

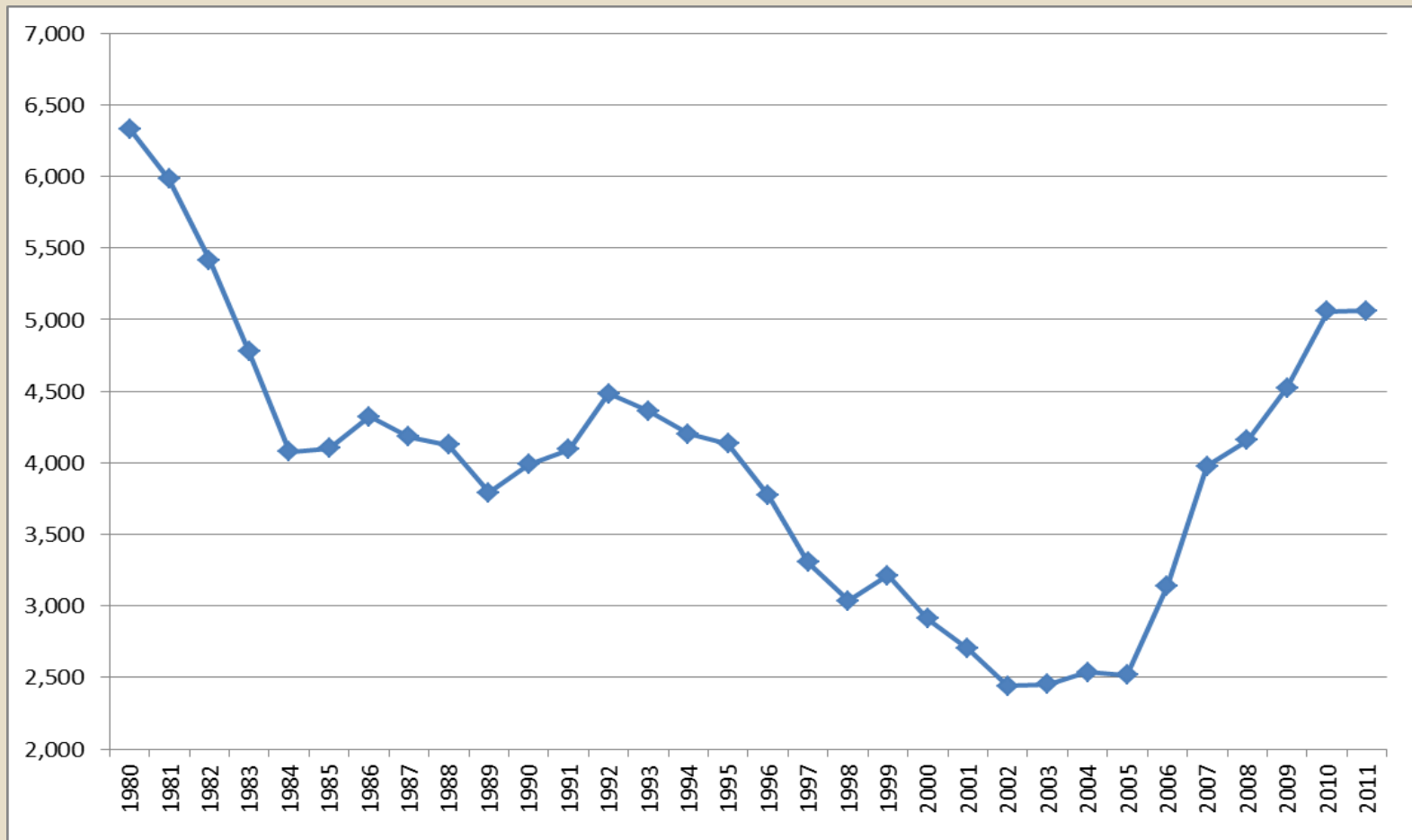
Student-Veterans in the UW System



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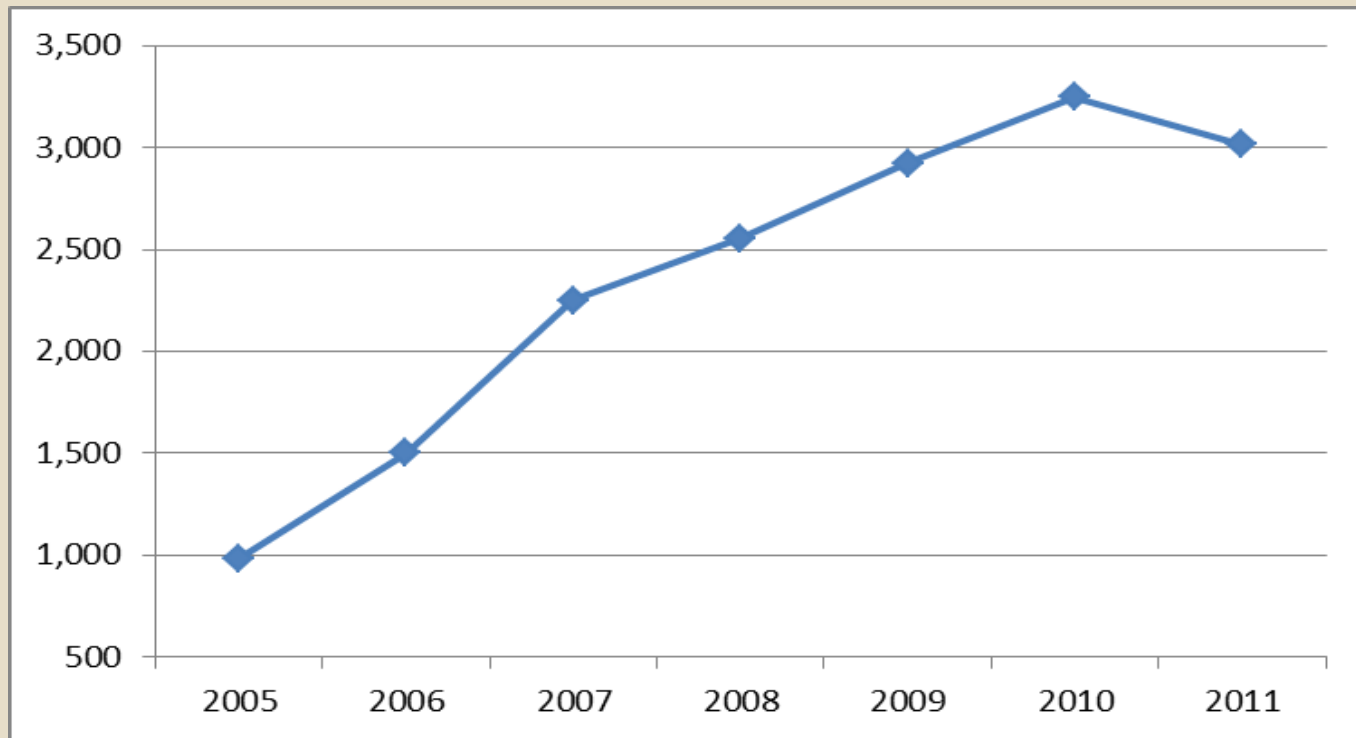
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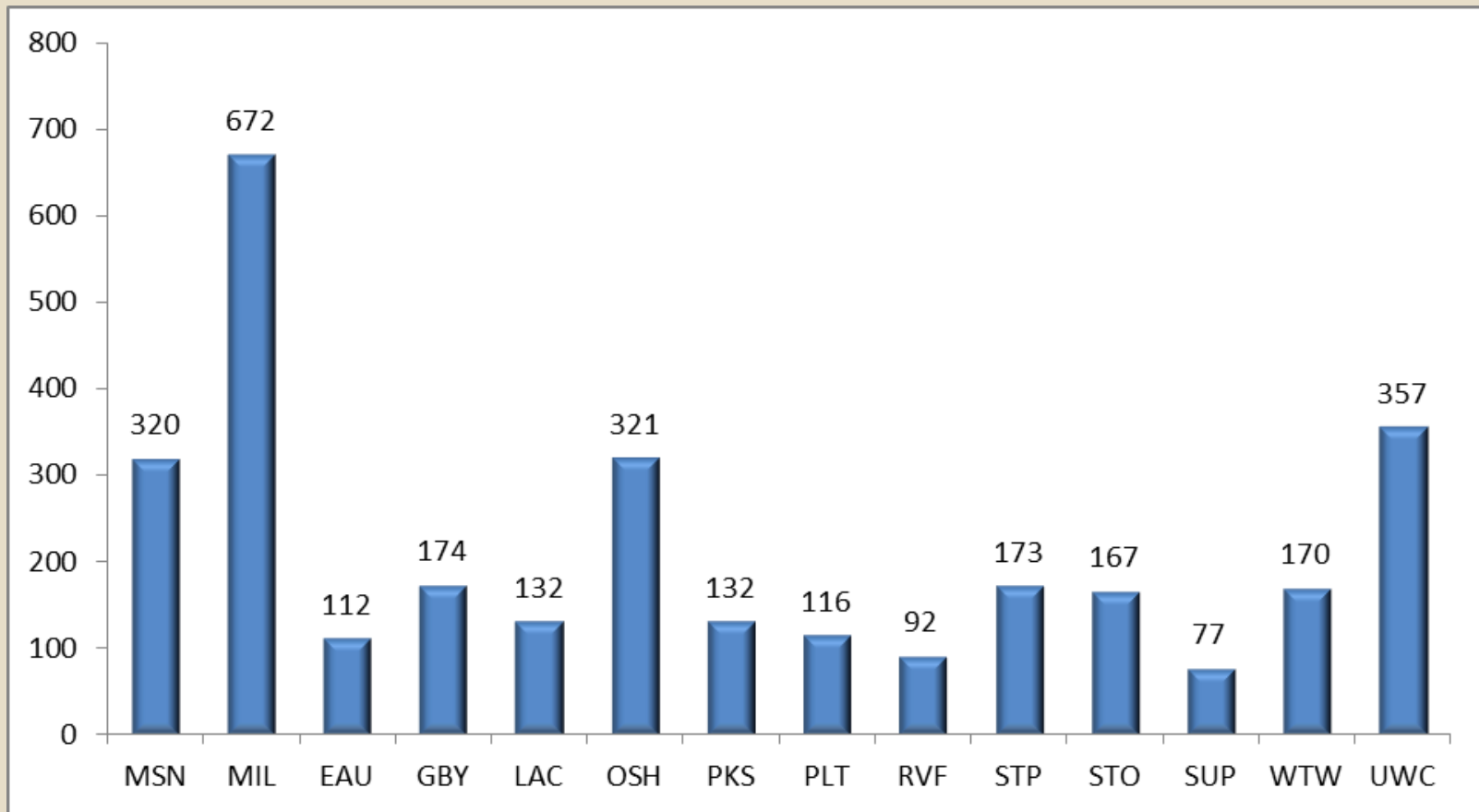
UW Student-Veterans Receiving GI Benefits Fall 2005 – Fall 2011

