



# Our Mission

To advocate for **and** act on education improvements that advance the quality of life for **all** Arizonans.

## We Work in Three Main Areas



**Voice**



**Policy**



**Programs**

# Achieve60AZ Attainment Goal



**Goal:** 60% working-age adults holding credentials by 2030.

Today, the state's rate is 49%.

# Pathways to Attainment



## Certifications & Licenses

College, Trade Schools  
Military & Apprenticeships



## Associate Degrees

Community College



## Bachelor's Degrees

College or University

# Education Progress Meter



## QUALITY EARLY LEARNING

Percent of Arizona 3- and 4-year old children that are in quality early learning settings.



## THIRD GRADE READING

Percent of Arizona 3rd grade students who scored Proficient or Highly Proficient on the Arizona Academic Standards Assessment (AASA) 3rd grade English language arts assessment.



## EIGHTH GRADE MATH

Percent of Arizona 8th grade students who are prepared to be successful in high school math.



## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Percent of Arizona high school students graduating in 4 years.



## OPPORTUNITY YOUTH

Percent of 16-24 year olds in Arizona that are NOT going to school or working.



## POST-HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Percent of high school graduates enrolled in postsecondary education the year after graduating high school.



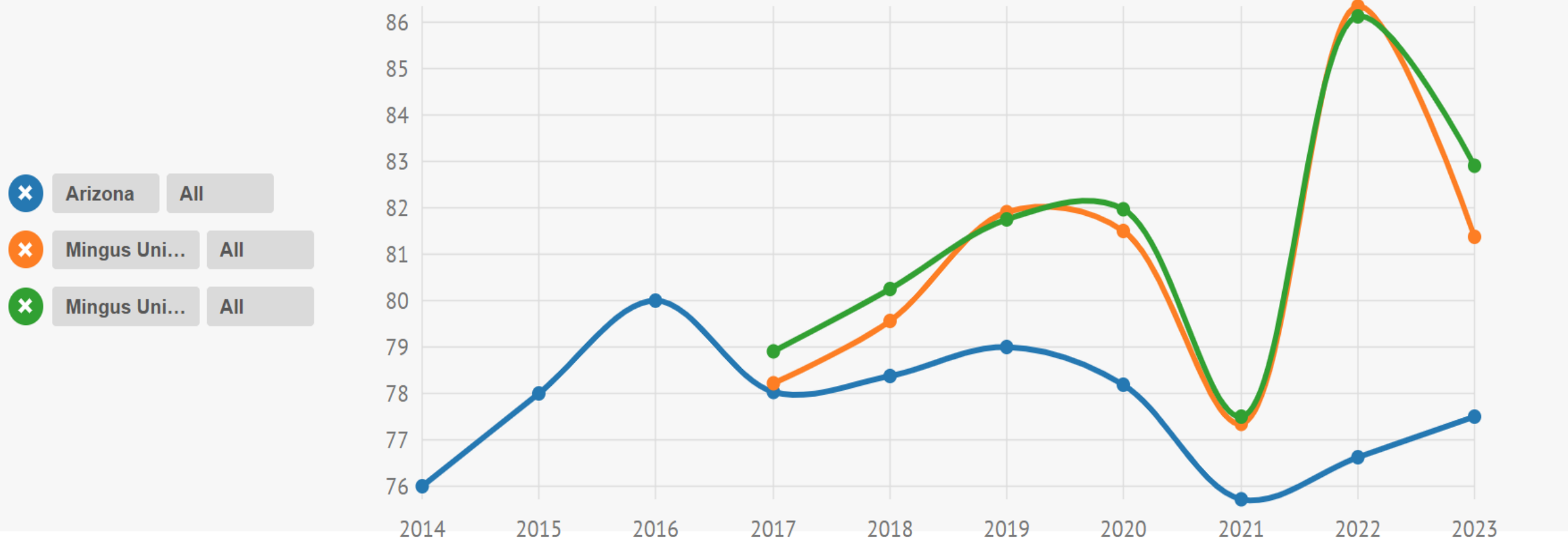
## ATTAINMENT

Percent of Arizona residents 25-64 years of age who have completed a 2- or 4-year degree or who have an active professional certificate or license.

