

A Perfect Storm of Challenges for Virginia Boards: Demographic Change, Economic Uncertainty and Social Unrest Before, During and After a Pandemic

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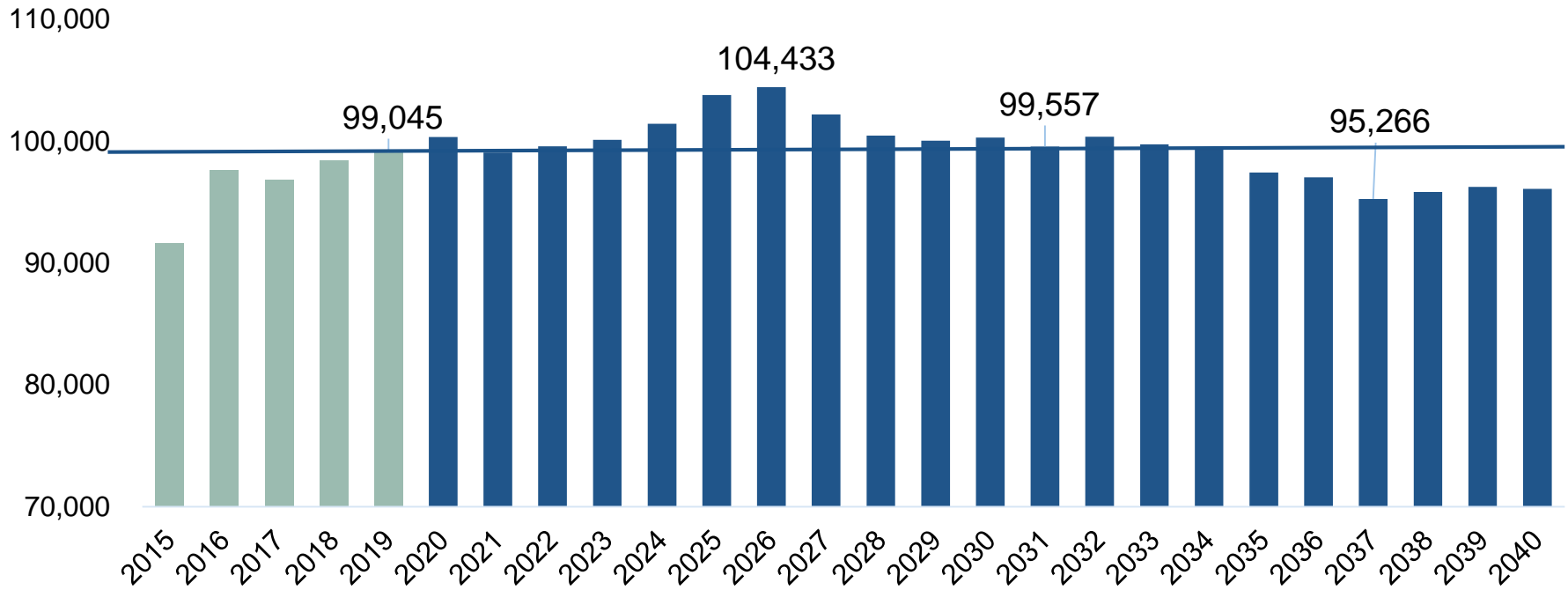
Boards of Visitors Orientation



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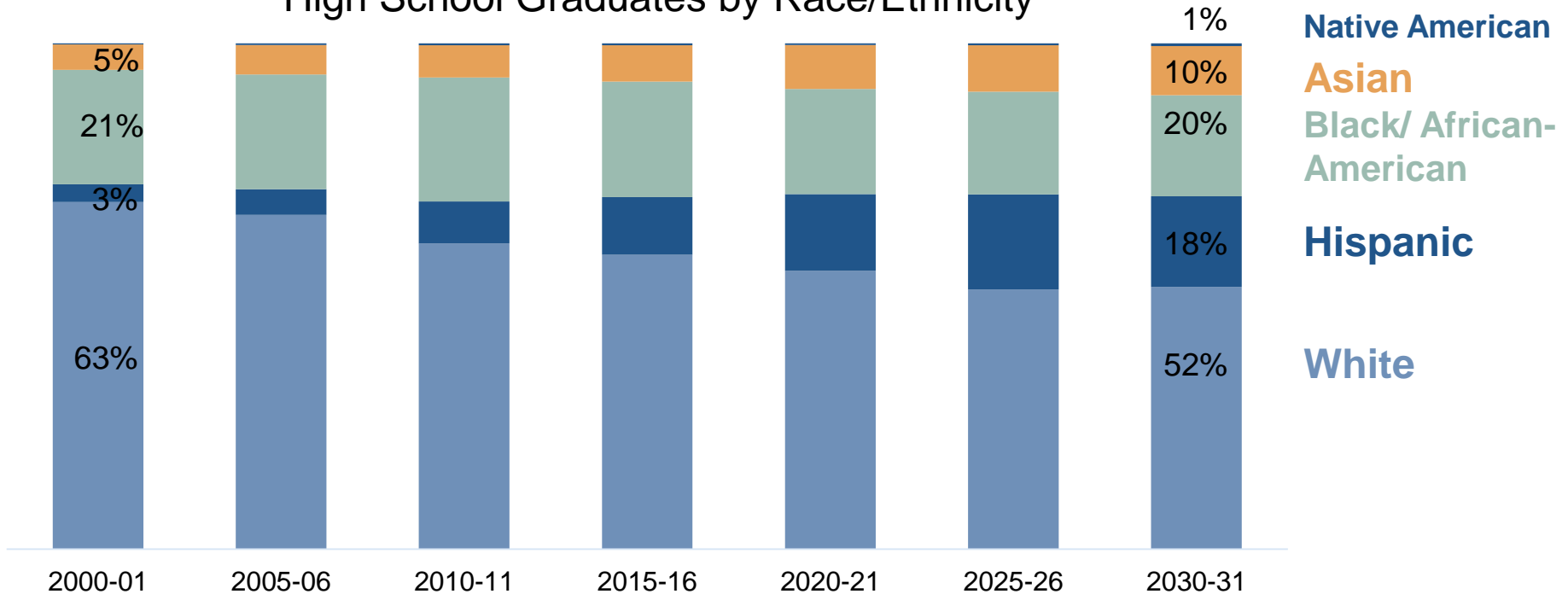
Demographic changes

