

NMSU SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM OVERVIEW

PRESENTATION TO THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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MISSION AND VALUES

Our Mission

To foster optimal health and well-being, equal human rights and a just society rooted in ethical, culturally responsive, and evidence-informed social work practice in the United States southwest, nationally, and internationally.



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Our Values

- Student-centered education
- Collective empowerment
- Cultural responsiveness
- Social and economic justice
- Community engagement
- Data-informed and ethical practice



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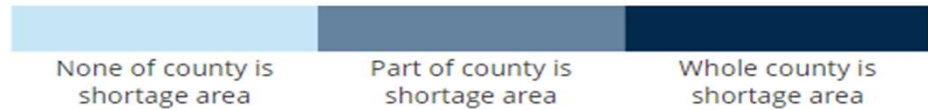
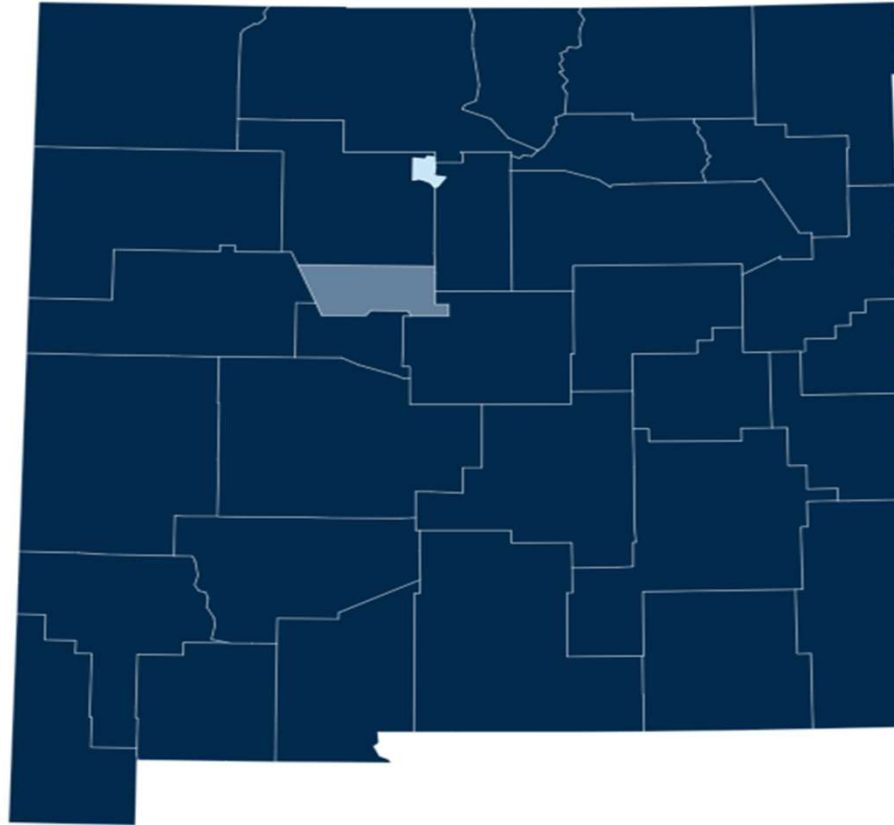
Health Professional Shortage Areas: Mental Health, by County, July 2024 - New Mexico

Back to U.S.

