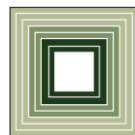


UNC System: Tuition and Fees



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Presentation Agenda

1. Setting Tuition

2. Residency

3. Tuition

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Setting Tuition

“The General Assembly shall provide that the benefits of The University of North Carolina and other public institutions of higher education, as far as practicable, be extended to the people of the State free of expense.”

-State Constitution, Sec. 9

Setting Tuition

- G.S. 116-11(7) directs the Board of Governors to set tuition and fees rates “not inconsistent with actions of the General Assembly.”
- In 2010, the Board of Governors adopted a four-year tuition and fee plan to guide it through 2014.
 - Resident undergraduate tuition and fees must remain in the bottom 25% of each campus’s public “peer institution”
 - Non-resident undergraduate tuition and fees must fully cover the cost of education.
- The Board of Governors annually considers campus requests to increase tuition and fees.

Setting Tuition: Undergraduate Peer Comparisons

Institution	Resident Rank	Nonresident Rank
ASU	19 of 19	8 of 19
ECU	19 of 19	11 of 19
ECSU	15 of 16	12 of 16
FSU	17 of 17	10 of 17
NCA&T	17 of 18	12 of 18
NCCU	17 of 18	12 of 18
NCSU	15 of 17	16 of 17
UNCA	15 of 15	5 of 15
UNC-CH	11 of 11	7 of 11
UNCC	17 of 18	13 of 18
UNCG	18 of 19	13 of 19
UNCP	17 of 19	12 of 19
UNCW	18 of 18	13 of 18
UNCSA	13 of 14	13 of 14
WCU	16 of 18	10 of 18
WSSU	16 of 17	16 of 17

- Compares UNC campuses to public peer institutions
- Rank determined by value of FY 2013-14 proposed tuition and fees of UNC campuses compared to FY 2012-13 total tuition and fees for public peer institutions.

Source: UNC-GA presentation to Board of Governors, January 10, 2013.

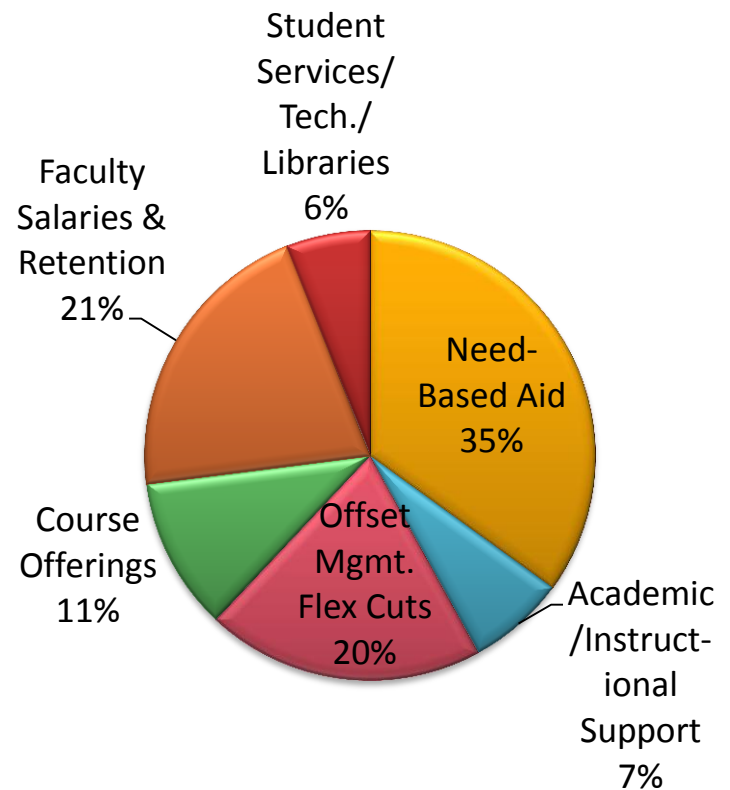
Residency

- G.S. 116-143.1 mandates specific criteria for determining who is a “resident” for tuition purposes.
- Residency is legally complex, but generally, a person may receive resident status if:
 - A permanent resident of NC for the previous 12 months, and
 - Not a resident solely to attend an NC college or university.
- In 2012, UNC reviewed its process for determining who is a resident. It found:
 - Duplication of efforts, and some errors
 - That time could be saved and outcomes improved by centralizing the process.

