



# Applicant Pool Update

AAVMC Data

2011-2012

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# The Landscape

## Escalating discussions about:

- Increasing number of DVM students/available US seats
- Distribution of new seats
  - in-state vs. out of state seats
- Student Debt
- Implication on the workforce
  - Do we have an over/under supply?
  - Is the debt so crushing as to discourage applicants and/or dramatically influence career path?



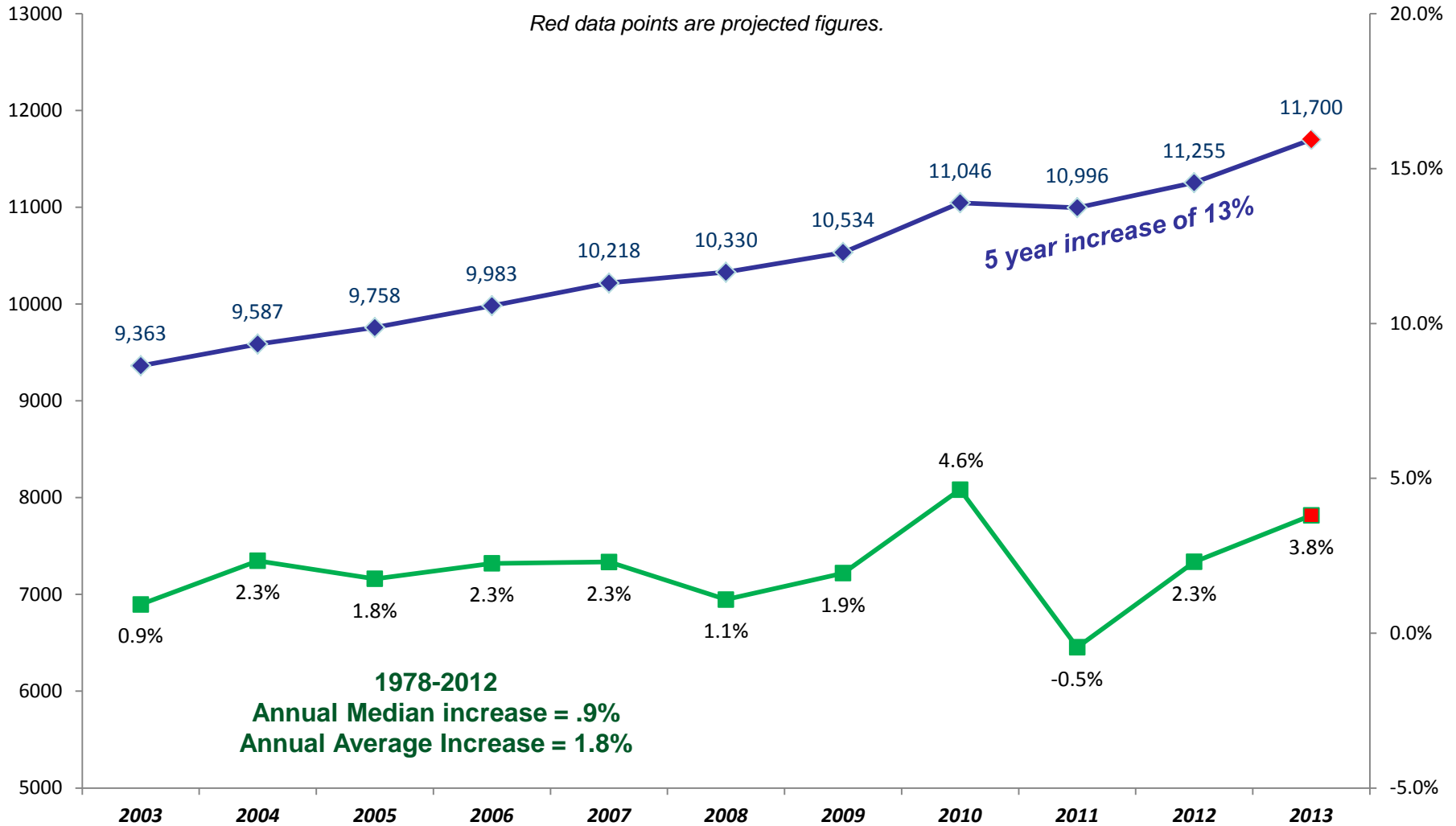


# Total Number of DVM Students in US Colleges of Veterinary Medicine

AAVMC Internal Data Reports  
2005-2013 (projected)

