



University of South Carolina

Aiken

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USC Aiken – Overview

USC Aiken...

was founded in 1961 when the community spoke out for the need for an institution of higher education in the Aiken area.

is a comprehensive liberal arts institution committed to active learning through excellence in teaching, faculty and student scholarship, research, creative activities, and service.

emphasizes small classes and individual attention.

combines the advantages of a smaller institution with the resources of a major university system.

offers baccalaureate degrees in a number of disciplines, completion baccalaureate degrees at University of South Carolina regional campuses, **and master's degrees** in selected programs.

impacts the community by providing \$100 million of economic growth to the area.



USC Aiken – Values



We Value

1. A High Quality Learning Environment

We seek to impart a broad range of skills, knowledge, and wisdom and maximize each student's potential.

2. Collegiality

We aspire to be a nurturing community where people support one another in their efforts to learn and excel.

3. Character

We embrace diversity and expect integrity and honesty.

4. Citizenship

We seek to develop responsible citizenship and working for the common good.



USC Aiken – Strategic Plan

“Graduate Engaged Learners and Principled Citizens”

Excellent Academic and Co-Curricular Programs

- General education revision
- Experiential learning
- Effective teaching strategies and techniques
- Student retention and academic success

A Dynamic Student-Centered Environment

- Enrollment management
- Recruitment of students beyond the CSRA
- Academic advising
- Enhance the sense of community

Superior Faculty and Staff

- Competitive salaries
- Support for scholarly and creative activities of faculty
- Recruit and retain minority faculty and professional staff

Strong Community Relations

- Partnerships with K-12 education
- Engagement of USCA alumni
- Private giving
- Community pride in local area

Enhanced Campus Environment

- Campus Housing expansion and related services
- Improve campus space for formal and informal learning
- Effectiveness and efficiency of administrative processes

Enhance the Institution’s Financial Base

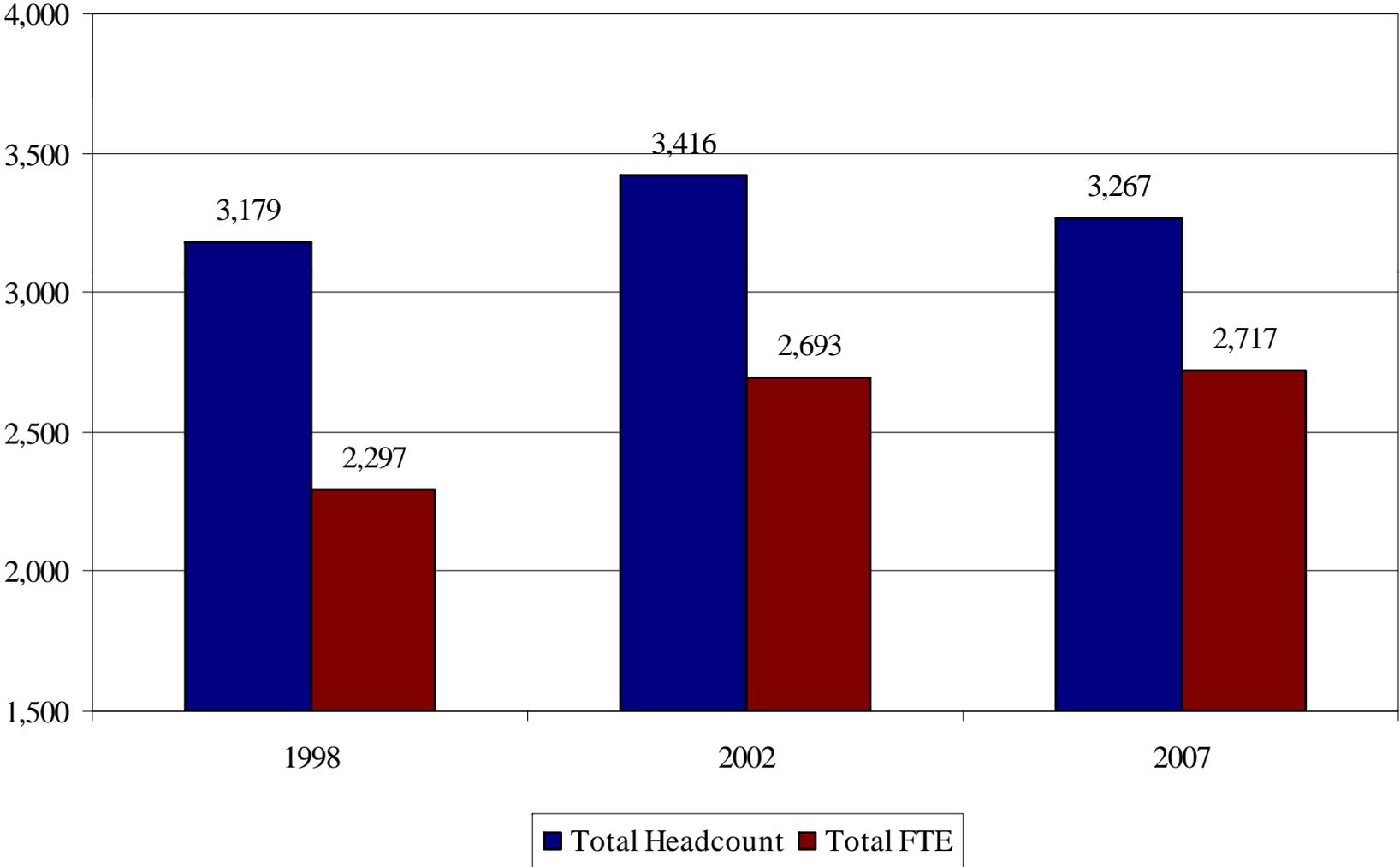
- Secure financial resources to accomplish university’s goals and objectives
- Develop tuition and financial aid policies for increased access and affordability
- Establish reserve account for facility and infrastructure needs