Tuition Revenues

- In the UNC System, tuition is collected and maintained on campus.
- Tuition and fees vary significantly by campus
 - FY 2012-13 lowest: Elizabeth City State: \$4,150 for residents
 - FY 2012-13 highest: UNC-Chapel Hill: \$28,252 for non-residents
- Used for a variety of purposes.

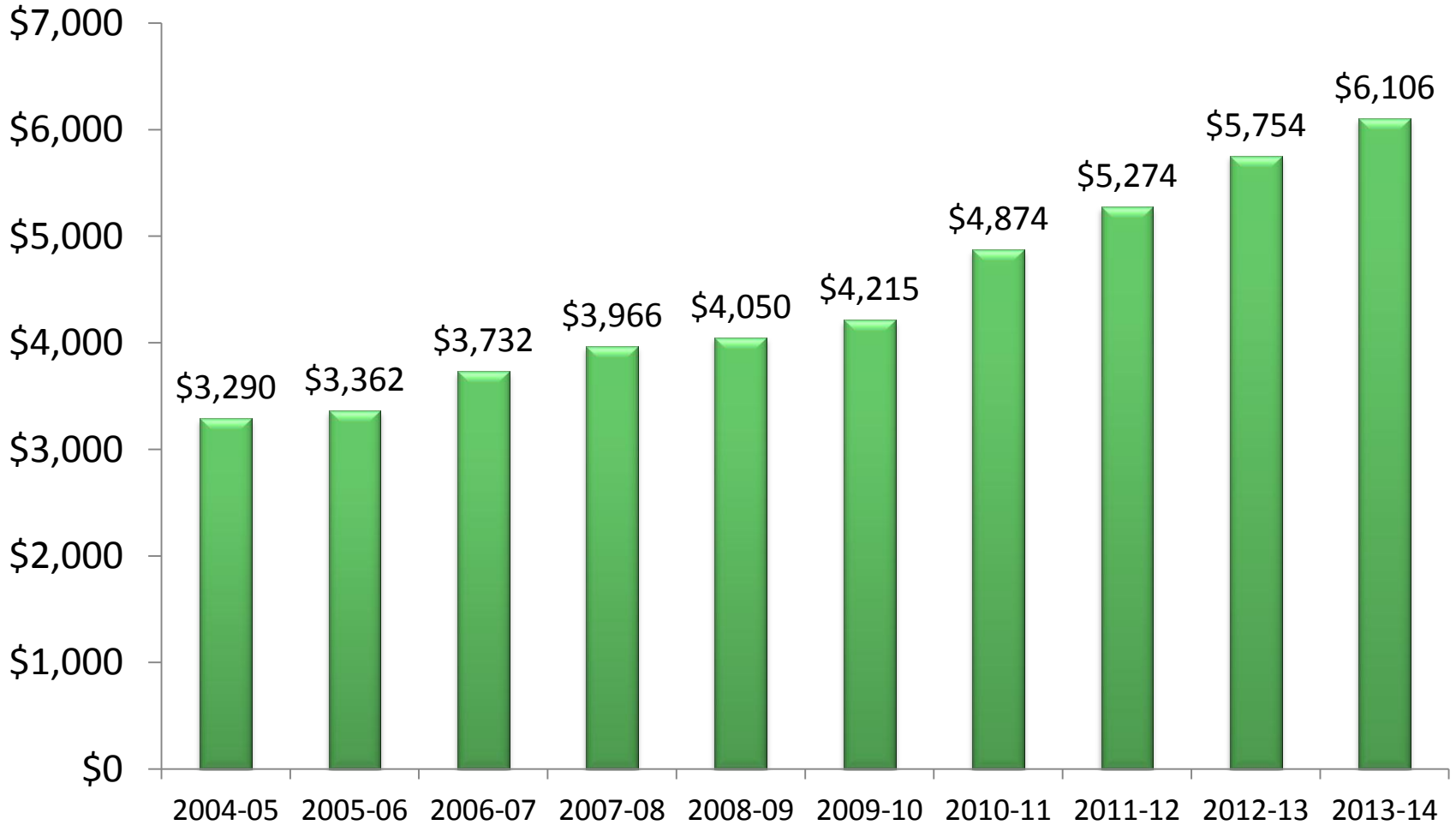
Historical Use of Campus Initiated Tuition Revenues: 2000-01 to 2012-13