◆ Enrollment    ■ Percentage of Annual Growth

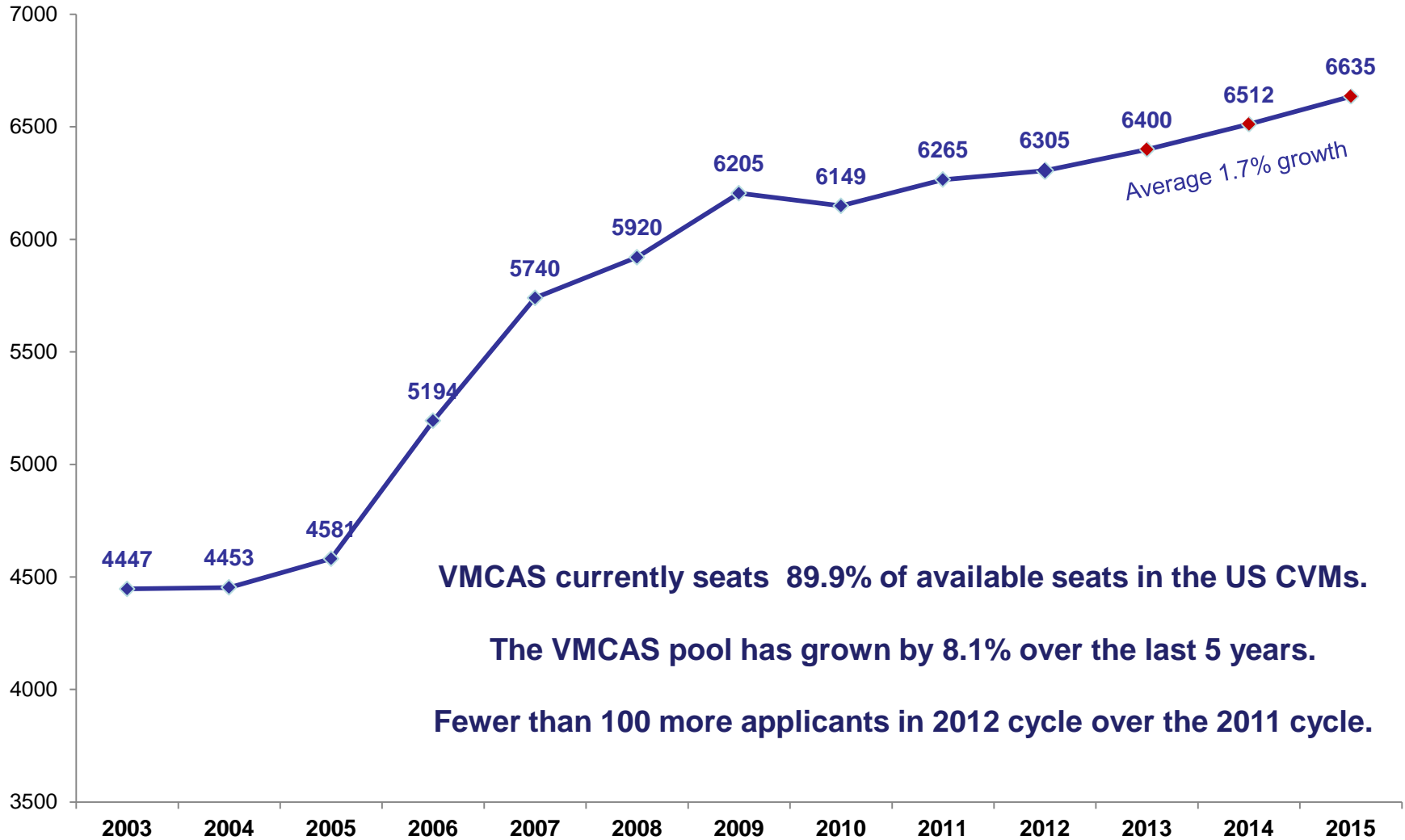
*Red data points are projected figures.*