USC Aiken – Master Plan

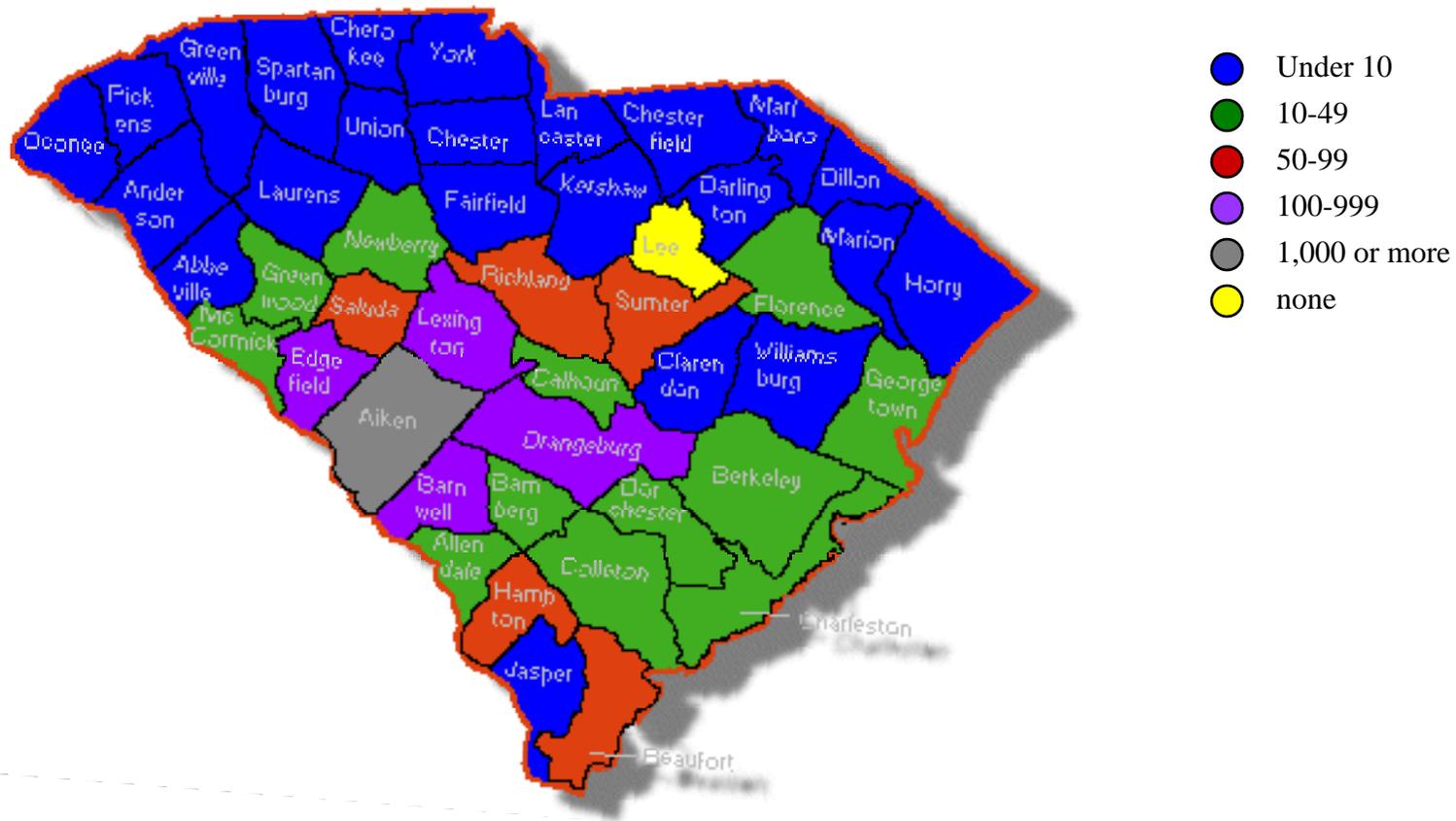


USC Aiken – Enrollment Highlights