Virginia High School Graduate Projections



Demographic Changes

High School Graduates by Race/Ethnicity

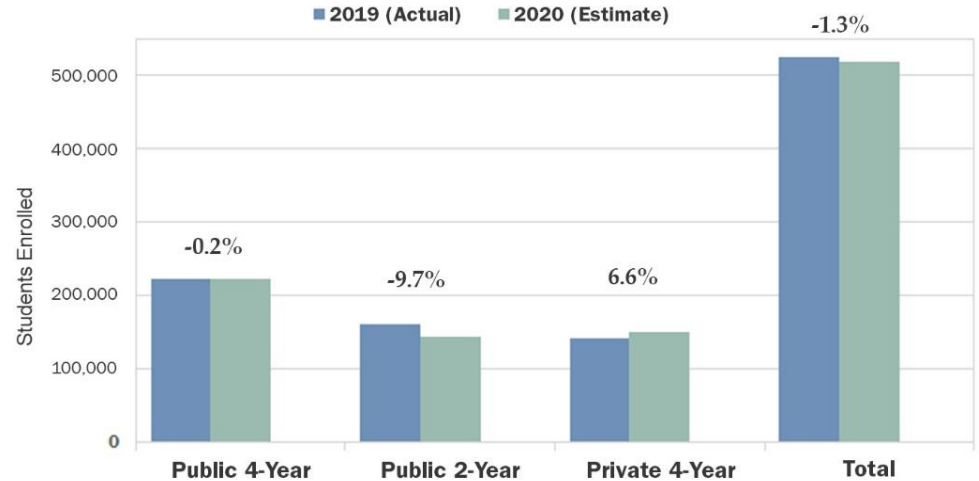


Source: <https://knocking.wiche.edu/data>

Demographic Changes

- Across the system, enrollment is down 1.3%, or 6,658 students
- At four-year public institutions:
 - Undergraduate enrollment is down 0.5%
 - Graduate enrollment is up 0.8%
 - First-year enrollment is down 10%
- Large variation among institutions (undergraduate +2% to -12%)