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UW Student-Veterans Receiving GI Benefits by UW Institution, Fall 2011

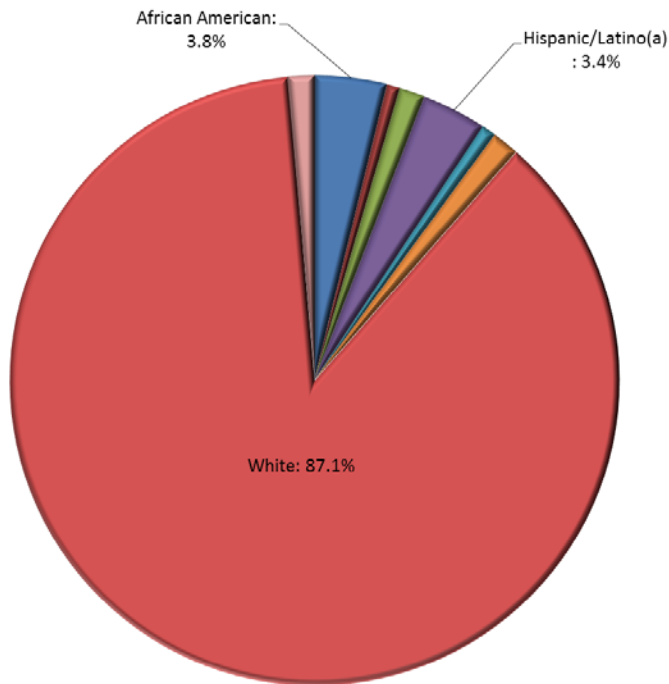
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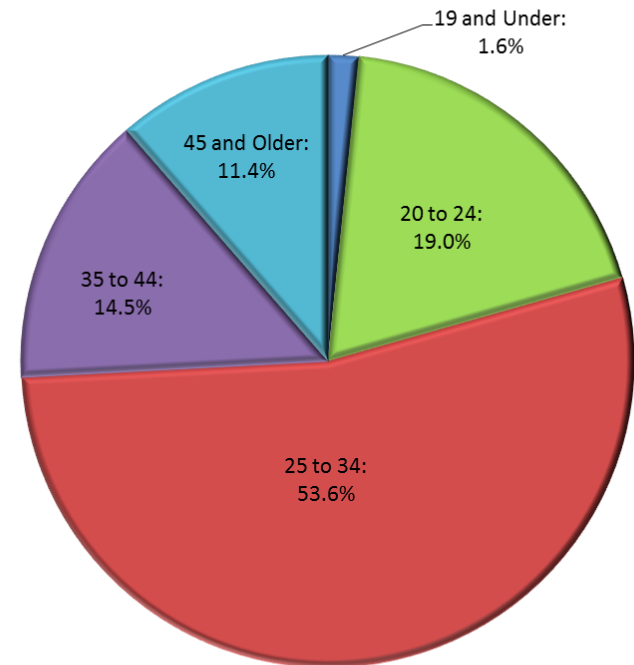
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by Race/Ethnicity



■ African American ■ American Indian ■ Southeast Asian
■ Hispanic/Latino(a) ■ Other Asian American ■ Other Students of Color
■ White ■ Unknown

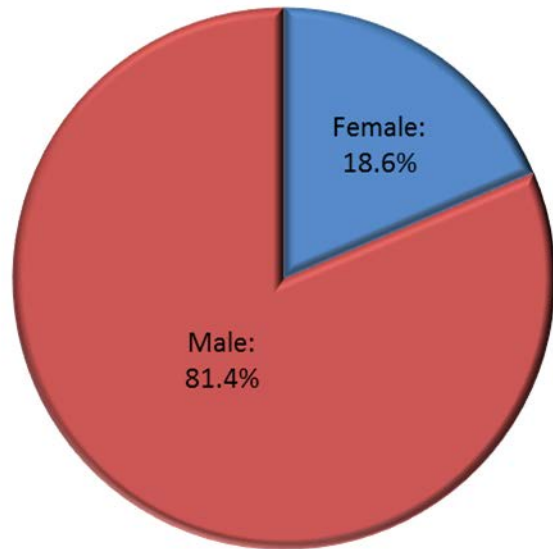
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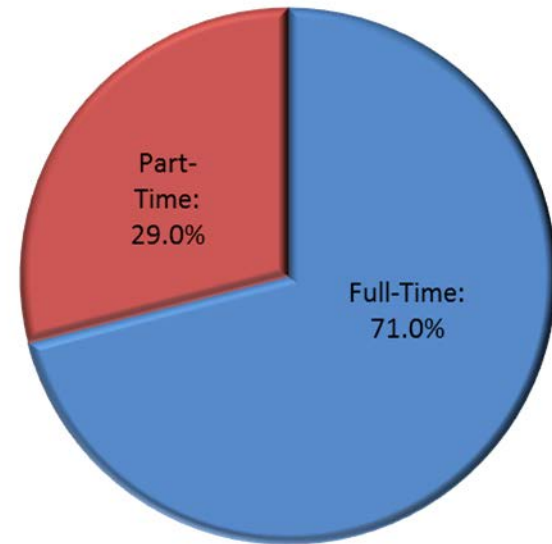
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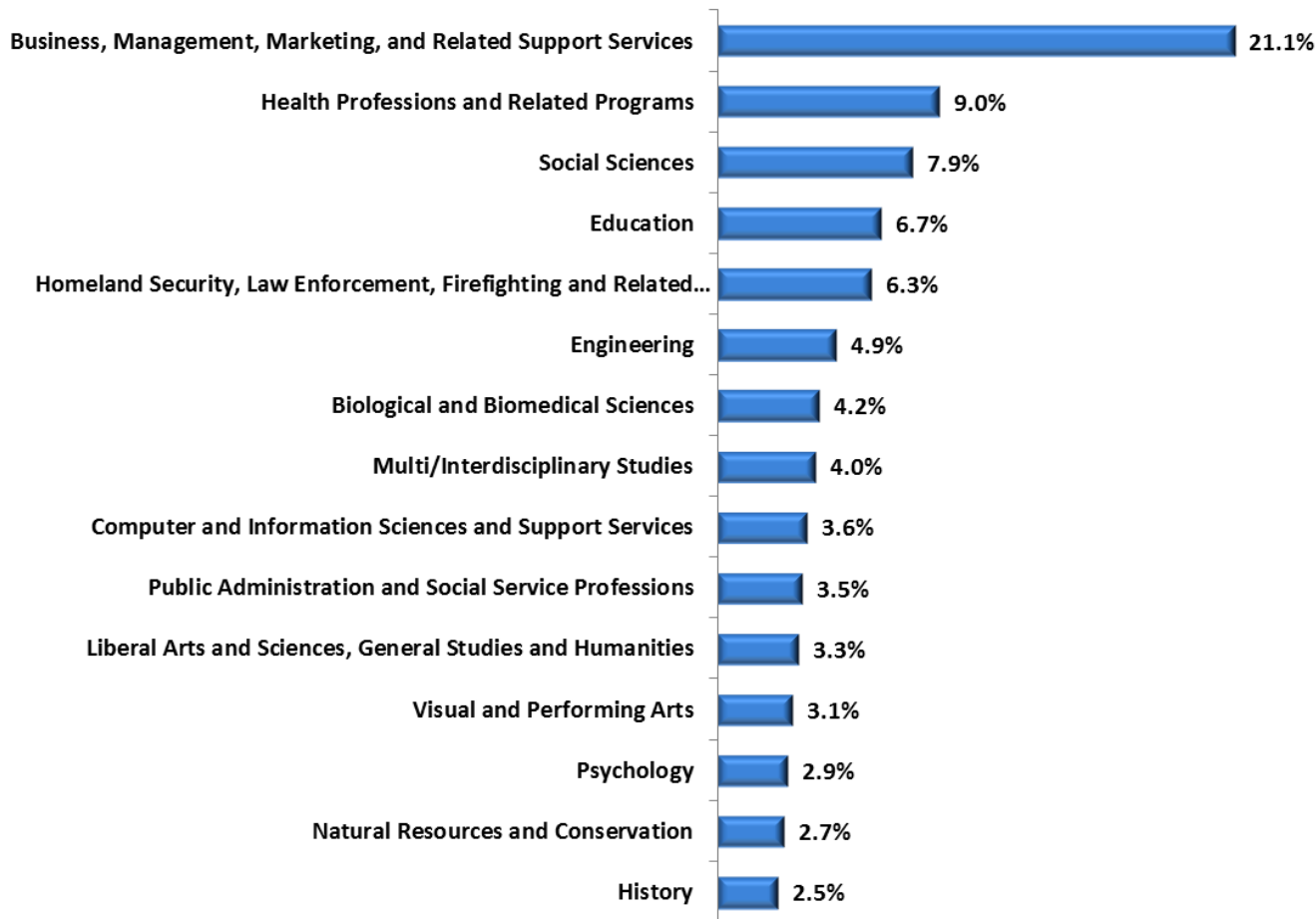


