

Postsecondary Certificates: Still too Important to Discard

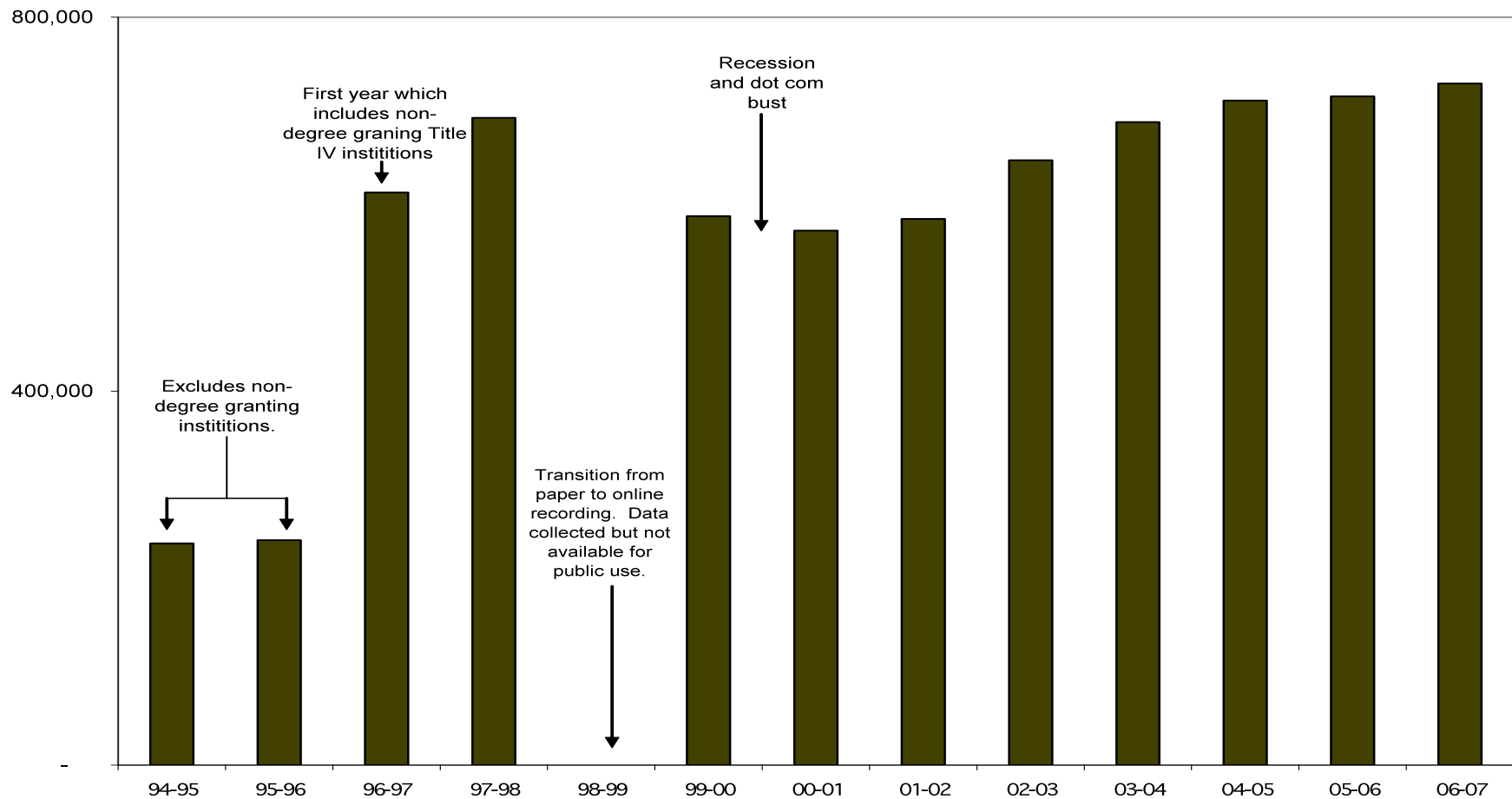
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Certificates conferred by Title IV institutions are substantial part of postsecondary attainment



