

Institutional Transformation Focus Group Session



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CHAMPION
Student Success

INNOVATE
Academic Programming

REVITALIZE
Facilities

ATTRACT
New Students

VISION

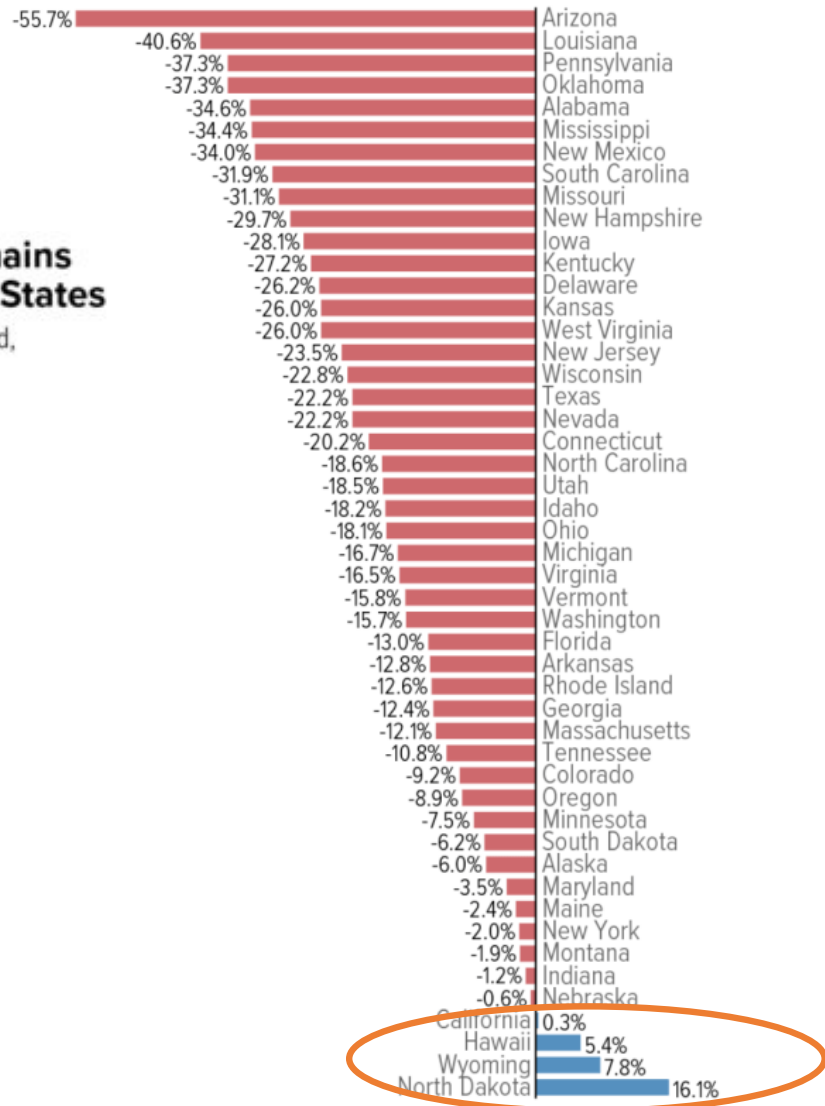




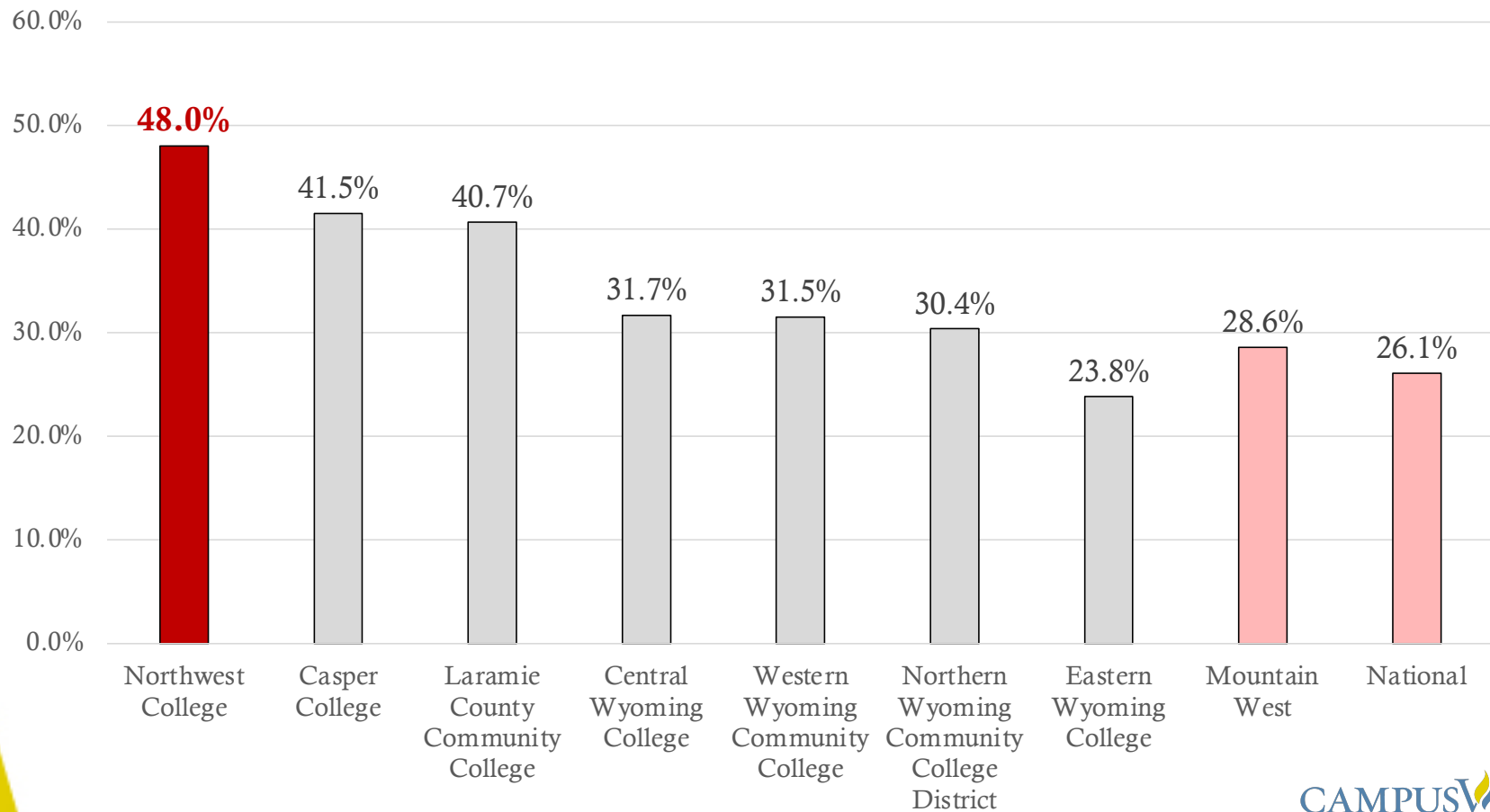
**Begin with the
End in Mind**

State Funding for Higher Education Remains Far Below Pre-Recession Levels in Most States