Nonmetro

Metro

All



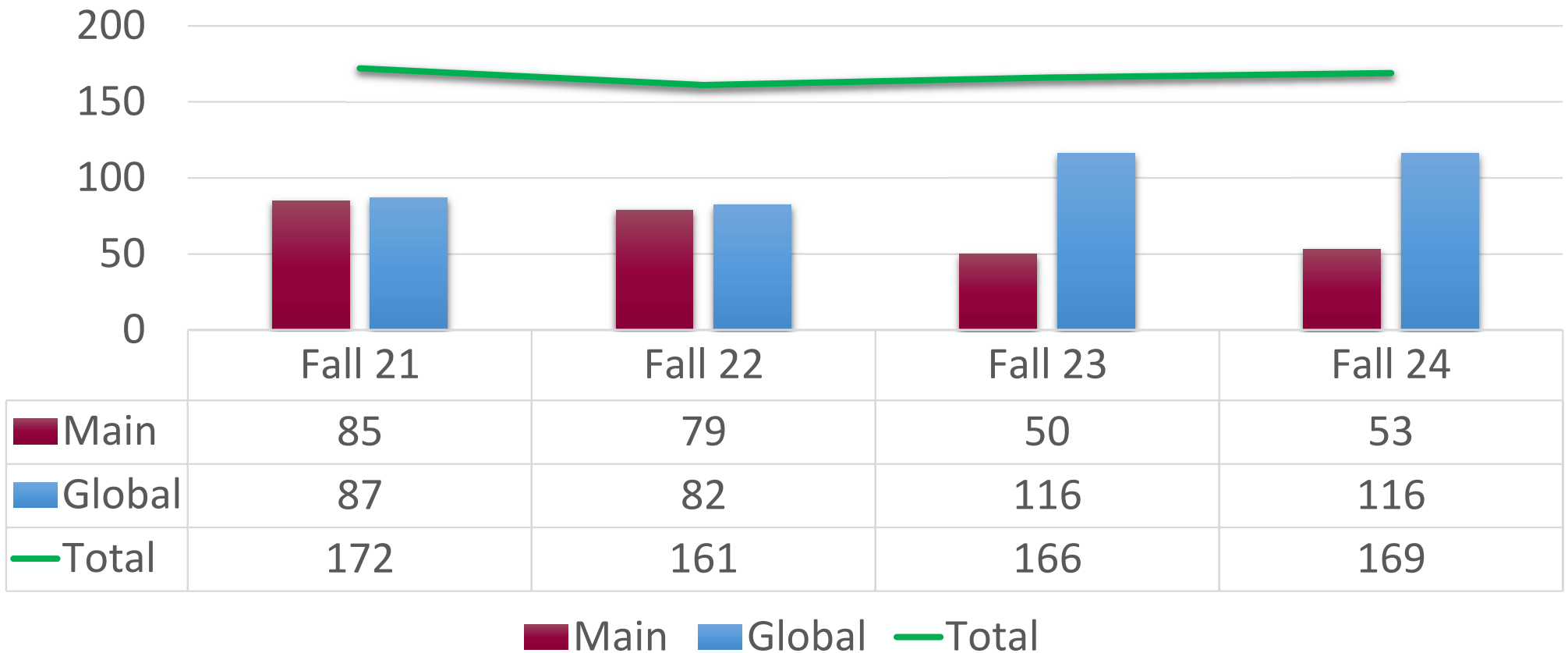
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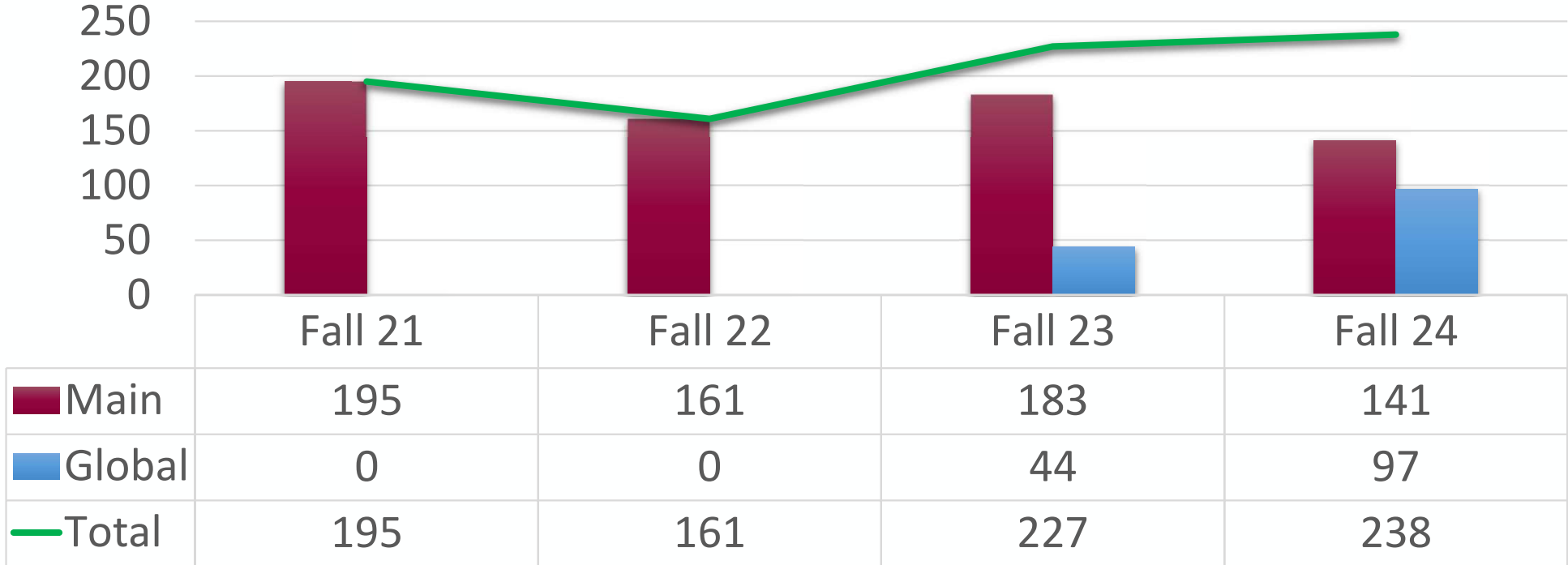
MSW Enrollment



