# THE BURDEN OF STUDENT LOANS

Student Loan debt has consistently increased over the past decade, leaving those with student debt unable to optimally participate in the economy, face delayed first-time home ownership, and have increased financial challenges for retirement.

Student loans can:

- Increase access to higher education
- Help young people build their credit history
- Finance additional costs

However, student loans can also:

- Be extremely difficult to remove via bankruptcy
- Delay financial life-plans and retirement
- Increase financial burdens

#### Median debt by degree in the U.S. (2016)

Certificate	\$8,000
Associate of Arts	\$9,900
Bachelor of Arts	\$19,100
Master of Business Administration	\$42,000
Master of Science	\$50400
Master of Education	\$50,879
Master of Arts	\$58,539
Juris Doctor	\$140,616
Doctor of Medicine	\$161,772



\$37,172 average student loan debt in the U.S. (2019)





### 25%

of those who have educationrelated debt, carry at least some debt on credit cards (2018)



of the \$1 trillion student loan debt was used to finance graduate and professional degrees (2018)

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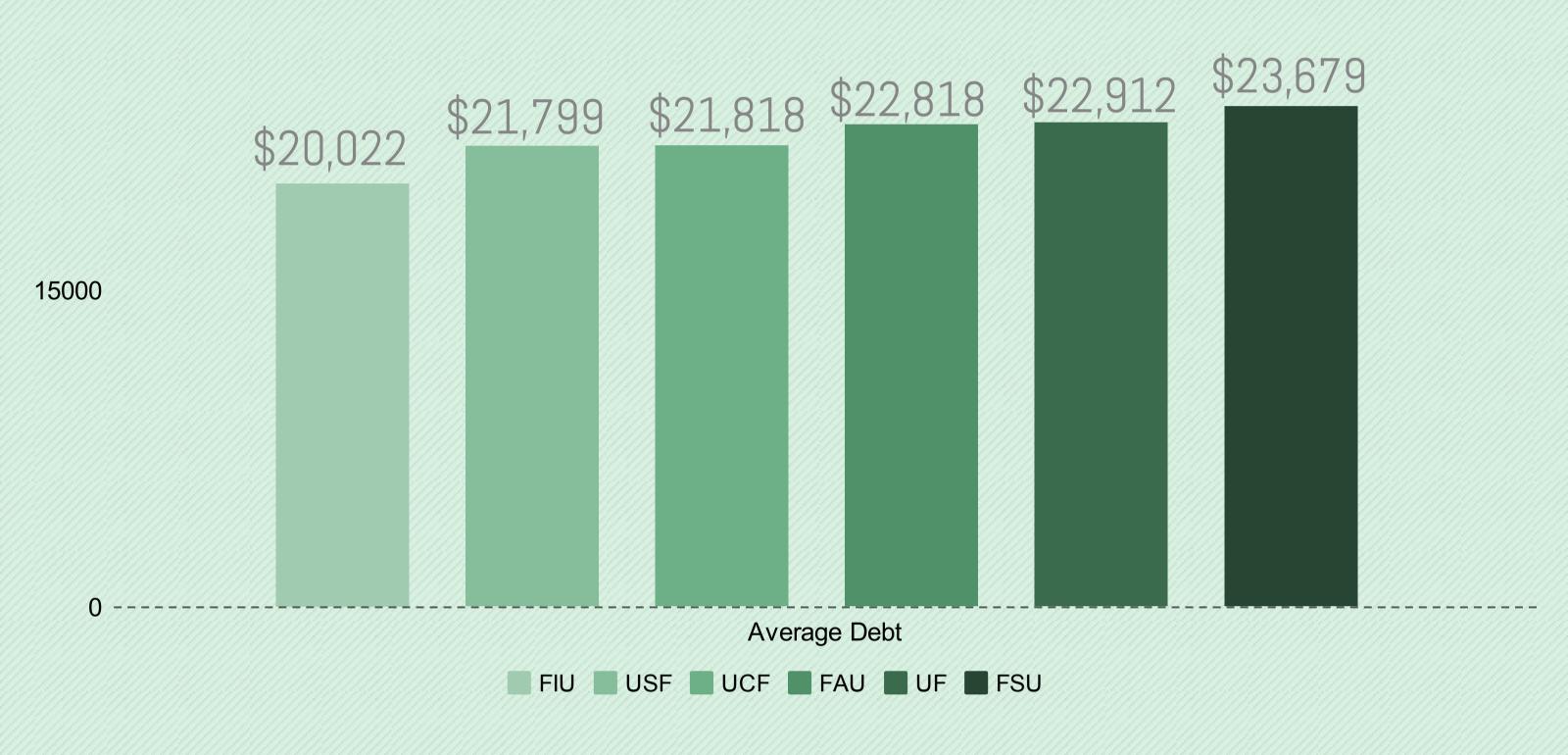
of graduates from the class of 2018 with outstanding student debt



