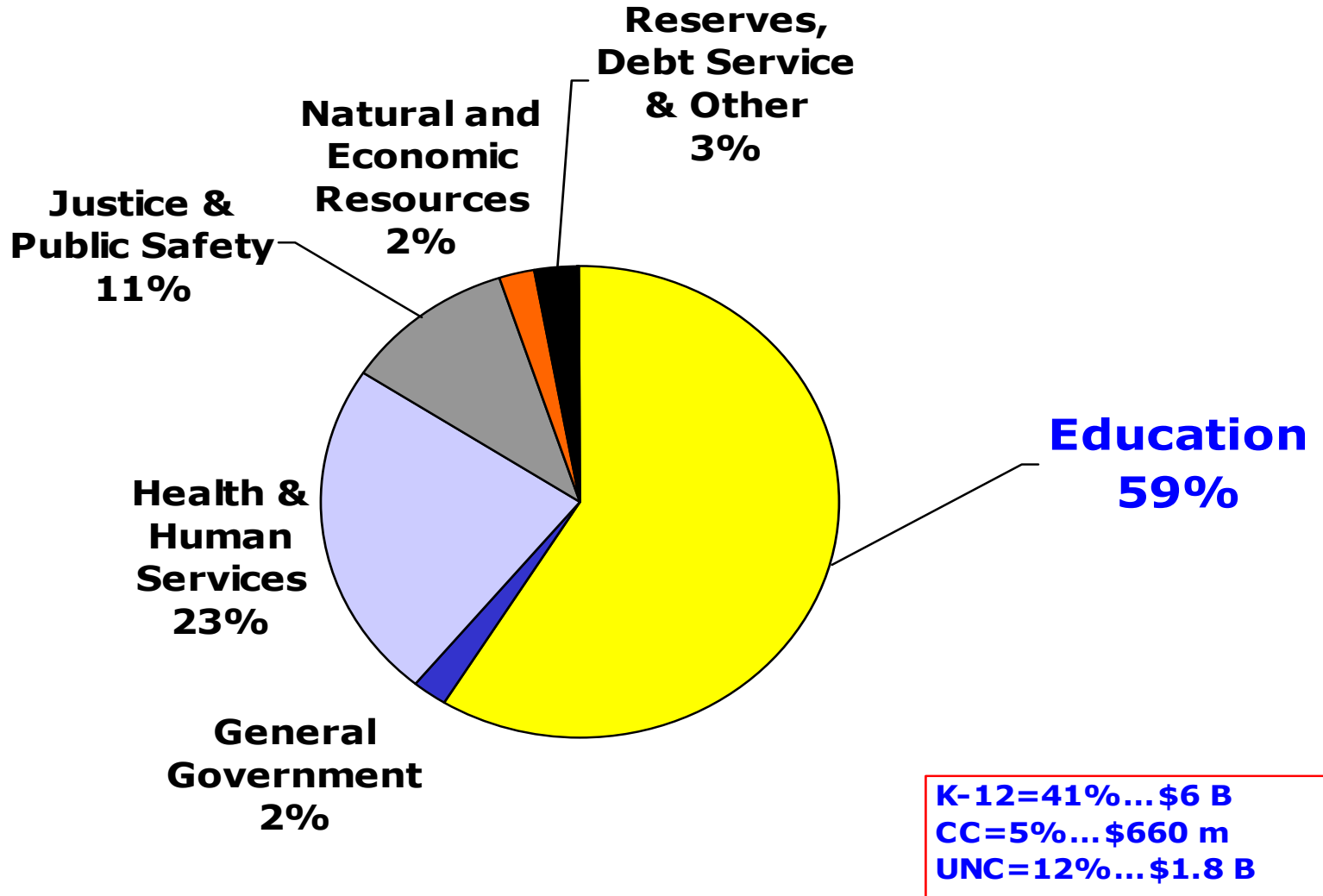


Just the Facts. . .



