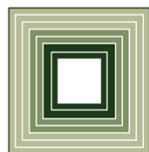


Introduction to North Carolina's Public Schools Budget



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Takeaways

1. Provide some context before deeper dive into budget
2. Define key terms
3. Delineate State and local responsibilities
4. Review diverse characteristics of NC's school districts

NC Public Schools—Key Facts

- NC public schools divided into 115 local education agencies (LEAs)
 - 89 counties where county/LEA boundaries the same
 - 11 counties with multiple “county” and “city” LEAs



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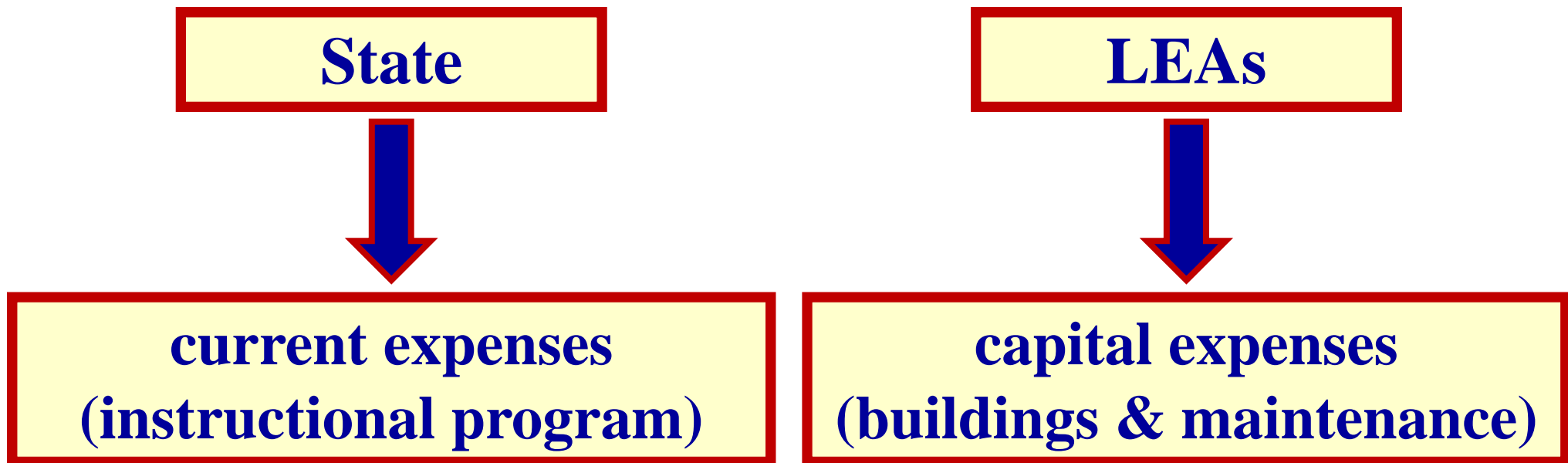
Constitutional Responsibilities

- North Carolina Constitution:
 - “The General Assembly shall provide by taxation and otherwise for a general and uniform system of **free public schools...**”
 - “The General Assembly **may assign to units of local government such responsibility for the financial support of the free public schools** as it may deem appropriate. The governing boards of units of local government...may use local revenues to add to or supplement any public school or post-secondary school program.”

NC Public Schools—Key Facts

Delineation of Funding Responsibilities

- 1933 School Machinery Act



- Now delineated in G.S. 115C-408(b)

NC Public Schools—Key Facts

Delineation of Operational Responsibilities

State



- **Development of policies**
- **Technical assistance**
- **Oversight / management of statewide resources**

LEAs



- **Resource allocations between schools**
- **Day-to-day operations**
- **Hiring of personnel**

NC Public Schools—Key Facts

School Characteristics

Total Schools



2,584

Traditional Schools



2,434

Charter Schools



149

Regional Schools



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Source: North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

