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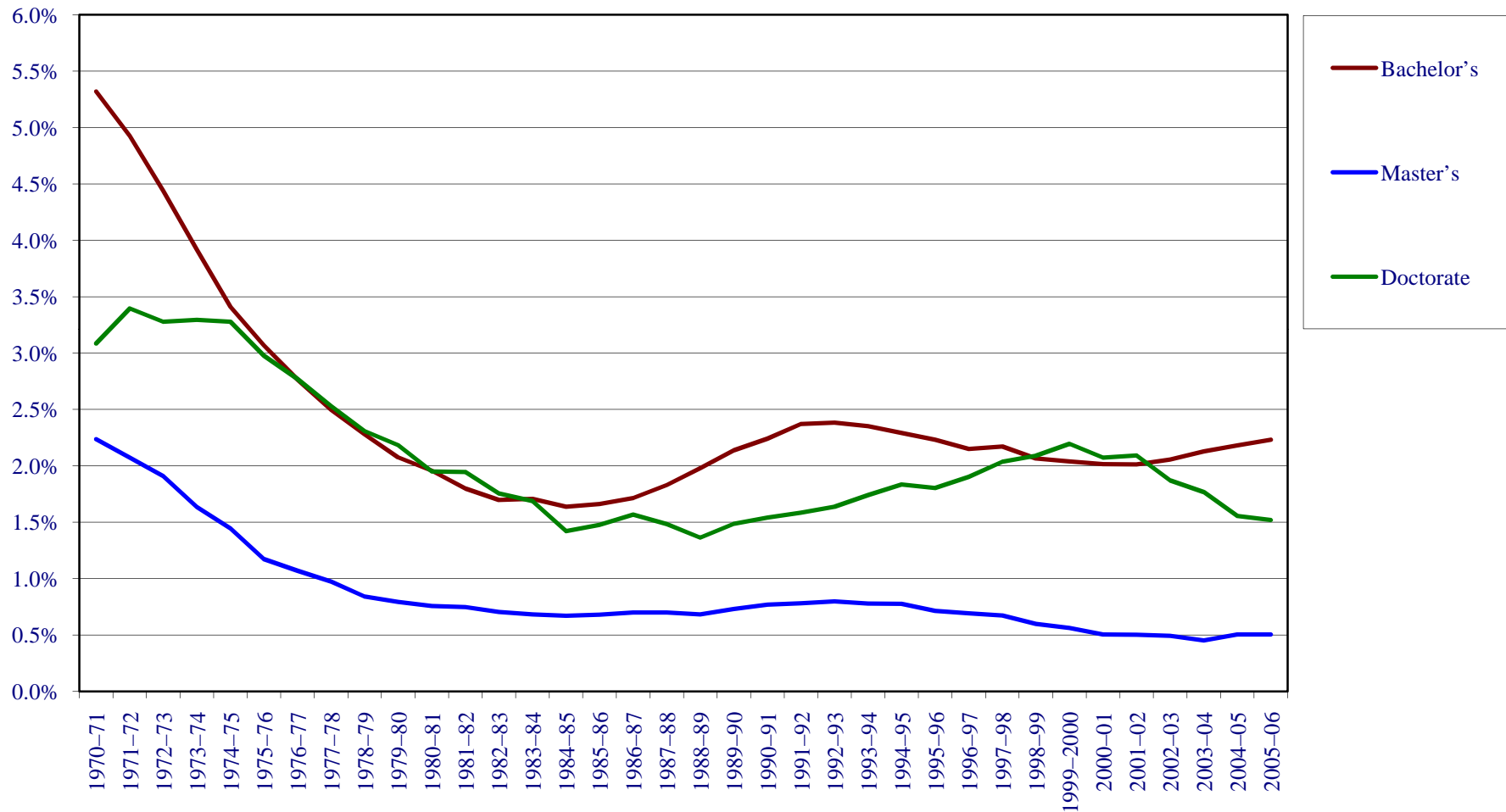
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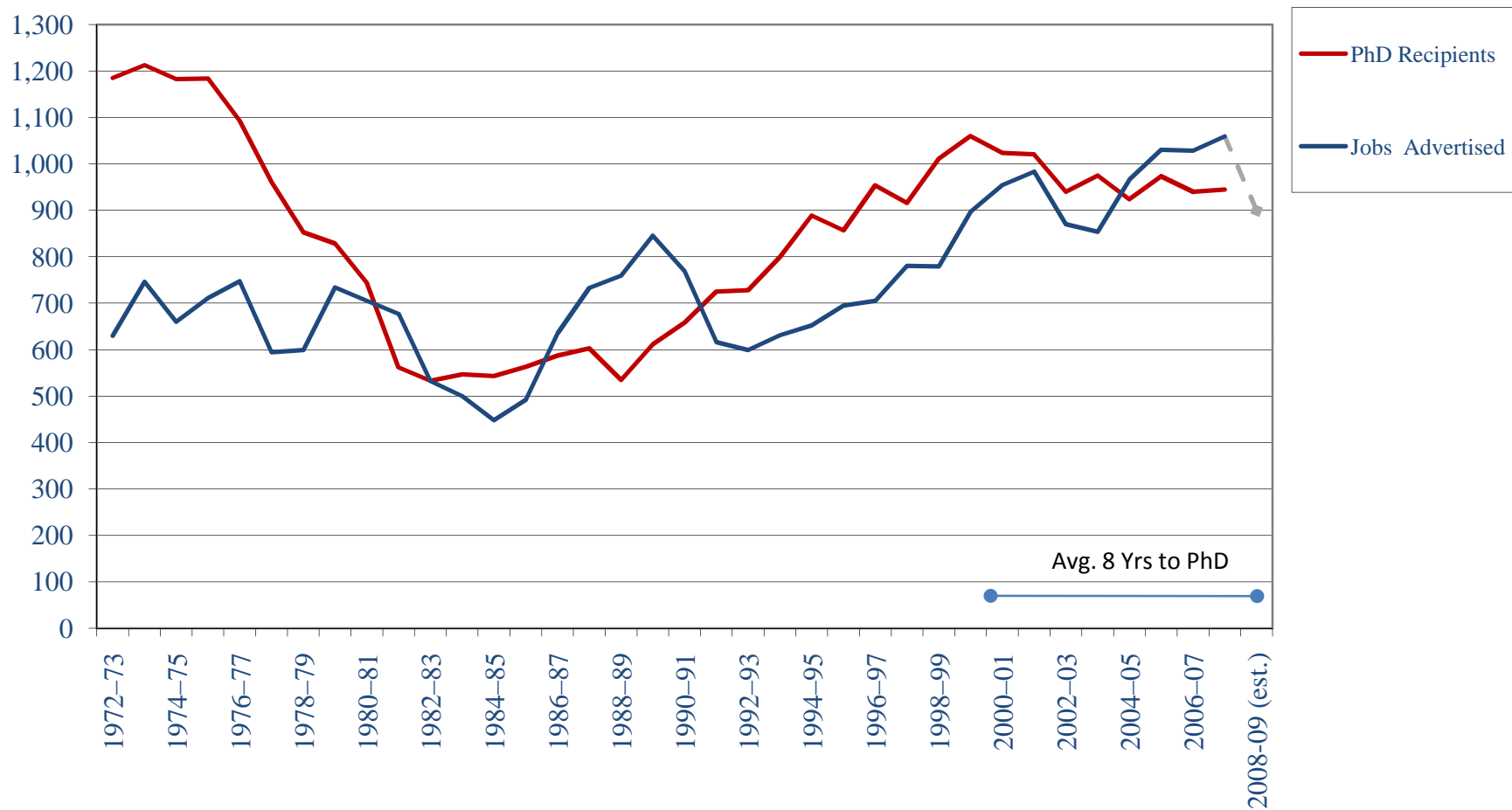
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Figure 1: History Degrees as a Proportion of All Degrees Conferred at Level, 1970–71 to 2005–06



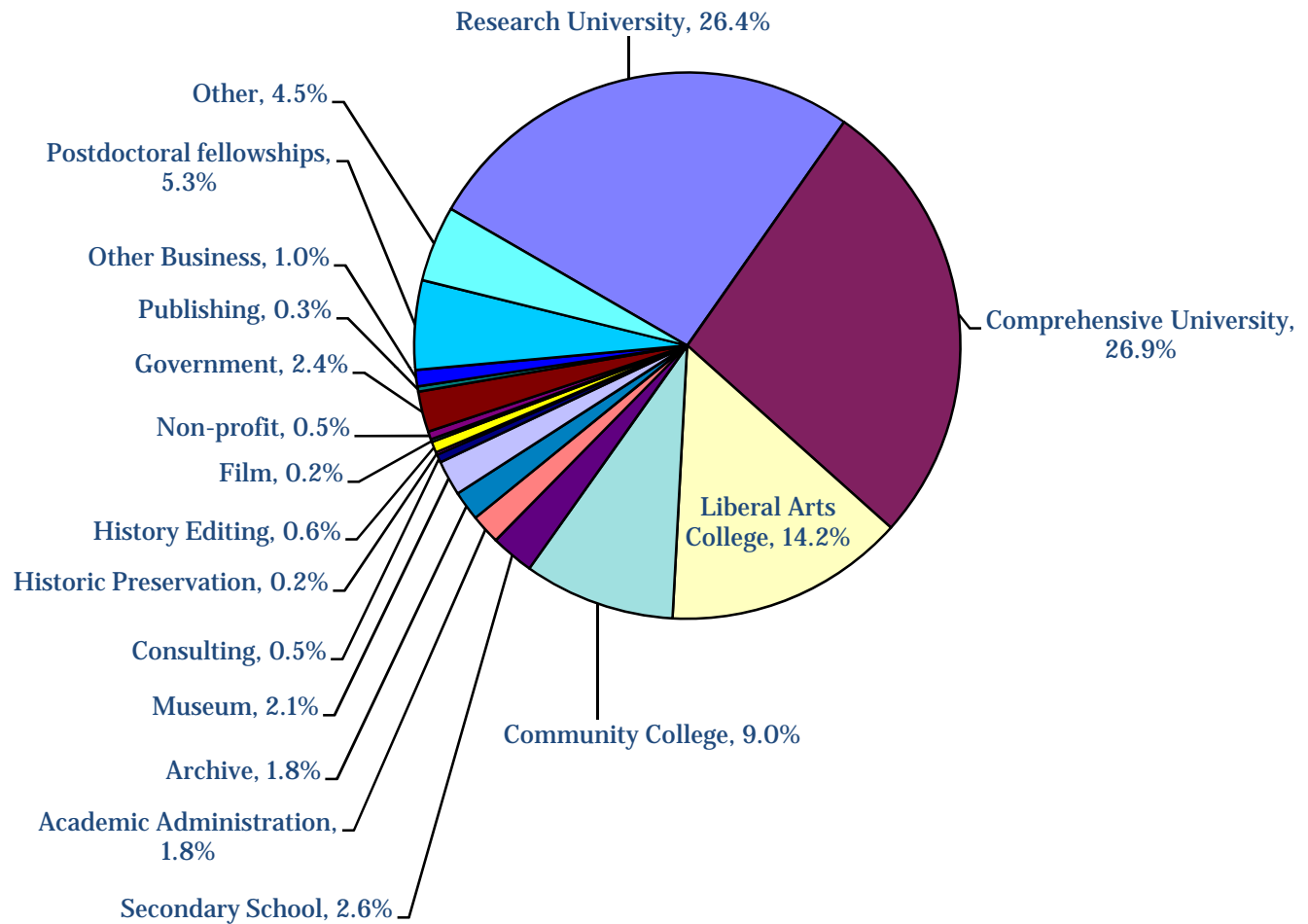
Source: Digest of Education Statistics 2007, (Washington, D.C.: National Center for Education Statistics, 2008) online at http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d07/list_tables3.asp.

Figure 2: Number of New History PhDs and Advertised Job Openings, 1970–71 to 2007–08



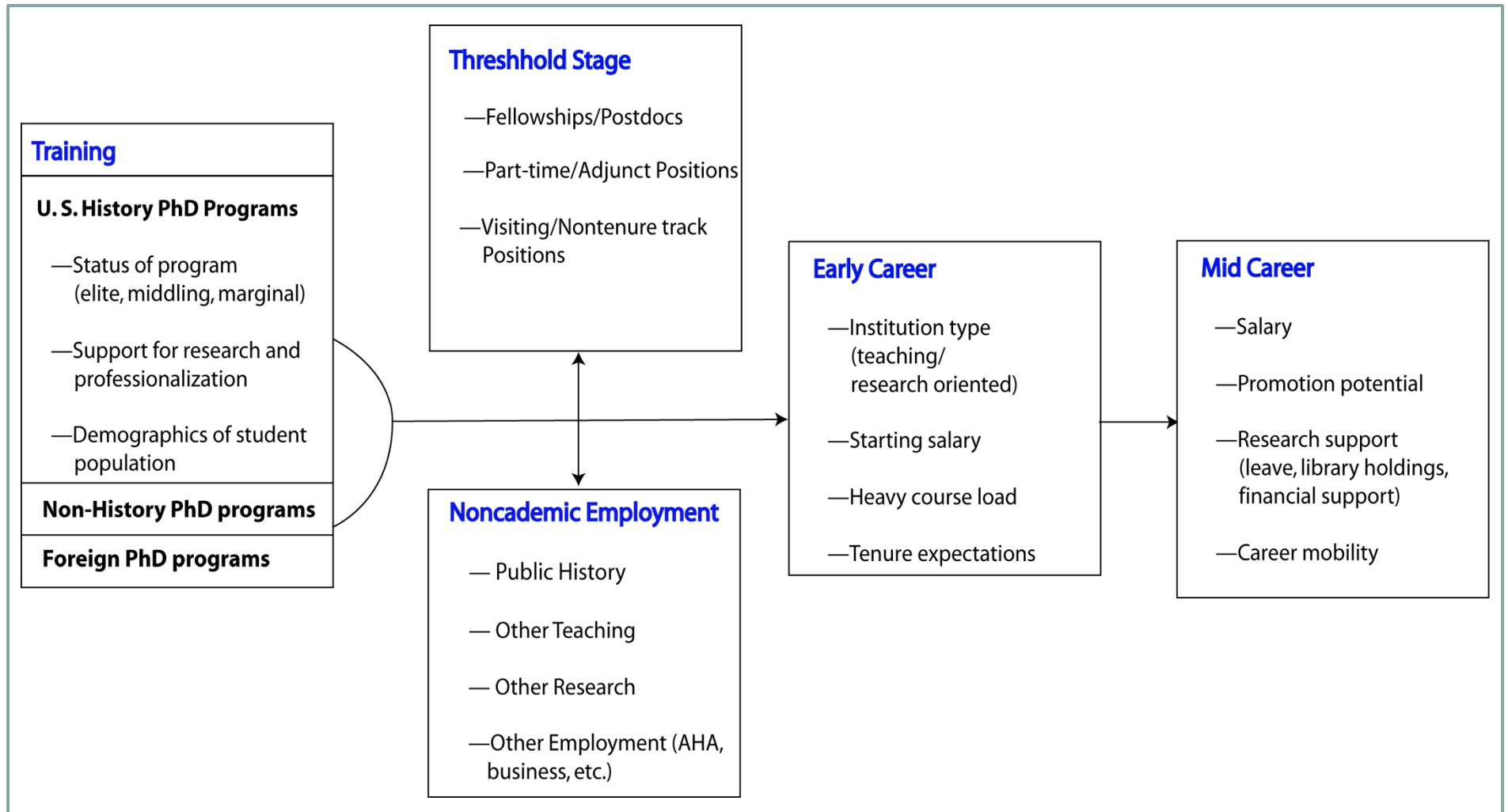
Source: Data on PhD recipients from annual Doctorate Recipients from United States Universities: Summary Report, supplemented for last year by estimate based on the latest reportings to the annual Directory of History Departments. Data on job openings is a simple count of the first listings of jobs in Perspectives (which eliminates duplicates but includes senior, public history, and one-year fellowships).

Figure 3: Where Do History PhDs Find Jobs?



Source: Information collected in AHA survey of Directors of Graduate Studies in PhD-granting programs at 78 departments, 2000-01.

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