Percent change in state spending per student, inflation adjusted, 2008-2018

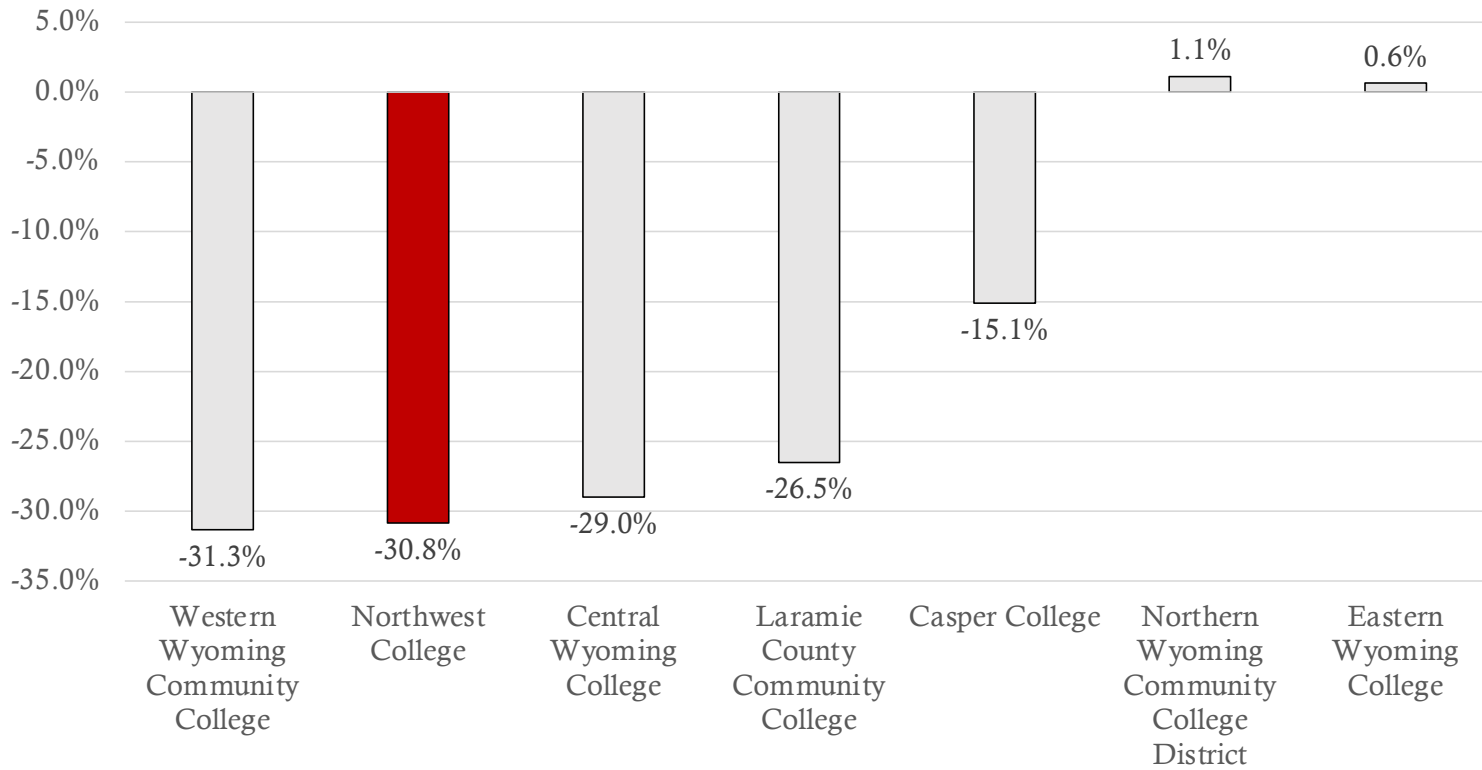


