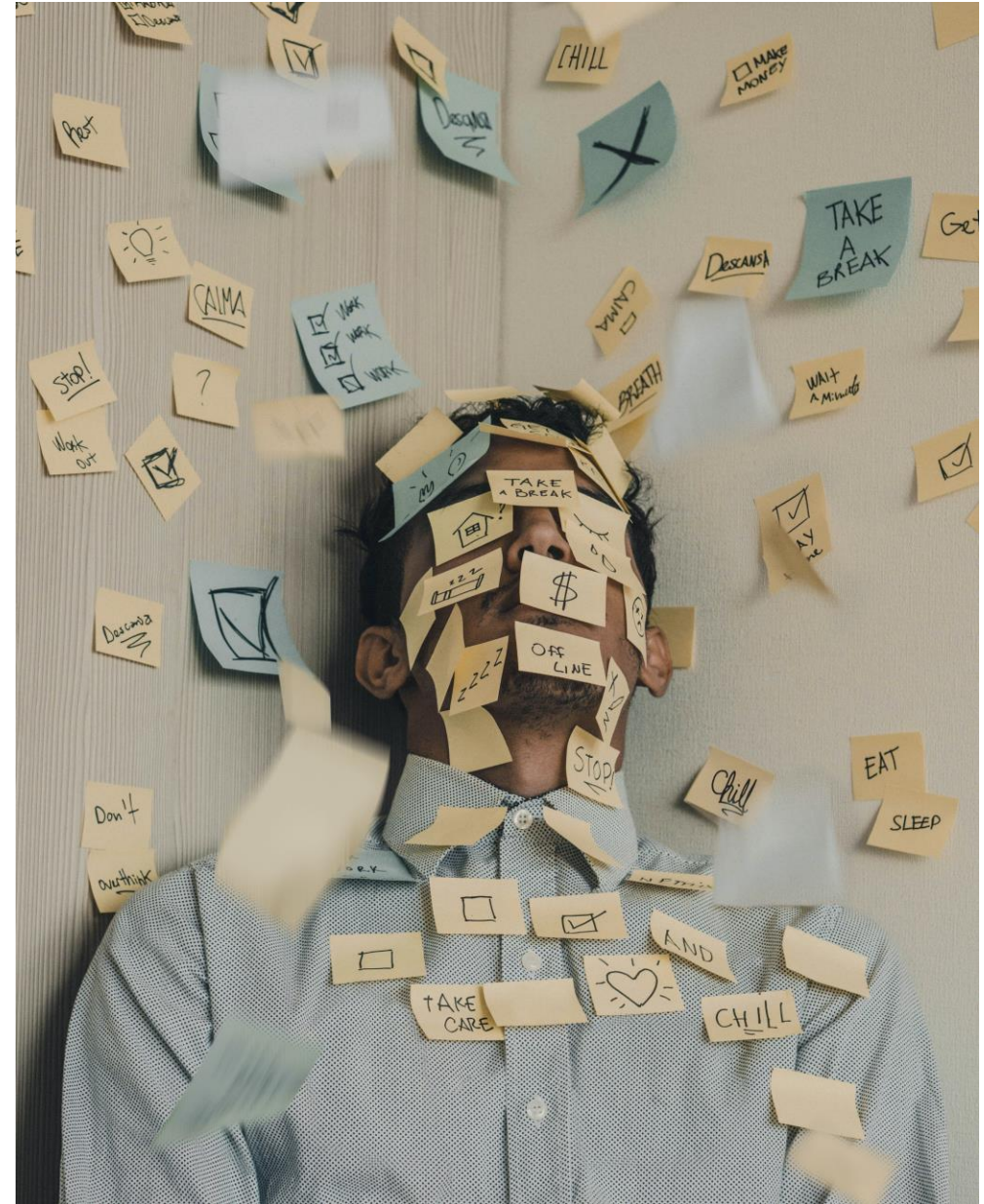
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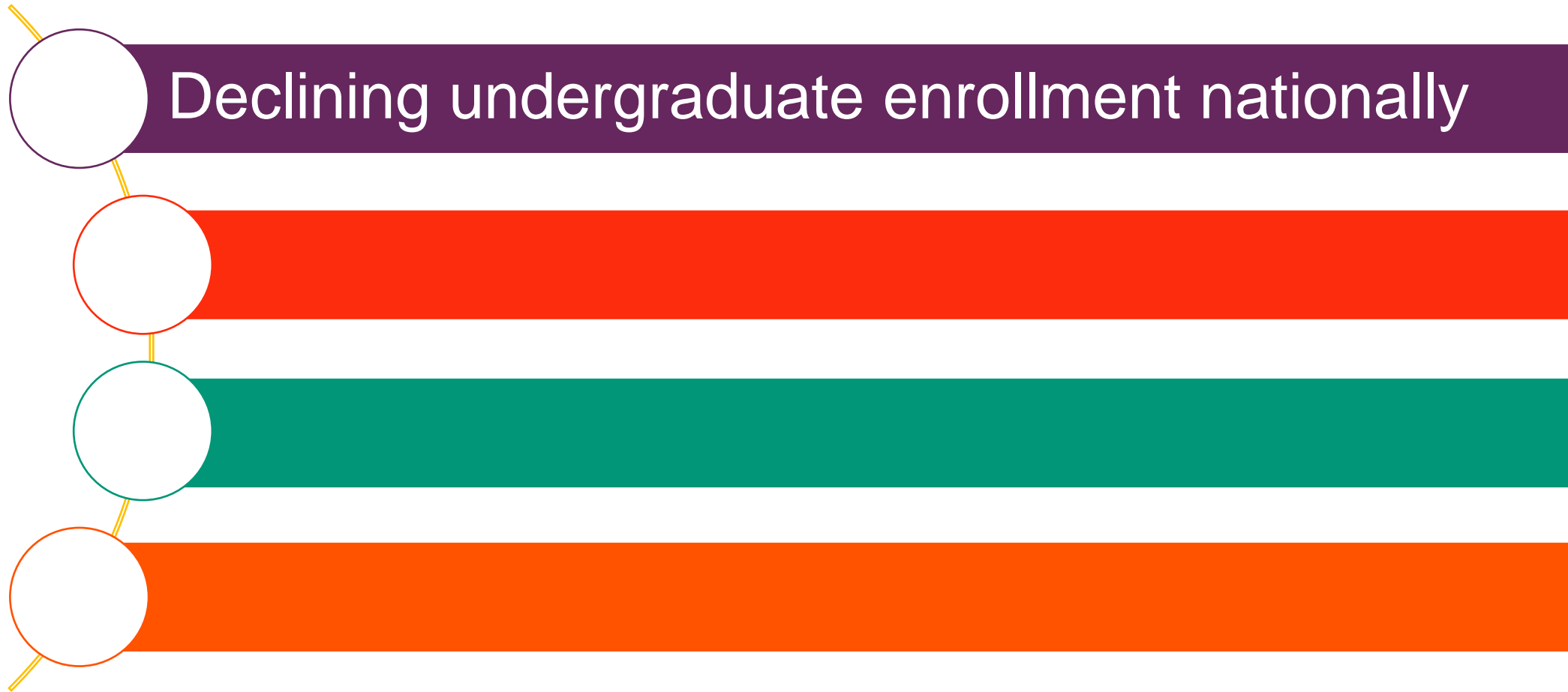
# Objectives

- Provide an overview of **national trends in applicants and enrollments in higher education.**
- Provide an overview of **national trends in applicants and enrollments in OTA and OT** entry level programs.
- Understand some of the **factors determining the variation in impact** on different programs.