2003-04 NC State Budget

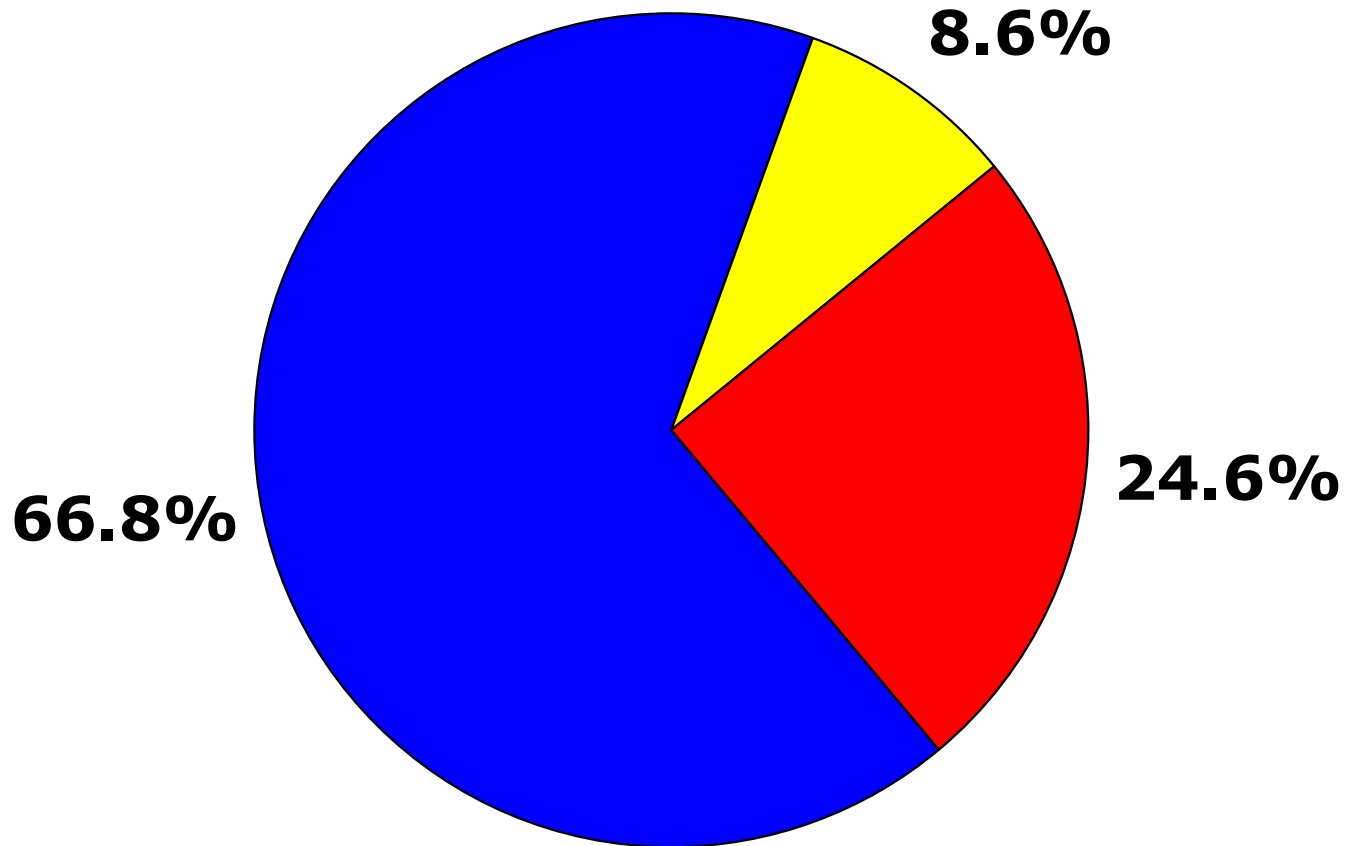
\$14.7 Billion



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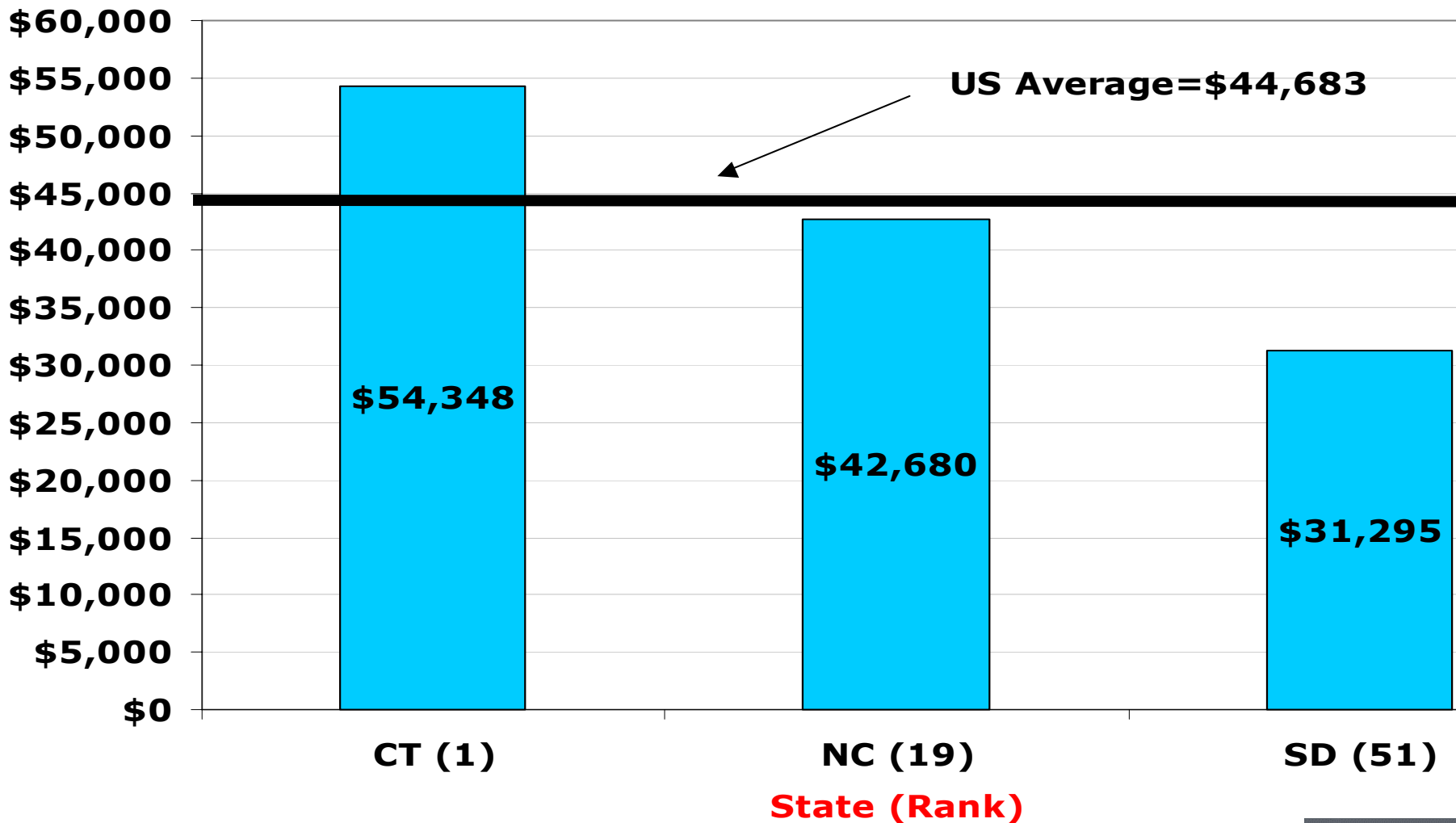
	1983-84	2003-04
School Districts	142	115
Employees	107,902	167,319
Students	1.1 m	1.3 m
State K-12 budget	\$1.6 B	\$6 B
% of State Budget	42.9%	40.8%
Per-Pupil Spending	\$2,257	\$6,917