by Full-Time Status



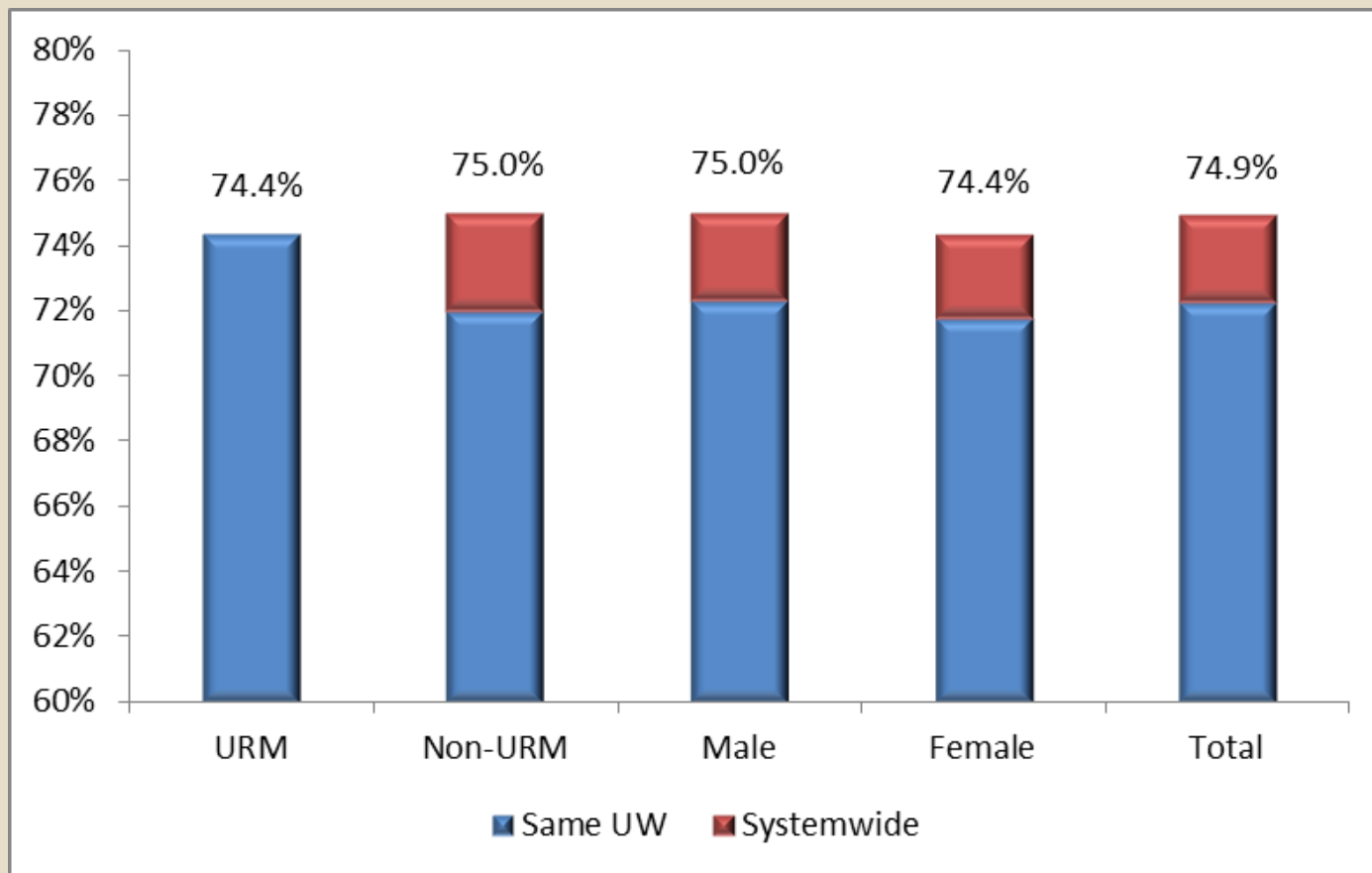
UW Student-Veterans Receiving GI Benefits Top 15 Majors by Area, Fall 2011

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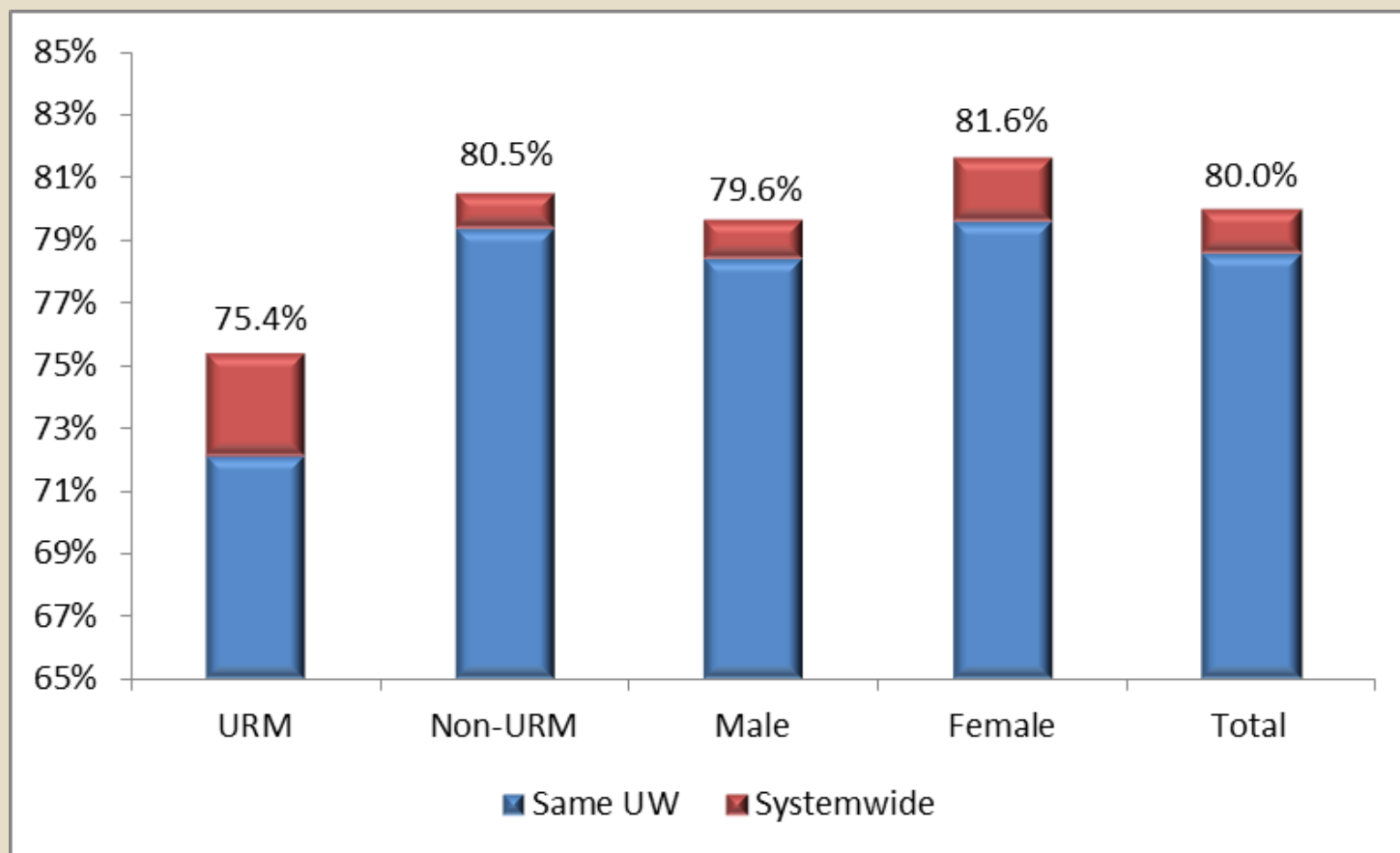
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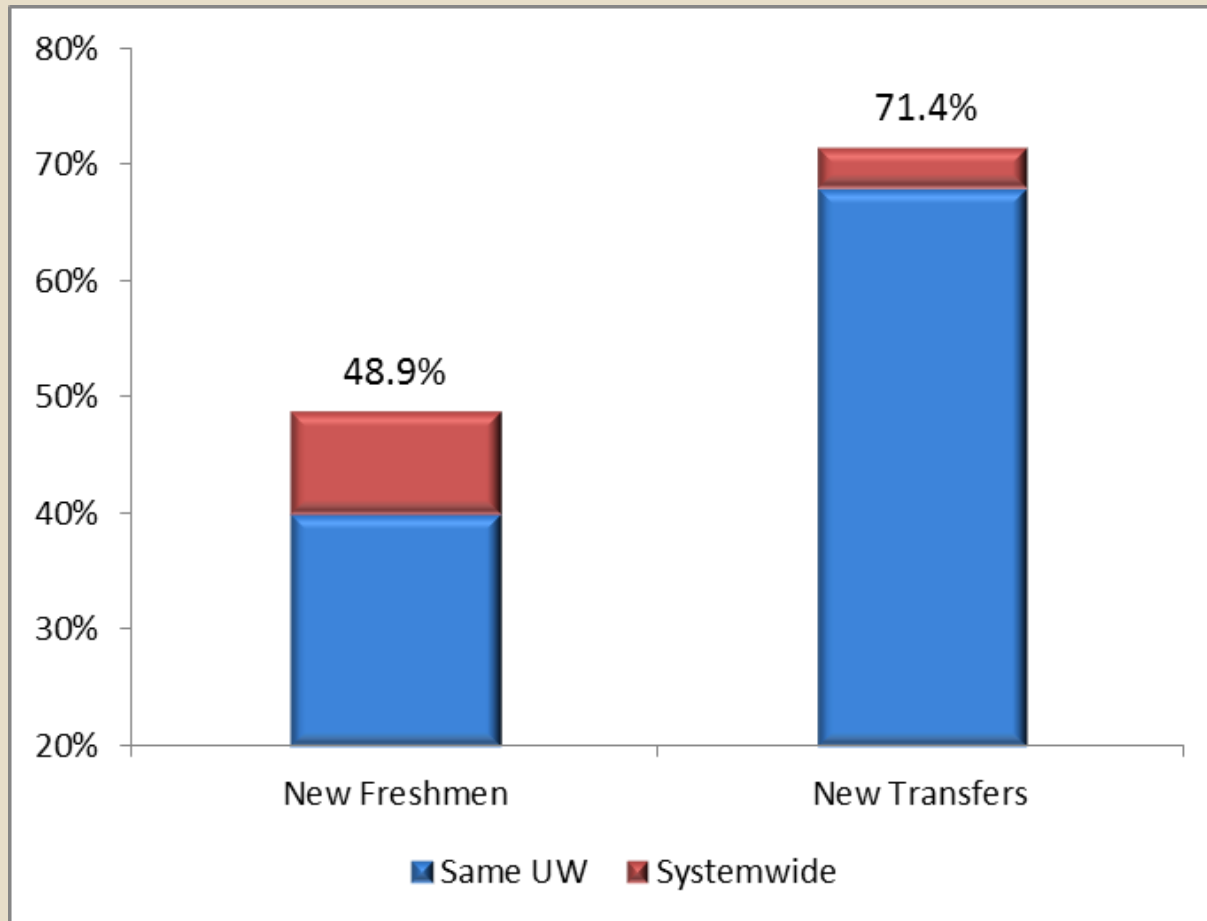
Second-Year Retention Rates for Full-Time New Transfer Student-Veterans, Fall 2008 to Fall 2010 Combined