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NMSU SSW ENROLLMENT TRENDS

BSW Enrollment

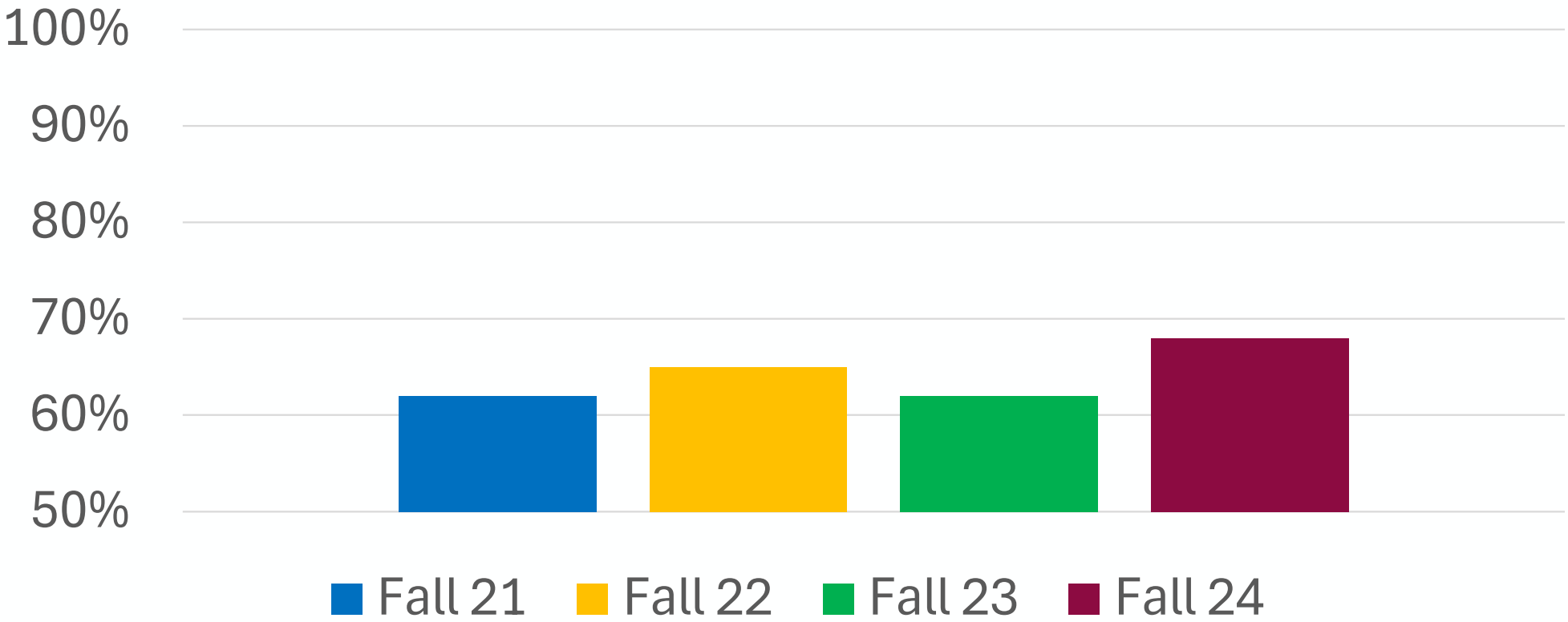


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