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TEAM-UP REPORT

# **THE TIME IS NOW**

## **Systemic Changes to Increase African Americans with Bachelor's Degrees in Physics and Astronomy**

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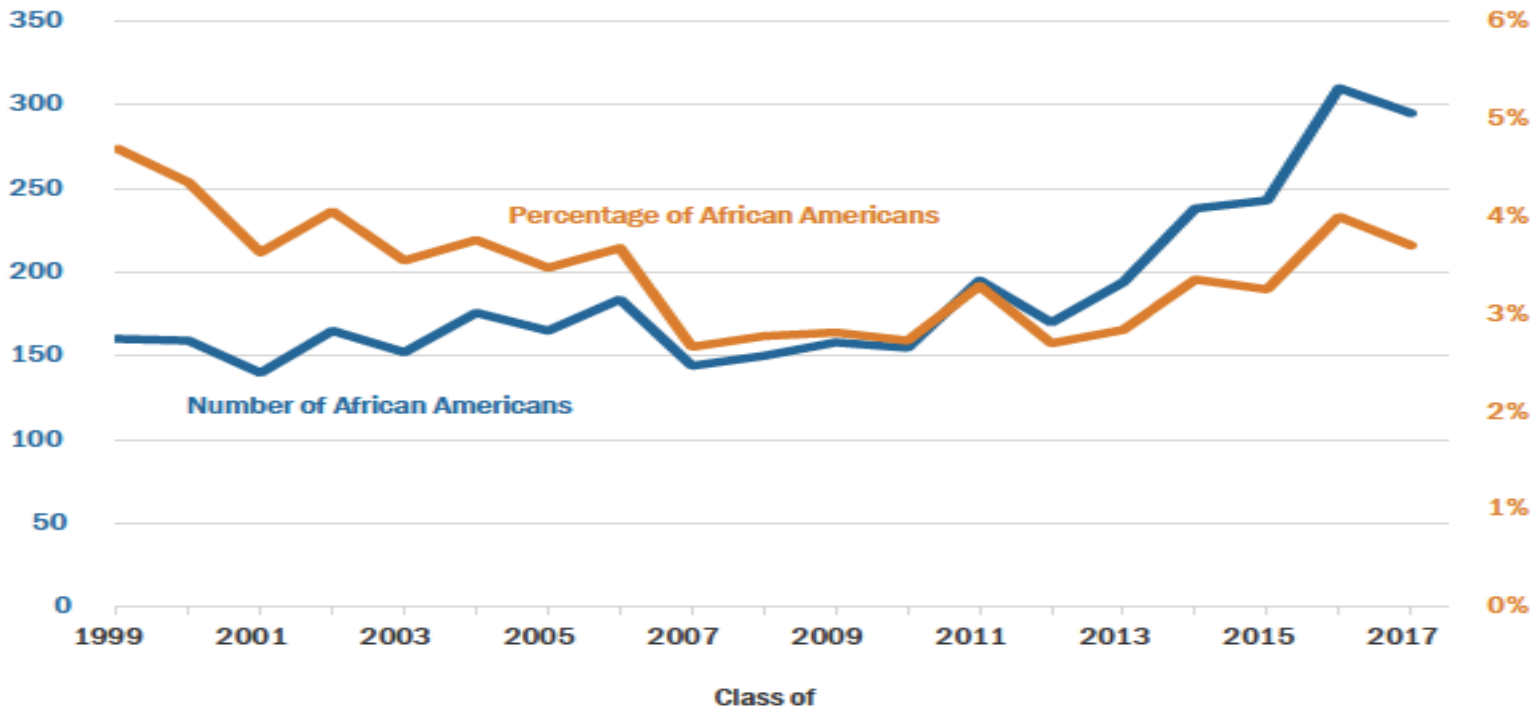
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## Number and Percentage of Physics Bachelor's Degrees Earned by African Americans



The percentage of degrees awarded to African-Americans is based on US citizens only. Typically between 5% and 6% of physics bachelors are awarded to non-US citizens.

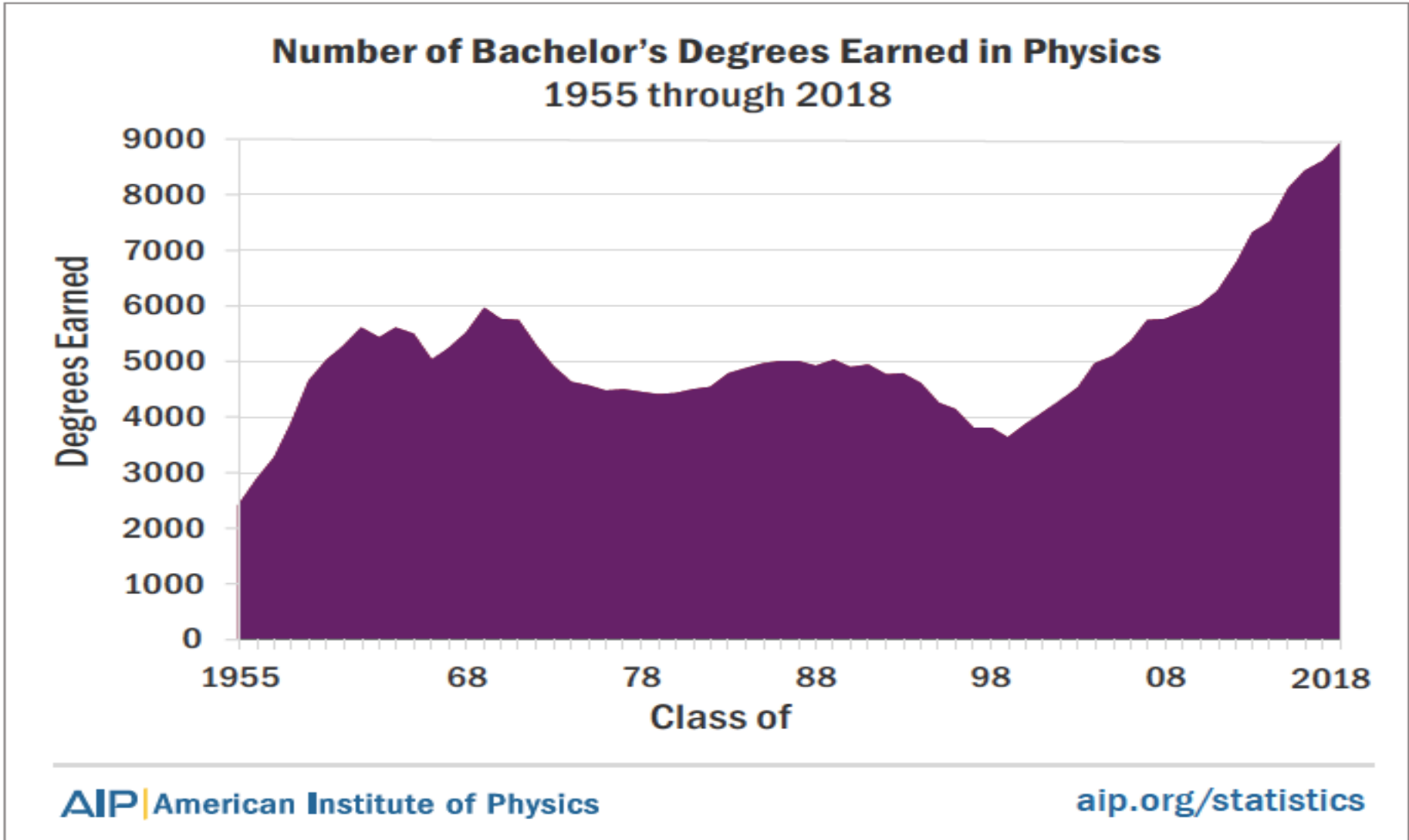


Figure 2: Number of Bachelor's Degrees Earned in Physics 1955 – 2018

### Growth in Bachelor's Degrees Awarded to African Americans All Colleges

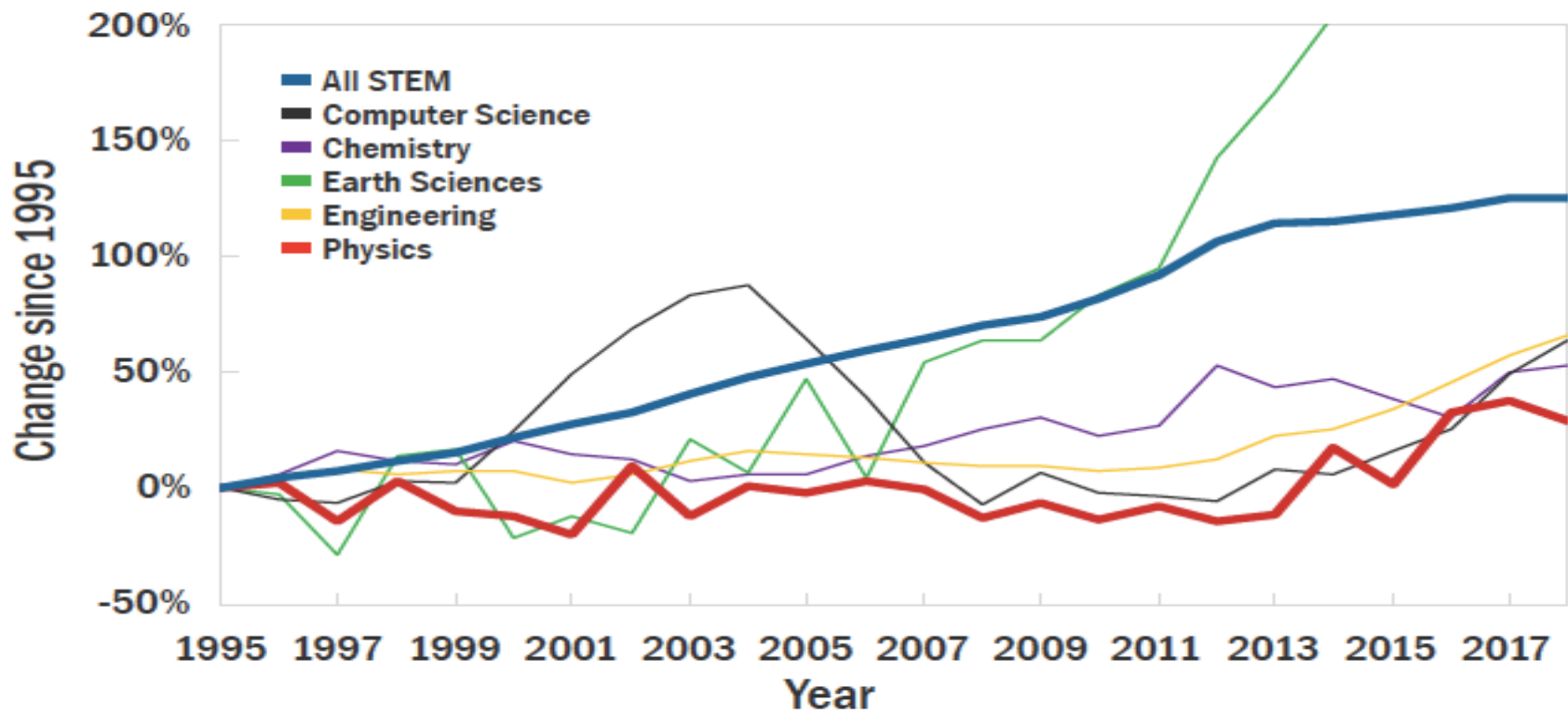


Figure 3: Growth in bachelor's degrees awarded to African Americans All Colleges  
Source: IPEDS

**From 1995 to 2015, the number of physics bachelor's degrees awarded to African Americans increased by 4% compared with a 36% increase for all physical sciences (Merner and Tyler 2019, and Figure 3).**

