

2+2 ARTICULATION: FLORIDA'S NATIONAL MODEL



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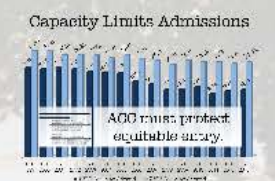
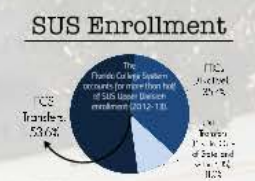
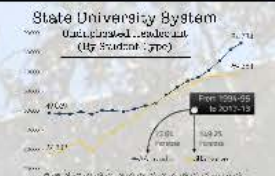
Every associate degree awarded in a Florida College System is guaranteed to transfer to a public university in the state.

- The House of Representatives passed the 2+2 Guarantee in 1997.
- It was signed into law by Governor Jeb Bush in 1997.
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- Develop policy and coordinate efforts for statewide common recommendations for the university.
- Develop guidelines and facilitate state-to-state articulation agreements.
- Promote and initially recommend articulation agreements (J.E. B. ACE, CPE, Dual Enrollment, etc.) to the State Board of Education for approval.
- Annually review statewide articulation agreements, SCNS, course levels, application of transfer credit, academic financial resources of the state university of Florida.
- Provide a wide list of common General Education courses and degree program alternatives.
- Examine statewide data to make 200 annual recommendations.
- Make recommendations to improve relations with statewide common based student advising system.

2+2 Pipeline Strength



ARTICULATION IN FLORIDA A Historical Perspective...

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2006

- Proposed transfer credit and degree length changes.
- Finalized the 2+2 degree length changes.

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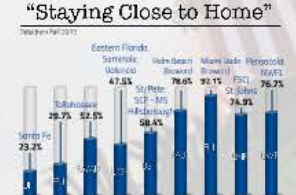
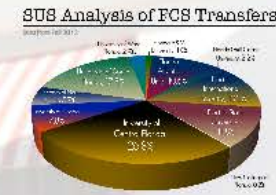
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Preserving 2+2 Today + Beyond...

- Periodically review the Statewide Articulation Agreement (est. 1971) to ensure it remains relevant and effective.
- Continue monitoring General Education statutory changes (2012 - HB 7151, 2013 - SB 1170) to ensure they do not impact the integrity of the statewide articulation.
- Evaluate additional means for SBE compliance to successfully transfer through 2+2 with SUS institutions, currently 11 AS degrees transfer to SUS.
- Question operations of SUS programs serving specific populations outside the scope of common prerequisites.

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New SBOE - Point of Progress
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*Reduce Costs
(to Student/State)*

*Student Focus
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*Expand
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*Define Course
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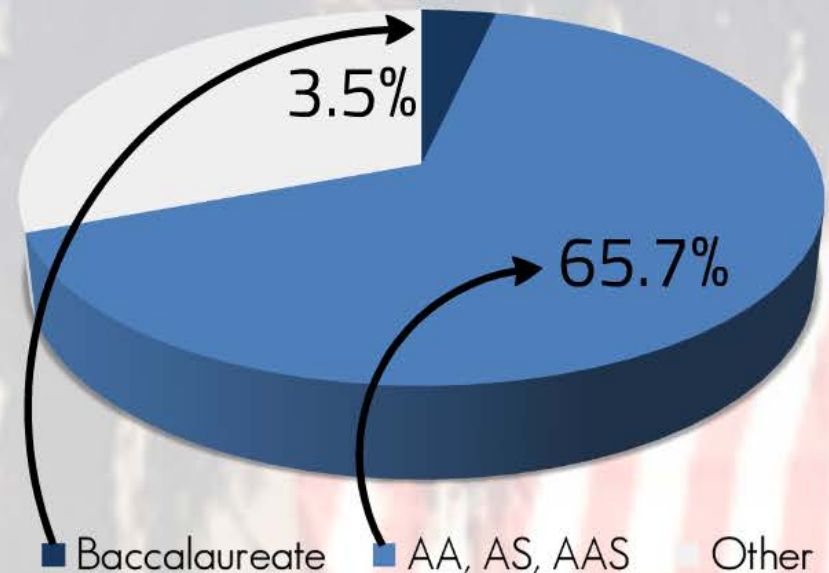
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Monitor entrance/exit requirements between systems for seamless transfer; make recommendations for improvement.

Develop guidelines and facilitate statewide articulation agreements.

