



# Overview of Independent Higher Education

Governor's Higher Education Task Force  
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# Who is SCICU ?

Founded 1953 as a non-profit organization

Primary purpose of promoting independent higher education

60 Member board consisting of business and community leaders from across the state

Fundraising / Lobbying / Program Administration / Collaborative Activities



# SCICU Member Institutions

The institutions that participate in the SC  
Tuition Grants Program are SCICU members

## Non-Members:

- Bob Jones University
- Non-Accredited Institutions
- Proprietary/For Profit Institutions



**A. Anderson**

*Anderson*

**B. Central**

*Southern Wesleyan*

**C. Charleston**

*Charleston Southern*

**D. Clinton**

*Presbyterian*

**E. Columbia**

*Allen*

*Benedict*

*Columbia*

*Columbia International*

**F. Denmark**

*Voorhees*

**G. Due West**

*Erskine*

**H. Gaffney**

*Limestone*

**I. Greenville**

*Furman*

*North Greenville*

**J. Hartsville**

*Coker*

**K. Newberry**

*Newberry*

**L. Orangeburg**

*Clafin*

**M. Spartanburg**

*Converse*

*Spartanburg Methodist*

*Wofford*

**N. Sumter**

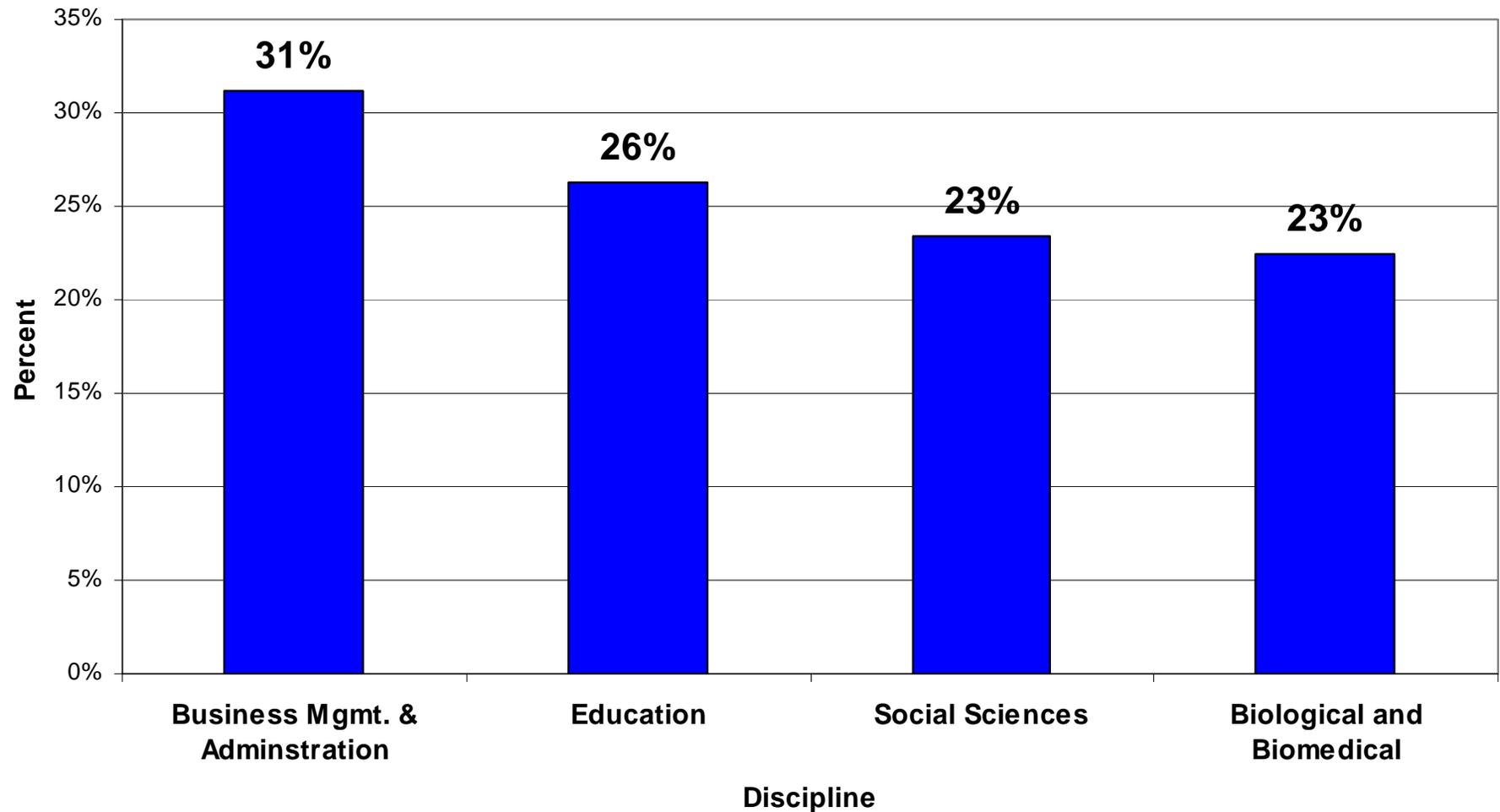
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# Important Quick Facts