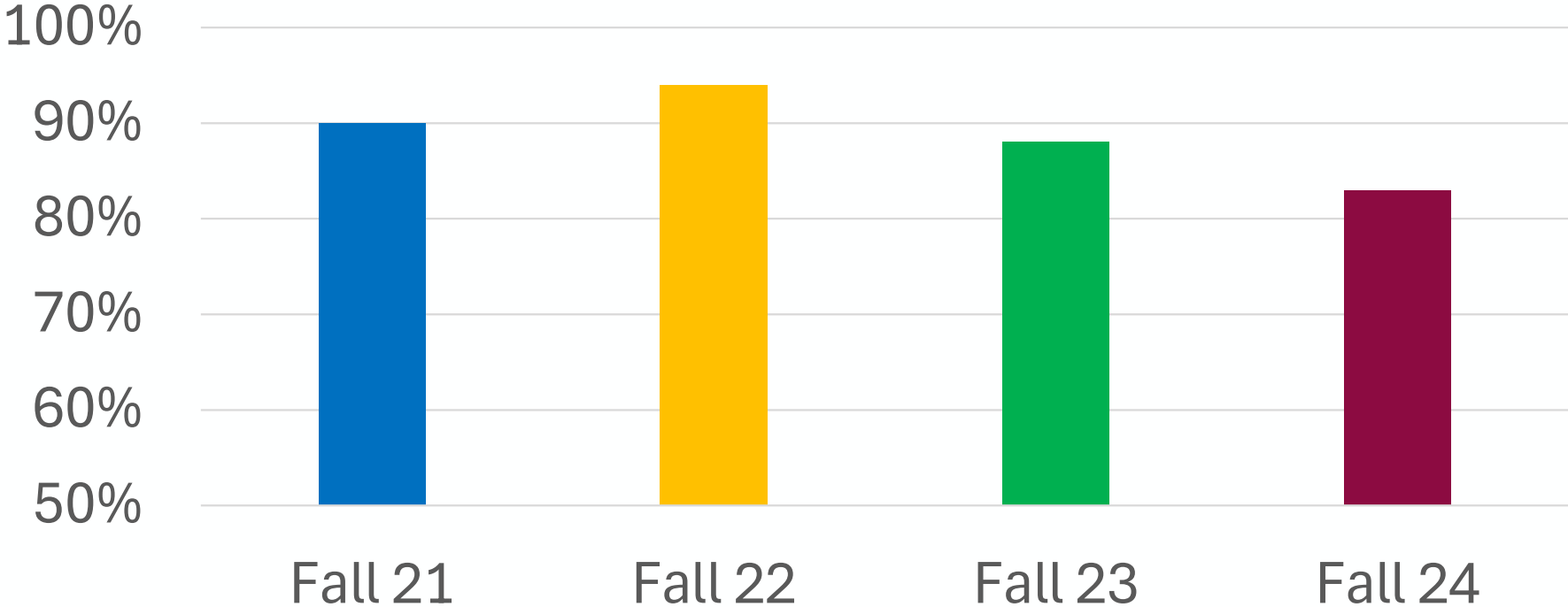
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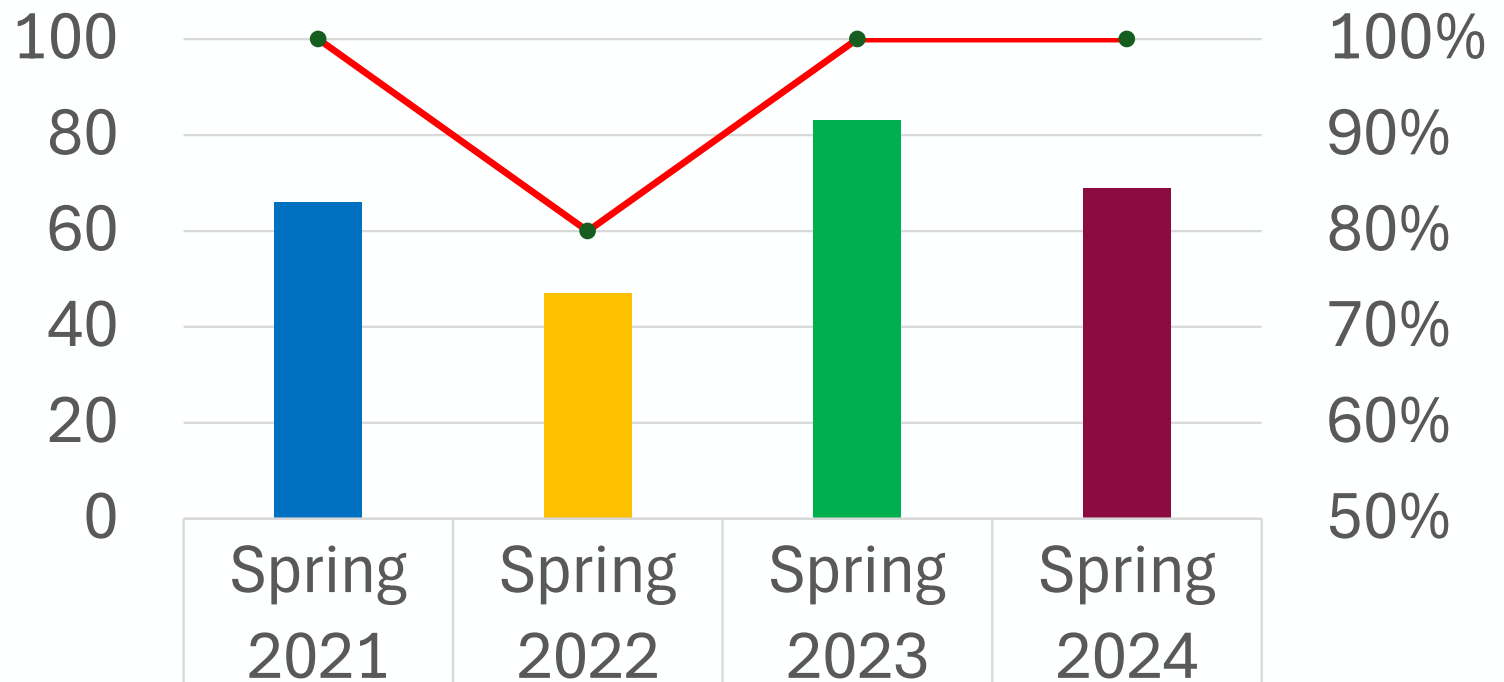
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BSW In-State



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MSW Graduates



Number of graduates

66

47

83

69

% Grad rate

100%

80%

100%

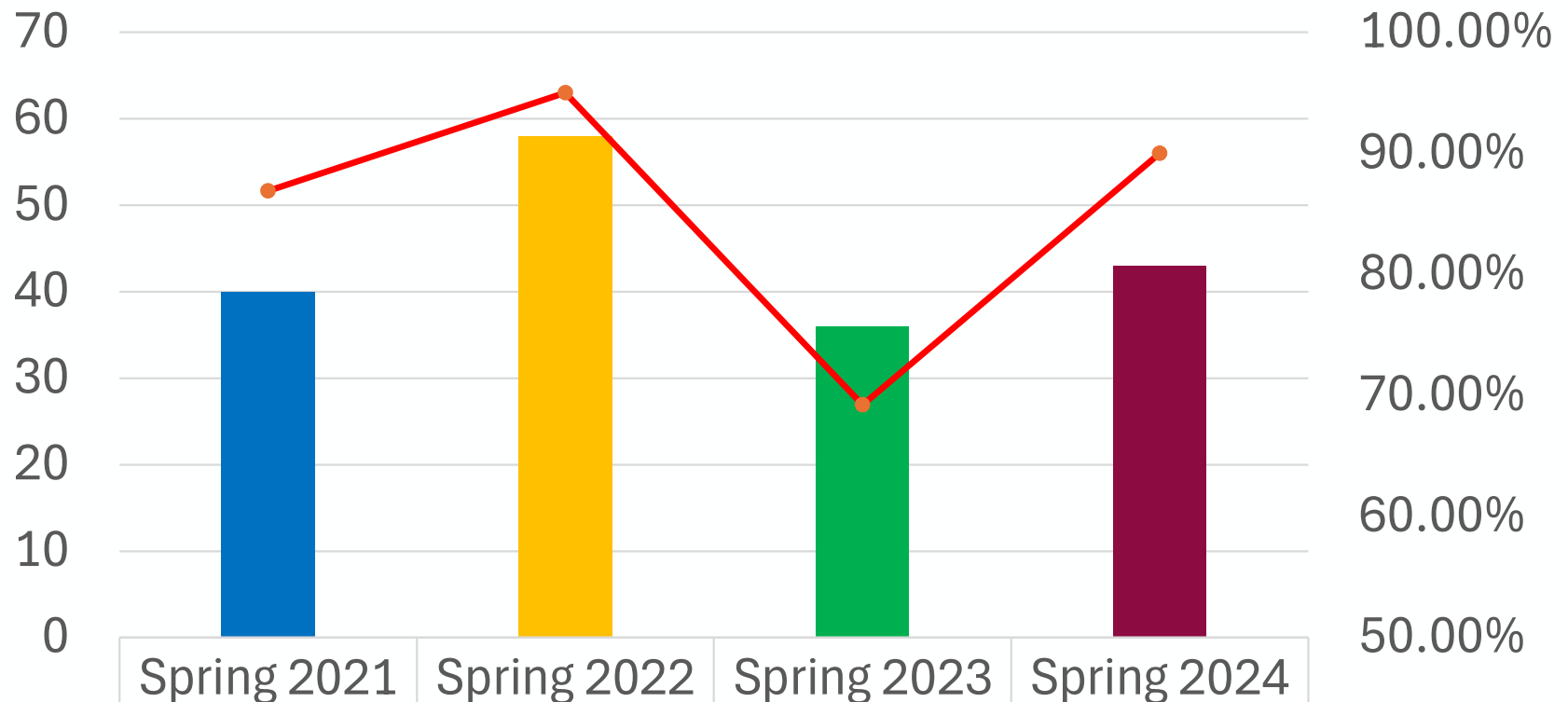
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BSW Graduates

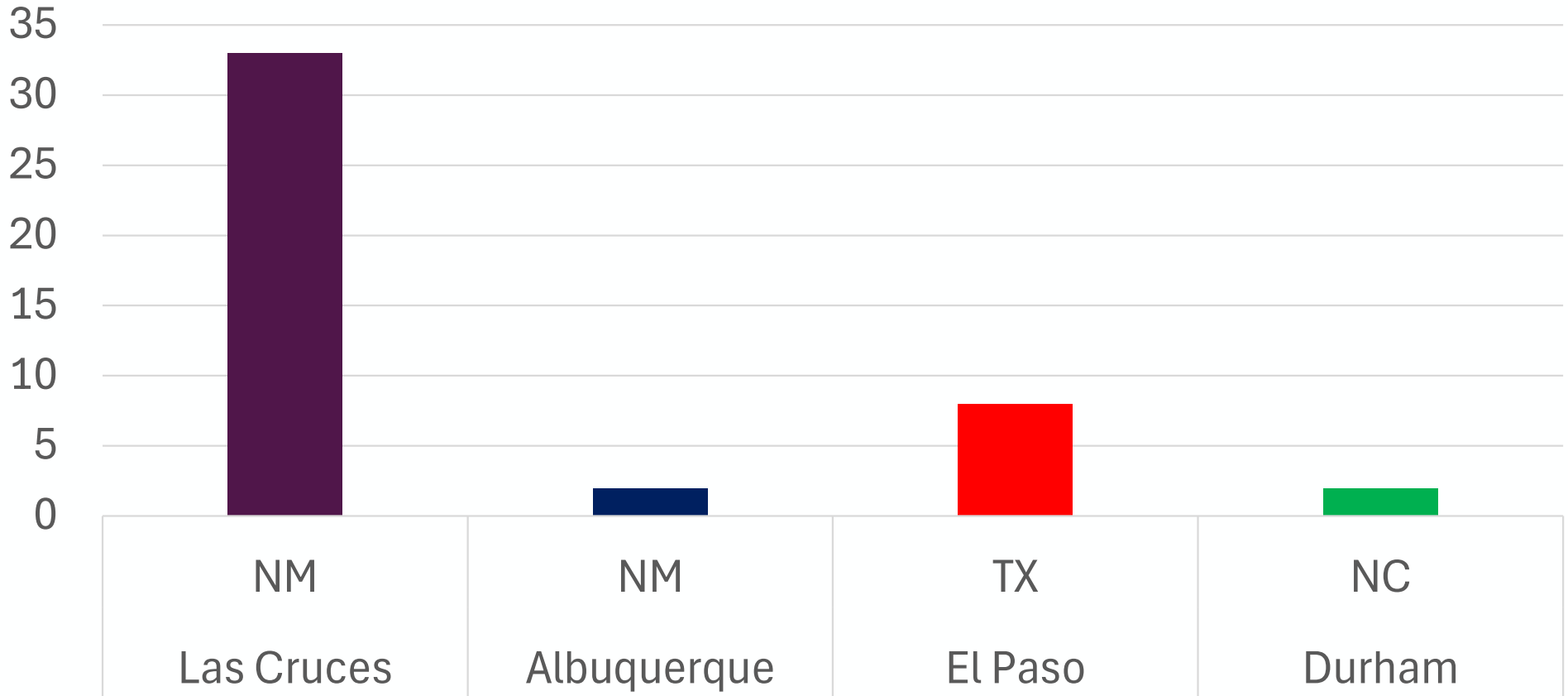


Number of graduates	40	58	36	43
% Grad rate	86.90%	95.00%	69%	90%



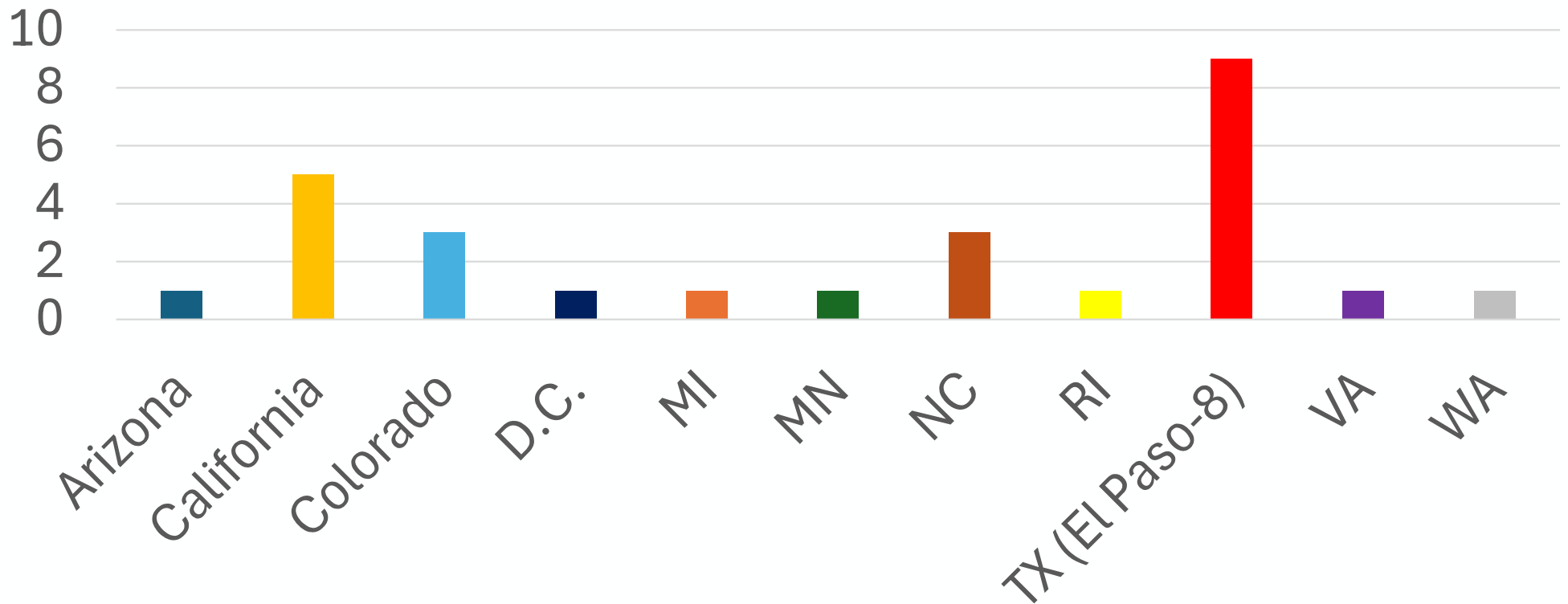
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BSW Student Placements



