



Education Overview for City Leaders

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Takeaways

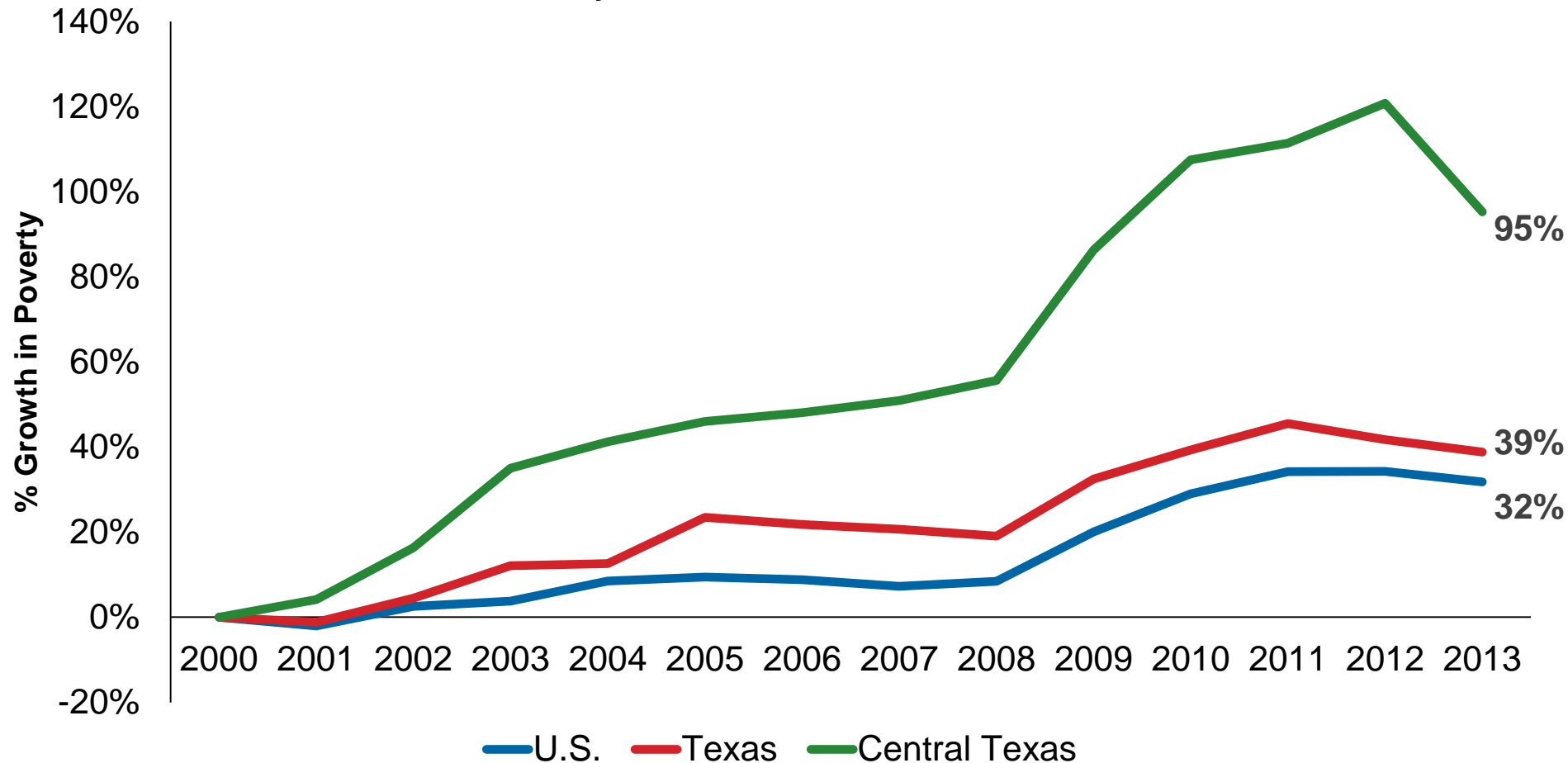
1. Too few students are getting the credentials they need to succeed
2. Yet, great things are happening in education across our region
3. The City of Austin CAN help – but must do so creatively
4. What you can do NOW

Too few students are getting the credentials they need to succeed

National research shows that by 2020 over 65% of all jobs will require education and training beyond high school, yet in Central Texas only 28% of our high school graduates obtain any kind of postsecondary credential within 6 years of graduating.

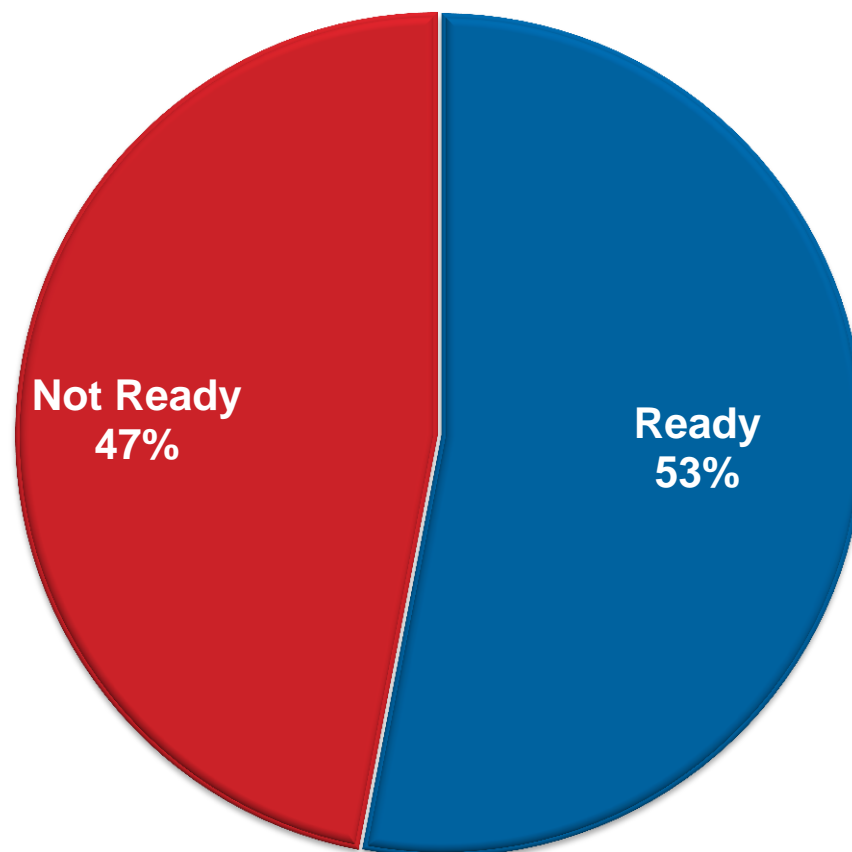
Central Texas Child Poverty Growth 3X State and Nation