Promote and annually recommend acceleration mechanism (AP, IB, AICE, CLEP, Dual Enrollment, etc.) equivalencies for SBE/BOG approval.

Annually review statewide articulation agreement, SCNS, course levels, application of transfer credit requirements and instances of transfer/admission difficulty.

Publish annual list of common General Education courses and degree program prerequisites.

Examine statewide data to make K-20 articulation improvements.

Make recommendations to improve interface with statewide computer-based student advising system.



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Every Associate in Arts graduate from a Florida College System institution:

Shall have met all general education requirements

Shall have fulfilled the "Gordon Rule" requirements

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Shall be awarded 60 hours by the state university

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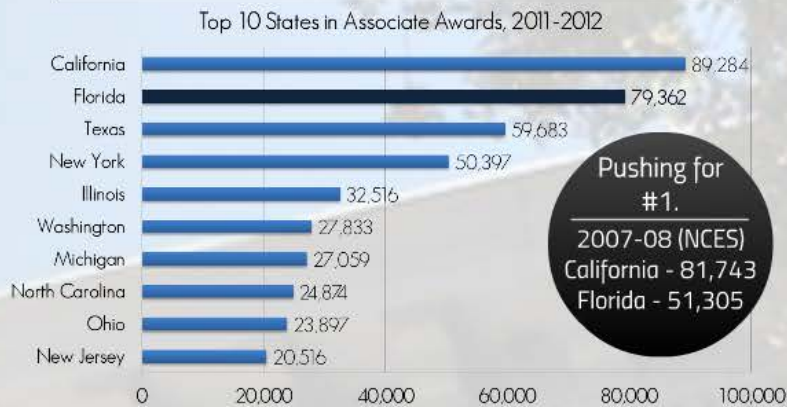
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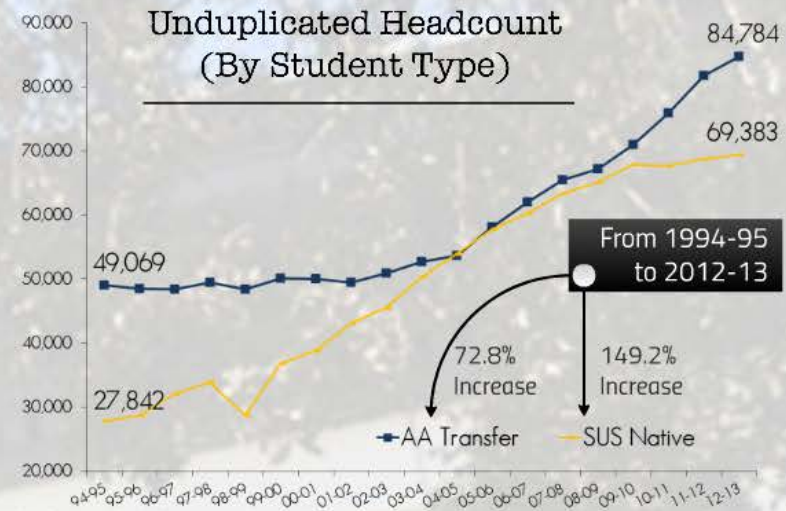
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Florida 2nd Nationally in Associate Degree Awards



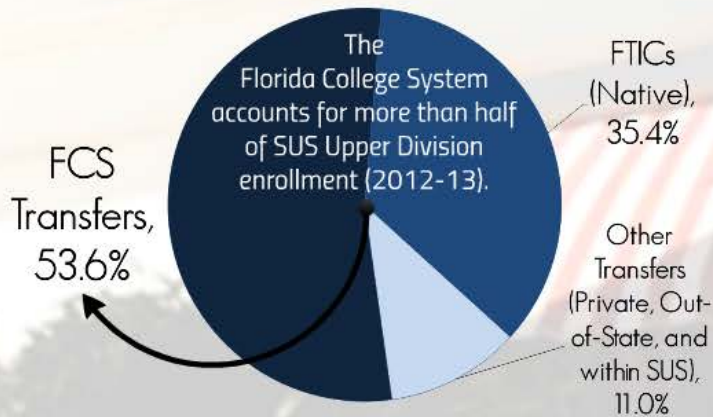
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State University System



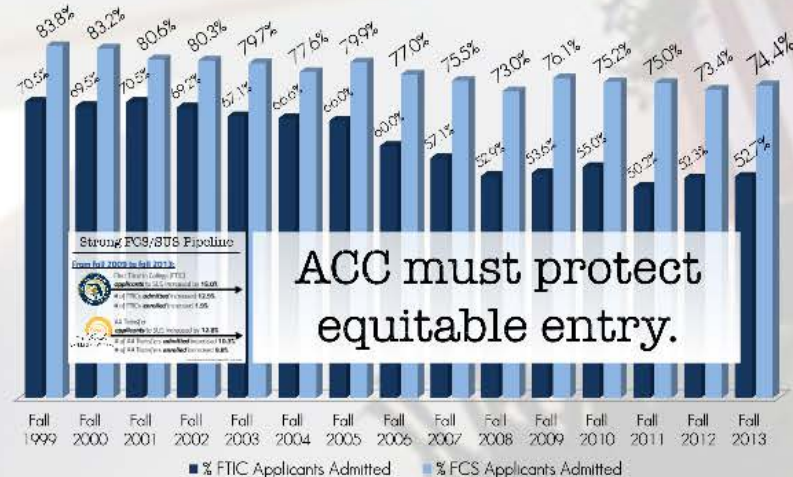
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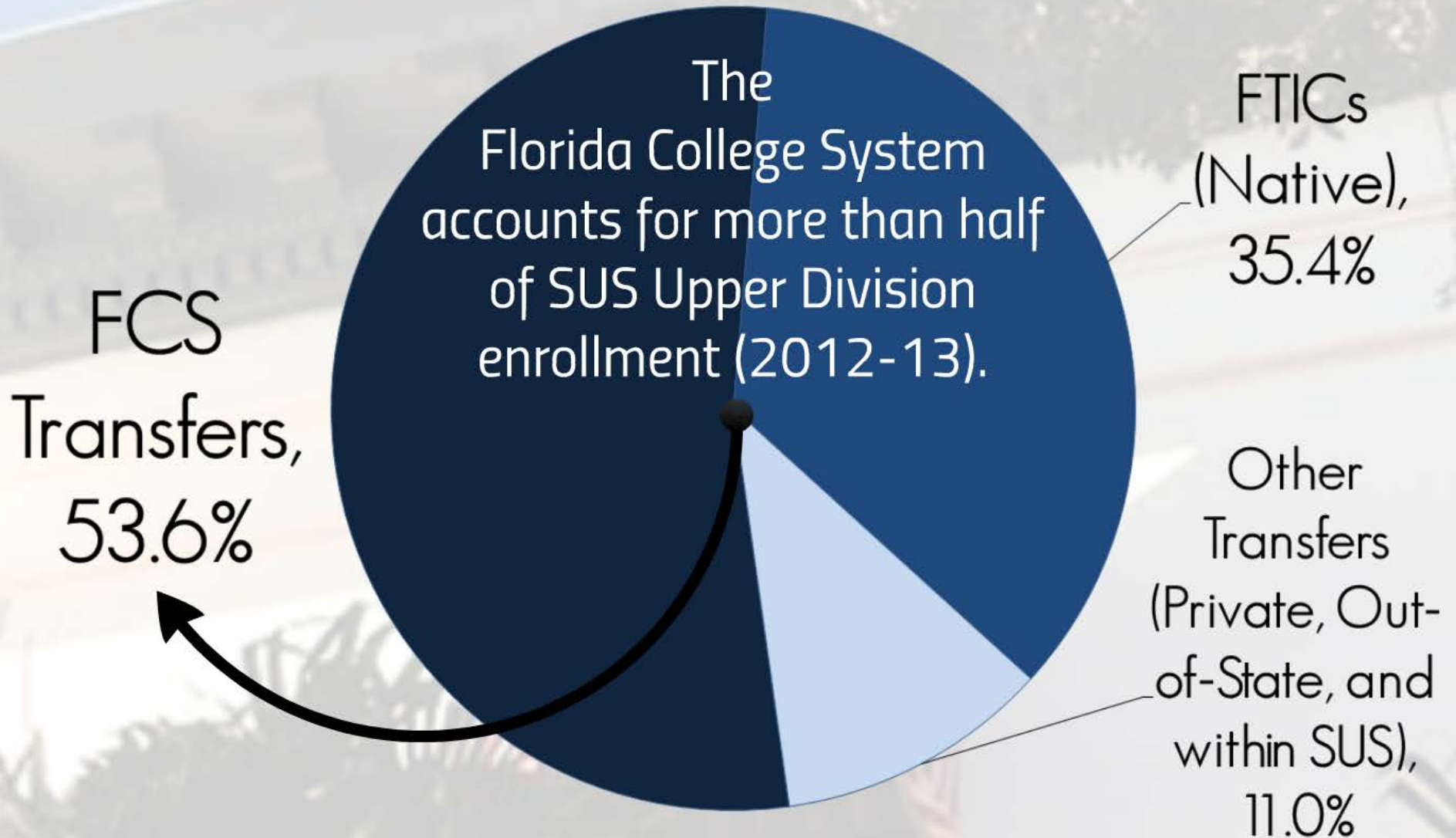
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Top 10 States in Associate Awards, 2011-2012



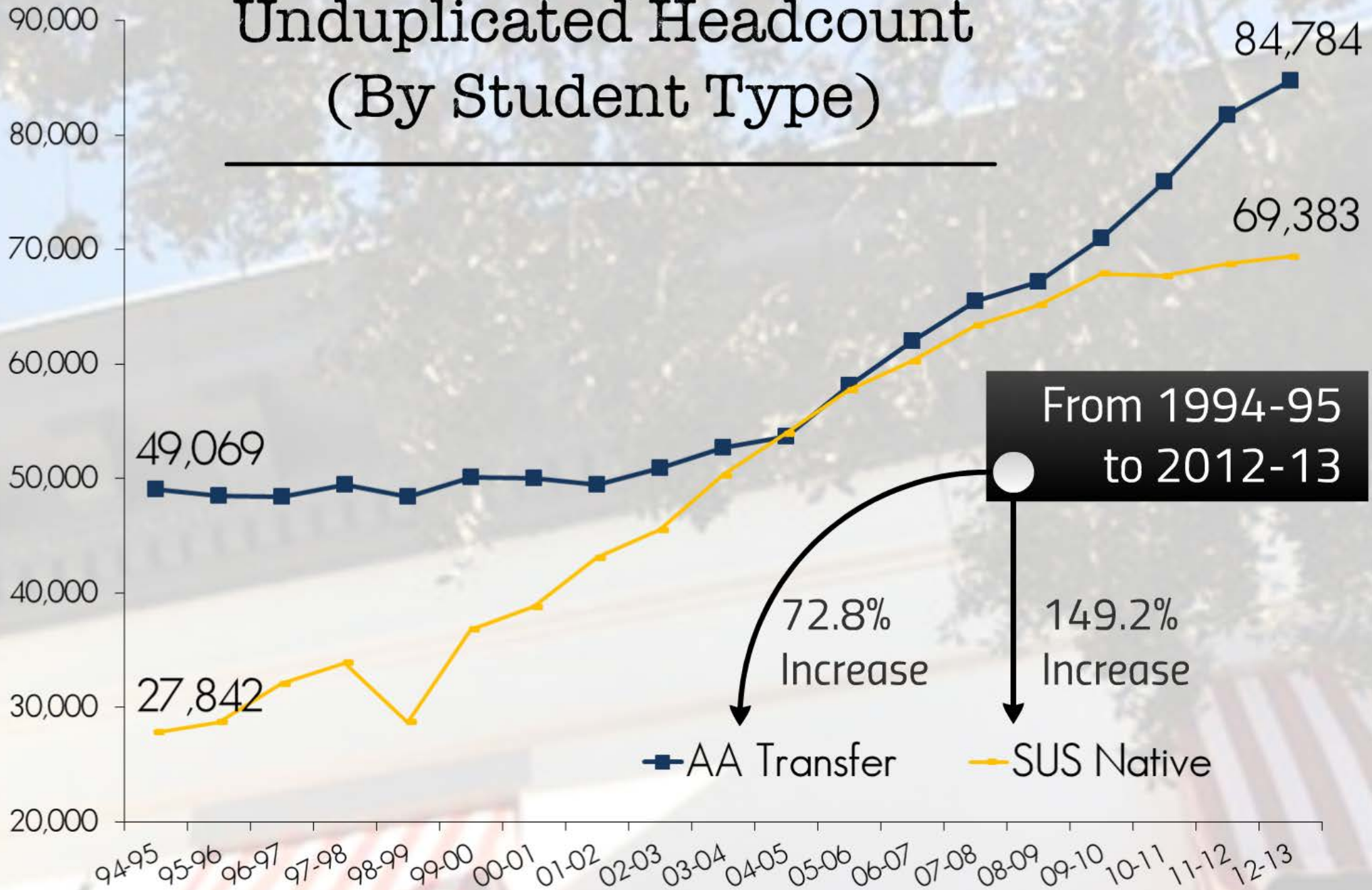
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SUS Enrollment



State University System

Unduplicated Headcount (By Student Type)



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Strong FCS/SUS Pipeline

From fall 2009 to fall 2013:



First Time in College (FTIC)

applicants to SUS increased by **15.0%**

of FTICs **admitted** increased **12.9%**

of FTICs **enrolled** increased **1.9%**



THE *Florida*
COLLEGE SYSTEM

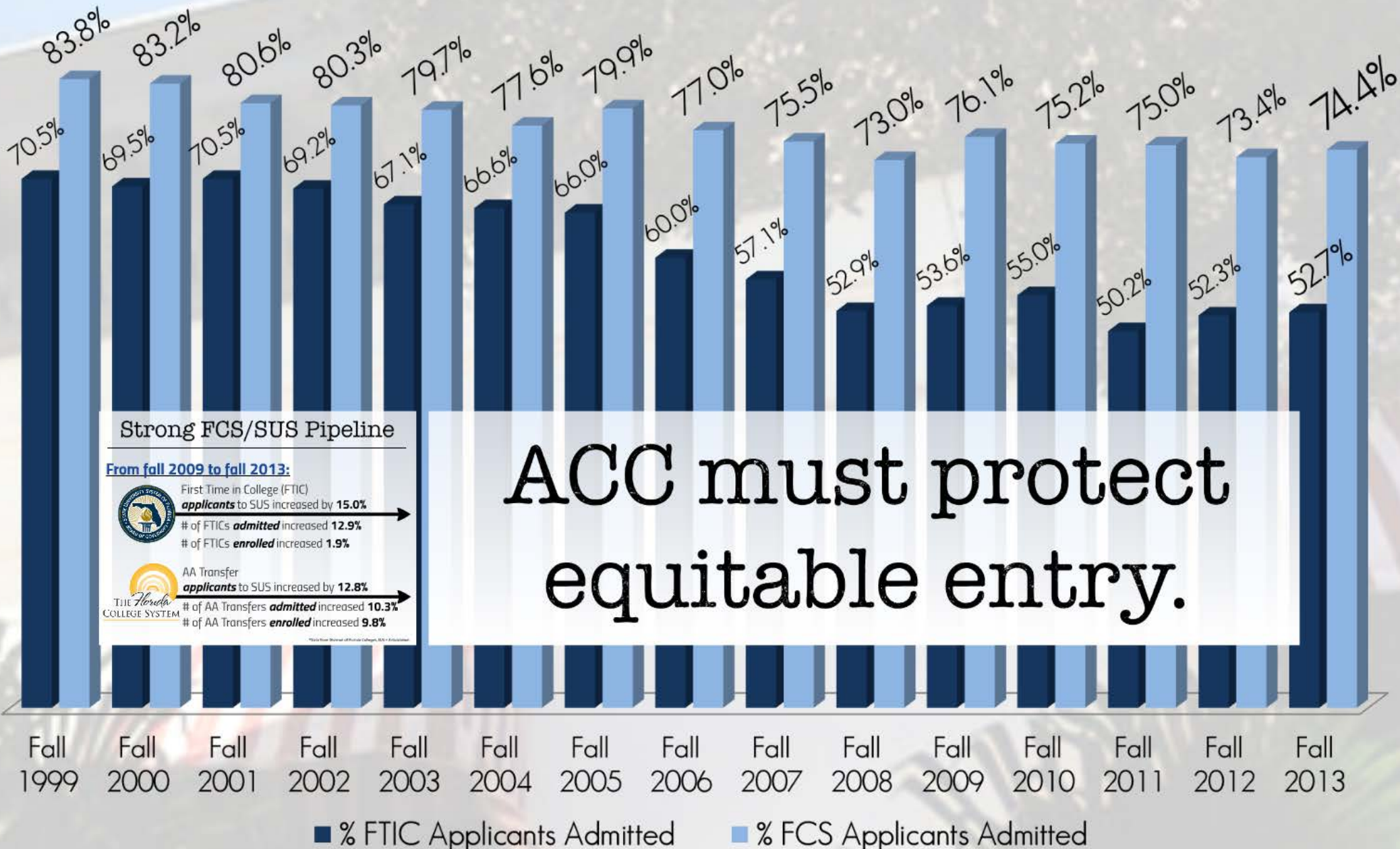
AA Transfer

applicants to SUS increased by **12.8%**

of AA Transfers **admitted** increased **10.3%**

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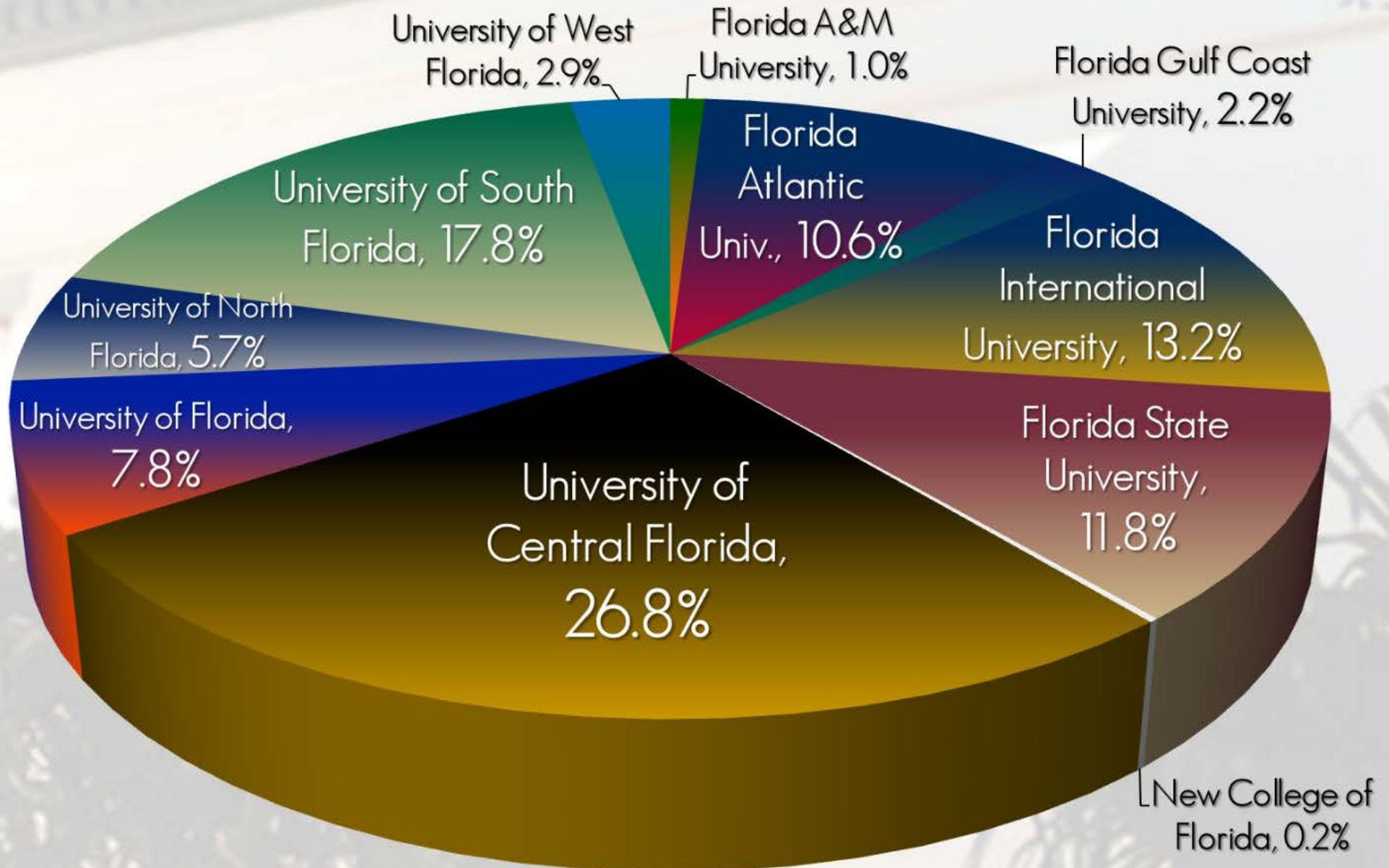
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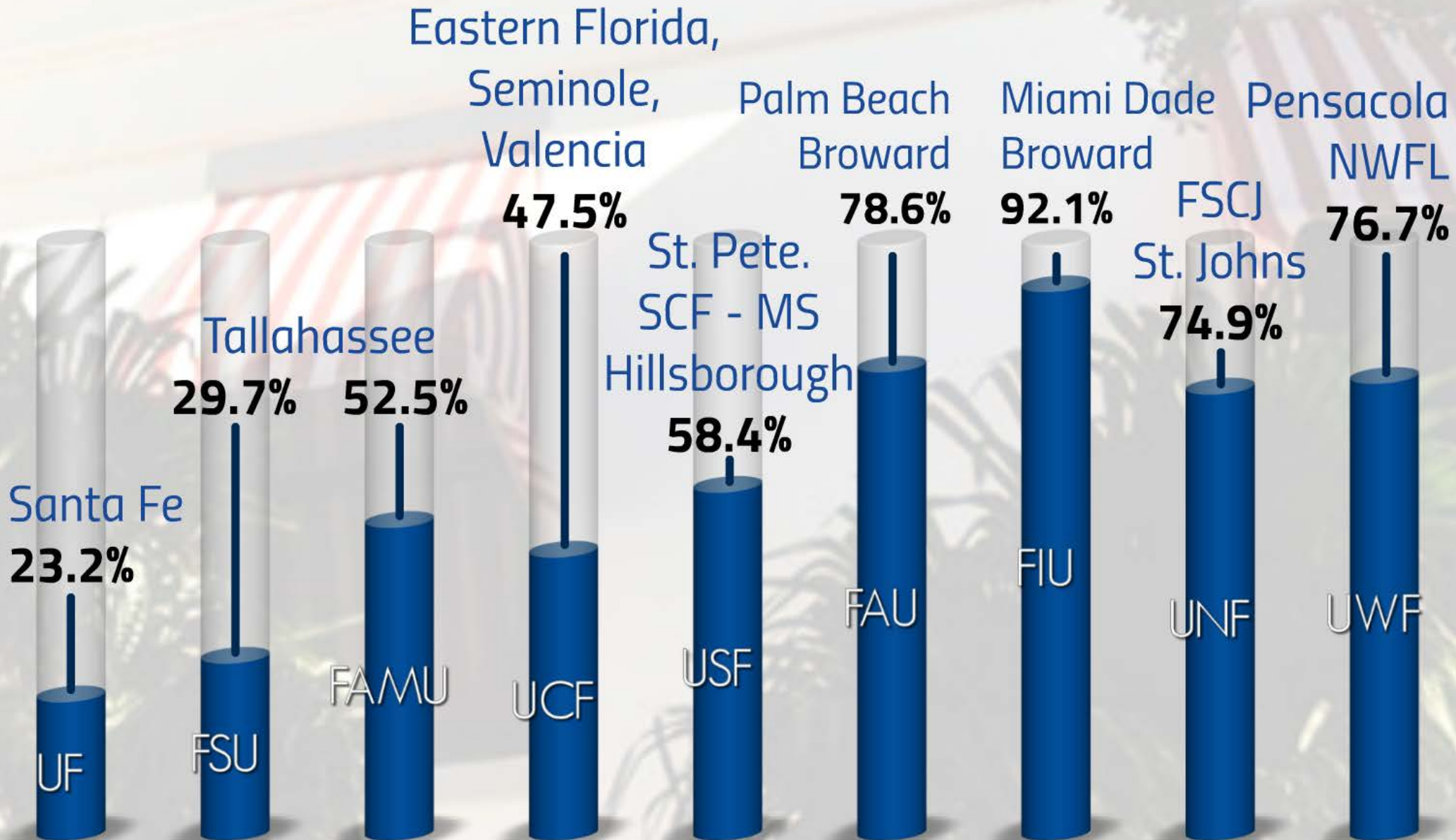
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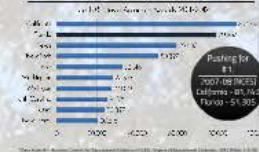
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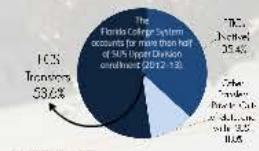
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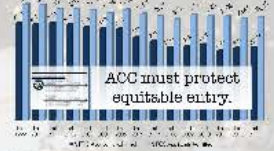
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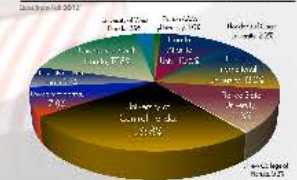


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