

*Closing the Gaps by
2015*
Final Progress
Report



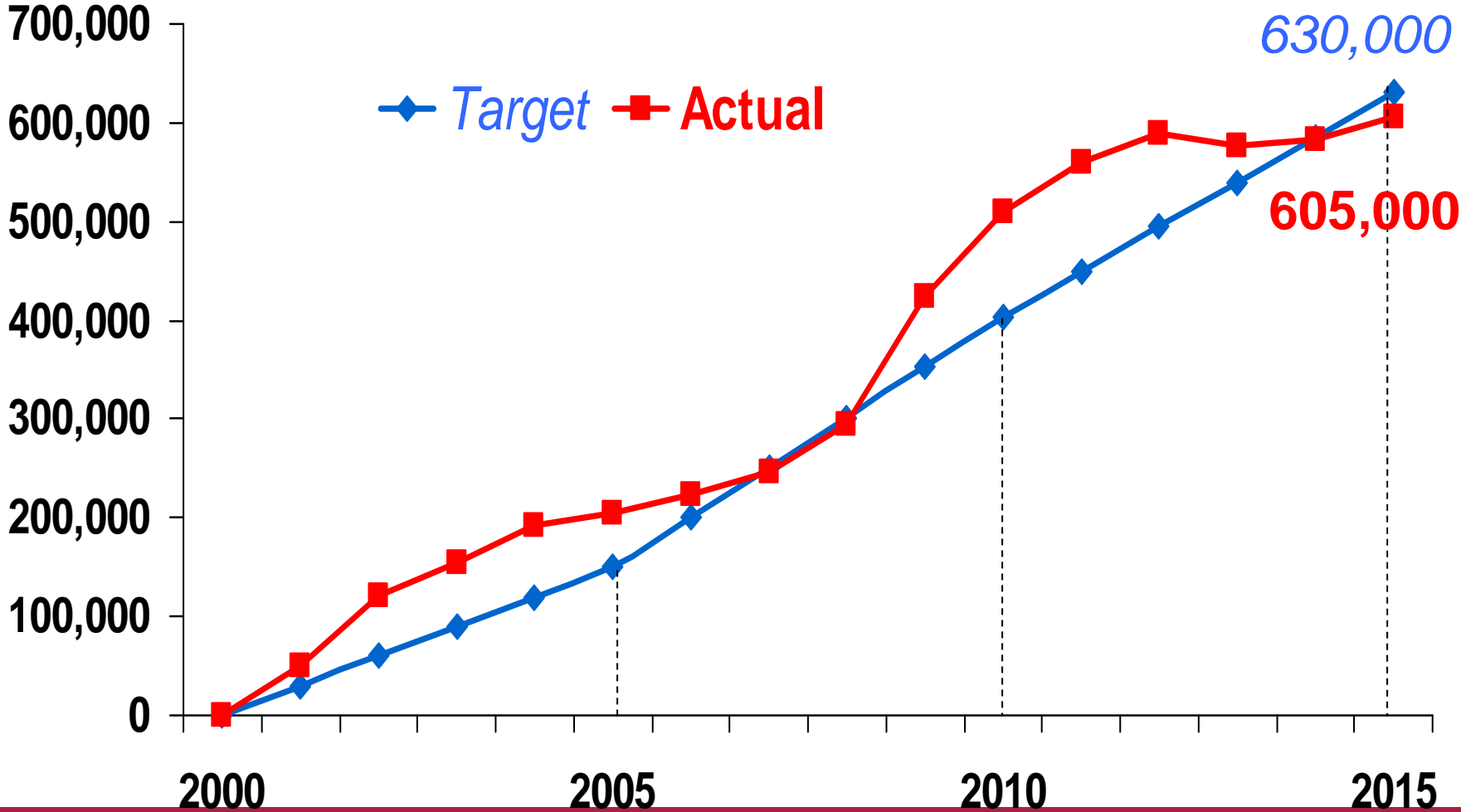
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The *Closing the Gaps by 2015* Plan focused the state's attention on four goals in four key areas