Source: UNC-GA presentation to Board of Governors, January 13, 2012.

Tuition History

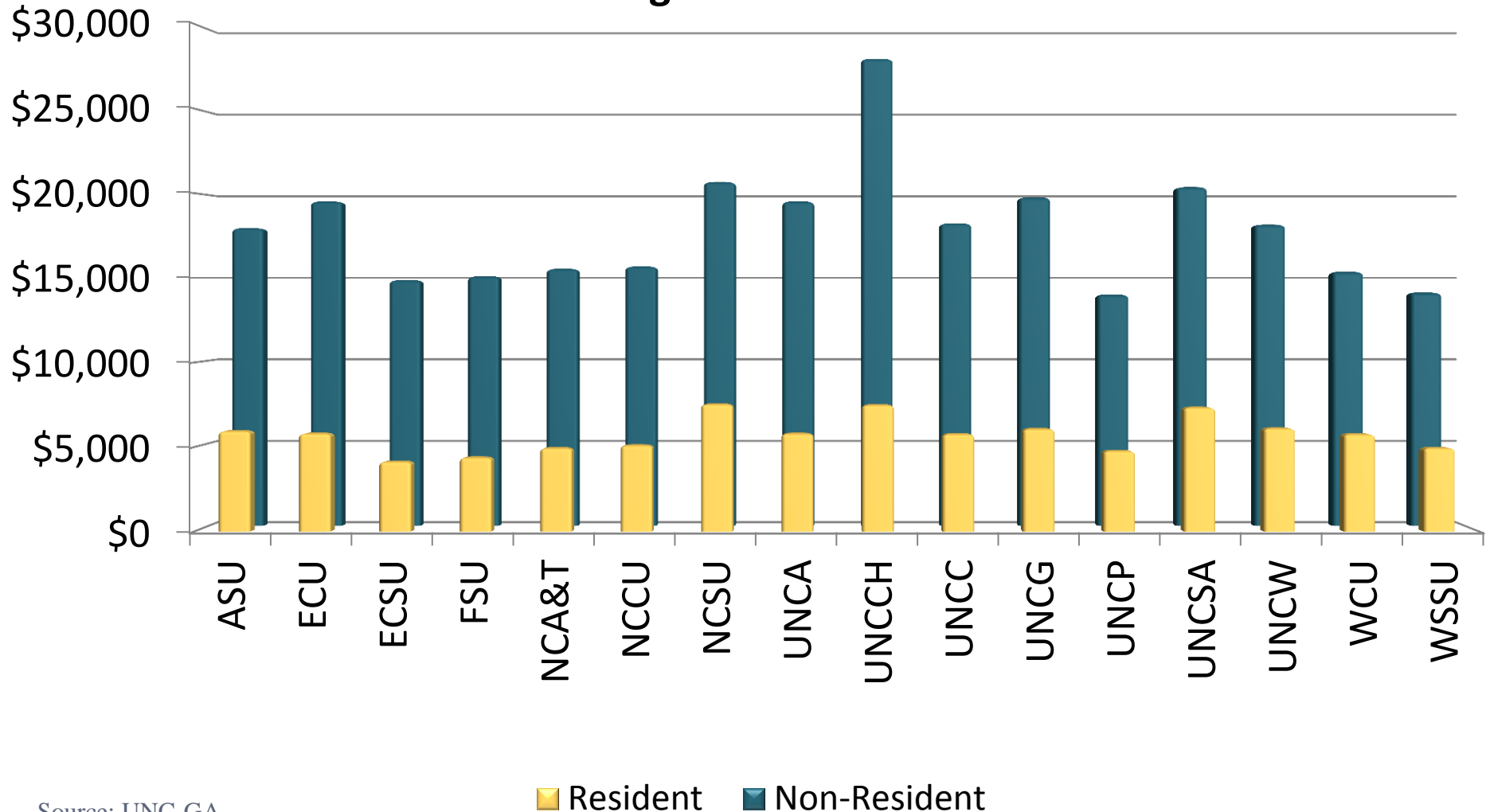
Average Undergraduate Resident Tuition and Fees