Sources of School Funding



State **Federal** **Local**

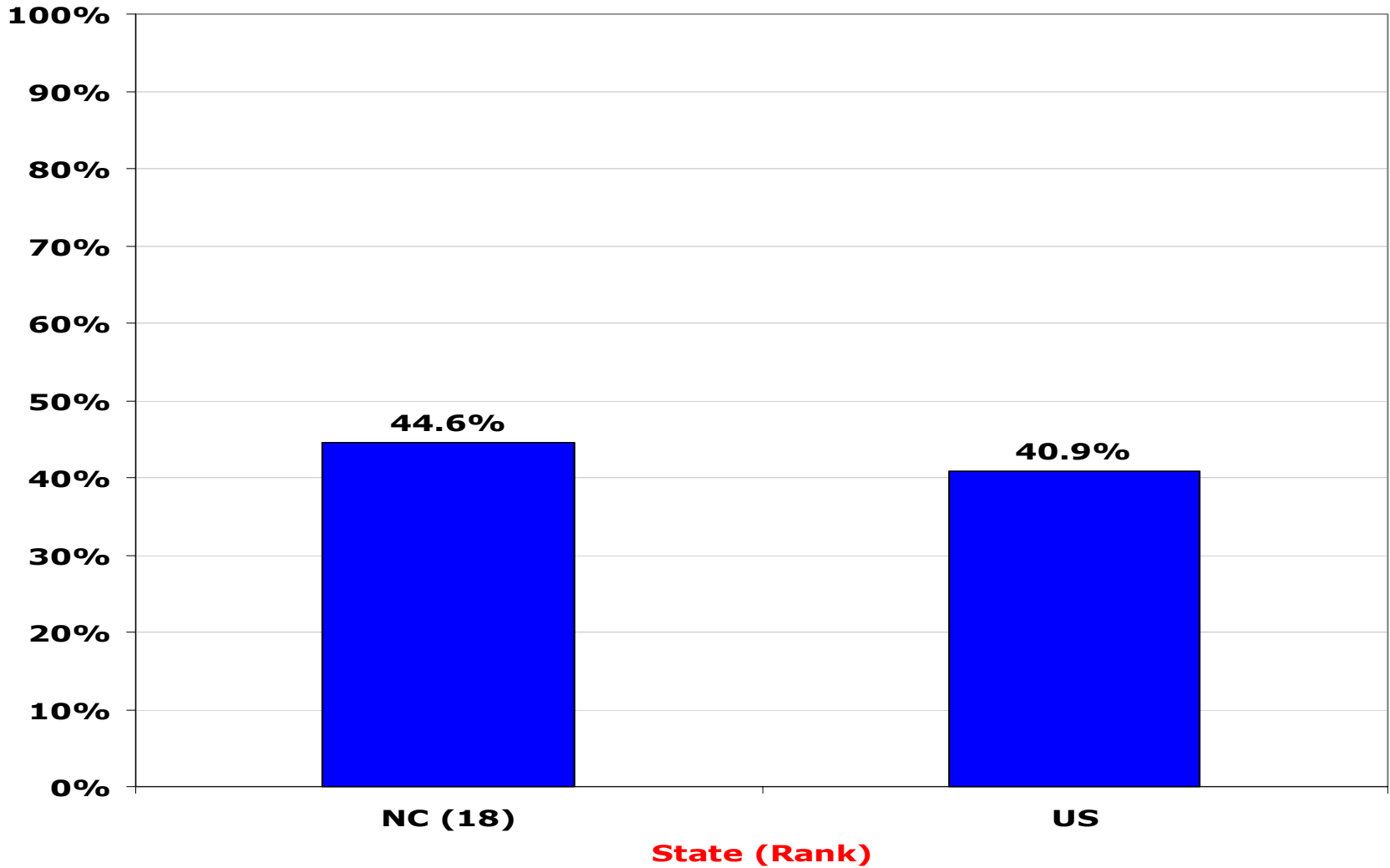
Teacher Salary



Note: US average salary would rank between 14 and 15

Source: NEA, *Rankings & Estimates*

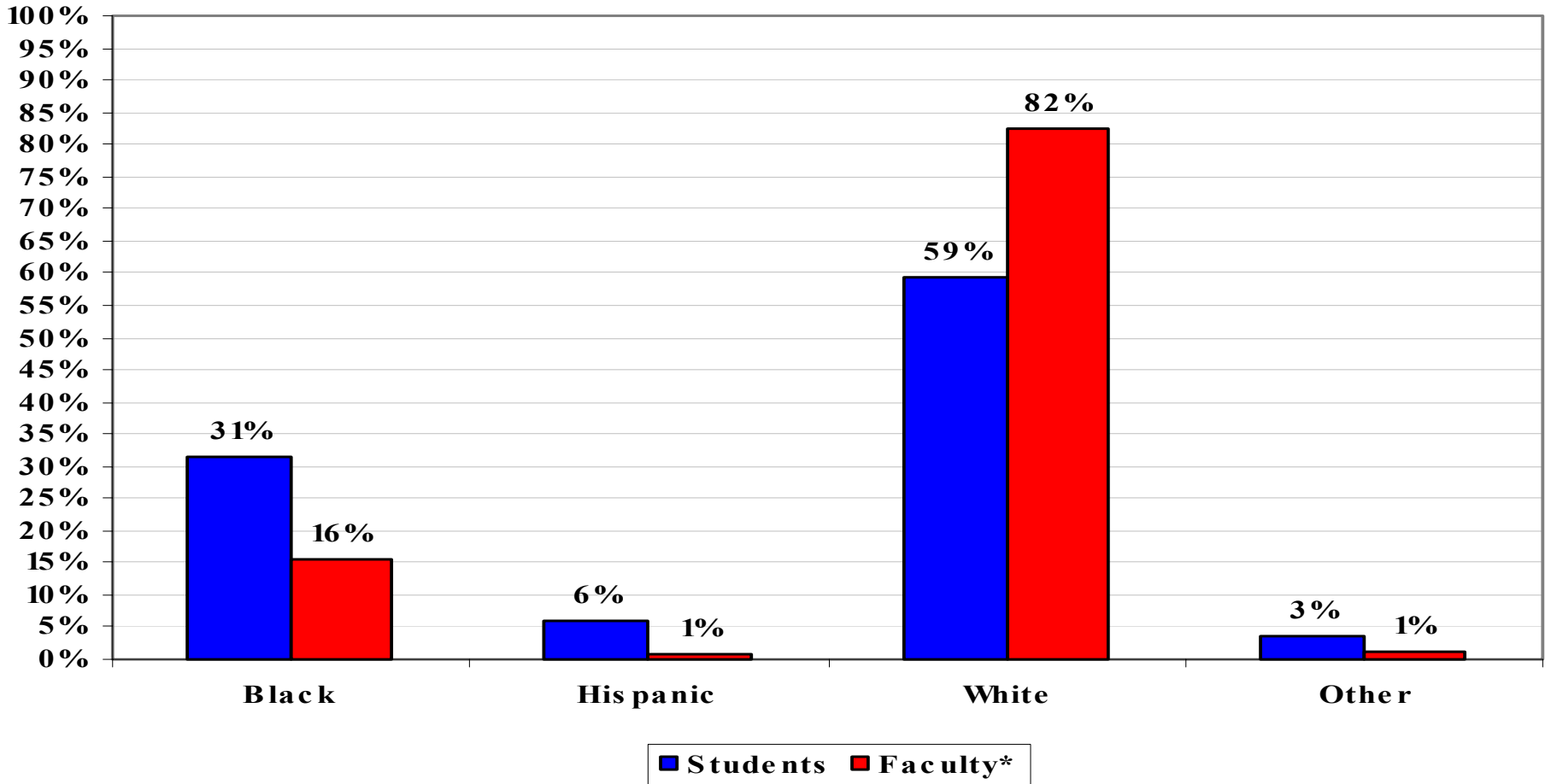
Free & Reduced-Price Lunch Participation



Source: DPI & Postsecondary Opportunity



NC School Racial Demographics



Source: DPI

Just the Facts. . .

➤ **Largest Expense in the State Budget (40.8%)**

➤ **Enormous Business (\$8.5 B)**

➤ **Largest Employer in Most Counties**

➤ **In Addition to Education...**

Transportation (155,464,615 miles)

Recreation (145,000 students)

**Counseling
(4,045 counselors & psychologists)**

Food Provider (150,089,760 lunches)



Just the Facts. . .

#1: Schools in NC Are Essentially State-Run (“He who pays the piper...”)

67 % State Funding



- ⇒ **State Pay Schedules**
- ⇒ **State Curriculum**
- ⇒ **State Testing**
- ⇒ **State Assistance Teams**
(“Take Overs”)

Just the Facts. . .

#2: Only 3 School Boards Have Taxing Authority

#3: School Systems Are Few in Number

Hawaii

1

NORTH CAROLINA

115

US Average

293

Texas

1,199



Just the Facts. . .

#4: Middle-Aged Adults Attended Segregated Schools



#5: NO Collective Bargaining

#6: Consolidation & Size of School Districts

US Average=3,113 students
NC Average=11,427 students

Just the Facts. . .

#7: Population Growth Swelling (Selected Areas)

North Carolina: 12th fastest growing state

Increased by 18,000+ children per year for the last 5 years

25 Counties: 82% of the Growth

10 Counties: Lost population

#8: Growing Diversity

Past decade Hispanic population ↑612%

Just the Facts. . .

#9: Private/Non-public population

Private=92,890

Home School=51,571

**11% of public school
enrollment**

**#10: Schools are a
Bi-partisan Issue**

