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Report to SCUP on Faculty Recruitment and Retention

**Office of the Vice Provost (Academic
Planning, Policy and Faculty)**

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History, Purpose and Format of the Report

- Beginning 2014, the Faculty Collective agreement has required an annual reporting of metrics related to faculty recruitment;
- The data in this report fulfill that objective; as well, this report provides additional faculty recruitment & retention data;
- Data and analyses are provided with numerical “counts” in order to allow for readers of the report to extract and review these data from a variety of lenses.

Organization of the Report

The report is organized by the following groups:

1. Probationary and Tenured Faculty; Probationary Teaching Scholars and Continuing Status
2. Limited-Term non-Clinical Faculty
3. Part-Time non-Clinical Faculty
4. Full-Time Clinical Faculty
5. Full-Time Librarians and Archivists

Definitions for each group and descriptions of data sources are provided.

Section 1:

Probationary and Tenured Faculty

- Data are counts as of October 1; the most recent data in Western's HRIS system is October 1, 2025; the most recent U15 (comparator) data are from the 2024 data
 - reflected by different timelines where comparator data are used
- This section pertains to all Full-Time Probationary (Tenure-track) and Tenured Faculty
- It includes those in senior academic administrative roles who are exempt from the UWOFA Collective Agreement. It excludes those on Long-term disability.
- Probationary Teaching Scholars received their first appointments in 2022 and are included in this section. Women represent 64.71% of these appointments.

Key Observations from slides 9 to 23: Probationary and Tenured Faculty

- The total number of Probationary/Tenured faculty increased from 1998 to 2008, stabilized, then decreased modestly since 2015; in 2019 and 2020 a further decrease was due largely to a retirement incentive window, followed by an increase in hiring in 2021 through 2023 with a substantial increase in 2024 due to the Brescia Integration;
- In the 2024 U15 data, women comprised 40.9% of all Western faculty and 52.6% of Assistant Professors, illustrating increasing representation (reflected in slides 11-12);
- In 2025, women made up 55.9% of new probationary/tenured faculty hires.

Key Observations from slides 9 to 23

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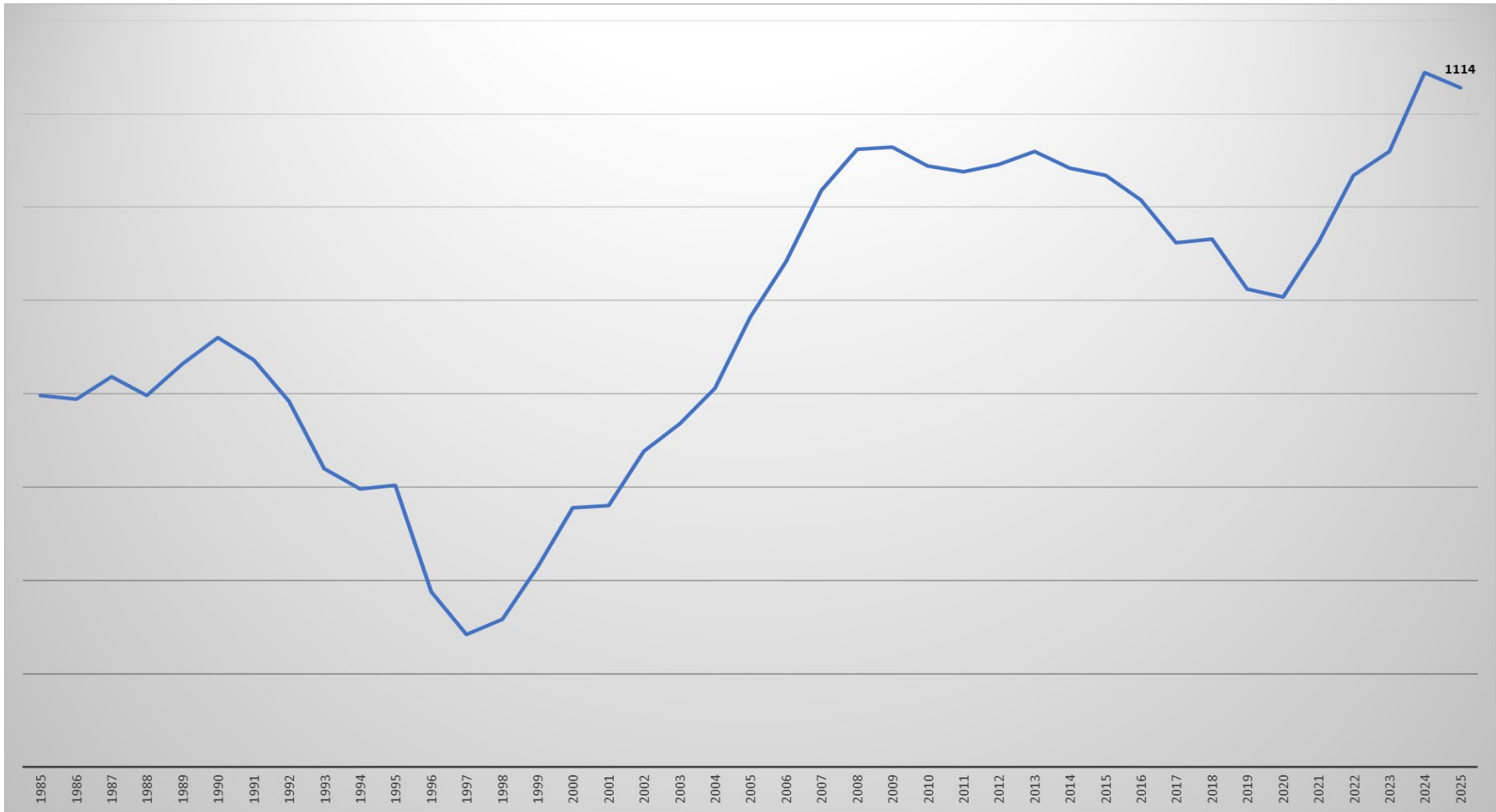
- Representation of women varies by discipline (the data include all faculty thus reflect historic, as well as recent, cohorts);
- Gender shows to have some influence on time-to-tenure in STEM disciplines and on time-to-promotion in both STEM and non-STEM disciplines;
- Discipline (STEM vs. non-STEM) shows to have a greater influence on time-to-tenure and time-to-promotion;
- Probationary cohort success rates were similar for men and women.

Key Observations from slides 9 to 24

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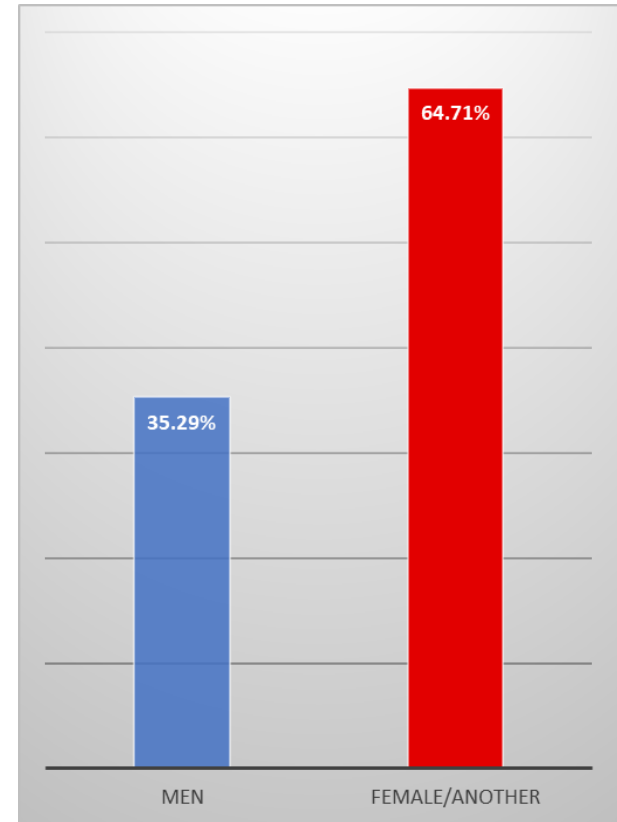
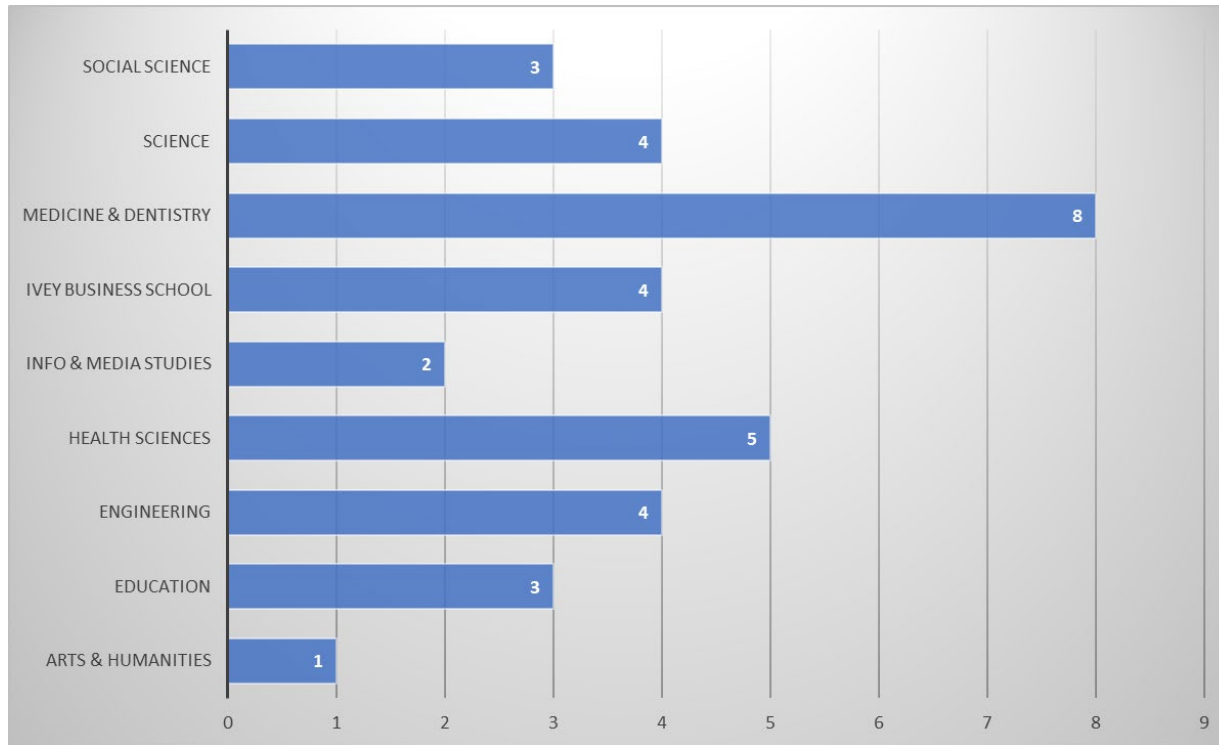
- Resignation patterns for tenured and probationary faculty illustrate disciplinary differences in retention with annual attrition rates of 1.55% for women and 1.24 % for men.
- The difference between the purple and grey lines in slide 24 reflect probationary and tenured faculty with a retirement plan on record;
- The number of probationary and tenured faculty continuing past normal retirement date (NRD) has been steadily increasing since 2019.

Probationary and Tenured Faculty at Western 1985 – 2025



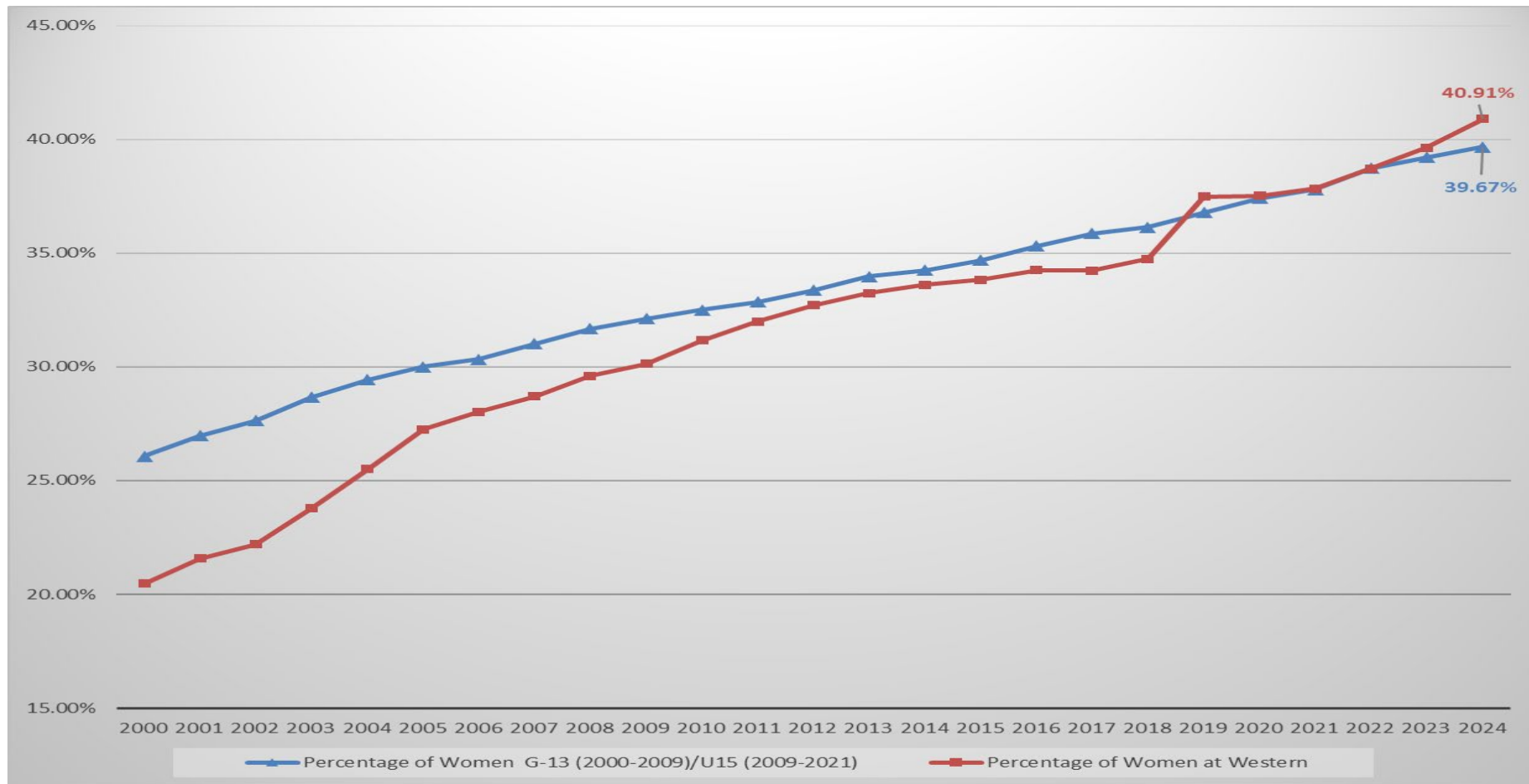
Source: Western Corporate Information 1985 – 1999, UCASS Data 1999 – 2009, U15 Data 2009 – 2024 & Human Resources Information System 2025 (October)

Probationary Teaching Scholars at Western 2025 by Faculty and by percentage of gender distribution



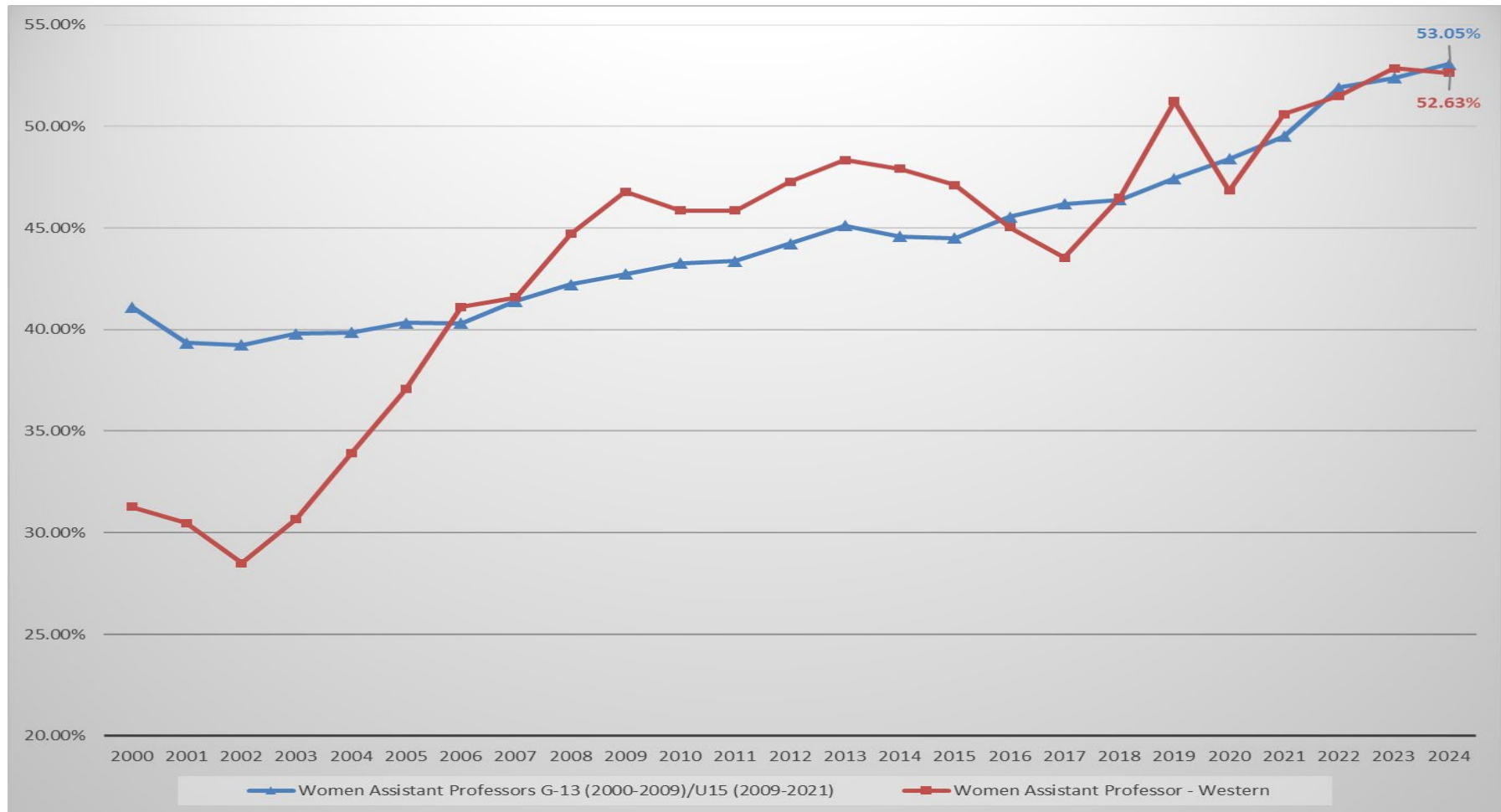
Western Human Resources Information System 2025 (October).