Source: NCES IPEDS Fall Completions Component

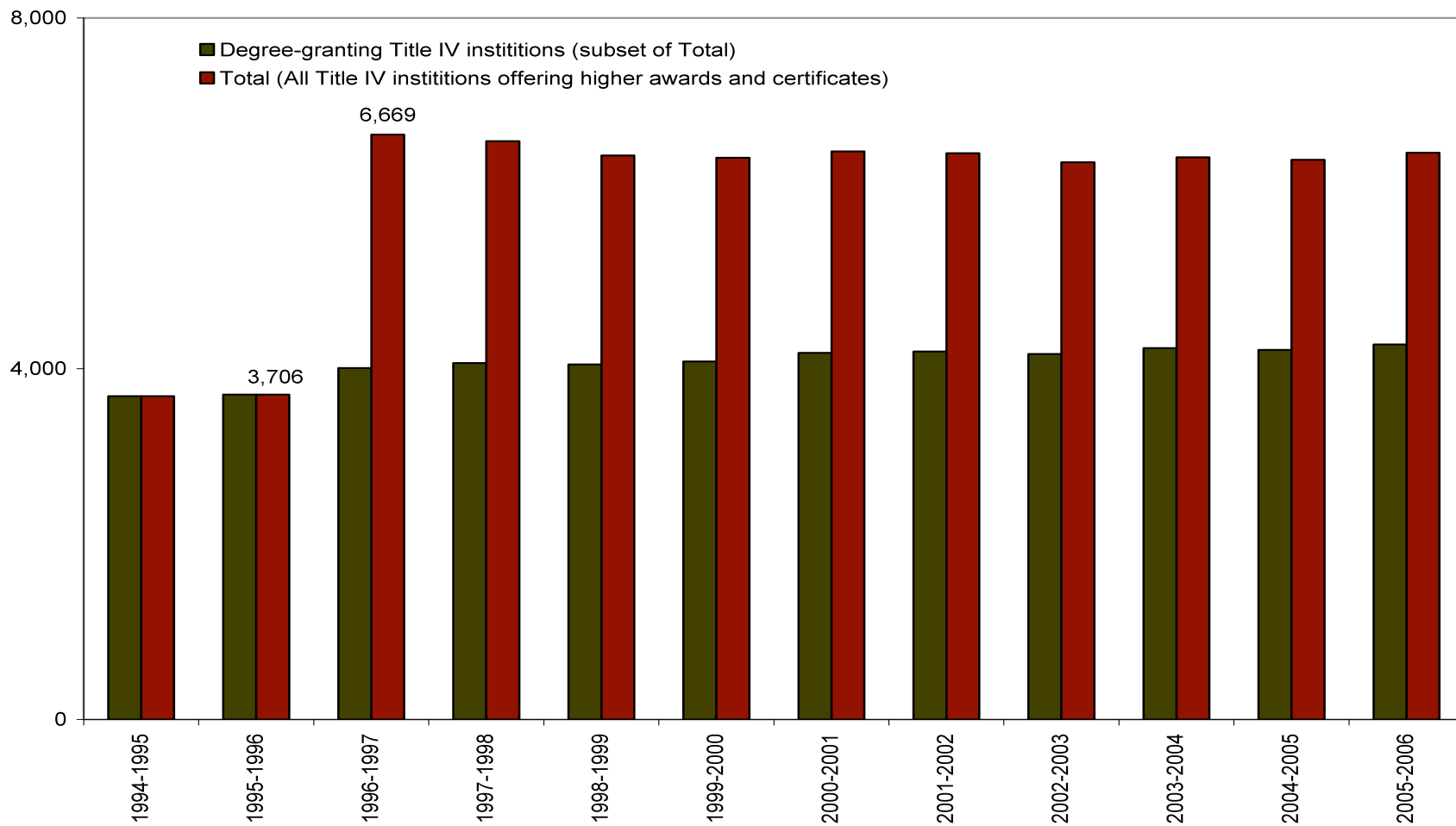
(IPEDS advises that some data have been revised from previously published figures)



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Non-degree granting Title IV institutions were included in NCES calculations

