

**NC Community College System  
Presentation to the  
Senate Education/Higher Education  
Committee**

**February 17, 2021**

# Mission

The mission of the North Carolina Community College System is to open the door to high-quality, accessible educational opportunities that minimize barriers to post-secondary education, maximize student success, develop a globally and multi-culturally competent workforce, and improve the lives and well-being of individuals by providing:

- **Education, training and retraining** for the workforce including basic skills and literacy education, occupational and pre-baccalaureate programs.
- **Support for economic development** through services to and in partnership with business and industry and in collaboration with the University of North Carolina System and private colleges and universities.
- **Services to communities and individuals** which improve the quality of life.

# Our Students



**Chad Robinson**

Assistant Apprenticeship Manager at Siemens Energy  
*Central Piedmont Community College Grad*

**"The networking I've been able to do has been incredible. I've had amazing opportunities that I never thought I would be able to have."**



**Kris Johnson**

Nurse  
*Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College Grad*

**"This really stressful and really hard, and I'm thankful that I went to a school that prepared me for something like this."**



**Shantal Grullon**

Business Transformation Specialist at Lenovo  
*Wake Tech Community College Grad*

**"I was able to do this. I went to school. I worked. I was able to help my family... The flexibility of it is something that can't be beat."**

# Our Students



**Quentin Sweeney**

Lead Manufacturing Engineer at GE Aviation  
*Cape Fear Community College Grad*

**"I wish people could really see what they could be doing with their lives—and the money they could be making—with just a two-year degree."**



**Demetrius Deloatch**

Consultant at APCO Worldwide  
*Attended Halifax Community College*

**"Attending a community college prepared me to enter my four-year institution. I was able to become acclimated with college work, gain professional development and transfer my credits..."**



**Jared Ballew**

Government & Industry Liaison at Drake Software  
*Southwestern Community College*

**"To have control over my career path over the long haul was a definite advantage for me, starting at a community college."**

# Responding to COVID-19

- Community colleges have remained open
- During lockdown, continued in-person instruction for frontline public health and safety personnel.
- Blend of online and in-person instruction
- In-person instruction following CDC guidelines



# Federal \$: Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF)

## SYSTEMWIDE ALLOCATIONS

*Does not include allocations to individual colleges*

\$41.5M	Enrollment Growth
\$11.9M	Rural Broadband for 20 colleges
\$5.1M	PPE & Testing
\$4.9M	Health Care & First Responder Program Equipment
\$3.1M	Virtual Student Tutoring
\$2.9M	Small Business Center Counselors
\$2.8M	Enhancing Online Learning
\$2.5M	College Career Counselors & Academic Advisors
\$1.8M	Support Online Testing & Proctoring
\$1.0M	Statewide Awareness Campaign for Short-Term Workforce Training
\$546K	Learning Management System Hosting (Moodle)
\$308K	Student Assistance
\$248K	Cybersecurity Training

# Rural College Broadband Access Project

Enhanced capacity for online learning and address the cost of expanded demands on IT at 20 community colleges in rural areas



# Federal \$: Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER)

- \$14.5M in scholarships up to \$750 or cost of course if fees exceed \$750
- \$450K for communication