Women as a Percentage of Tenured/Probationary Faculty: G-13/U15 excluding Western vs. Western



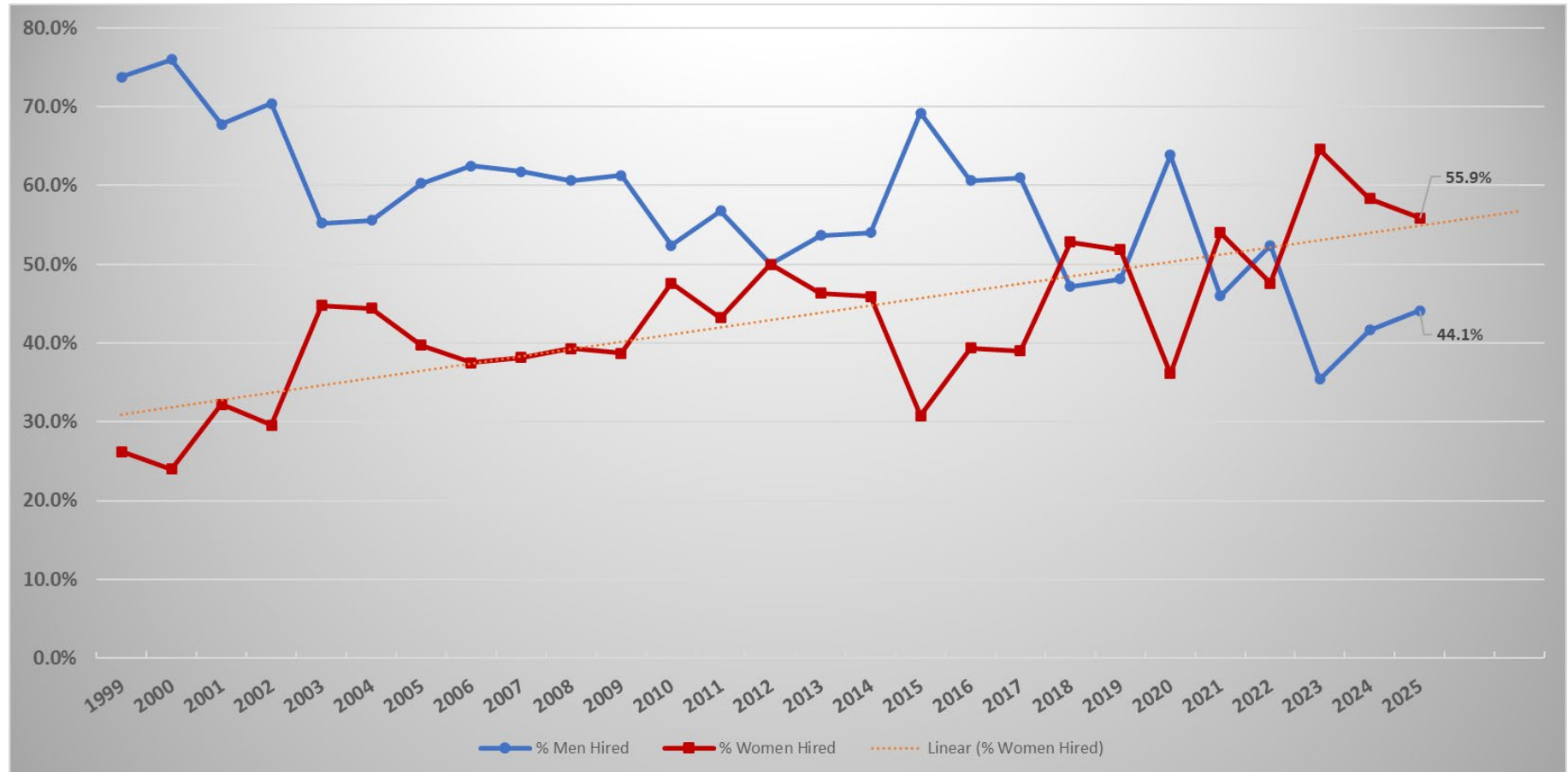
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Women as a Percentage of Tenured/Probationary Assistant Professors, G-13/U15 excluding Western vs. Western



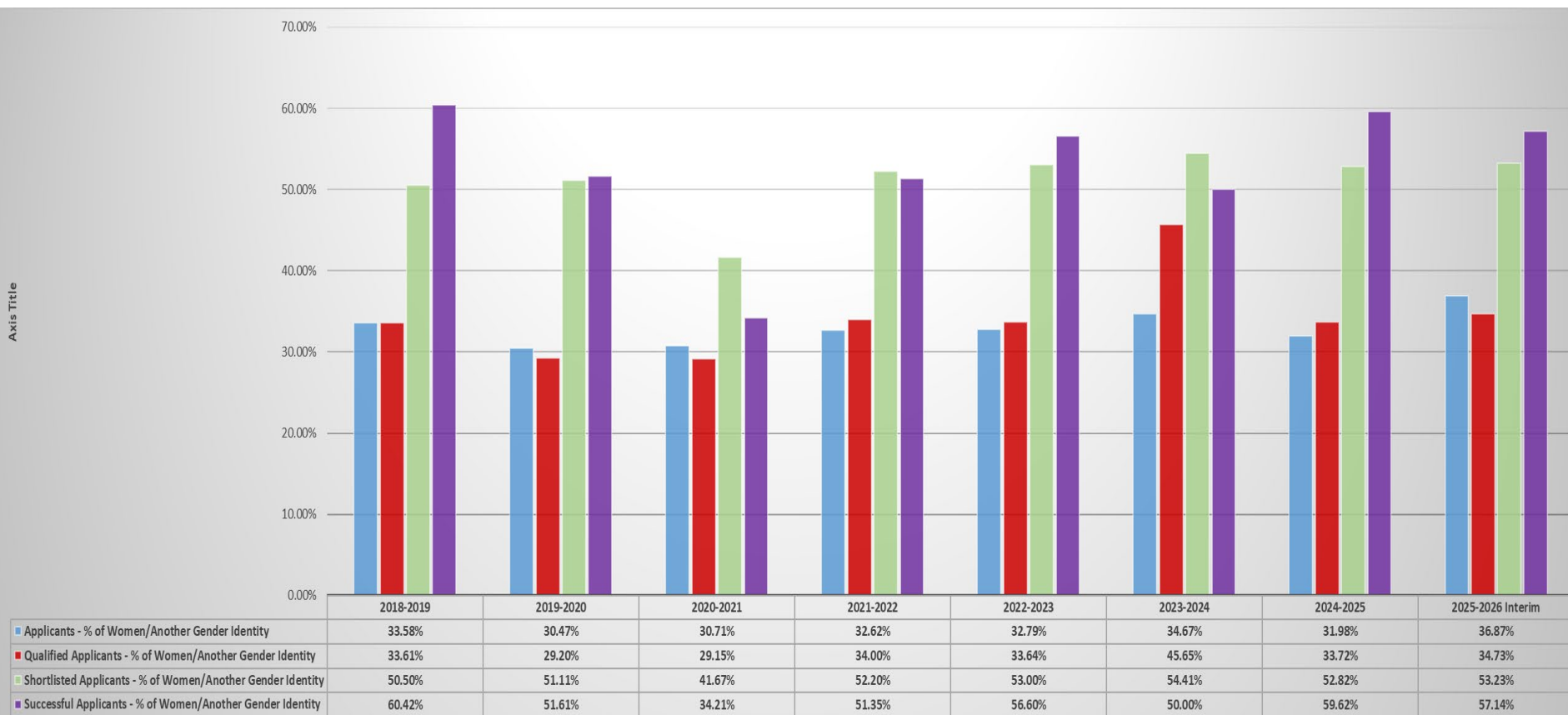
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Gender distribution, Newly hired Tenured/Probationary Faculty at Western (including those previously in a LT position at Western): 1999 – 2025 with linear trend line



Source: UCASS Data for 1999 – 2010, Western Human Resources Information Systems 2011 - 2025 (October)
Data includes Faculty hired through the Brescia Integration. Data excludes faculty joining from Roberts

Percentage of Women/Another Gender Identity as Applicants, Qualified Applicants, Shortlisted Applicants, and New Hires 2018-19 through 2025-26 (Interim) Academic Years



Percentage is calculated using applicants with known gender. Unknown gender: 5.11% (2018-19), 1.51% (2019-20), 4.76% (2020-21), 3.27% (2021-22), 8.19% (2022-23), 12.69% (2023-24), 4.84% (2024-25), and 5.97% (2025-2026).
Excludes special call, advertising waiver hires, renewals, senior administration, and CRC searches.

Percentage of Women, Probationary Assistant Professor Rank 2009 to 2025

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Faculty of Arts and Humanities	55.56%	52.63%	55.88%	69.70%	58.06%	50.00%	54.17%	47.37%	53.33%	40.00%	50.00%	100.00%	100.00%	66.67%	85.71%	57.14%	63.64%
Ivey Business School	40.00%	39.13%	27.59%	27.59%	32.26%	29.03%	30.30%	26.92%	20.00%	30.43%	33.33%	34.78%	30.77%	41.18%	42.11%	50.00%	57.89%
Faculty of Education	80.00%	75.00%	77.78%	71.43%	60.00%	57.14%	50.00%	66.67%	66.67%	81.82%	81.82%	66.67%	76.92%	62.50%	77.78%	75.00%	66.67%
Faculty of Engineering	22.22%	18.75%	21.43%	18.18%	23.08%	18.18%	14.29%	12.50%	35.71%	29.41%	29.41%	31.25%	29.41%	38.10%	35.00%	42.11%	50.00%
Faculty of Health Sciences	71.43%	61.54%	65.38%	65.22%	68.42%	72.22%	80.00%	90.91%	84.62%	82.35%	90.00%	85.71%	85.71%	79.31%	75.53%	79.41%	77.42%
Faculty of Info/Media Studies	84.62%	80.00%	77.78%	75.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	--	--	--	100.00%	75.00%	83.33%	75.00%	75.00%	57.14%	42.86%
Faculty of Law	62.50%	71.43%	80.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	75.00%	57.14%	60.00%	50.00%	50.00%	44.44%	36.36%	33.33%	38.46%	41.67%	40.00%
Schulich School of Med & Dent	29.55%	30.00%	27.27%	32.26%	34.62%	35.71%	36.67%	38.71%	37.50%	37.93%	44.44%	39.13%	47.83%	55.56%	59.26%	53.85%	52.00%
Don Wright Faculty of Music	40.00%	40.00%	30.00%	28.57%	40.00%	50.00%	50.00%	40.00%	33.33%	50.00%	--	--	--	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Faculty of Science	34.09%	38.89%	38.46%	35.00%	43.75%	50.00%	50.00%	50.00%	41.67%	45.45%	46.67%	47.06%	60.00%	47.62%	44.83%	38.24%	35.48%
Faculty of Social Science	44.00%	48.72%	52.94%	48.28%	57.14%	66.67%	57.89%	47.83%	37.50%	43.75%	47.06%	36.36%	40.63%	42.86%	51.28%	51.28%	51.43%

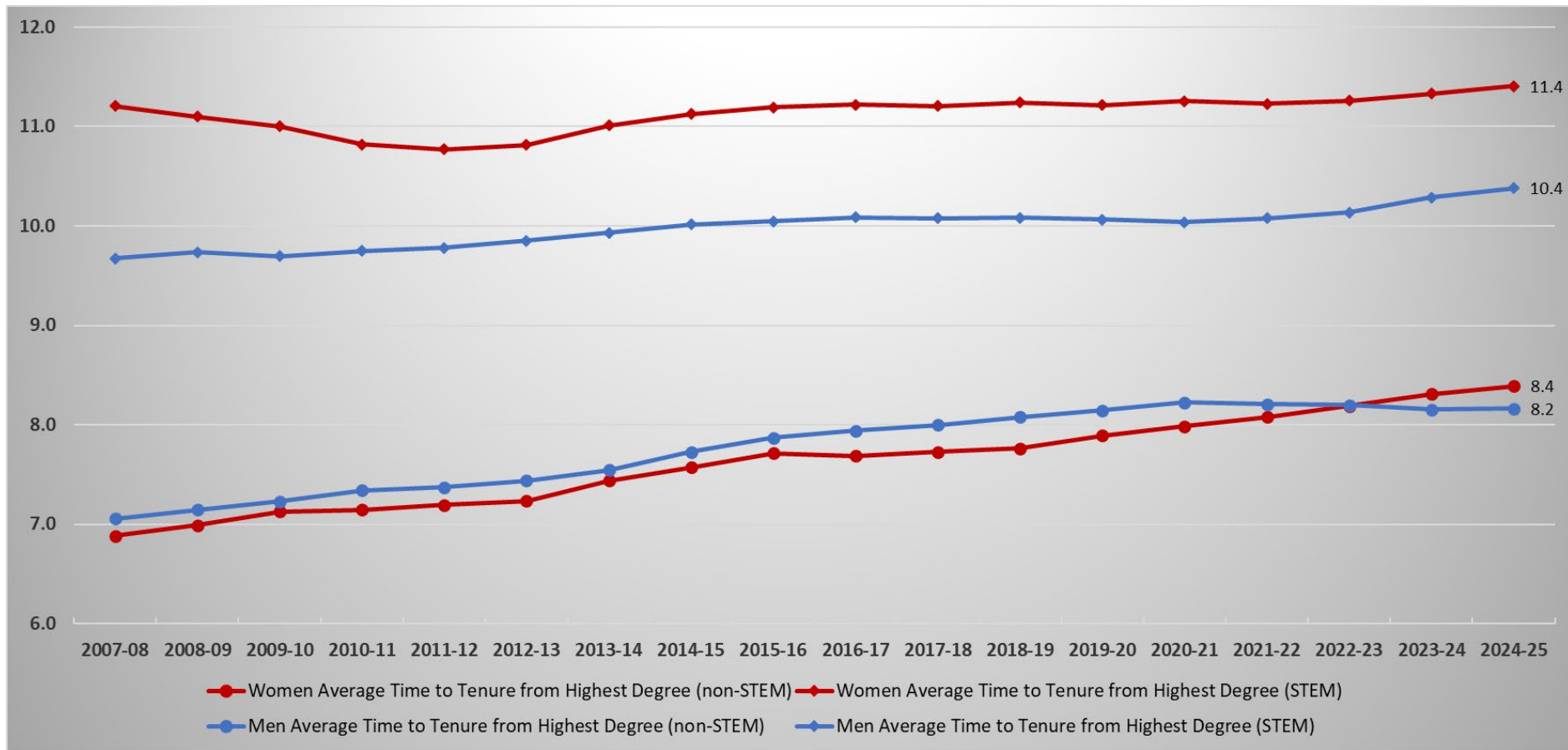
Western Human Resources Information System 2009 - 2025 (October).

