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Increasing the Stability of At-Risk Counts

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Overview

Today's presentation explores two paths to addressing the stability of at-risk counts:

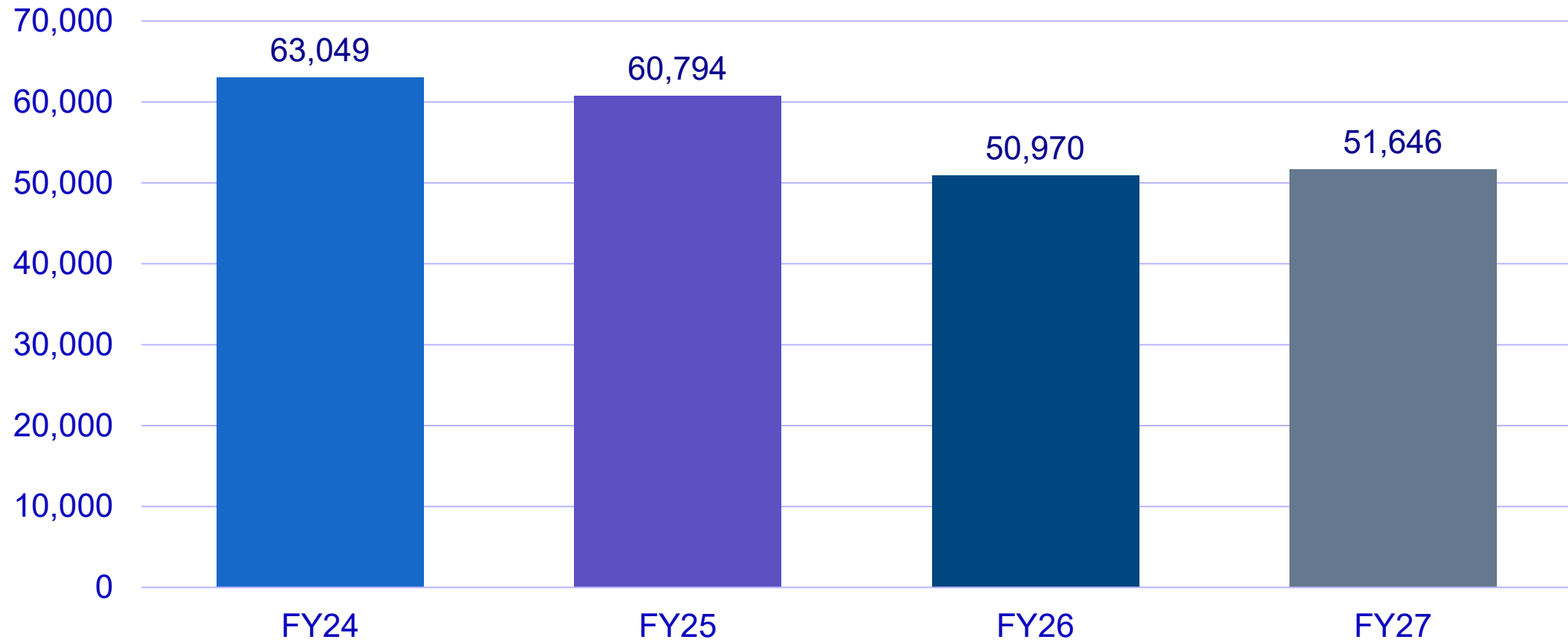
1. Using the current count approach (prior year Oct. 1 unduplicated count) but using a two- or three-year average.
2. Revising the current approach to counting at-risk students by allowing them to retain at-risk status for one or two additional years.

We will discuss potential for greater budget stability and alignment with student needs.

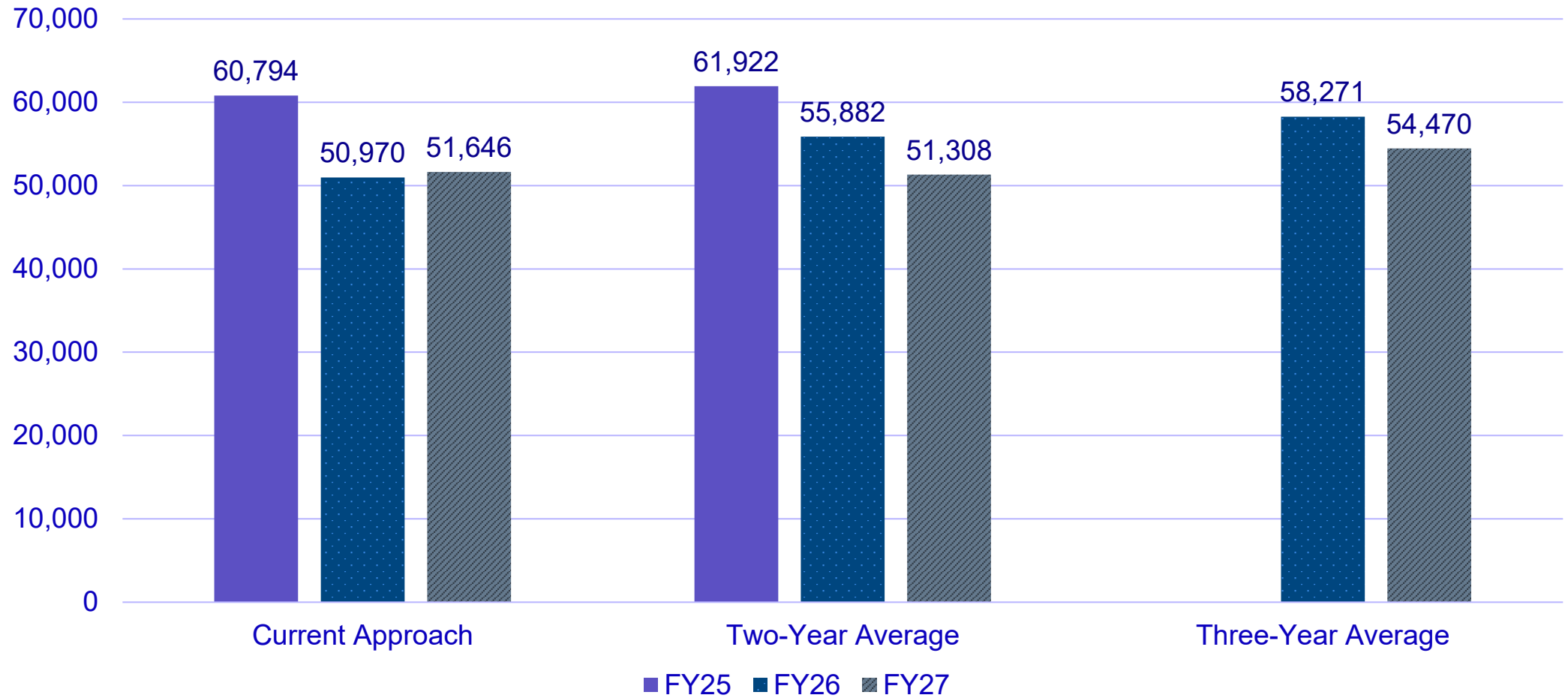
Using Two- or Three-Year Averages to Smooth Funded Counts