- 20 Diverse institutions including two women's colleges, five historically black colleges and universities, and one two-year school
- Enrollment of nearly 33,000 students annually
- Over 5,000 faculty and staff
- Expenditures of over \$500 million annually – directly influencing the state's economy
- Award nearly 26% of the state's four-year degrees.
- SCICU average graduation rates of 50% (six-year)
- Several of South Carolina's independent schools are ranked among the top liberal arts colleges in the Southeast
- A wide variety of traditional degree programs, as well as accelerated and evening college programs for adults

# Percentage of South Carolina's Baccalaureate Degrees by Discipline



# What are the Core Educational Values?



- Liberal Arts Tradition
- Focus on Quality Teaching
- Small Classes
- Commitment to Community Service/Civic Engagement
- Partners in Regional Development
- Emphasis on Student Participation
- Individual Attention/Mentoring
- Preparation for Life and Work

# Enrollment Statistics

## SCICU Member Institutions

74% are from South Carolina

90% are full-time students

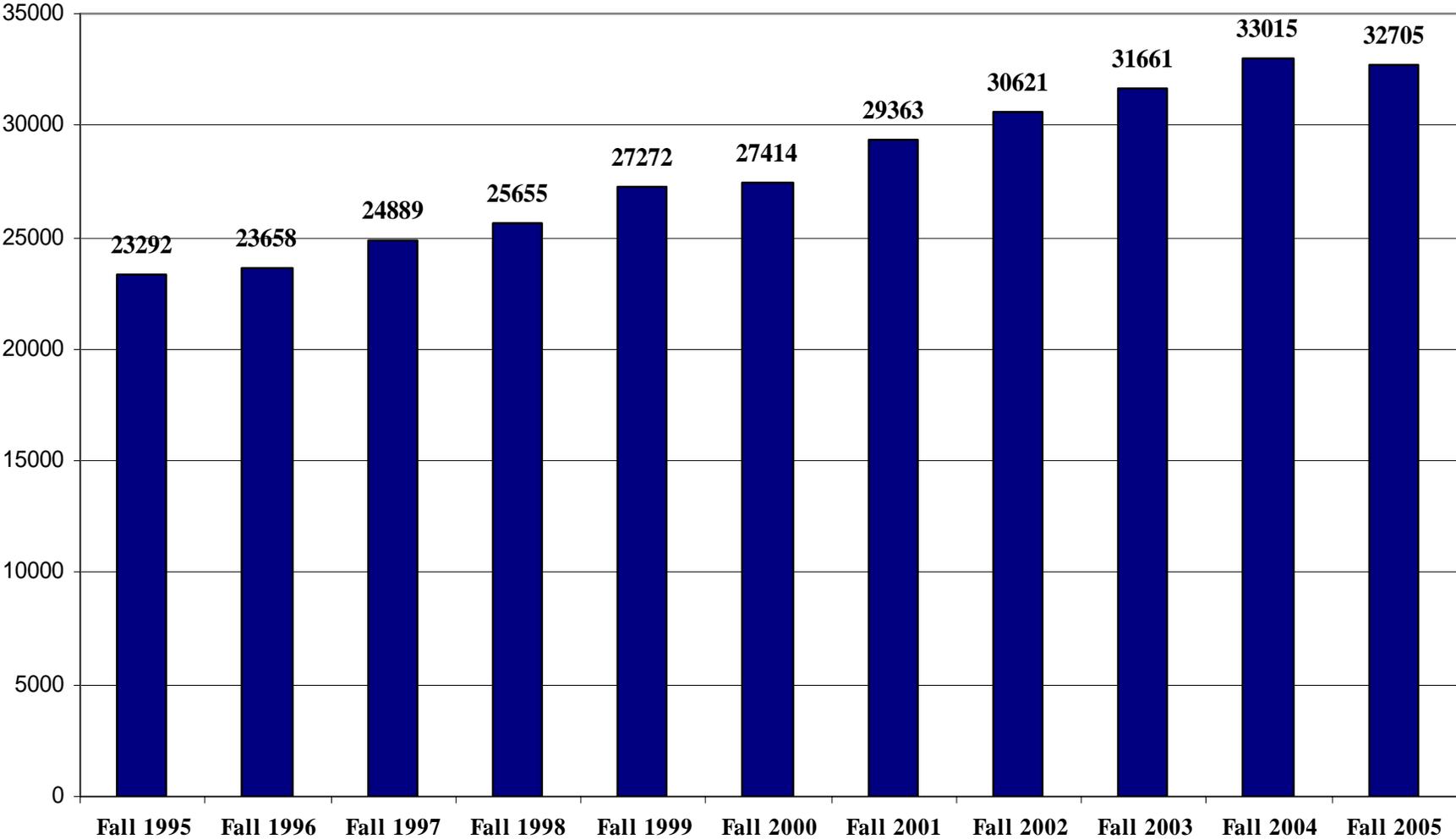
61% are female

85% receive financial aid

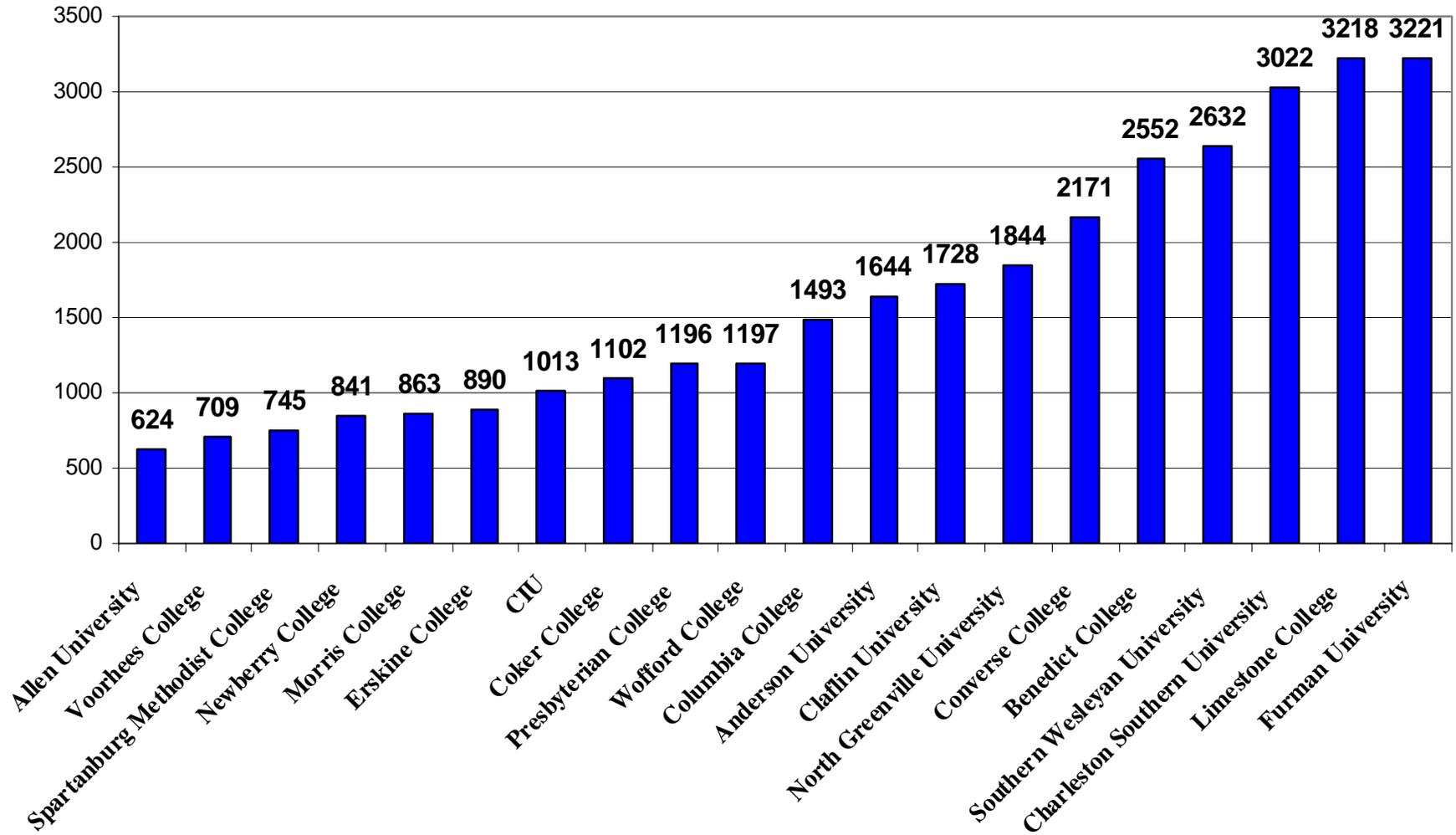
42% are minorities



**Ten Year Enrollment Trend**  
**SCICU's Twenty Member Institutions**  
**(Opening Undergraduate/Graduate/Professional Headcount)**



**Fall 2005 Opening Headcount Enrollment  
SC Independent Colleges and Universities, Inc.  
(Undergraduate, Graduate, & Professional)**





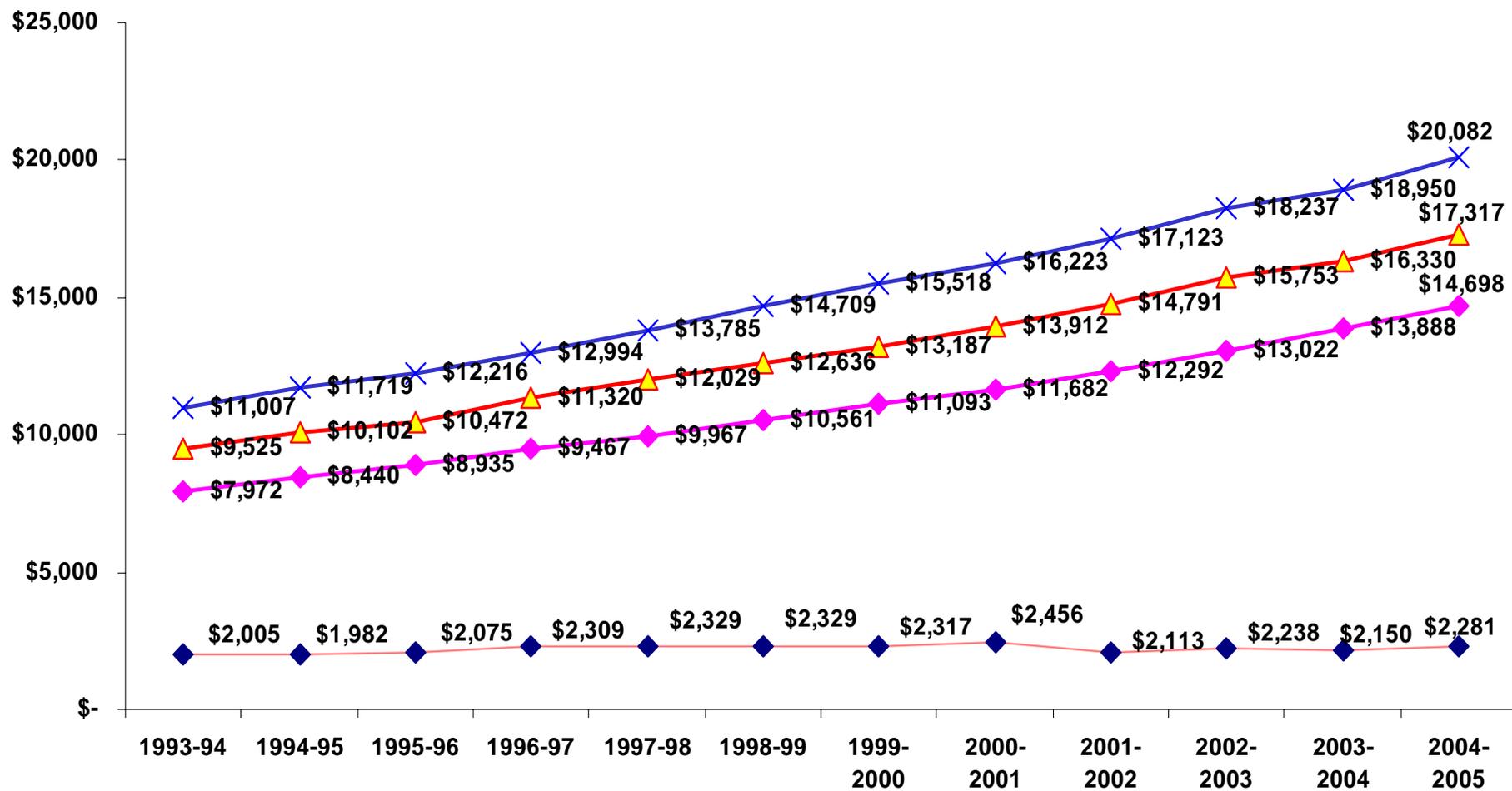
# How much does it cost to attend an SCICU College or University?

SCICU Average Tuition and Fees for 2004-05 was \$14,698 not including room, board, and books.

SCICU Tuition and Fees Range: \$7,276 - \$24,408.

SCICU Tuition and Fees for 2004-05 was **27%** less than the national average for independent colleges and **15%** less than the regional average.

