

Higher Education in Israel

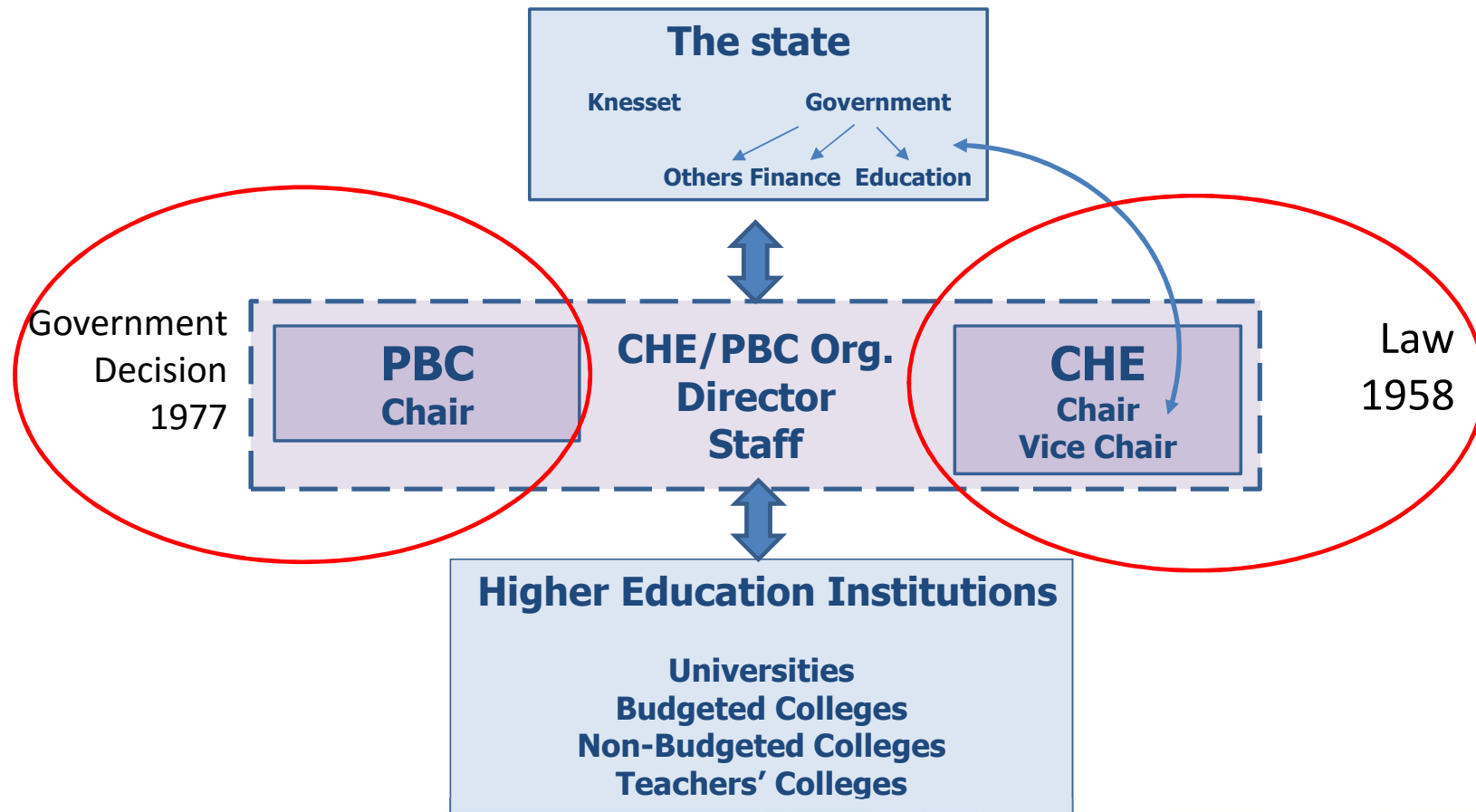
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Israeli HE System - Snapshot



- ❖ **310,000** students (50% of cohort) in **64 institutions**:
 - 9 Universities (Public)
 - 55 Colleges (42 Public; 13 Private)
- ❖ Shanghai ranking: 2 HEIs in Top100, 3 in Top500
- ❖ No. 7 in citations / paper (#1 in CS; #3 in Engineering)
- ❖ 12 Nobel prizes (6 chemistry; 2 economics); 3 Turing awards; 1 Fields medal

Governance of the Israeli Higher Education System



The Council for Higher Education (CHE)



Provides **accreditation** of new degrees & programs



Approves the **establishment of new institutions** and **Licensing** of branches of foreign HE Institutions



Conducts **Quality Assurance** of existing programs



Safeguards **academic freedom** while advancing academic research and teaching

The Planning and Budgeting Committee - PBC



Plans the development of the HE system at the national level, taking into account both academic and national needs



Negotiates with the Ministry of Finance the share of higher education in the state budget.