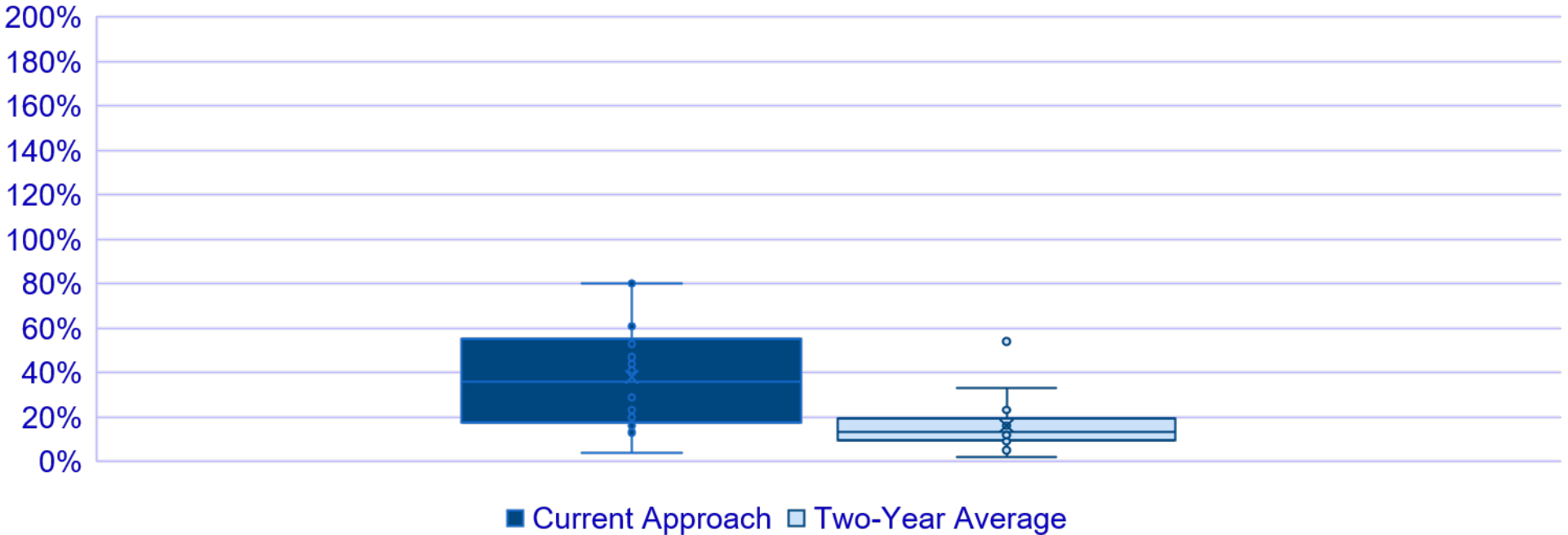
Funded State-Level At-Risk Counts



Comparison of Count Approaches at State-Level



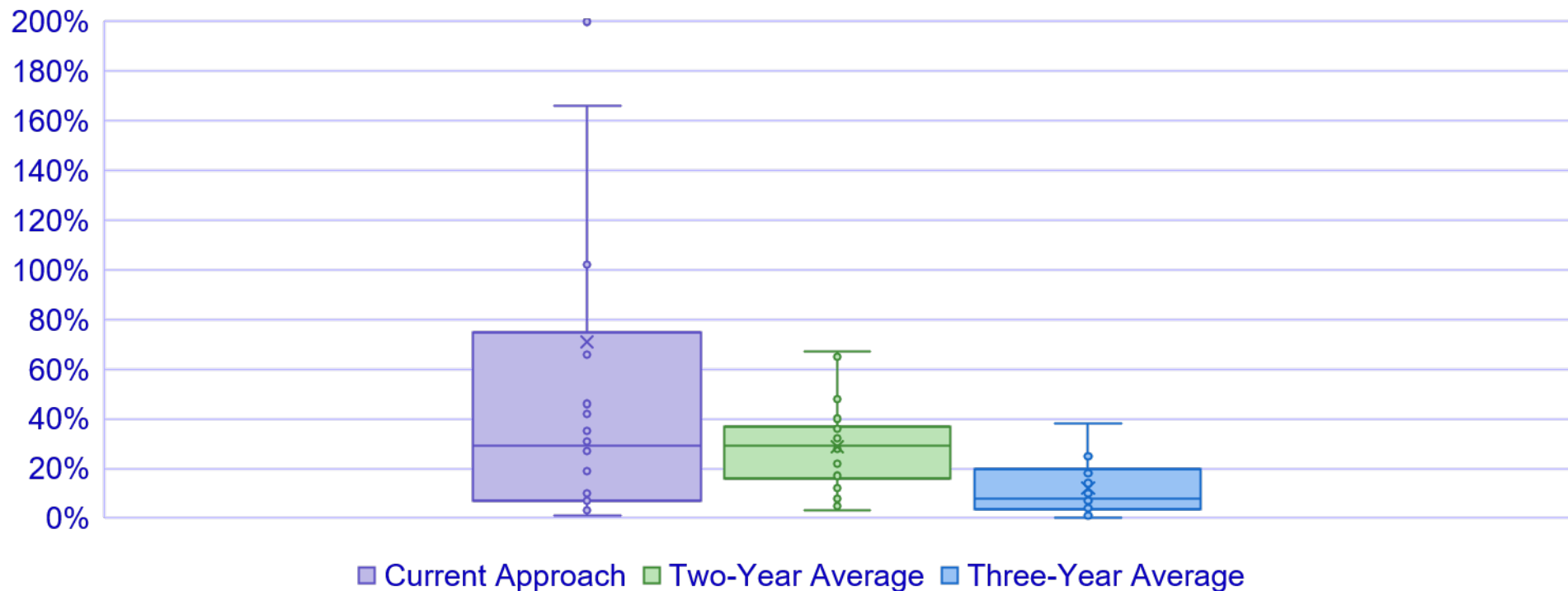
Distribution of District Year-to-Year Change in Count by Approach: FY25 to FY26



See [Slide 23](#) for a corresponding data table.