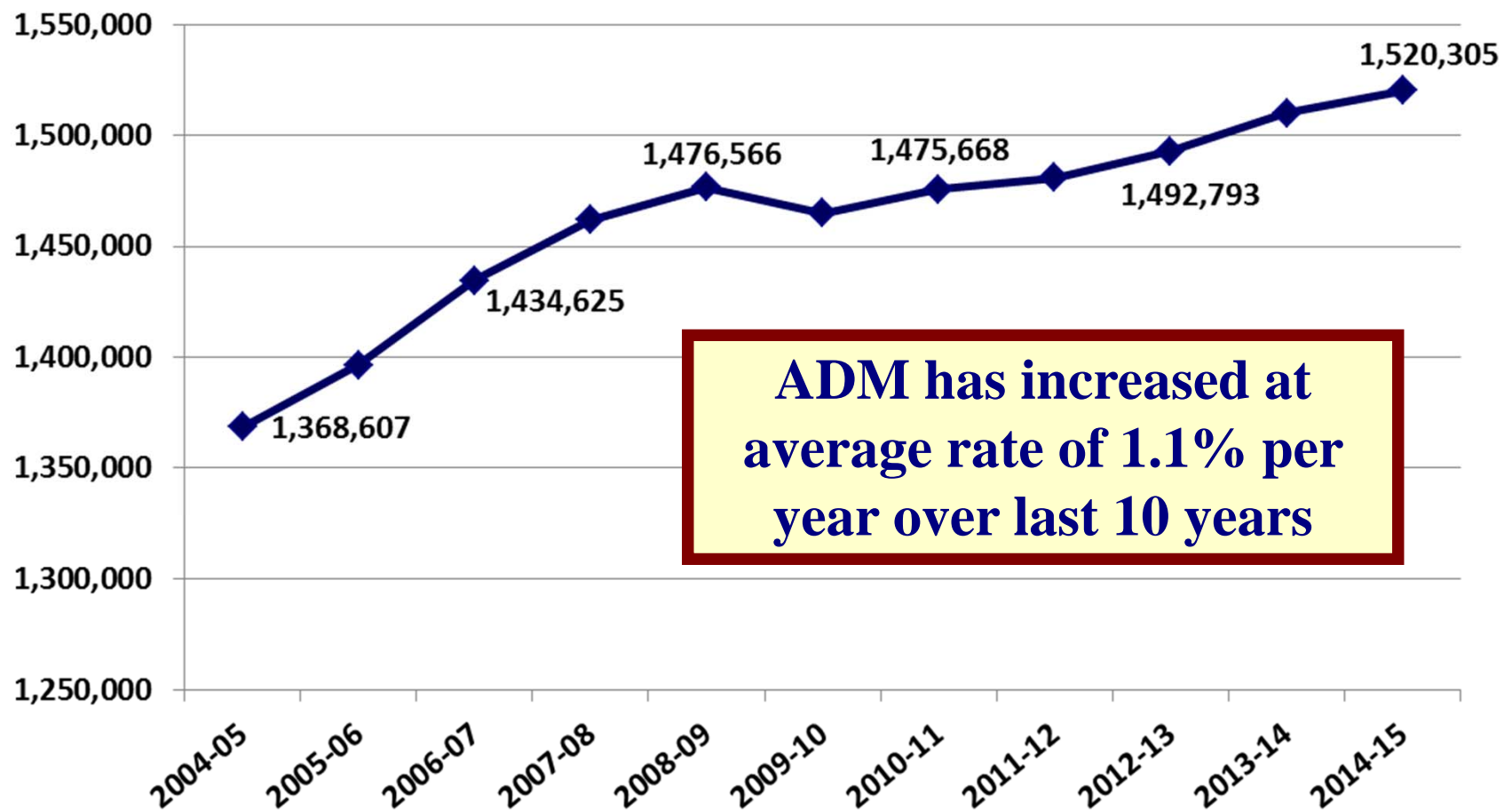


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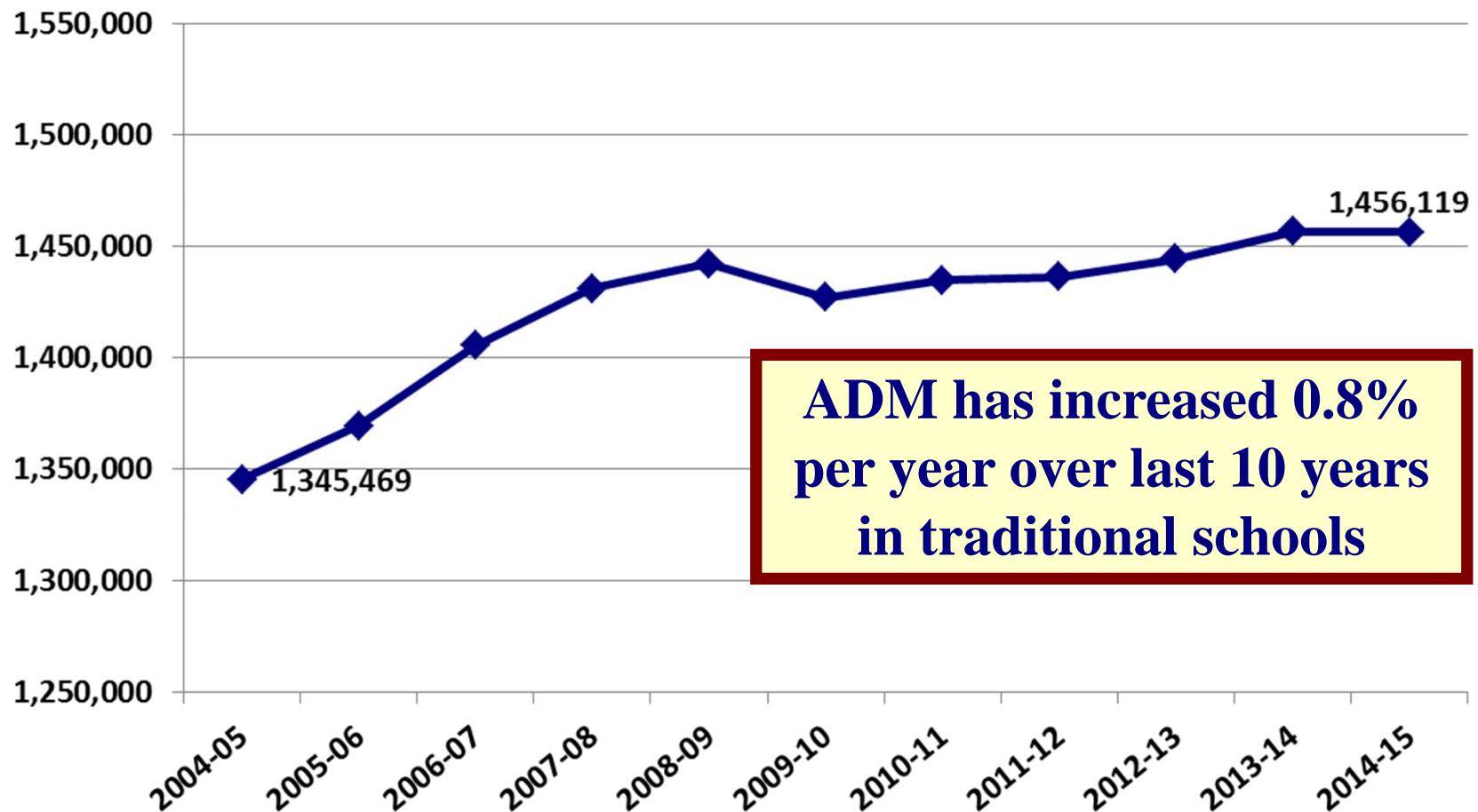
