Knocking on The College Door—What’s Facing Higher Education

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Background

- 6th Edition of the projections
- Includes projections by race/ethnicity and public/private school, like previous edition
- Includes projections of graduates by income for the first time
Some Provisos

Projections do not account for:

- NCLB and other accountability measures
- New state policy objectives
- Reductions in funding that might affect access
Who’s Knocking?

- 3.2 million high school graduates, forecast for 2008-09 – 3% higher than today

- More minority students than ever: almost 43% of K-12 enrollments by 2007-08 (a 23% increase in five years)
Among the Regions

Graduates

The West and the South will see increases

The Northeast and Midwest won’t see much change

Enrollment

The South still dominates in school enrollments, thanks to population shifts in the last decade

The West bumps the Midwest from the #2 slot.
How things will change

Percent Change in Number of Public and Nonpublic High School Graduates by State, U.S., 2001-02 (actual) and 2017-18 (projected)

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Some will see manageable losses

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Others will see manageable growth

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A number of states will see considerable growth
A few are looking at significant increases.
Two are off the charts

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The New Minority Majority

The West is projected to be a minority majority region for the class of 2010.

The South will follow suit in 2015.

11 states and the District of Columbia will be minority majority by the class of 2014: Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Maryland, Mississippi, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Texas.
About half of high school graduates will be from families earning under $50,000.
The South is expected to have the highest proportion of graduates in the lowest income group (under $20,000): nearly 1 in every 5 grads in the class of 2007.

About 17 percent of graduates in the West will be from this income group.

The Midwest and Northeast will see about 13 percent each.

Expect proportionally more graduates in the lowest income group in Alaska, California, Iowa, Nevada, Oregon, Rhode Island, Washington, and Wyoming.
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