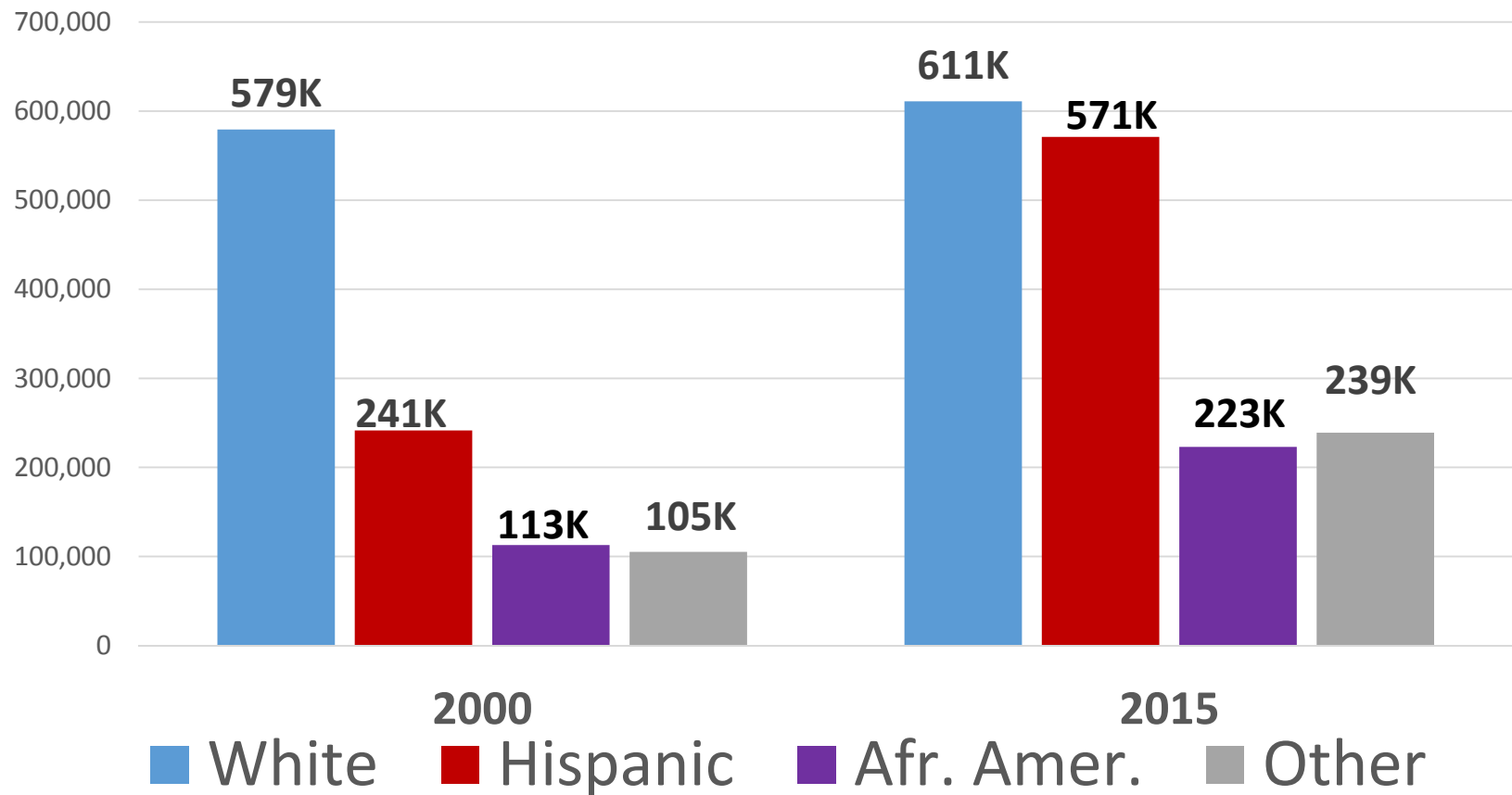
- **Participation:** Increase enrollment to include 630,000 additional students
- **Success:** Award 210,000 credentials in 2015
- **Excellence:** Increase the number of nationally recognized programs
- **Research:** Increase share of federal funding for research and development

Texas achieved 96% of the ambitious Participation Goal by adding 605,000 students since 2000