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Six-Year Graduation Rates for Full-Time Student-Veterans, Fall 2005

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To Think About ...

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There are two interlocking, but distinct threads, that relate to ensuring success for student-veterans in higher education

- Responsibly and effectively administering the complex web of expanding and interlocking state and federal education benefits that veterans and their families are eligible to receive
- Seeing that student-veterans are well served by our institutions in light of the extraordinary experiences, resources, and challenges they bring to campus
- First, the benefits....

Array of Federal and State benefits Popularly Referred to as the “GI Bill”

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	Post-9/11 GI Bill or “Chapter 33”	Montgomery GI Bill or “Chapter 30”	Reserve Education Assistance Program (REAP) or “1607”	Montgomery GI Bill Select Reserve or “1606”	Wisconsin GI Bill or “WIGI Bill”
Thumbnail Sketch	Restoration of World War II era GI Bill; fixes declining purchasing power of other GI Bill benefits	The GI Bill for full-time enlisted personnel before Post-9/11	Chapter 30 “light” for Guard and Reservists with 90 days or more active duty service	For actively drilling Guard and Reservists without active duty service	State benefit for veterans and certain children and spouses of veterans
Minimum Length of Service	90 days active duty after September 10, 2001 or discharged for service disability	2 year continuous enlistment	90 days qualifying active service after September 10, 2001	6 year commitment (after 6/30/85)	90 days active duty during war time, or 2 years active duty during peace time or disability related discharge
Duration	36 to 48 months	36 to 48 months	36 to 48 months	36 to 48 months	128 credit hours or 8 semesters, whichever is longer
Payment to Student-Veteran?	<u>Monthly</u> Housing from \$1,362 to \$822 based on school location; books capped at \$1,000 annually	<u>Monthly</u> \$1,564 to \$391	<u>Monthly</u> \$1,251 to \$312	<u>Monthly</u> \$356 to \$89	<u>Academic Term</u> 100% Tuition & Fee Remission at UW or WTCS institution
Payment to College?	Yes; up to 100% of in-state tuition and fees paid to school	No	No	No	No
Can benefit vary by student?	Yes; tiered from 40% to 100% based on amount of active duty and full or part-time enrollment	Yes; varies based on full-time or part-time enrollment	Yes; varies by amount of active duty and full-time or part-time enrollment	Yes, varies based on full-time or part-time enrollment	No