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# Mingus Union Graduation Rate vs. Arizona



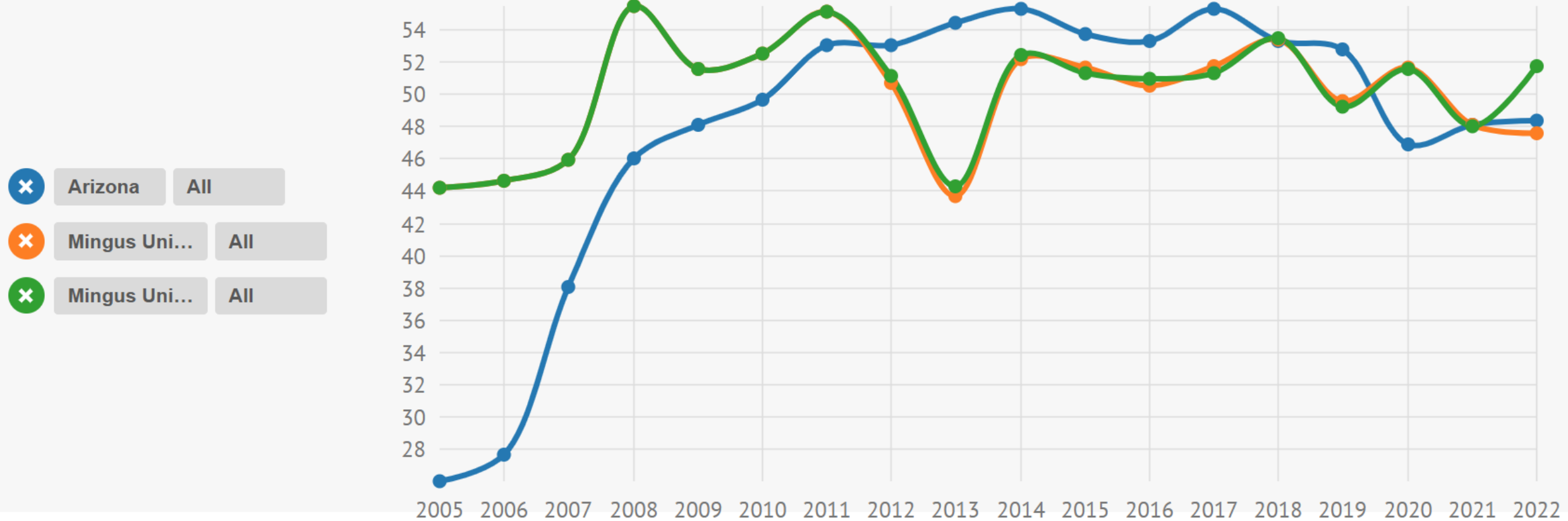
Awesome Work!

Arizona: 78%

Mingus Union HS: 83%



# Mingus Union Post HS Enrollment vs. Arizona



Celebrate!

Arizona: 48%

Mingus Union HS: 52%

# One of our partners: Helios Education Foundation





# Education Forward Arizona Resources to Support Arizonans

## Path to Success After High School!

Guiding you through every stage of the journey toward higher education and career success.

## Guide to Your Future

Website to help plan for after high school education and training options, including checklists by grade!