Poverty Growth Rate for Children 0-17



Just Over Half of Central Texas Students Are Ready to Succeed in School

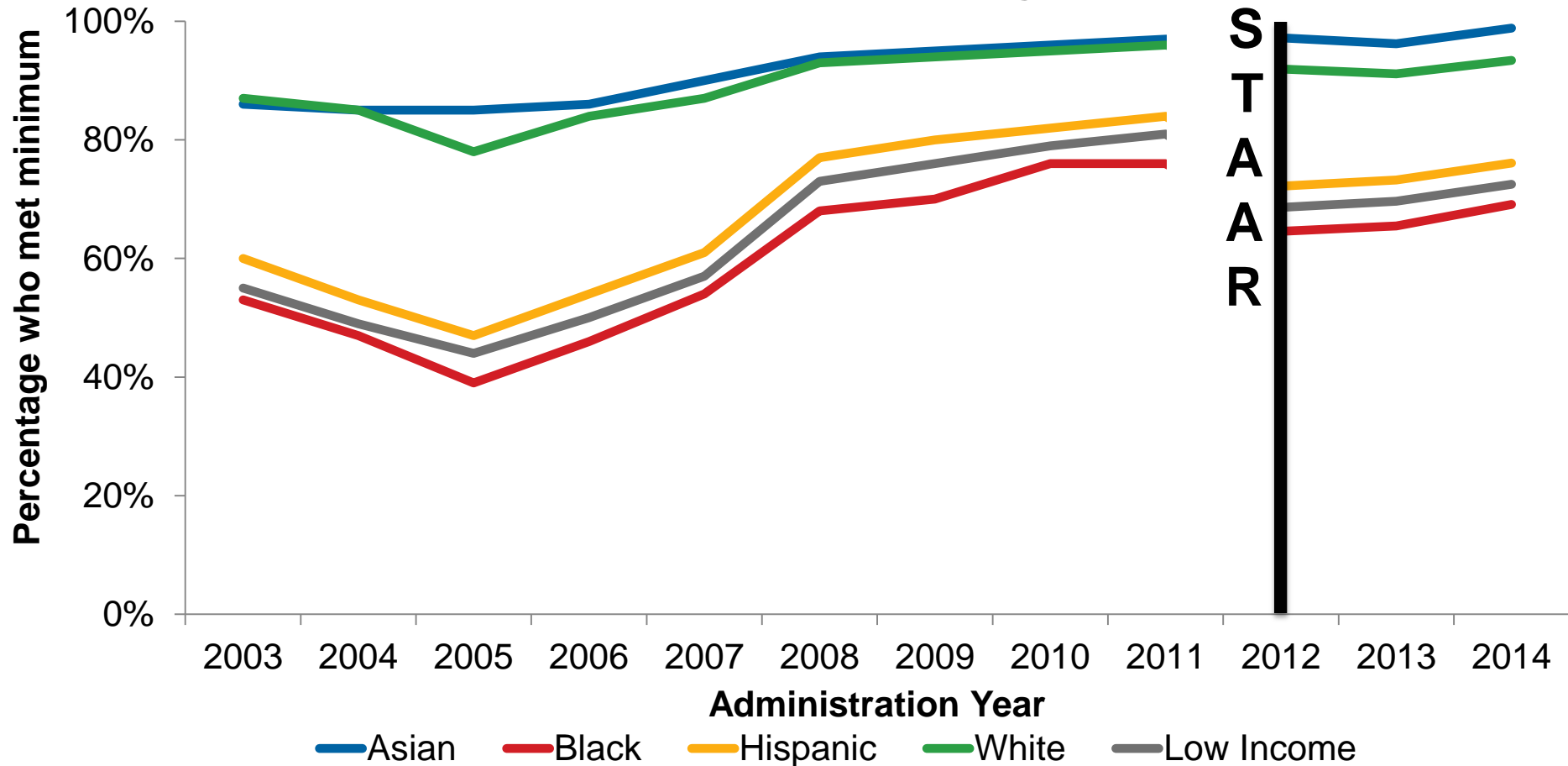
Kindergarten Readiness, Central Texas, 2010-11 to 2013-14



Grade 8 Math Passing Rate

Achievement Gaps Remain Consistent

Grade 8 Math* TAKS/STAAR Passing Rates
Central Texas Districts, 2003 Through 2014



