



Introducing Western Governors University

Changing Lives for the Better by
Creating Pathways to Opportunity



A woman with curly hair is sitting at a desk, looking down at a laptop. She is wearing a dark brown top. The background is a bright, modern interior with large windows.

Personalized Learning

Pioneer in Competency-Based Education

Students apply existing knowledge and skills to their coursework to prove mastery of the material, which can accelerate the rate at which they move through the program.

A Mentor for Every Student

Every student has regular check-ins with a mentor who supports them through their program, helping them persist, address life challenges, and stay motivated.

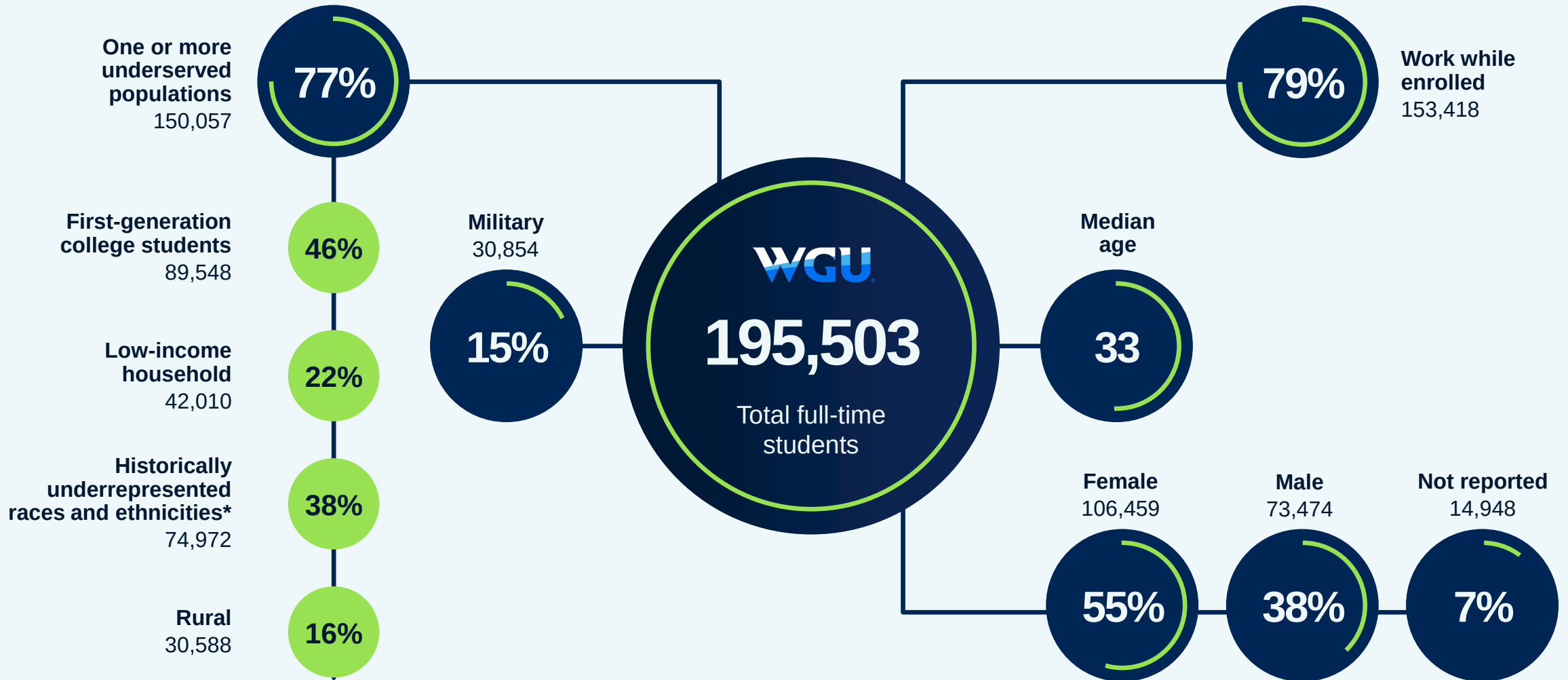
Tech-Enabled Intervention

WGU's Learner Care Dashboard automatically alerts faculty members when a student may need individualized support, such as if they failed an assessment or haven't logged into their coursework, leading to timely, personalized interventions.