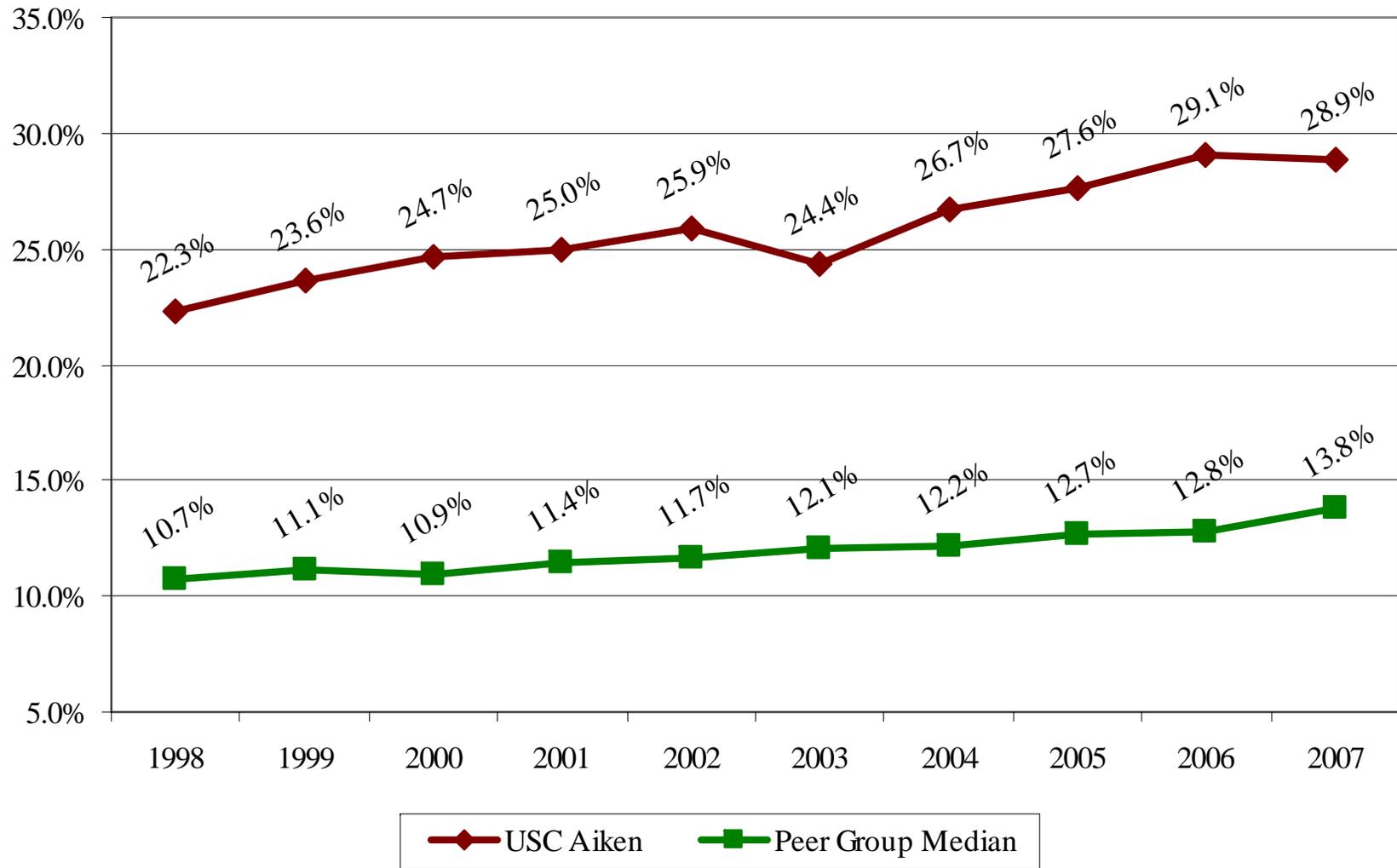


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Students by County of Residence (Fall 2007)