Sources: FY 2004-05 to FY 2012-13: Tuition and fees schedules; FY 2013-14: Appendix K of February 8th BOG Meeting.

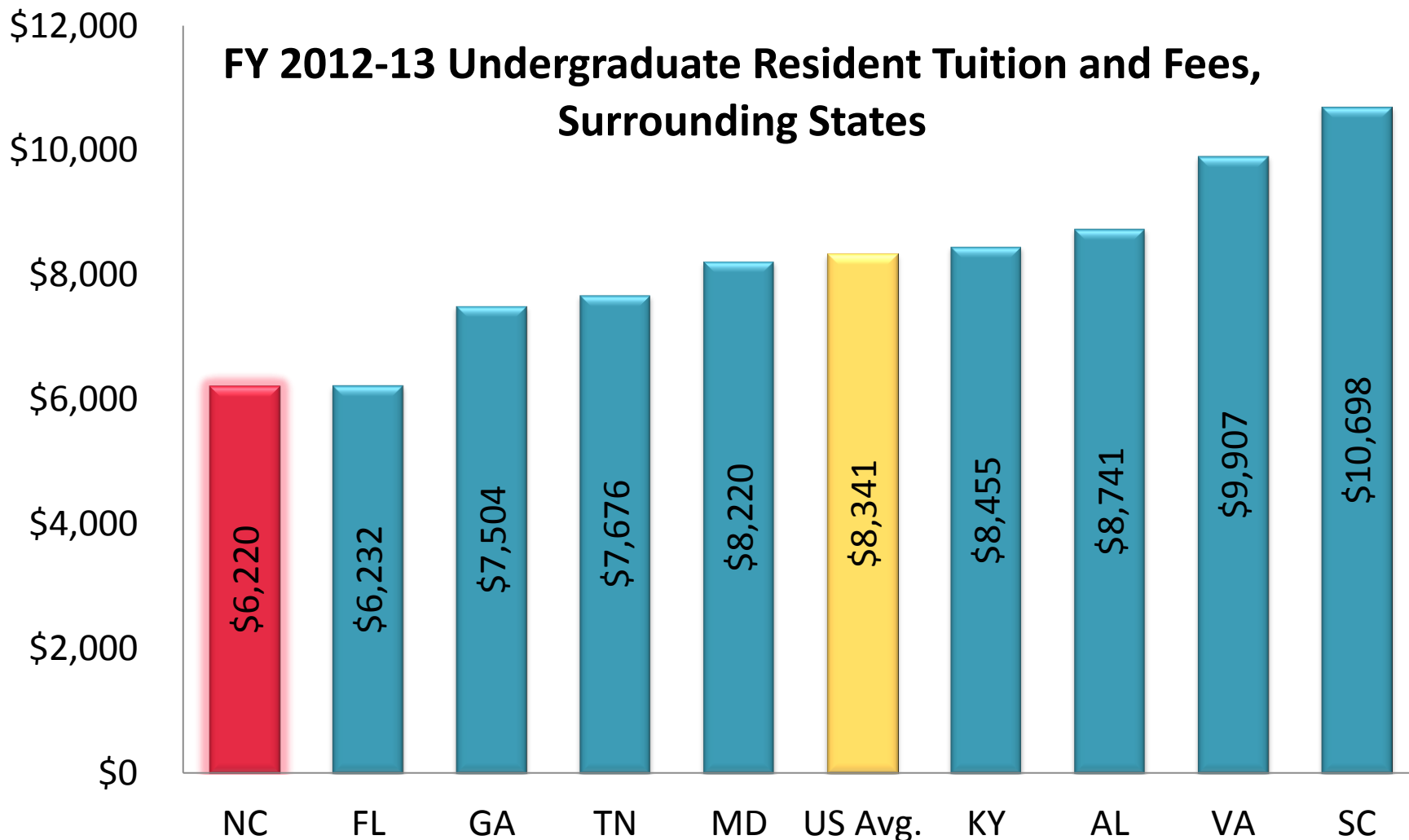