Percentage of Total Revenue from State Appropriations FY2018



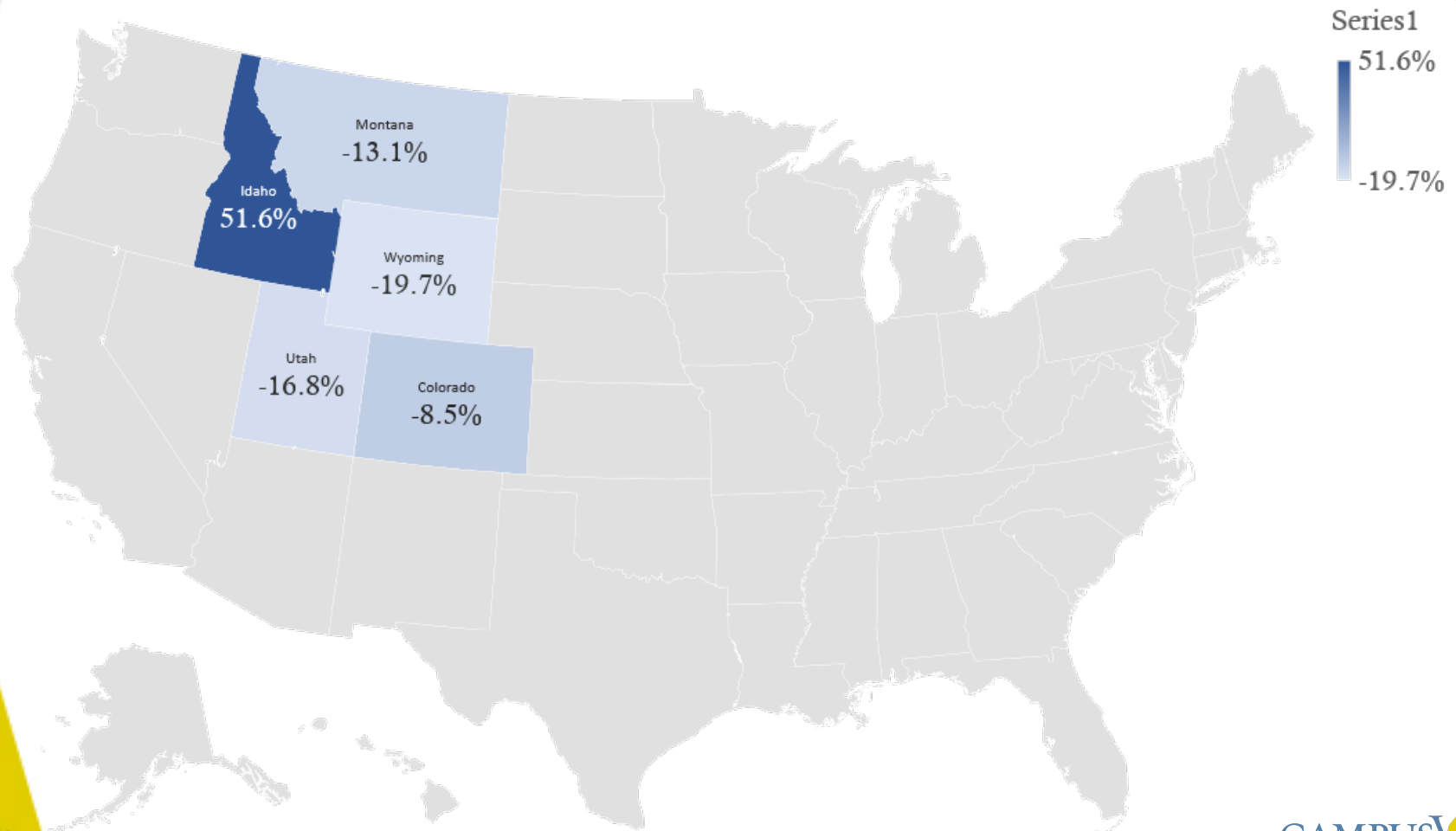
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