



More students earning credentials.

Degrees and certificates awarded
in academic year 2025-26:

11,228 14.9% increase
from AY 2024-25

9,108 degrees

13.2% increase from AY 2024-25

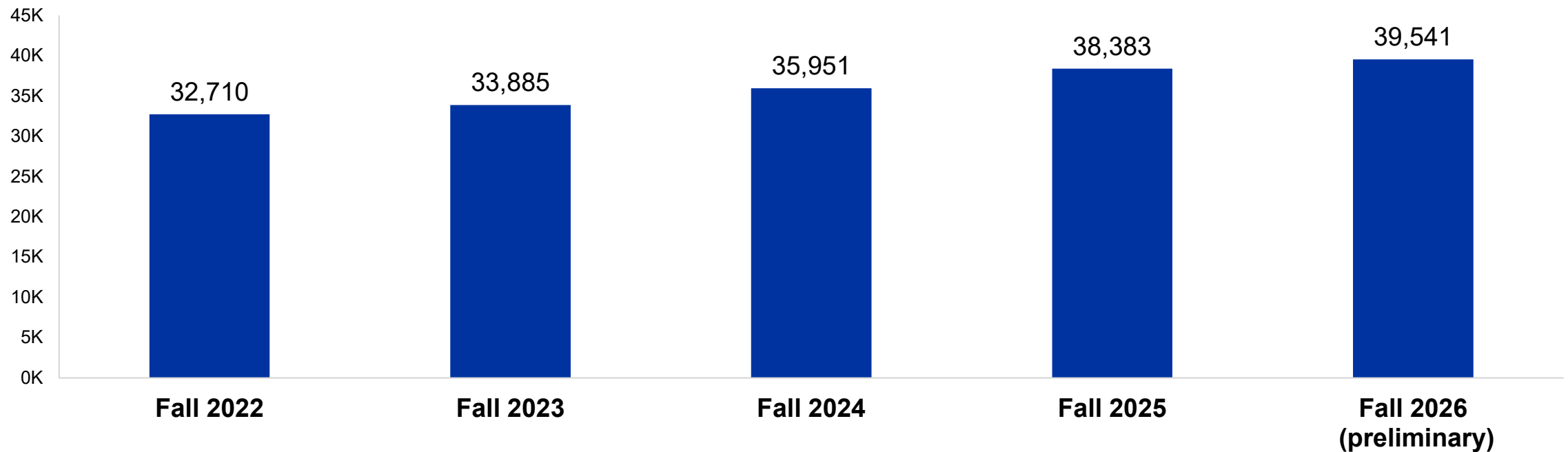
2,120 certificates

22.8% increase from AY 2024-25





Overall enrollment has grown nearly 21% since Fall 2022



Enrollment continues to increase for both undergraduate and graduate* students

28,265

undergraduate students

+2.8%

from last year

11,276

graduate* students

+3.6%

from last year

Who Comes to Us

Fall 2026 preliminary overall enrollment

24,647 Kentucky residents

▲ 2.5%

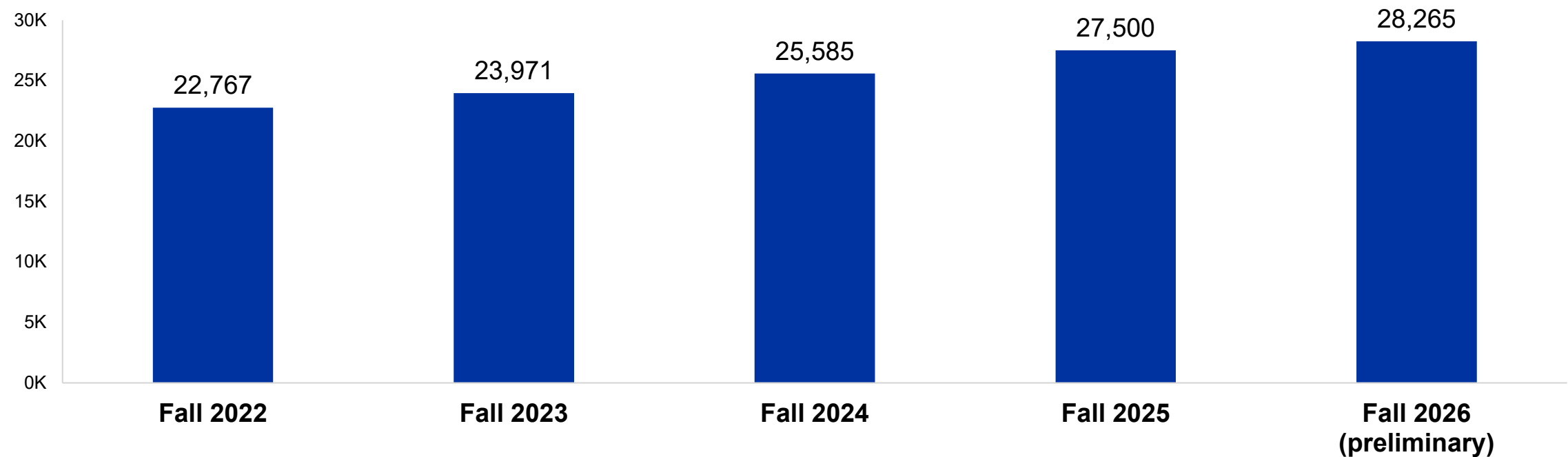
14,894 Non-Resident students

▲ 3.9%

5,693 Students from
Appalachian counties



Undergraduate enrollment has grown more than 24% since Fall 2022



More than one in four UK undergraduate students is first generation

Fall 2026 preliminary undergraduate enrollment

7,682

27%+

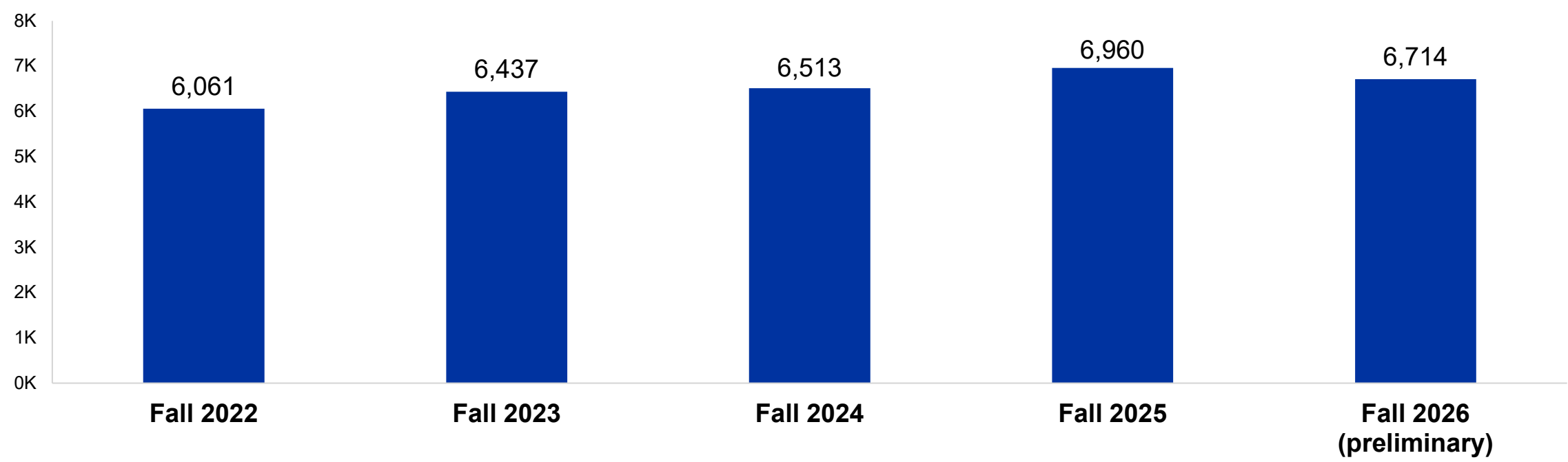
of total undergraduate enrollment

+3.4%

increase from the previous year



First-year enrollment has grown nearly 11% since Fall 2022



6,700+ first-year students, academically strong

61.4%

from Kentucky

26.8%

first generation

3.58

average unweighted
HS GPA

3.68

median unweighted
HS GPA



Retention and graduation rates continue to rise