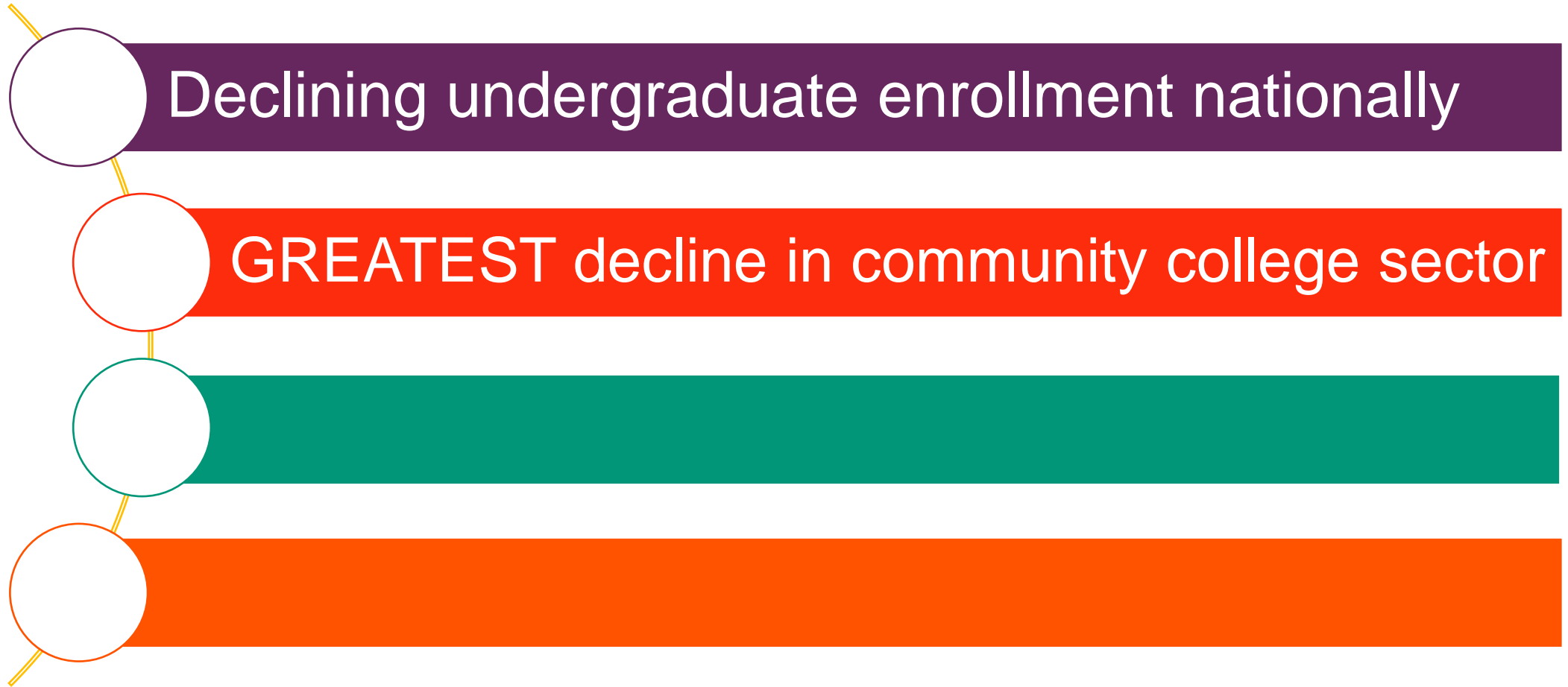
# Declining Enrollment



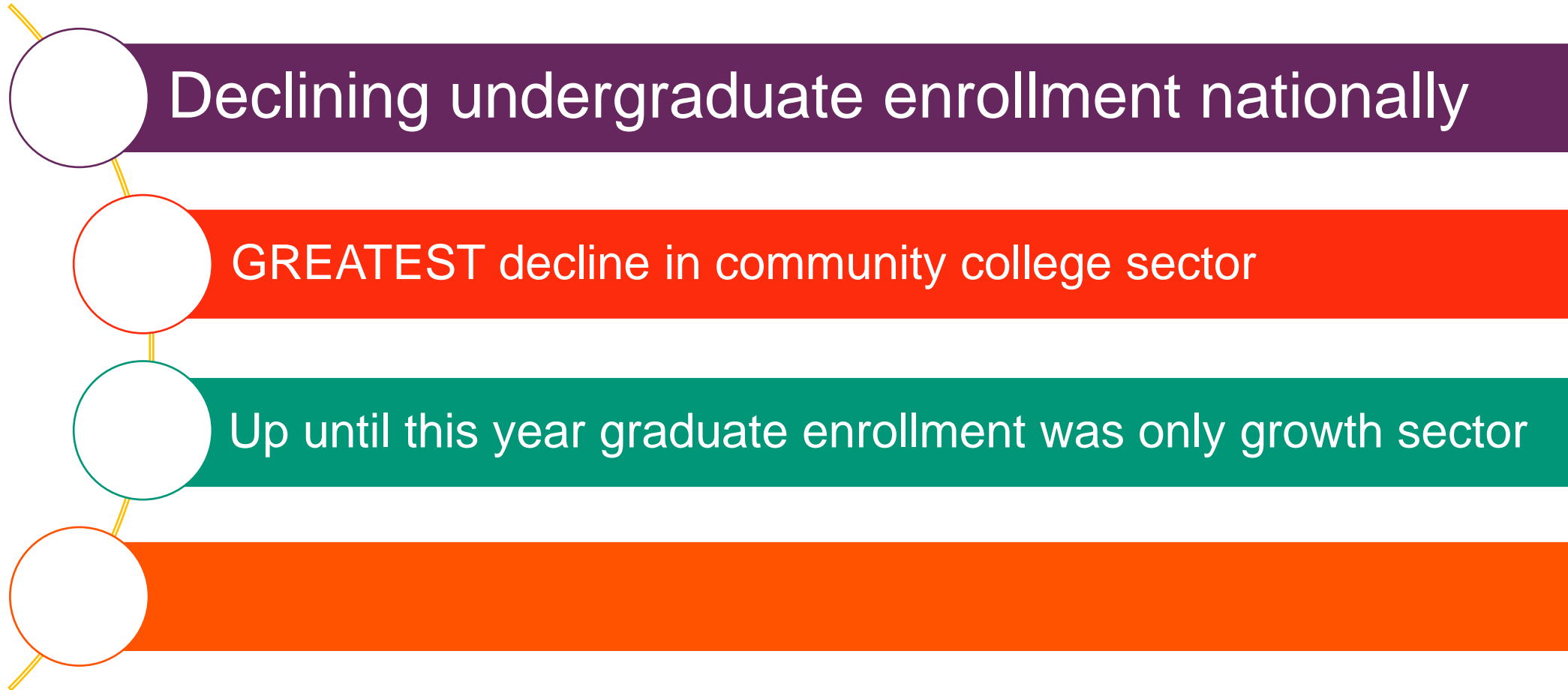
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Declining undergraduate enrollment nationally

GREATEST decline in community college sector

Up until this year graduate enrollment was the only growth sector

Up until this year health programs had higher enrollment




# Big Picture

Struggling  
undergraduate  
numbers

Rapid increase  
in new health  
(OT/OTA)  
programs

Biggest growth  
at graduate  
(OT) level





# **2022-23 OTA / OT Data**

# Applications and Applicants

## Applications

Reported in annual data survey and reflects total number of applications received across the country.

## Applicants

Only available in CAS system for OT programs. Number of individuals who averaged 3-4 applications each in 2022.