Allocates the budget to the HE institutions (HEI's)

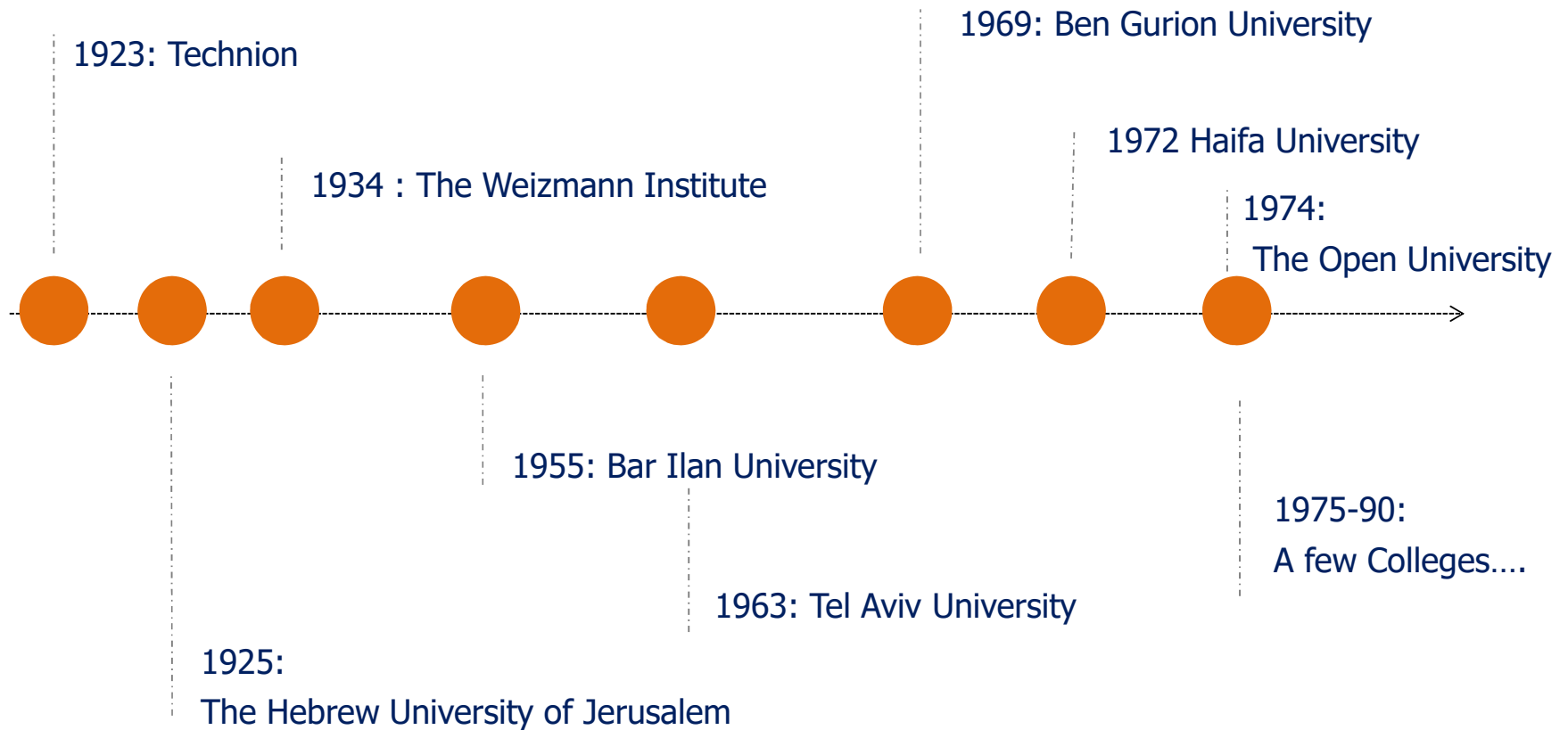


Examines requests to open new institutions & new academic programs from the planning and budgetary points of view