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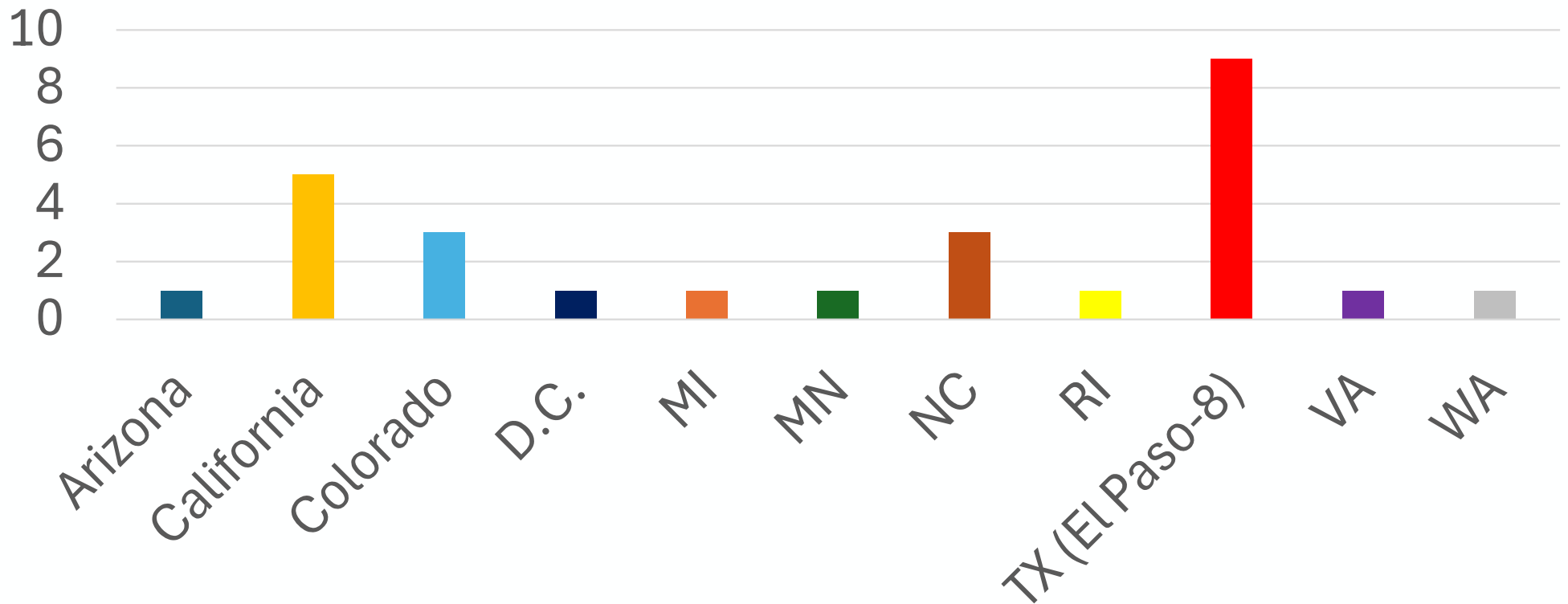
MSW Student Placements Out of State