the year student loan debt surpassed both auto and credit card debt

# Graduate Debt: Florida





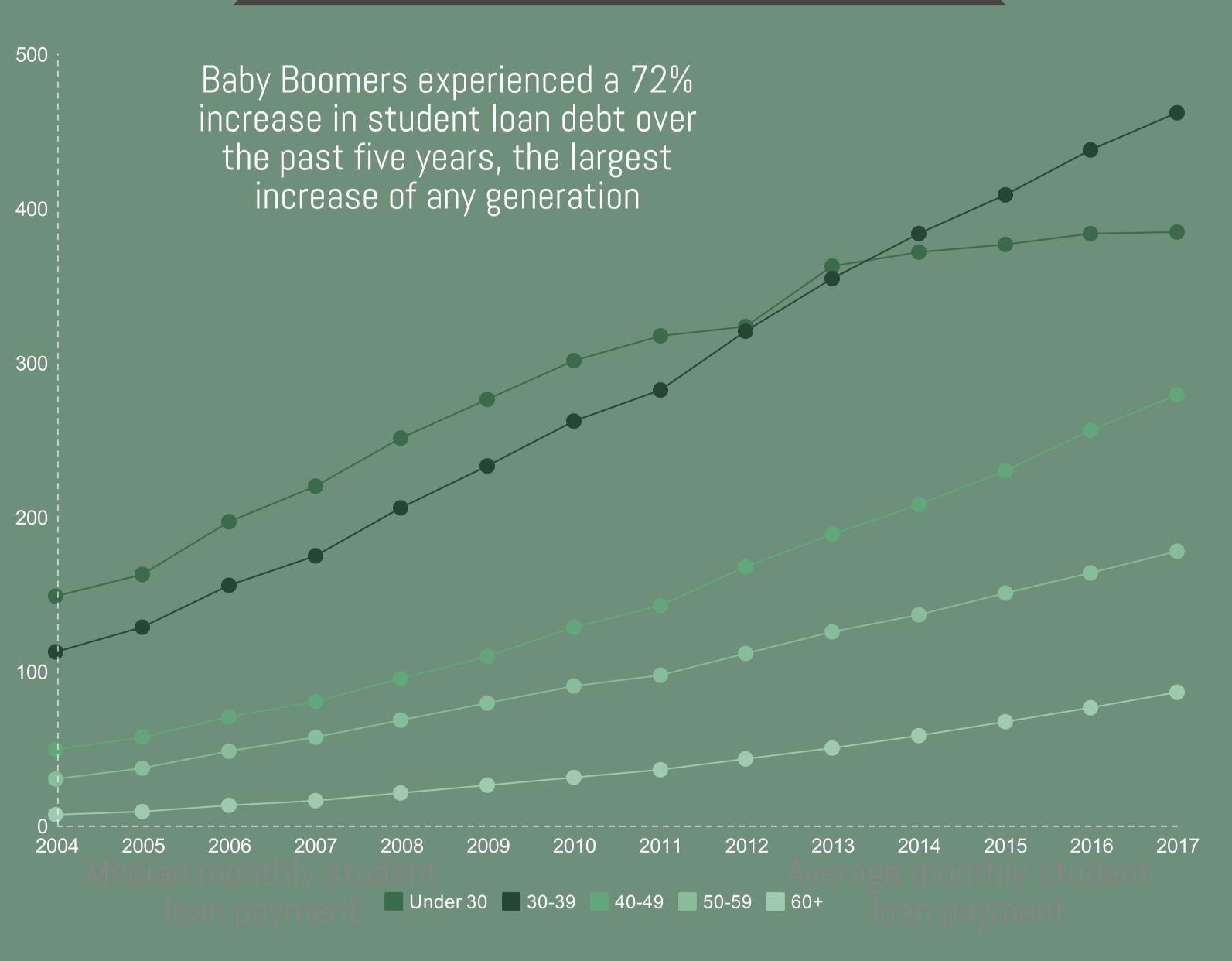
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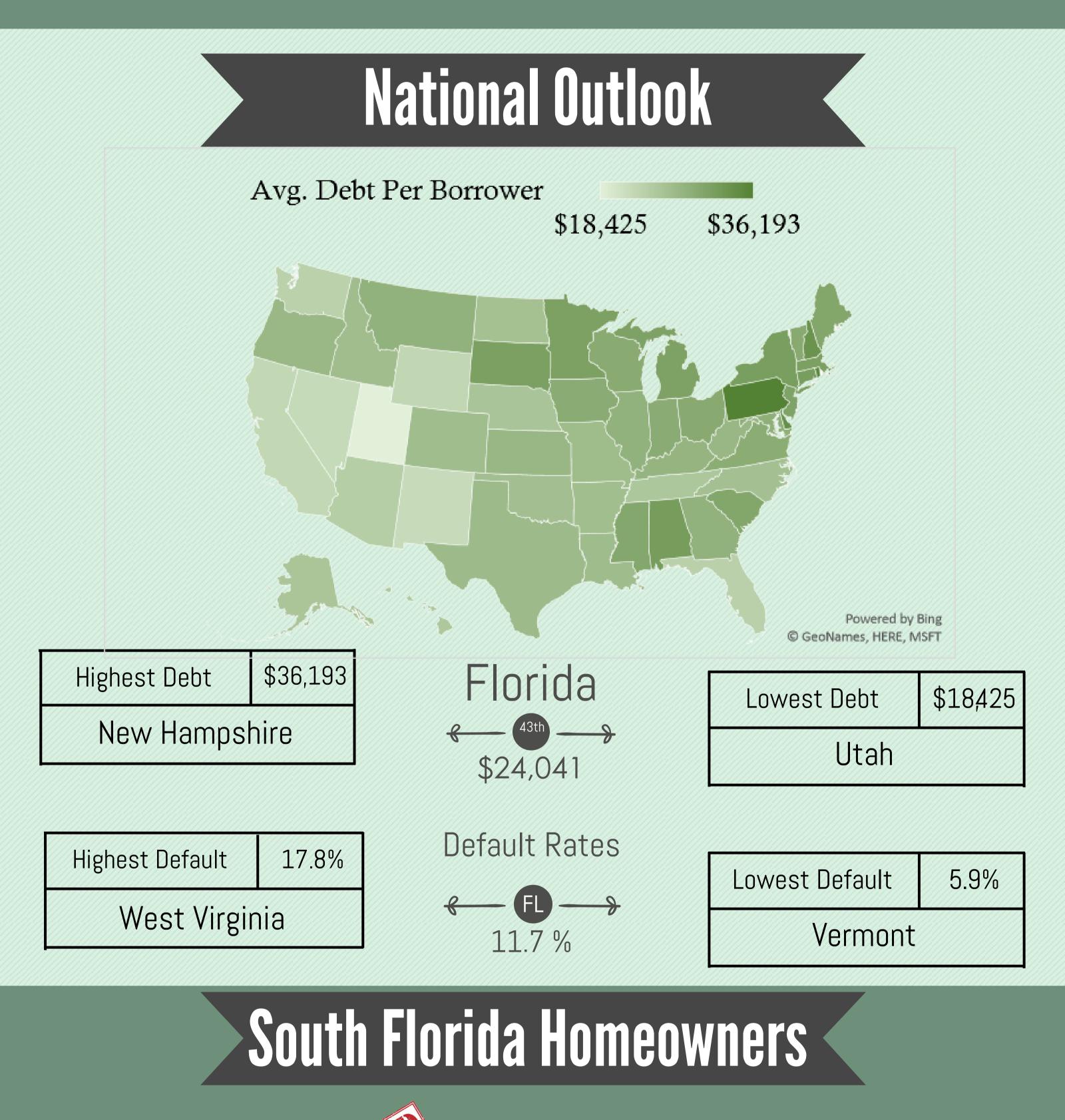