# Education **EXPLAINER**

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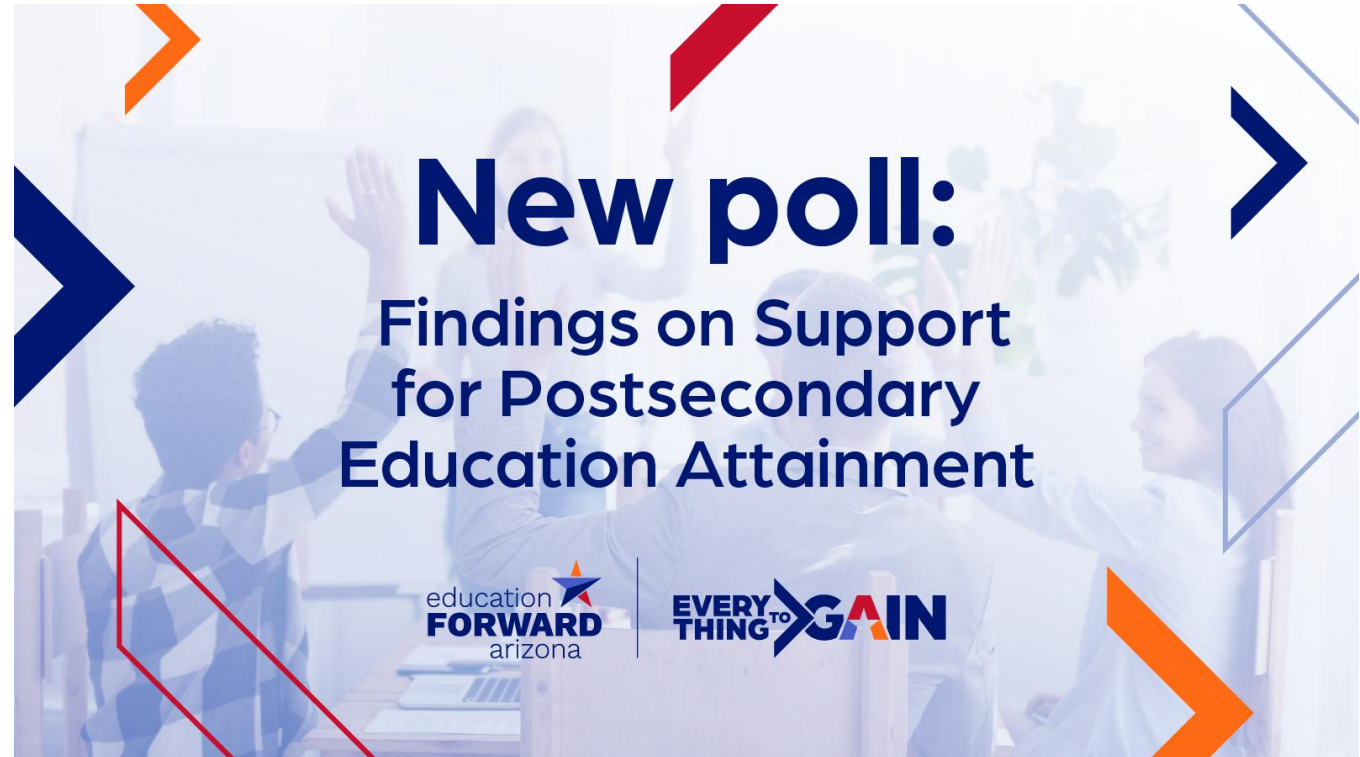
Arizona has *everything to gain*  
— in our economy, workforce,  
communities and as individuals —  
when students continue their education and  
training after high school.

# Evidence to support Post-Secondary Attainment

## Billions to Gain

### Voter Poll

- ▶ 2023 report for Arizona
- ▶ Details benefits of increased enrollment and completion of education and training after high school
- ▶ Looks at the benefits from individual, social and fiscal perspectives



94%

of Arizonans believe  
that we should **expand**  
**access to college**  
**dual-enrollment**  
programs in high school.



96%

of Arizonans believe  
that we should continue  
to **expand access to**  
**technical training and**  
**education programs.**



# Bright spots for Mingus



- Higher than the state average for graduation and post-secondary enrollment
- Access to high school programming to support planning/training after HS
  - CTE courses
  - Dual Enrollment courses
  - Early College Academy with Yavapai College
  - AP classes
- Showing growth in student achievement year over year, even when students might be coming in below grade level for academics
- Increased school letter grade: B!!



# Education, Workforce and the Economy

By 2031 72% of jobs nationwide will require post-secondary education or training (reference below)

We know that post-secondary education/training leads to better quality of life for individuals, better community and state economies, lower crime and expenses for states and better health outcomes for Arizonans. (Billions to Gain Report)

To meet these goals, ALL students need to have an after high school plan and accomplish it successfully. (CKG planning)

Reference: <https://cew.georgetown.edu/cew-reports/projections2031/>

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