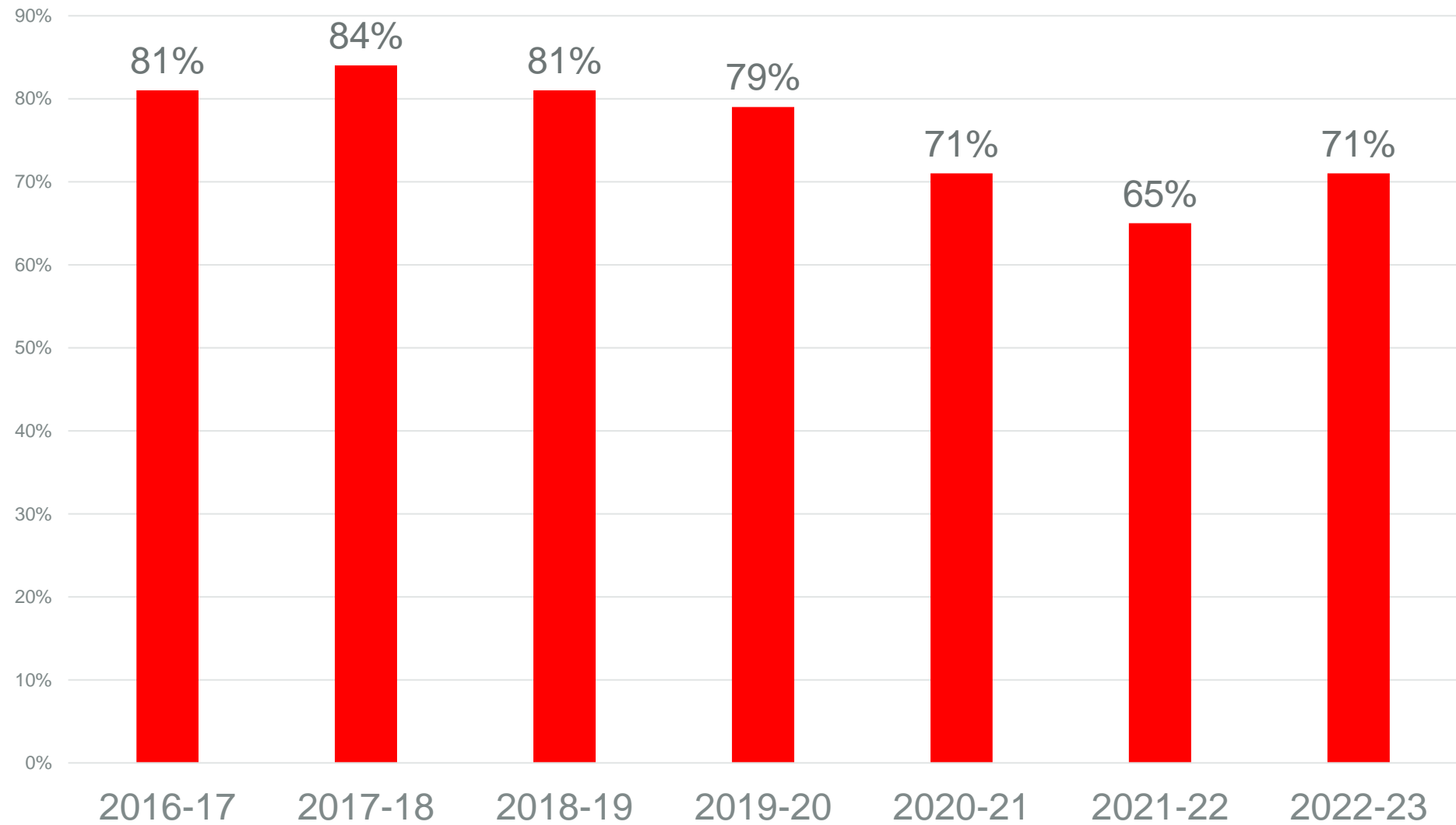
# OTA

# OTA –Application Data.

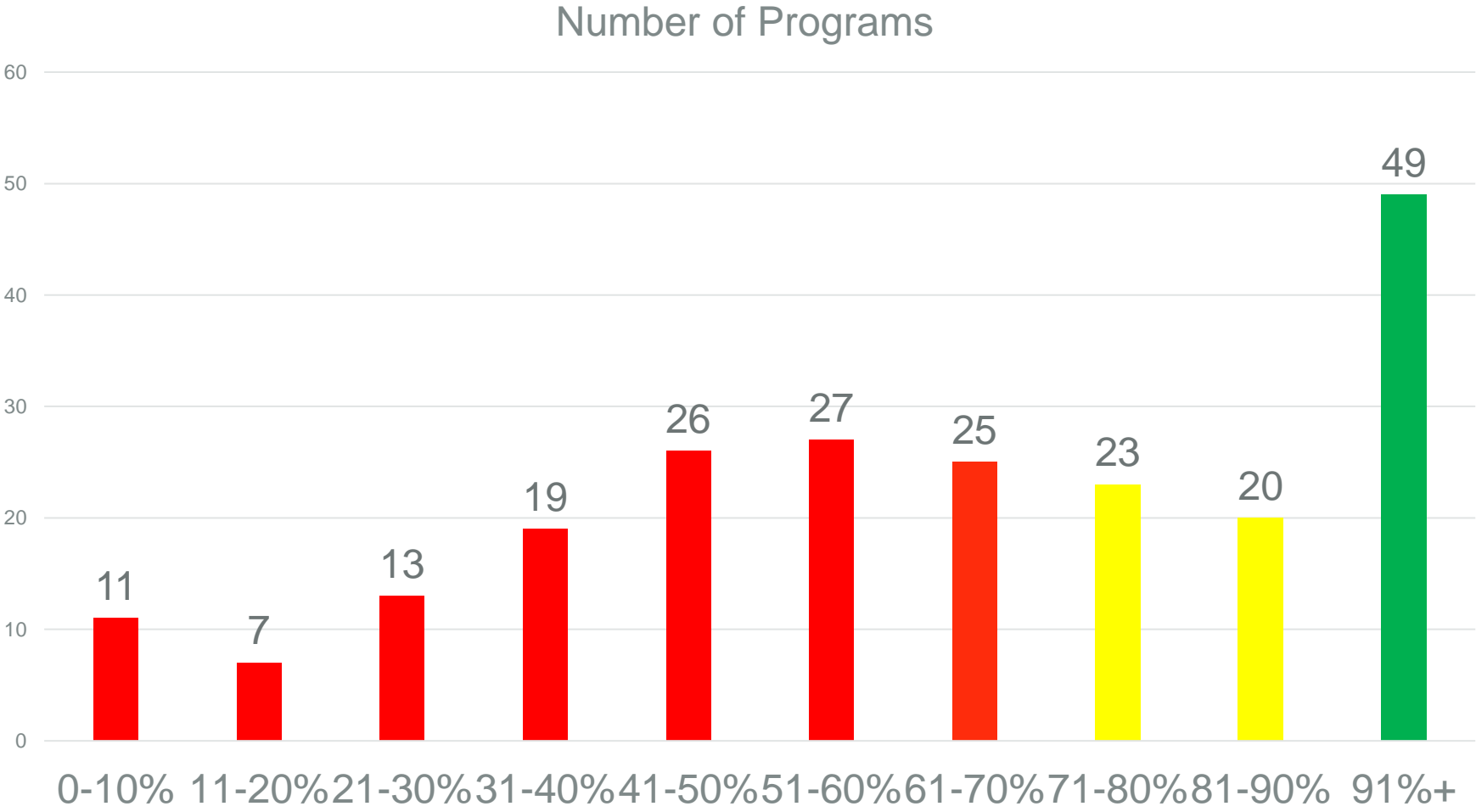
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SEATS	APPLICATIONS	ADMITTED	% SEATS FILLED
7,217	9,894	5,135	71%

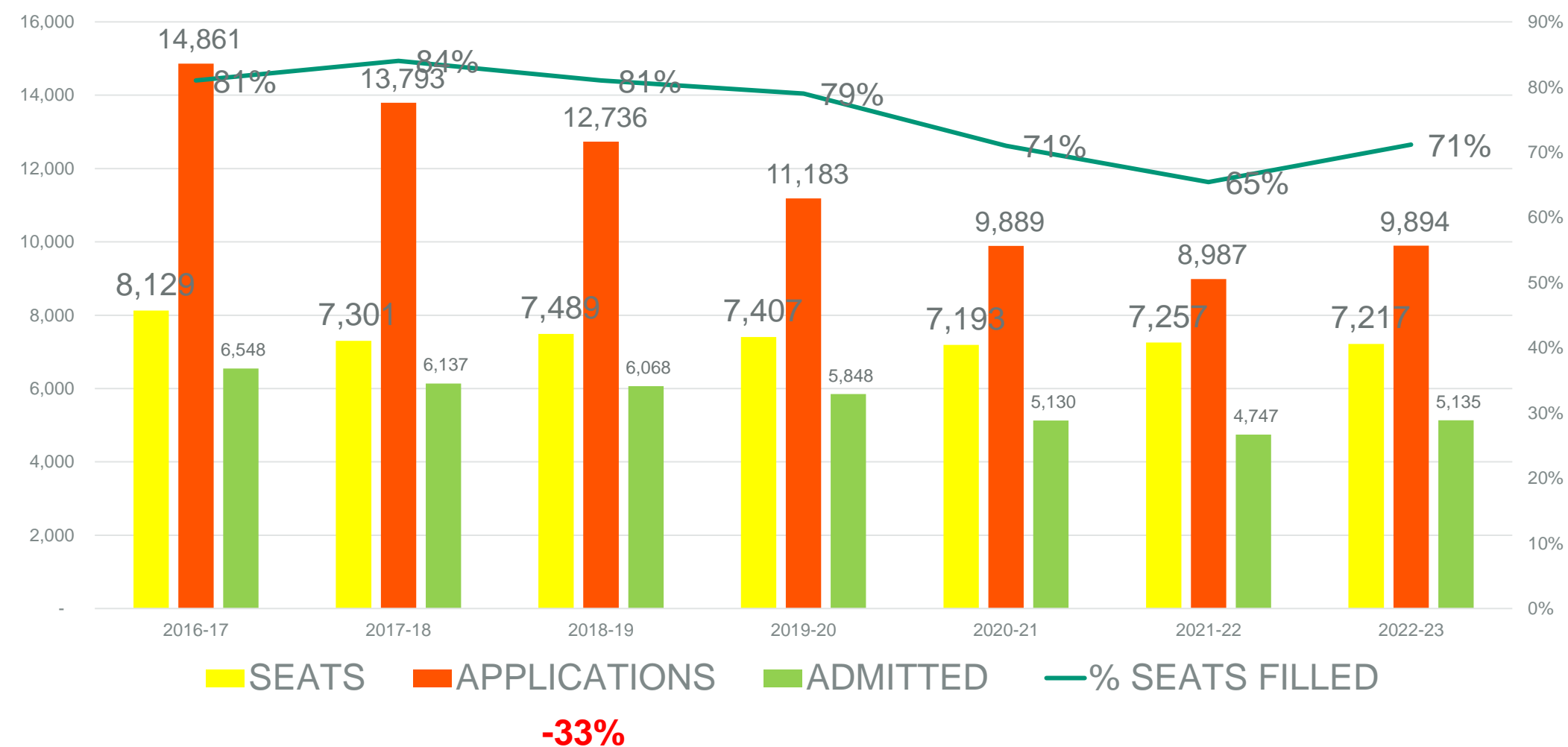
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# Trend data







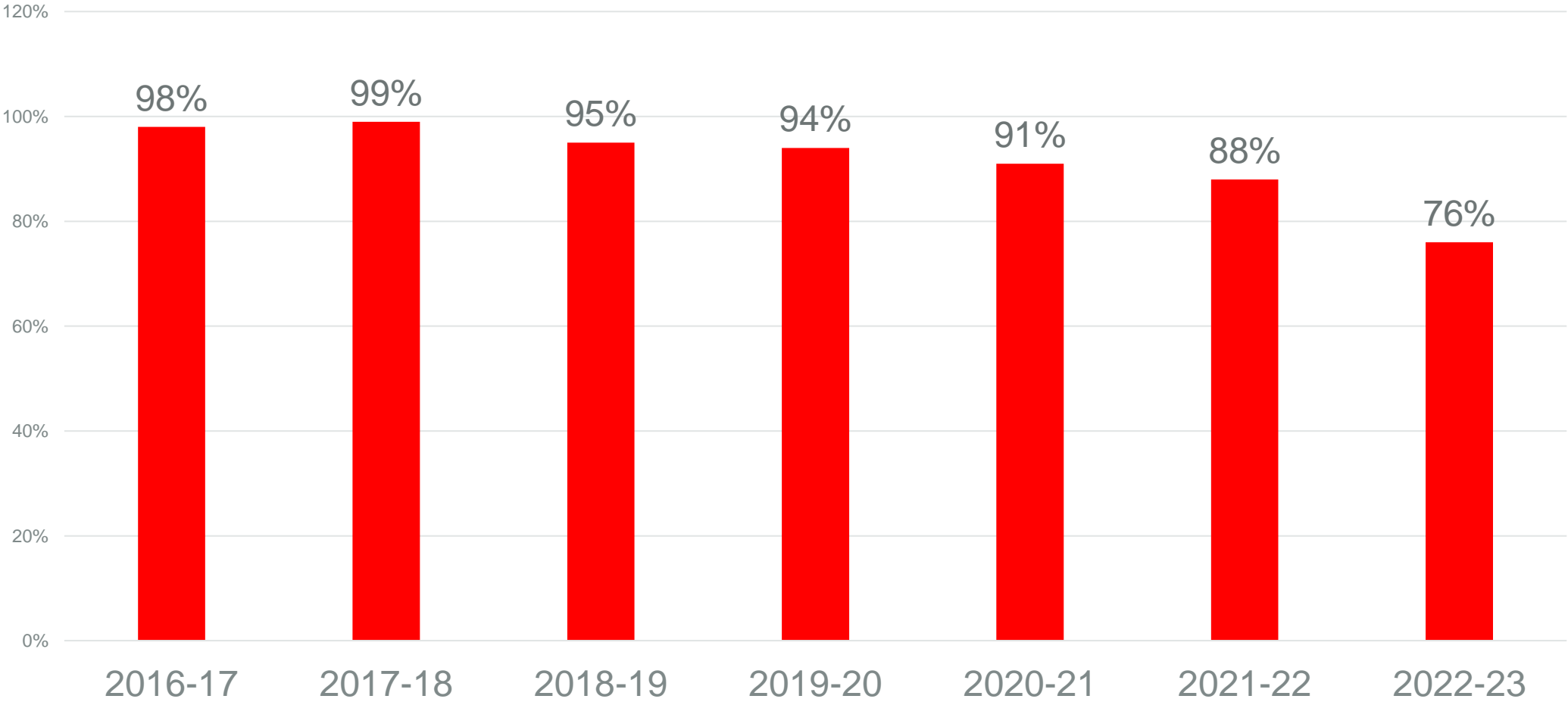
**OT**

# OT – Application Data

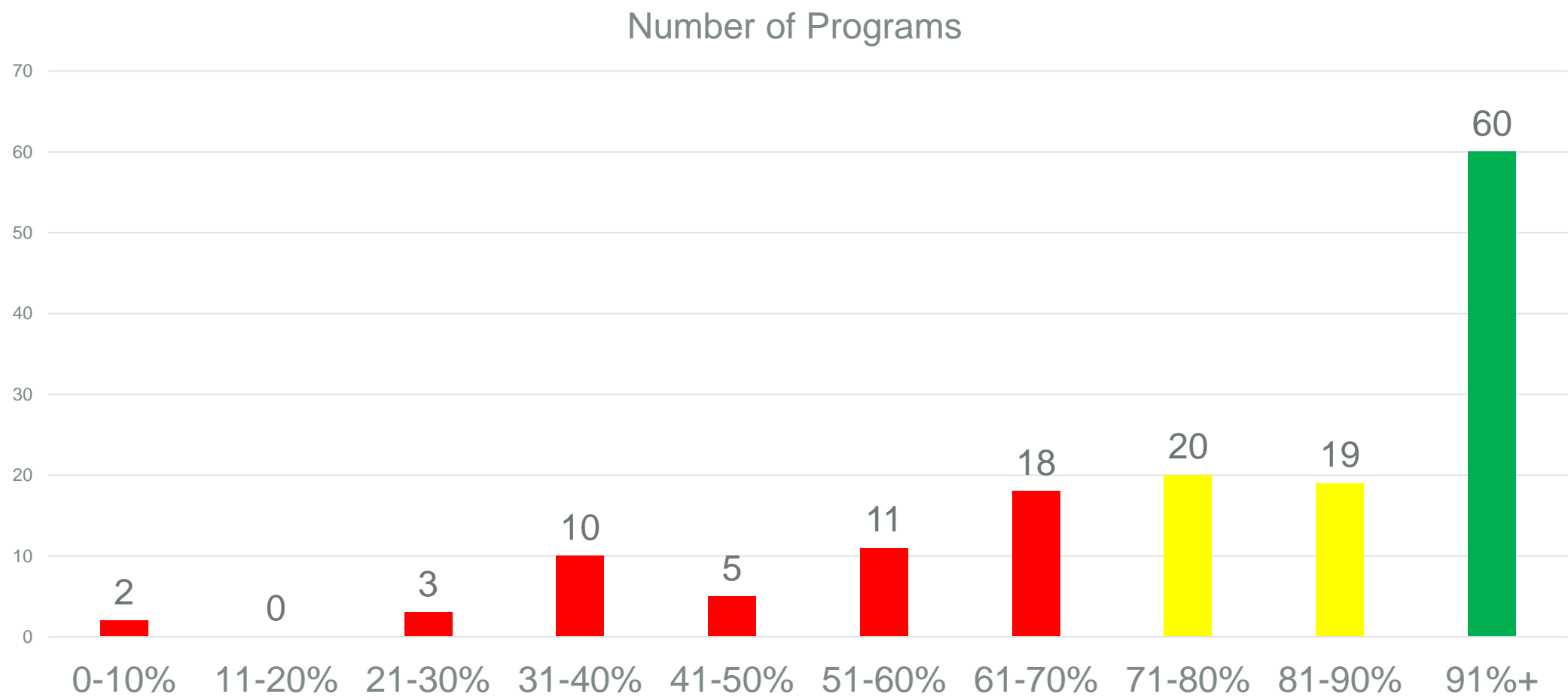
## Masters Degree Level

SEATS	APPLICATIONS	ADMITTED	% SEATS FILLED
6,794	18,674	6,137	76%

# Masters- % of Seats Filled



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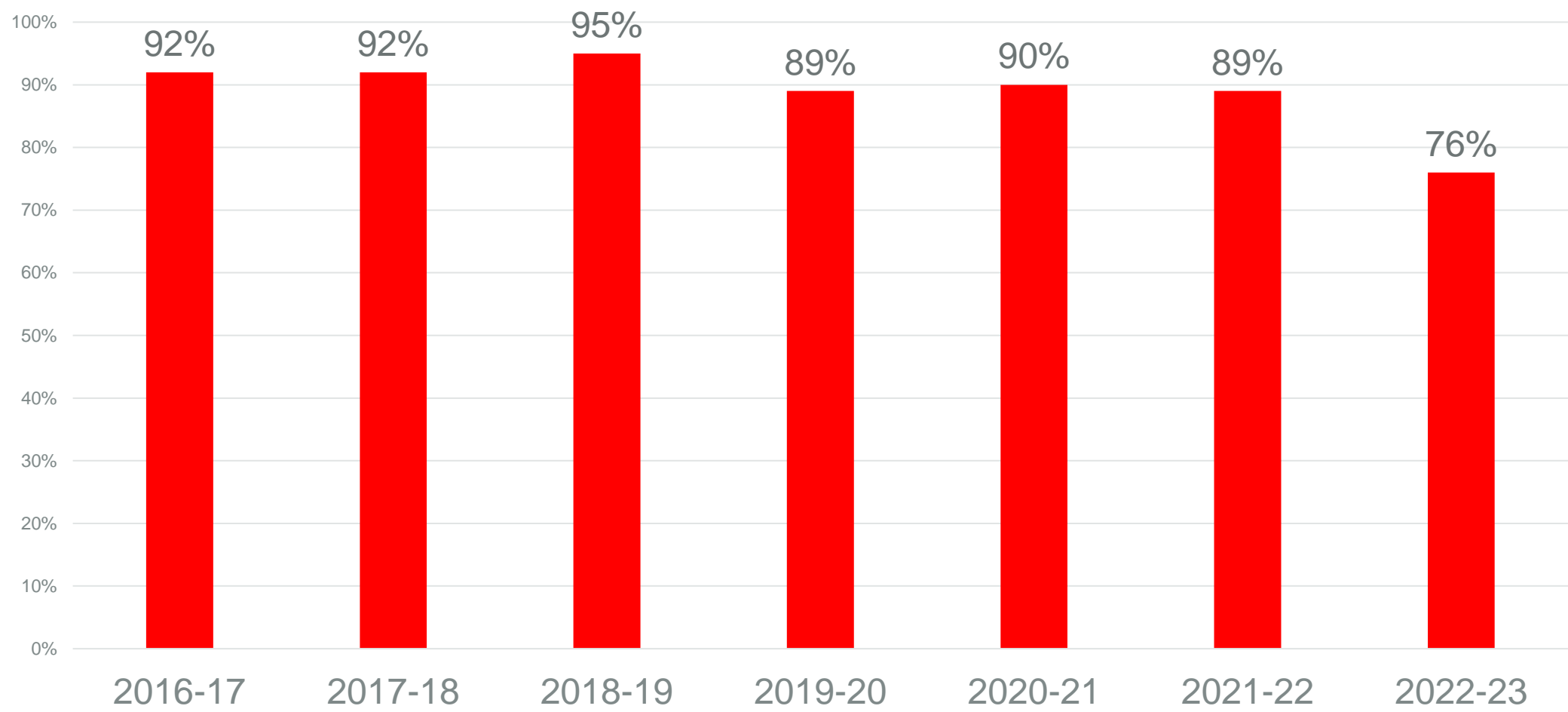


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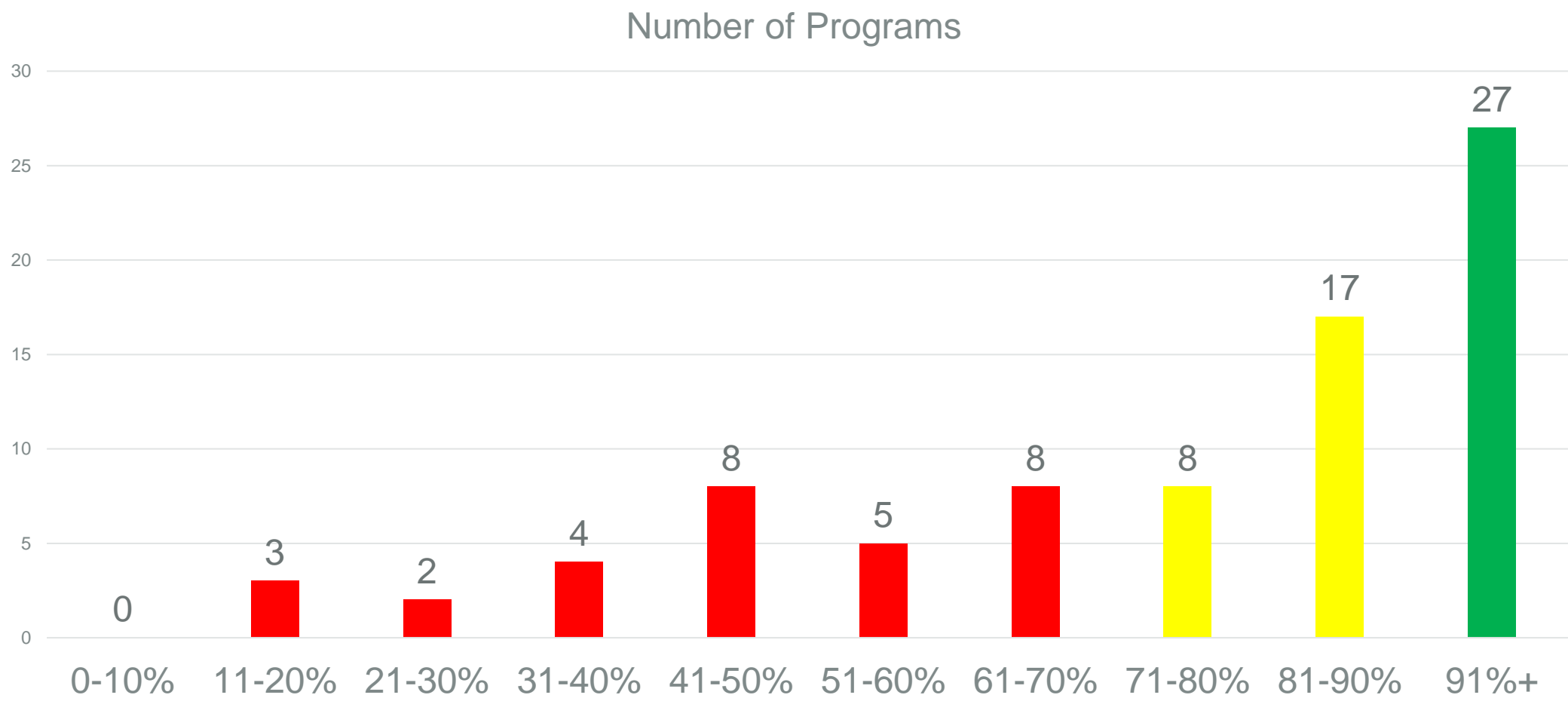
## Doctoral Degree Level

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3,698	11,991	2,800	76%

# Doctoral- % Seats Filled



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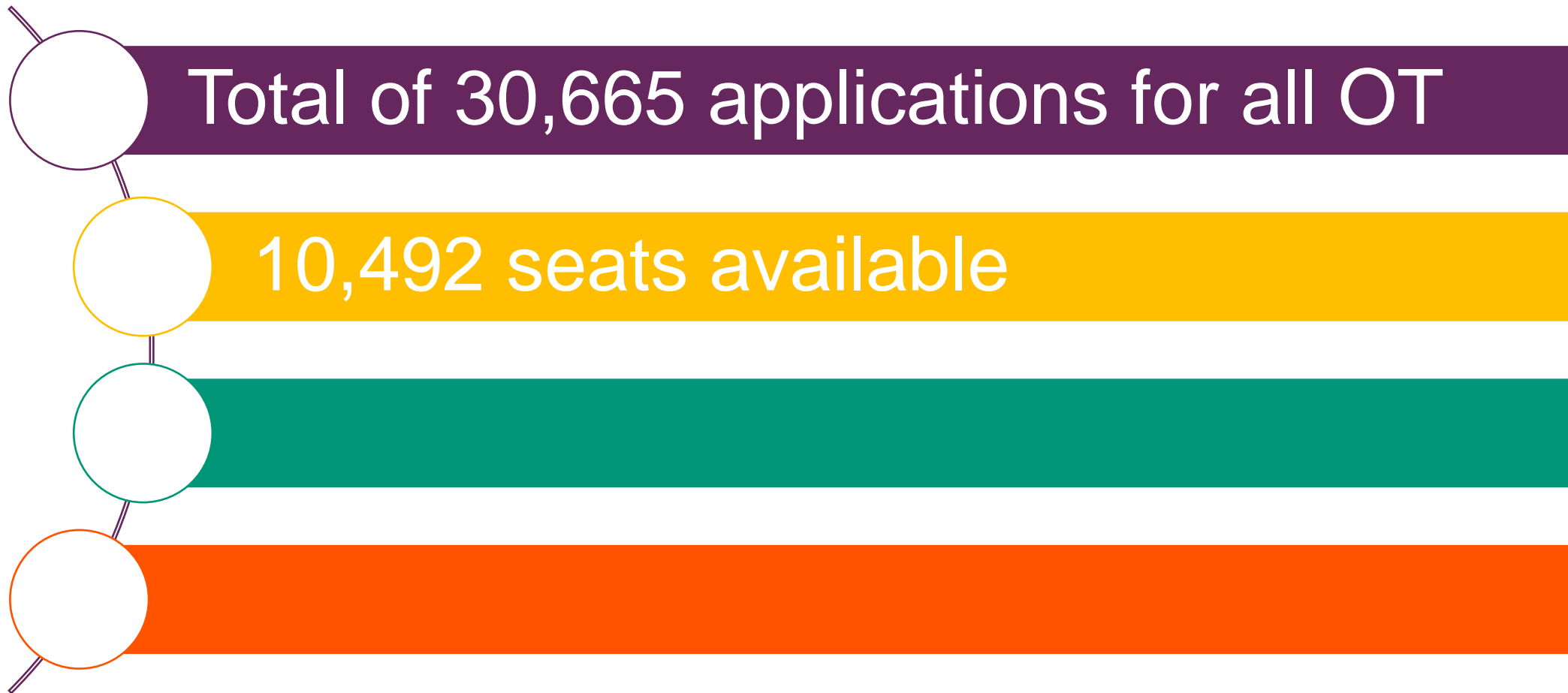