Automotive

Construction

Emergency Medical Services

Industrial/Manufacturing

Transportation

Aircraft Maintenance

Criminal Justice

Healthcare

Information Technology

Fire & Rescue



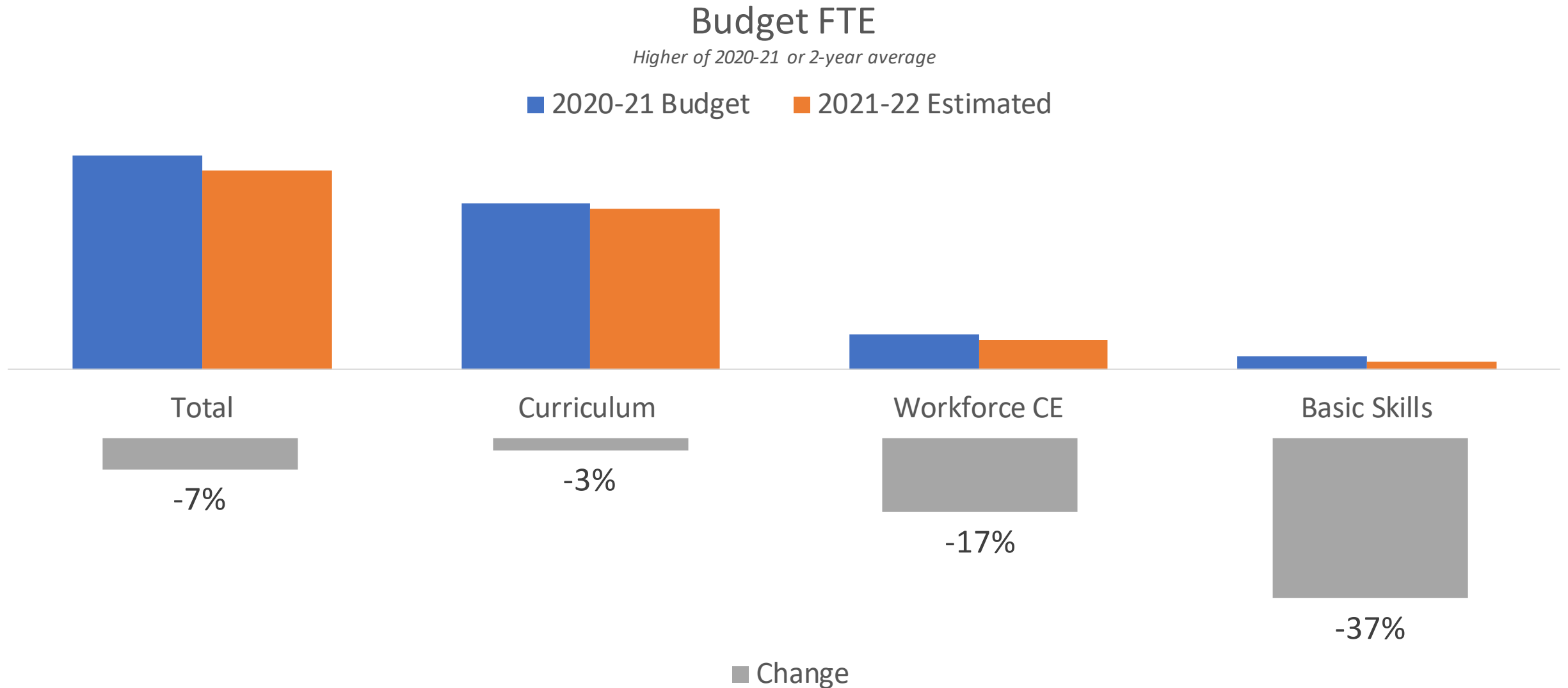
# Budget Priorities

REQUEST	FY 21-22
Faculty & Staff Salary Increase of 5%	\$60.2M R
Budget Stabilization	\$61M NR
Continue Funding for Modern & Secure IT System	\$28.5M NR \$3.5 R
Fund Approved Multicampus Center at Yadkin Campus of Surry CC	\$579,413
Include Community Colleges in Capital Funding Proposals – Colleges have identified over \$2.2B in capital needs, including new construction and R&R	