50% USF UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

### Debt Distribution







Average Delay: <u>7 Yrs</u>

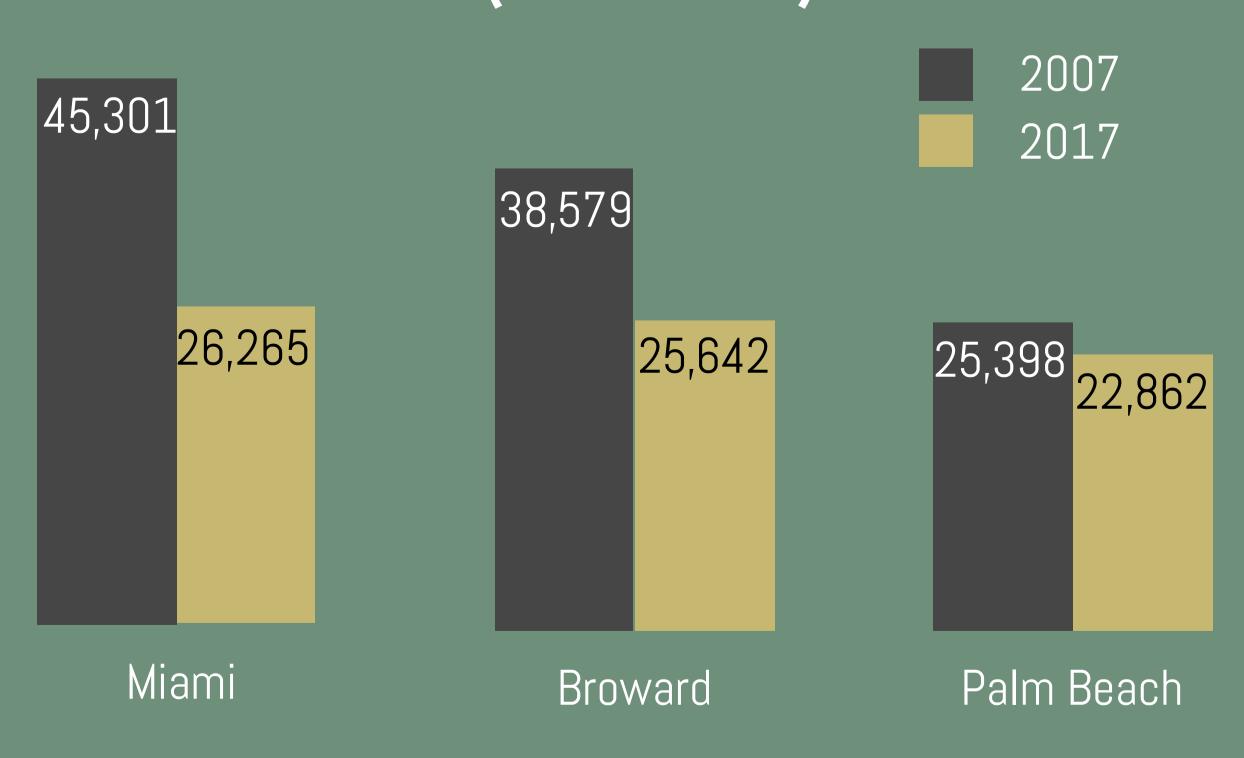
Outstanding student loan debt for recent graduates has negatively impacted housing markets - first-time home buyers have declined the most for the 25-34 age group.



-34% decrease of home-ownership in Broward

-10% decrease of home-ownership in Palm Beach

#### South Florida Homeowners Ages 25-34 (2007 vs 2017)



## Why it Matters?

Median household incomes have barely budged since 1976, yet the
median price of college attendance has more than doubled.

Retirees with student loan debt have less savings than those without debt, and risk retirement benefits being garnished if •

In certain states, defaulting on student loans can lead to
revoked professional work licenses as well as state issued licenses.

40% of student loan debt held by those older than 60, is in default status.

Women hold 2/3's of all student loan debt - nearly \$900 Billion in mid-2018



Sources: AAUW National, US Census, Student Loan Hero, American Fact Finder, Institute for College Access & Success (TICAS, 2010 Survey of Consumer Finances (SCF), Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Federal Reserve Board, Forbes, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis