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Newark Kids Count *Data Snapshot*



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The Impact of COVID-19: *College Students and COVID-19*

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What is KIDS COUNT?



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- KIDS COUNT is a comprehensive data reporting effort related to children and families
- Assess change over time with trend data; provide a baseline for future comparisons
- Give you a “snapshot” of children and families
- Easily accessible and meaningful

COVID-19 and Impact on Data

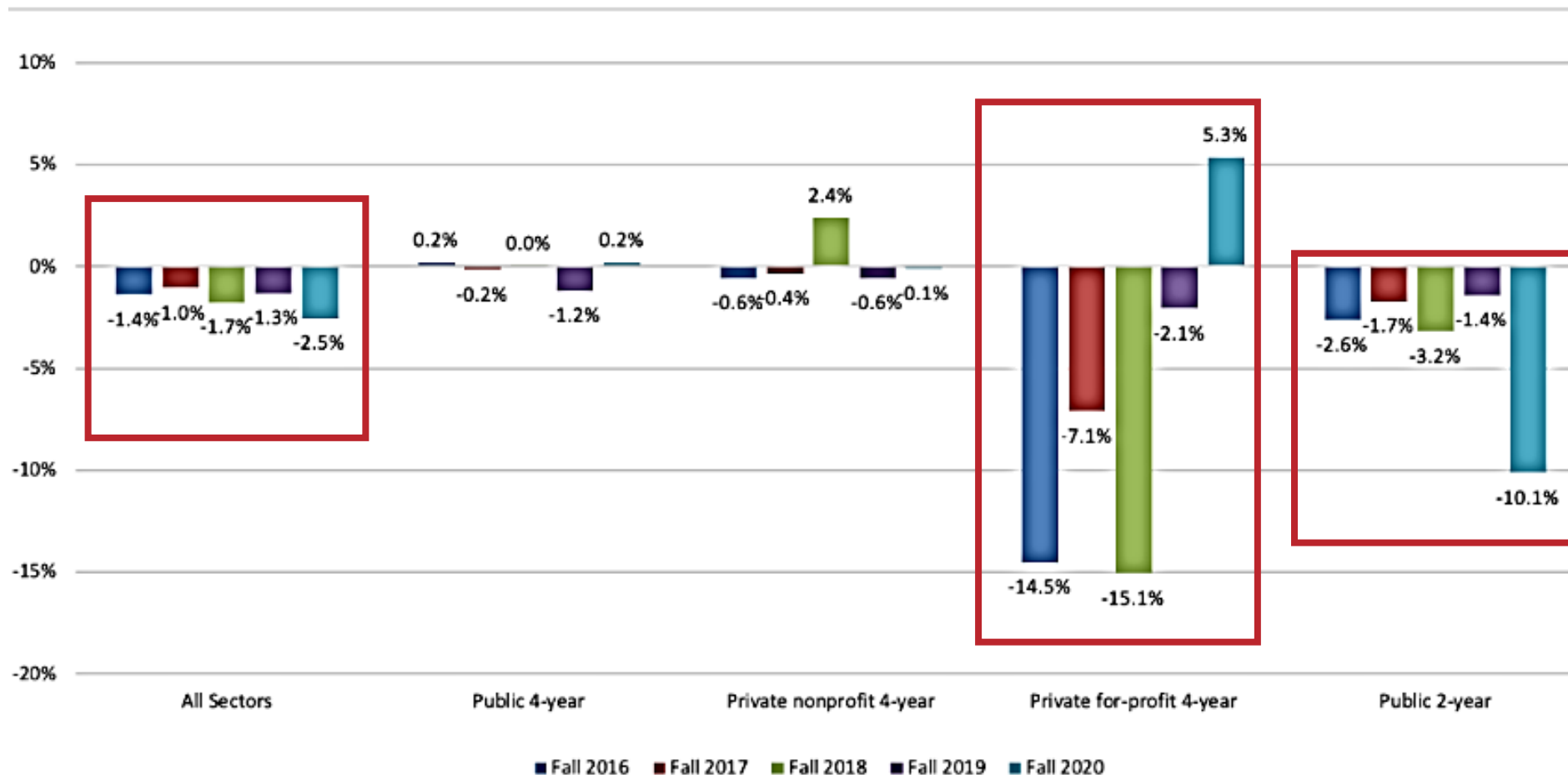
- Official sources of data tend to be “older”
 - ACS data as of 2019, 2020 figures to be released in Sept. 2021
 - Health data from 2019 or before
- Many data points not currently reported or incomparable:
 - Chronic absenteeism
 - Standardized test scores
 - School breakfast and lunch participation