Percentage of Women, Tenured/Probationary Faculty, 2009 to 2025

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Faculty of Arts and Humanities	42.31%	44.19%	45.45%	47.06%	44.60%	45.00%	45.65%	45.52%	45.31%	42.62%	45.22%	45.54%	46.30%	46.36%	47.71%	49.11%	50.00%
Ivey Business School	21.67%	26.09%	24.00%	25.33%	26.92%	25.97%	22.22%	19.74%	18.57%	22.37%	25.00%	25.97%	25.00%	29.79%	32.63%	38.24%	37.86%
Faculty of Education	47.62%	48.72%	50.00%	52.94%	54.55%	54.29%	57.14%	61.90%	65.85%	69.05%	68.29%	65.91%	67.39%	66.67%	67.39%	68.18%	65.85%
Faculty of Engineering	11.63%	11.63%	11.49%	11.36%	12.36%	12.50%	11.63%	12.64%	15.96%	16.67%	17.35%	17.89%	16.67%	18.63%	19.80%	21.15%	21.70%
Faculty of Health Sciences	58.43%	58.70%	59.57%	59.78%	60.22%	60.87%	62.22%	63.33%	60.47%	62.07%	70.00%	70.37%	70.59%	71.74%	72.16%	74.34%	74.14%
Faculty of Info/Media Studies	59.46%	58.33%	57.14%	58.82%	58.82%	57.58%	59.38%	57.14%	57.14%	59.26%	60.71%	60.71%	62.07%	60.71%	61.29%	58.06%	63.33%
Faculty of Law	23.33%	22.58%	24.14%	27.59%	32.26%	31.03%	34.48%	35.71%	37.50%	39.29%	39.29%	34.62%	31.25%	29.41%	32.35%	33.33%	32.35%
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Faculty of Science	19.15%	20.65%	21.98%	22.78%	23.89%	23.73%	24.72%	24.43%	23.70%	23.53%	25.75%	25.31%	26.19%	27.27%	26.90%	26.55%	27.43%
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Western Human Resources Information System 2009 – 2025 (October).

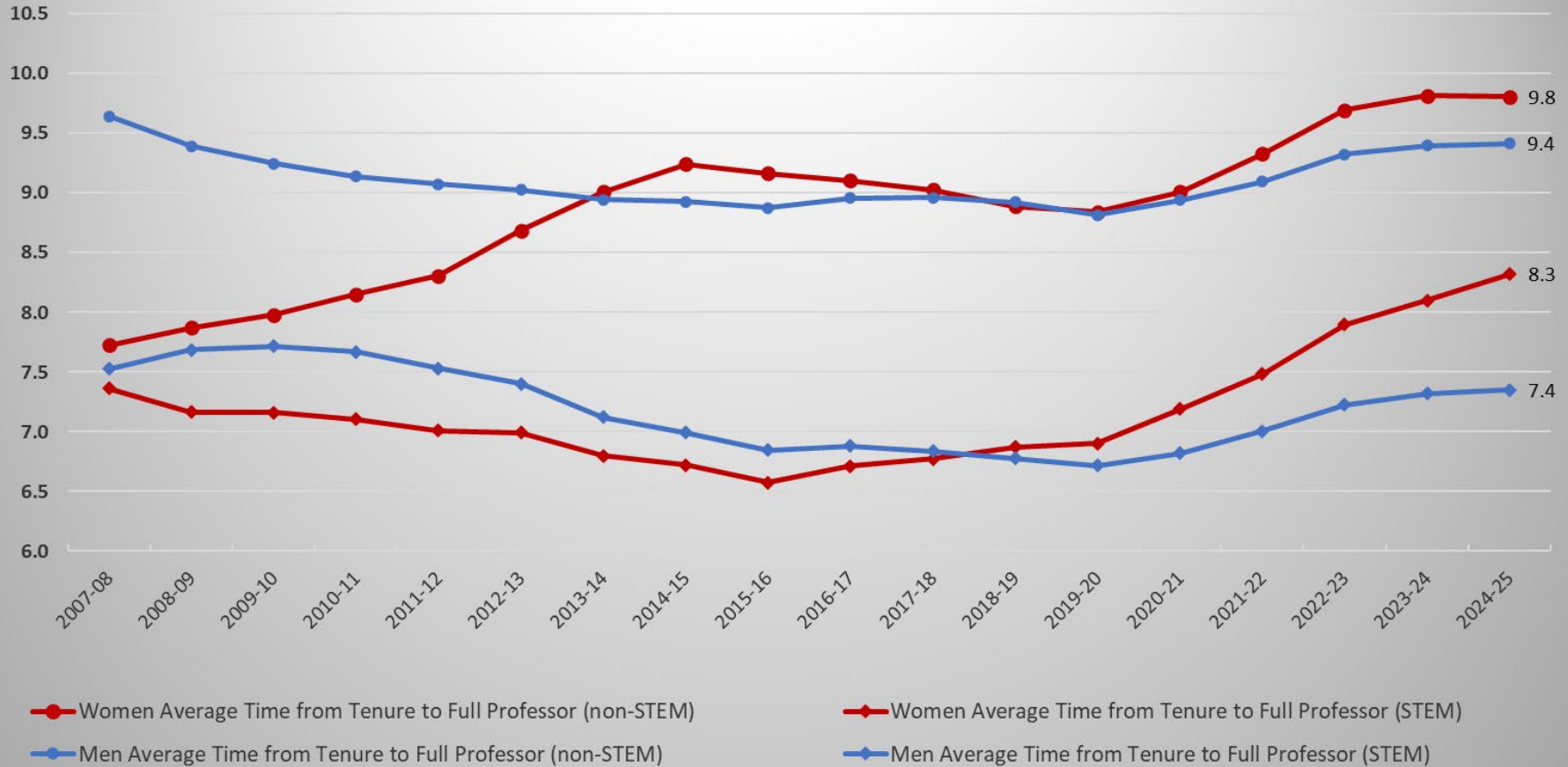
Time to Tenure from Highest Degree (STEM and non-STEM Disciplines)



STEM = Faculty of Engineering, Science, Medicine & Dentistry
Only those with > 3 years from RF to Tenure are included
3 Year rolling average

Source: Western HR Information System

Time to Full Professor from Tenure (STEM and non-STEM Disciplines)



STEM = Faculty of Engineering, Science, Medicine & Dentistry
 Only those with > 3 years from RF to Tenure are included
 3 Year rolling average

Source: Western HR Information System

Probationary Cohort Outcomes for Faculty with Probationary Start dates from 2002-03 through 2019-20

Action	Women (N)	% Women	Men(N)	%Men	Total (N)	% Total
Granted Tenure	253	74.631%	332	76.852%	585	75.88%
Denied P&T	4	1.180%	13	3.009%	17	2.20%
Withdrew from P&T*	4	1.180%	10	2.315%	14	1.82%
Moved to Limited Term**	4	1.180%	3	0.694%	7	0.91%
Resigned	52	15.339%	58	13.426%	110	14.27%
Other	4	1.180%	2	0.463%	6	0.78%
Probationary Extension***	17	5.015%	12	2.778%	29	3.76%
Still in Probationary Period***	1	0.295%	2	0.463%	3	0.39%
Grand Total	339	100.00%	432	100.00%	771	100.00%

Outcomes for Probationary faculty who have entered the P&T cycle:

Action	Women (N)	% Women	Men(N)	%Men
Granted Tenure	253	96.93%	332	93.52%
Denied P&T	4	1.53%	13	3.66%
Withdrew from P&T	4	1.53%	10	2.82%
Grand Total	261	100.00%	355	100.00%

- * Withdrew after entering the P&T queue
- ** Hired into a new Limited Term role before entering P&T queue
- *** Those continuing beyond their initial P&T consideration date (due to leaves etc.) or those hired in fall/winter of the 2018-9 academic year

Reasons for Resignation: Probationary Cohort with Start dates from 2002-03 through 2019-20

Reasons for Resignation During the Probationary Period (Exit Interviews)

Reason	Women (N)	% of Women Total	Men (N)	% of Men Total
Career Development and Salary	14	26.92%	22	37.93%
Family and Geography	30	57.69%	23	39.66%
Other	5	9.62%	7	12.07%
P&T Performance Problem	3	5.77%	6	10.34%
Grand Total	52	100.00%	58	100.00%

Data Source: Exit interviews conducted with the Faculty Member or Chair/Dean of the Department/Faculty and letters received from Faculty Member. Fractional numbers result when multiple reasons are given for resignation; one individual is fractionally attributed across reasons they gave.

*Includes only faculty under age 55 at the time of resignation



Reasons for Resignation: All Probationary and Tenured faculty resigning from 2004-05 through 2025-26 (interim)

Reason for Resignation	Women (N)	Women (%)	Men (N)	Men (%)
Career Development and Salary	52.0	46.0%	84.5	45.4%
Family and Geography	43.5	38.5%	52.8	28.4%
Other	11.5	10.2%	23.2	12.5%
Performance - Not Tracking to P&T	6.0	5.3%	25.5	13.7%
Grand Total	113	100.0%	186	100.0%

UWO Total Resignations: Women: 113, Men: 186

Women: 1.55 % average attrition rate (annual attrition rate = resignations/current year faculty count)

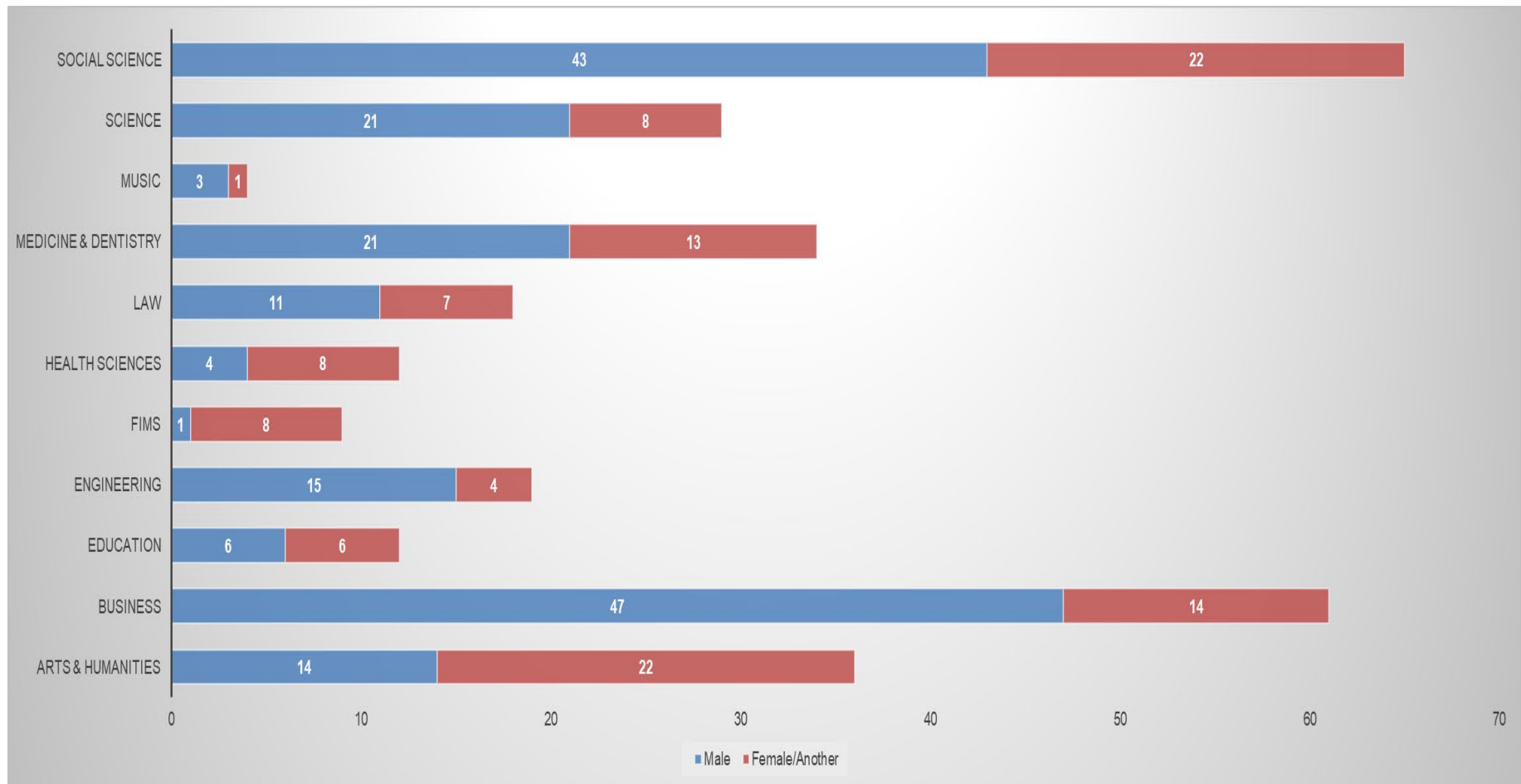
Men: 1.24 % average attrition rate (annual attrition rate = resignations/current year faculty count)

Data Source: Exit interviews conducted with the Faculty Member or Chair/Dean of the Department/Faculty and letters received from Faculty Member. Fractional numbers result when multiple reasons are given for resignation; one individual is fractionally attributed across reasons they gave.

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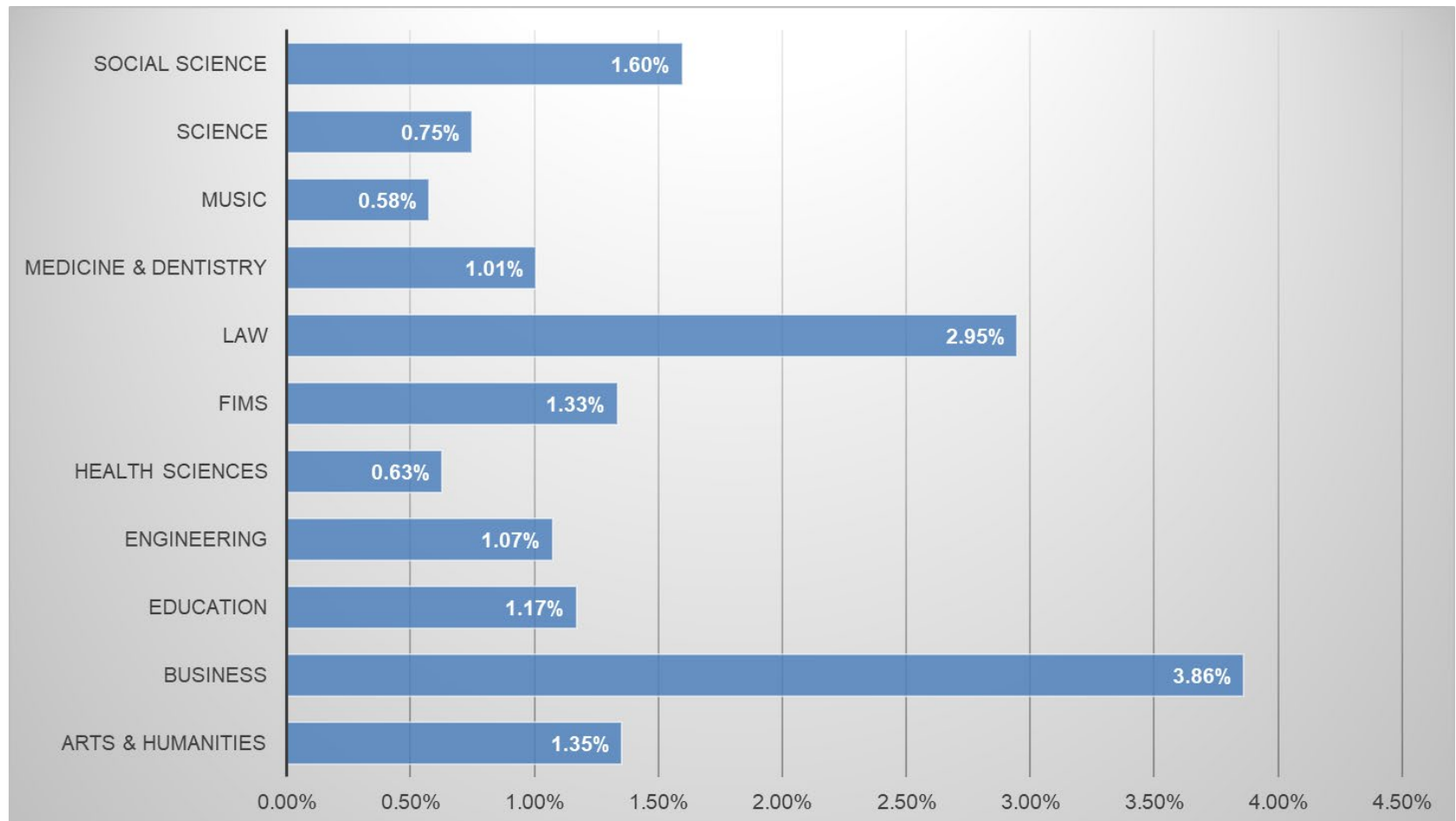
Total Probationary & Tenured Resignations by Faculty: resigning from 2004-05 to 2025-26 (interim)



Source: Western Information Systems as of January 2026
**Includes only faculty under age 55 at the time of resignation.



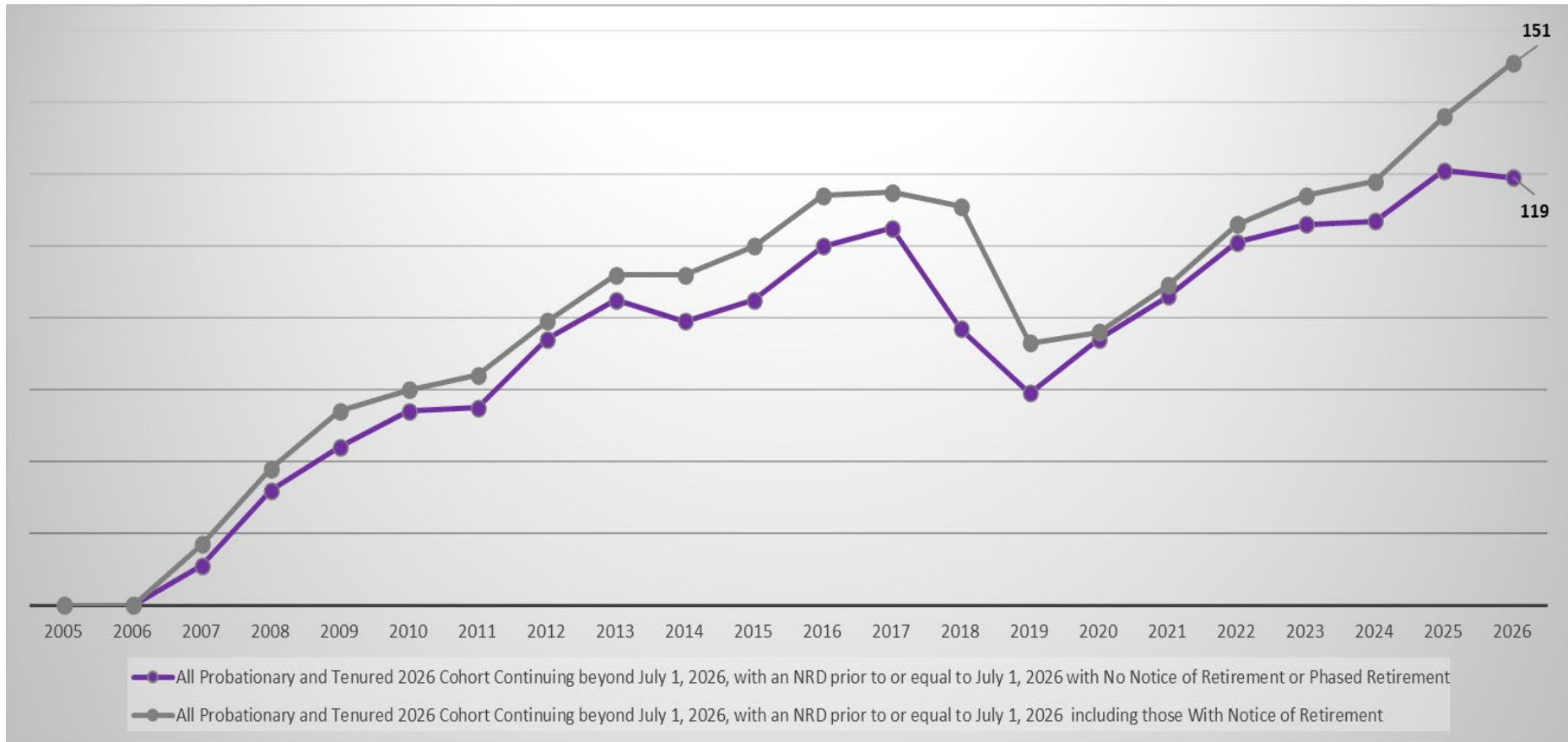
Total Probationary & Tenured Resignations % within each Faculty: exit dates 2004-05 to 2025-26 (Interim)



UWO Total Resignations: 299 (2004-2005 through 2025-2026 interim)
1.34% average attrition rate (attrition rate = resignations/faculty count)

Source: Western Information Systems as of January 2026
**Includes only faculty under age 55 at the time of resignation.

Probationary and Tenured Faculty at Western: Continuing Beyond Normal Retirement Date (NRD)



Source: Western Human Resources Information System
Cohort continuing with $\leq$ July 1 NRD in each year

Section 2:

Limited Term Appointments

- Data are counts as of October 1, 2025;
- Includes Limited Term UWOFA faculty:
 - Those with fixed-term (with end date);
 - Full-time contract faculty “without end date”;
- Does not include:
 - Visiting faculty;
 - Externally funded faculty.

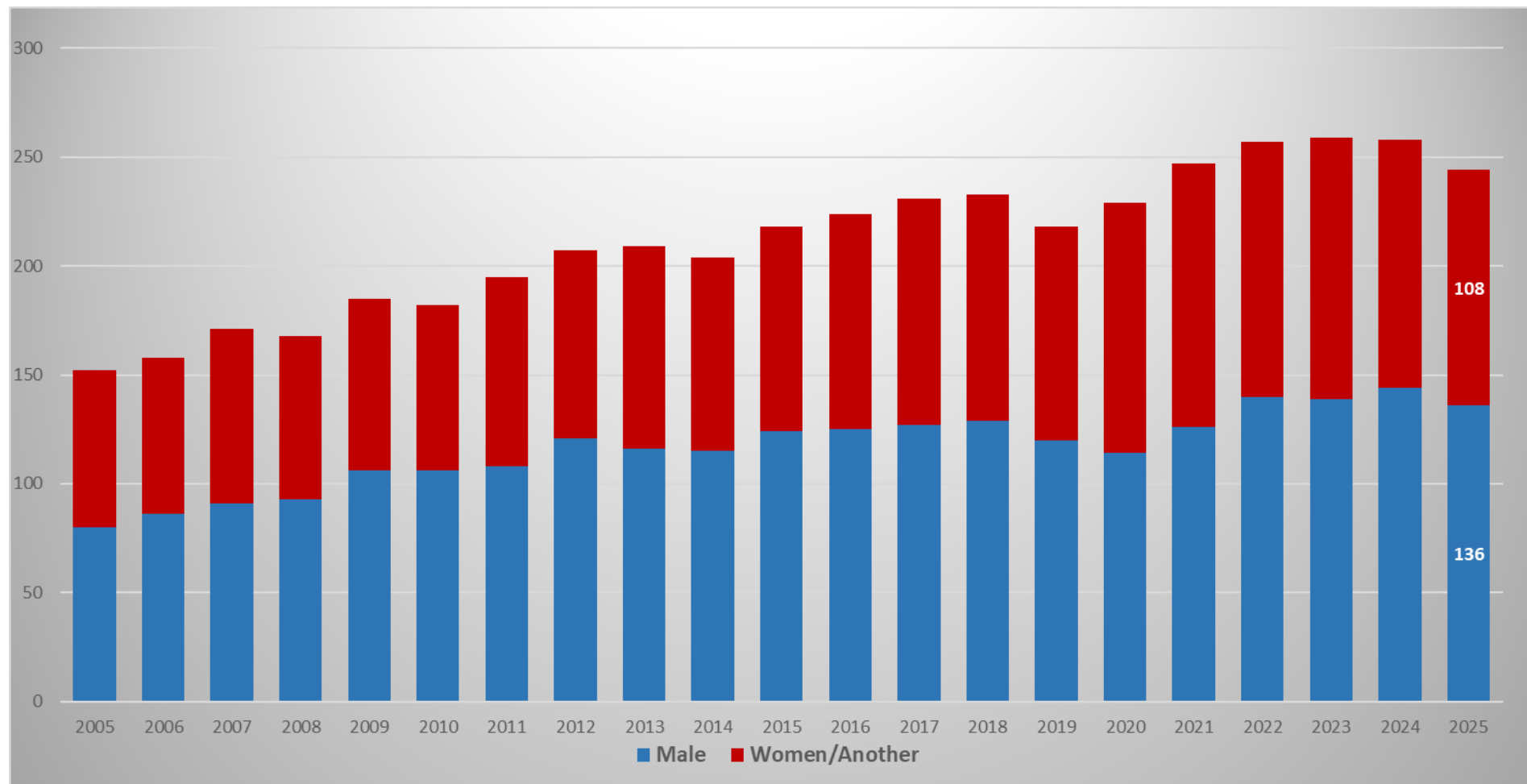


Key Observations from Slides 27 to 30

Limited Term (LT) Faculty

- On October 1, 2025 there were **244** LT faculty:
 - **108** (44.3%) women or other gender equity-seeking group and **136** (55.7%) men;
 - **155** (63.5%) were at the Professorial ranks
 - **87** (35.7%) had been employed ≥ 10 years (therefore are either “without end date” or “permanent” or eligible for “without end date” status at next renewal)
 - **128** (52.5%) have been in LT contract status for <7 years
- Each vertical bar in slide 30 represents the workload (WL) of one LT individual; most LT faculty are teaching-intensive; other WLs are seen (e.g. Basic Scientists in a Clinical Department are often research-focused)

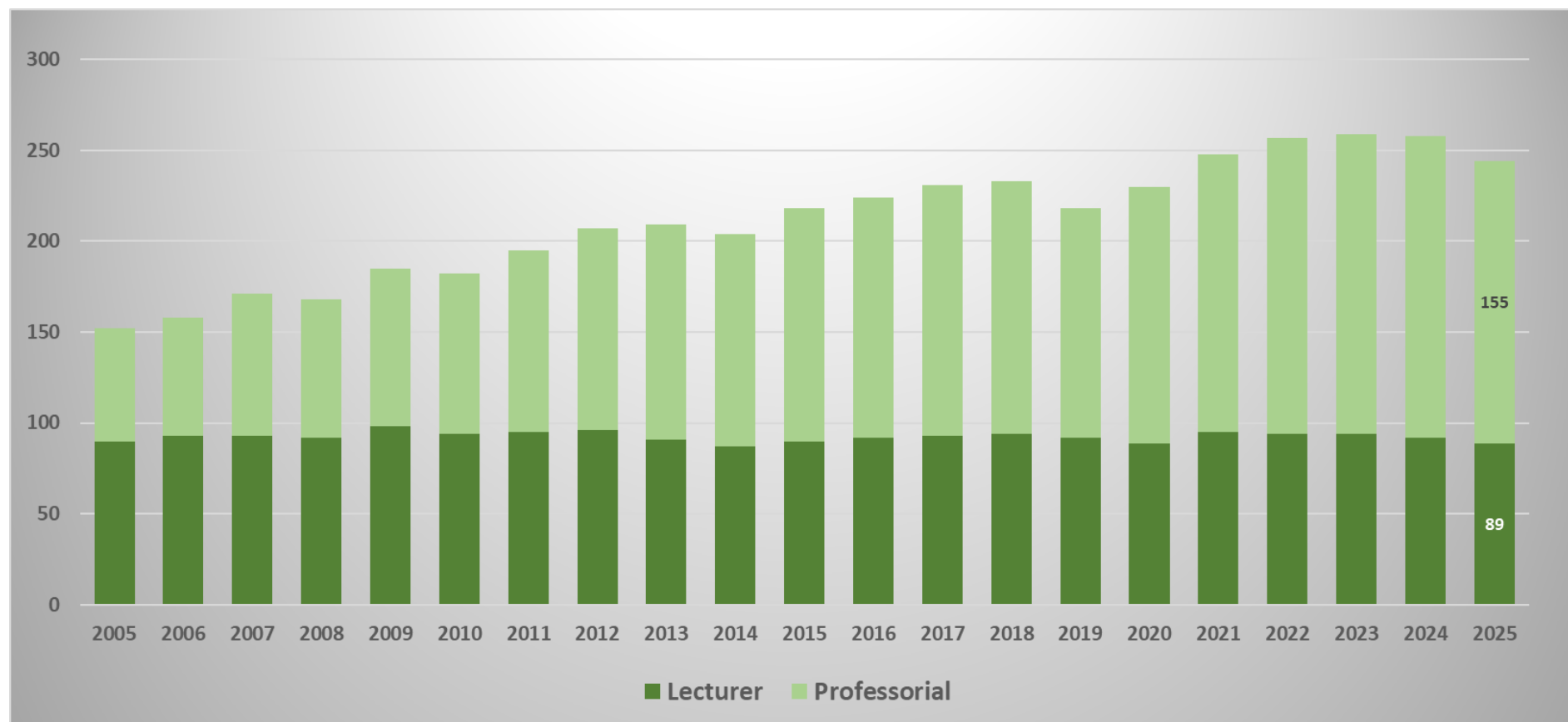
Number of Individuals with Limited Term Appointments: Stratified by Gender 2005 to 2025



Source: Western's Human Resources Information Systems 2005 – 2025 (October)



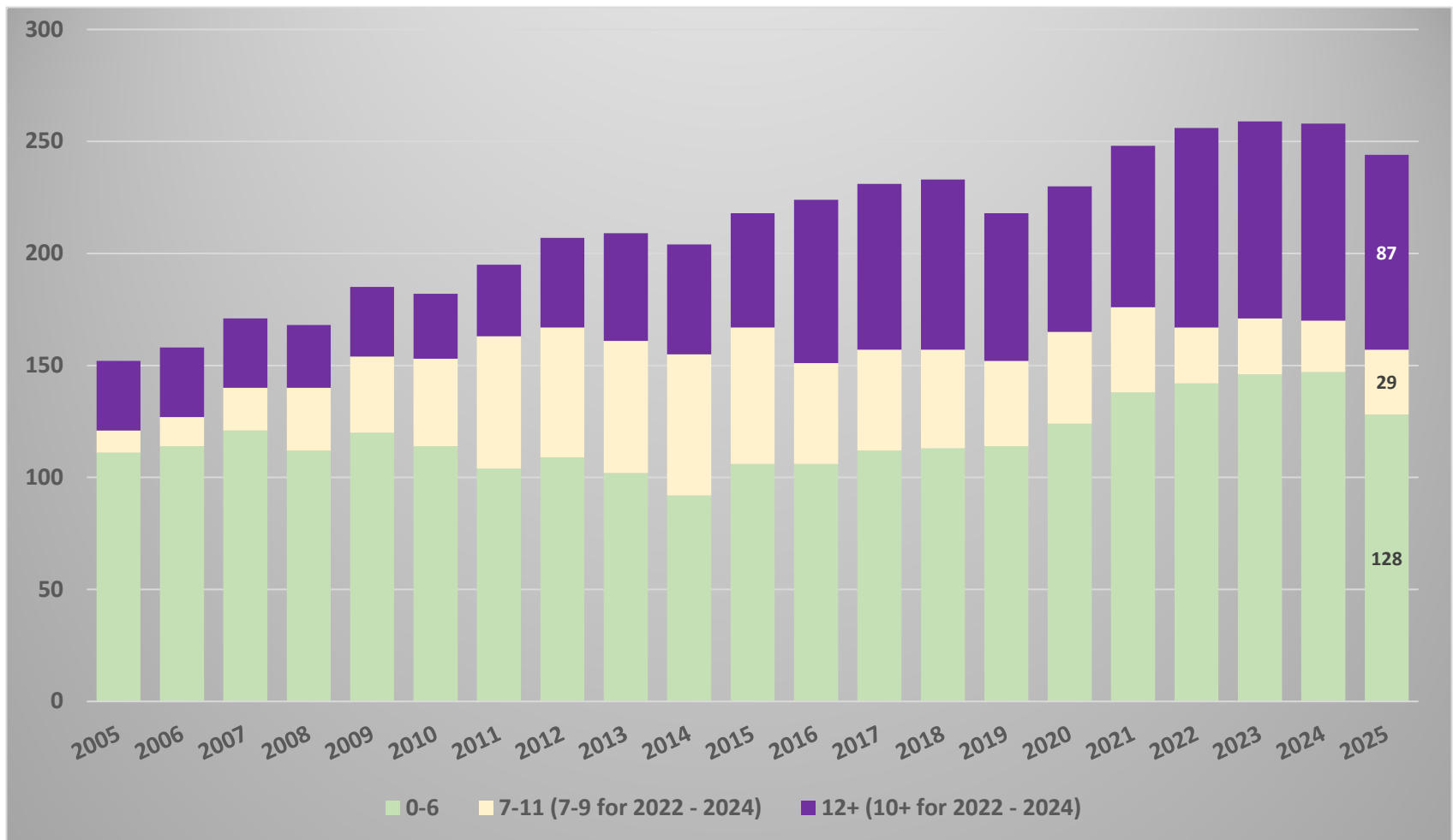
Number of Individuals with Limited Term Appointments Stratified by Rank, 2005 - 2025