# US Veterinary School Applicant Pool

VMCAS Applicants Exclusively  
2003-2015



**VMCAS currently seats 89.9% of available seats in the US CVMs.**

**The VMCAS pool has grown by 8.1% over the last 5 years.**

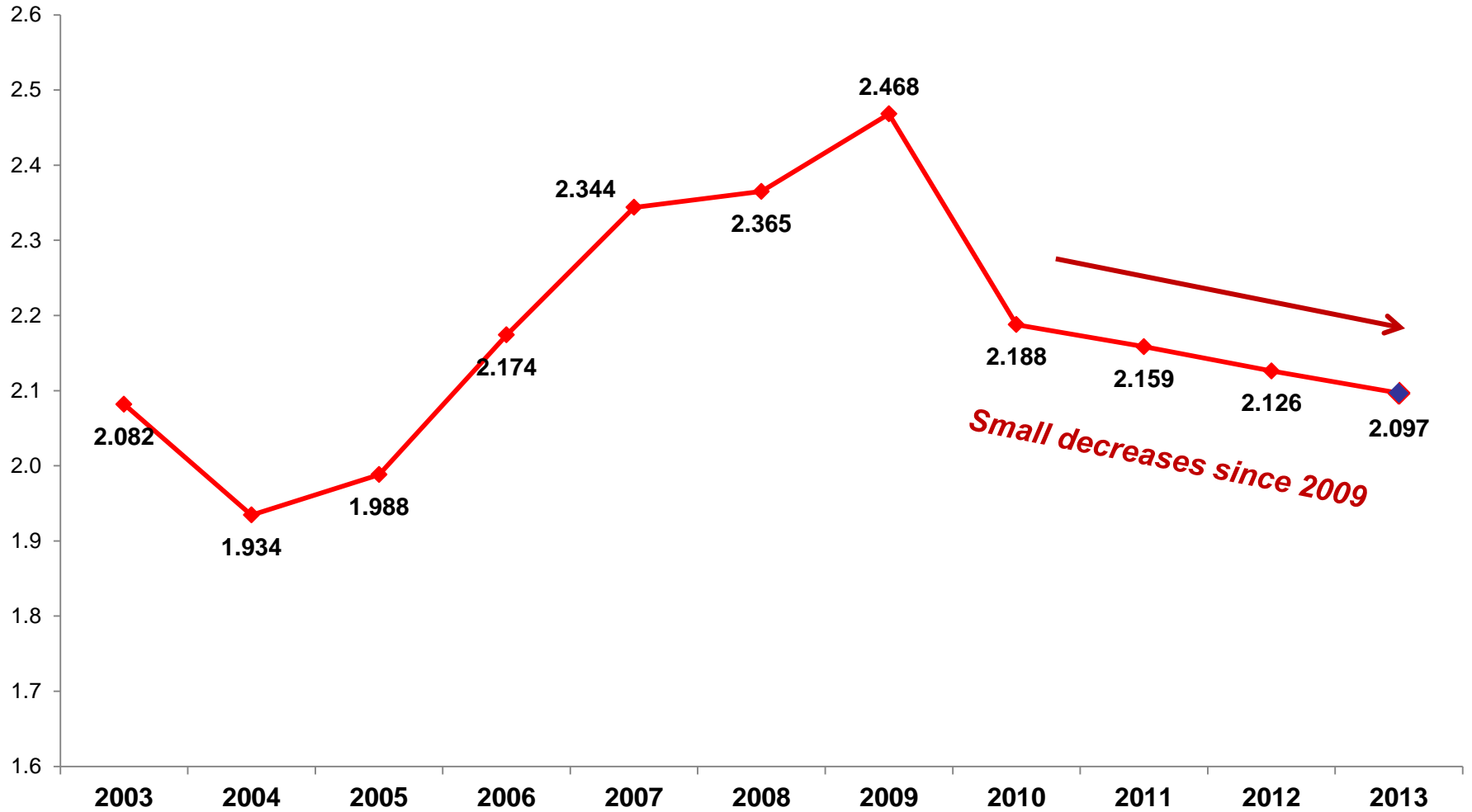
**Fewer than 100 more applicants in 2012 cycle over the 2011 cycle.**



# Applicant to Seat Ratios

## Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges

### Internal Data Reports



# Predicted Shifts



- **At Large Assumptions:**
  - American students who have sought international CVM opportunities will shift & choose domestic institutions.
  - Estimated 10% of the applicant pool.
  - As applicants apply to an average 3.9 CVMs, not sure how many of these applicants are already in the pool or will opt to stay in the US.
  - Ross and St. George's also need to figure in predictions because their accreditation has provided applicants with other barrier free options.
- The ratio is still falling modestly.
- Seats are increasing domestically and internationally.