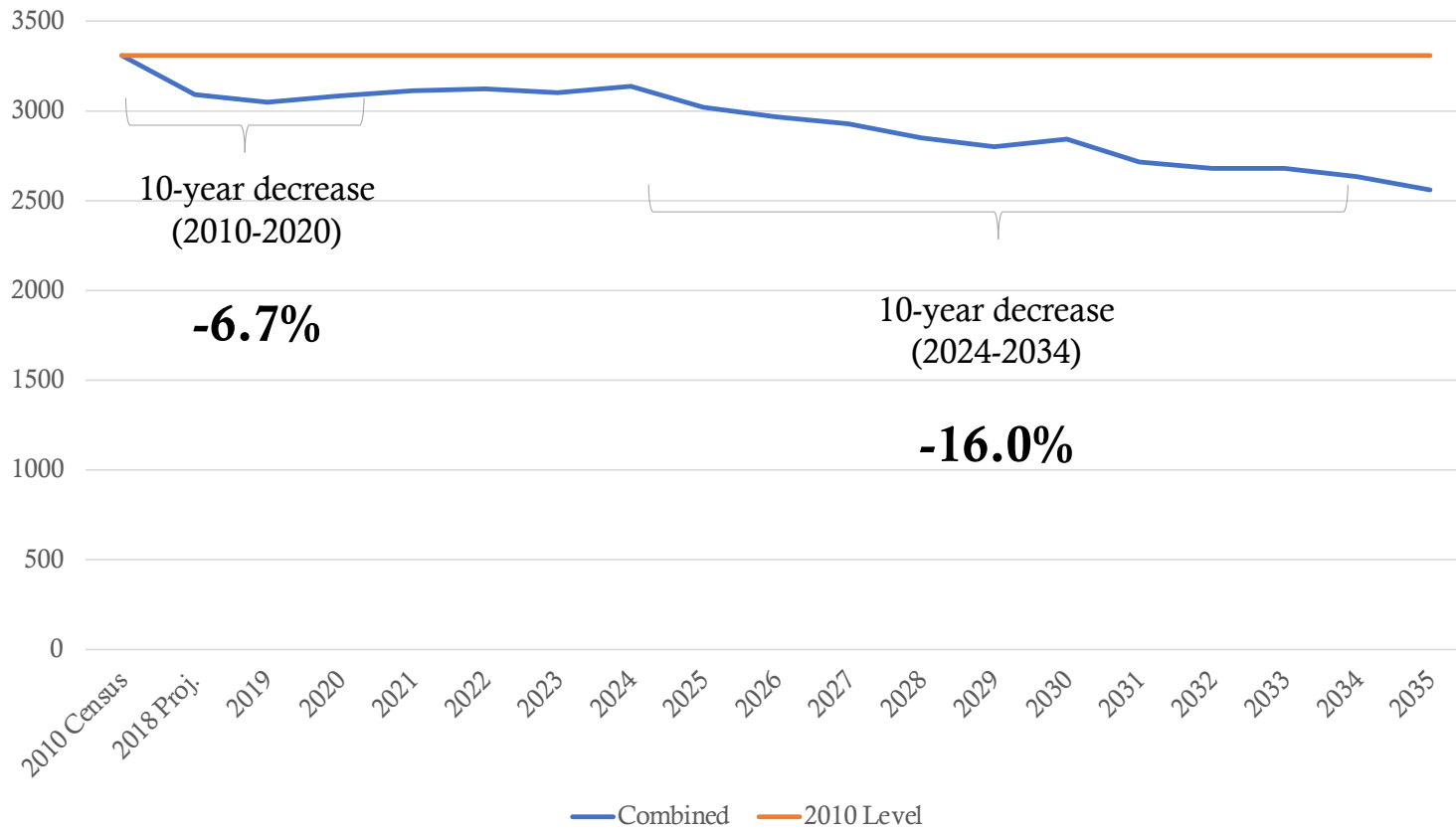
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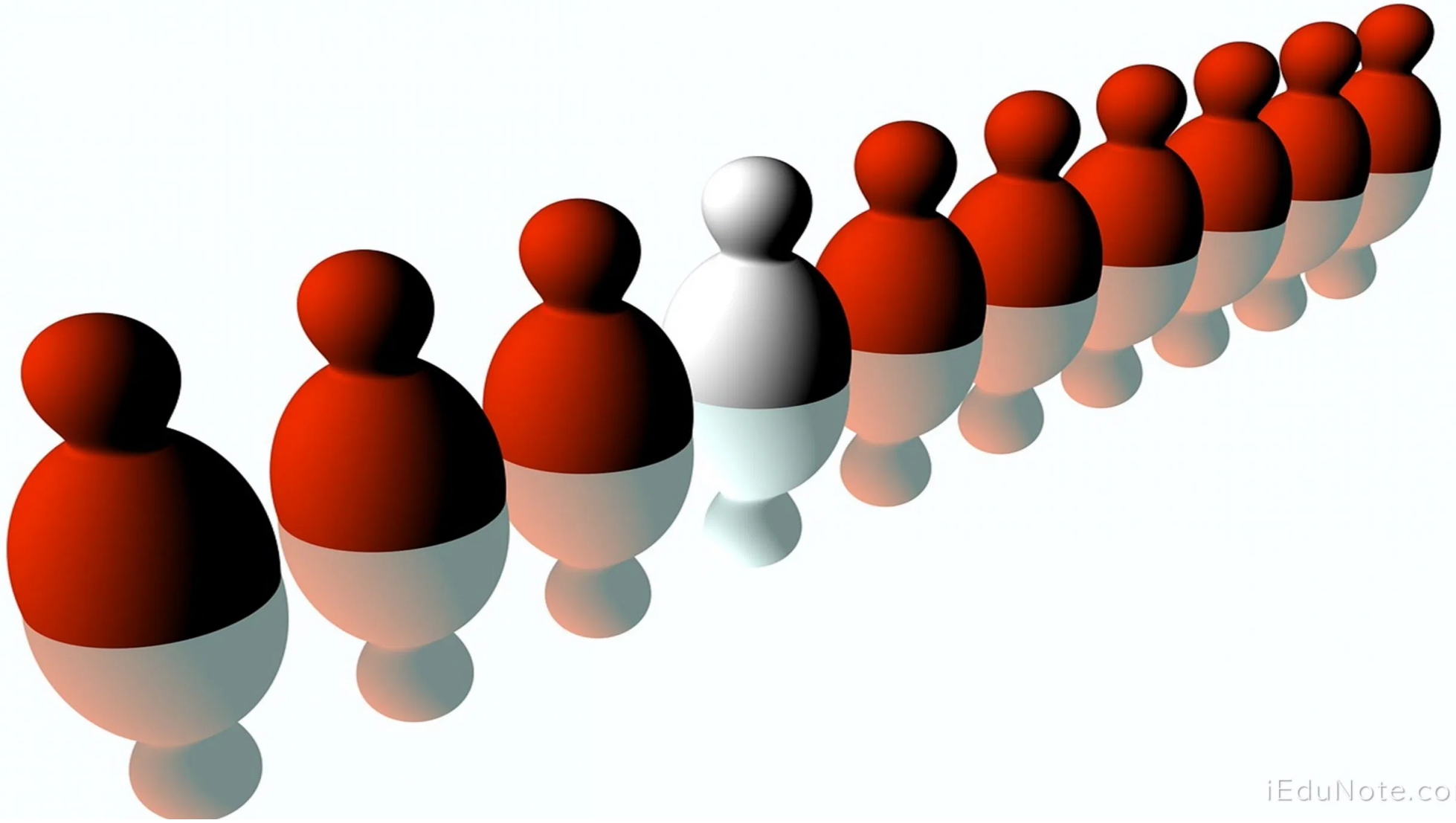