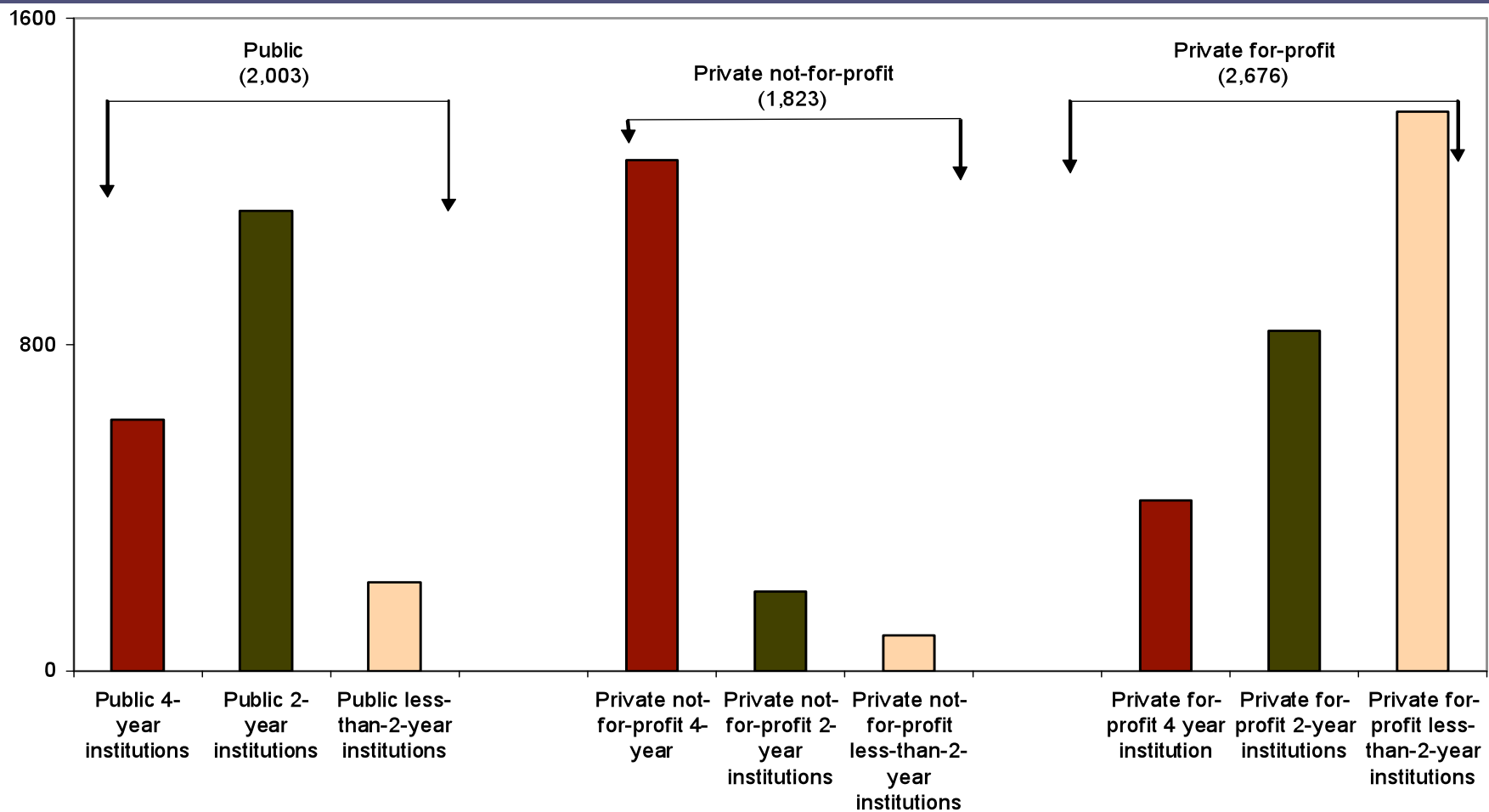


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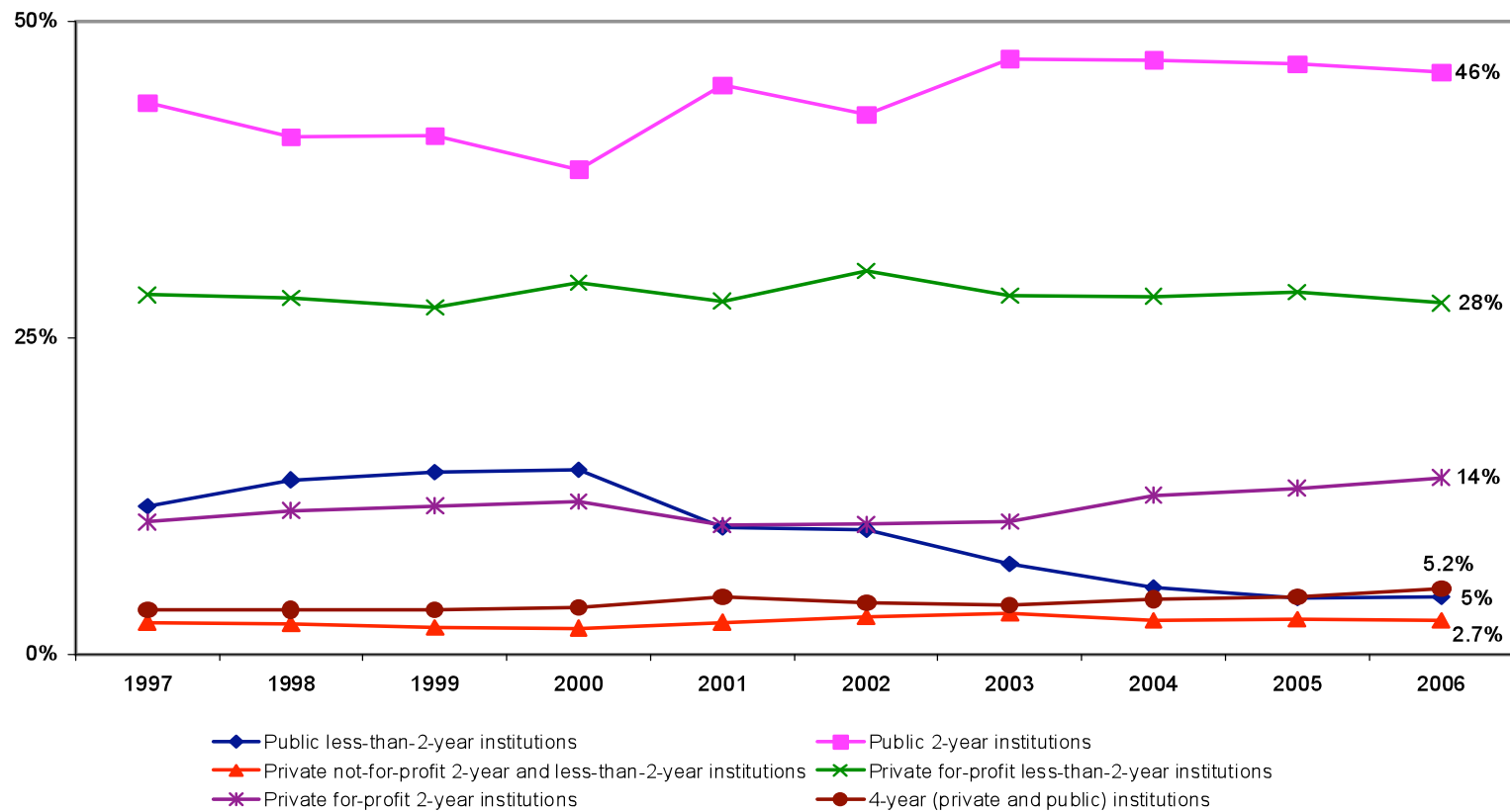
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Source: NCES IPEDS Digest of Educational Statistics, 2007

Distribution of Title IV postsecondary institutions awarding career education credentials (2006)