Linking the WI GI Bill with the Federal Post-9/11 GI Bill

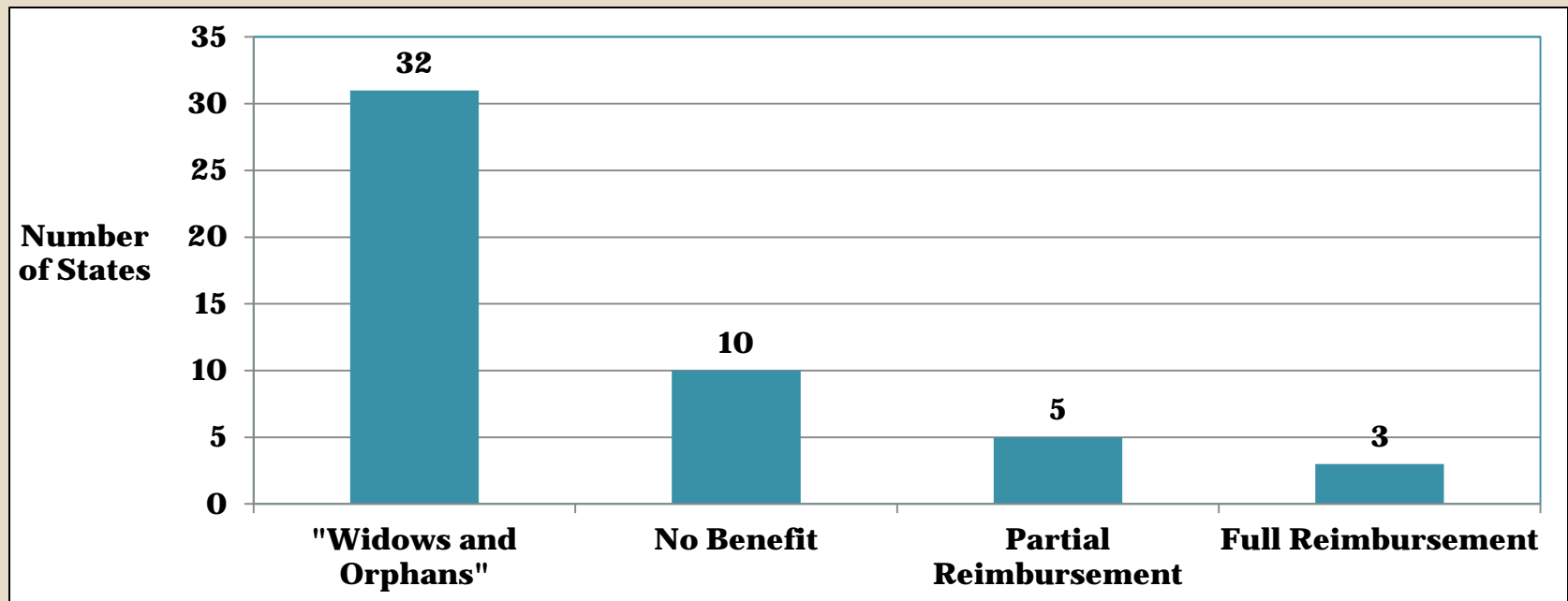
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- State law: Federal Post-9/11 benefit to apply before WI GI Bill remissions are applied
- Federal law requires veterans to **relinquish** one other VA education benefit (1606, 1607, or Chapter 30) before receiving the Post-9/11 benefit
- State law requires a supplemental payment to a student each term when the estimated dollar value of their **relinquished benefit** is greater than the value of their Post-9/11 housing and book payments. Post-9/11 tuition and fee payments are excluded from the estimate
- State law mandates that any credit hour supported by the federal Post-9/11 benefit does not count against the WI GI Bill 128 credit hour limit and any credit hour not supported by Post-9/11 is remitted under the WI GI Bill

Linking State GI Family Education Benefits with the Federal Post-9/11 GI Bill

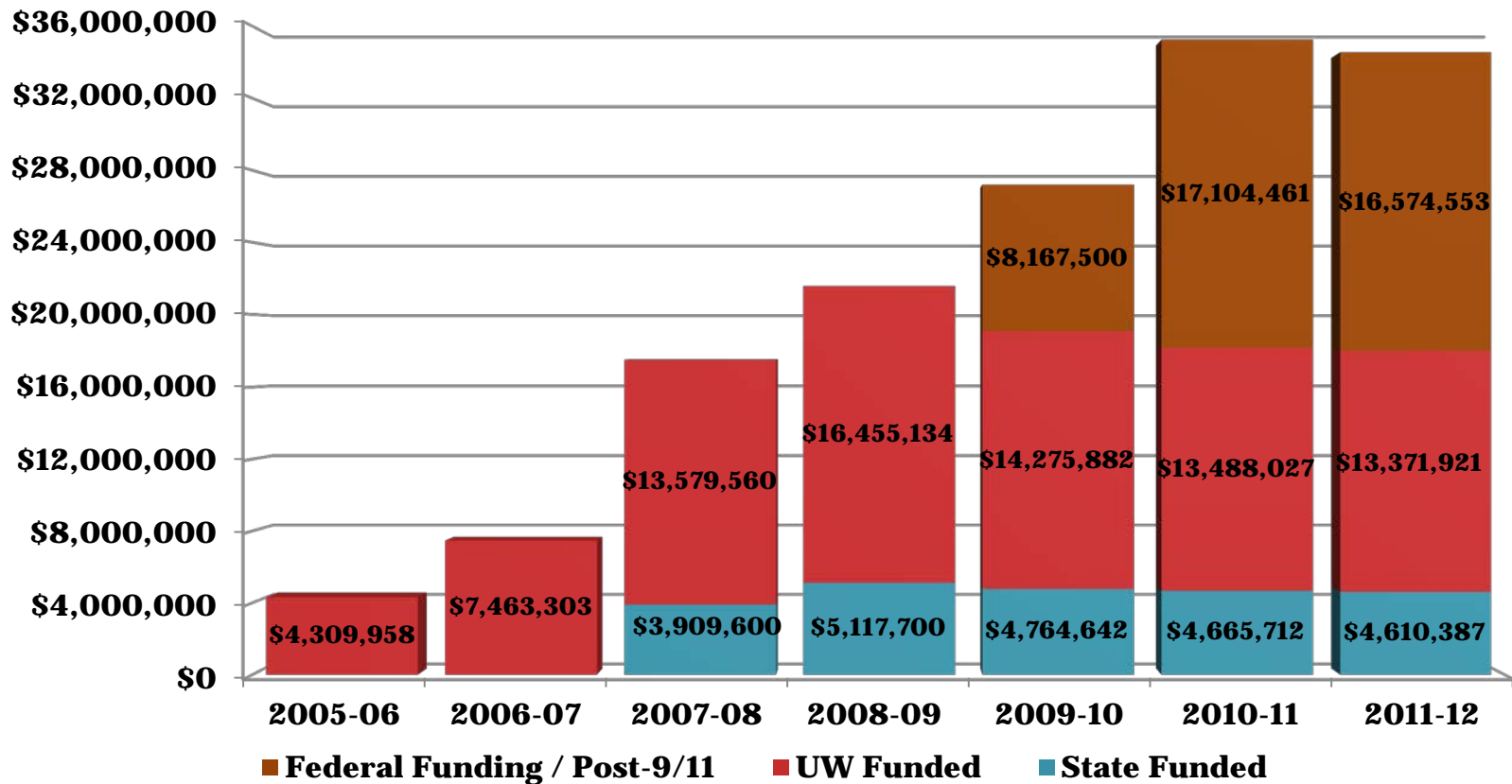
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- Eligibility for the federal child and spouse benefit (Chapter 35) is tied to 100% disability or death; 32 states provide a similar “widows and orphans” benefit
- Only three states, Wisconsin, California & Alabama, provide full tuition and fee benefits for dependents of veterans with disability ratings of 30% or less