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Population Projections for Northwest College Service Area Population Aged 15-19 Years 2018-2035



Source: Wyoming Department of Administration and Information, Economic Analysis Division



Some Ideas That Have Come Up

- Recruiting more students outside of NWC's service area, international students, and adults
- Renaming and repositioning the College's programs as part of the Yellowstone ecosystem
- Growing workforce responsive academic programs
- Expanding applied learning/real-world experiences for students
- Building national/local partnerships with colleges, industry, K-12
- Becoming a 4-year institution
- **Mix and Match!**
- **Any that you think the College should pursue**

Big Ideas From Other Colleges

Real-World Experiences



Academic Programs & Delivery



Partnerships



Different Segments & Needs of Students



Environmental Surroundings & Geographic Location



Renaming & Rebranding



Let's get started

- Gather in your assigned breakout groups.
- Introduce yourself to everyone else in your group.
- Be sure that everyone has had an opportunity to speak in the group.
- Identify someone to take notes. Use Word and copy & paste in the chat box.
- Identify someone to report out in your group.

Discussion #1

- Gather in your groups.
- Thinking about the big ideas that have been posed from other colleges and by NWC:
 - List the ideas that most interest you
 - Are there ideas you see can combine or pair?
 - In your groups, choose the top 1-2 big ideas that your group thinks can make the biggest difference on the success of the College.



Report Outs

Discussion #2

- Take the idea that your group chose.
- Imagine that there are no barriers or obstacles to making your idea happen.
- Let's push your idea even bigger. Opportunity to let loose and think outside the box.
- Write a statement that is the biggest **dream** version of the idea if taken to extremes.
- Why?
 - Push our ideas even further
 - Walk it back and find out what is ambitious.
 - Find what's realistic & ambitious! That is our sweet spot!

Discussion #2

- Ways to expand your ideas:
 - Scope/scale
 - Quality
 - Number
 - Geography
 - Time
 - Technology/Tools

Examples

High school students can take a high-speed rail from their high school classes right to the college.

The College builds skyscrapers around it filled with businesses and our students work there while in school.

Textbooks are downloaded into one's mind at the push of a button.



Report Outs

Northwest College Future Summit
September 10, 2020
8 AM – 12 Noon Mountain
Yellowstone Building



Next Steps

- Future Summit – **September 10th** – Please join us!
 - Yellowstone Building
- Turn your feedback from our focus groups and Future Summit into 3-4 strategic options for the College community to consider
- College will engage in data analysis on these 3-4 big idea statements
- The College will finalize a big idea statement after the analysis process
- Begin goal setting and action planning