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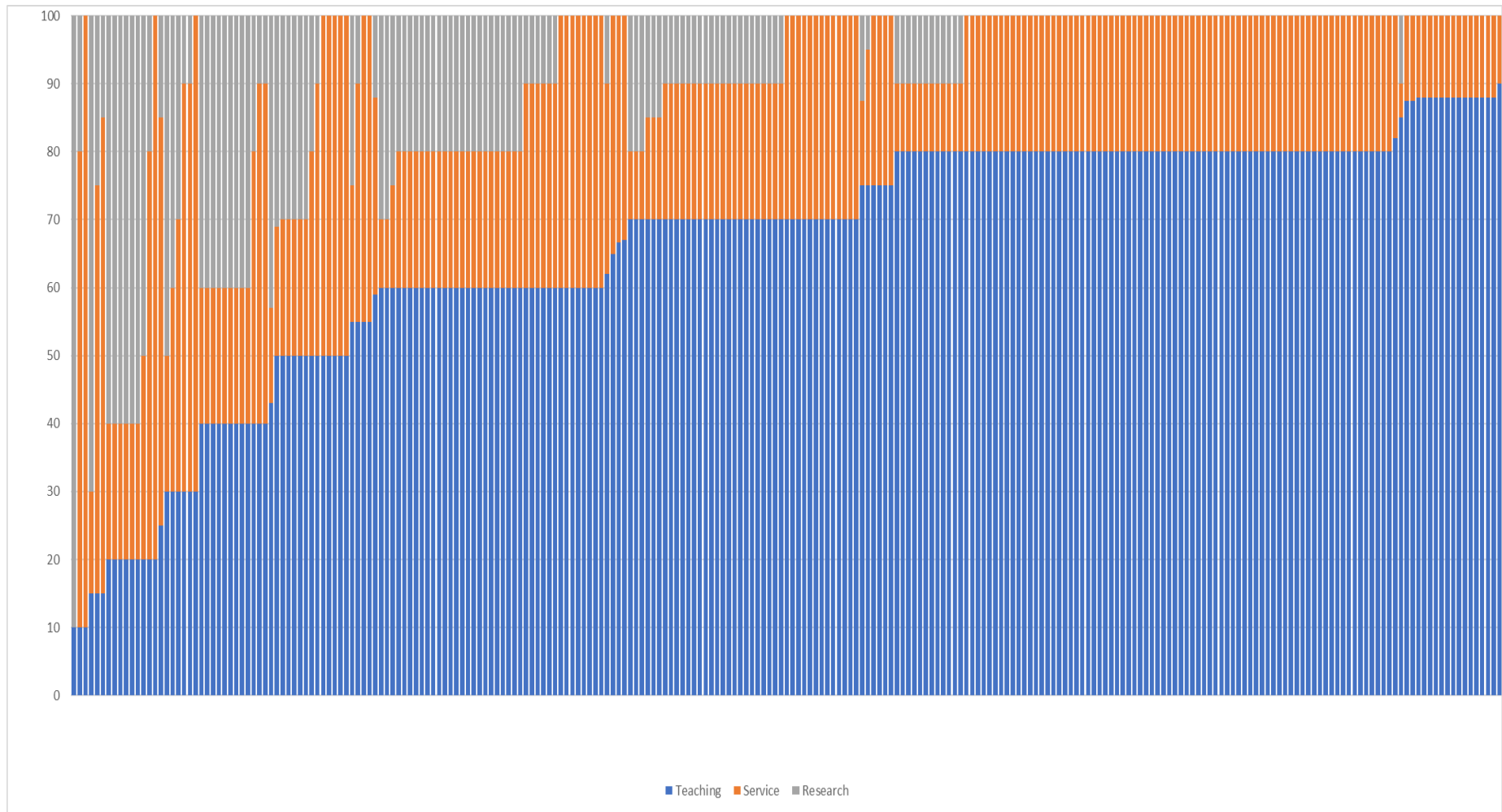


Number of Limited Term Appointments by Years of Service 2005 – 2025



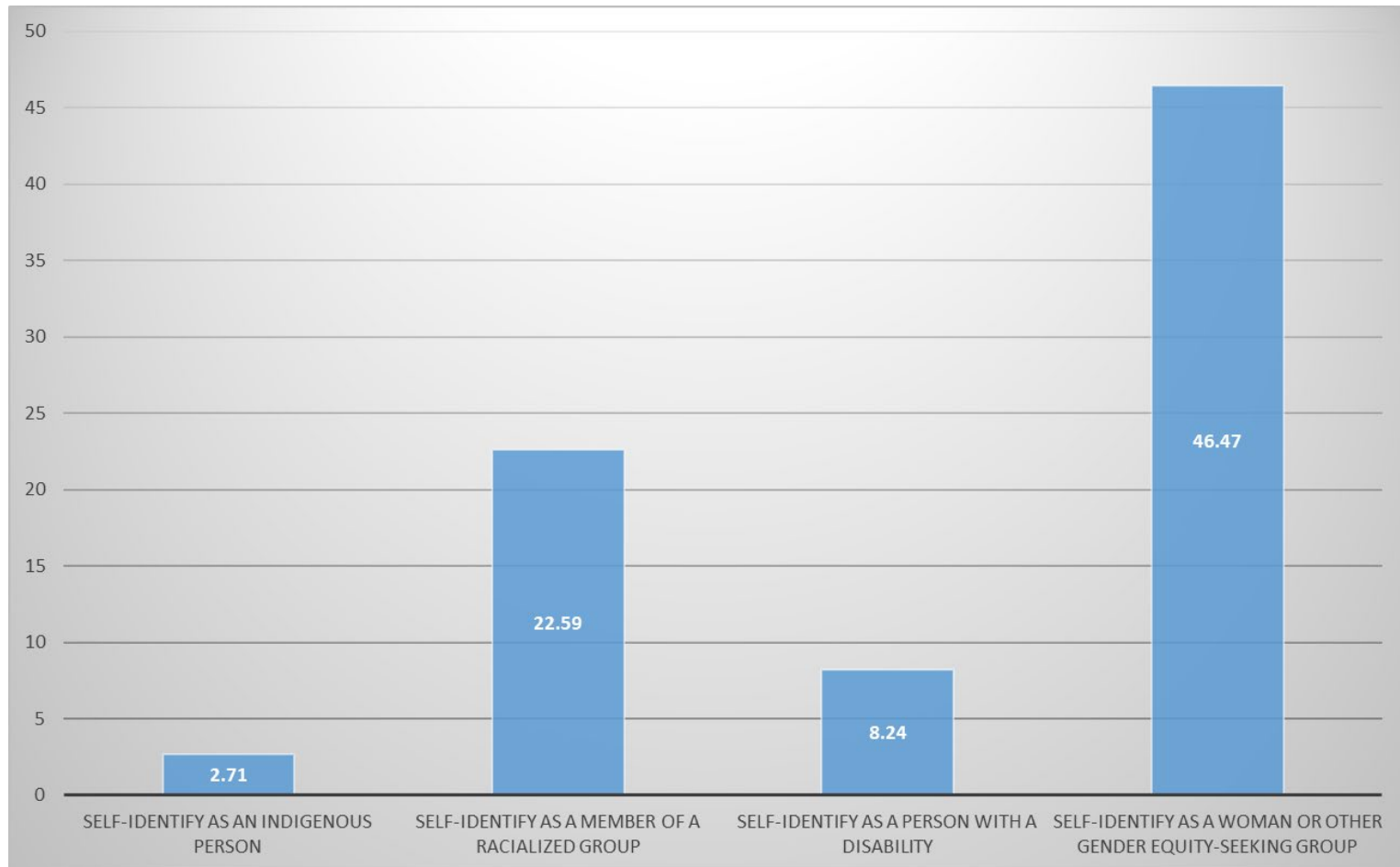
Source: Western's Human Resources Information Systems 2005 - 2025 (October)

All Active Limited Term Appointments by Workload Percentages as of October 2025



Source: Western's Human Resources Information Systems 2024 (October)

Full-Time UWOFA Faculty Respondents by Designated Group (Response Rate: 64.79% - Percentage of Total Headcount)



Note: Respondents who chose “I prefer not to answer / Skipped Question” are not included in the above percentages.

Source: Western Census Data as of August 2023



Section 3: Part-Time Faculty

- Count of individuals employed, by fiscal year, as part-time faculty including:
 - Limited Duties (LD) Appointments through competitive advertising (includes individuals with no other employment relationship with Western as well as Post-Retirement individuals, Extra-Load, and Graduate Students or Post Doctoral trainees who applied to an open LD competition) (please note: years of service slides exclude extra-load faculty members);
 - Standing Assignments and Course Authoring agreements;
 - Post Doctoral and Graduate Student Teaching Assignments hired under Appointments Article, Clause 3. d) of the UWOFA Collective Agreement;
 - Excludes LD Appointments at Trois-Pistoles.
- In fiscal 2024-25, there were **842** faculty teaching in part-time appointments; of these, **483** were UWOFA Part-Time Members (taught $\geq$ a half-course in each of 2 of the last 3 fiscal years).

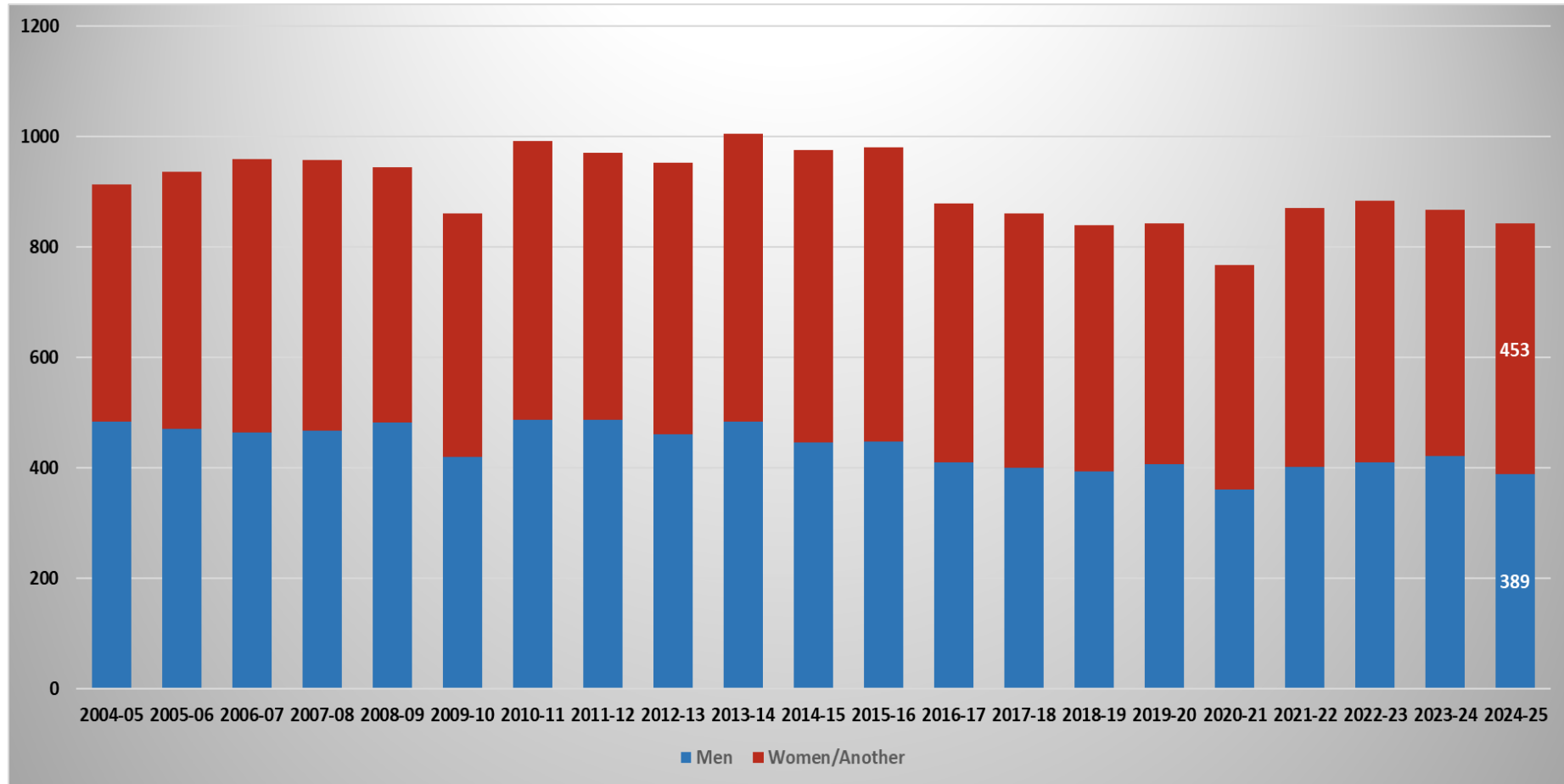


Key Observations from Slides 34 to 39

Part-Time, Non-Clinical Faculty

- Of the **842** faculty with a part-time appointment in fiscal 2024-25:
 - **453** (53.8%) were Women/Another Gender Identity
 - **345** (41.0%) were at a Professorial rank
- The number of part-time faculty varied by discipline (in Professional programs, this can reflect the part-time employment at Western of professionals employed elsewhere in the community);
- Most part-time faculty are employed for low teaching loads and short duration.

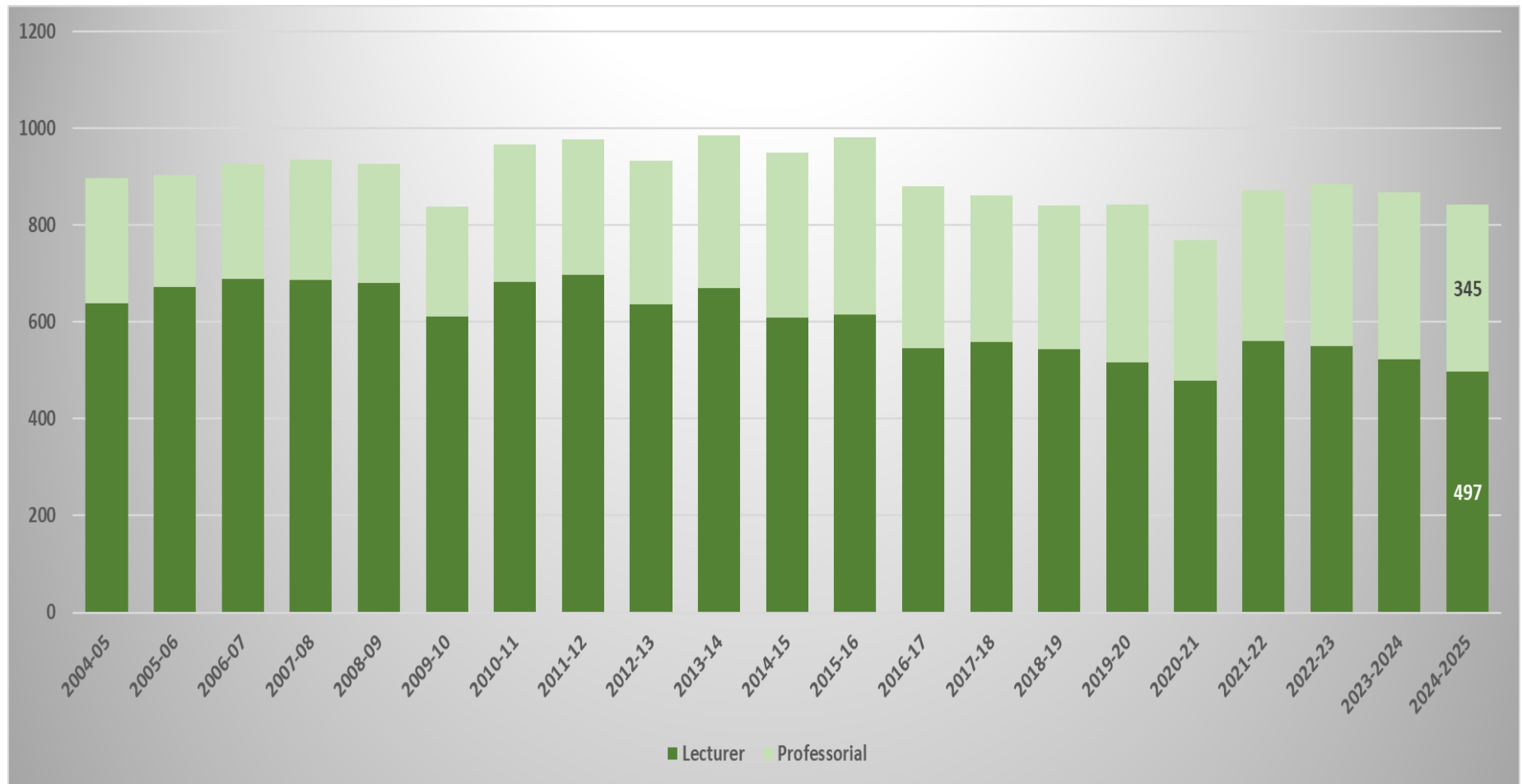
Number of Individuals with Part-Time Faculty Appointments, Stratified by Gender, Fiscal Years 2004-05 to 2024-25