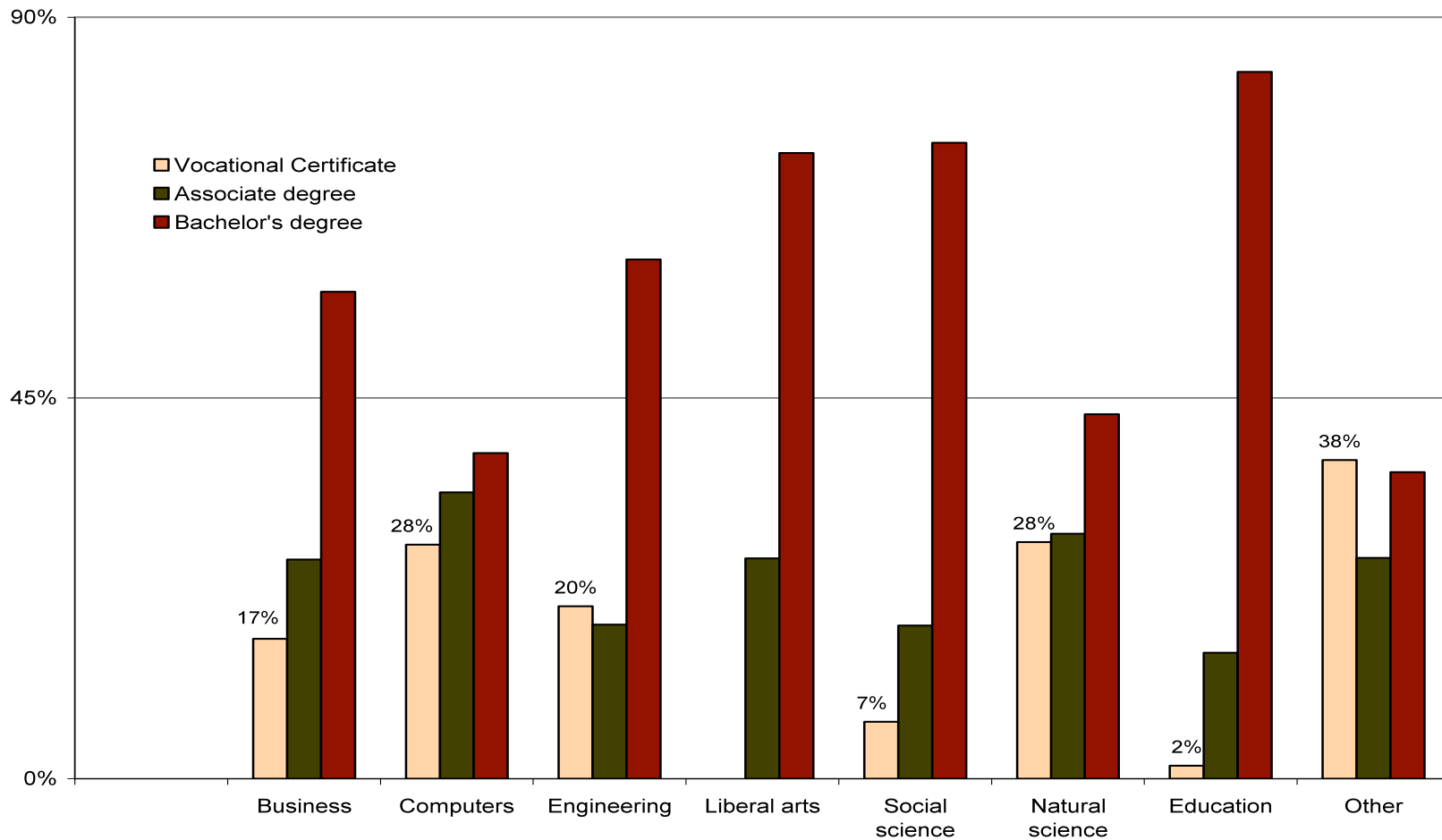
Public and private 2-year institutions account for over 70% of all certificates



Source: NCES IPEDS, Completions and Institutional Characteristics Components



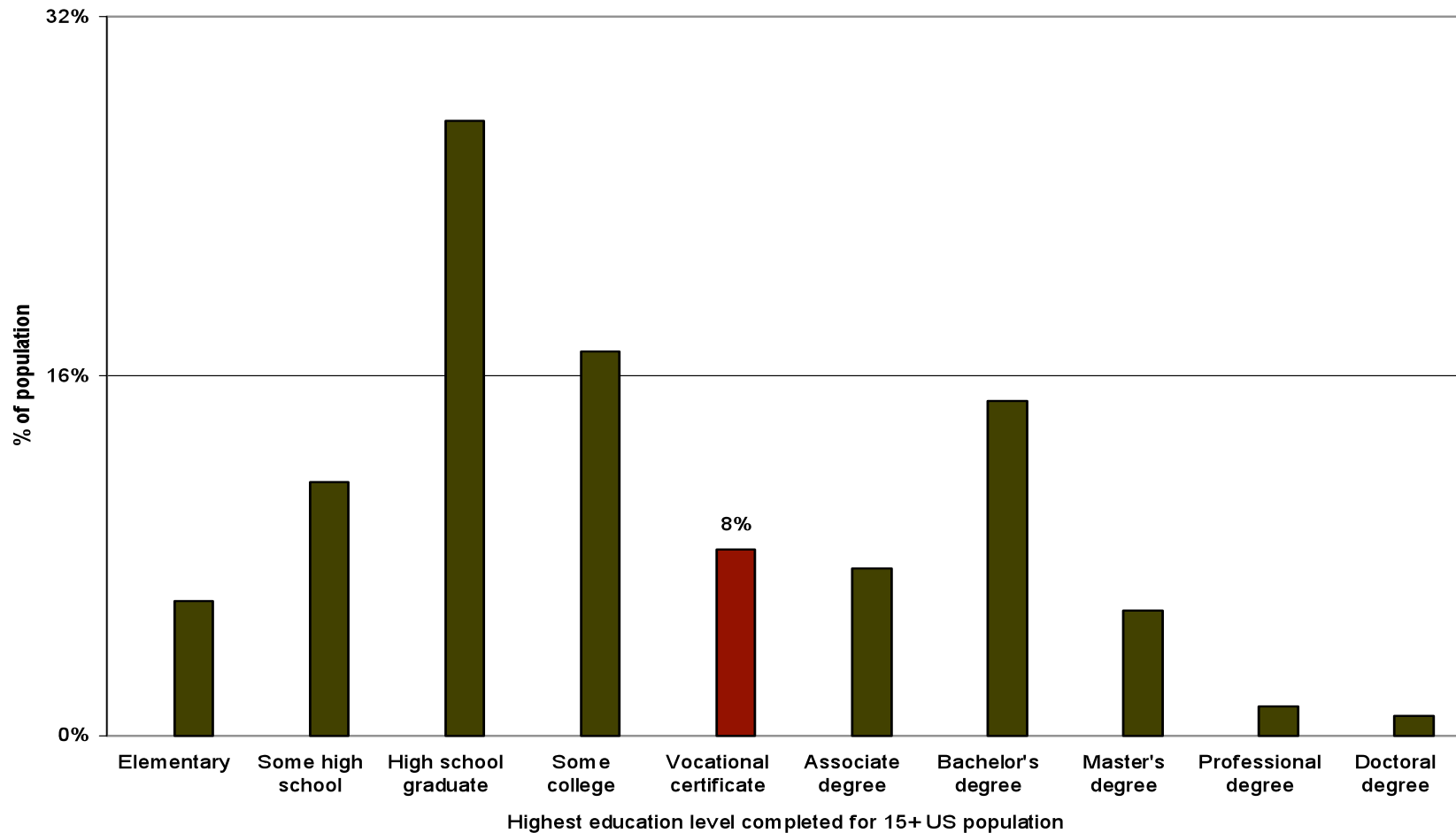
Certificates are significant component of human capital development in many areas of training