Tuition and Fees by Campus

2012-13 Undergraduate Tuition and Fees



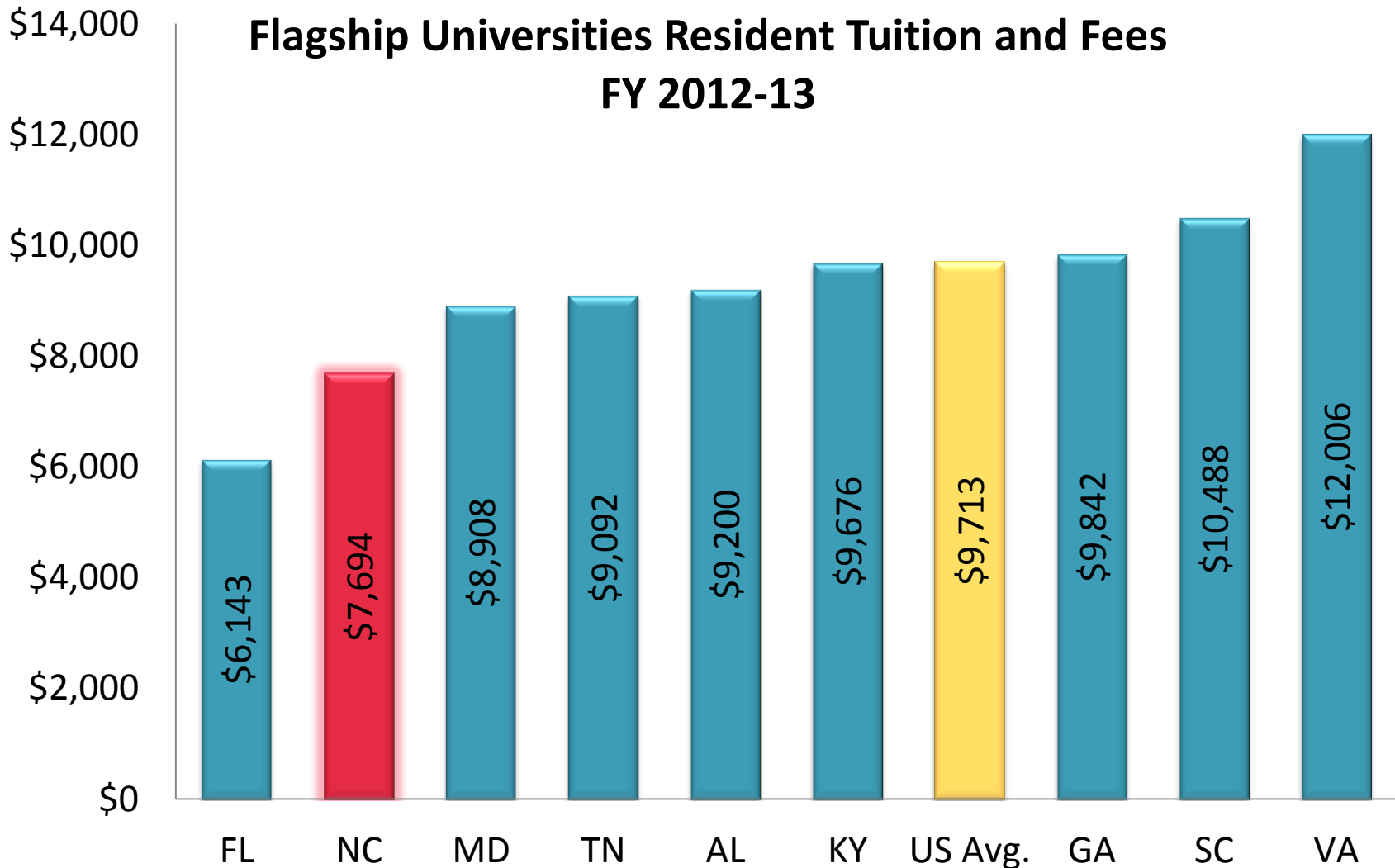