Newark Snapshot Data Trends

- COVID-19 has impacted college enrollment nationwide
- Community colleges may be seeing more of an immediate impact than other institutions
- Young people report feelings of anxiety and hopelessness as they navigate the pandemic.

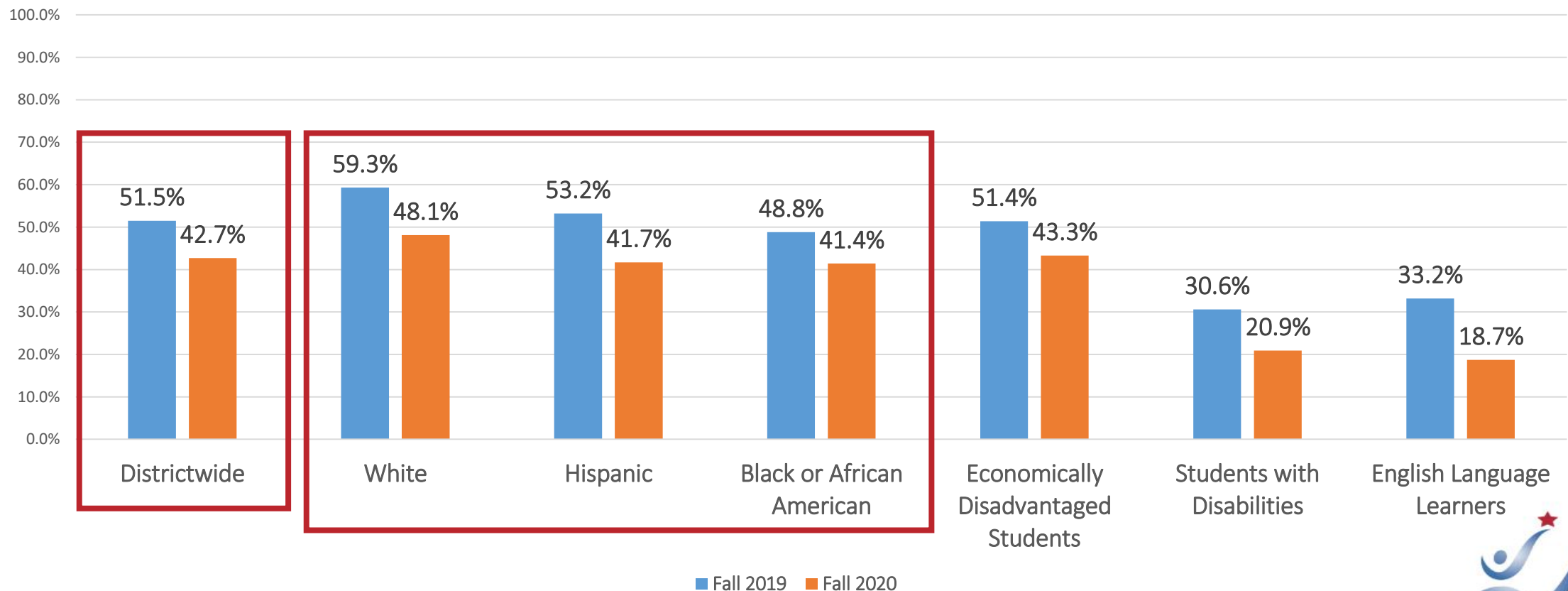
The National Context—College Enrollment

Percent Change in Enrollment from Previous Year by Institutional Sector: 2016 to 2020