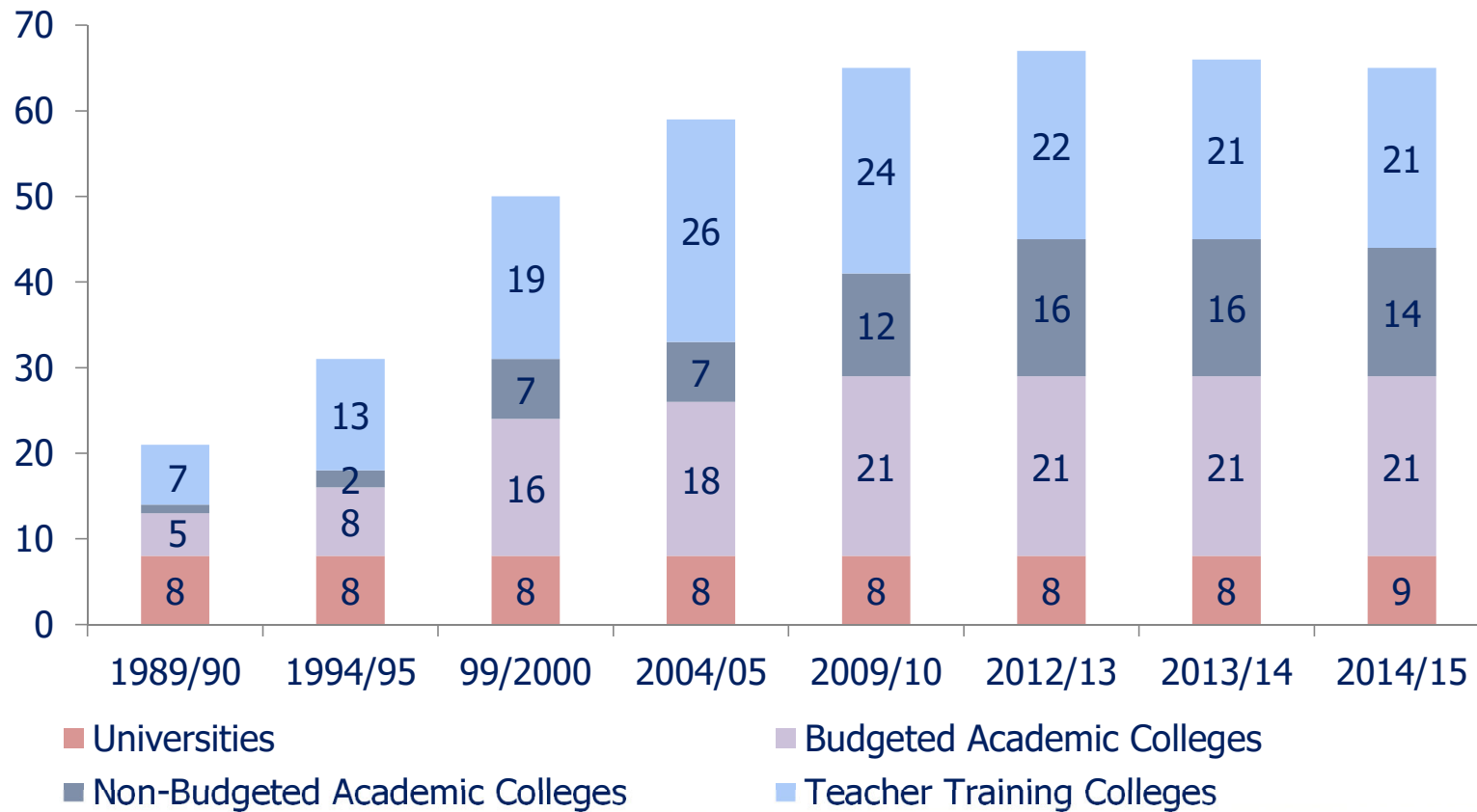


Ensures that institutional budgets are balanced and executed according to plan while ensuring the HEI's solvency