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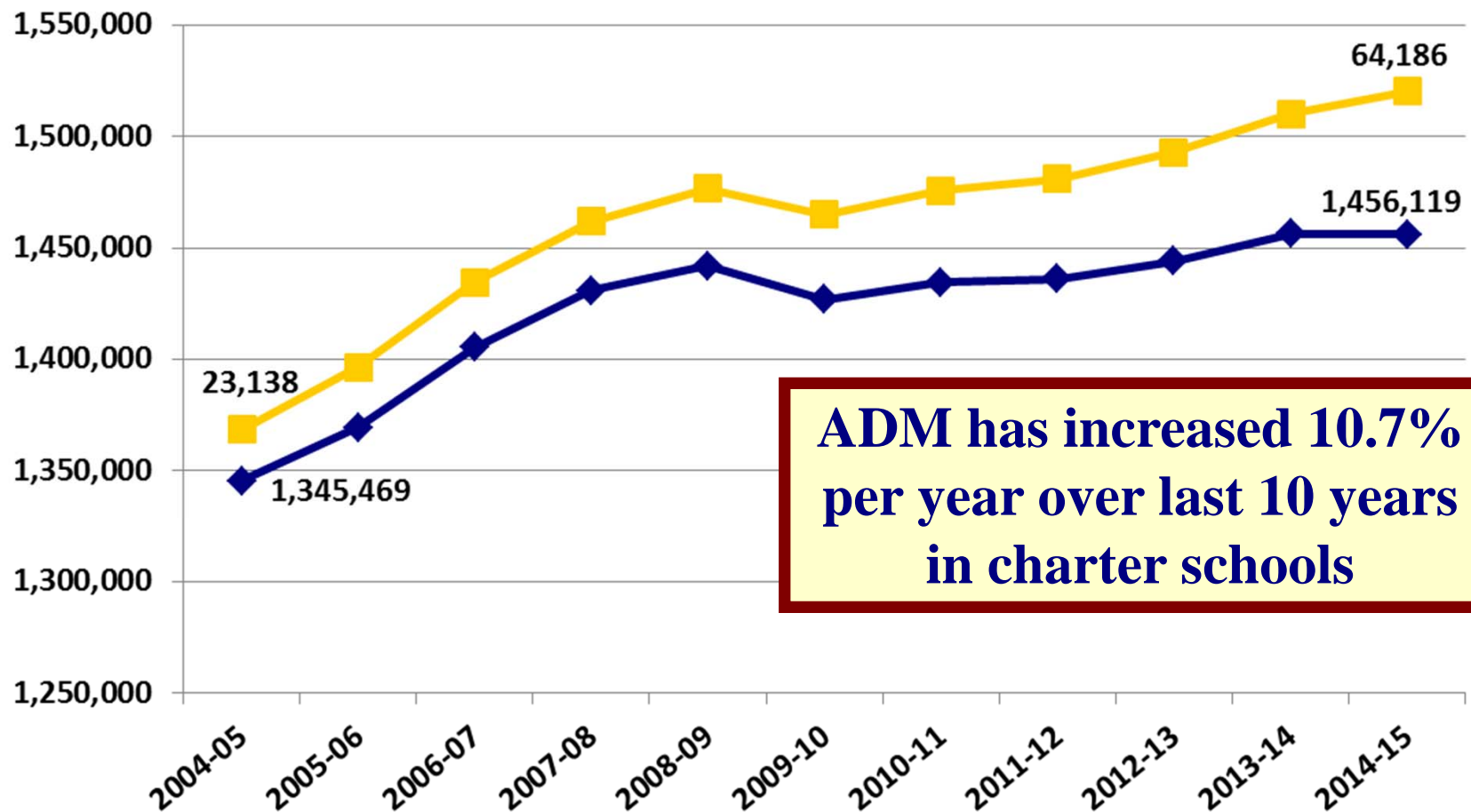
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NC Public Schools—Key Facts