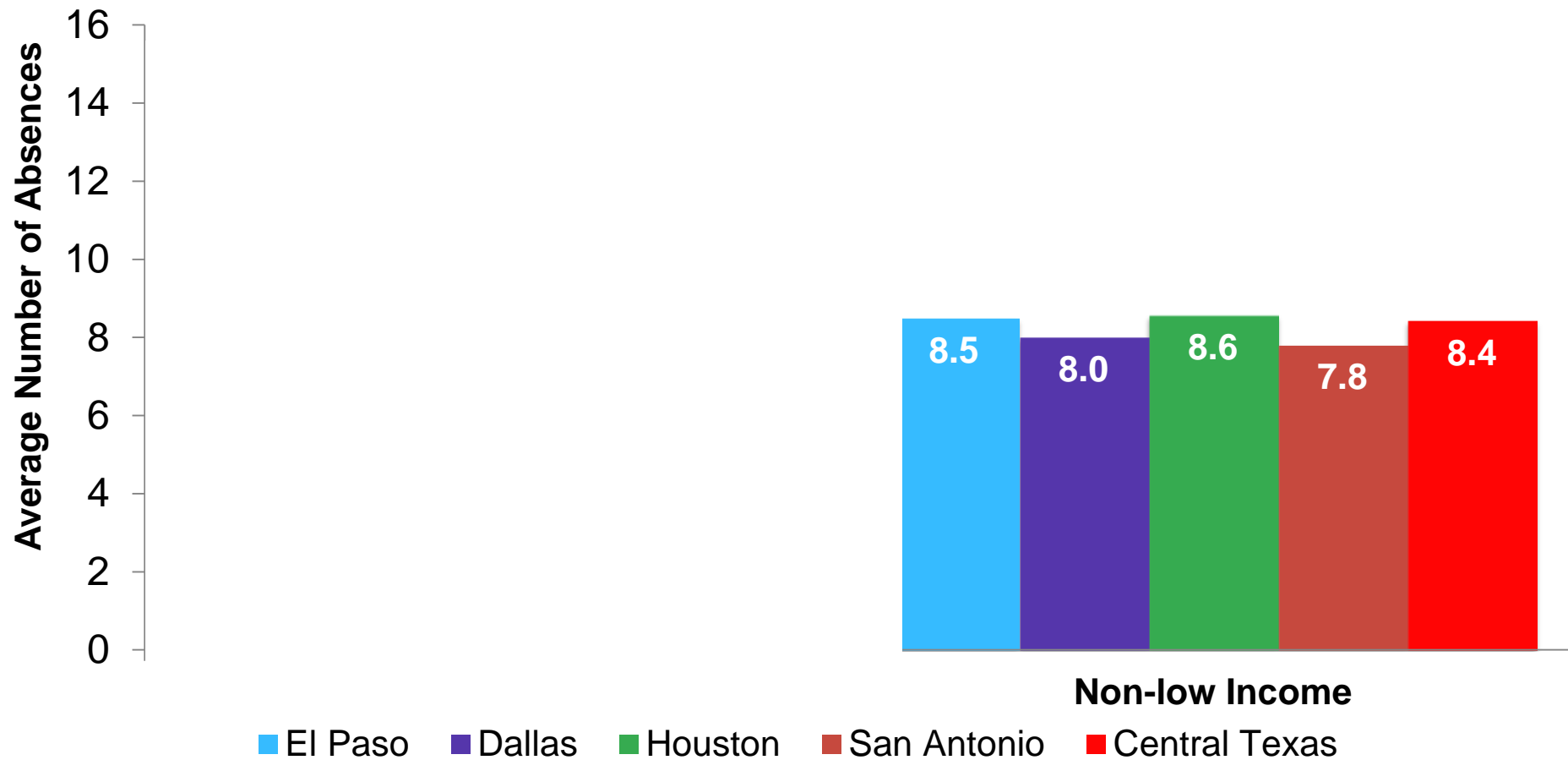
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* Note: Does not include Algebra I examination results.

Source: Texas Education Agency: STAAR Results

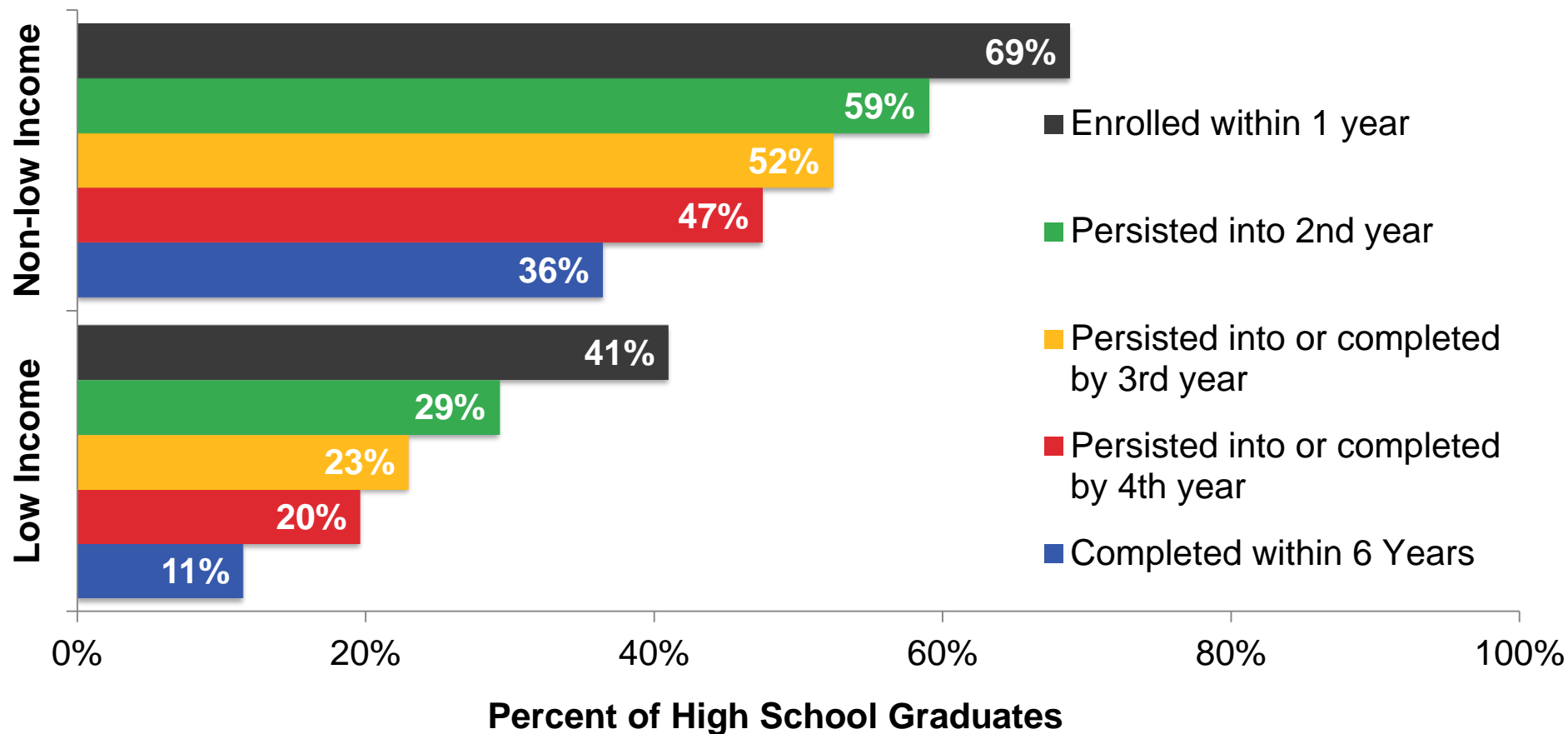
Central Texas Low Income Students Miss More School Than Students in All Other Urban Areas in Texas

Average Number of Absences in High School by Economic Status for Urban MSAs Throughout Texas, 2012-13



The Need: One in Ten Low Income Graduates Complete College Within 6 Years of Finishing High School