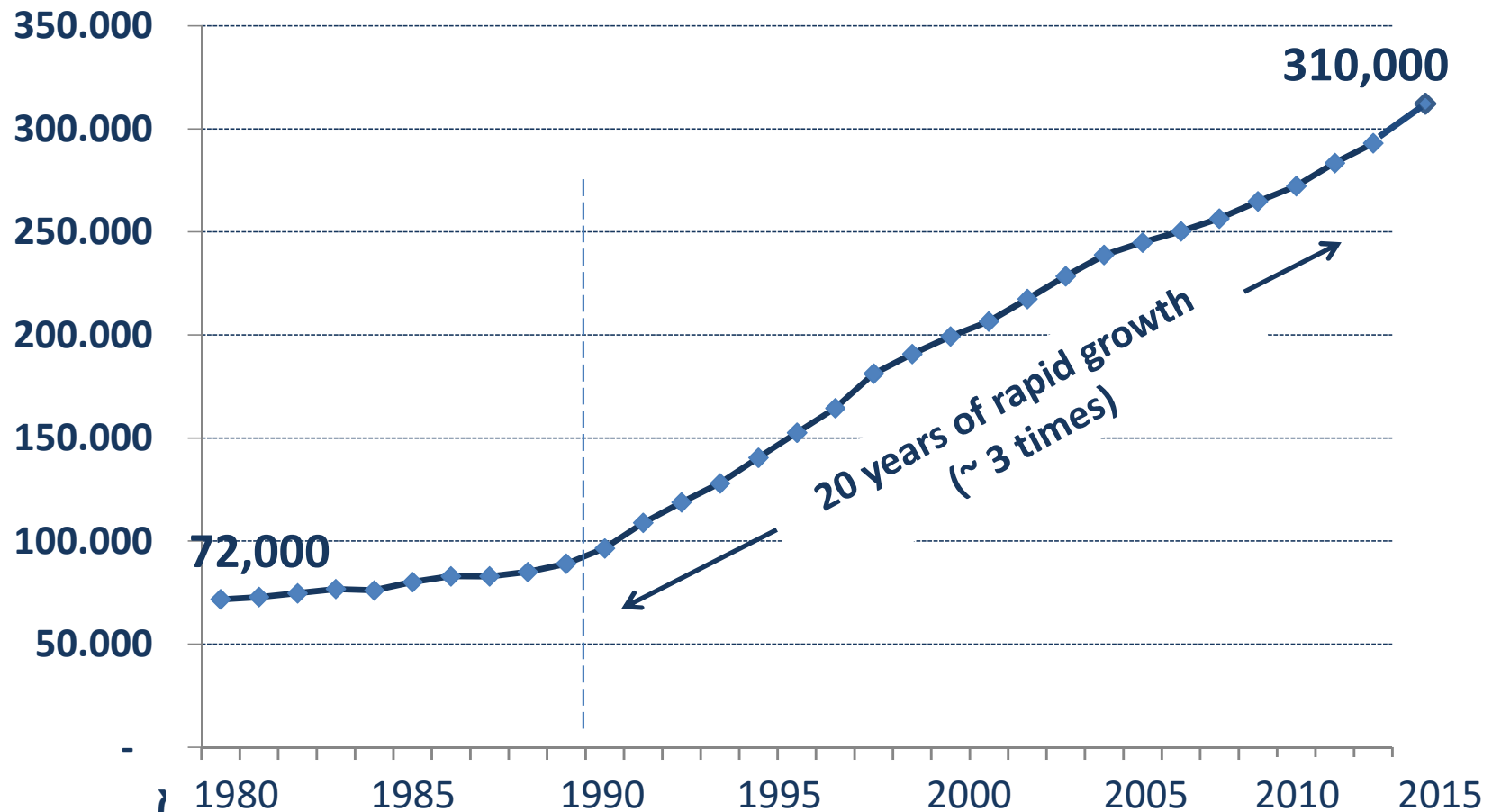
The birth of the first academic institutions:



Massive Growth in Number of Colleges



Accelerated growth in number of students



Developments in Israeli HE System

Excellence
for the Few

The quantity vs.
quality trade-off

Renewed
Excellence

Up to the 1990's: Elitist system:

- Low % of students
- Universities only
- Adequate budgeting
- Impressive accomplishments

1990's -2009:Rapid Growth:

- No. of Students
- No. & diversity of Institutions
- Budget freeze/cuts:
- Shrinking, aging faculty
- Brain Drain
- Deterioration of infrastructures

2010-2016: Repositioning HE in Israel

- Six-year plan & +30% budget increase
- Focused on academic excellence + improving access for specific populations

Forthcoming Multi-Year Plan (2016/17-2021/22)



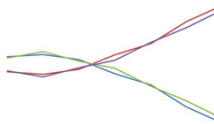
Research Infrastructures & Scientific Excellence (Big Data)



Innovation in Teaching



Internationalization

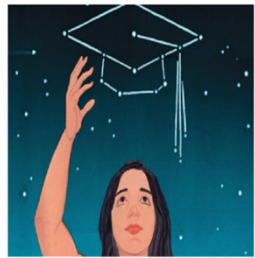


Gender Equality in Academia

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**Increasing Engineering + Comp
Science Graduates**



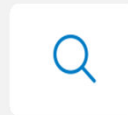
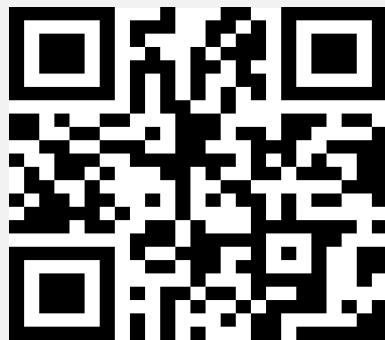
Integration of Specialized Groups



Humanities

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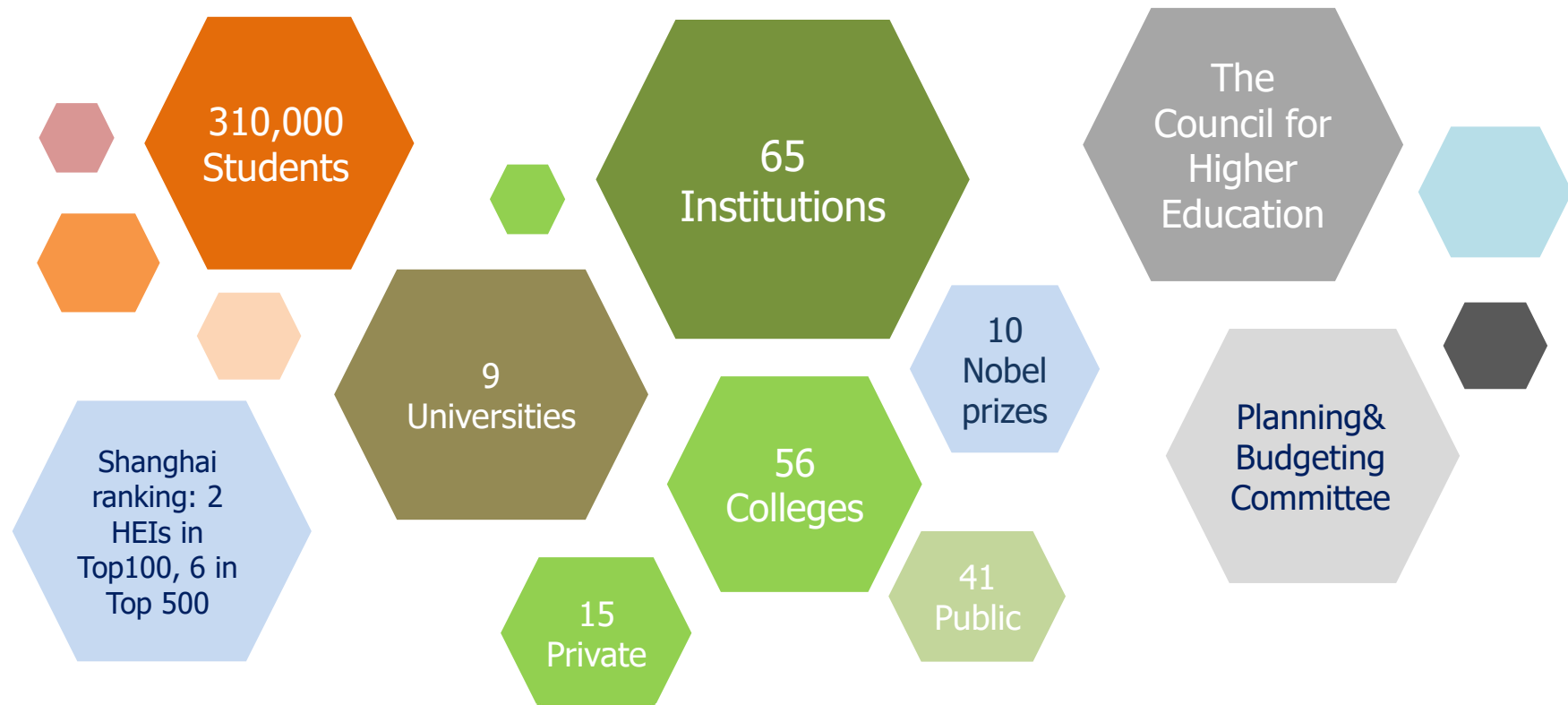