# Average Tuition and Fees at 4-Year Independent Colleges and Universities



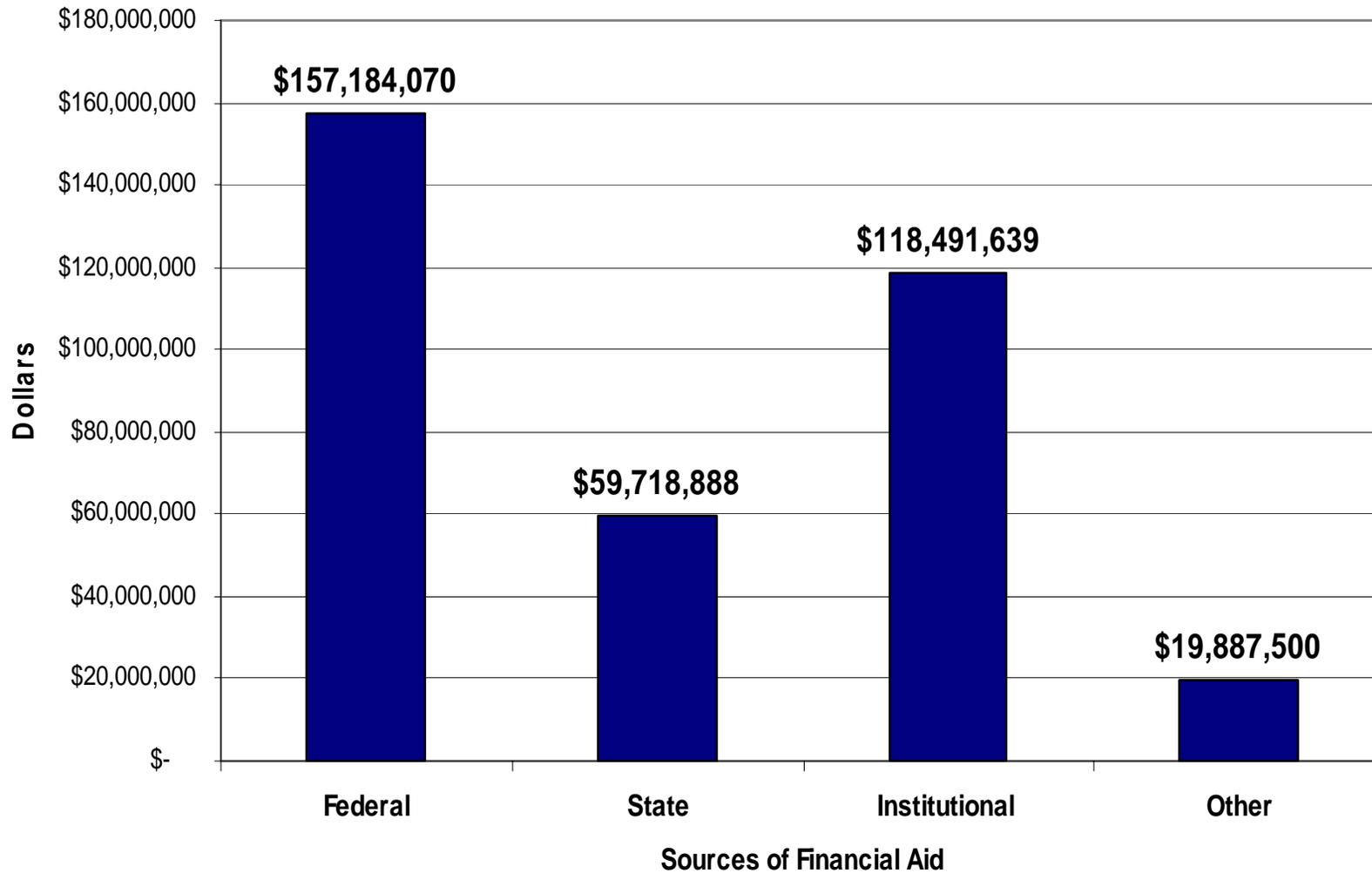
- ◆ Average SC Tuition Grant
- ▲ Southeast Independent Colleges
- ◆ SCICU Independent Colleges
- × National Independent Colleges



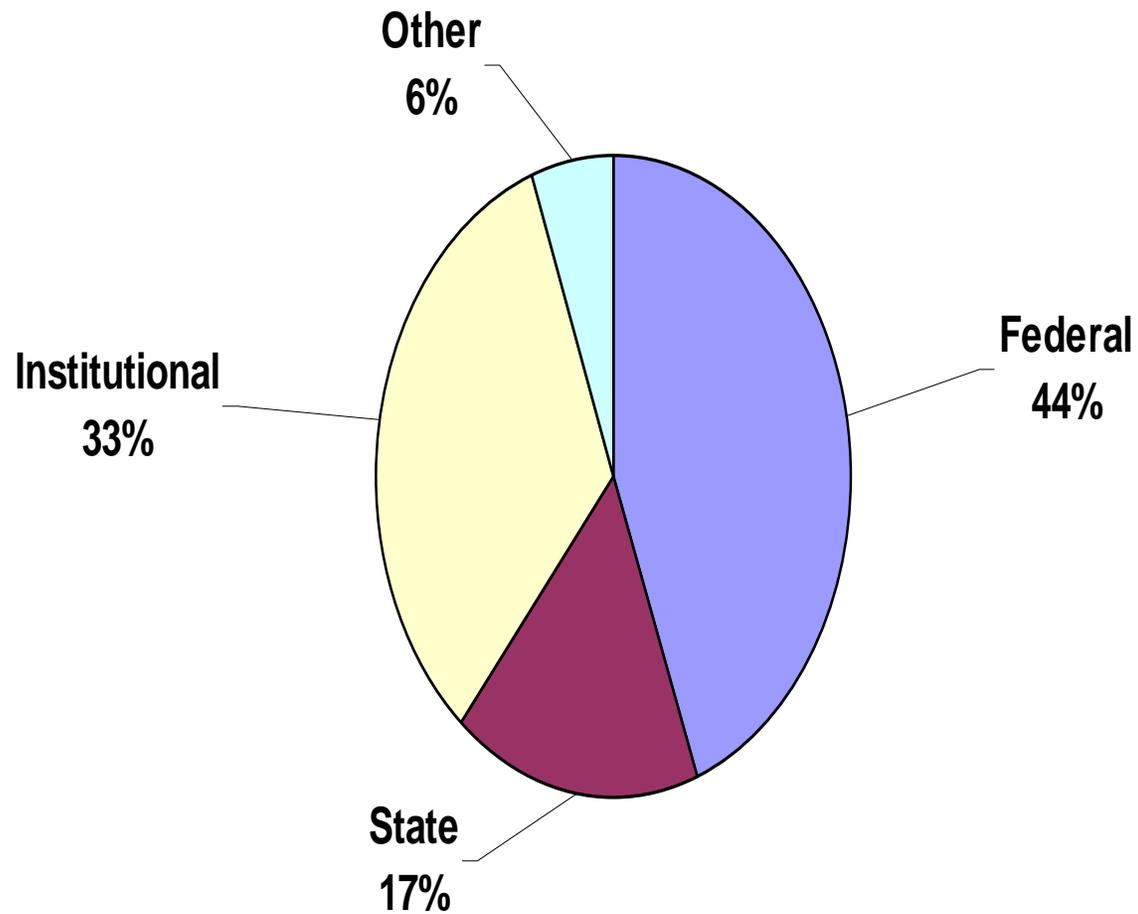
# Making Ends Meet: Financial Aid for SCICU Students