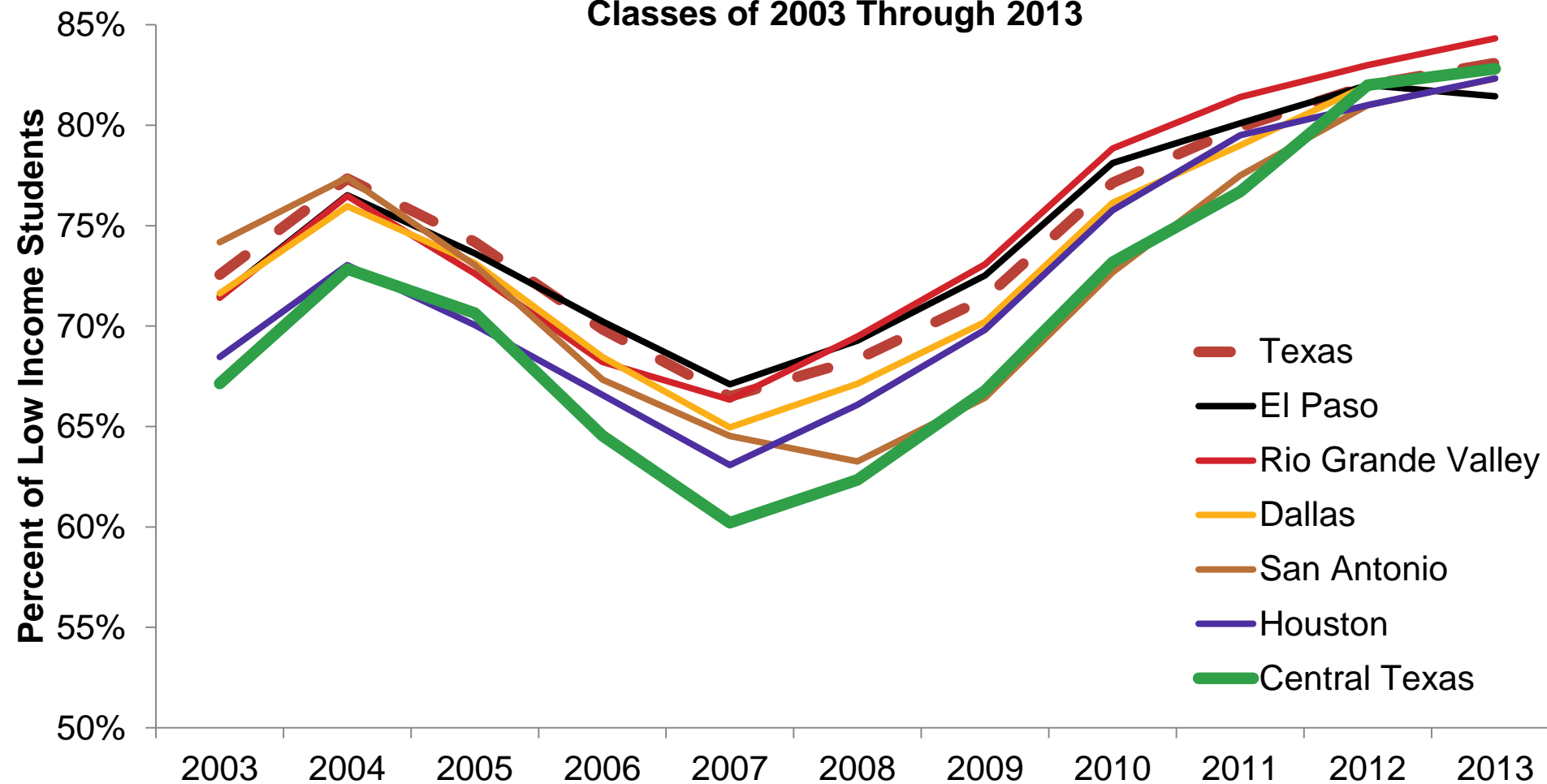
High School Graduates at 2-or 4-Year Higher Education Institutions,
Central Texas Class of 2007