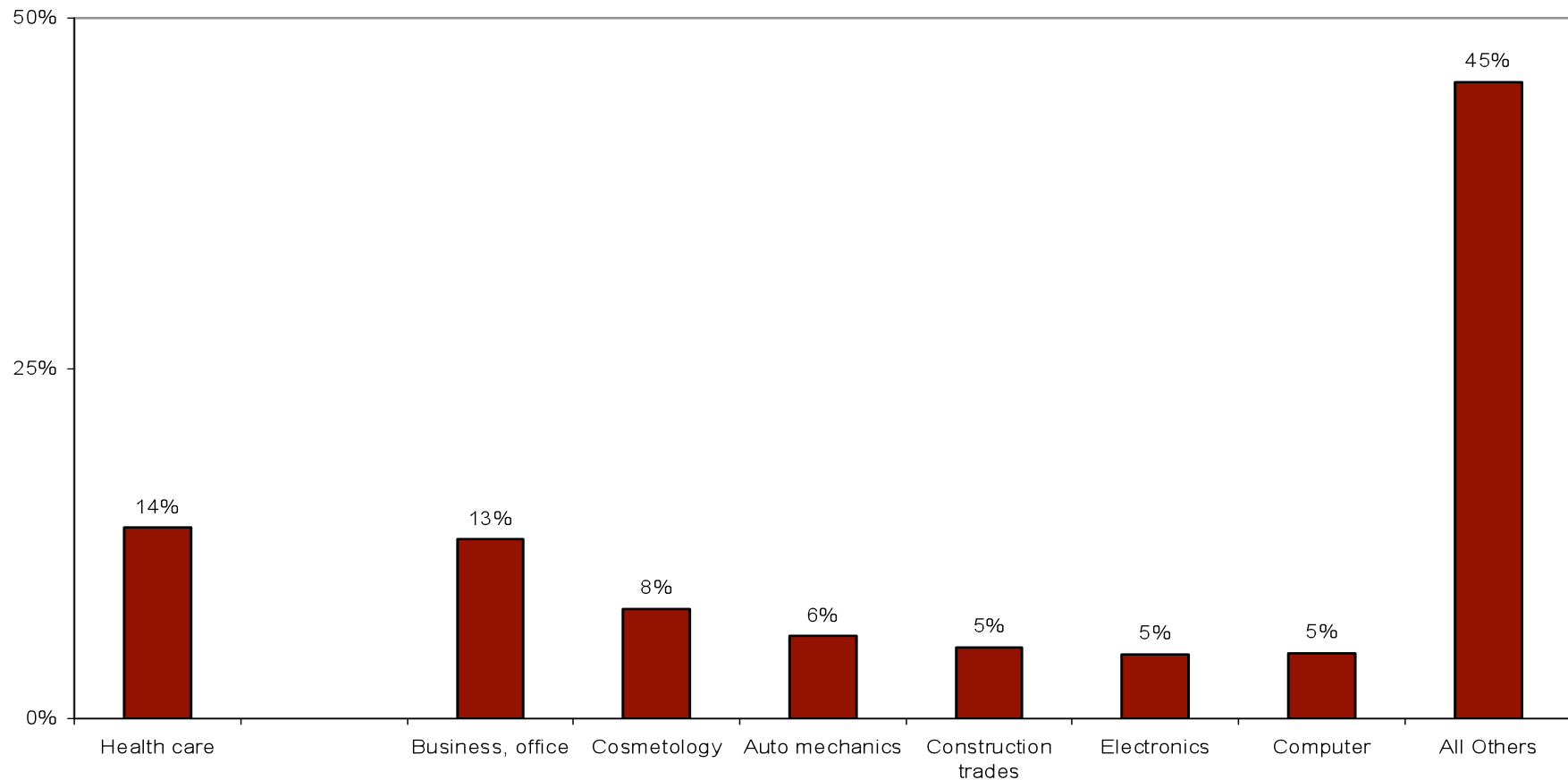
Source: Survey of Income Program Participants, 2004