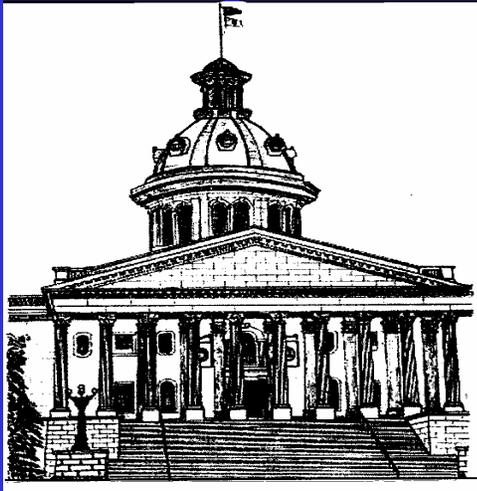
- 85% of full-time students receive financial aid
- 44% of all student financial aid is funded through federal sources
- 33% of all student financial aid comes from institutional funded assistance
- Total SCICU institutional funded aid awarded in 2004-05 was \$118,491,639
- 17% of all student financial aid (merit, teacher loans, need-based) comes from the state
- Average SCICU student financial aid package was 36% loans and 64% gift aid

# Student Financial Aid Sources SCICU's 20 Member Institutions 2004-05



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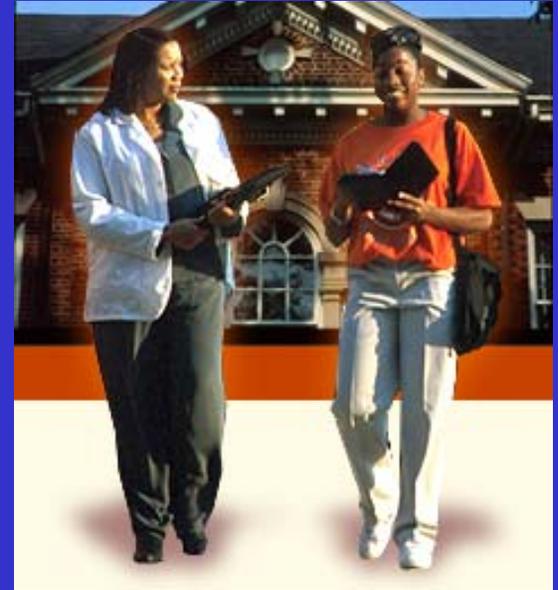


# SCICU State Student Assistance Merit and Need-Based Aid 2004-05 Academic Year

<u>Program</u>	<u>Number of Recipients</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
Palmetto Fellows	841	\$5,539,035
LIFE	4,689	22,089,094
HOPE	618	1,446,238
Lottery Tuition Assistance	385	615,913
SC Tuition Grant	12,025	27,423,963

# Reaching Out to Lower Income Students and Non-Traditional Students

- Over 45% of SC Tuition Grants recipients are minorities
- The average total family income for SC Tuition Grant recipients is \$40,014.
- The average age for SC Tuition recipients is 24 years.