Source: Western Human Resources Information Systems

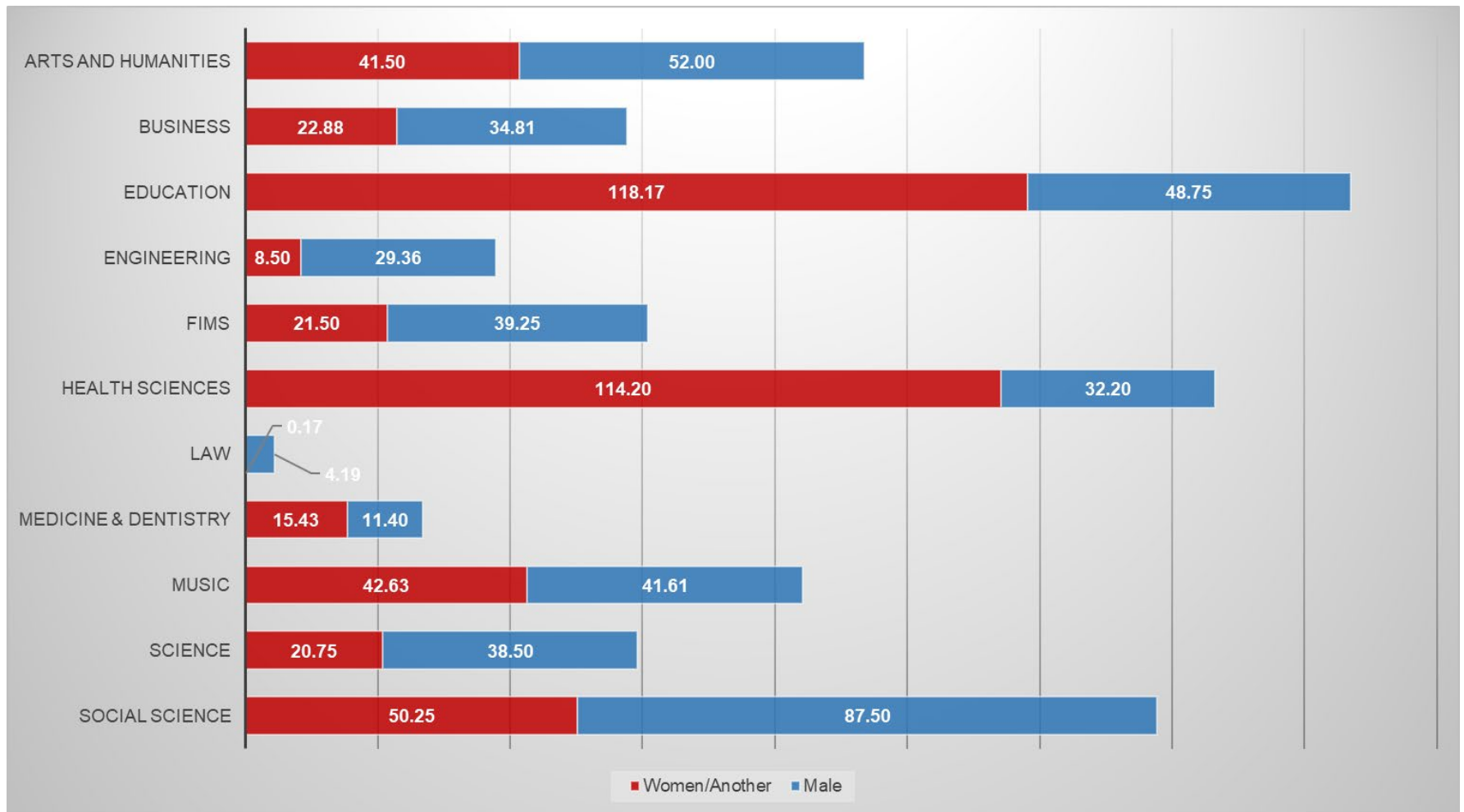


Number of Individuals with Part-Time Faculty Appointments Stratified by Rank, Fiscal Years 2004-05 to 2024-2025



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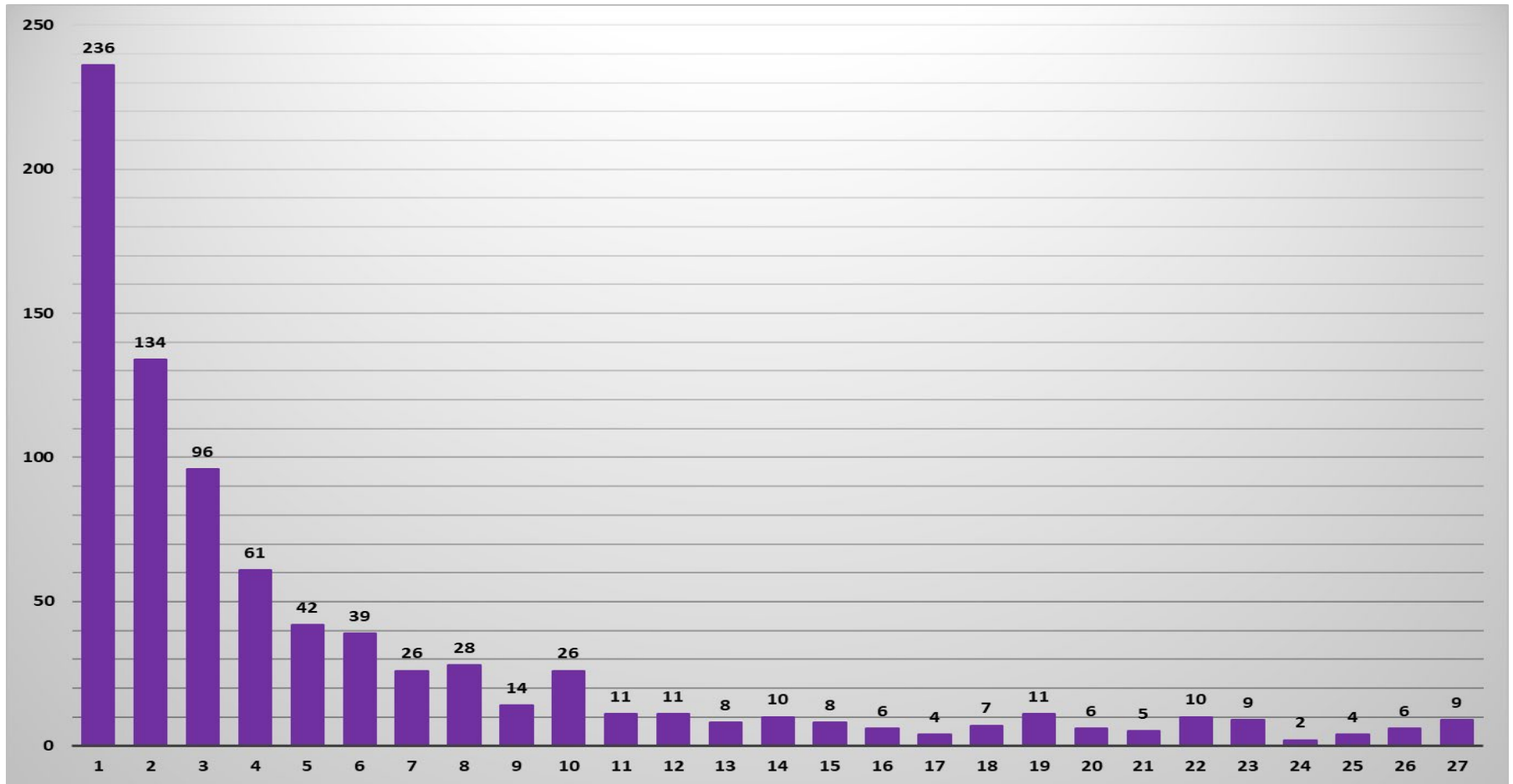
Degree Credit Courses taught by Part-Time Faculty by Faculty and Gender: 2024-25 (Fiscal Year)



Total FCEs: 875.5

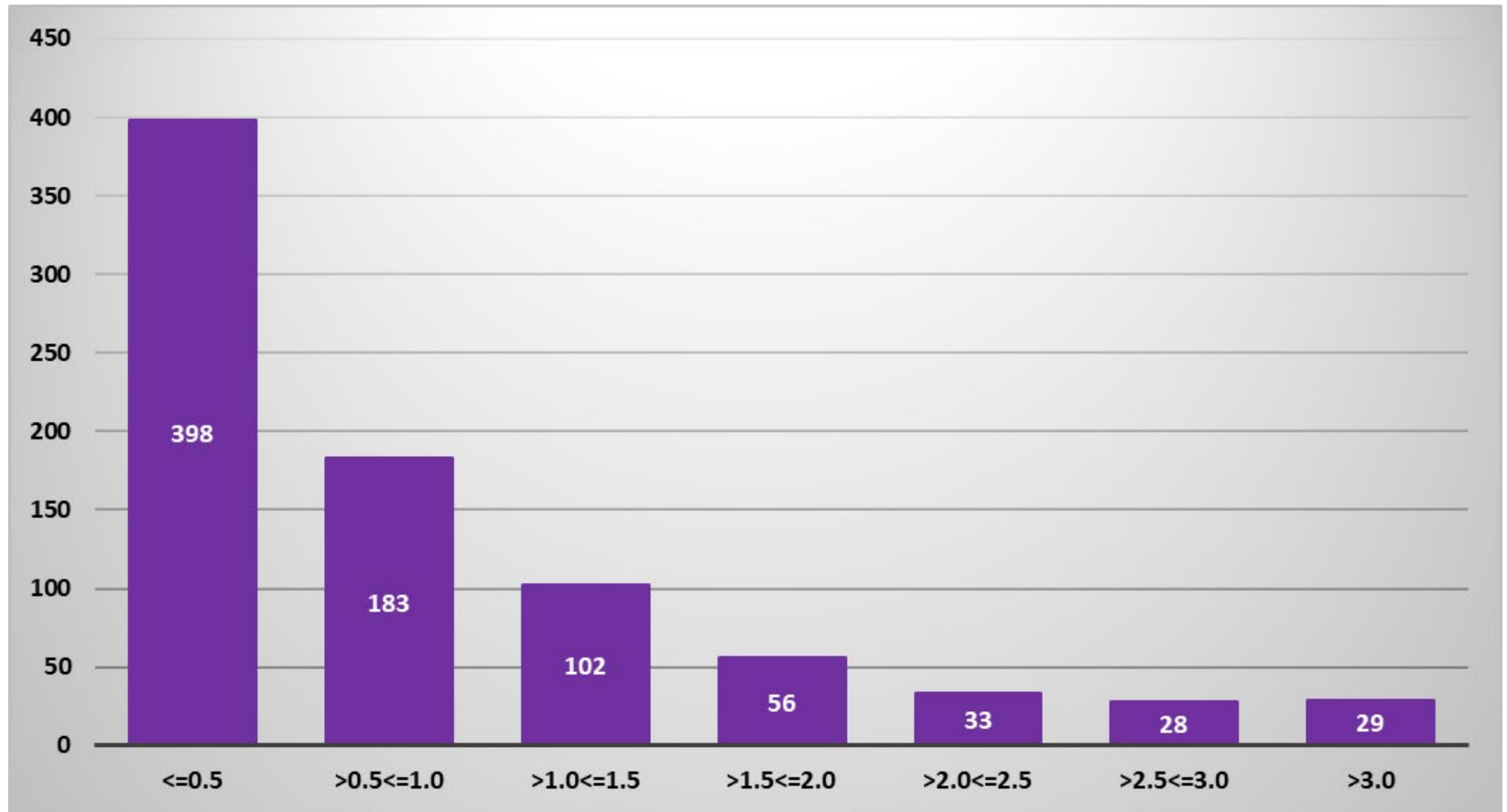
Source: Western Information Systems

Number of Individuals with Part-Time Faculty Appointments by Years of Service (2024-2025)



Source: Western Human Resources Information Systems
Includes Consecutive Years of Service, allowing for one single year gap
Excludes Extra Load Teaching and Course Authoring Appointments

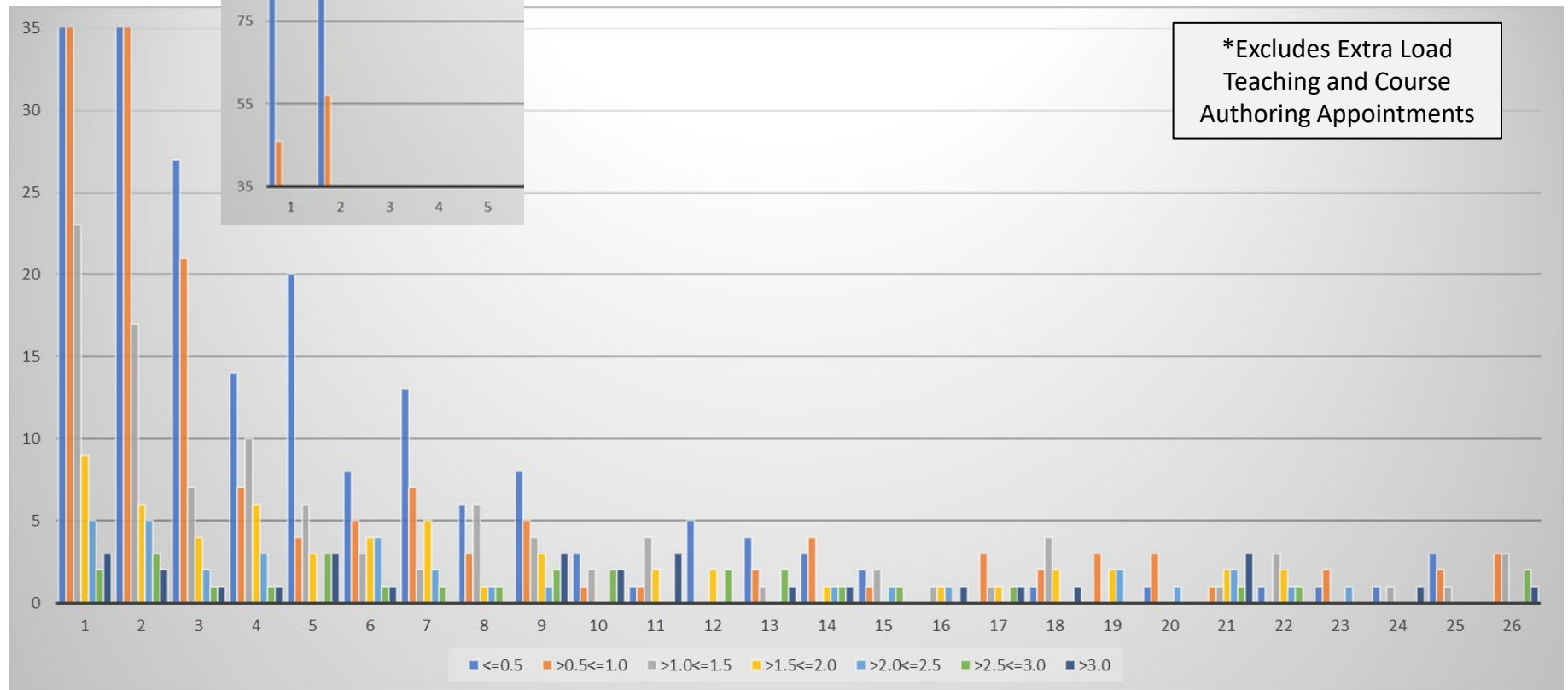
Number of Individuals with Part-Time Faculty Appointments by Range of Full Course Equivalents (FCE), 2024-25



Source: Western Human Resources Information Systems
Excludes Extra Load Teaching and Course Authoring Appointments



Number of Individuals with Part-Time Faculty Appointments by Average Range of FCEs Taught by Years of Service 2024-2025



Source: Western Human Resources Information Systems



Section 4:

Full-Time Clinical Faculty

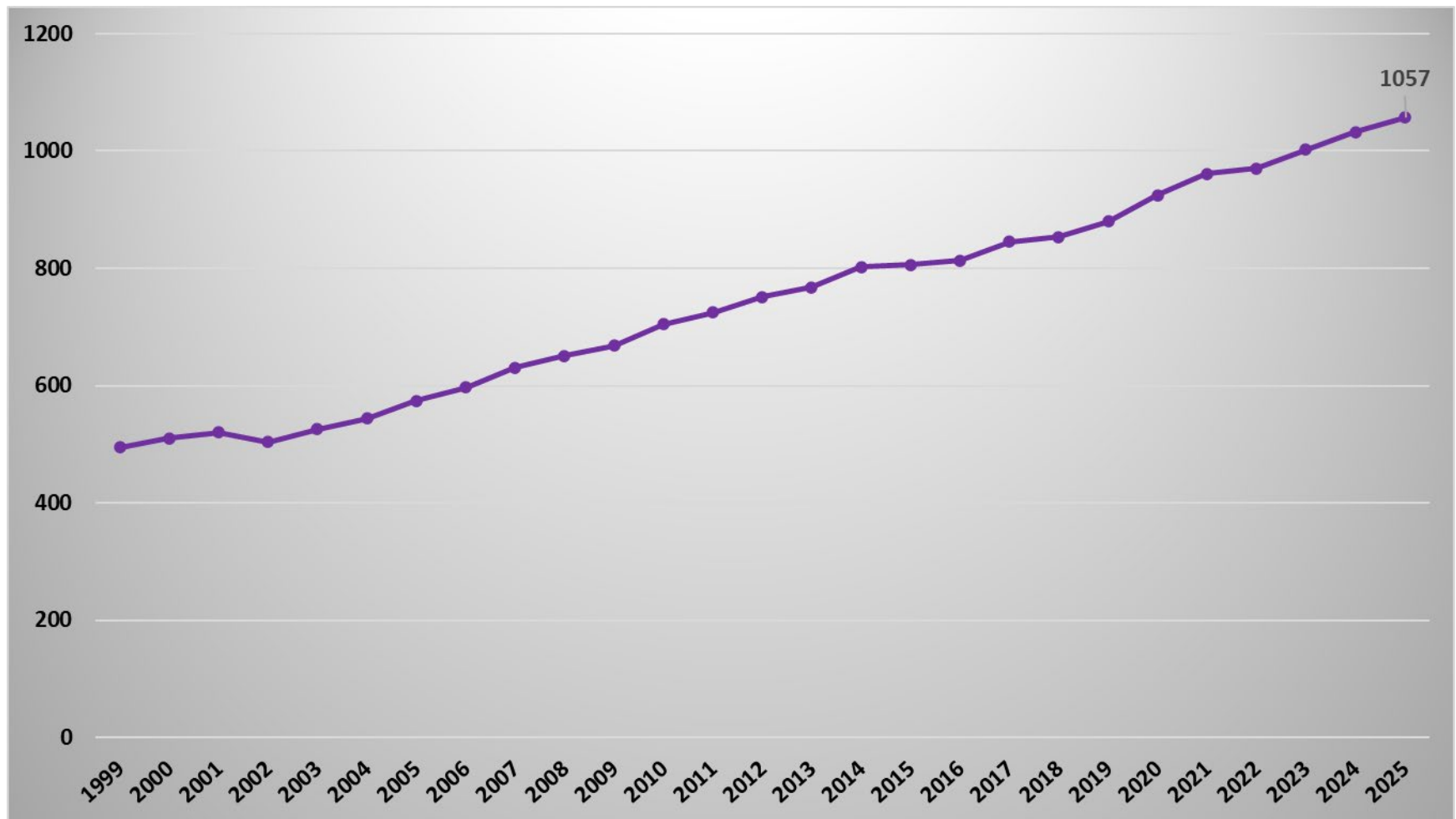
- Data are counts as of October 1, 2025;
- Includes Physicians in Schulich hired under the “Conditions of Appointment for Physicians” under the following appointment types:
 - Continuing Clinical Appointment;
 - Clinical Limited Term Appointment (some of these will go on to become Continuing Clinical Appointments since “Continuing Track” hires are initially Clinical LT).



Key Observations from Slides 42 to 46: Full-Time Clinical Faculty

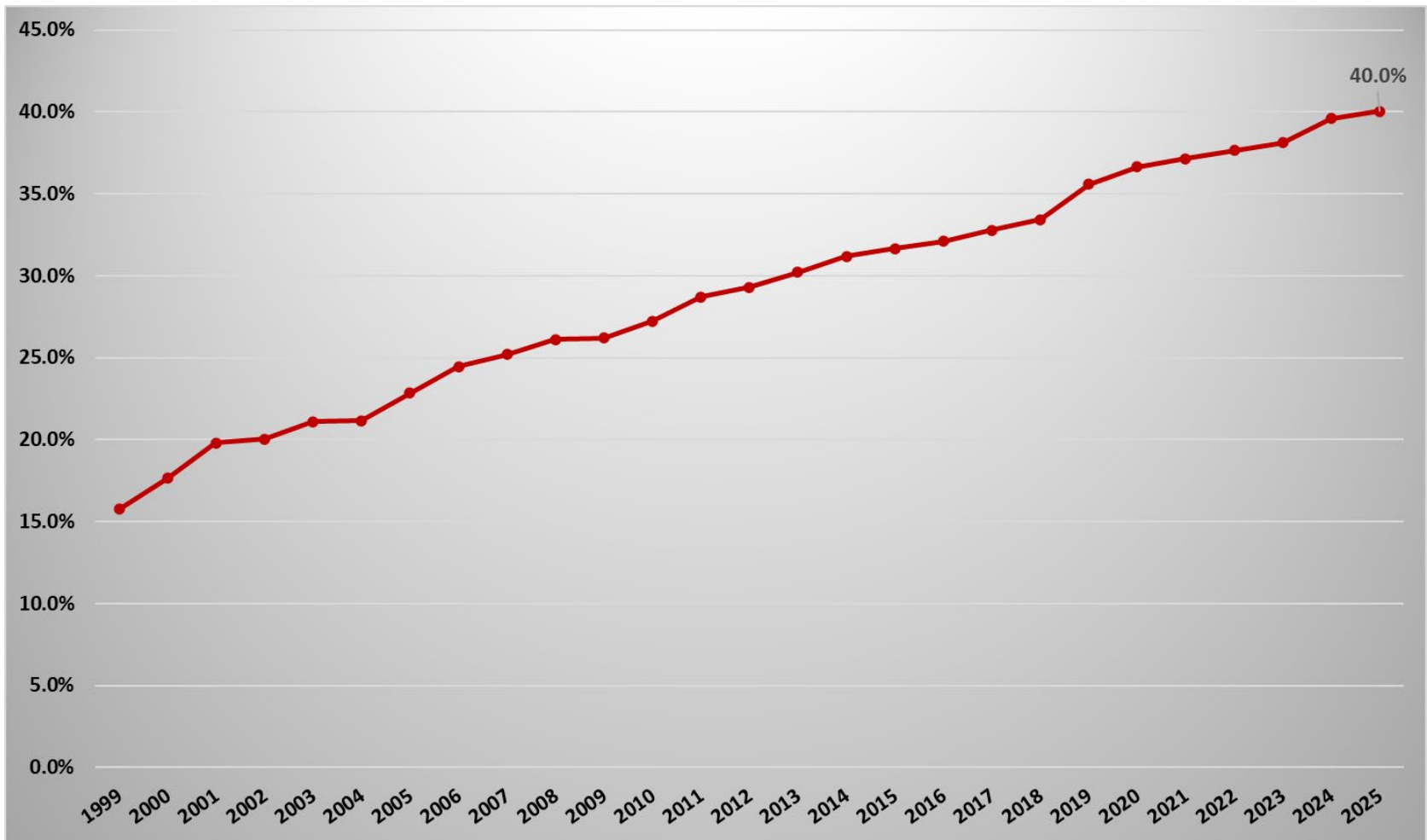
- The number of Clinical full-time faculty has been steadily increasing and is currently 1057 (excludes those on LTD);
- The percentage of women overall, inclusive of all career stages, has increased slightly and is currently 40.0%;
- The representation of women among those hired in 2024-2025 has decreased over the previous year and is currently 45.1%;
- Annual resignation rates fluctuate due to small numbers.

Full Time Clinical Faculty (Physicians in Schulich) at Western, 1999 – 2025



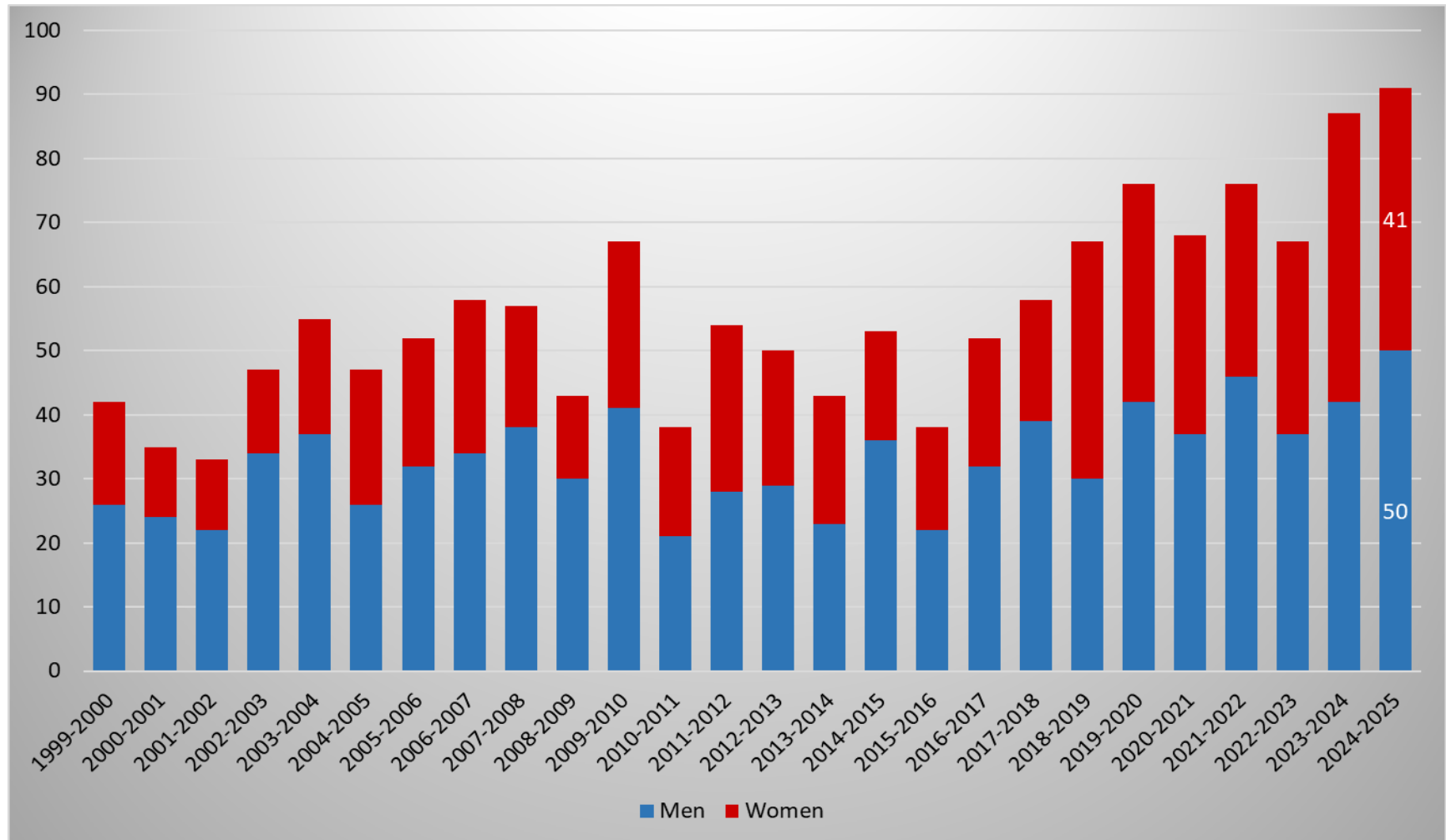
Source: Western Human Resources Information Systems (October)

Women as a Percentage of Full-Time Clinical Faculty at Western, 1999 – 2025



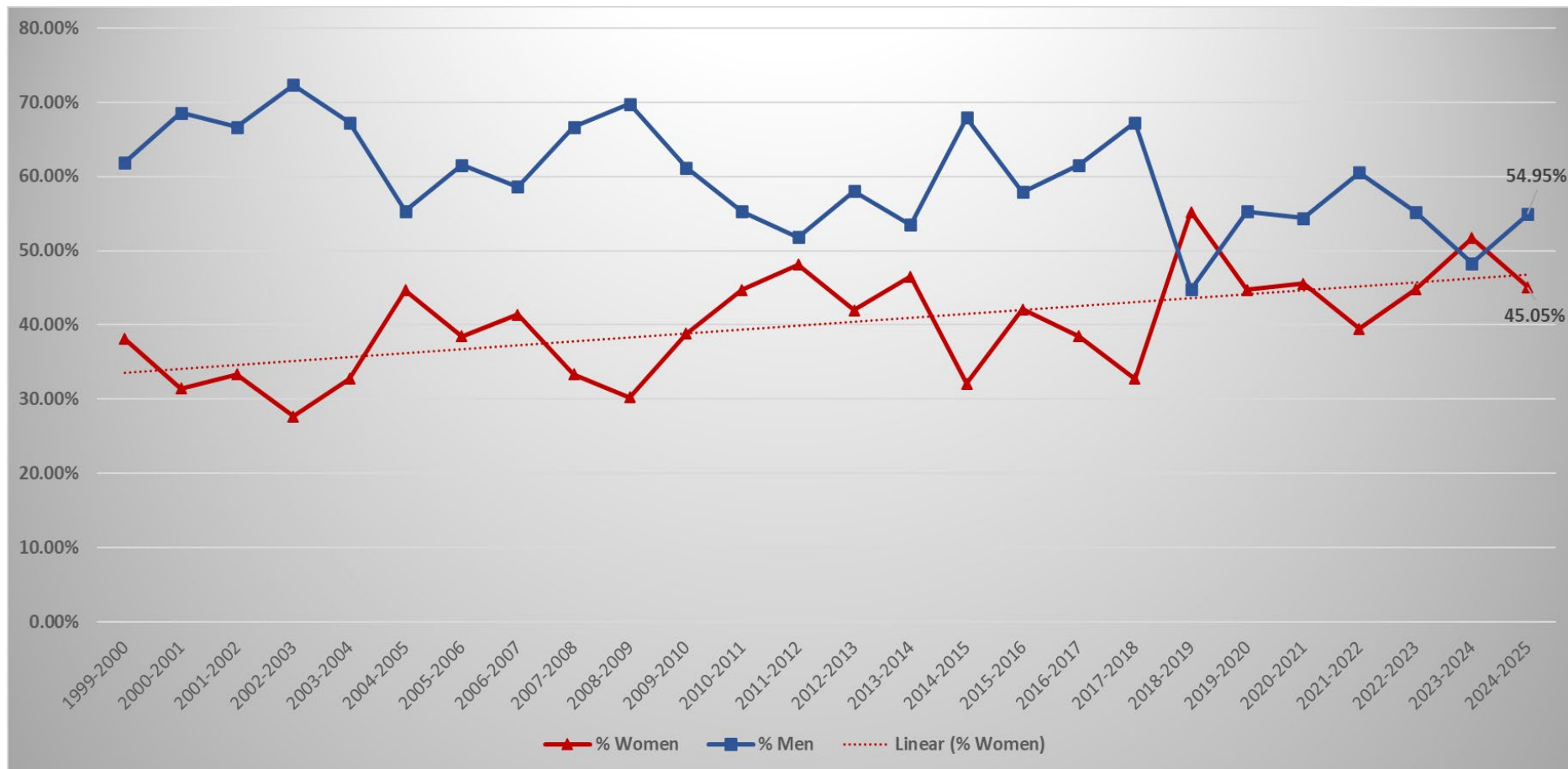
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Newly Hired Clinical Full Time Faculty (Physicians in Schulich) at Western by Gender: 1999 – 2025