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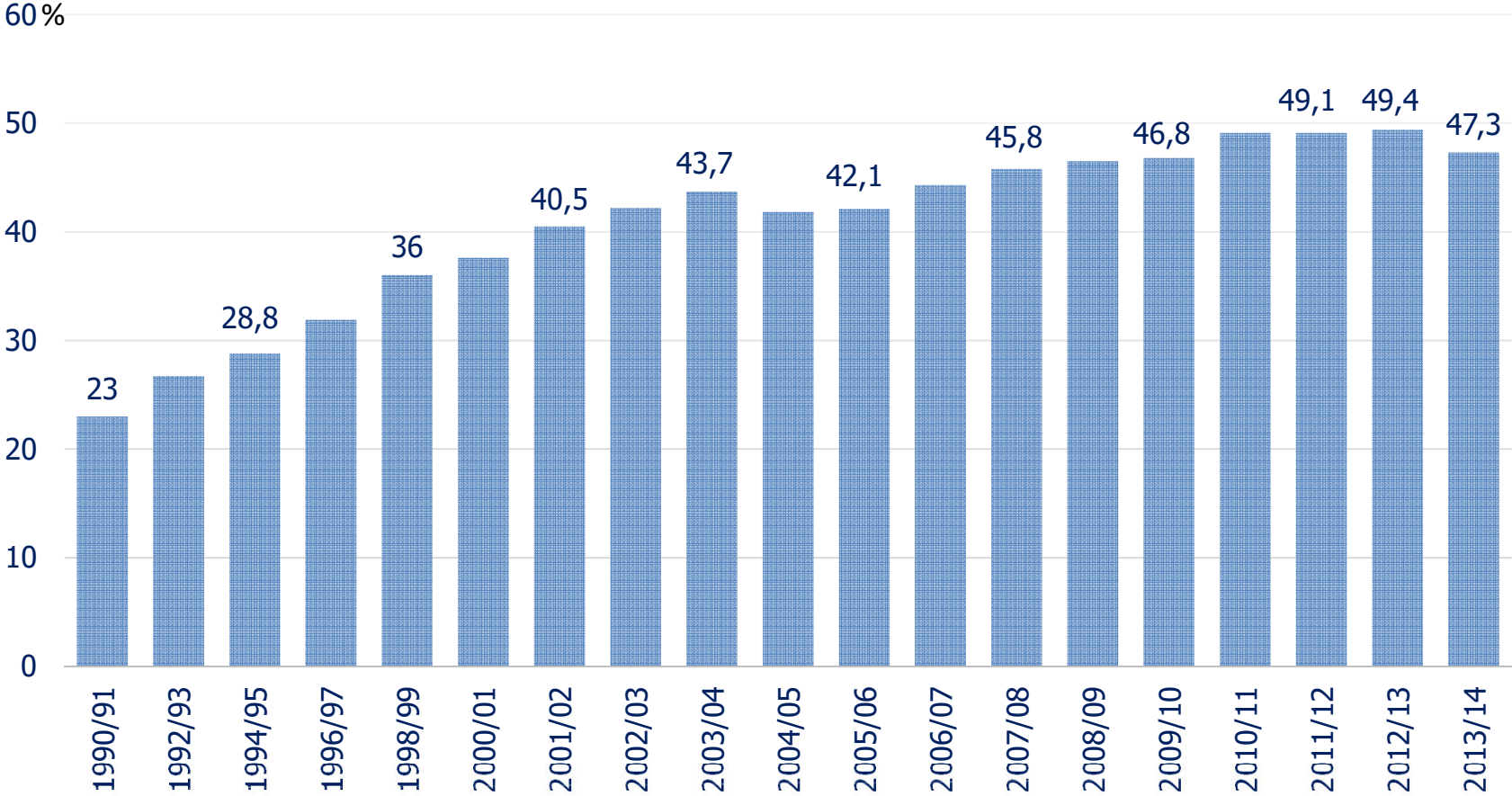