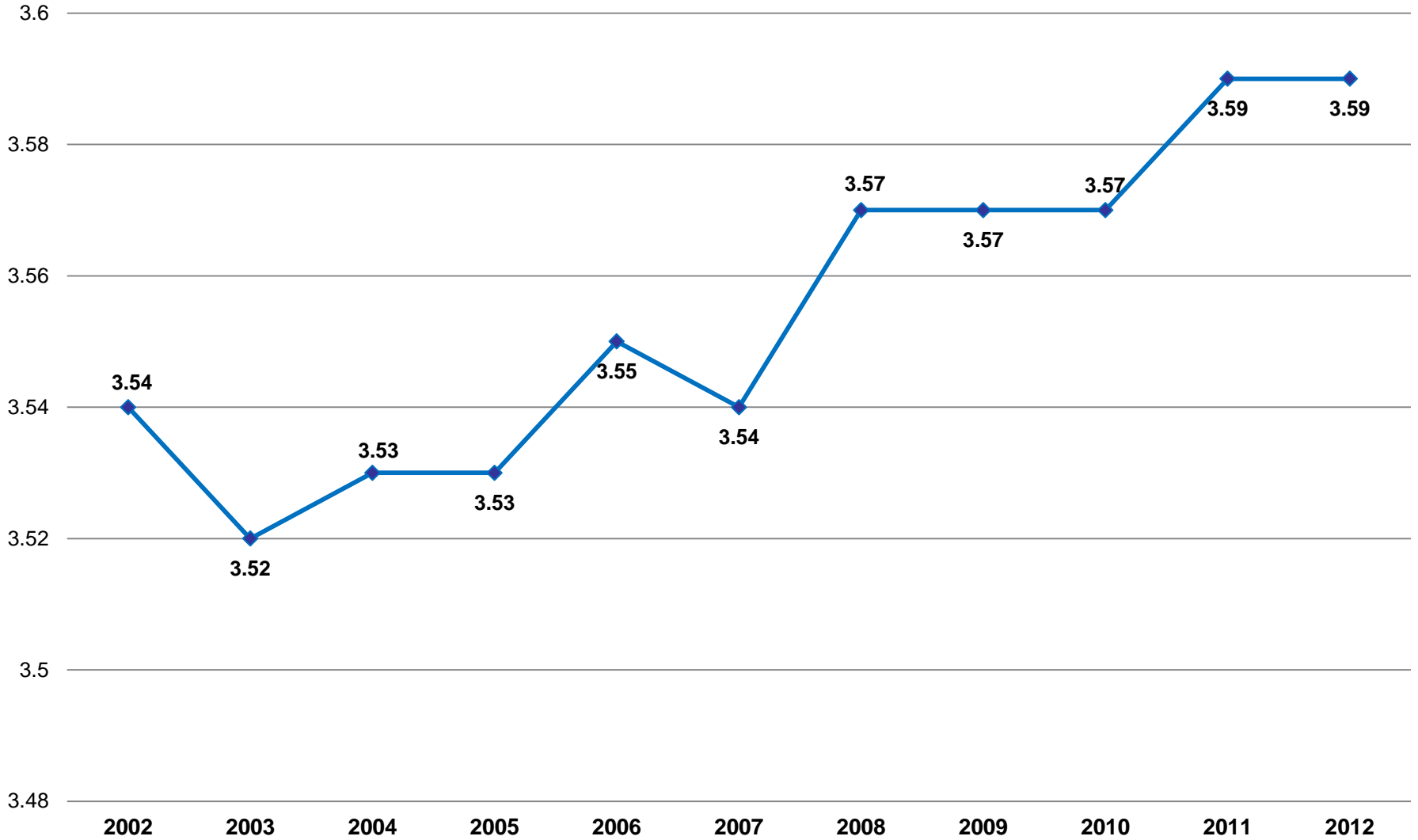
# IMPACT ON QUALITY?