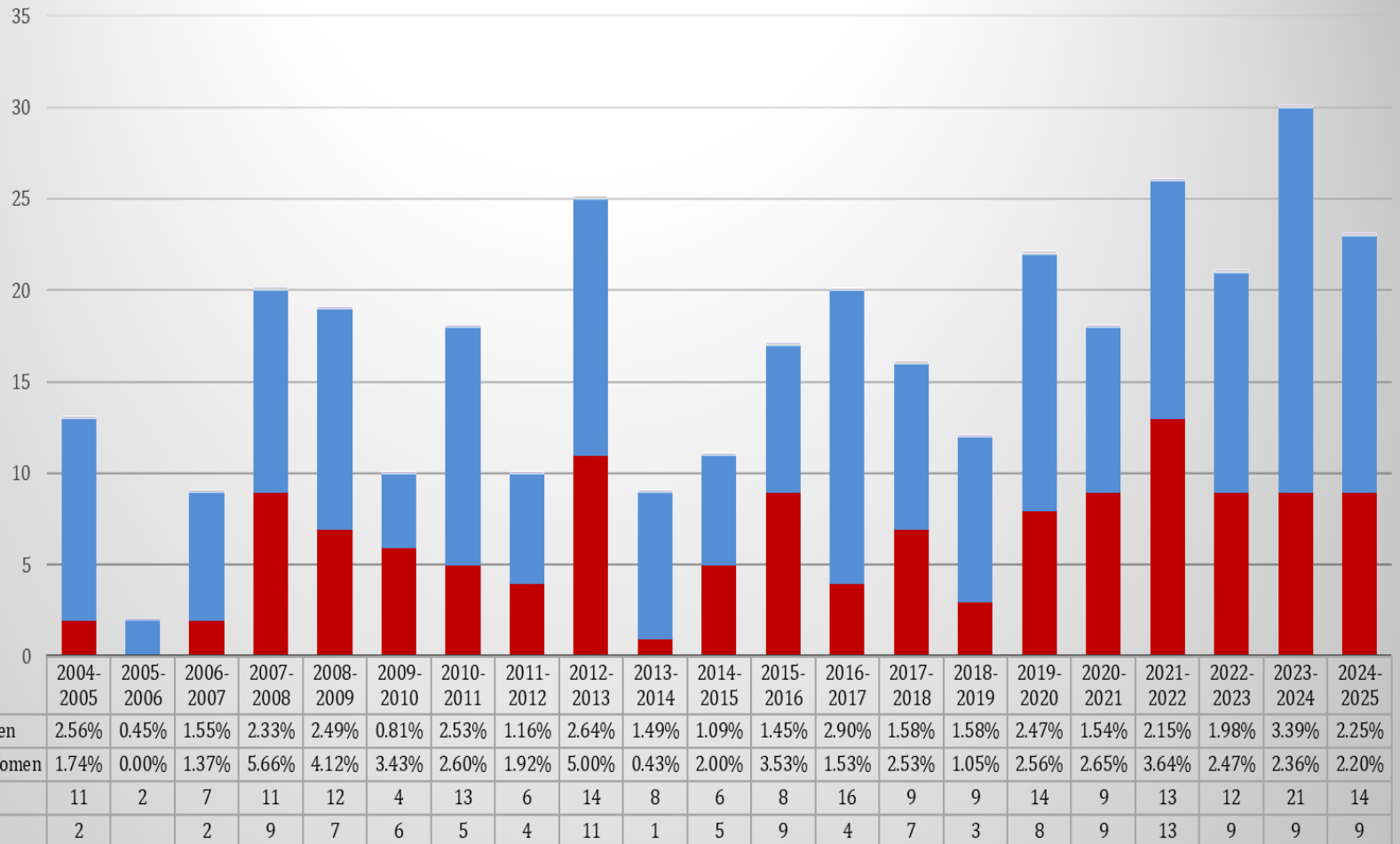
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Percentage of New Full Time Clinical Faculty at Western by Gender: 1999-2025



Source: Western Human Resources Information Systems

Full-Time Clinical Faculty Resignations by Gender 2004-05 through 2024-2025





Section 5: Librarians and Archivists

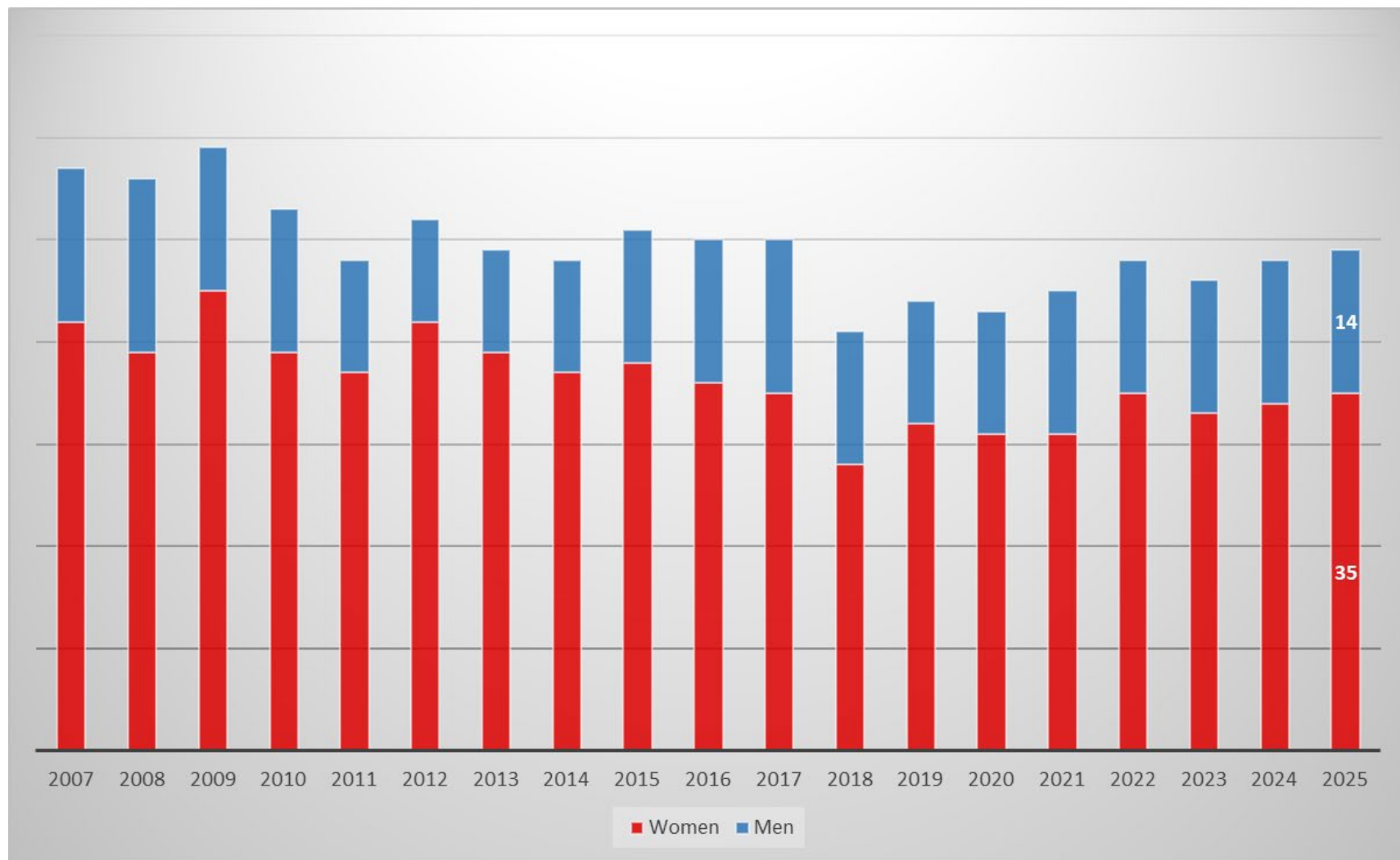
- Data are counts as of October 1, 2025;
- Includes Librarians and Archivists hired under the “UWOFA-LA” Collective Agreement under the following appointment types:
 - Continuing Librarian / Archivist Appointment;
 - Probationary Librarian / Archivist Appointment;
 - Term Librarian / Archivist Appointment;



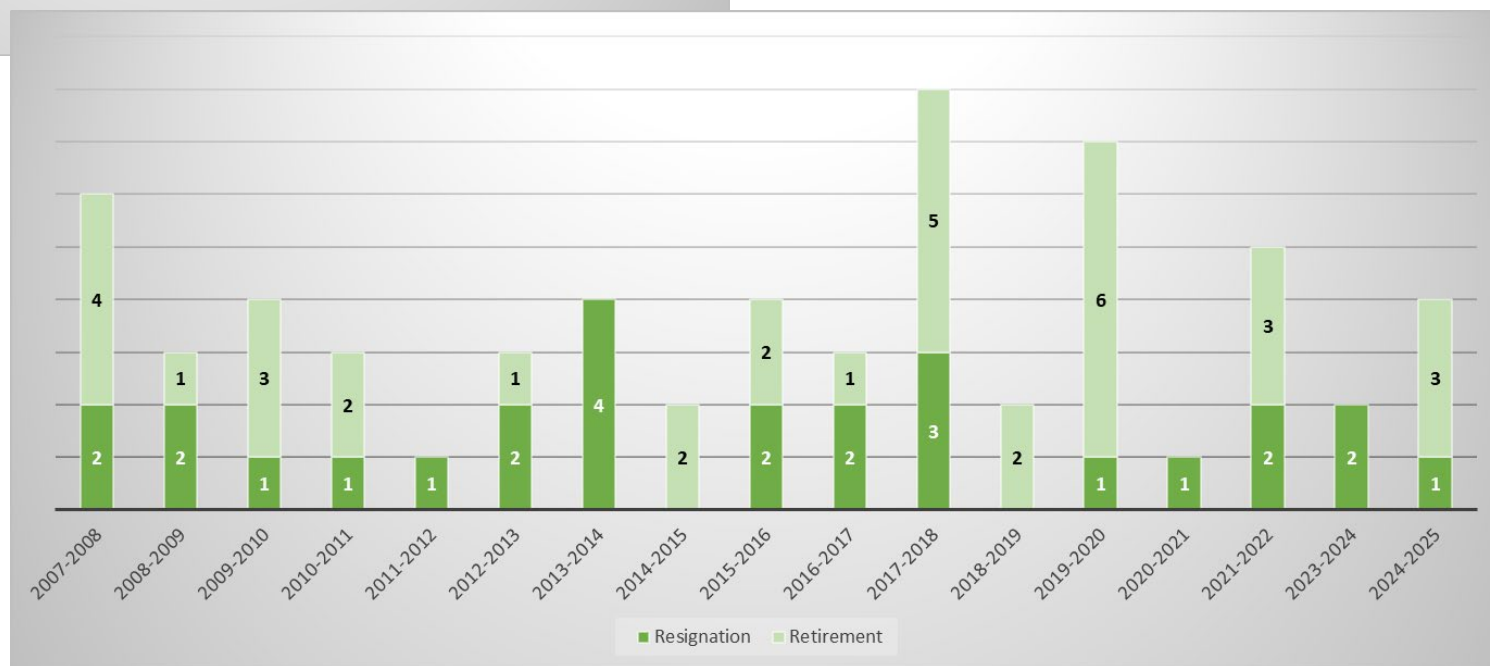
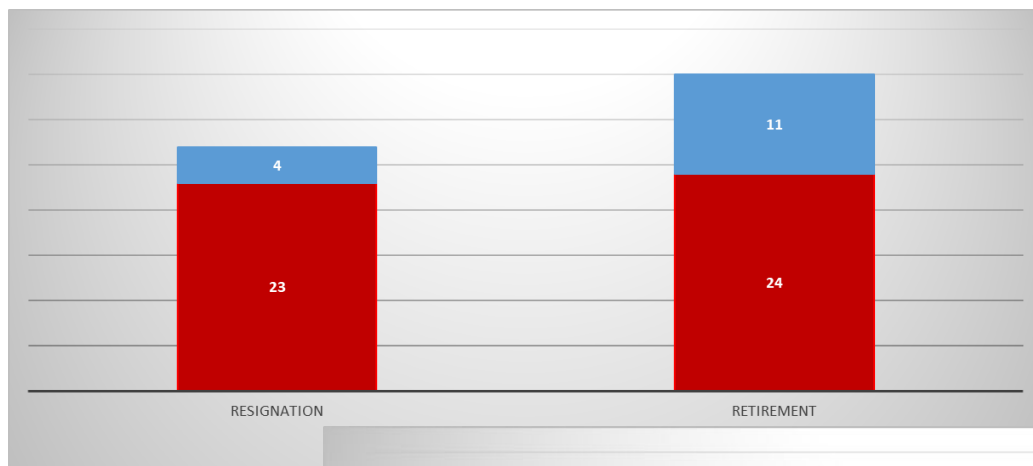
Key Observations from Slides 49 - 51: Librarians and Archivists

- The number of Librarians and Archivists had declined in 2017-2018 but stabilized in 2019 - 2025;
- The percentage of women overall is currently at 71.4%;
- The percentage of women of those resigning from 2007-2025 is at 85.2%;
- The number of Librarians and Archivists at the Senior Rank has decreased since 2007, while those at the Associate Rank have shown little change for the past several years until the latest Collective Agreement which introduced an *Appendix B: Promotion of Members with Continuing Appointment at Assistant Rank*

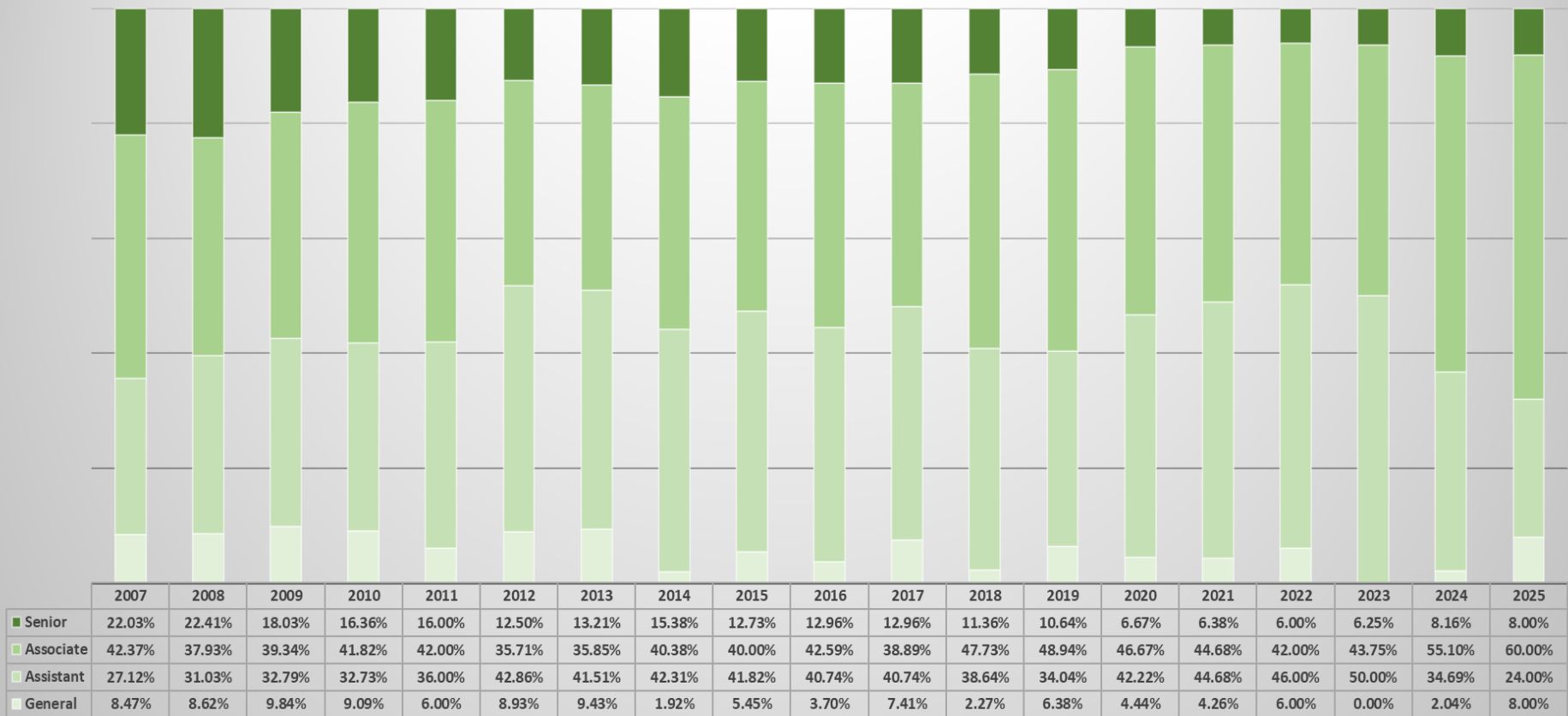
Full-Time Librarians and Archivists 2007 – 2025 (October 1 Count)



Full-Time Resignations and Retirements by Gender 2007-08 through 2025-2026 (interim)



Full-Time Librarian and Archivist Ranks 2007 through 2025



For further information

- After presentation at SCUP, this report can be found at:
http://uwo.ca/facultyrelations/academic_planning
Reports: Recruitment and Retention Report 2026
- The report on Promotion and Tenure of UWOFA faculty, librarians and archivists, which is presented at the end of each promotion cycle, can be found at:
https://www.uwo.ca/facultyrelations/pdf/vice_provost/promotion-tenure-report-2024.pdf
- For additional information on academic staff, Institutional Planning and Budgeting's website contains additional data:
<https://www.ipb.uwo.ca/>

(Note: definitions, inclusion criteria and the dates at which data are collected will influence counts. Therefore, counts may differ slightly among reports prepared from different data sources and for different purposes.)