Health care certificates account for 14% of population accreditation



Certificates and AAs are a large share of postsecondary awards

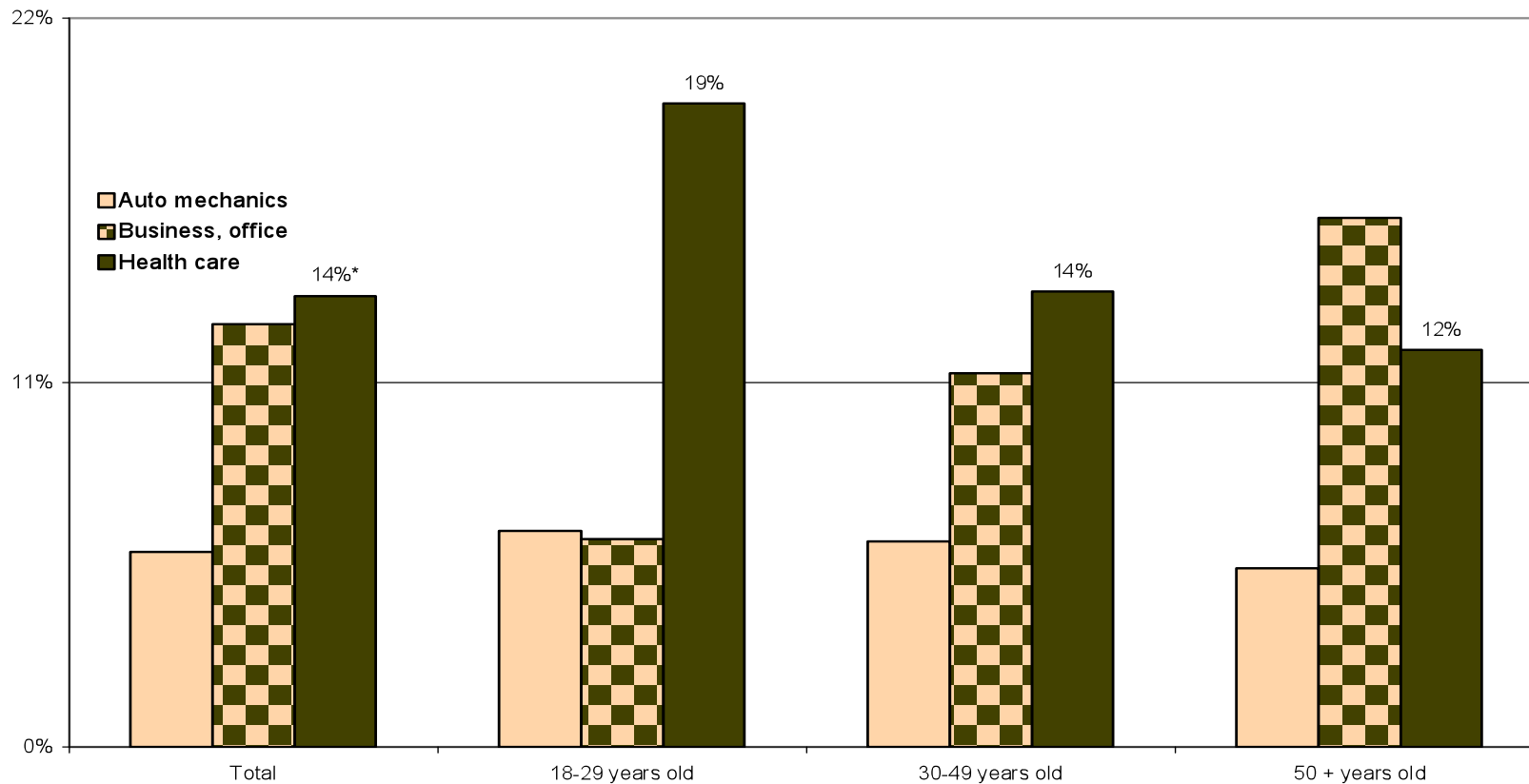


Source: Survey of Income Program Participants (SIPP, 2004)