## Higher Education General and Lottery Fund Appropriations Compared to State Total

<u>General &amp; Lottery Fund Revenue by Agency/Activity</u>	FY 2000-01		FY 2005-06	
	Dollars	% of State Total	Dollars	% of State Total
<b>Public Colleges &amp; Universities</b>				
<b>Education Appropriations</b>	<b>\$762,812,295</b>	<b>14.3%</b>	<b>\$632,279,416</b>	<b>10.7%</b>
Below-the-Line Appropriations	\$4,338,102	0.1%	\$5,238,357	0.1%
<b>AHEC</b>	<b>\$18,394,116</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>\$14,837,872</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
<b>Commission on Higher Education</b>				
CHE Administration	\$2,140,231	0.0%	\$2,376,261	0.0%
Service Programs, Cutting Edge <sup>1</sup>	\$1,512,536	0.0%	\$4,254,526	0.1%
Other Special Flow-Through Items <sup>2</sup>	\$9,526,282	0.2%	\$6,973,512	0.1%
<b>State Tech Board</b>				
State Level Programs	\$4,254,885	0.1%	\$9,721,113	0.2%
State Board Administration	\$8,063,425	0.2%	\$7,280,020	0.1%
Economic Development (C.A.T.T.)	\$28,009,159	0.5%	\$18,081,855	0.3%
<b>Tuition Grant Commission</b>	<b>\$21,566,449</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>\$23,673,295</b>	<b>0.4%</b>
<b>Undergraduate Scholarships <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>\$27,291,300</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>\$231,065,443</b>	<b>3.9%</b>
Estimated portion for Public Institutions	\$21,722,979	0.4%	\$192,708,579	3.3%
Estimated portion for Independent Colleges	\$5,568,321	0.1%	\$38,356,864	0.6%
<b>Other Higher Educ. Lottery Programs <sup>2</sup></b>	n/a		\$50,900,000	0.9%
<b>Higher Education Total</b>	<b>\$887,908,780</b>	<b>16.7%</b>	<b>\$1,006,681,670</b>	<b>17.0%</b>
<b>Total State Funds</b>				
State General Fund Appropriations	\$5,316,901,837	100.0%	\$5,617,388,060	95.1%
State Lottery Fund Appropriations	n/a		\$289,000,000	4.9%
<b>Total State General &amp; Lottery Funds</b>	<b>\$5,316,901,837</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$5,906,388,060</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

← Institution Operating

← Student Aid

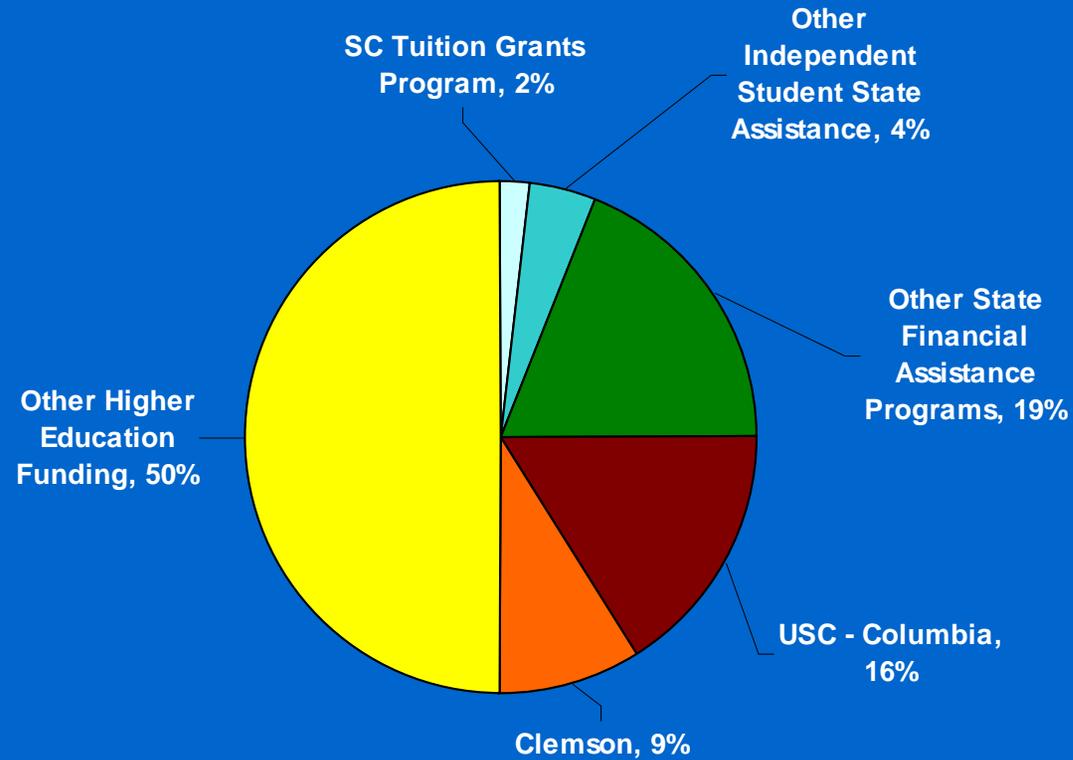
Source: SC Higher Education Statistical Abstract, 2005 and State Appropriation Acts FY01 and FY06. Appropriated funds and pay/health plan increases are included. Pay/Health plan is not included for Tuition Grants

1) Undergraduate Scholarship Appropriations include state general funds and state lottery funds for Palmetto Fellows, LIFE, HOPE, Lottery Tuition Assistance and Need-based Grants. Public and Independent portion is estimated based on annual award data. Barnwell Revenues of \$24,000,000 in FY01 and \$3,165,892 in FY06 that support the Education Endowment funds that apply toward Palmetto Fellows and Need-based Grants, are not included.