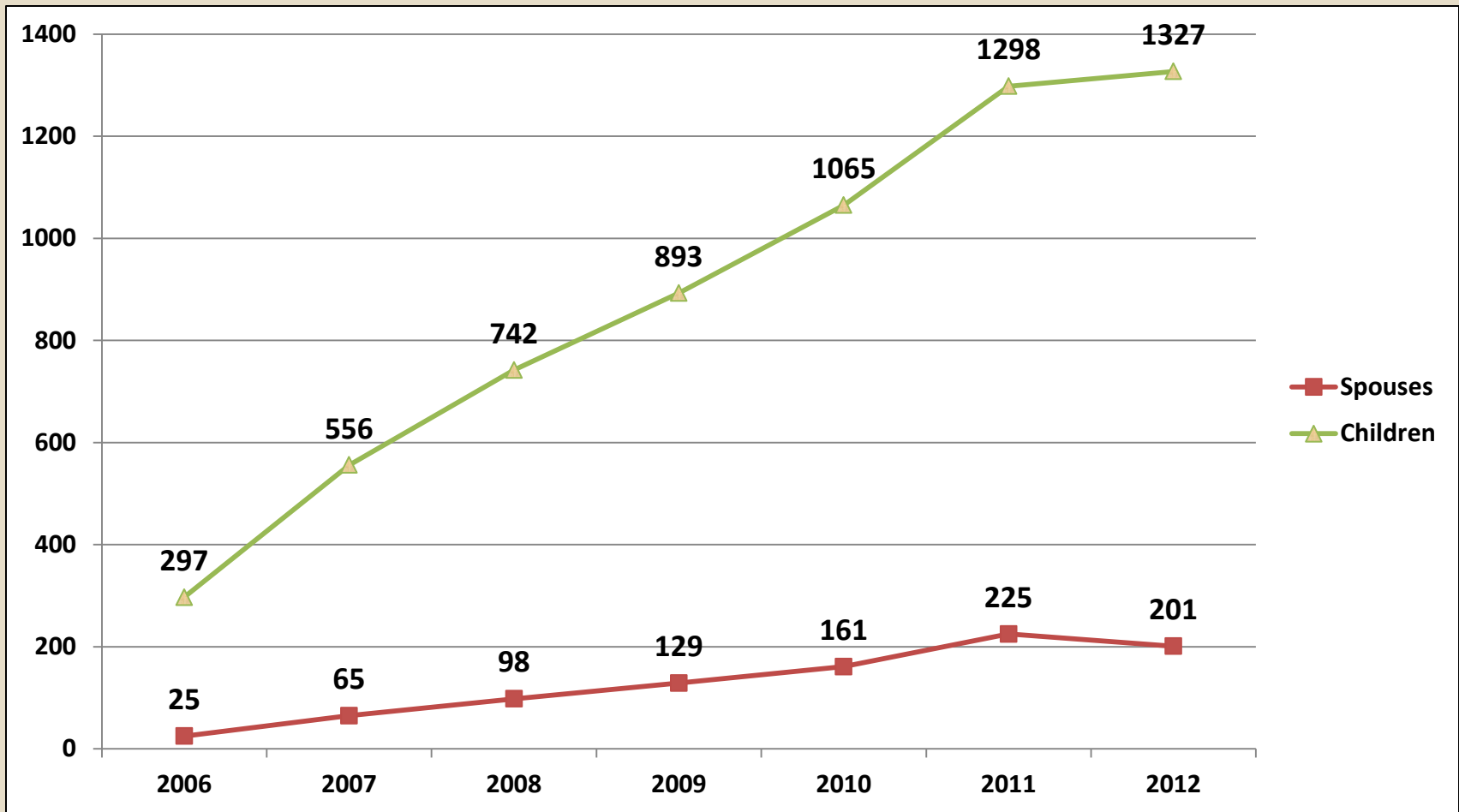
Support for UW Veterans Benefits by Funding Source: FY 06 to FY 12

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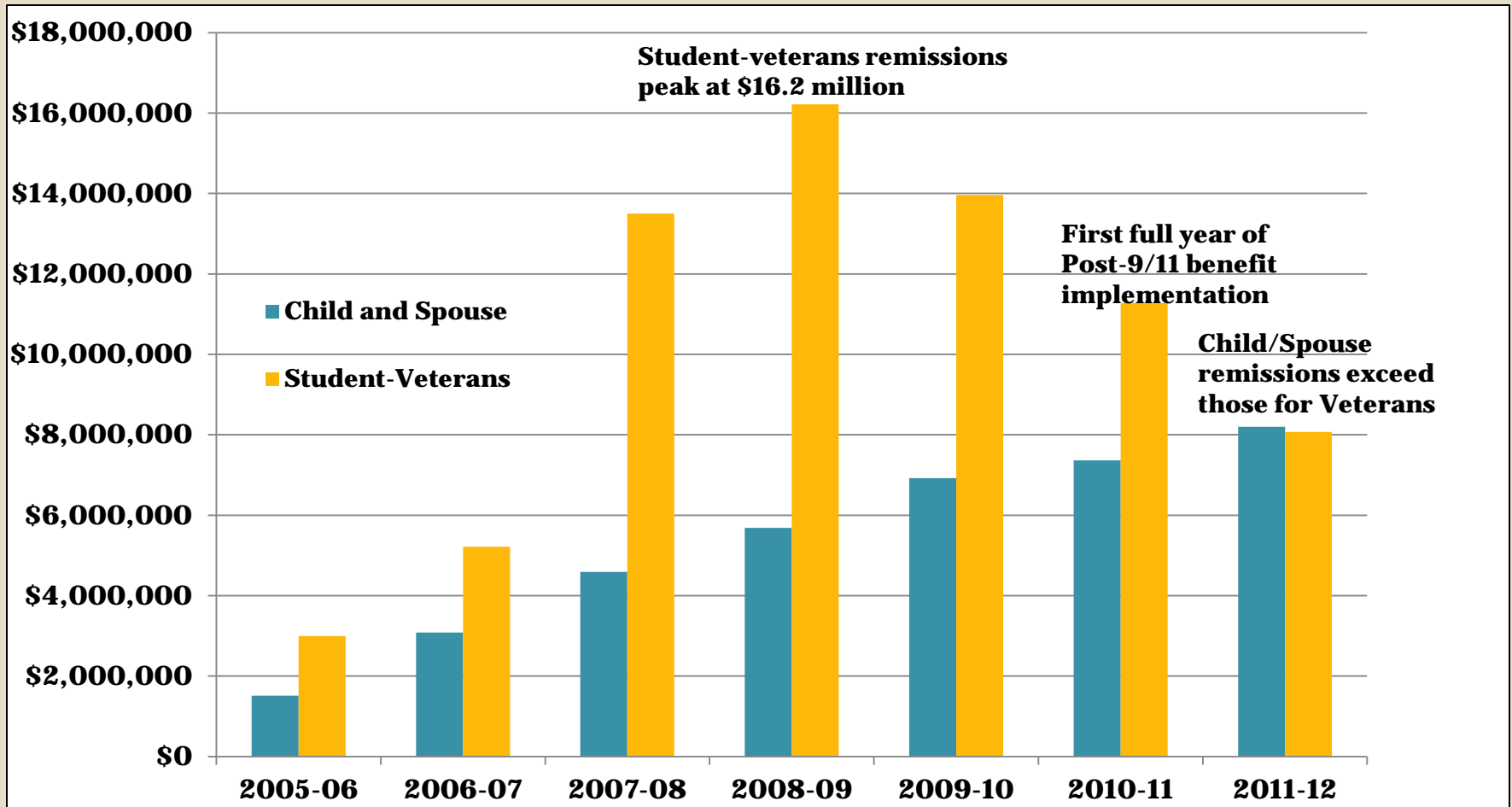
Children and Spouses Accessing Benefits in the UW Since Fall of 2005-06