**Limitations:  
Average of the Averages**



# 1st Year Student Pre-Vet GPA

10 Year Trend  
AAVMC Internal Data Reports  
2002-2012

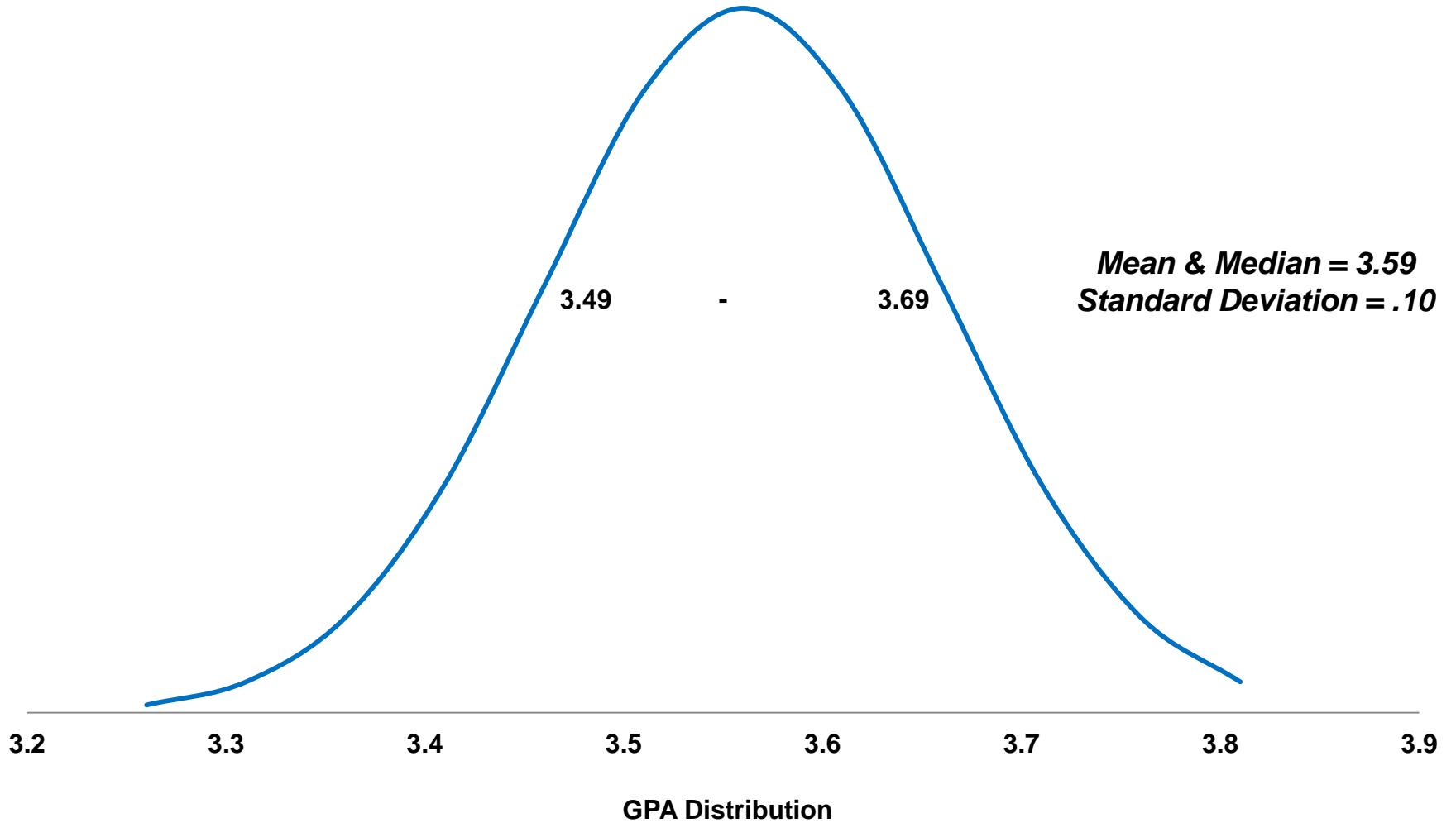






# 1st Year DVM Student GPA Distribution

AAVMC Internal Reports  
2011-2012

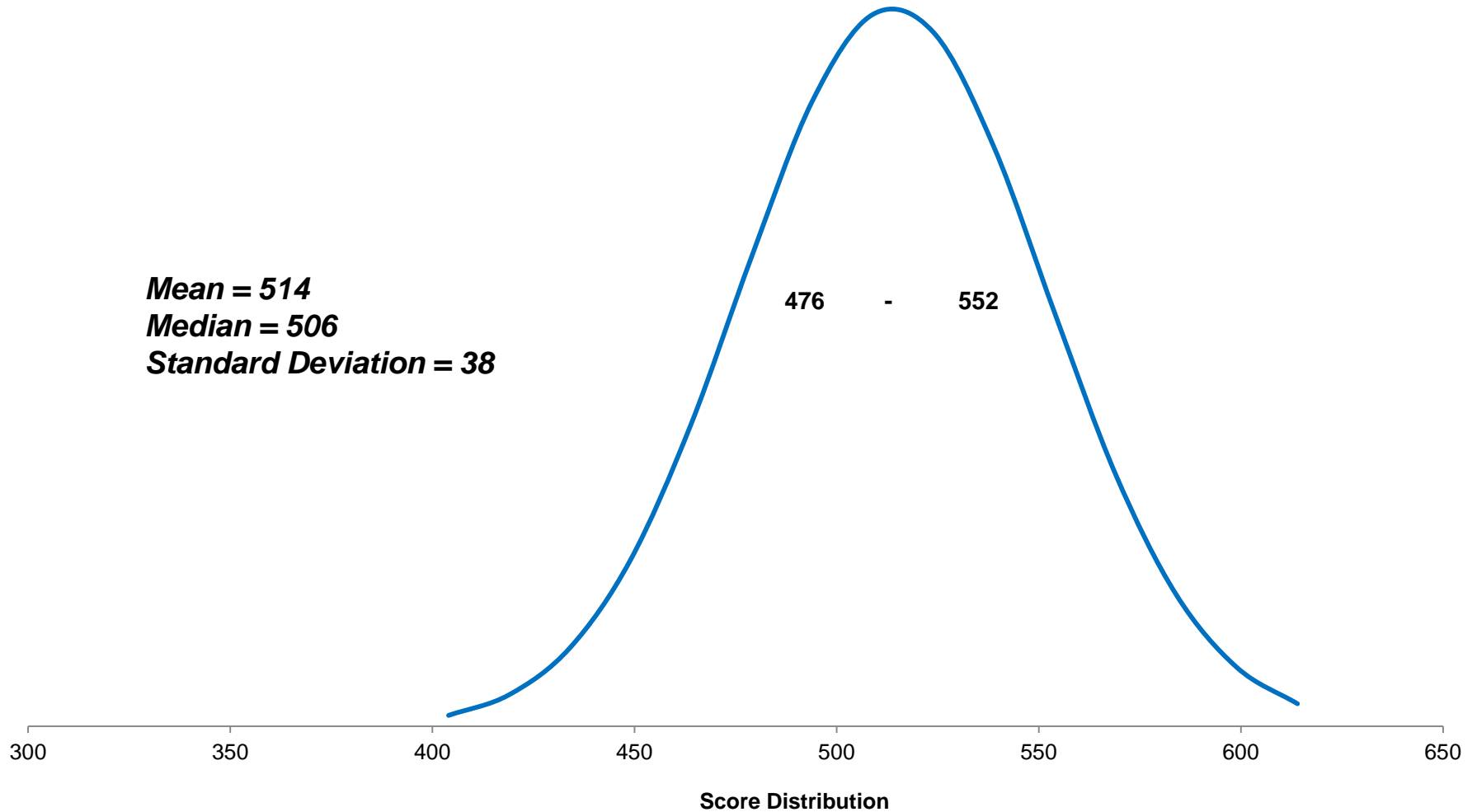




# 1<sup>st</sup> Year DVM Student Verbal GRE Score Distribution

AAVMC Internal Data Reports  
2011-2012