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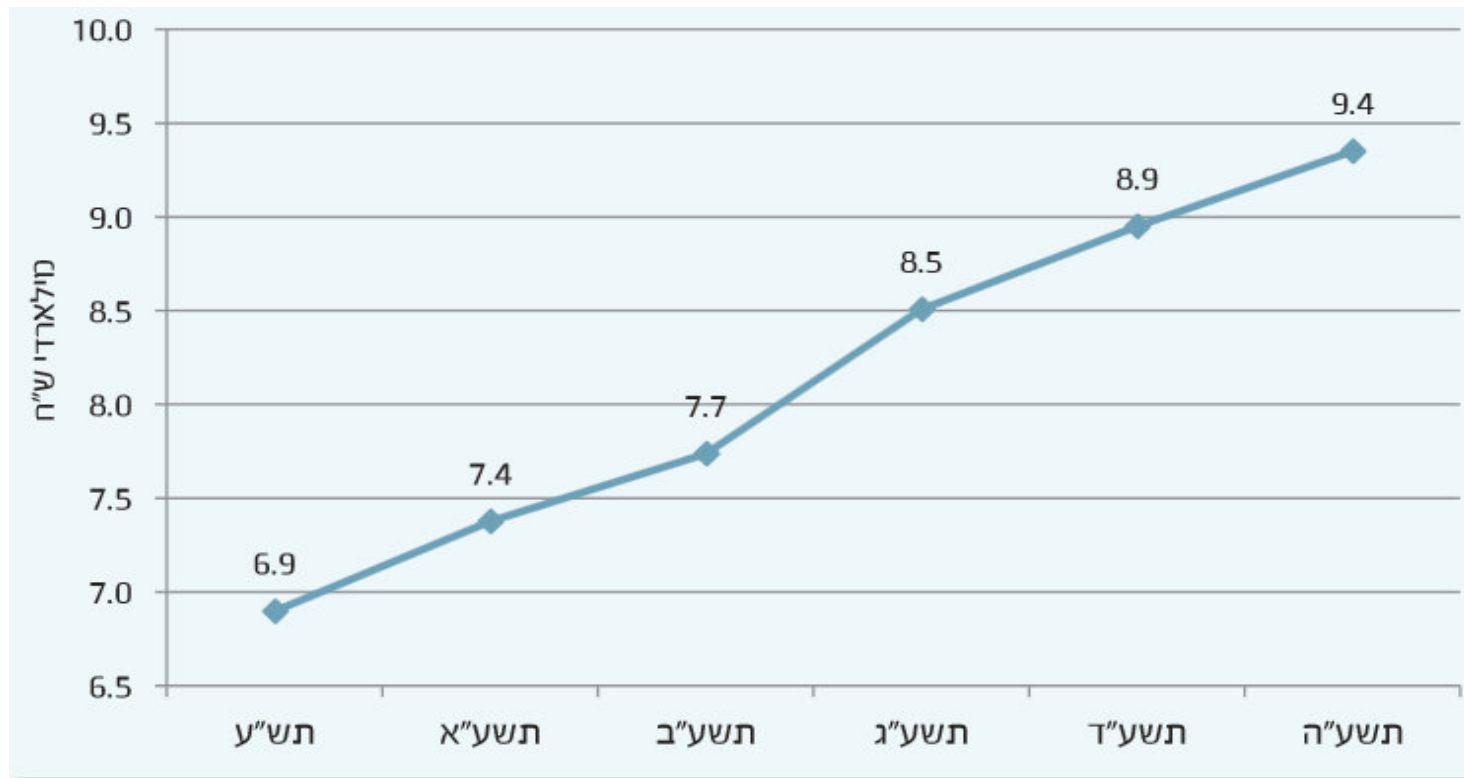


Percentage of New Students Per Cohort



+30% Budget increase in 6 years

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2009/10

2014/15