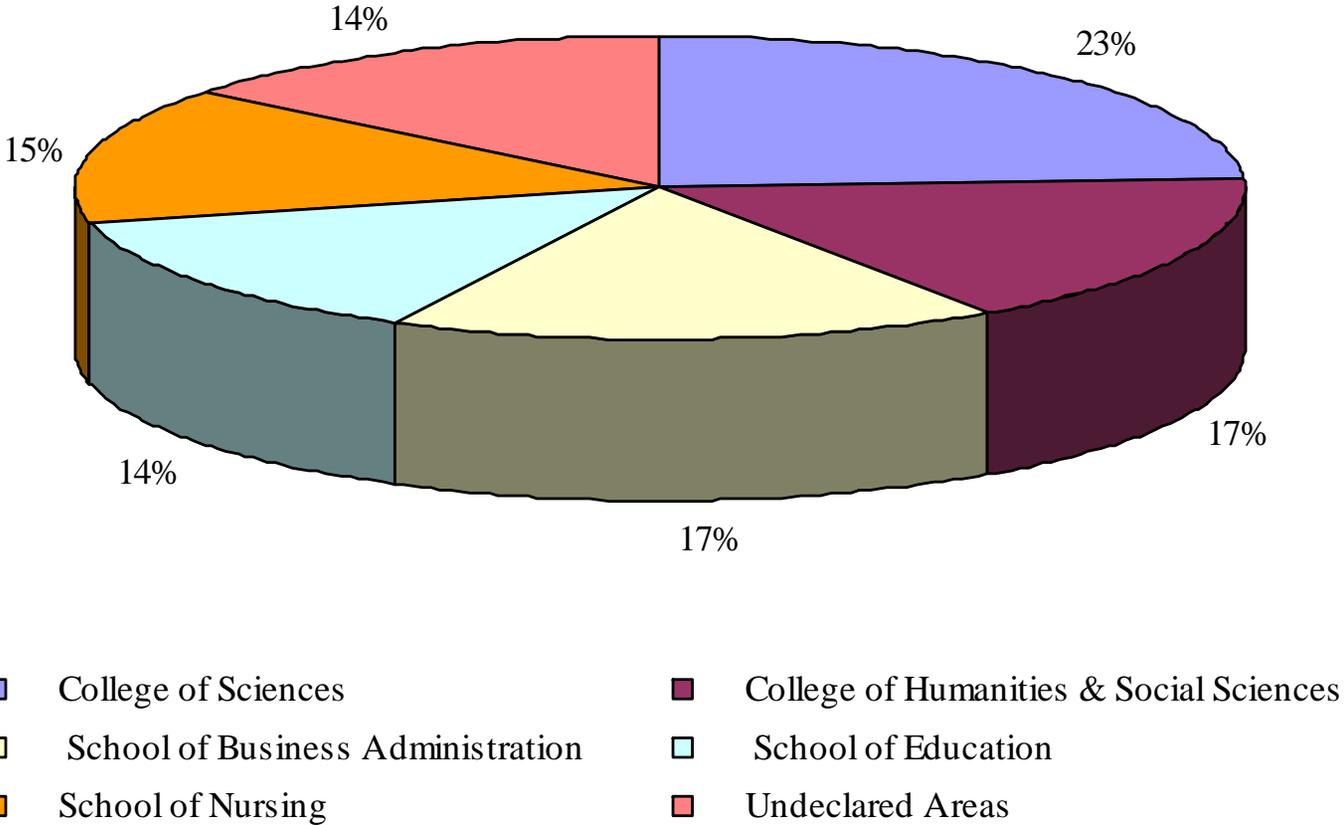


USC Aiken – Minority Enrollment



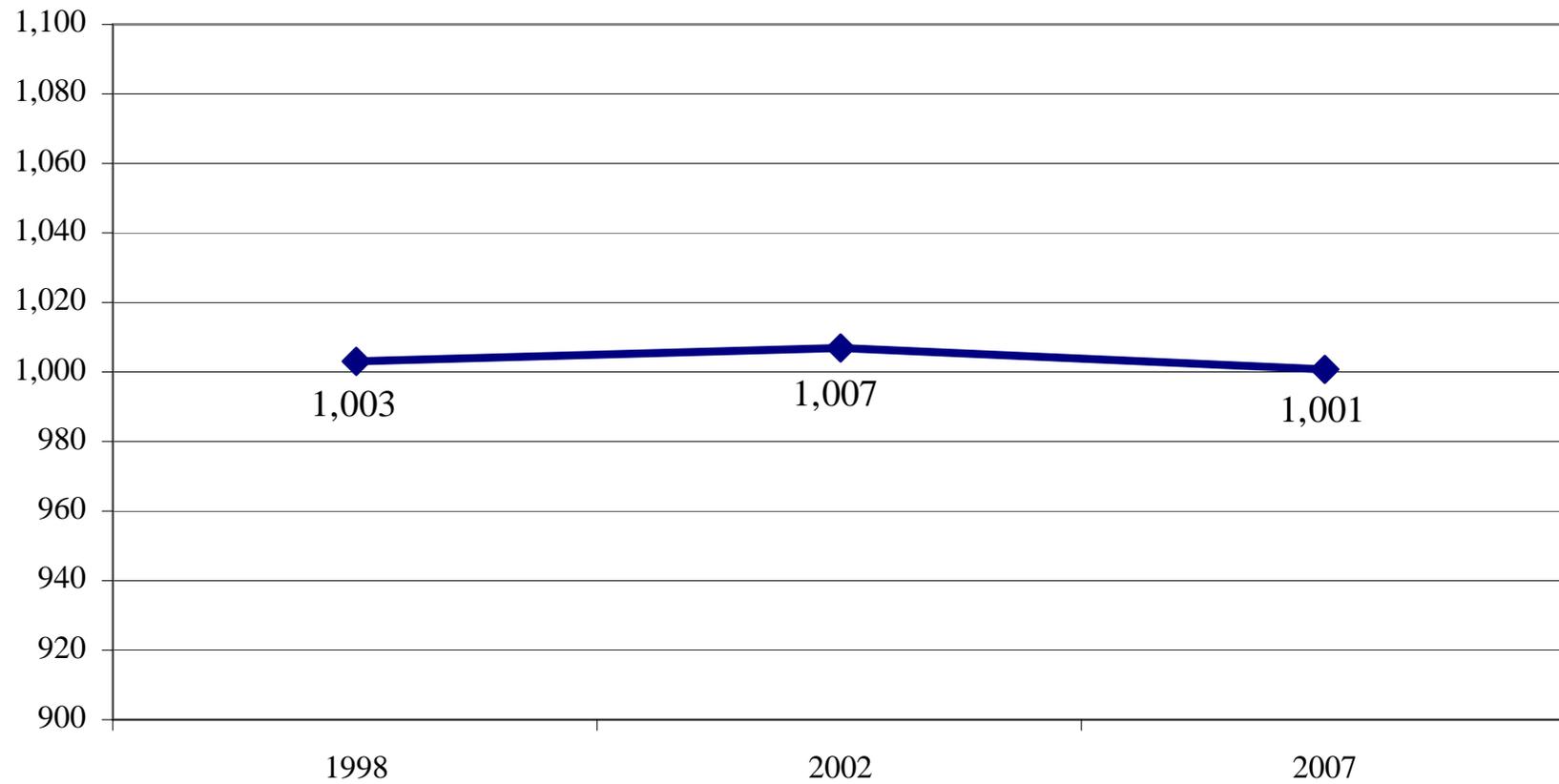
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Fall 2007 Enrollment by Discipline

