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Higher Education Policy Update

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Background

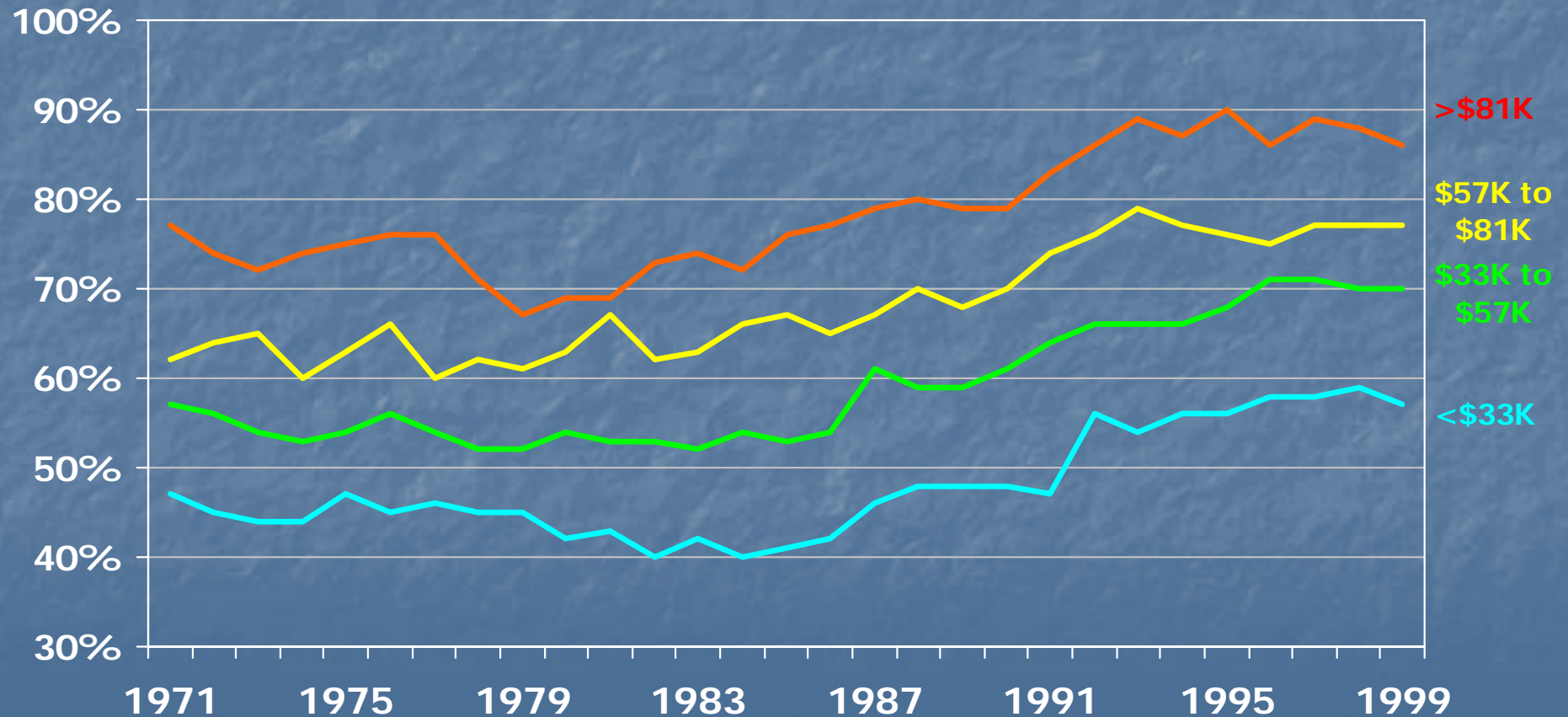
- Higher Education Act of 1965
 - Primary legislation authorizing federal support for higher education
 - Part of Johnson Great Society
 - Relevant sections
 - Title III – Aid to HBCUs, Tribal colleges, and institutions serving low-income students
 - Title IV – Student financial aid, TRIO
 - Title V – Aid to Hispanic-serving institutions
 - Reauthorized every five years

Background

It is the purpose of this part to provide, through institutions of higher education, educational opportunity grants to assist in making available benefits of higher education to qualified high school graduates of *exceptional financial need*, who for lack of financial means of their own or of their families would be unable to obtain such benefits without such aid (§ 401).