2) Includes in FY06: National Guard Repayment Program, Higher Education Excellence Enhancement Program, Endowed Chairs, Technology Grants, and SC State.

# What is Our Investment?

## State Spending on Higher Education 2005-06 (\$1,006,681,670)



# What is Our Return?

- 20 Institutions Providing Increased Access
- Economic Impact of \$750 million
- Graduation Rates of 50% - six year
- Annual Degree Production of over 4,500

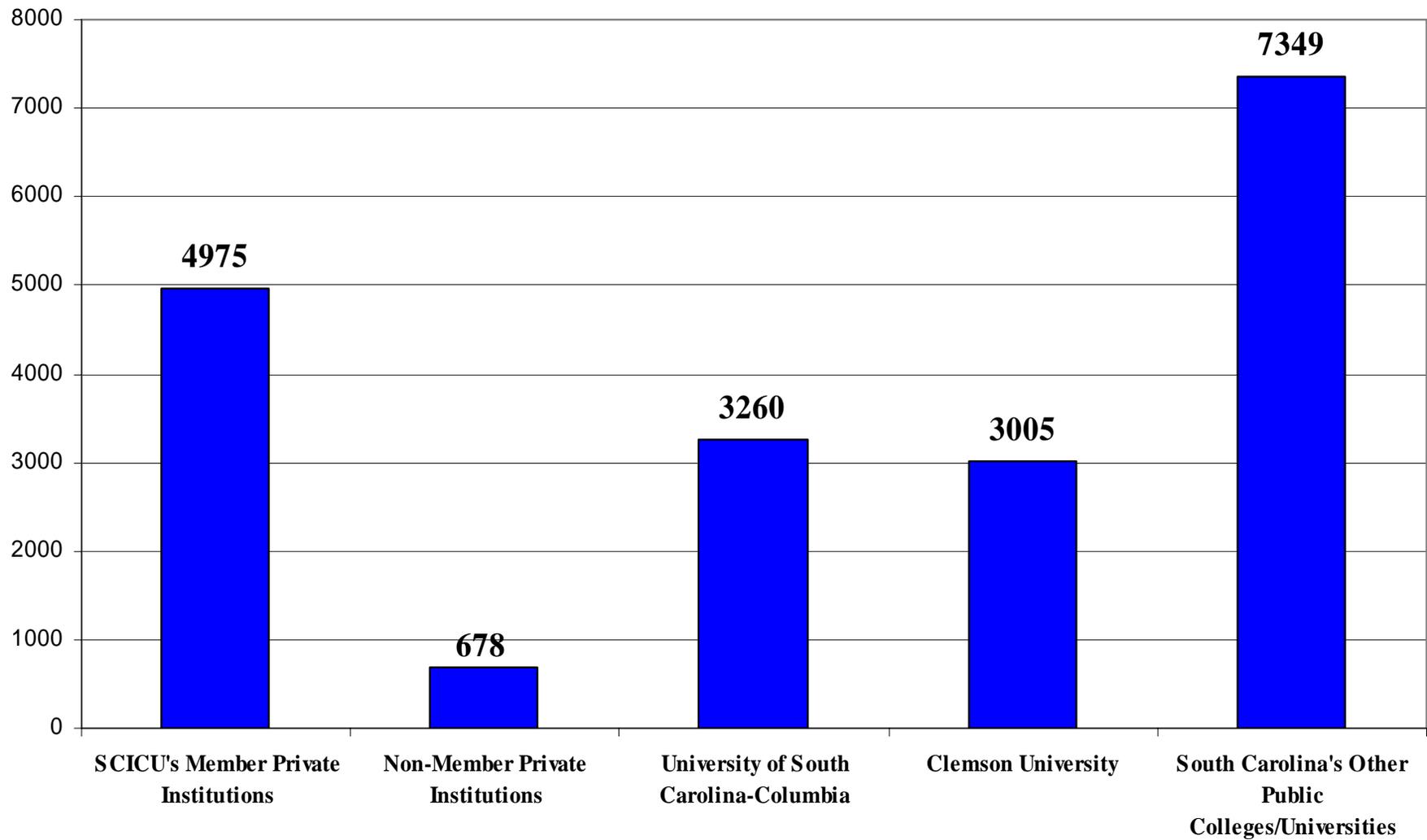




# Accountable? Absolutely!

- Institutional compliance with Program Guidelines
  - SACS and other accreditations
  - Federal and state agencies
  - Fiscal audits
- Students' compliance with Program Guidelines
  - Academic Requirements
  - Time Limitations
- SC Tuition Grant Agency compliance

## Bachelor Degrees Granted in South Carolina 2004-2005



# The Public Benefit of Independent Colleges & Universities

- A Complimentary Higher Education Community
- Expanding choices for higher education while saving millions in state tax dollars
- Turning out first-class college graduates on time
- Strengthening our state economy and our future tax base