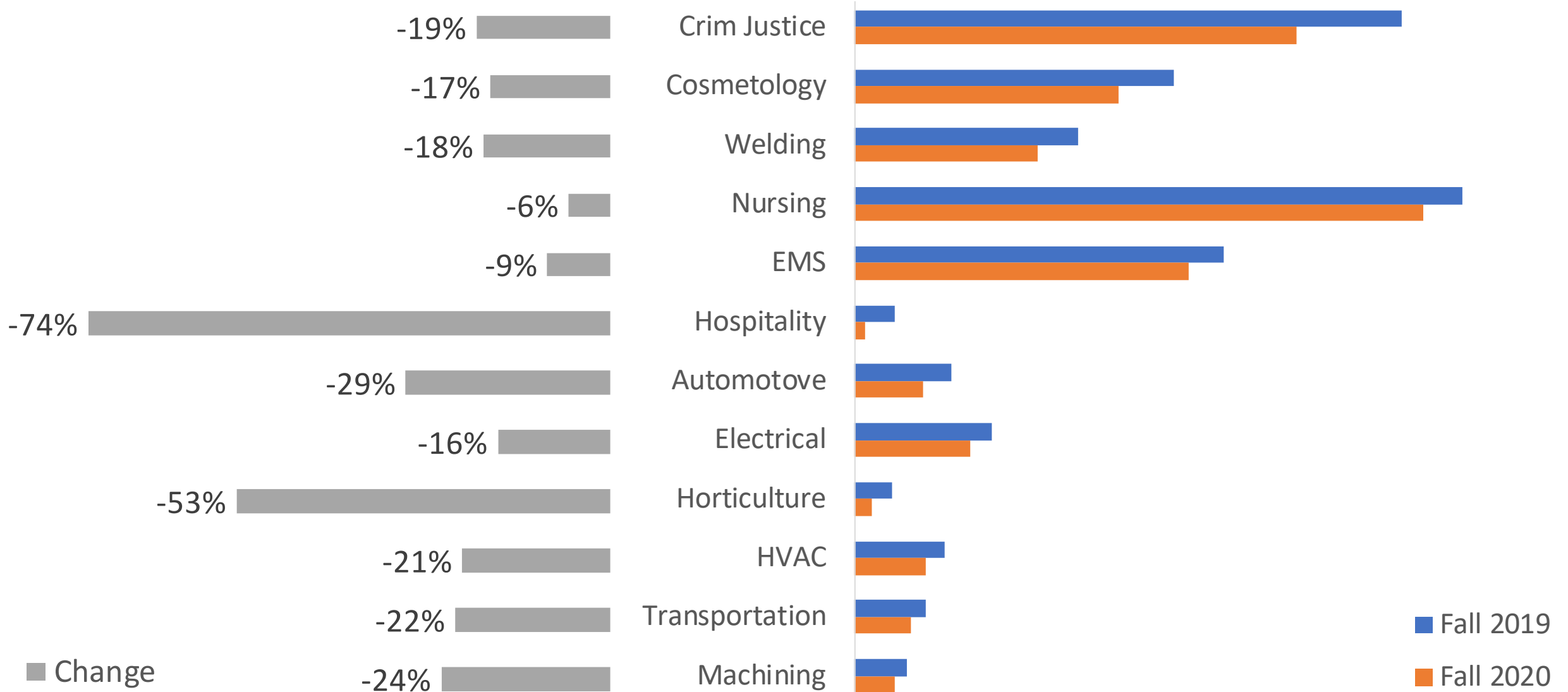
# Faculty & Staff Salaries

- Attracting & retaining staff is a significant challenge, especially in high-demand, high-skilled areas
- Unlike State employees community college faculty & staff did not receive raises in 19-20 & 20-21
- Community college faculty rank **40<sup>th</sup> in the nation** among public 2-year colleges
- Colleges have lost faculty and staff to private industry, four-year colleges, and public schools