**Mean = 514**  
**Median = 506**  
**Standard Deviation = 38**

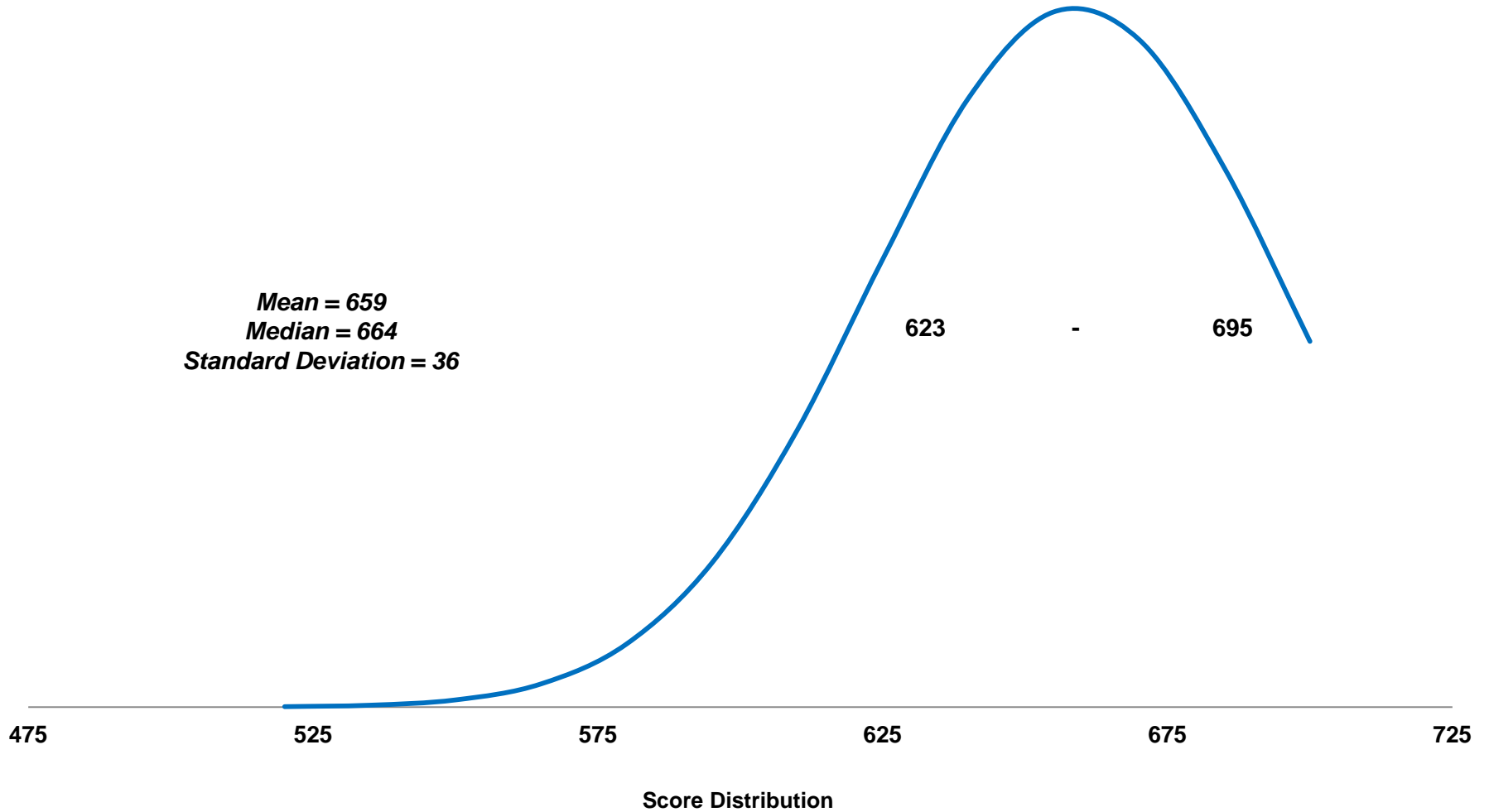




# 1<sup>st</sup> Year DVM Student Quantitative GRE Score Distribution

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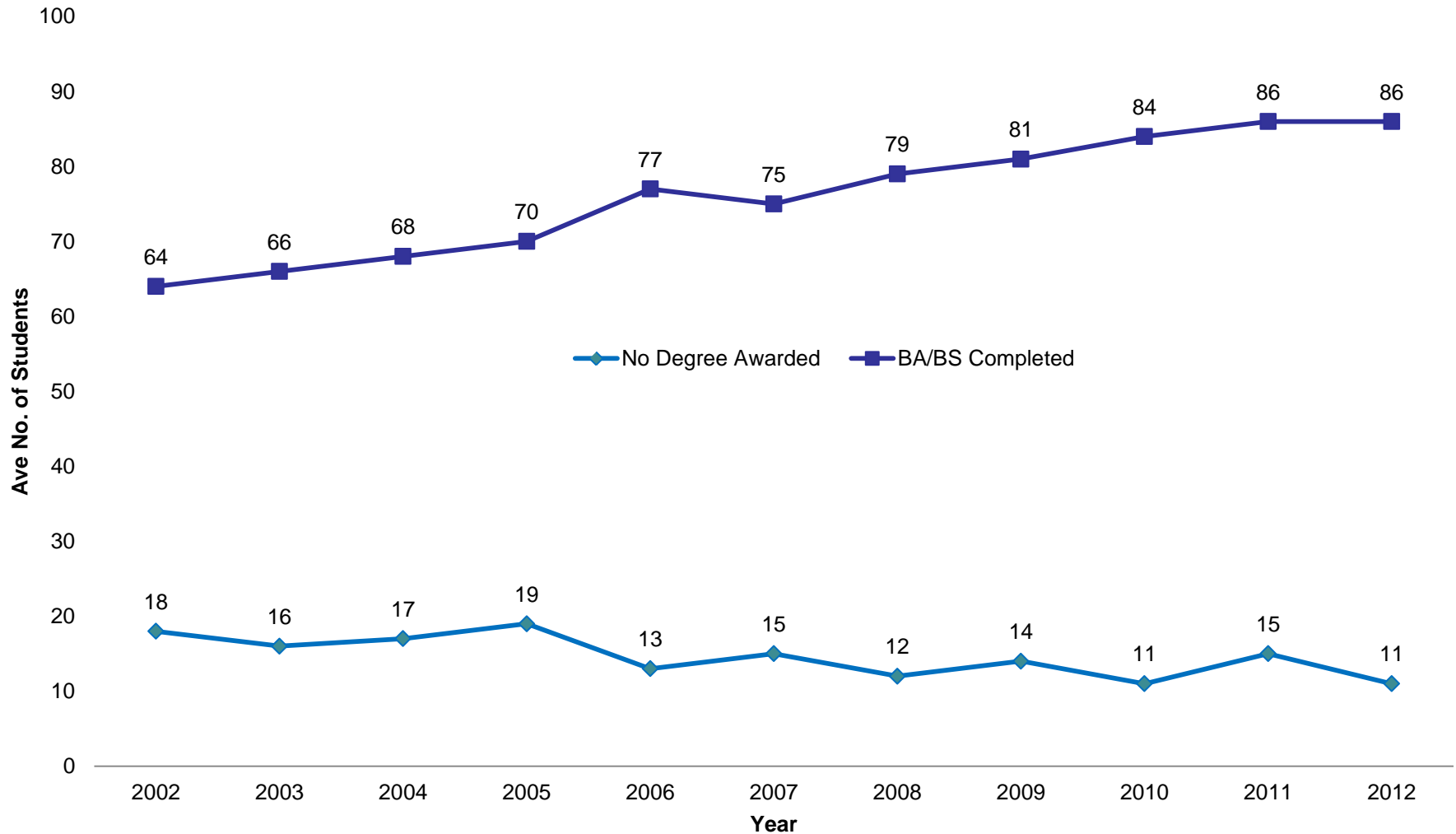
**Mean = 659**  
**Median = 664**  
**Standard Deviation = 36**





# 1st Year Student: Average Student Degree Status at Time of Enrollment per College

10 Year Trend  
AAVMC Internal Data Reports  
2000 - 2010



# Synopsis

- The student profile has not changed dramatically at this point.
- There are still good to great, applicants in the pool,
- **But...**
  - Admissions committees are going to have to really think about how to compete for them.
  - Admissions committees are going to have to continue think about how the pool of qualified applicants align with institutional mission, priorities & values and are there enough to go around?

**So what's coming in the future?**



# Well...



- Prediction hasn't changed.
- Enrollment is growing faster than the applicant pool.
- The pressure on the pool will increase.
- If the pool stays stable with the same rate of growth, applicant pools will likely have more work to do in the qualitative assessment of applicants.
- Recruitment efforts nationally and locally are essential.



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