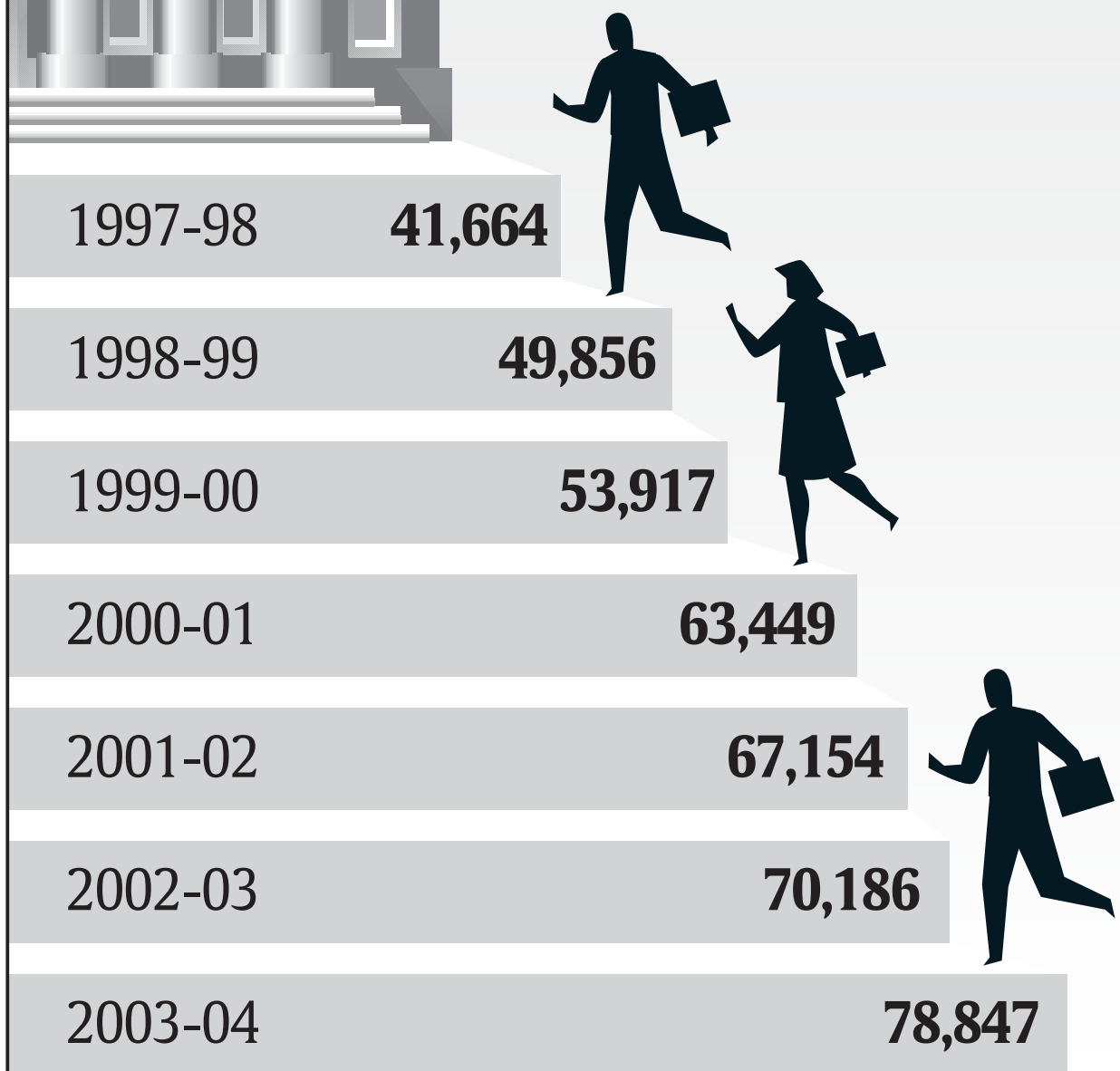


More students apply early

Number of students applying to college under early decision plans:



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