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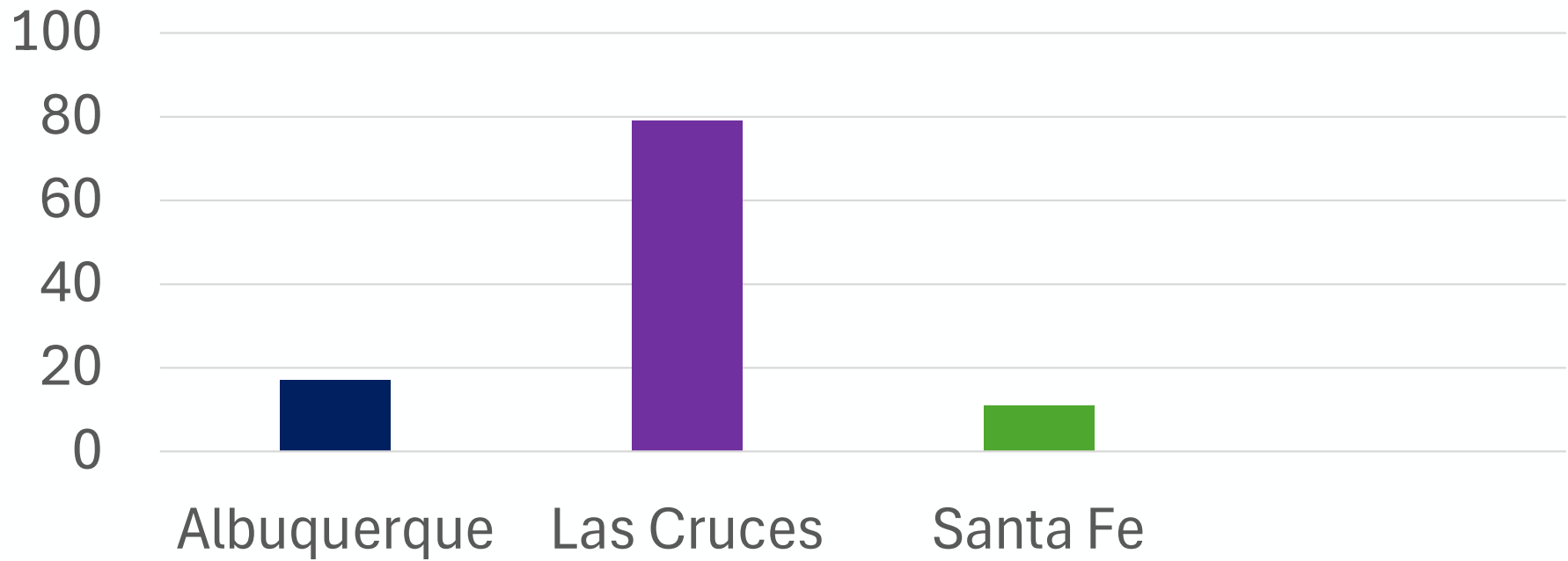
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MSW Student Placements Out of State



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MSW Student Placements In-State



NMSU Child Welfare Scholar Program

YEAR	TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL STIPEND FUNDS AVAIL.	AMOUNT OF STIPENDS AVAIL PER YEAR	TOTAL STIPEND FUNDS SPENT	TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDS SPENT		
FY23	\$ 635,827.49	\$ 249,000.00	22	\$ 76,000.00	\$ 374,889.33		
FY24	\$ 708,747.00	\$ 249,000.00	22	\$ 49,500.00	\$ 508,356.80		
FY25	\$ 712,768.00	\$ 249,000.00	22	\$ 121,000.00			
TOTAL IV-E FUNDING RECEIVED	\$2,057,342.49			*this amount will change based on additional scholars for spring in FY25			

CSWP Scholars 2021 - 2025							
Program Year	BSW	MSW	Stipend Awarded Total	Stipend Amount Total	Stipend Total (incl. non-awards)	Graduates	Licensure Obtained
FY23	0	6	6	\$76,000.00	13	6	5
FY24	3	2	5	\$49,500.00	7	4	1
FY25	2	7	9 (11)	\$121,000 (\$152,000)	9 (11)	*4	*



NMSU Child Welfare Scholar Program

- Program Staff/Faculty
 - One Full-Time Project Director
 - One Full-Time Program Manager
 - One Part-Time Practicum Instructor
 - One-Part Time Licensure Preparation Facilitator
- Program Enhancements (2022 – 2025)
 - Addition of a Practicum Instructor (FY24 and FY25)
 - Expansion and Support for our Professional Social Work Licensure Preparation Program Efforts
 - Recruitment Efforts
 - Meet and Greet/Drop In Hours
 - Lunch and Learn Events
 - Graduate, Transfer and High School Fairs (NM and Region)
- Training Component Expansion



ENDOWMENT FUND SPENDING



\$16.5 M awarded through the NM True Faculty Endowment



Invested with the NMSU Foundation with an expected yield of 4%,



Two Endowed Faculty have been hired



Funding used to support hiring of temporary faculty while searching for permanent endowed faculty



An additional endowed faculty search is underway; October forecast may allow one more hire in spring



ENDOWMENT FUND SPENDING



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\$1.8 million was awarded for graduate student paid practicums

Invested with NMSU Foundation March 2024, expected yield of 4%

The fund requires one year of maturity prior to disbursements

Initial disbursement planned for January of 2026

Funding will be available for practicums starting in fall 2026

Approx. 10 students will receive \$5000 for their practicum placement



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PLANS FOR GROWTH

- Continue to hire for endowed positions
- Expand marketing for new BSW and MSW programs through Global
- Double overall enrollment within next five years
- Provide paid internships through endowment, Title IV-E, Work-study and other funding mechanisms
- Expand curriculum to include potential certificates in School Social Work, Mental Health, Chemical Dependency and work with immigrants and refugees



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QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS



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