

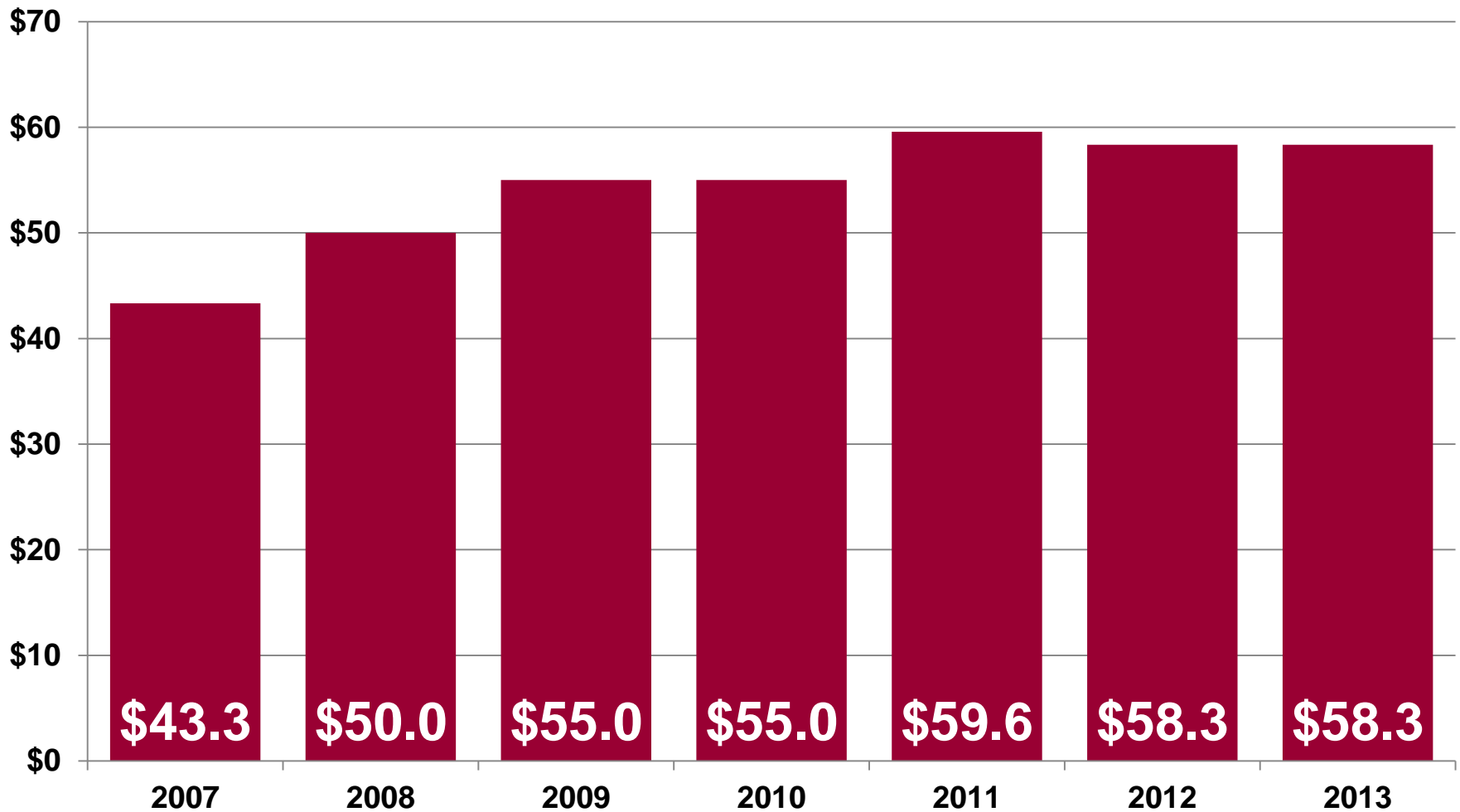
# WHEG

## Recommendation for 2013-15 Biennium

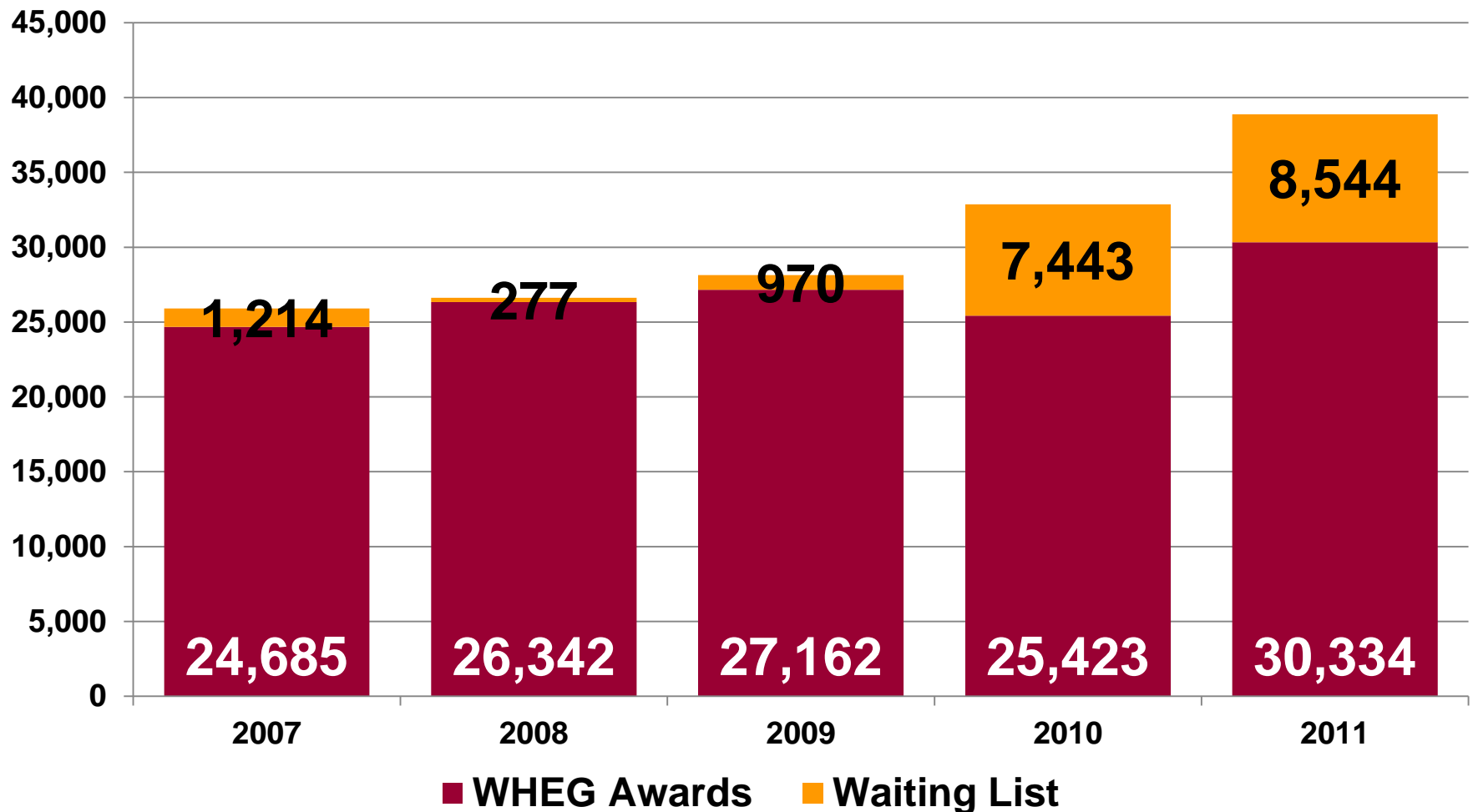
# Background

- Wisconsin Higher Education Grant (WHEG) program is administered by the Higher Education Aids Board (HEAB)
- HEAB must submit its request for the 2013-15 biennium in September. HEAB approves its request in early August.
- UW provides its formal recommendations for WHEG funding, based on forecasted need
- To be eligible, family must have EFC of \$4,000 or less
  - Maximum award: \$2,384 (2012-13)
  - Minimum: \$784 (2012-13)
  - Average: \$1,962 (2010-11)