Student Characteristics

Statewide ADM	1,520,305	100%
Traditional Schools ADM	1,456,119	96%
Charter Schools ADM	64,186	4%
Free or Reduced Lunch	836,349	56%
Limited English Proficient	99,542	7%
Children with Disabilities	180,719	12%

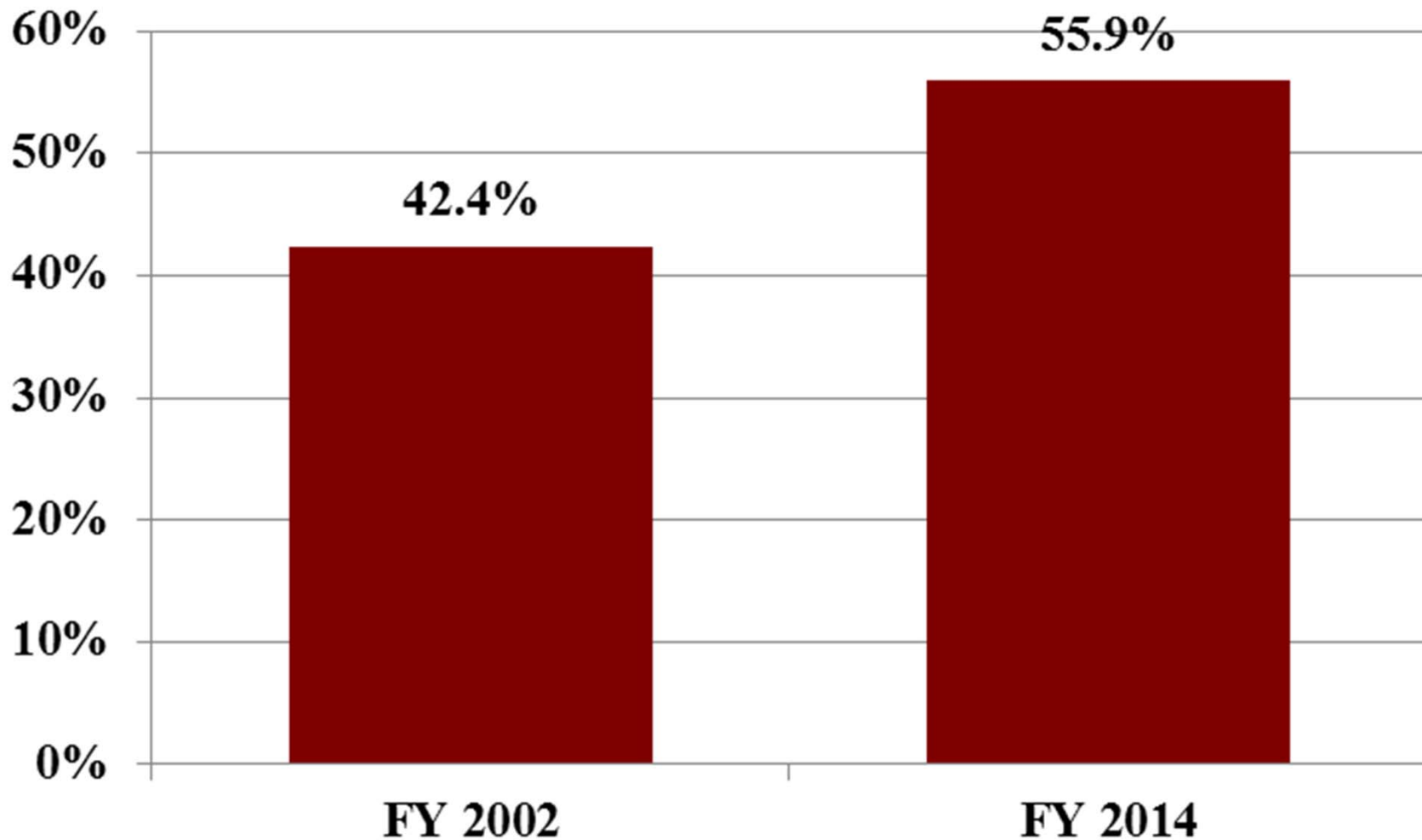