FY25→FY26	Current approach	Two-year average
Mean absolute change	38%	16%
Median absolute change	36%	14%
Range in absolute change	4–80%	2–54%

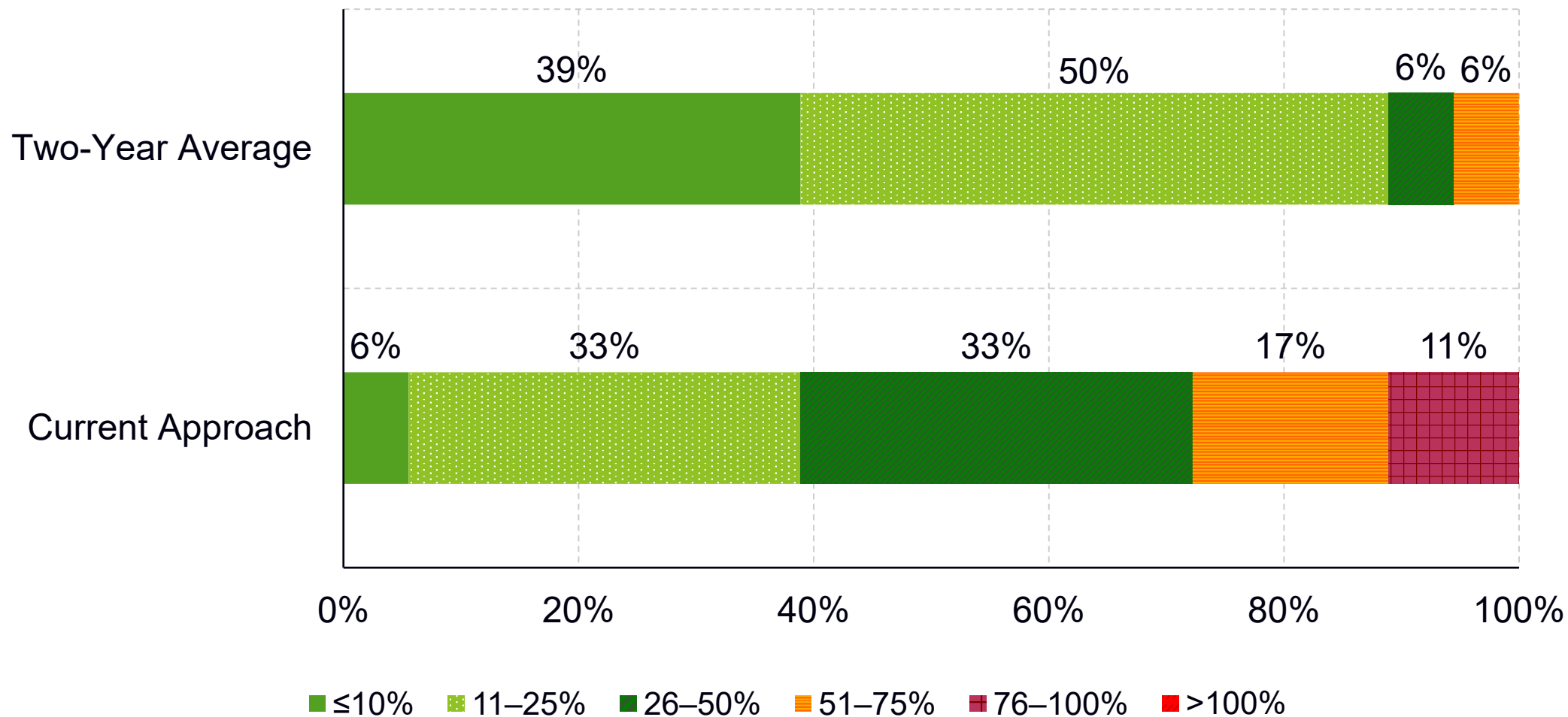
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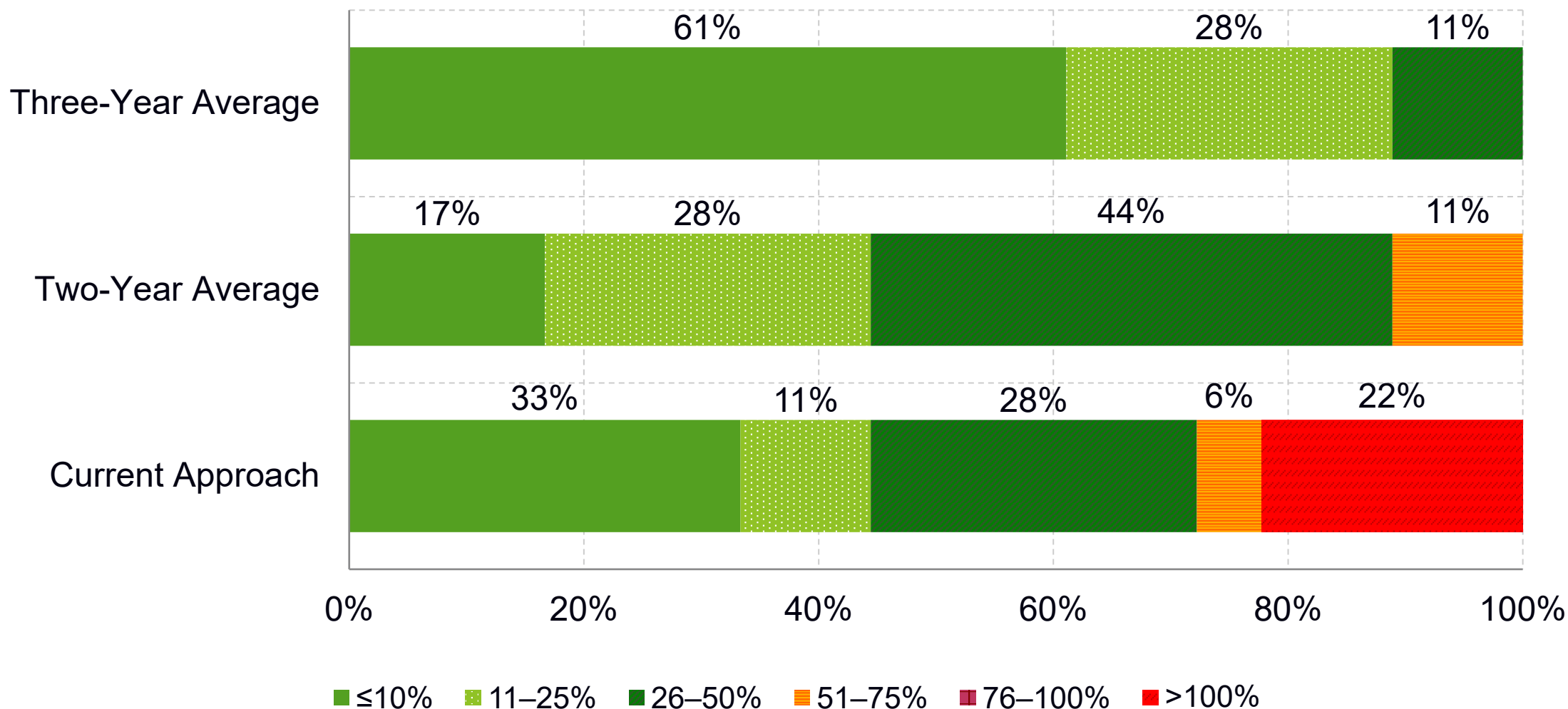
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FY26→FY27	Current approach	Two-year average	Three-year average
Mean absolute change	71%	29%	12%
Median absolute change	29%	29%	8%
Range in absolute change	1–500%	3–67%	0–38%

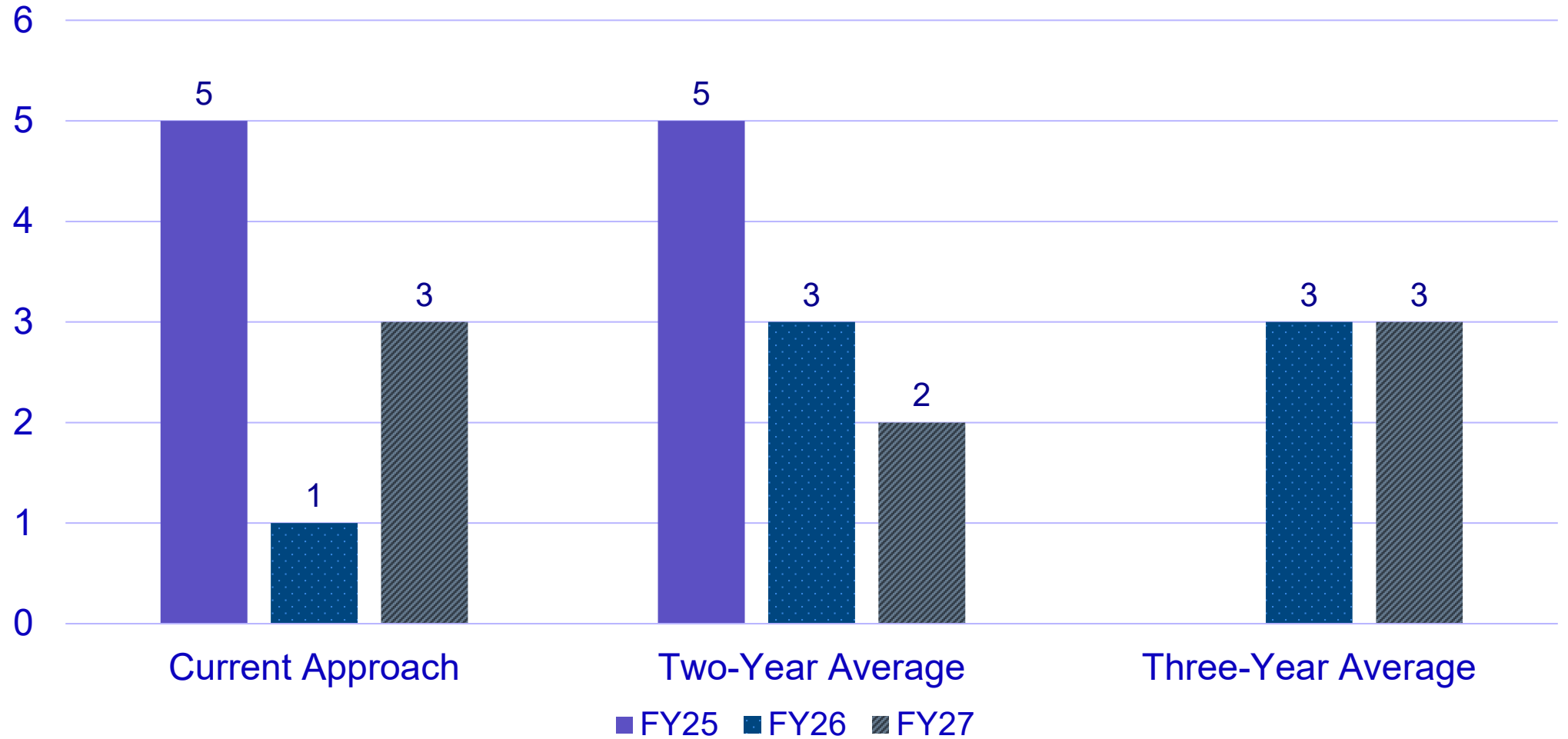
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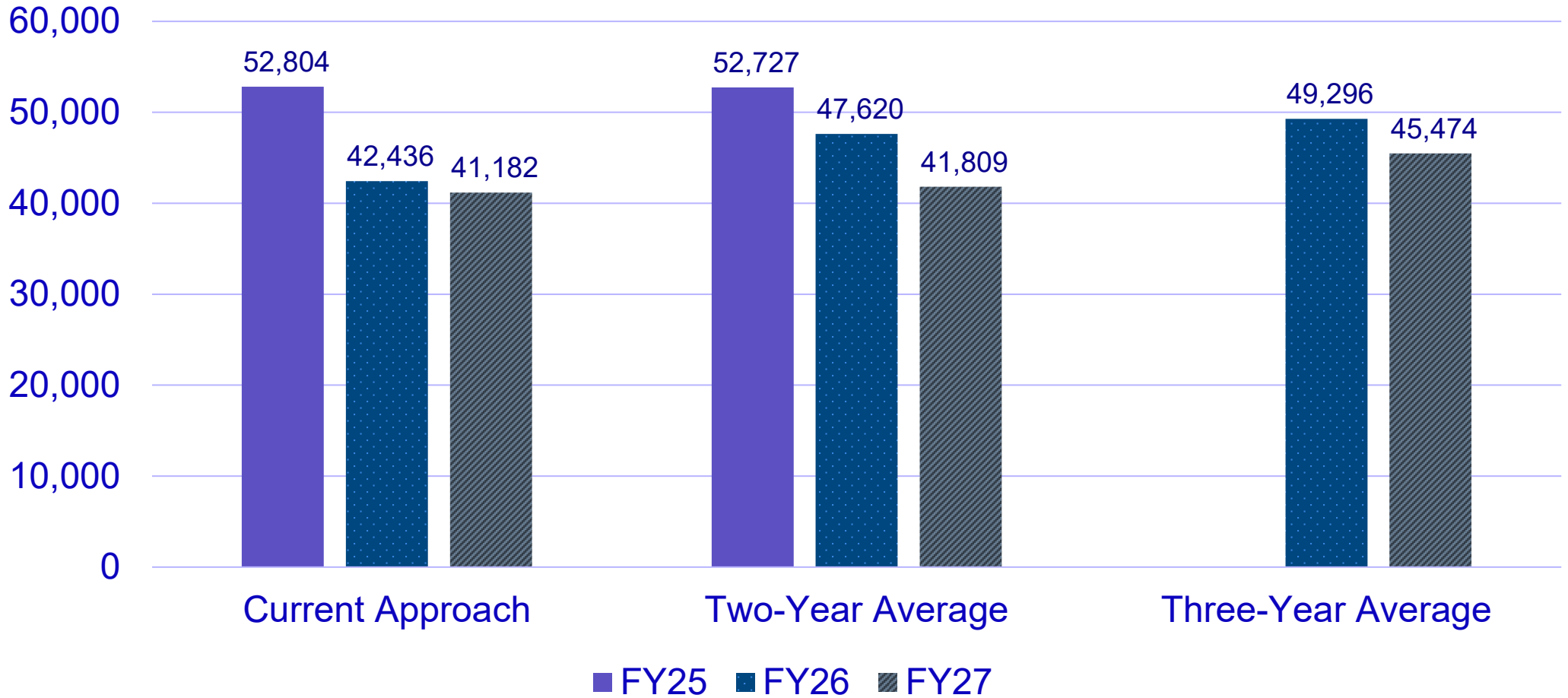
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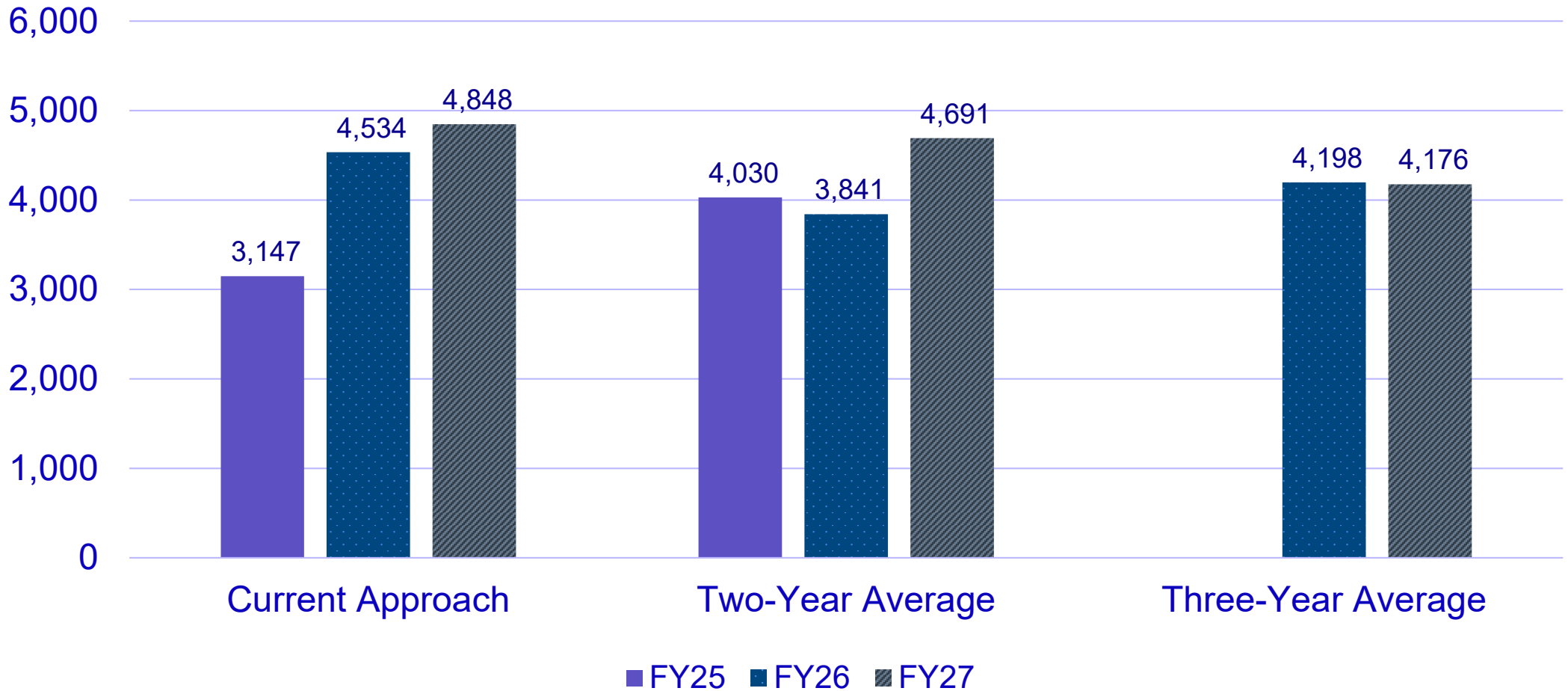
Example District: Eureka



Example District: Clark



Example District: Washoe





Additional Funding Needed by Count Averaging Approach

Current Approach → Two-Year Average

- FY26: -\$1.1 million
- FY27: \$9.4 million

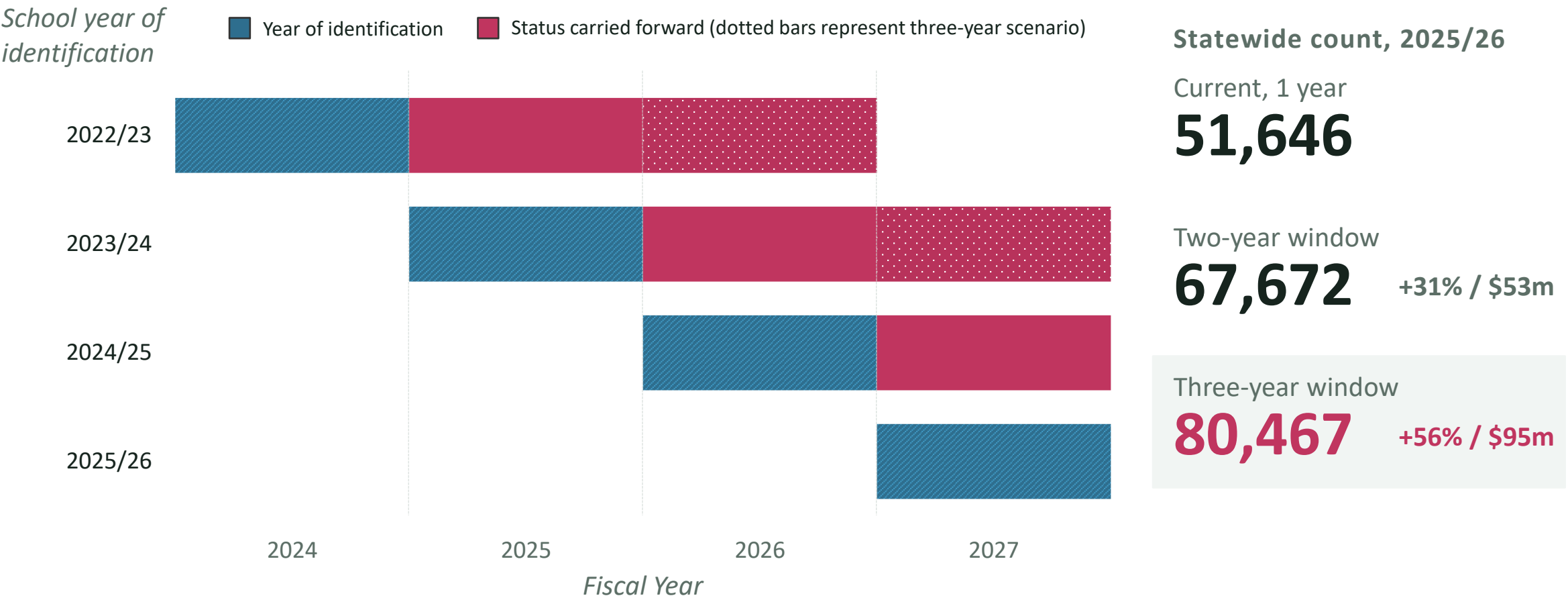
Current Approach → Three-Year Average

- FY26: \$16.2 million
- FY27: \$24.1 million

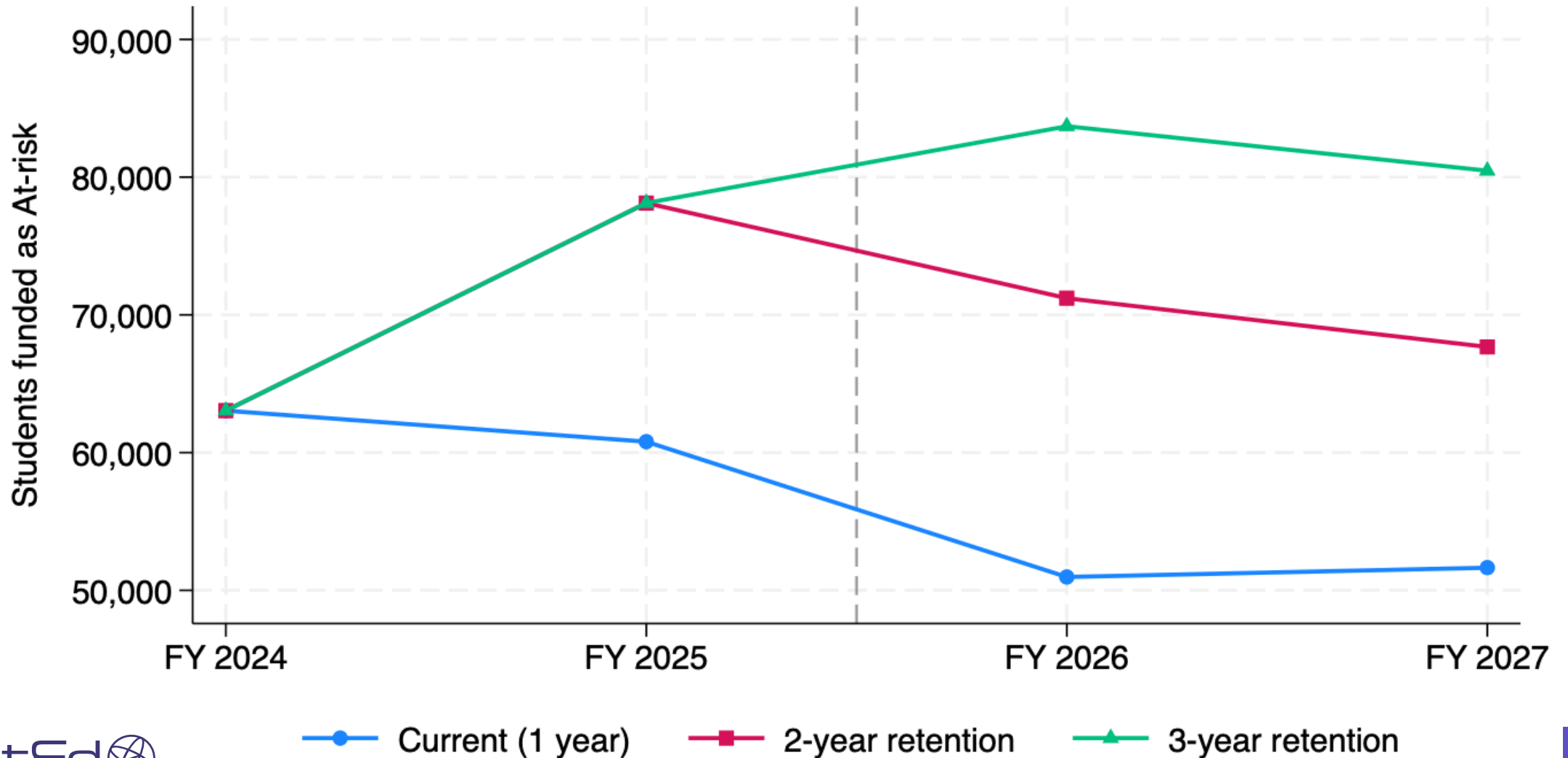
Allowing At-Risk Students to Retain Eligibility for One or Two Additional Years