Learning that Fits Every Schedule

Coursework and assessments can be completed any time, anywhere.

Scaling Quality Education for All Students



Financial Return for Graduates

Proven ROI

\$21,040

Average income increase for
WGU bachelor's degree earners
within two years of graduation*

\$31,220

Average income increase for
WGU bachelor's degree earners
within four years of graduation*

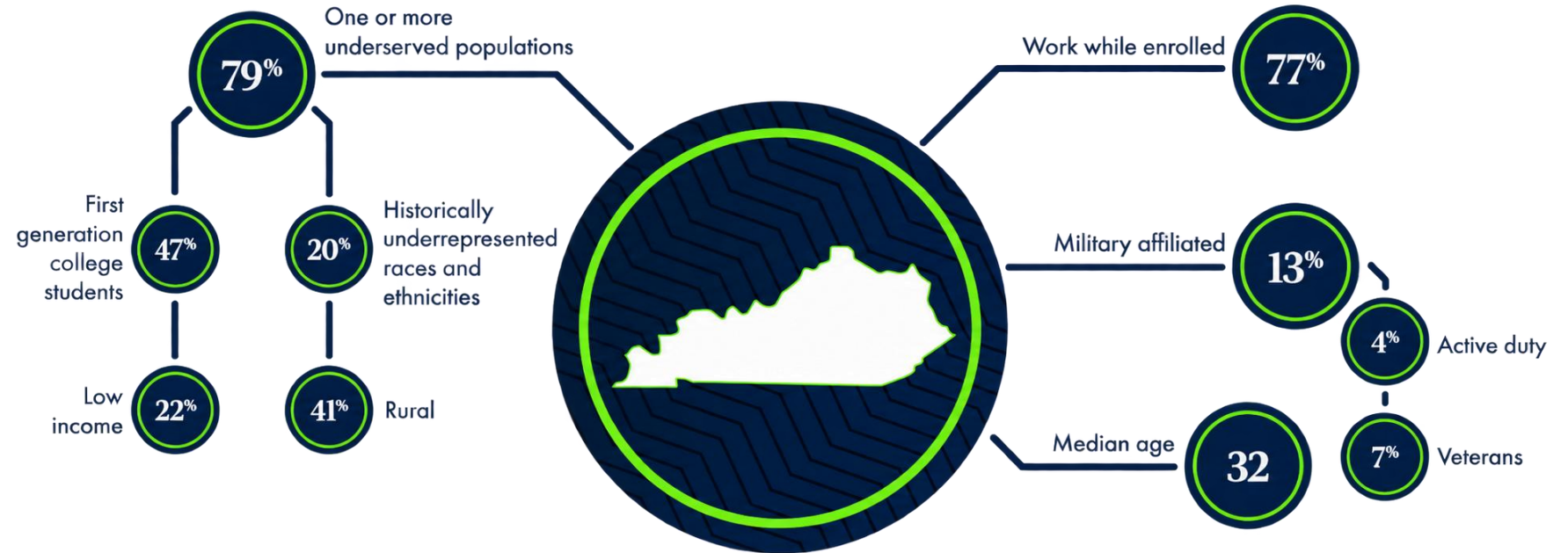
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Estimate of how many times over a
WGU degree pays for itself throughout
a career**

1,743 active students;
5,290 graduates

Median time to earn a
bachelor's degree: 24
months

Partnerships include
KCTCS, Deaconess
Health



WGU School of Education Programs are state approved by the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board. All WGU students apply directly to the EPSB for their license.

