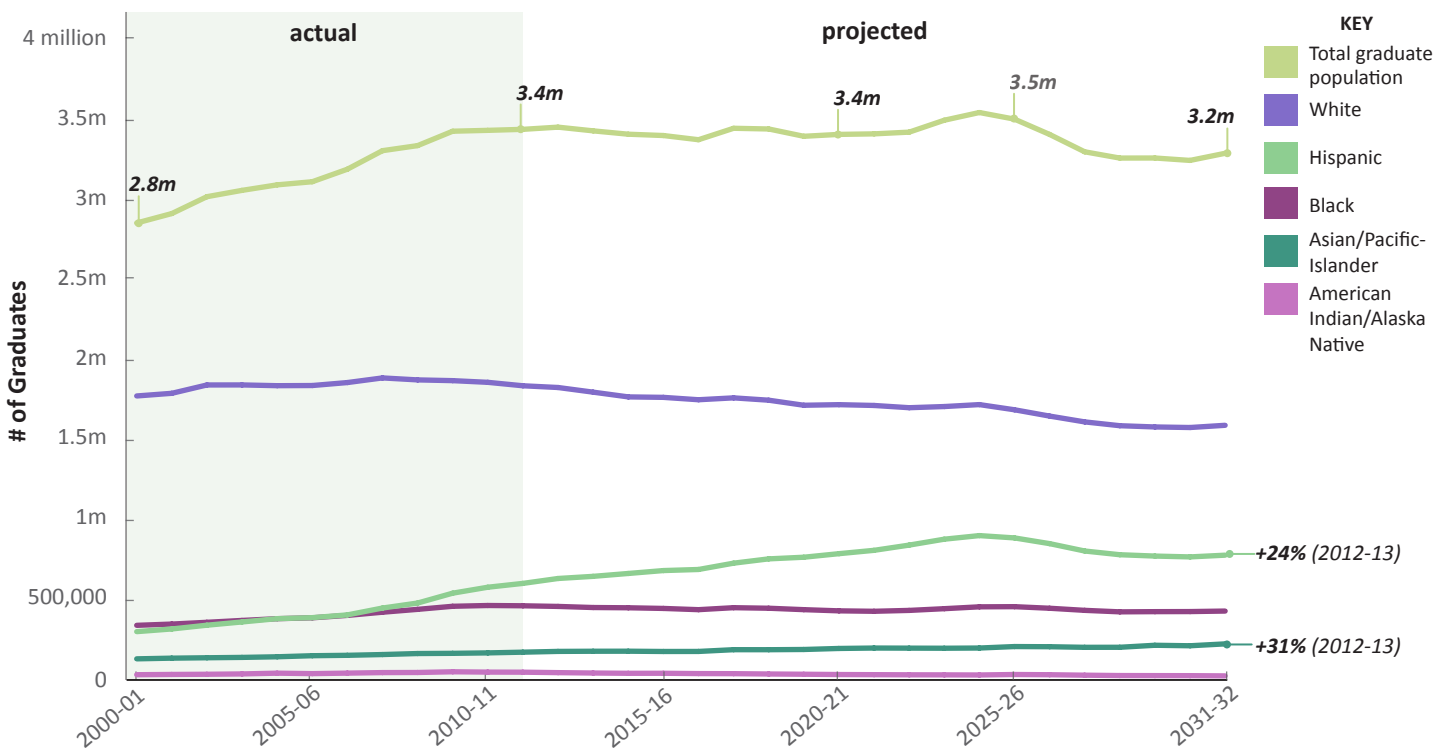


## High school projections

While the number of high school graduates is expected to remain relatively stable, the percentage of minorities among them is expected to increase, and the rate of white graduates is predicted to drop.

### Total U.S. high school graduates (actual and projected) for 2000 to 2032 by race/ethnicity



Source: Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, "Knocking at the College Door: Projections of High School Graduates," December 2016.



The number of high school graduates in the U.S. has increased steadily from approximately 2.9 million in 2000-01 to about 3.5 million in 2012-13, the highest ever reported. Projections suggest that the number of high school graduates will remain relatively stable for the next 10 years, and then increase again in 2023-24 and on. The most notable trends culled from the data are a consistent decrease in the number of white graduates and increases in the number of Hispanic and Asian Pacific Islander graduates. Hispanic graduates are expected to grow by 24 percent, and Asian Pacific Islanders will increase by 31 percent between 2012-13 and 2031-32.

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