# 2020-21 Budget FTE compared to 2021-22 Estimated Budget FTE

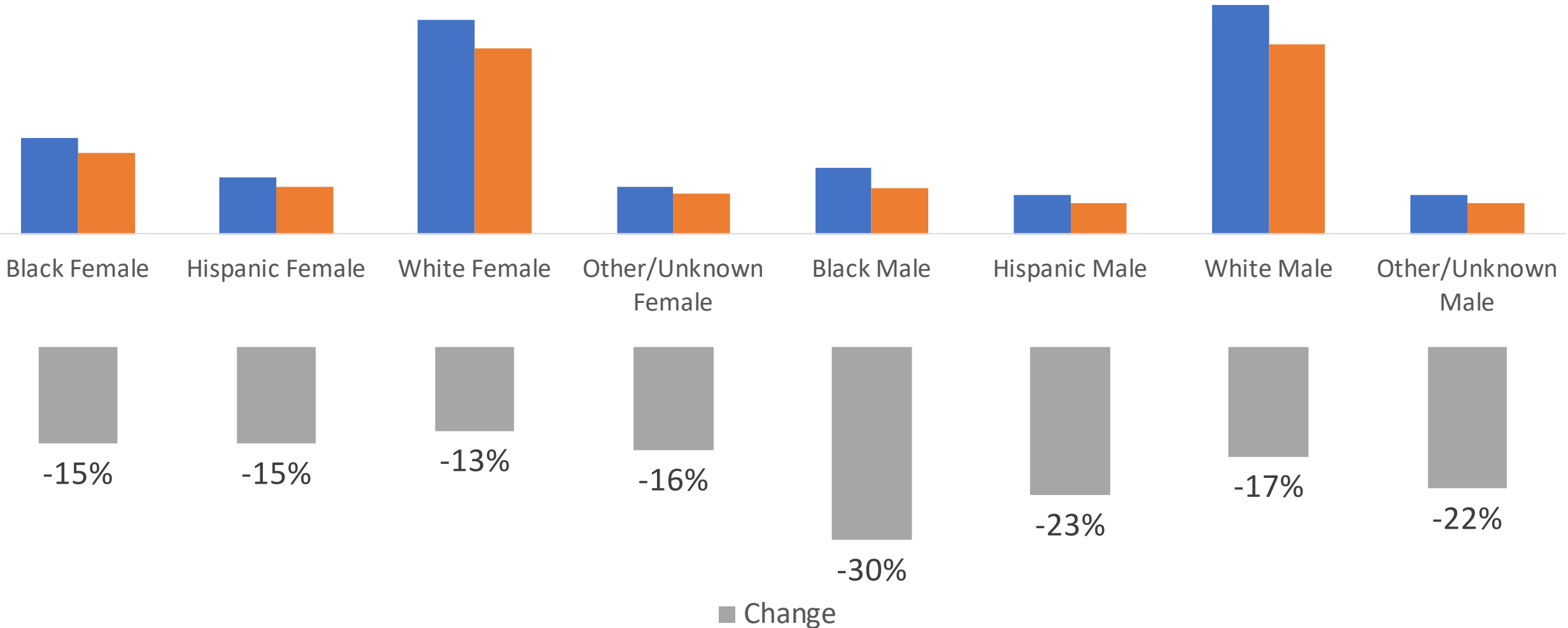


# Course Prefix Examples with 100+ FTE Decrease from Fall 2019 to Fall 2020



# Fall Headcount by Race/Ethnicity and Sex

■ Fall 2019 ■ Fall 2020





# Ongoing Challenges Impacting Enrollment

- Loss of prison instruction
- Students taking fewer courses
- Manufacturers unable to allow students into facilities
- Students or family members having COVID
- Struggles with online learning
- High school students not enrolling in Career & College Promise
- Students either having to get jobs or working more hours because family member laid off
- Student reluctance to attend in-person classes
- No access to computers or internet
- Parents unable to enroll because of children's remote learning
- Students taking gap year

# Policy Requests

- **Remove Barriers for Students Seeking to Enroll in Community College**
  - Allow community college students who are U.S. citizens and who were enrolled in a NC public school or homeschool for the entire year prior to graduation, graduated from the NC high school and are unable, due to a lack of evidence, to establish residency for tuition purposes through Residency Determination Services (RDS) to receive in-State tuition for the academic year after high school graduation.
- **Consolidate & Simplify State-Based UNC & CC Grant Programs Into One NC Scholarship (SBCC & UNC-BOG Joint Request)**
  - UNC-Need Based Grant, the Community College Grant, and Education Lottery Scholarship are currently three separate programs with different eligibility criteria. Consolidation of these programs would result in a more-streamlined and efficient state aid system.

Thank you