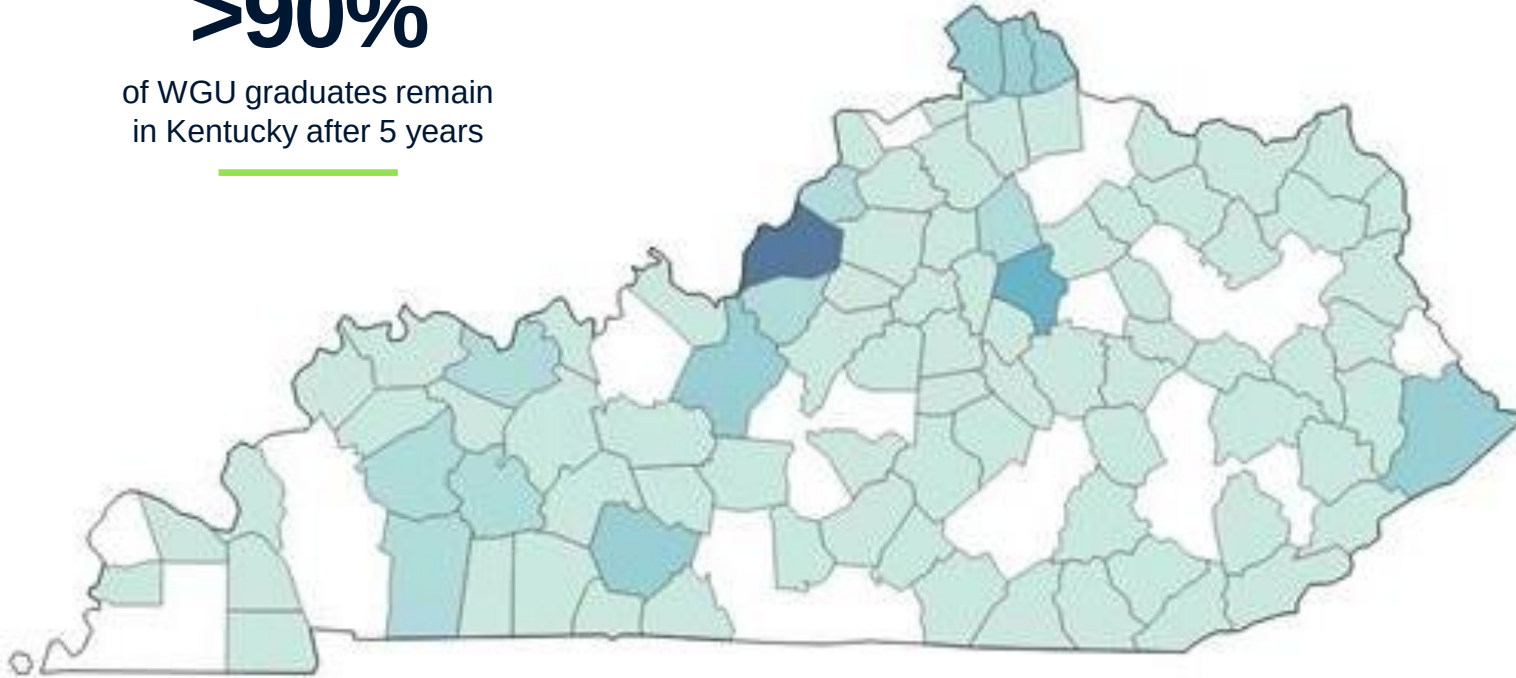
At a Glance

- Over 800 School of Education graduates in KY
- 265 current enrollees, 198 in initial licensure programs. Of the 198:
 - 52% rural
 - 76% employed (59% full time)
 - 60% over age 25
 - 40% first generation college student
 - 59% household income <\$65,000
 - 84% transferred in credits



>90%

of WGU graduates remain
in Kentucky after 5 years



Top areas of licensure: Elementary Education, Dual Elementary & Special Education,
Middle & Secondary Math, and Secondary Biology

Kentucky's teaching workforce shortage is well documented and has been a significant focus of legislator and stakeholder attention.

The unpaid, full-time nature of student teaching creates a significant financial barrier to program completion, particularly for candidates who depend on employment income.

Access to supports such as Student Teacher Stipends are important recruitment tools, especially for adult learners

In 16 states – including Indiana, Ohio, and Tennessee – WGU students have access to state-based financial aid. State statute requiring participating institutions to have a brick and mortar presence in Kentucky bars WGU teaching candidates from receiving stipend funds.





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Thank You