Two- and Three-Year At-Risk Status Scenarios

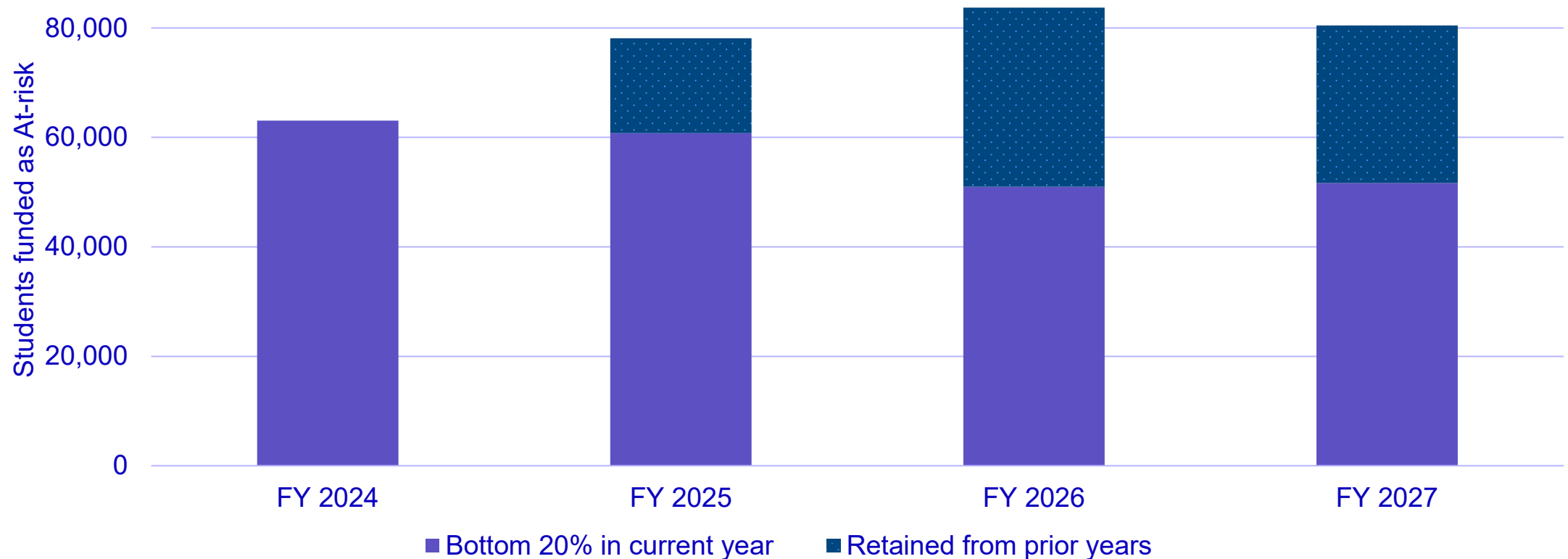


Students Designated as At-Risk Increase Significantly in Both Scenarios



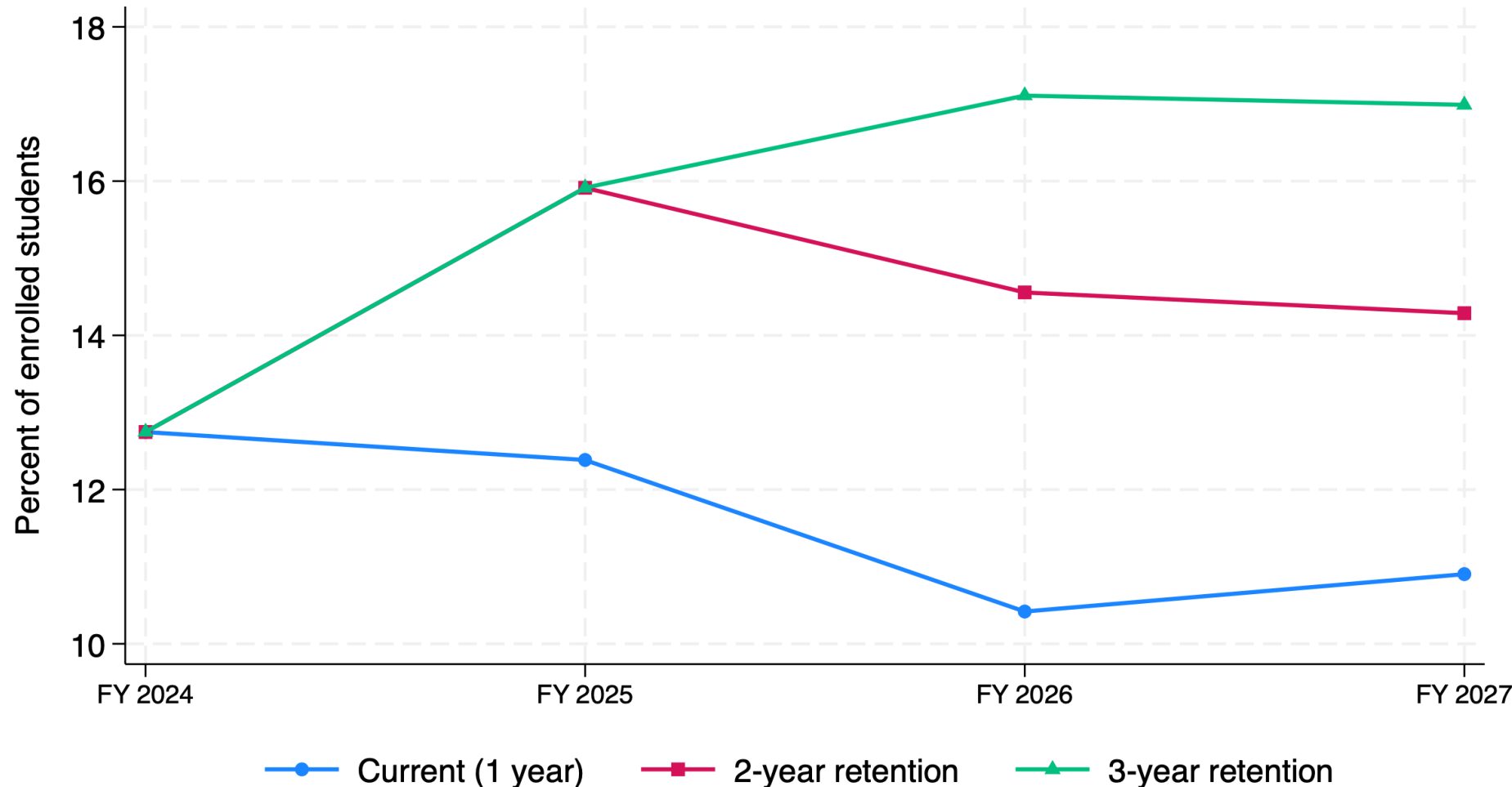
20–30% of Students Would Be Deemed At-Risk Based on Prior Year At-Risk Status

Composition of the funded At-risk count under a 3-year rule



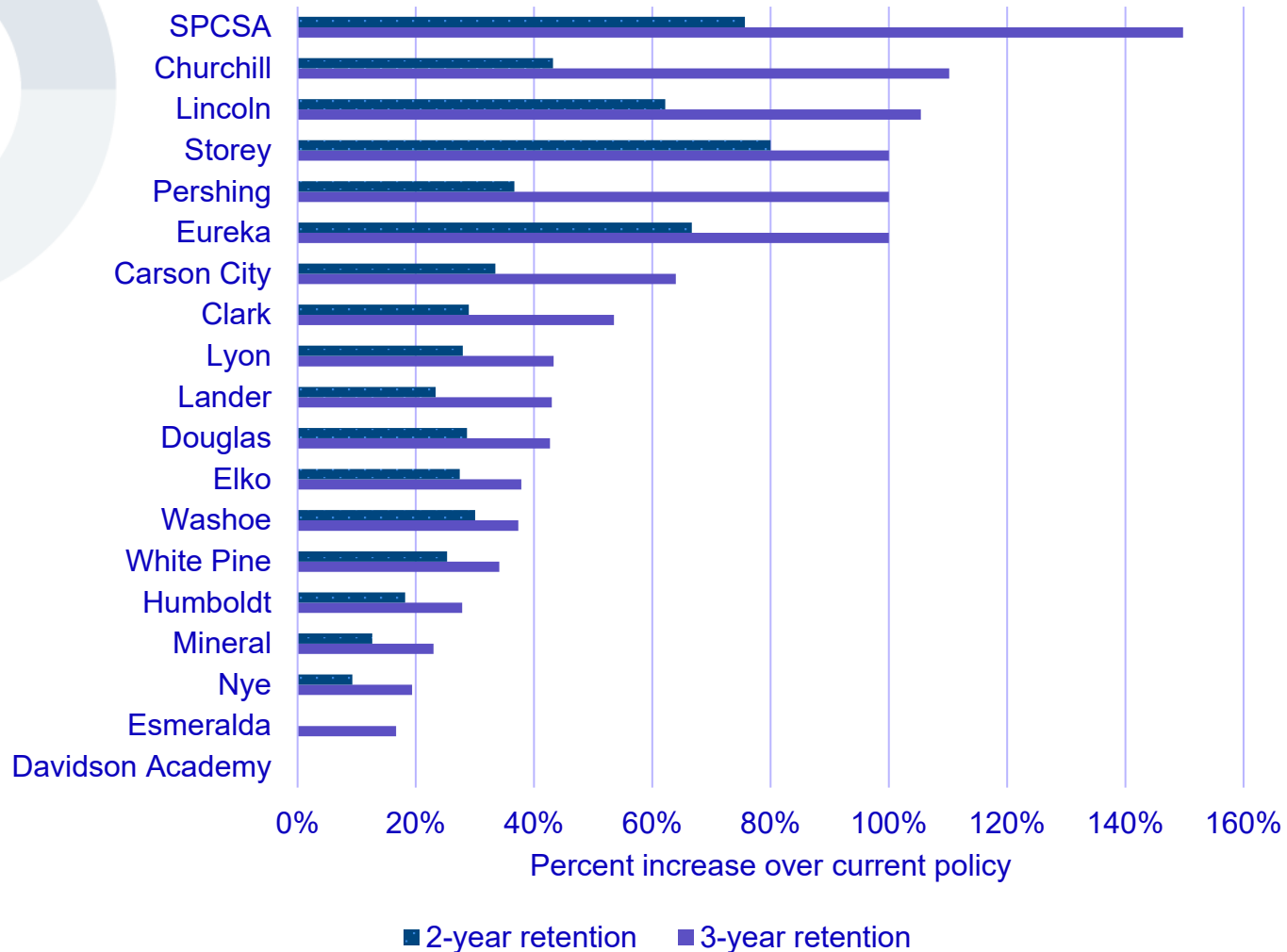
By FY 2027, as Many as 17% of Students Would Be Designated At-Risk

Share of enrollment funded as At-risk



- Two-year scenario: 68,000 funded, +\$53m
- Three-year scenario: 80,000 funded, +\$95m

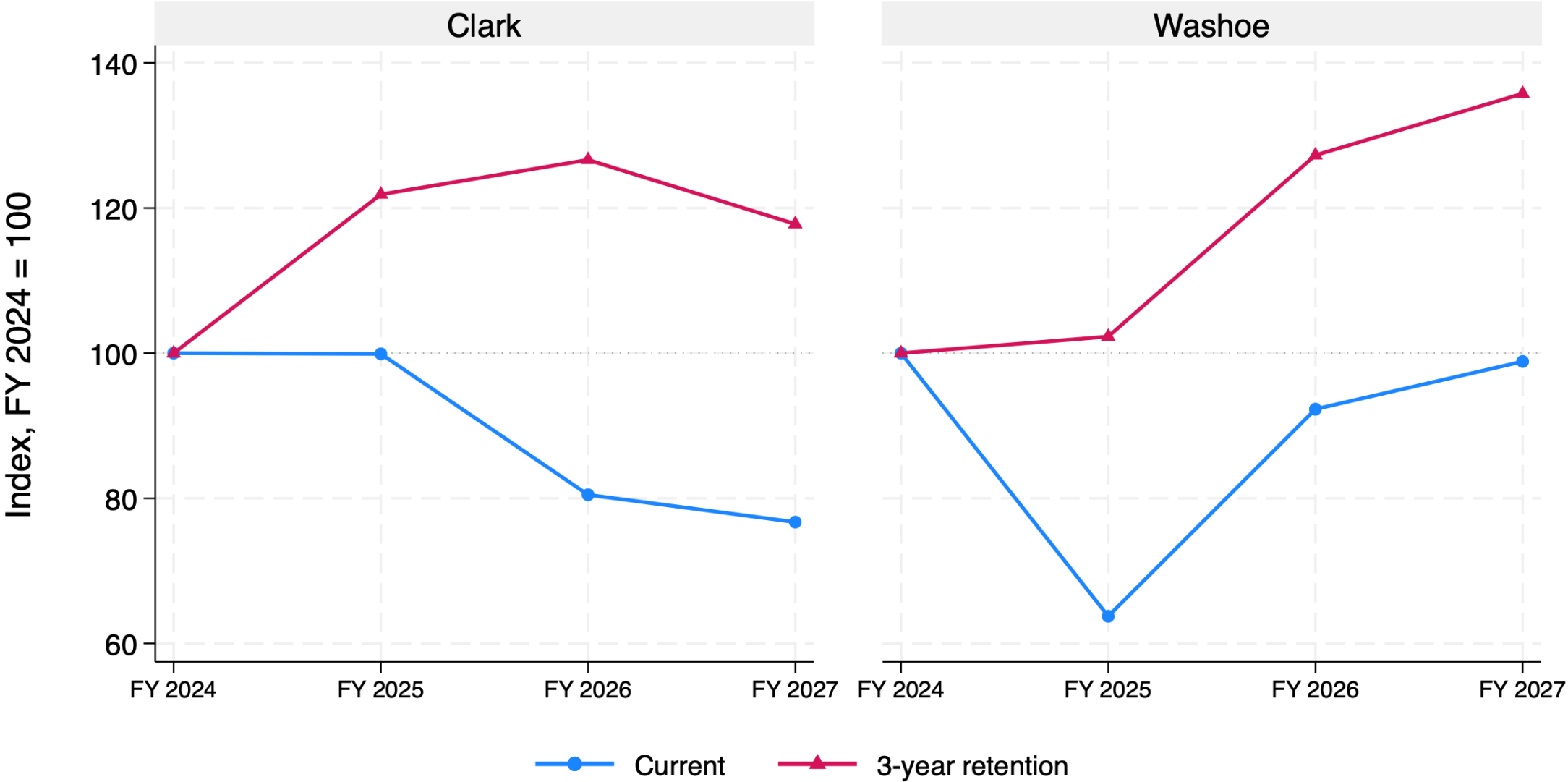
Change in funded At-risk count by district, FY 2027



- Counts in almost all districts would increase by at least 25% under the two-year retention scenario
- Under the three-year retention scenario, counts in some districts would double

See [Slide 25](#) for a corresponding data table.

Funded At-risk counts indexed to FY 2024 = 100



Graphs by Local education agency



Recommended Adjustment for Discussion: Either the Two- or Three-Year Average Approach

Discussion



Distribution of District Year-to-Year Change in Count by Approach: FY25 to FY26 (Data Table)

District	Current Approach	Two-Year Average
Carson City	18%	12%
Churchill	53%	25%
Clark County	20%	10%
Douglas	47%	10%
Elko	61%	14%
Esmeralda	80%	54%
Eureka	80%	33%
Humboldt	63%	17%
Lander	23%	10%
Lincoln	41%	2%
Lyon	17%	16%
Mineral	4%	9%
Nye	16%	23%
Pershing	42%	13%
Storey	29%	16%
Washoe County	44%	5%
White Pine County School District	13%	5%
Charters/University School	31%	18%

Distribution of District Year-to-Year Change in Count by Approach: FY26 to FY27 (Data Table)

District	Current Approach	Two-Year Average	Three-Year Average
Carson City	4.0%	8.0%	8.0%
Churchill	1.0%	36.0%	20.0%
Clark County	3.0%	12.0%	8.0%
Douglas	19.0%	30.0%	0.0%
Elko	27.0%	40.0%	20.0%
Esmeralda	500.0%	17.0%	14.0%
Eureka	200.0%	33.0%	10.0%
Humboldt	66.0%	65.0%	38.0%
Lander	35.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Lincoln	10.0%	30.0%	4.0%
Lyon	46.0%	32.0%	3.0%
Mineral	102.0%	48.0%	25.0%
Nye	166.0%	67.0%	26.0%
Pershing	7.0%	24.0%	8.0%
Storey	11.0%	19.0%	7.0%
Washoe County	7.0%	22.0%	1.0%
White Pine County School District	42.0%	28.0%	18.0%
Charters/University School	31.0%	5.0%	5.0%

Change in funded At-risk count by district, FY 2027 (Data Table)

District Name	3-year retention	2-year retention
Davidson Academy	0%	0%
Esmeralda	17%	0%
Nye	19%	9%
Mineral	23%	13%
Humboldt	28%	18%
White Pine	34%	25%
Washoe	37%	30%
Elko	38%	27%
Douglas	43%	29%
Lander	43%	23%
Lyon	43%	28%
Clark	54%	29%
Carson City	64%	33%
Eureka	100%	67%
Pershing	100%	37%
Storey	100%	80%
Lincoln	105%	62%
Churchill	110%	43%
SPCSA	150%	76%