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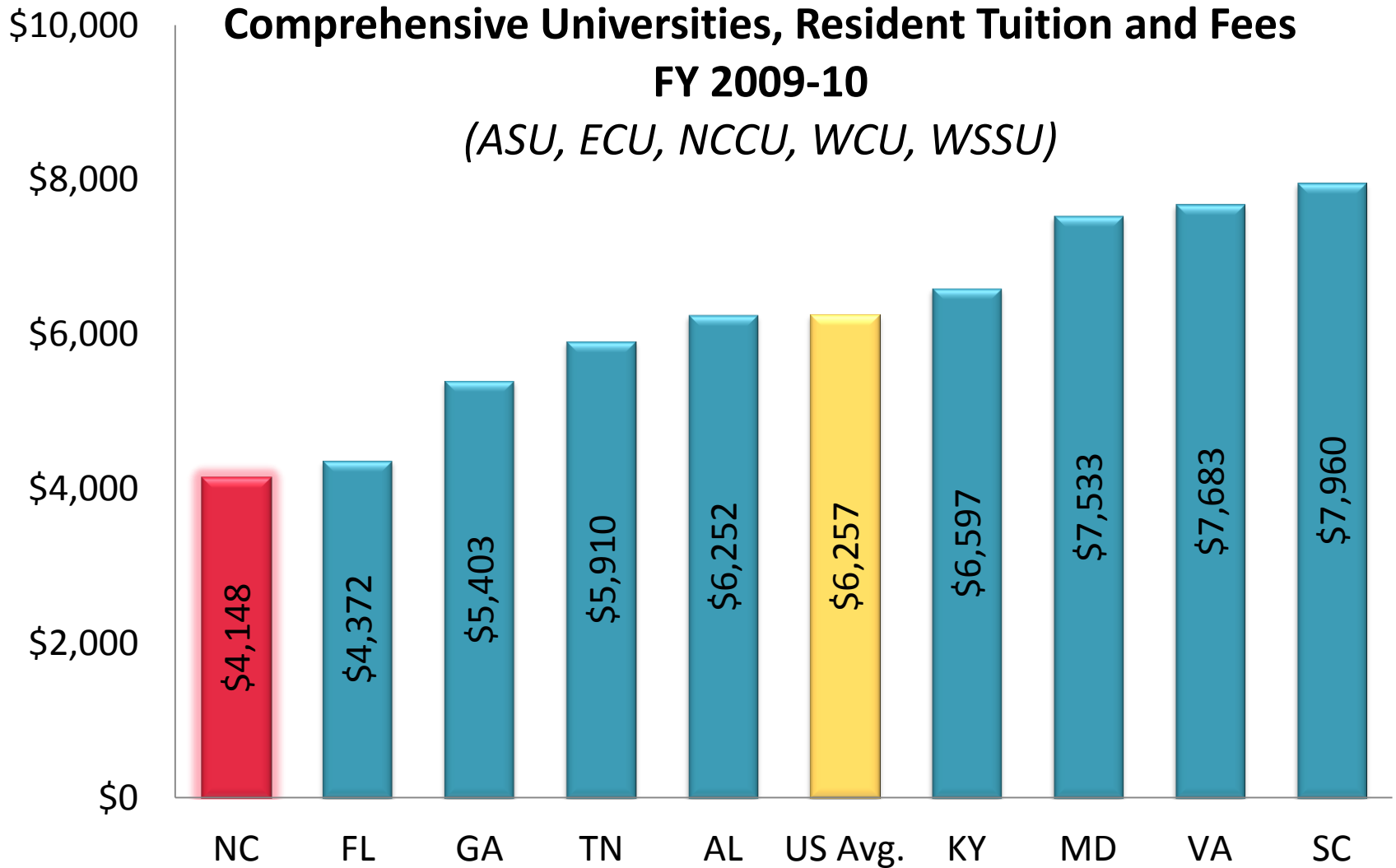
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Tuition Surcharge