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Total UW Tuition and Fee Remissions

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The WI GI Bill Data System: A Secure Web Portal Developed by UW to Report Data and Calculate Benefits

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- All UW and WTCS campuses use the system to calculate supplemental payments (UW institutions paid out over \$1.7 million in supplemental payments in 2011-12)
- Changes to state and federal benefits are programmed into the system to assure uniform application across all public campuses in Wisconsin
- Remissions and supplemental payments are reported and calculated for every eligible student every term by veterans certifying officials
- Credits hours are allocated between WI GI Bill and the federal Post-9/11 GI benefit
- The WI GI Data System replaced spreadsheets, increased accuracy, and reduced data entry

The Veterans Wisconsin Education Portal: veterans.wisconsin.edu

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the Veterans Wisconsin Education Portal. At the top, the title "VETERANS WISCONSIN EDUCATION PORTAL" is displayed in a large, bold, dark red font. Below the title is a navigation bar with links for "Home", "Contact", "Site Map", and "Search". A search box is located to the right of the navigation bar. The main header image features a row of American and military flags in front of green trees. Below the header, a large red banner with the word "Welcome" in white script font spans the width of the page. The content is organized into three columns. The left column contains a vertical menu with links: "Understanding Higher Education", "Getting Started", "Applying for College", "Education Benefits", "Personal Support", "Campus Resources", "UW Veterans Contacts", "WTCS Veterans Certifying Officials", and "County Veterans Service Officers". The middle column contains a welcome message from the UW System and Wisconsin Technical College System, followed by a message from Kevin P. Reilly, President of the University of Wisconsin System, and Daniel Clancy, President of the Wisconsin Technical College System. The right column contains a "Ways to contact us" section with phone numbers (1-877-VWE-1640 and 1-877-893-1640), an email address (veterans@learn.uwsa.edu), an "Online Chat" button, and a map of Wisconsin with a legend and a link to "Click map to find a campus near you!".

VETERANS WISCONSIN EDUCATION PORTAL

Home Contact Site Map Search Search

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Welcome home. The UW System and Wisconsin Technical College System are pleased to be working together to make it as easy as possible for veterans like you to access benefits, make the transition from military service to college, and find the right fit from among Wisconsin's public colleges and universities.

Together, the state technical colleges and UW campuses offer you a broad range of education opportunities. Earning a degree will open doors for you to new civilian job opportunities. We hope you will consider one of our many campuses as you examine all your options.

The individuals and resources listed on this website are available to assist you in understanding and accessing veterans benefits and programs. Thank you for your service to our country, and best wishes as you plan your future.

Sincerely,

Kevin P. Reilly
President
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Daniel Clancy
President
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(((Online Chat)))



Click map to find a campus near you!

- A single entry point for veterans to access information about Higher Education options in Wisconsin
- Developed with input from WTCS, WDVA, VA Hospital, County Veterans Service Offices and **Student-Veterans**
- Content includes information on applications, benefits, counseling and links to campus and community resources.

Questions?

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Veterans Coordinators and Certifying Officers

- **Elaina Koltz, UW-Green Bay, Financial Aid Adviser/Veteran Services**

Elaina has been Veteran Certifying Official since 2002 (activated w/military from 2002-2003). In 2009 her position was revamped (due to growth in veteran numbers). She is now 70% Veteran Benefits and 30% Financial Aid Adviser. Elaina is a retired veteran with 22 years in the military and her husband, daughter and son-in-law are all veterans, currently taking classes and using veteran benefits.

- **Janice Nordin, UW-Whitewater, Veterans Coordinator**

Jan has been the School Certifying Official at UW-Whitewater since 1995; prior to coming to UW-Whitewater, she served as the School Certifying Official for several years at UW-Eau Claire.

Jan comes from a military family; both parents served in the Navy during WWII; father transferred to and retired from the Army in the 1960s. Two brothers were in the Navy, one brother was a Marine who served in Vietnam. Because of her deep family connection to the military, Jan was drawn to serving veterans in any way possible. Jan has been twice honored with the Patriotic Employer award from the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and was recognized as the Veterans Advocate of the Year for 2010 by the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs.

- **Miranda Cross-Schindler, UW-Eau Claire, Military Education Benefits Coordinator**

Miranda served in legal administrative support for the Army Reserves, C Company, 187th Battalion, in San Antonio, Texas, from 1999-01, was appointed to the new position in January 2011. Miranda received a bachelor's degree in management from UW-Eau Claire in 2007 and a master of business administration degree in 2008. Prior to joining the UW-Eau Claire staff, she held veterans-related positions with the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development and GS Alliance (Veterans Staffing Company) in Eau Claire. She also attended the National Veterans Training Institute at the University of Colorado Denver.

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- **Eli Caywood, UW-Platteville 2012, Political Geography**
Active Duty, 2002-2006, 75th Ranger Regiment (Airborne), 4 deployments to Afghanistan. Wisconsin National Guard, June 2012 – present, A Co 2-127 Inf Bn 32nd Inf Bde
- **Suzan Bayorgeon, UW-Stevens Point, Senior, Sociology & Social Work**
Active Duty 1984 – 1993, Army, Gulf War Veteran and served in Korea from 1990-1991
- **Corie Richardson, UW-Milwaukee, Freshman, Criminal Justice**
Wisconsin Army National Guard, Deployments in Iraq, Kosovo, and Germany

Thank You

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WI GI Bill Provisions for Children and Spouses: More Expansive than Benefits from Other States

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- Eligibility for the federal dependents benefit is tied to 100% disability or death
- Many states have long-standing “widows and orphans” tuition benefits for families of deceased or 100% disabled veterans
- **Texas** does not require disability or death but limits a full tuition/fee benefit available to veterans and children (no spouses) at 150 credit hours per family
- **Indiana** remits 100% of tuition/fees for children of 80% or more disabled or deceased veterans; 20% of tuition/fees plus the percentage of disability is remitted for children of veterans less than 80% disabled
- **Wisconsin** remits 100% of tuition/fees for children and spouses of veterans who are 30% or more disabled and extends 128 credits of benefit to qualifying veterans and each eligible child and spouse of a disabled veteran