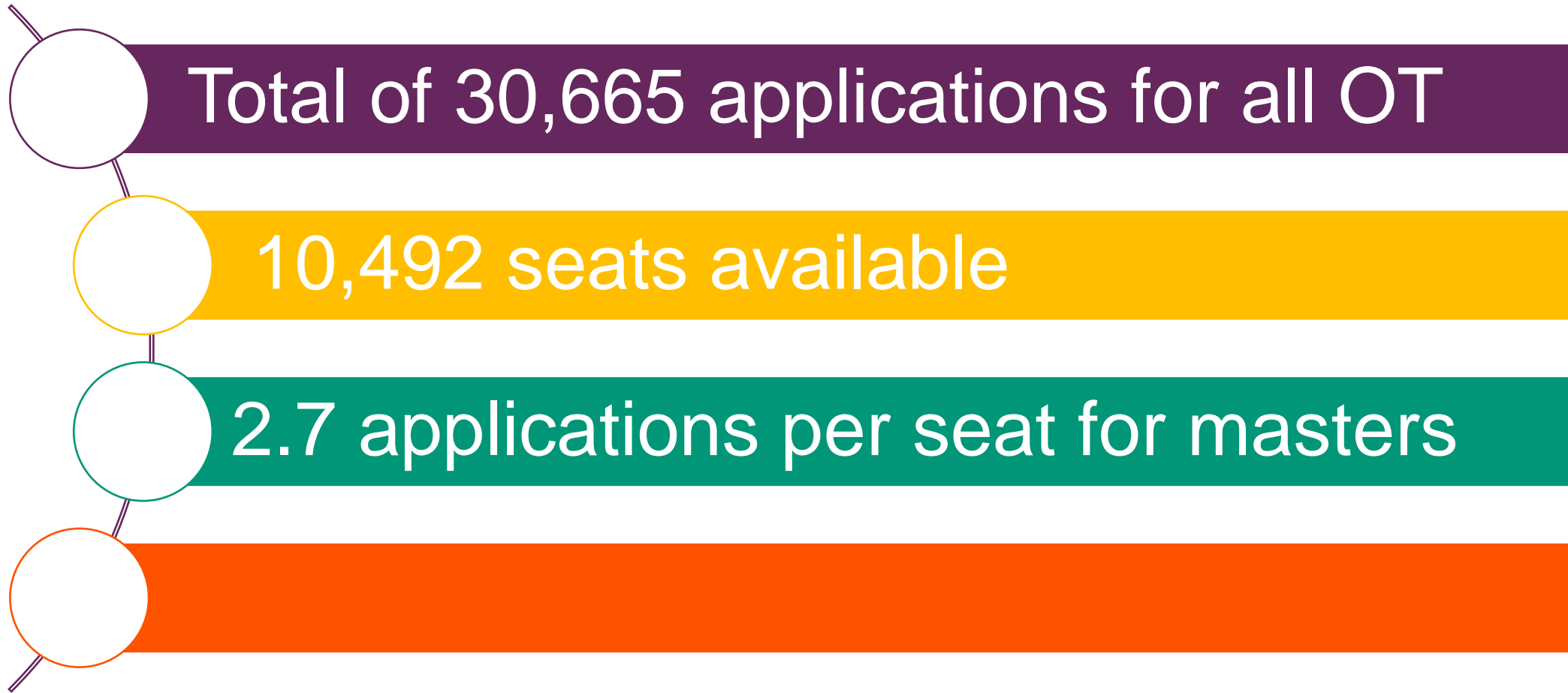
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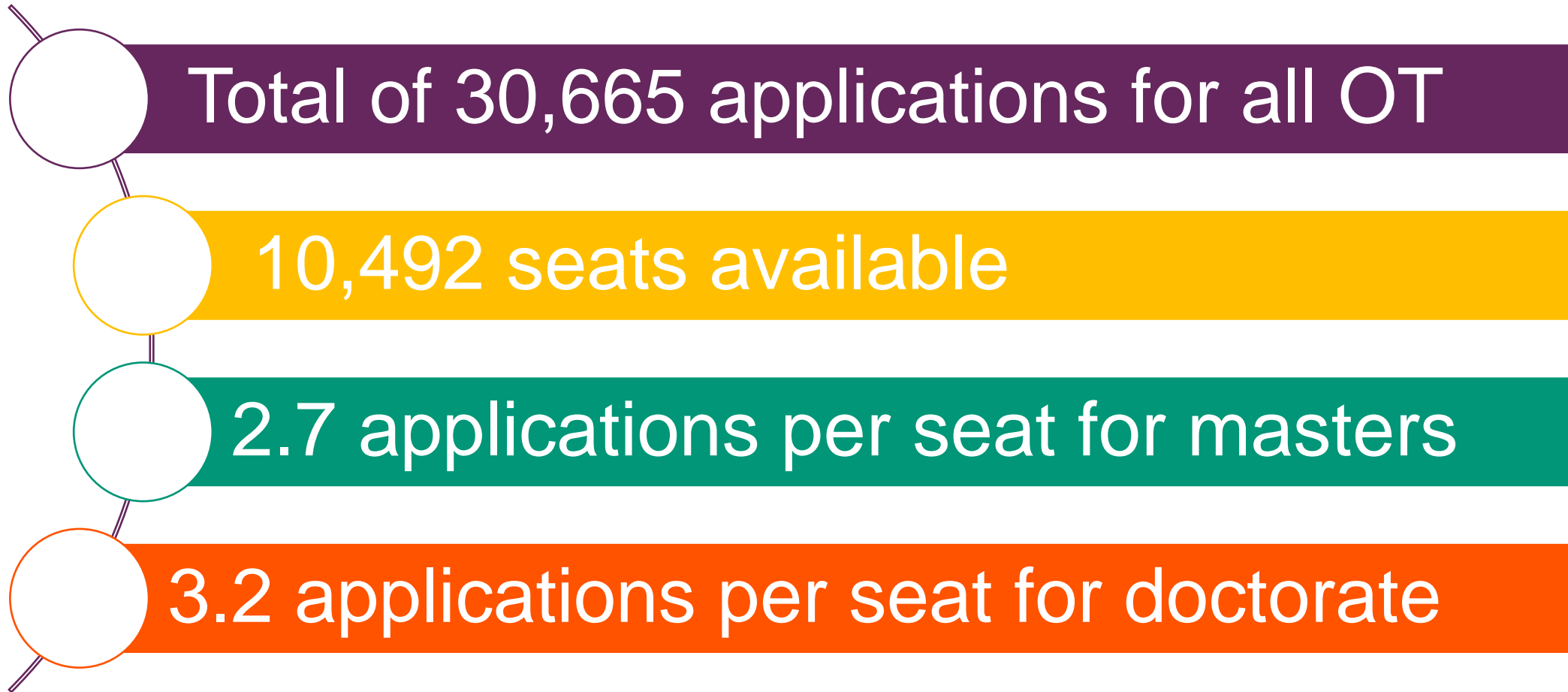
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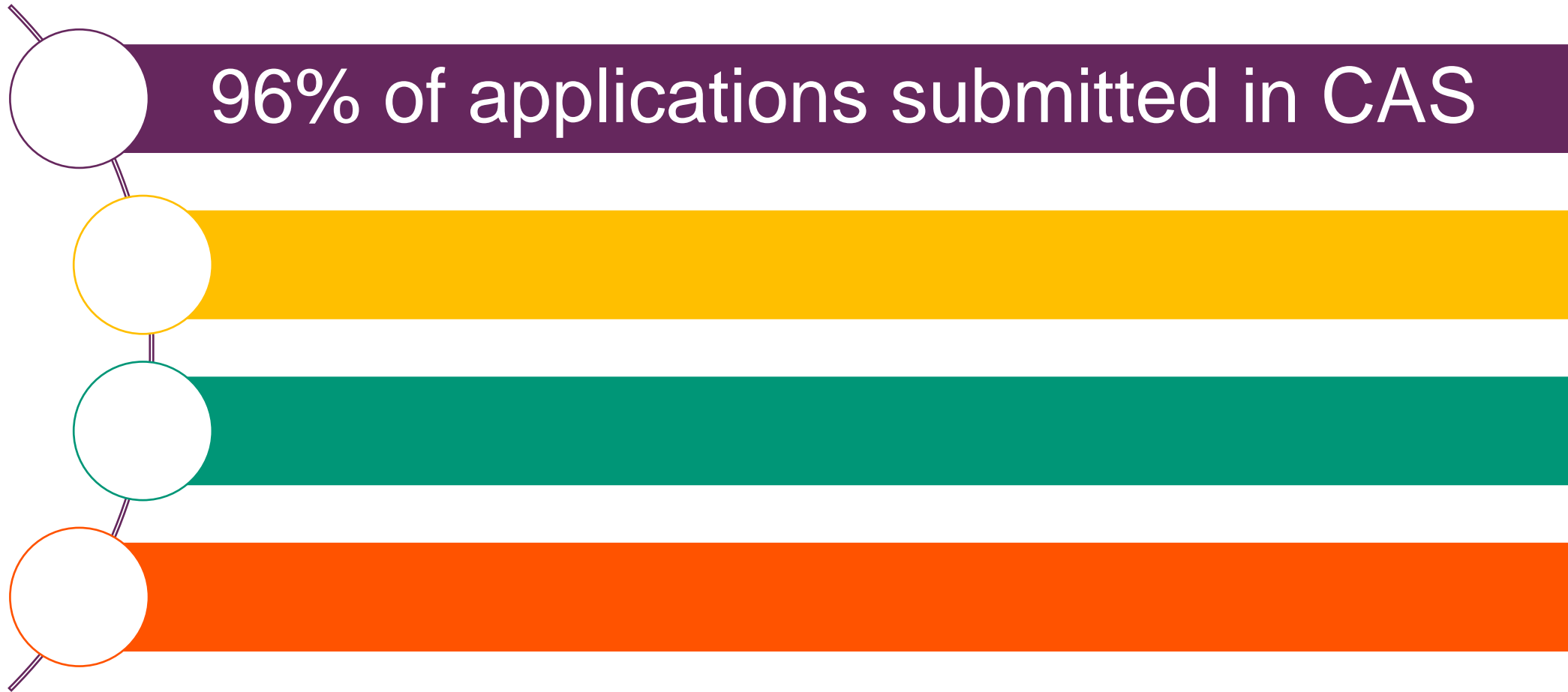
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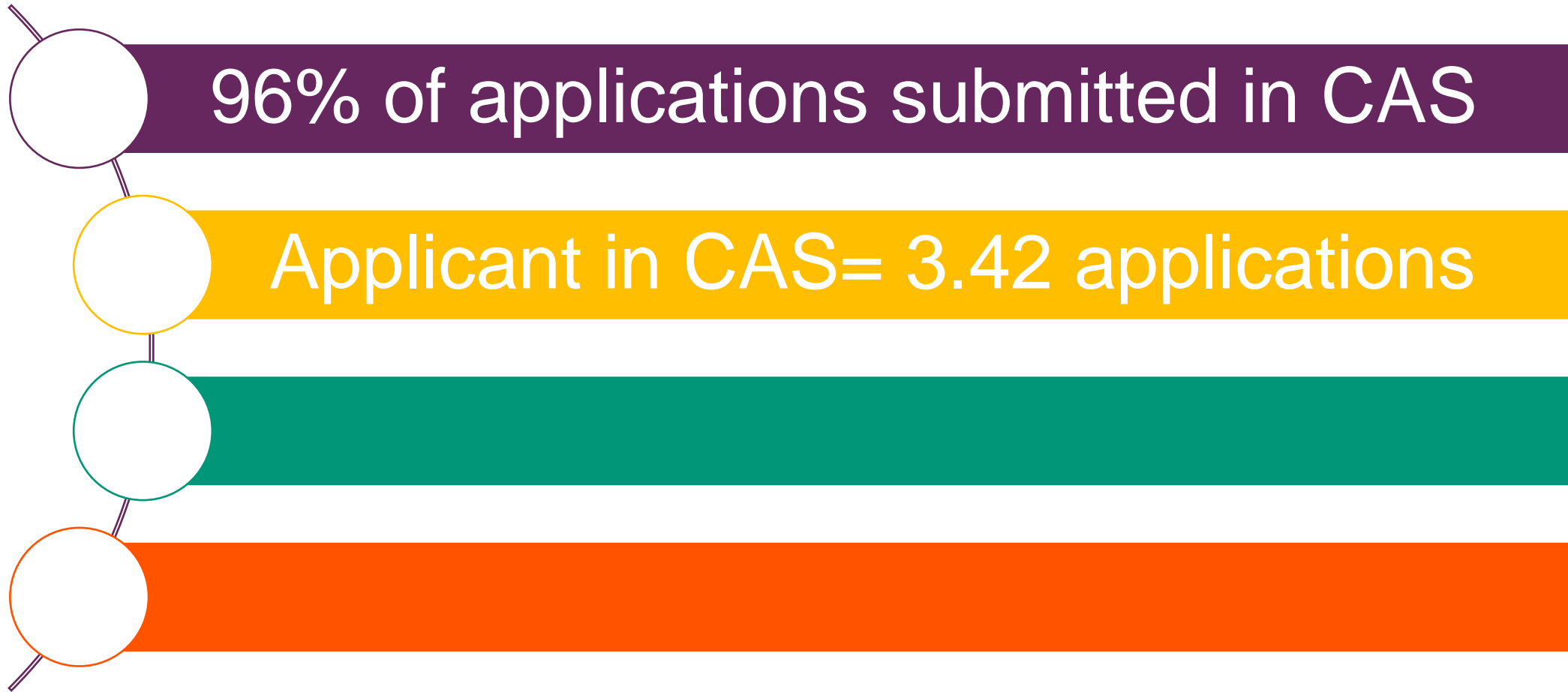
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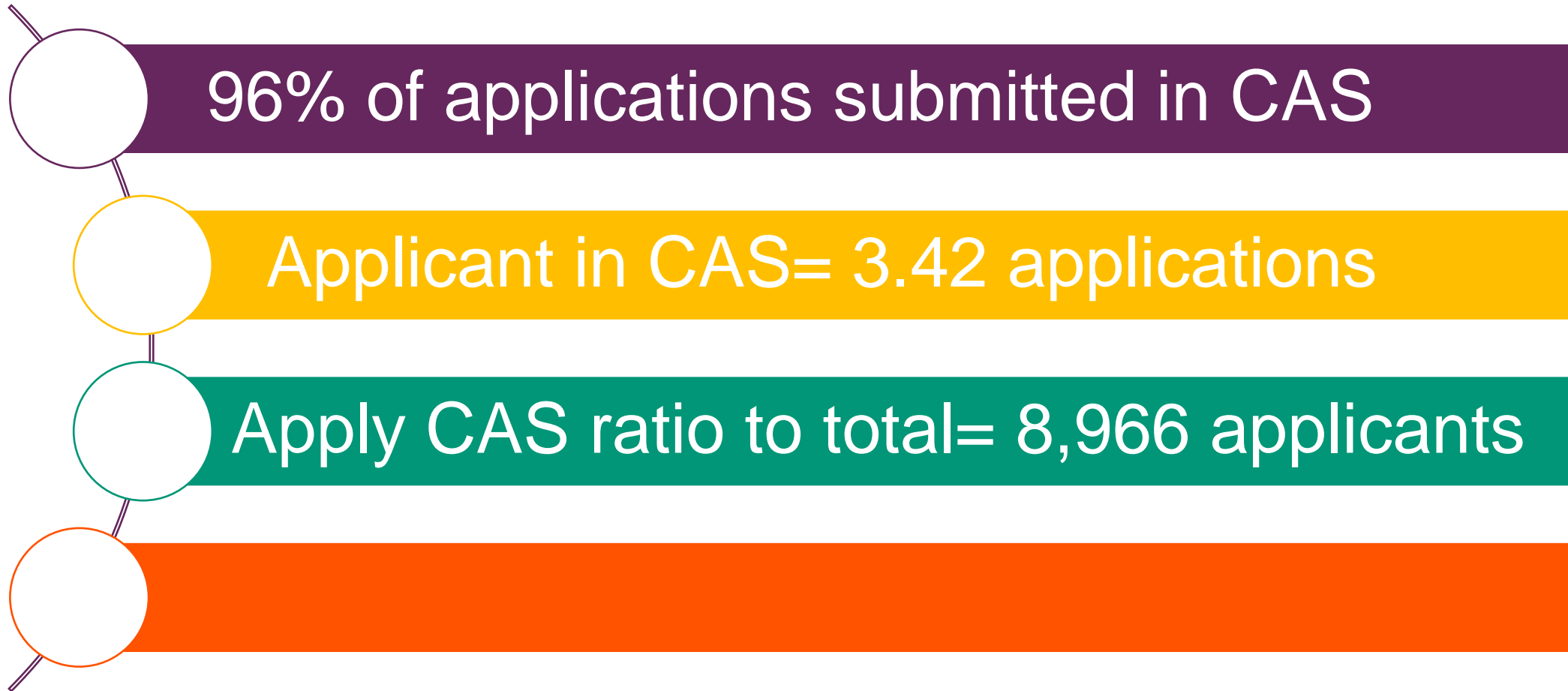
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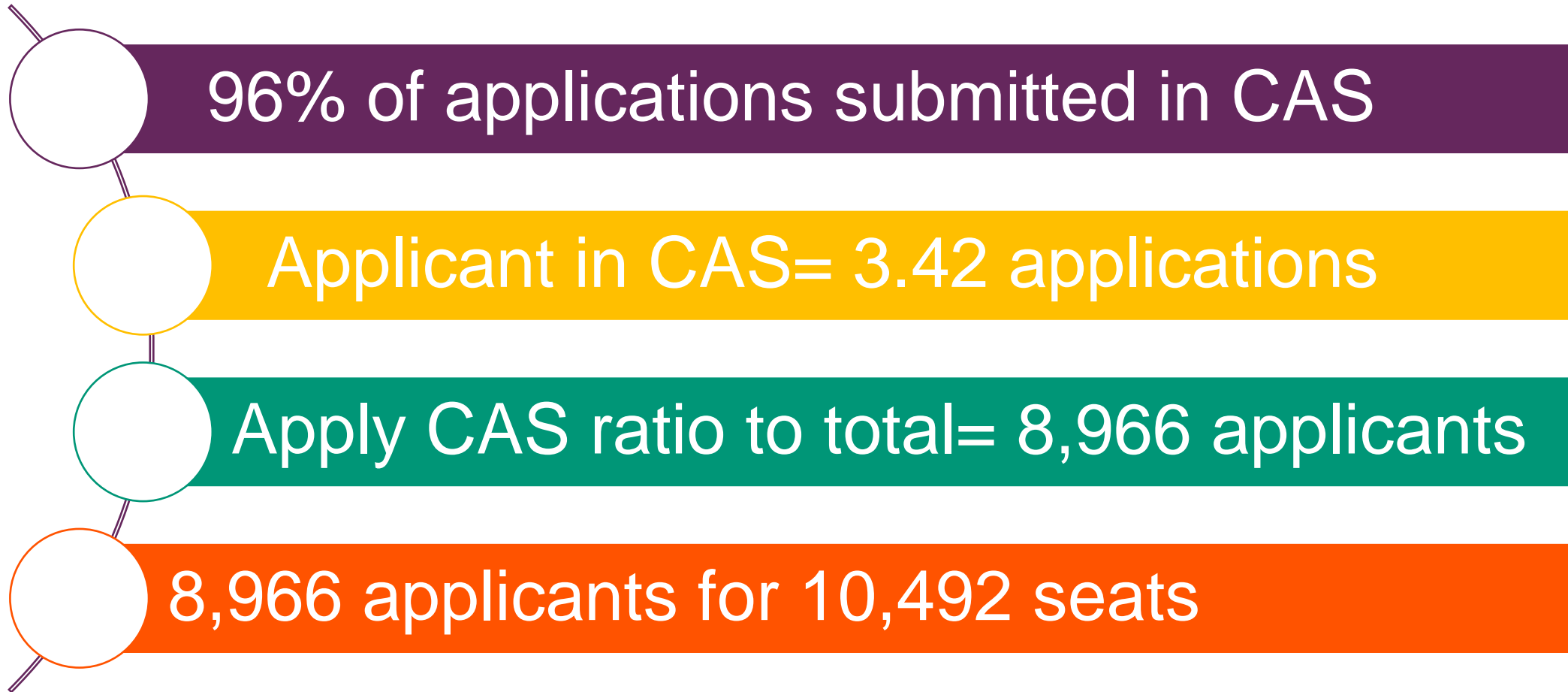


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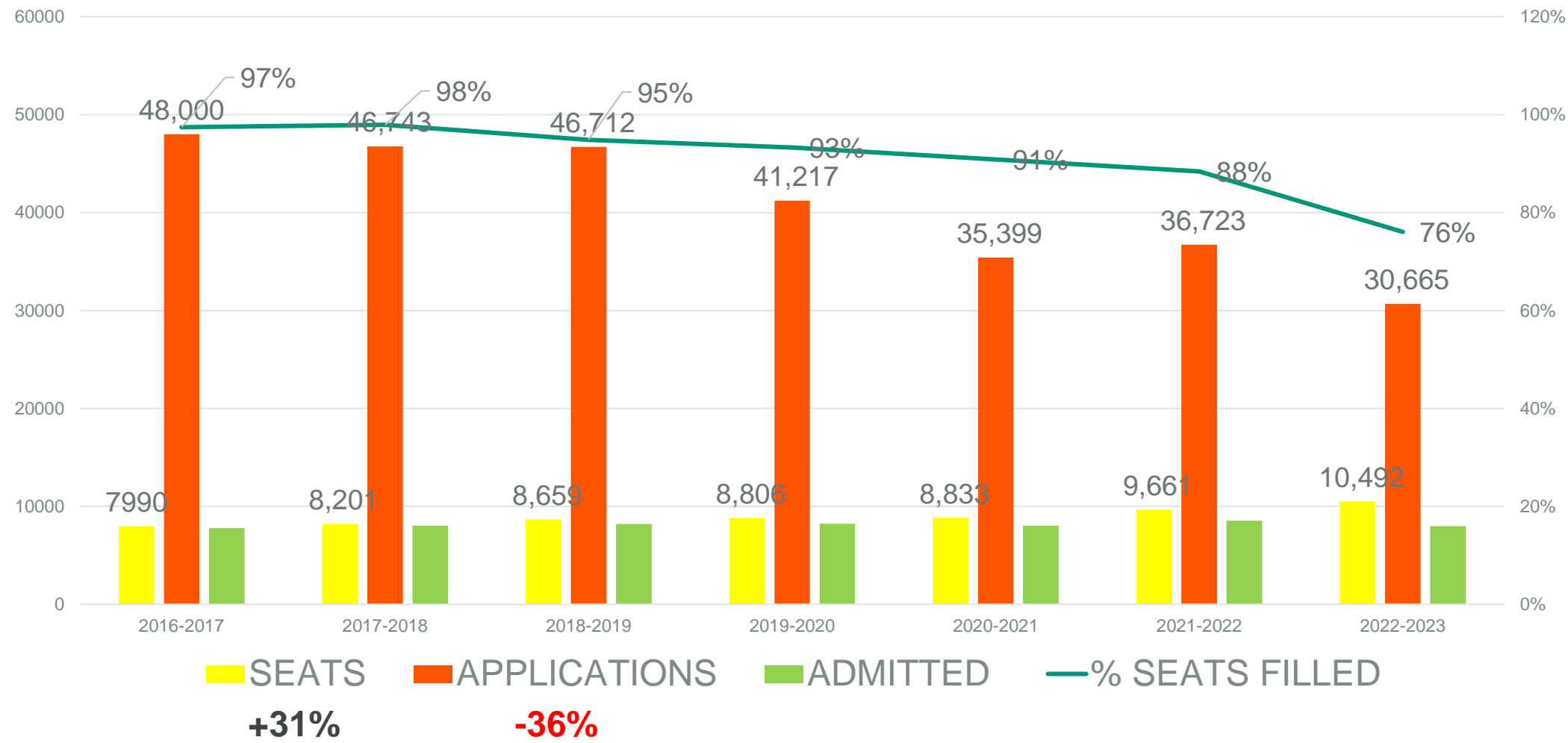




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# Trend data...





# Next steps

# The full picture...

- A recorded webinar with a further breakdown of the data using variables including:
  - Region
  - Host institution mission
  - How long the programs has been established
  - Delivery models
  - Etc....
- The webinar will be shared on the ALC resource page of the AOTA website.