**Great things are happening in education
across our region**

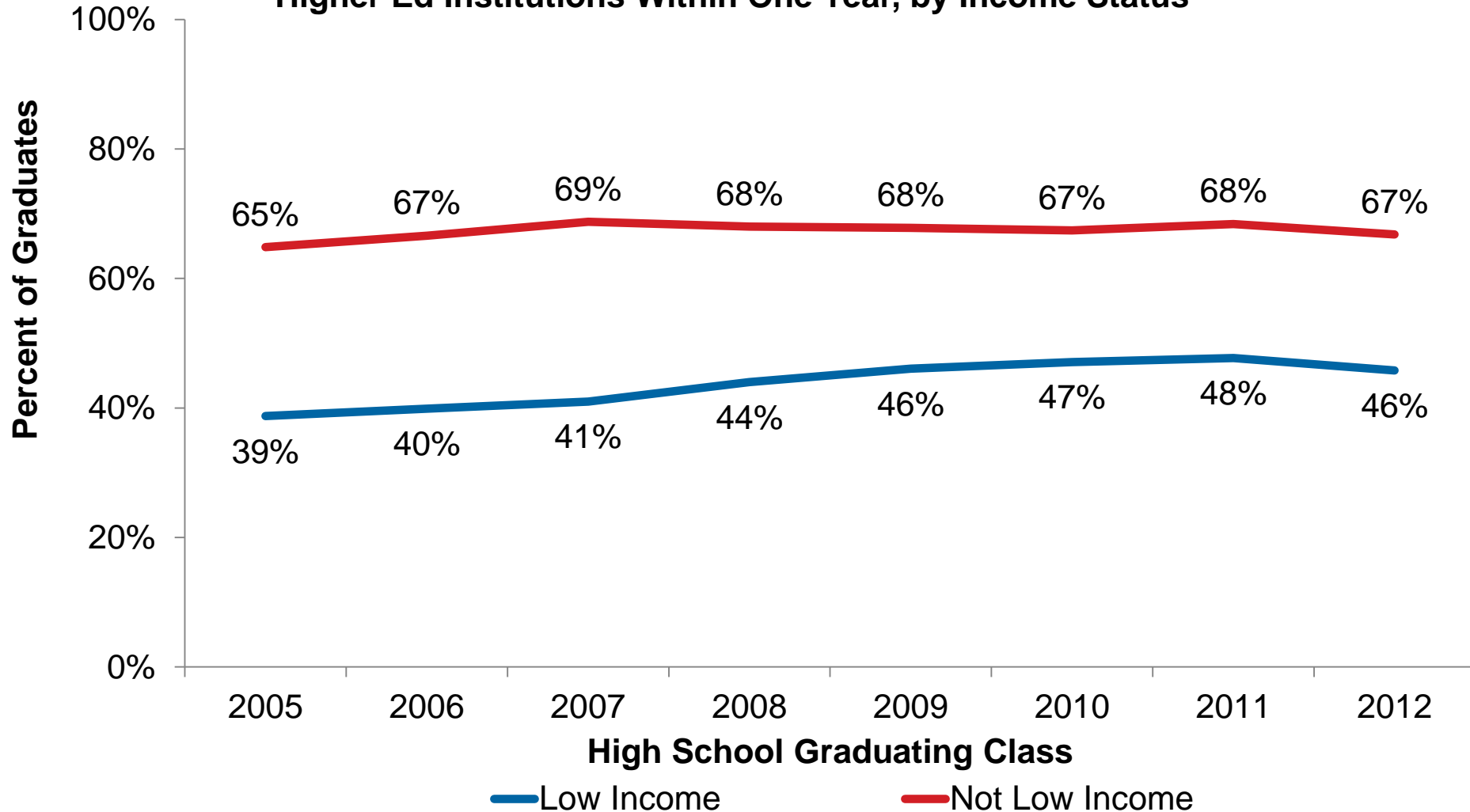
Central Texas Low Income Graduation Rates Improving Faster than Other Regions

4-year High School Graduation Rates for Low Income Students
Classes of 2003 Through 2013



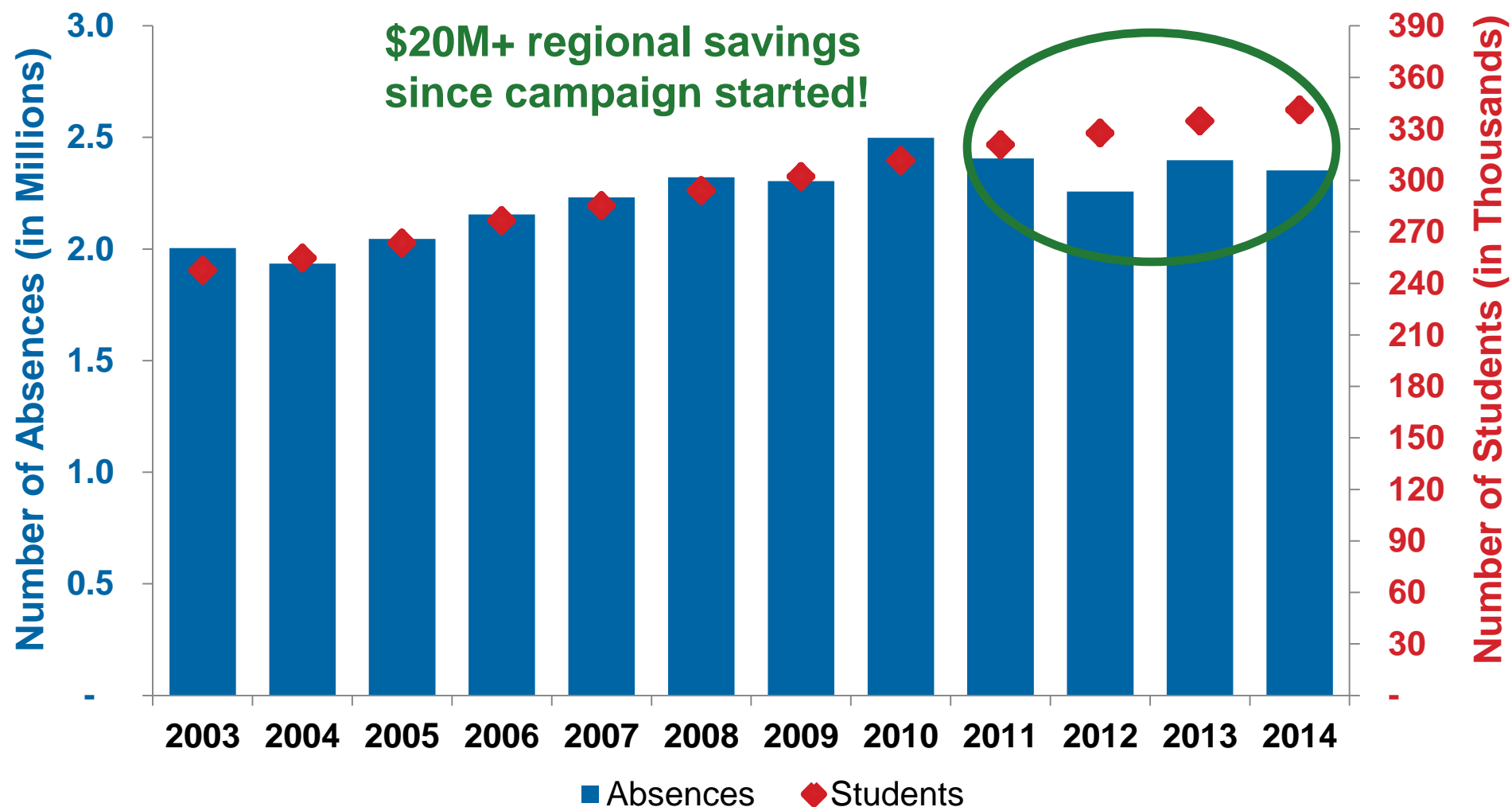
Enrollment Rates for Low Income HS Grads Increased

Percent of Central Texas HS Graduates Enrolled in Texas Higher Ed Institutions Within One Year, by Income Status



Absences Diverge From Student Enrollment

Student and Absence Counts, Central Texas



City of Austin CAN help – but must do so creatively


Influencing Change

- *Unlike in many other states across the country, the City of Austin has no governance or fiscal authority over schools*
- However, CoA has influence!
 - Bully Pulpit
 - Joint Committee AISD/CoA/Travis County
 - Coordination of Service and Facilities
 - Better use of data & results in funding decisions

What you can do NOW

What You Can Do NOW

- ✓ Support Missing School Matters regional attendance campaign
- ✓ Get School Readiness Parent Guide in hands of every family with young children
- ✓ Sign on to support My Brother's Keeper?
- ✓ Support College Signing Day

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COLLEGE SIGNING DAY
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