- Began in 1994 with a 25% surcharge on any credit hours over 140 hours and over 4 years (or the equivalent for a 5-year program).
- Increased to 50% surcharge beginning in 2010-11 year.
- 2012 report determined that it was not possible to determine if the change had an impact yet.
- Accounted for \$5 million in tuition revenue in FY 2011-12.

Fees

- Fees vary by campus
- FY 2012-13 total fees range from:
 - Lowest: \$1,567 at Elizabeth City State
 - Highest: \$2,420 at Appalachian State
- The five standard fees are:

Athletics Fee

Health Services
Fee

Student
Activities Fees

Educational
and Technology
Fees

Debt Service
Fee

Fees

Athletics Fee

- Funds the maintenance and operation of equipment and physical plant facilities that are used in conjunction with these Athletic Services.
- Funds intercollegiate athletic services, including athletic scholarships
- Every campus charges an Athletics Fee except the UNC School of the Arts
 - Lowest: \$227 at NCSU
 - Highest: \$688 at WCU

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Health Services Fee

- Funds are used to maintain and operate student health centers.
- Every campus charges a Health Services Fee
 - Lowest: \$141 at FSU
 - Highest: \$765 at UNC SA and \$429 at UNC-CH

Fees

Student Activities Fee

- Funds “nonacademic student services”, including the cost to maintain/ operate related facilities.
- Includes student unions, intramural facilities, student organizations, newspapers, yearbooks, and entertainment programs.
- Every campus charges a Student Activities Fee
 - Lowest: \$352 at UNC-CH
 - Highest: \$683 at UNCA

Fees

Educational and Technology Fee

- Funds specialized instructional supplies and services
- Funds scientific and data processing equipment not directly related to individual/ specific courses.
- For the 2010-11 academic year, Educational and Technology fees were increased at 14 institutions
- Every campus charges an Education and Technology Fee
 - Lowest: \$207 at ECSU
 - Highest: \$510 at WCU

Fees

Debt Service Fee

- Funds debt service payments for some capital projects that are not State-funded
- Once the Board of Governors establishes a debt service fee for a specific project, that fee must remain in effect until the debt is retired.
- Every campus except Elizabeth City State currently charges a Debt Service Fee
 - Lowest: \$120 at NCCU
 - Highest: \$707 at UNCG

Summary

NC has comparatively low tuition.

Resident tuition and fees have increased 86% over the last 10 years.