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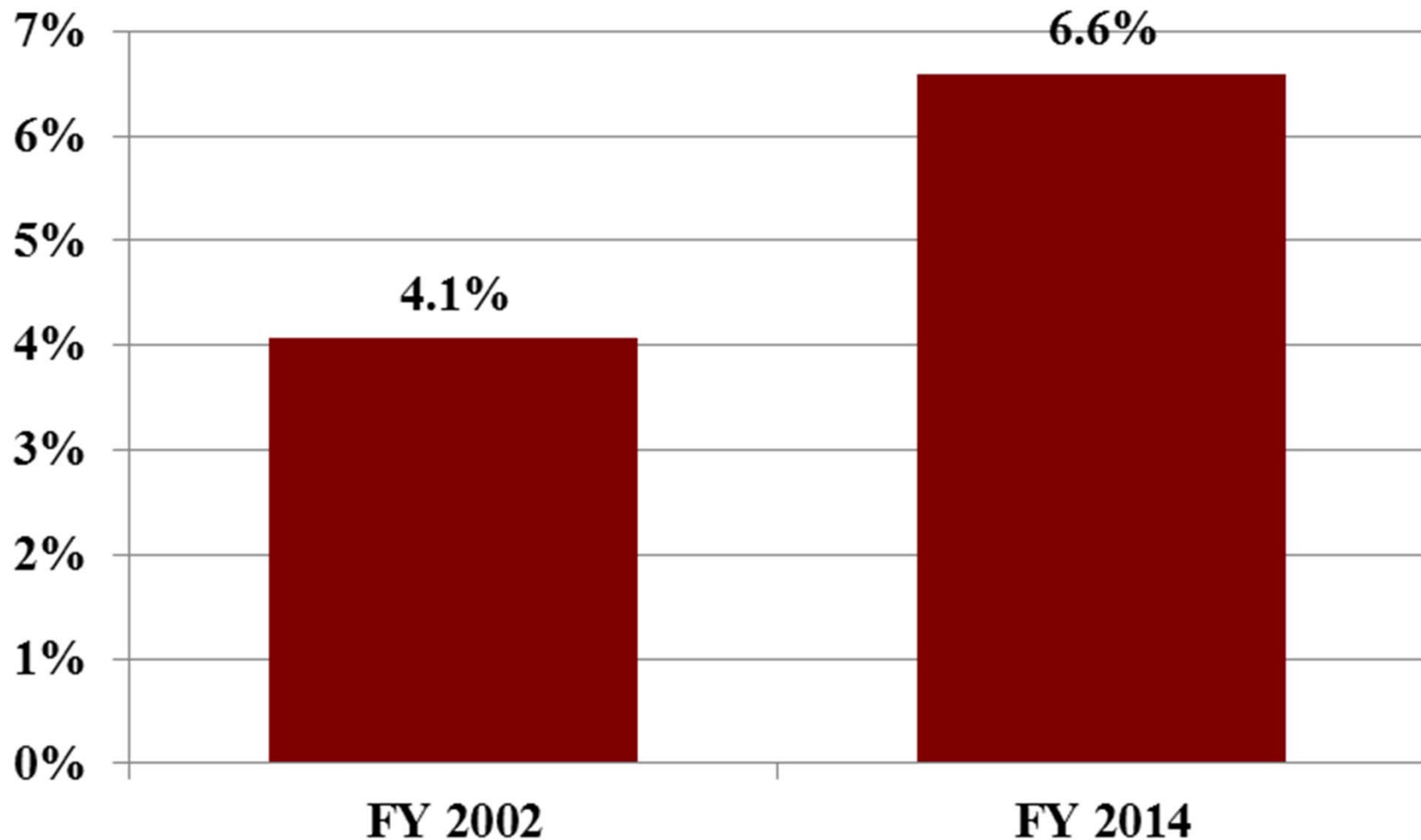
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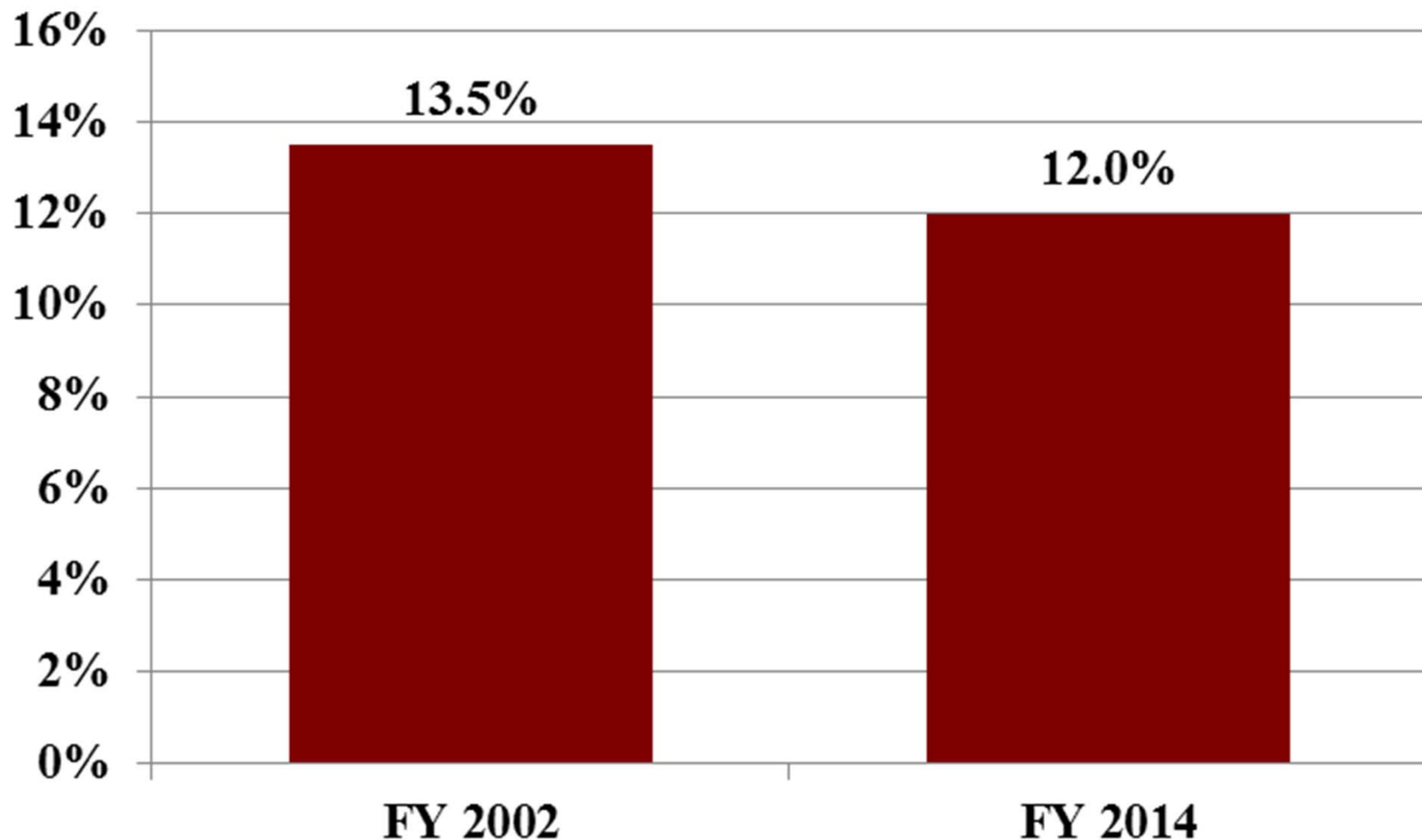
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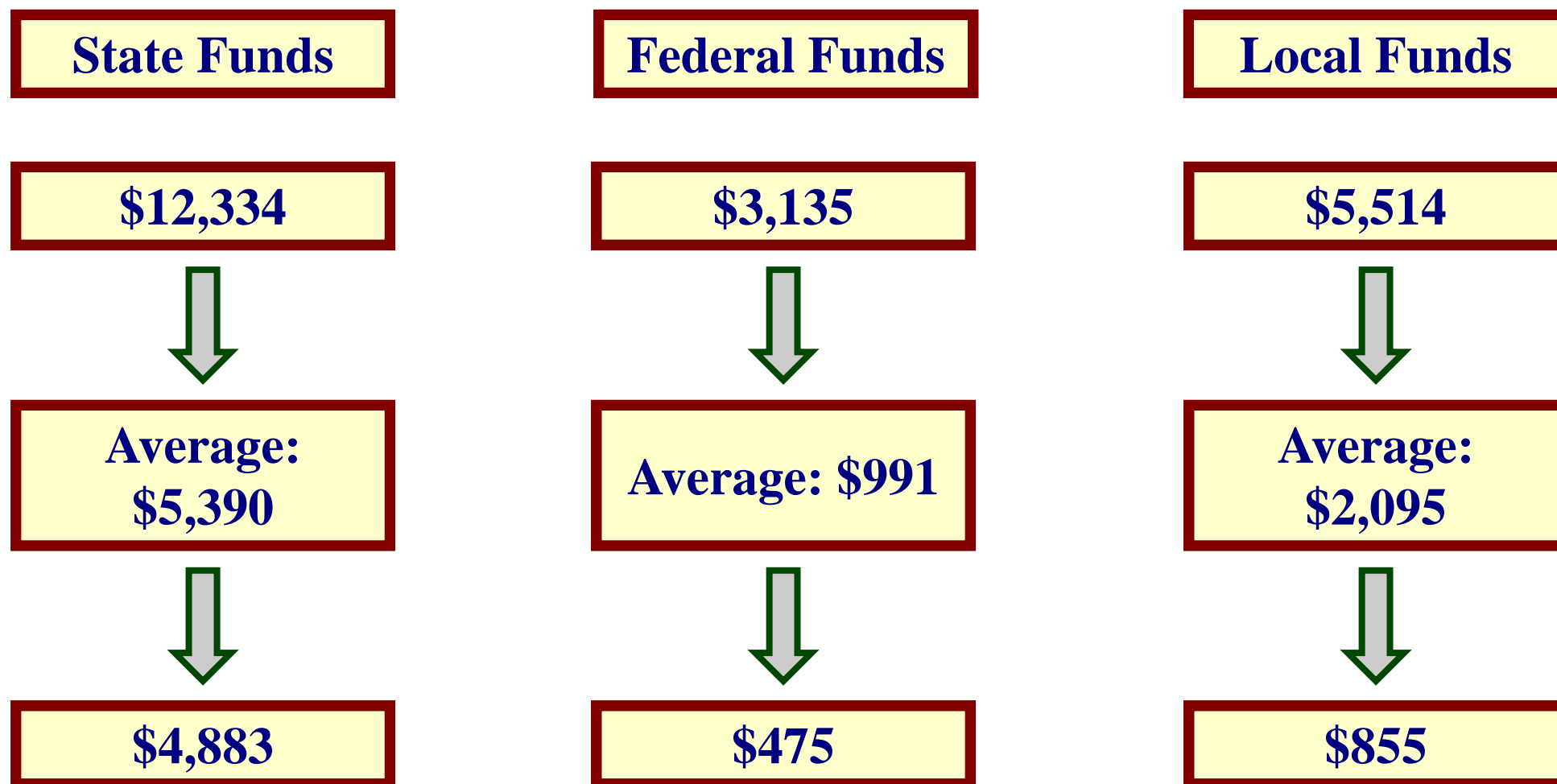
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LEA Characteristics