# Funding has been flat



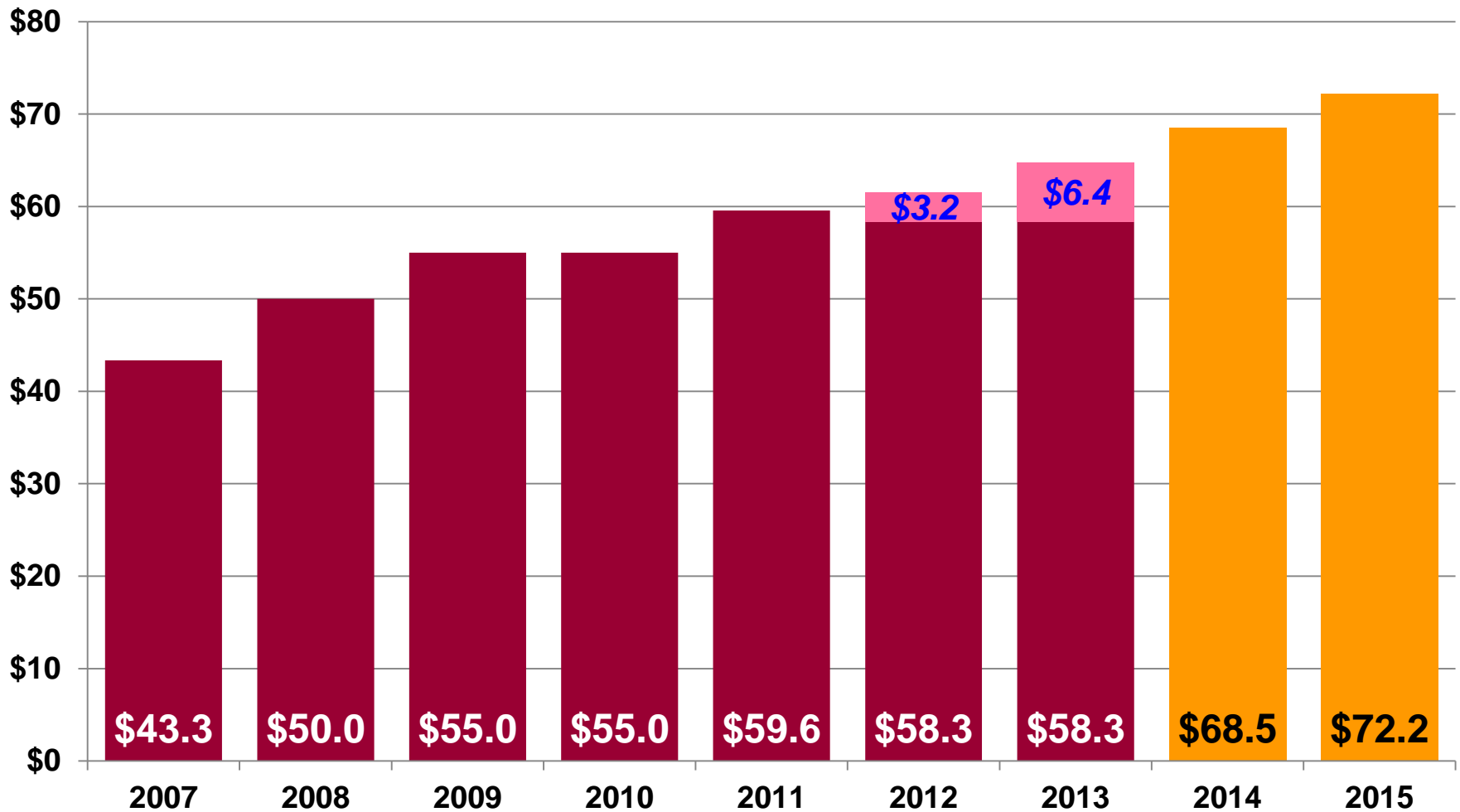
# Unmet need is growing



# Recommendation for 2013-15

- Using past average of past four years for planning purposes, recommend **5.5% increase in each year** of the biennium, per the statutory link
- In addition, recommend **5.5% “catch-up”** funding for each year of the 2011-13 biennium
- **\$68.5 million** for 2013-14 and **\$72.2 million** for 2014-15
- Biennial budget impact: **\$24.1 million**

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- Recommended funding would provide for 4,000 to 6,000 additional WHEG awards
- Fulfills the commitment that WHEG appropriation keeps pace with tuition
- More eligible students receive aid
- Shorter waiting lists
- Even at these levels, unmet need will remain

# How this compares to past BOR recommendations for WHEG