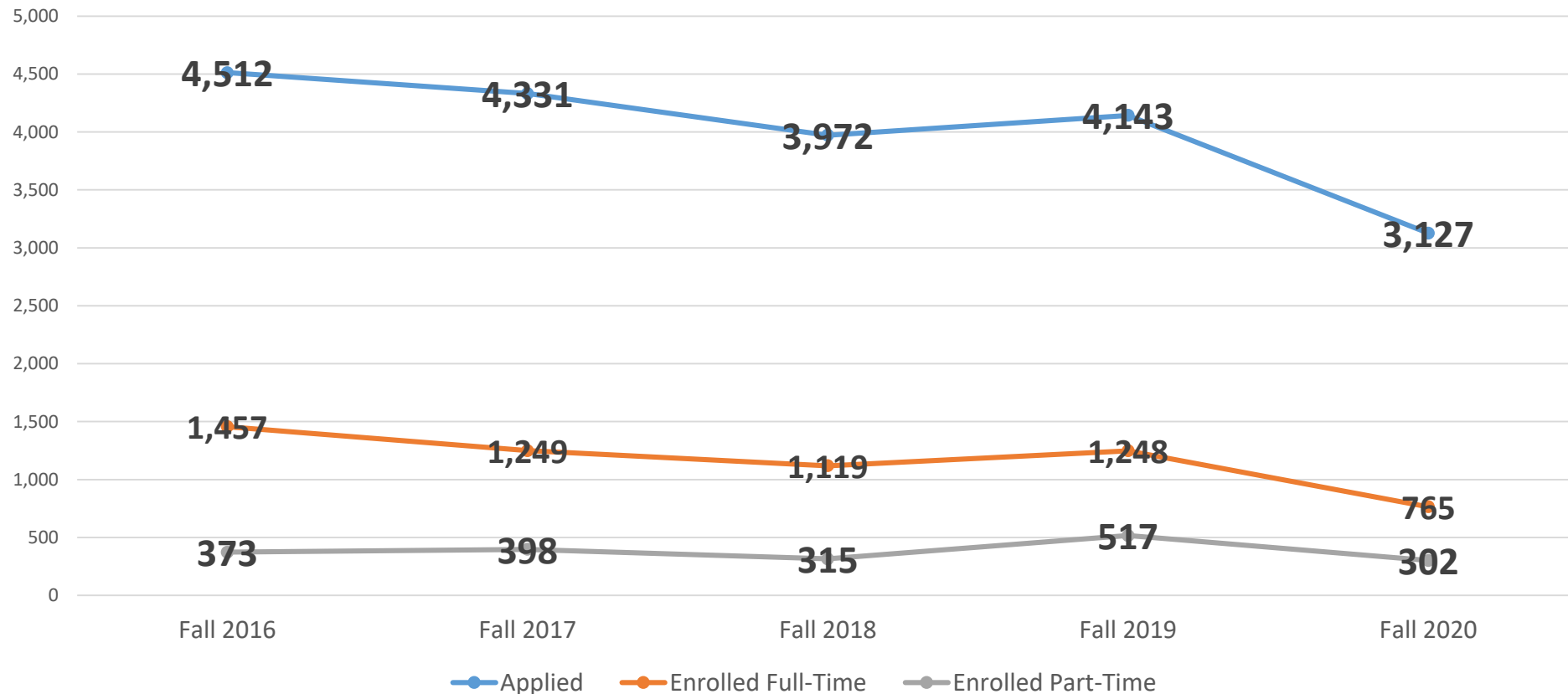
NPS Postsecondary Enrollment

% NPS Fall Postsecondary Enrollment Rates, Students Enrolled in Any Institution



Essex County College Enrollment Data

First-Time Student Enrollment, Essex County College



The National Context—Mental Health

- US Census Bureau, Household Pulse Survey—national data:
 - 44 percent of 18-24-year-olds reported feeling nervous, anxious or on edge for more than half or nearly every day in the past week
 - 36 percent...reported feeling down, depressed or hopeless...
- Newark listening sessions:
 - Young people reported feeling stressed, overwhelmed, disillusioned...

The National Context—Employment

- Employment rates among 20-29 year-olds (October 2020):
 - Associate degree: 59.2%
 - → down from 71.3% in 2019
 - Bachelor's degree: 67.3%
 - → down from 76% in 2019
 - Advanced degree: 74.7%
 - → down from 82.3% in 2019
- Labor Force Participation 16-24 year-olds
 - HS graduates: 67.2%
 - HS dropouts: 47.5%

Questions?



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