- LEAs vary greatly
 - Size
 - Over 50% of students are in the 13 largest LEAs
 - 41 LEAs with less than 4,000 students
 - Wealth – ability to generate local funding for schools
 - Student needs
 - LEP
 - CWD
 - Poverty

NC Public Schools—Key Facts

FY 13-14 Per Pupil Expenditures



Source: North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

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Charter Schools

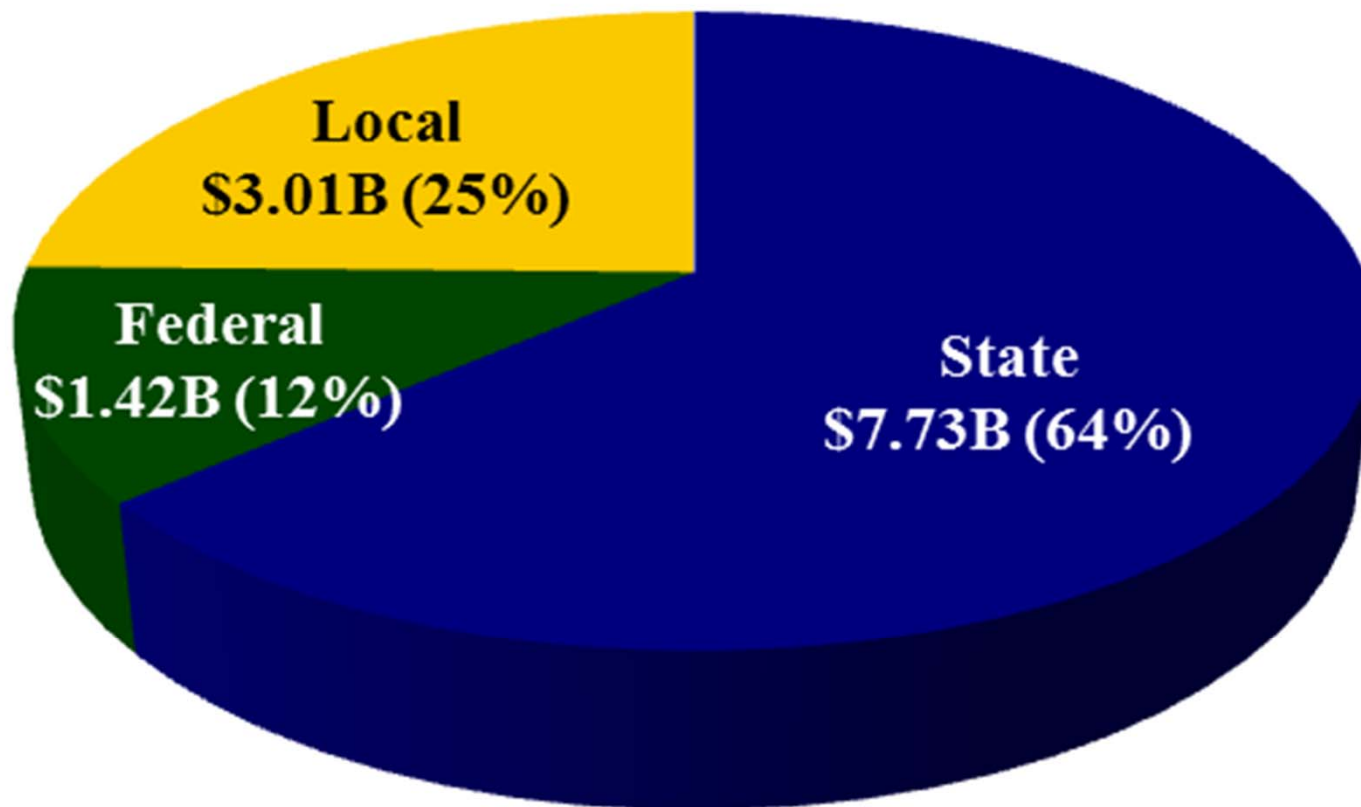
LEAs with the Highest Number of Charter Students	Students
Mecklenburg County	13,139
Wake County	8,555
Durham County	5,237
Guilford County	4,631
Forsyth County	2,632

LEAs with the Highest % of Charter Students	Percent
Halifax County	19.7%
Person County	19.1%
Pamlico County	17.3%
Northampton County	16.1%
Edgecombe County	15.8%