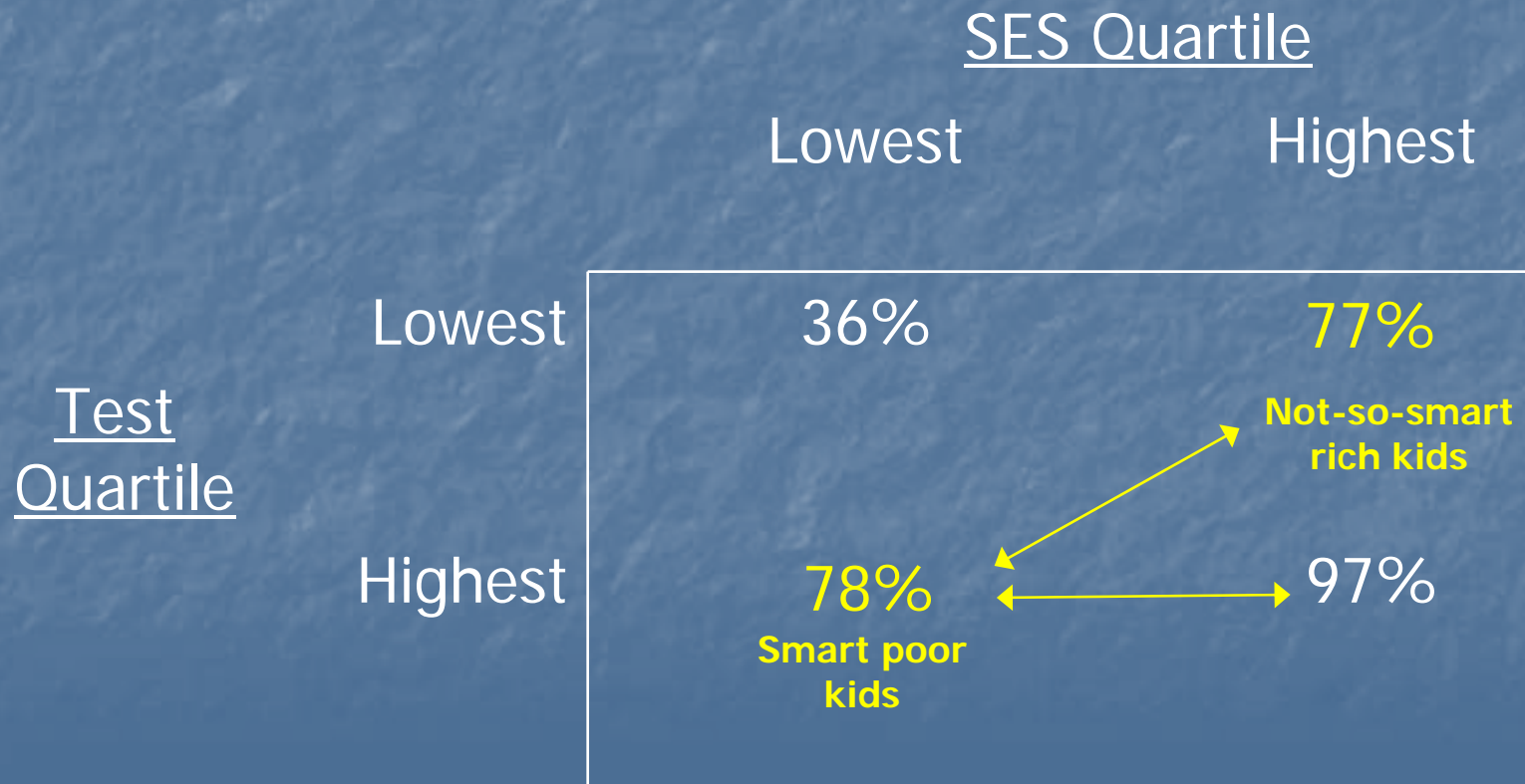
Have we met the HEA goals?

College participation rates of unmarried 18-24 year old HS grads



Academic barriers vs. financial barriers?

Percentage of 1992 High School Graduates
Attending College by 1994



Funding for major ED programs – FY 2005

- Pell, SEOG, CWS \$14 billion
- LEAP \$66 million
- Institutional assistance \$420 million
- Gallaudet & Howard \$346 million
- TRIO & GEAR-UP, CAMP \$1 billion
- Research and statistics \$257 million

Loans – off budget, totaled \$57 billion last year

President Bush's budget for FY 2006

■ Eliminates:

- Upward Bound
- Talent Search
- Gear Up
- Perkins Loan
- Perkins Voc/Tech
- LEAP
- Byrd Honors Scholarship Program

US
452,000 students
\$464M
1,403 programs

PA
14,419 students
\$13.1M
38 programs

President Bush's budget for FY 2006

- Increase Pell \$500 over 5 years
 - Average price in public 4-year went up \$500 *this year alone!*
- Increase loan limits
 - First year: \$2,625 —> \$3,500
 - Second year: \$3,500 —> \$4,500
 - Total undergrad: \$23,000 —> \$24,875
- Change formula for campus-based aid

Recent updates

- Senate:
 - Restored funding for TRIO and Gear Up in March as part of FY2006 budget bill
 - Senate HELP Committee has not yet debated reauthorization legislation, but [scheduled](#) one hearing for later this week
- House:
 - Reauthorization bills have been introduced, but not debated in Education and the Workforce Committee
 - Education and the Workforce Committee [hearing](#) last week on higher education costs

Key issues facing Congress

- College costs
- Student aid
- Quality and accountability – effective use of federal funds
- Reducing “red tape”
- Teacher preparation

Anything else the Congress decides

Quality and accountability

- Following on the heels of NCLB
- Examination of the role of accreditation
- New mechanisms for ensuring accountability of higher education institutions
 - Avoid the SPRE disaster in 1992
 - Focus on graduation rates and other outcomes
- Institutional support for the status quo

Resources

- Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee
 - <http://help.senate.gov>
- House Committee on Education and the Workforce
 - <http://edworkforce.house.gov>
- Department of Education reauthorization site
 - <http://wdcrobcolp01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/OPE/HEA/index.cfm>
- American Council on Education
 - <http://www.acenet.edu>
- My website
 - <http://www.personal.psu.edu/deh29>

Questions and discussion