86.5% first-to-second-year retention

Fall 2025 cohort

73.4% six-year graduation rate

Fall 2020 cohort

3.98 average years to degree

*down from 4.30
in 2015-16*

More low-income students are earning degrees

1,785

undergraduate degrees in
academic year 2025-26

+19.1% from previous year



A 70% graduation rate remains uncommon

UK's six-year graduation rate: 73.4%

*Institutions Included: 4-year, public, degree-granting primarily baccalaureate or above with 6-year graduation rate of 70% or greater in the US 50 states and Washington, D.C.

FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS*

22.5%

399 institutions



PUBLIC FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS*

16.5%

92 institutions



UK is one of only 92 public four-year institutions with a six-year graduation rate of at least 70%.

Greater success for students participating in UK Invests

Fall 2025 cohort, preliminary

\$2,884,304

earned by students since fall 2023

FOR FALL 24 AND 25 COHORTS, MORE THAN HALF OPENED AN ACCOUNT IN THEIR FIRST YEAR

58.6%

FALL 2024
3,770 students

51.6%

FALL 2025
3,538 students

SECOND-FALL RETENTION | FALL 25

89.9% 82.8% +7.1 pp
with account without



FIRST-YEAR GPA | FALL 25

3.31 2.93
with account without

Fall 2025 cohort
With account = 3,538 | Without account = 3,317