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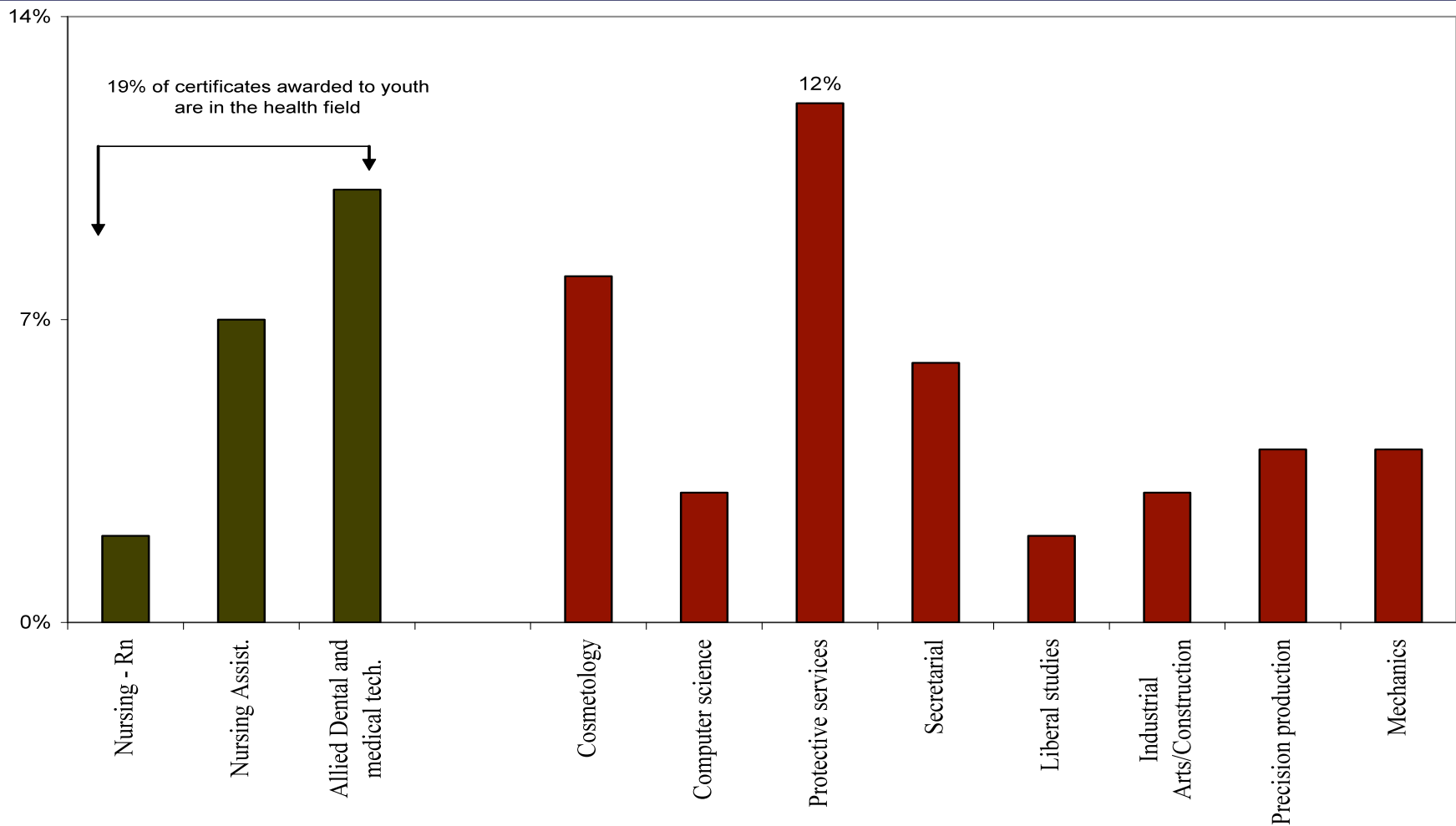
Where a certificate is the highest award attained, the distribution of certificates differs by age



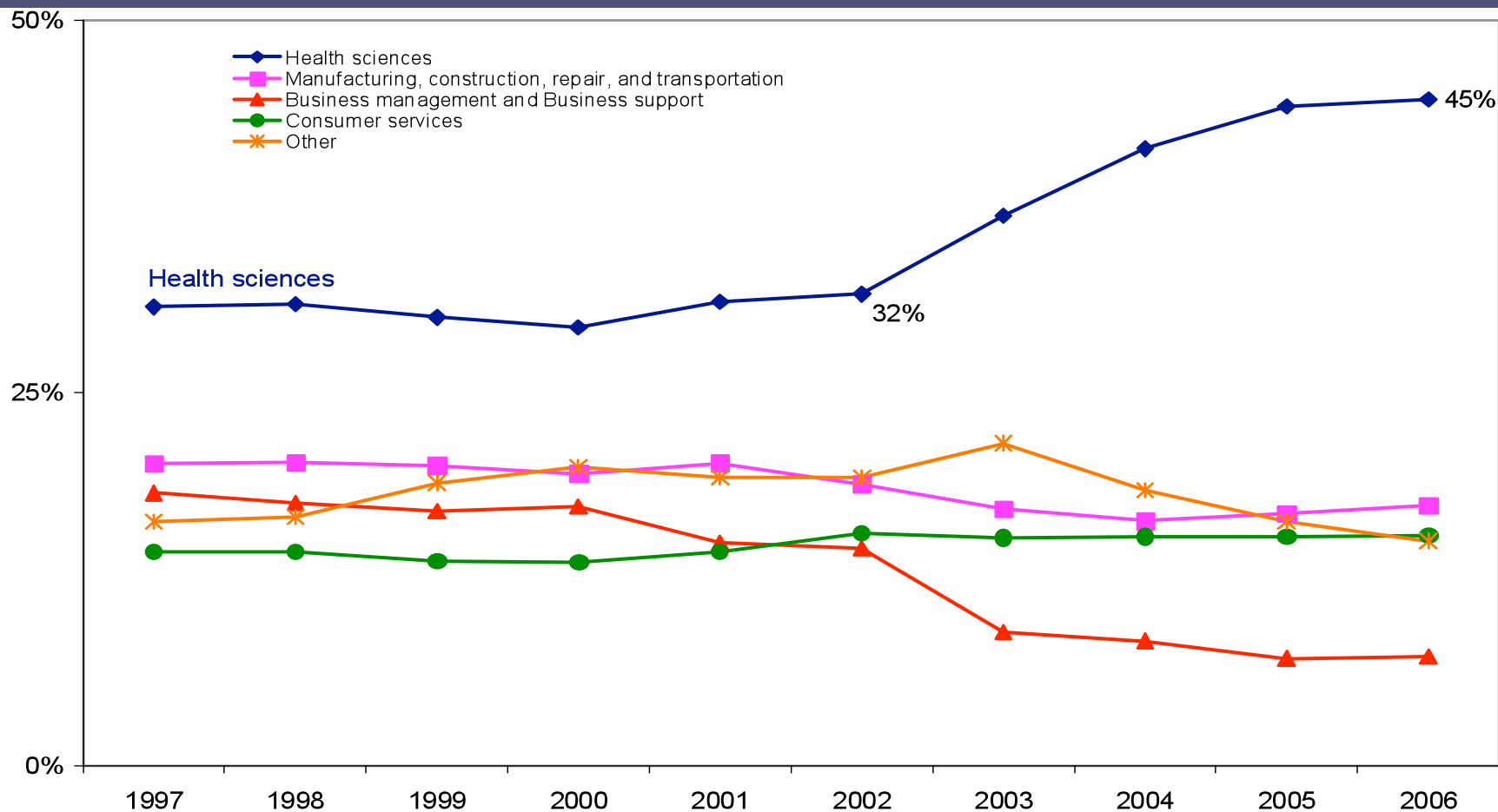
* 91% of these health care certificates are held by women.