Source: North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

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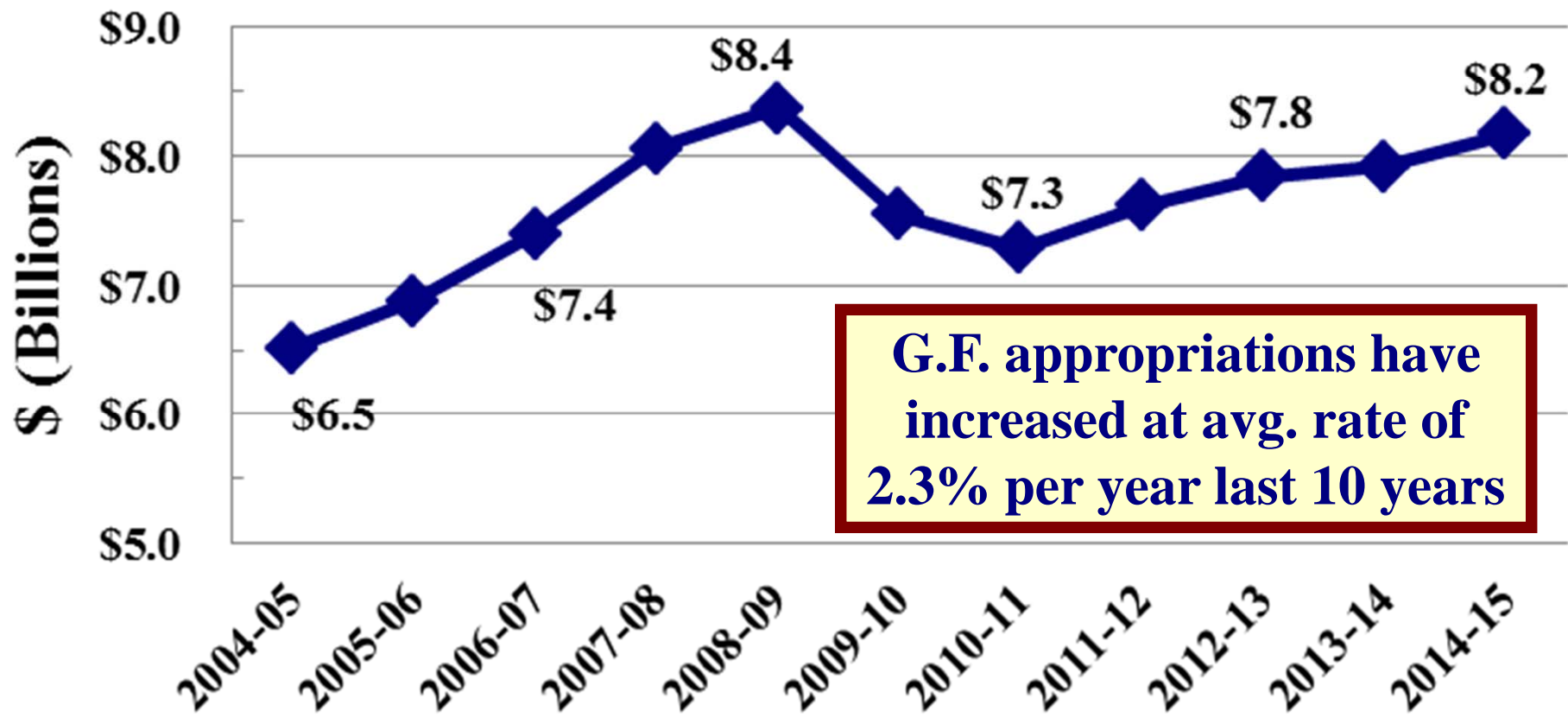
Public Schools FY 2013-14 Current Expense Expenditures by Source



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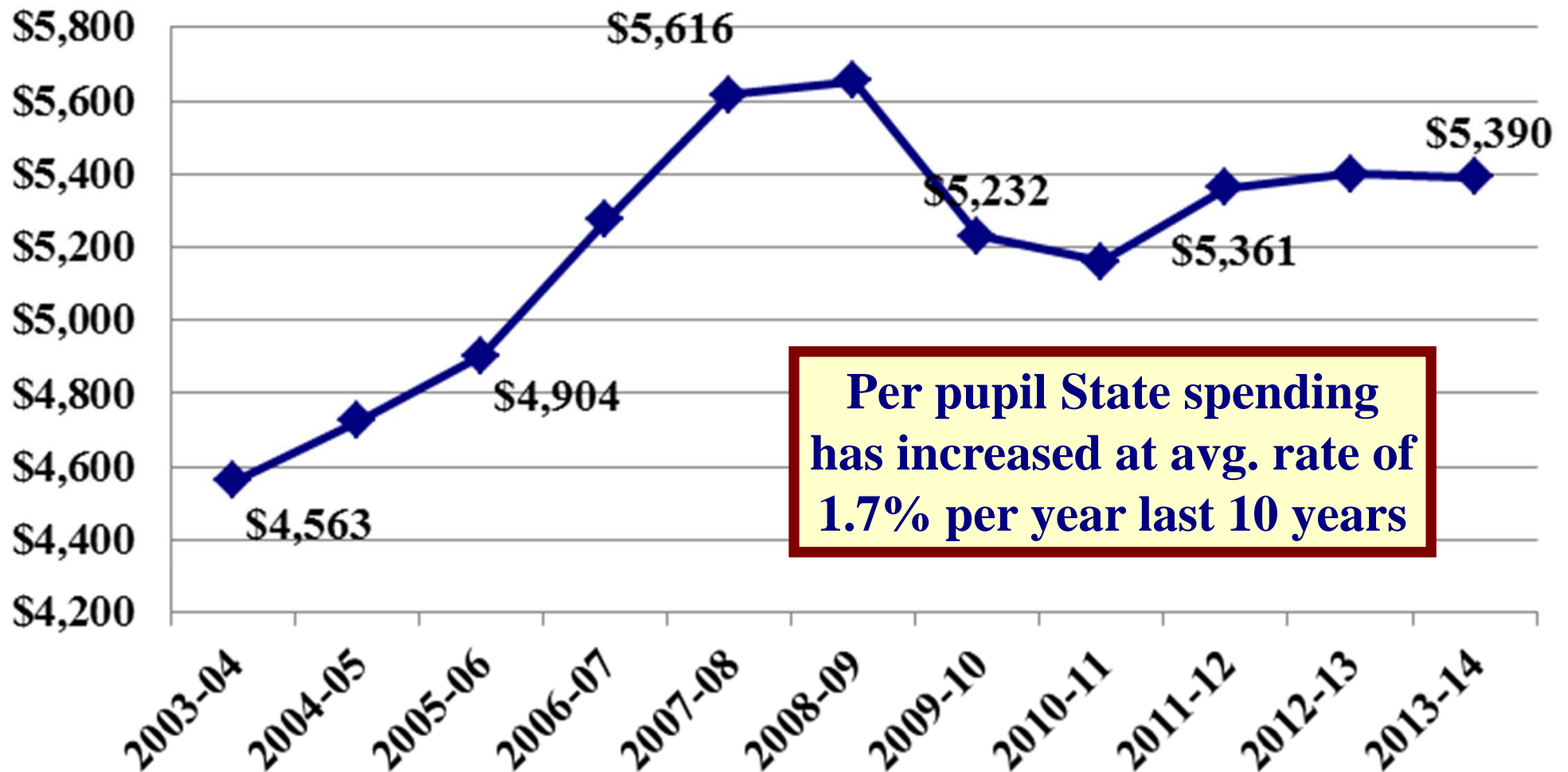
State Public Schools General Fund Appropriations



