

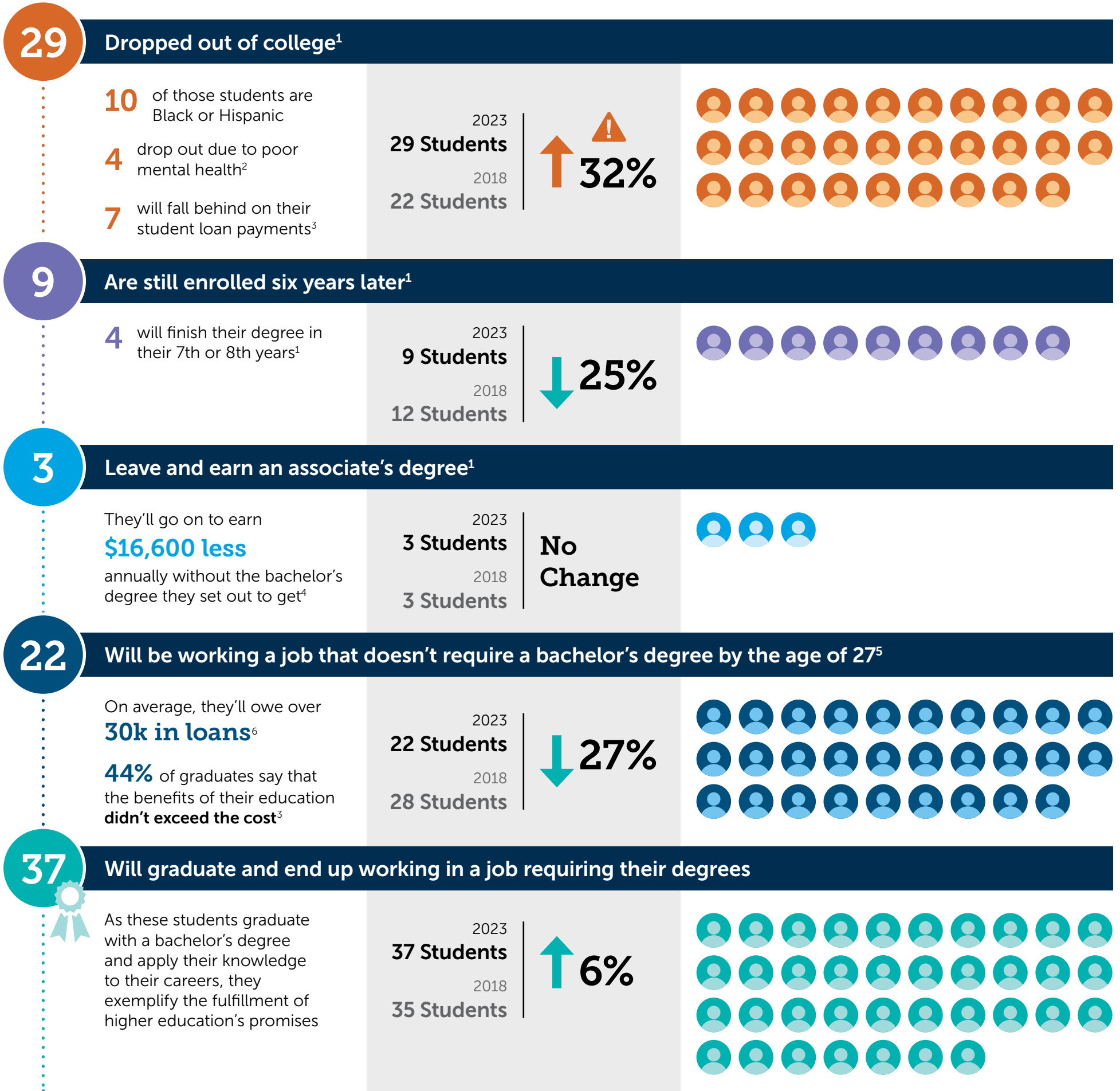
What happens to 100 Students who start a bachelor's degree?

In 2018, we used a representative 100 students to illustrate how colleges and universities across the country were delivering on the promises of higher education. **Five years later, what has changed?** Explore this infographic to find out.

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In the last five years, we've made notable progress in reducing time to degree and enhancing job placement for bachelor's degree graduates. However, the number of students dropping out of college has grown alarmingly, and many of the students leaving our institutions are first-generation or come from historically excluded groups. Addressing systemic barriers these students face and providing comprehensive, holistic support are key to closing these equity gaps to ensure every student can fully access the lifelong benefits of a college degree.

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Our representative 100 students have chosen to start a bachelor's degree. But the number of students opting out is growing...

The enrollment rate for 18- to 24-year-olds is 38 percent, down from 41 percent in 2010.⁷

There are 710,000 fewer students in college now than there were five years ago⁸. Many blame this falloff on COVID-19; however, the college enrollment rate has been steadily declining since 2018. Widespread skepticism about the value of a degree, impatience with the time it takes to get one, and worry that costs have finally exceeded many people's ability or willingness to pay have led many to opt out of higher education.