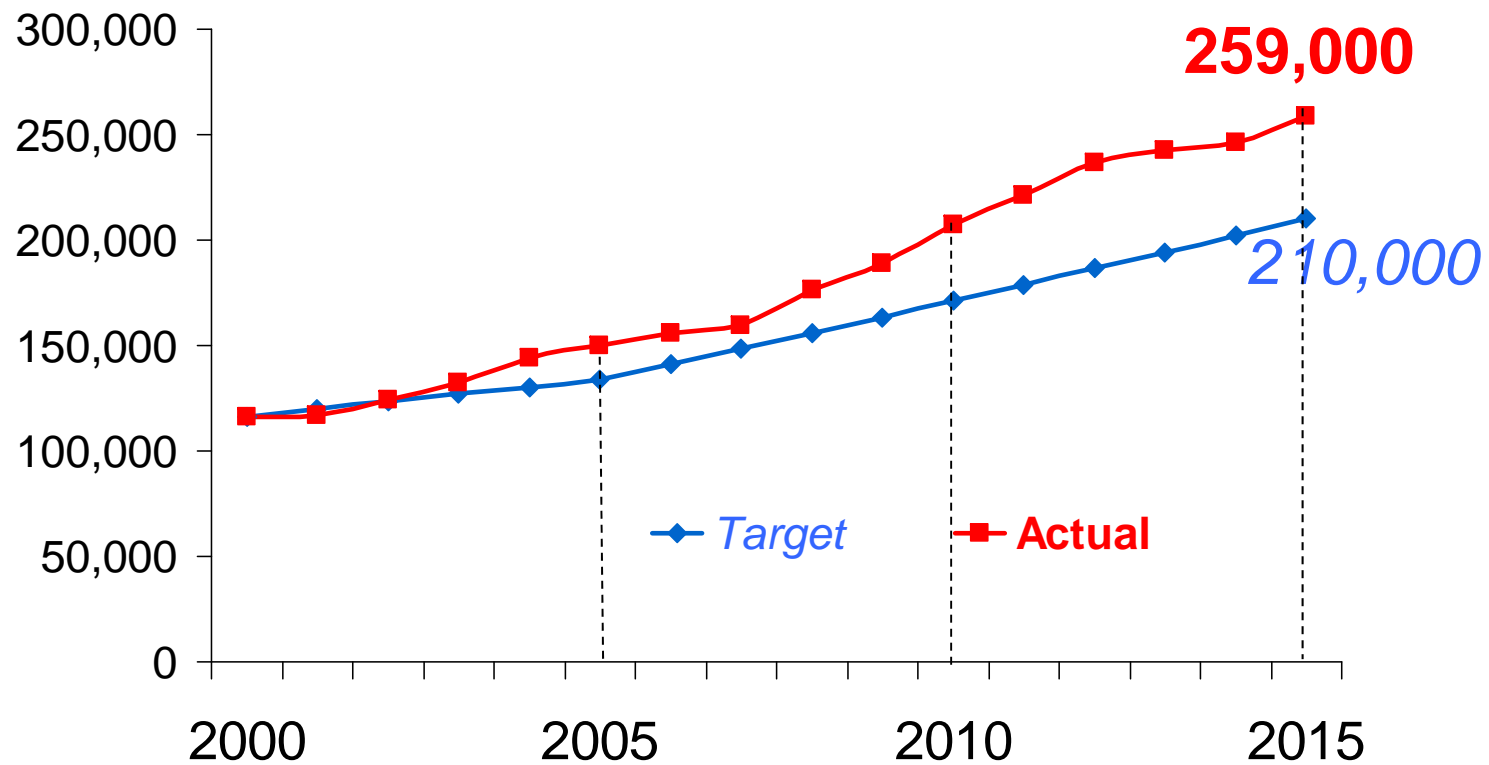


Targets to improve participation of underrepresented populations achieved impressive results

Change in Texas Higher Education Population, 2000 - 2015



Texas surpassed the Success Goal for bachelor's degrees, associate degrees, and certificates by almost 50,000 awards



Texas higher education was recognized for excellence by major ranking organizations

- UT-Austin ranked in the top ten for US publics by several organizations
- CMUP* ranked three Texas medical facilities in the top 8 specialized medical research universities including:
 - UT Southwestern, UT-MD Anderson, and The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.
- Four online graduate programs ranked in the top 10 by US News and World Report including programs at: The University of Houston, UT Dallas, Sam Houston State University, and UT Tyler.

All public institutions reported excellent/recognized programs in the Accountability System

For example:

- Lone Star College – North Harris, Victory Early College High School
- Lamar State College-Port Arthur, surgical technology program
- Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, accelerated program for veterans
- Brazosport College and El Paso Community College, Aspen Prize finalists

Texas' federal science and engineering obligations were at 5.0% of national share, well below the 6.5% goal

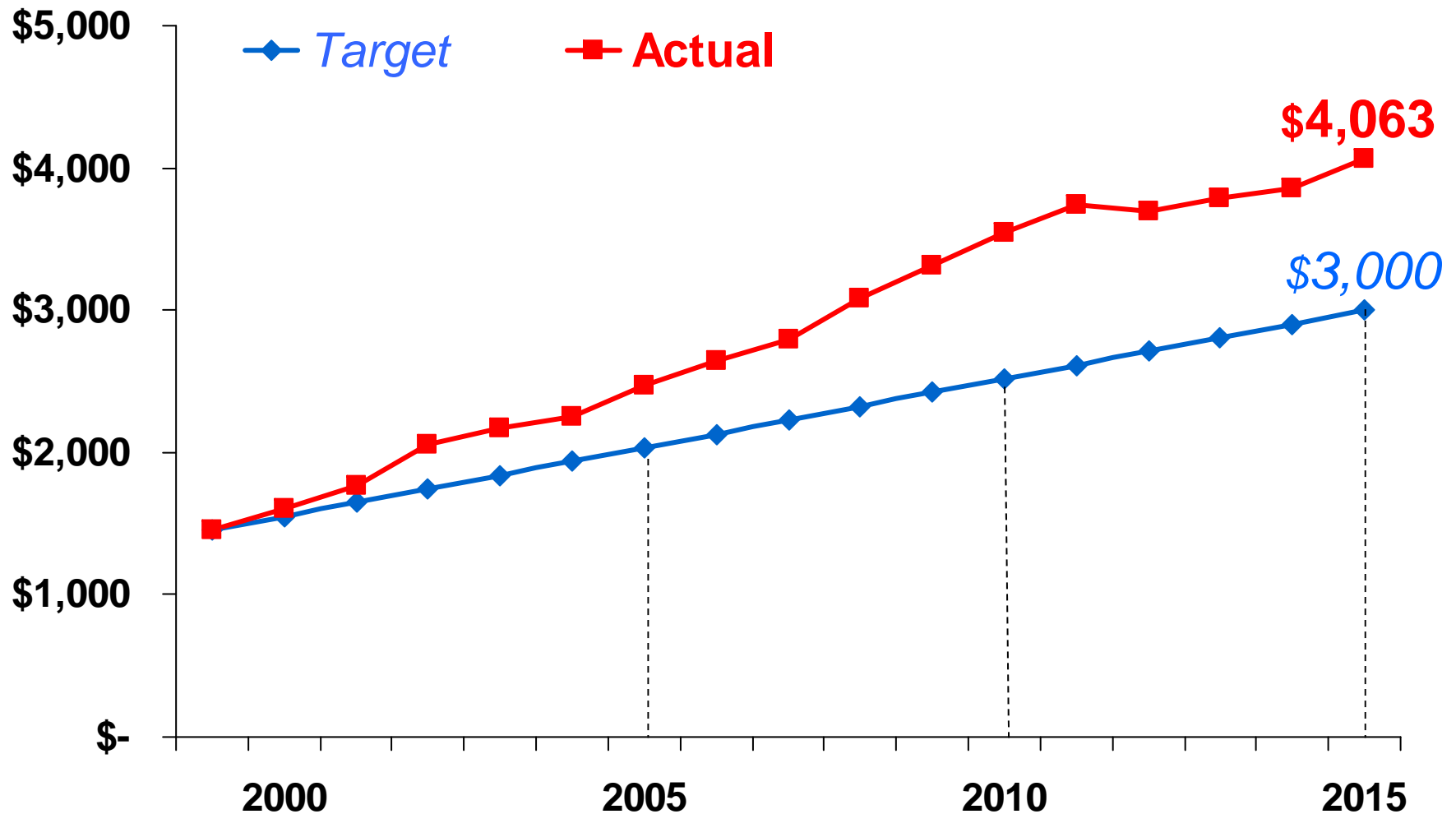
- The highest Texas share was 6.1% (2003) and the lowest was 5.0% (2014)
- California consistently has the highest share (14.3% in 2014)
- Texas' share has decreased, but the state receives substantially more in terms of total federal dollars:

1998: \$ 835 Million

2014: \$ 1.36 *Billion*

Expenditures for research & development at public universities and health-related institutions were well above target

In current dollars (millions)



60x30TX Builds on the Success of Closing the Gaps

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