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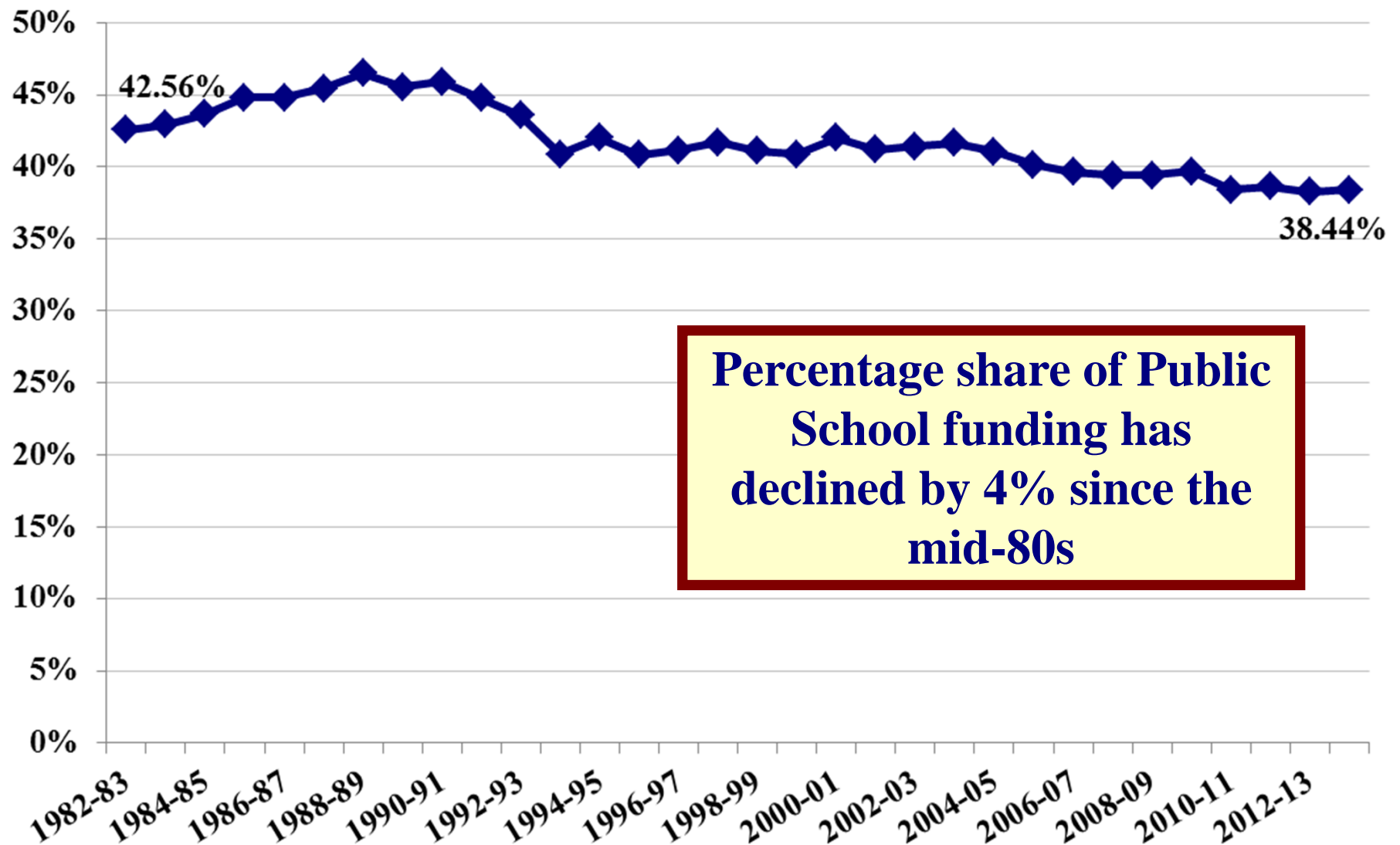
State Expenditures per Pupil



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% of State General Fund Appropriations allocated to Public Schools



Source: Fiscal Research Division

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NC Per Pupil Revenue vs. Rest of US (FY 10-11)

Total: \$8,875 (49th)

State: \$5,158 (28th)

Local: \$2,282 (48th)

Federal: \$1,435 (34th)

Source: US Department of Education, NCES, data from FY 2010-11

NC Public Schools—Key Facts

Additional Resources

- **DPI website:** <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/>
 - Data & reports (Highlights & Statistical Profile):
<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/fbs/resources/data/>
 - School report cards: <http://www.ncreportcards.org/src/>
 - Manuals:
<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/fbs/resources/manuals/>
- **FRD website:** <http://www.ncleg.net/fiscalresearch/>
 - Budget documents and summaries
 - Topical reports

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