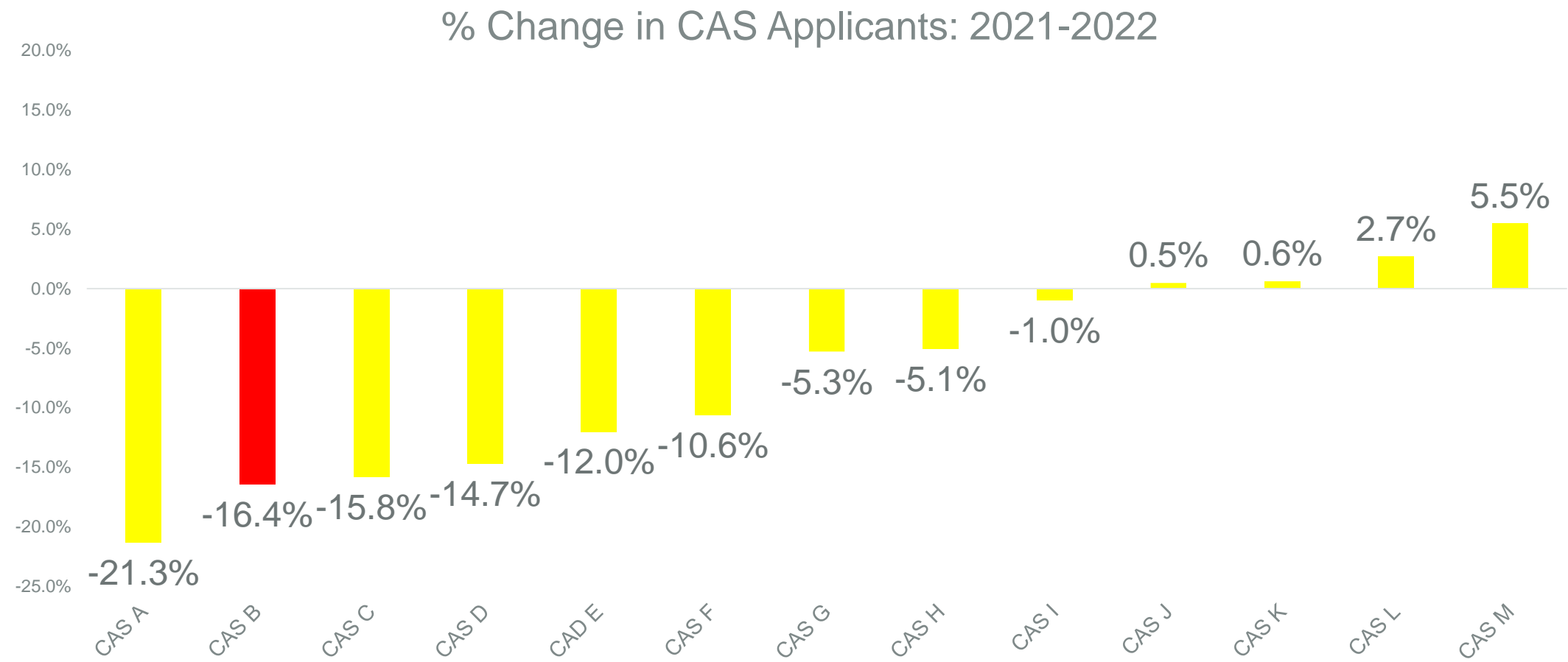


# **A comparison**

# CAS Systems

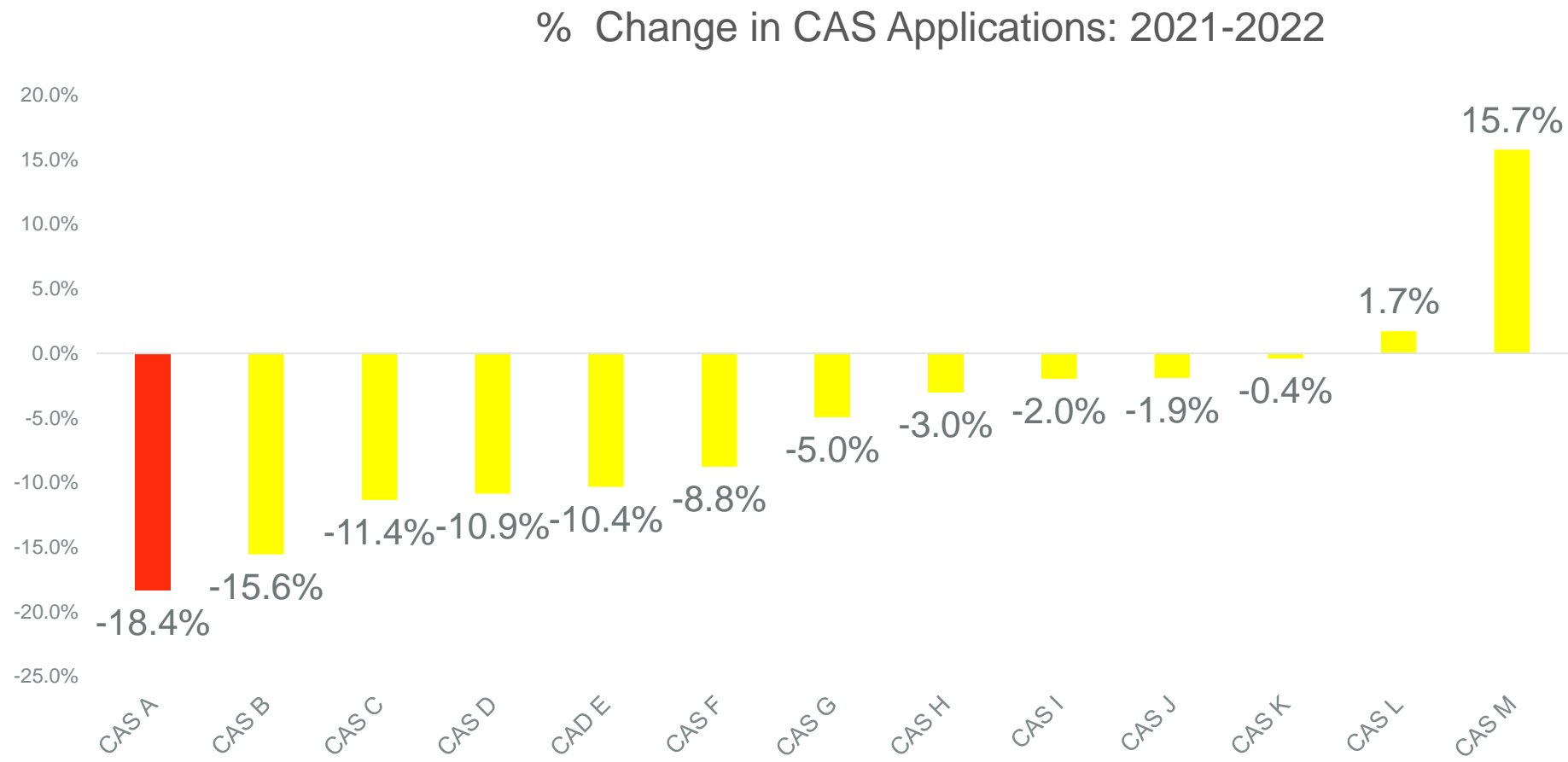
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- Communication Disorders
- Dentistry
- Occupational Therapy
- Optometry
- Osteopathic Medicine
- Pharmacy
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy
- Physician Assistant
- Podiatry
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Veterinary Medicine

# Health Professions: CAS 2021-22





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# **Demand for OT**

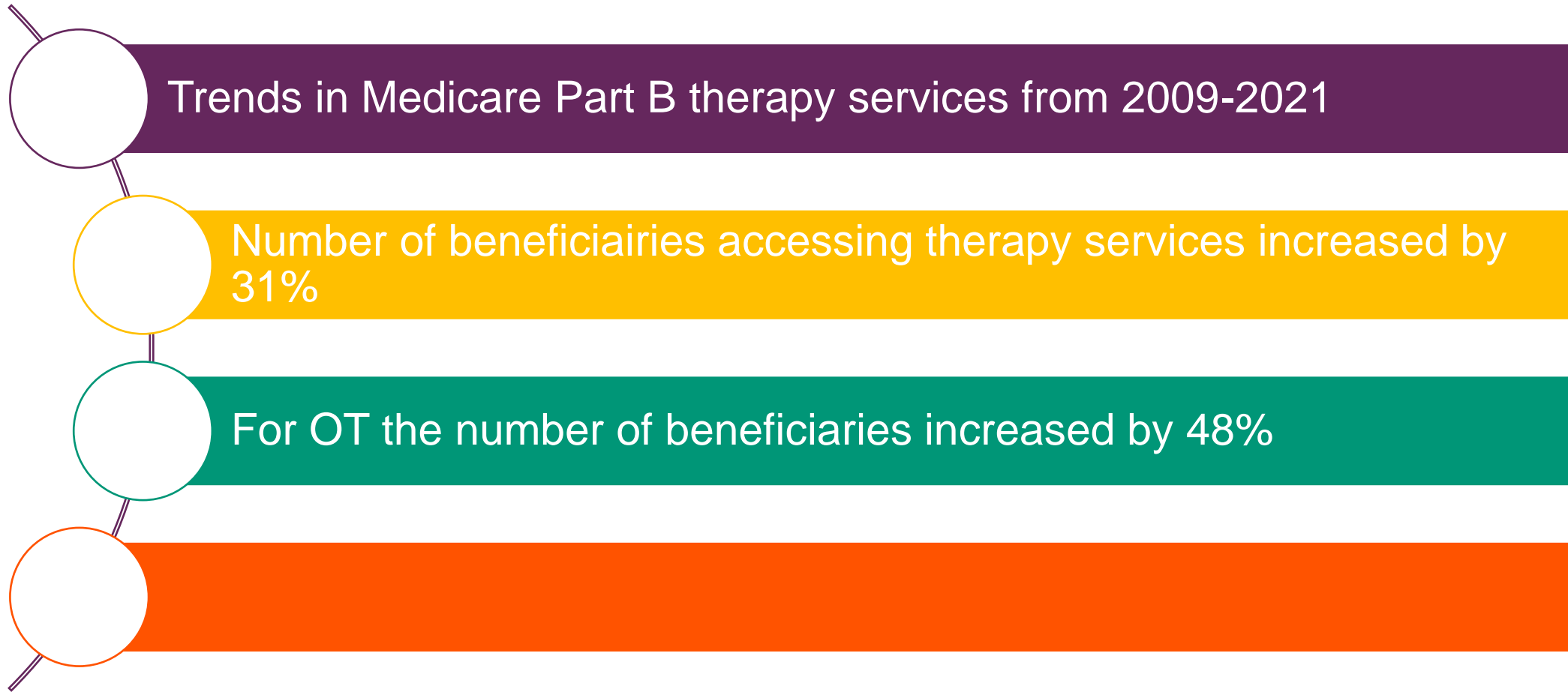
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Trends in Medicare Part B therapy services from 2009-2021

Number of beneficiaries accessing therapy services increased by 31%

For OT the number of beneficiaries increased by 48%

Compared to 28% for PT and 14% for SLP





**Thank you!**



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