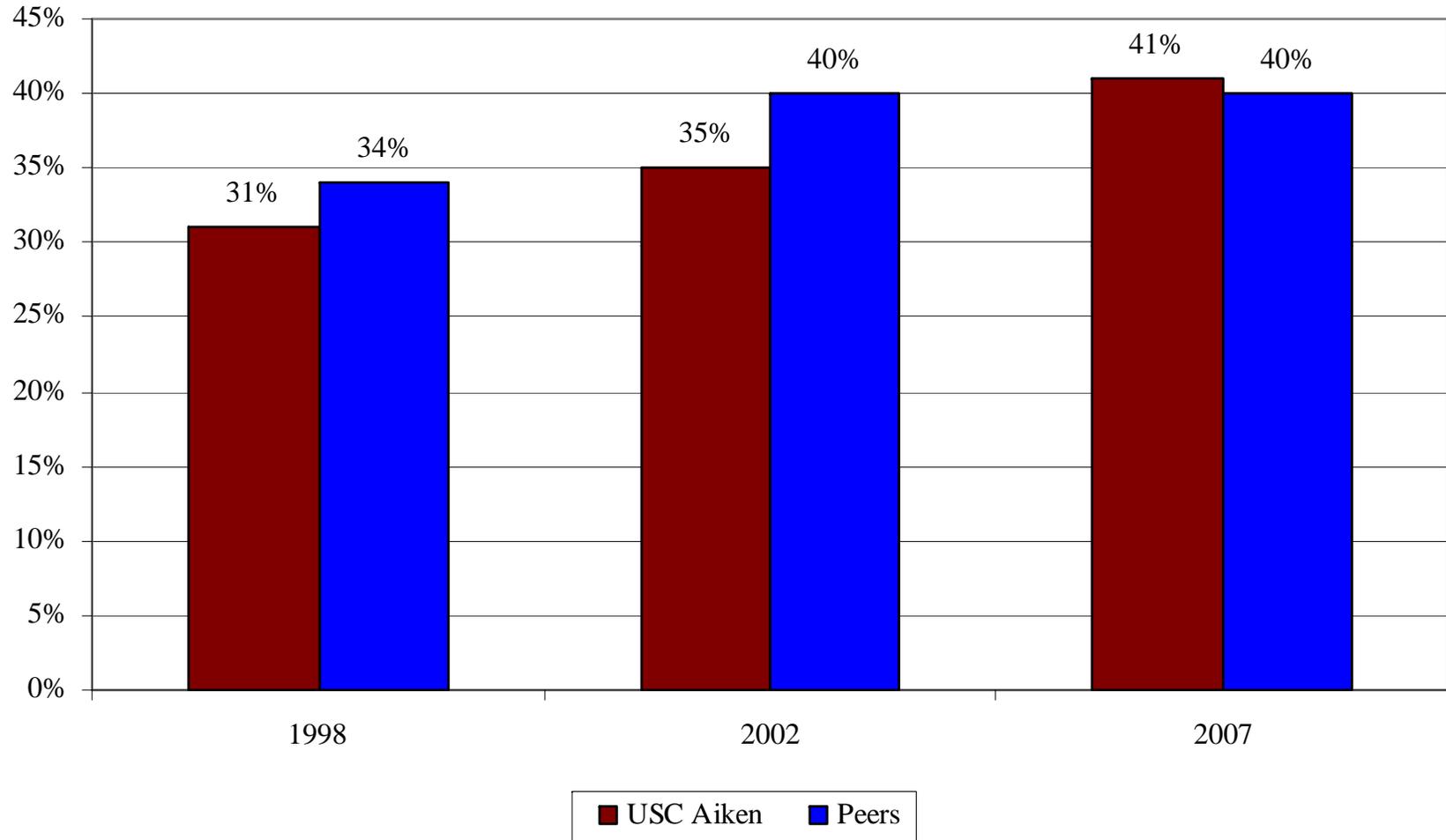


USC Aiken – SAT Scores

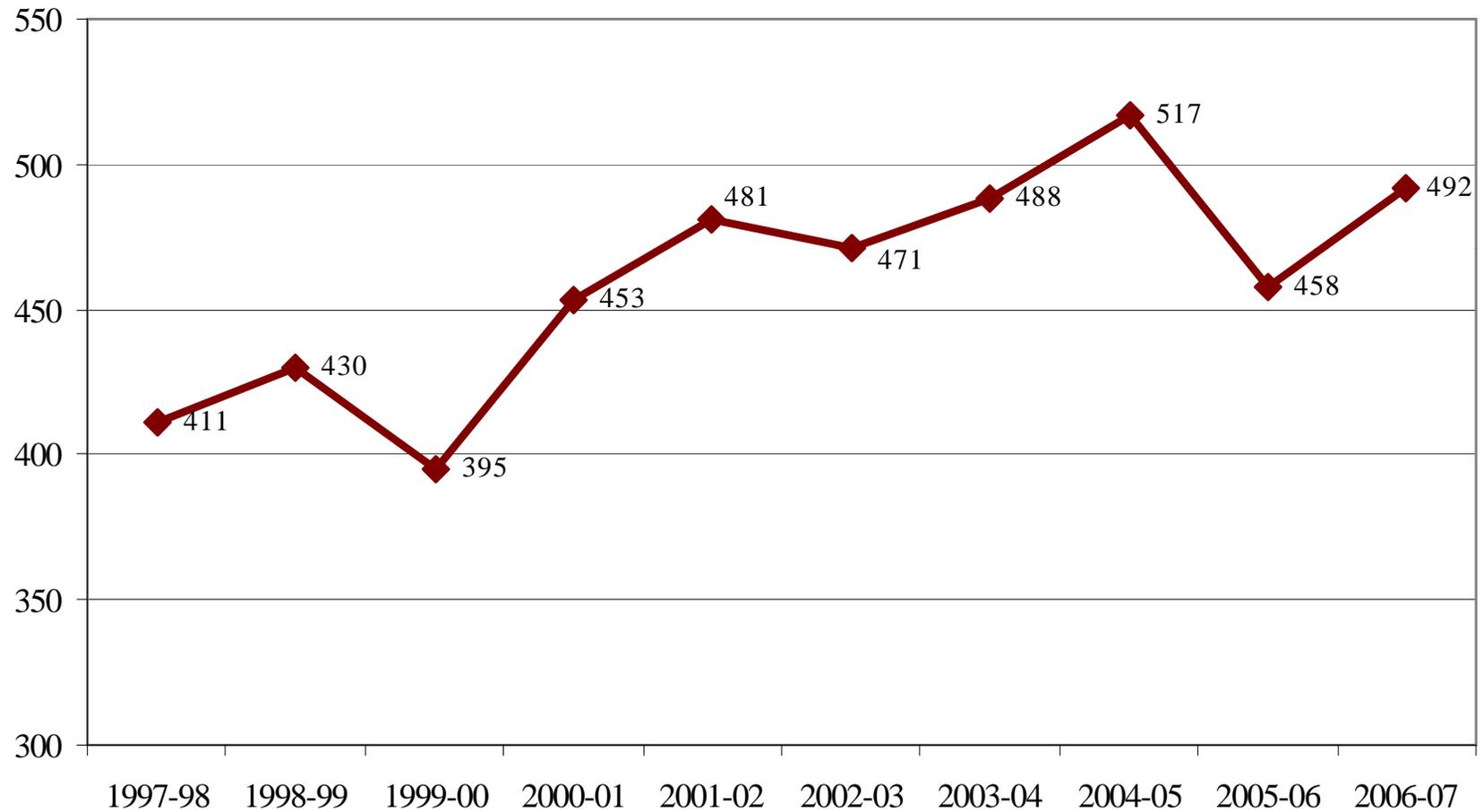
SAT Scores of Entering Freshmen



USC Aiken – Six Year Graduation Rates



USC Aiken – Bachelor Degrees Awarded



USC Aiken – Housing Expansion



Pacer Crossings
Freshman residence hall

USC Aiken – Community Outreach

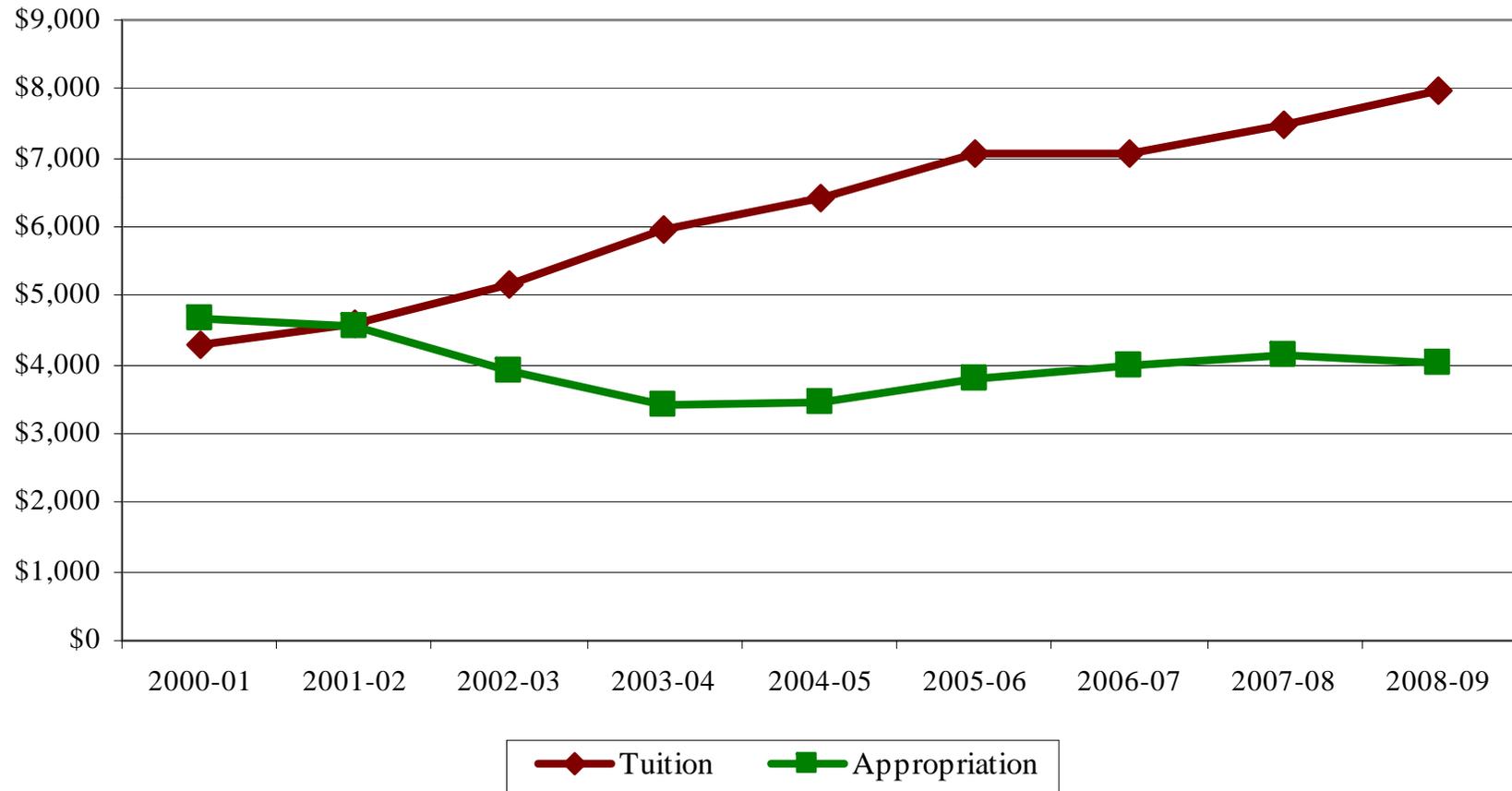


**USCA
Convocation
Center**

95,000 visitors

Led Peach Belt
Conference in
attendance

USC Aiken – State Appropriations and Tuition & Fees



USC Aiken – Change in State Appropriations

USC Aiken	FY 1998	FY 2002	FY 2008	FY 2009
State Appropriations	\$9,896,418	\$11,790,815	\$11,763,424	\$11,450,512
% of Total Current Fund Revenue	38.8%	40.0%	22.9%	21%



USC Aiken – Funding

32.5% of All Undergraduate Students receive
Lottery-Funded Merit Scholarships

Local Funding (2007-2008) Aiken County
Millage – \$987,000

Sponsored Research (2006-2007) – \$983,420



USC Aiken – Operating Request

USC Aiken’s greatest need is for increased operating funds. Additional funds will be used to sustain a level of excellence in academic support for students and maintain a desirable student-faculty ratio.

USC Aiken is committed to providing students a high quality education at a reasonable cost. Recurring state operating funds are critical to maintaining and improving salaries for existing faculty and staff.

State funding has not kept pace with that for other institutions either within our state or with peers in other states.

This lack of funding has caused USCA to severely limit program improvements for our students and increase tuition beyond students’ capacity to pay.

Total USC Aiken Operating Investment - \$1,800,000



USC Aiken – Capital Projects

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| 1. New Academic Center | \$14,100,000 |
| 2. Business and Education Building Renovations | \$ 1,500,000 |
| 3. Etherredge Center Classroom Addition | <u>\$ 6,700,000</u> |

Total USC Aiken Capital Project Investment \$22,300,000



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