Distribution of certificates by major (average age 27)



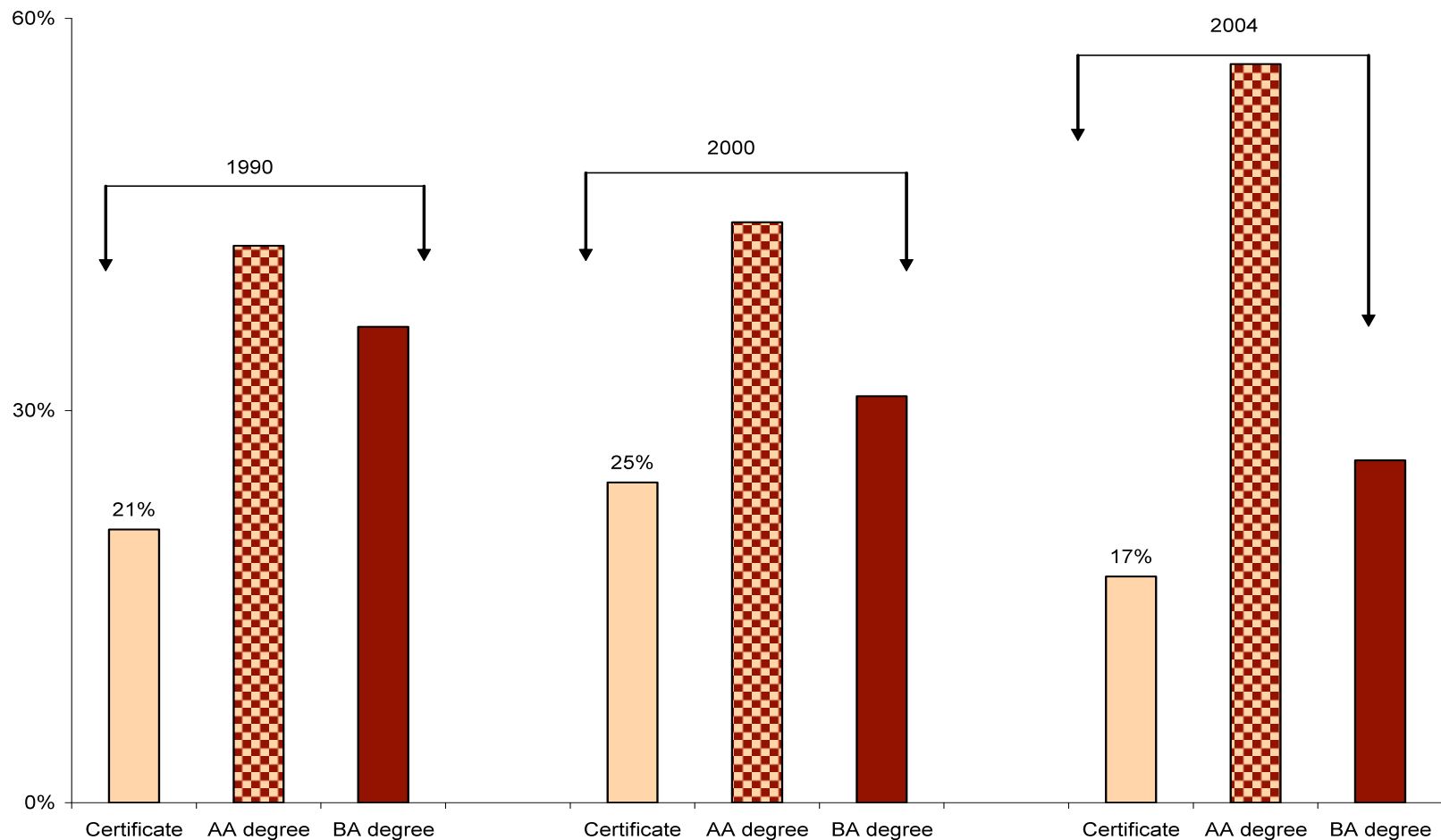
Health sciences certificates are fastest growing sub-baccalaureate certificates awarded



Source: NCES IPEDS, Completions and Institutional Characteristics Components



As percentage of health care credentials obtained, certificates declining relative to AAs*



*Includes both title IV and non-title IV institutions

Source: NCES National Postsecondary Student Aid Studies, various years