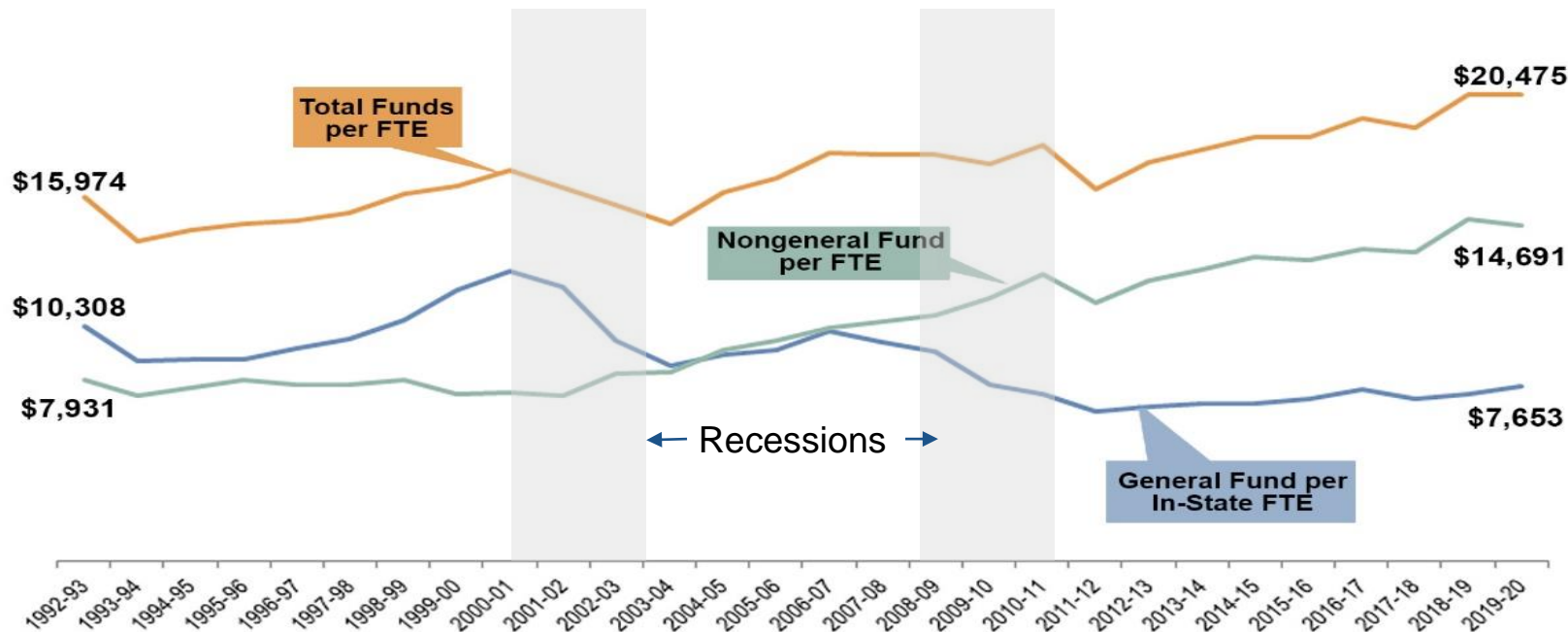
Fall Enrollment in Virginia Institutions by Sector



Source: SCHEV Early Enrollment Estimate [Insight](#) (overview) and [research.schev.edu \(institution data\)](https://research.schev.edu/institution-data)

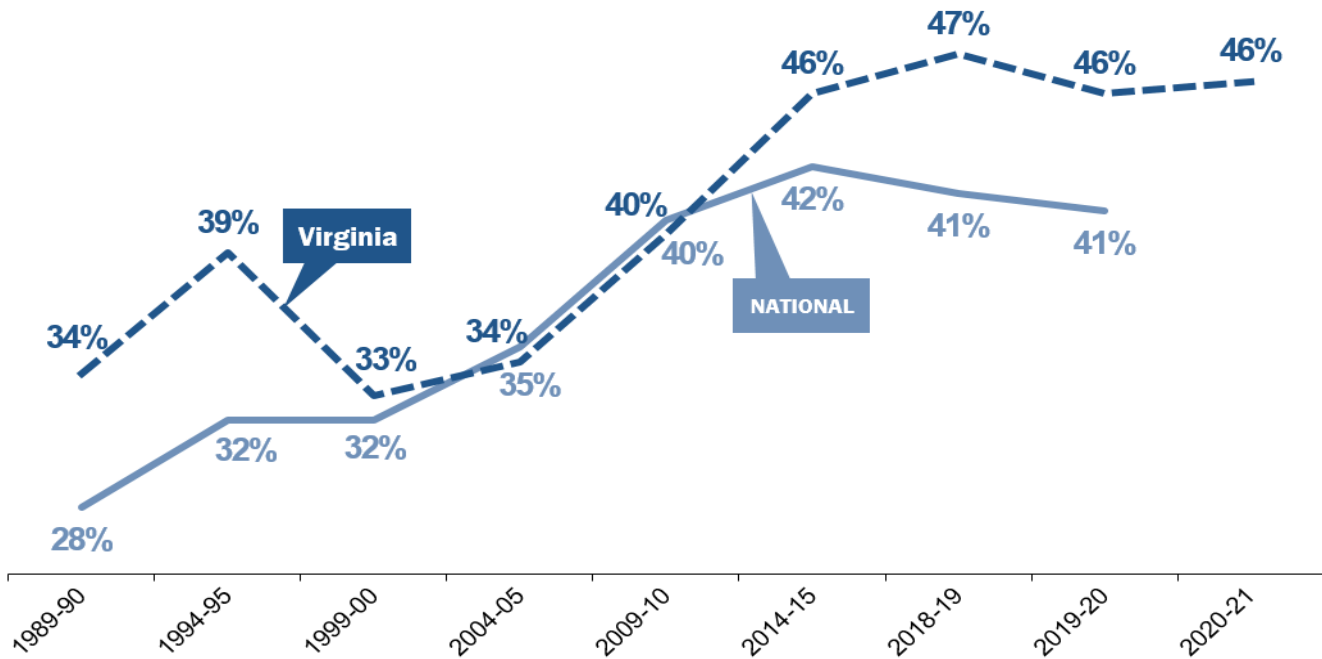
Financing

Average Funding per FTE Student at Public Baccalaureate-degree Granting Institutions (in FY2020 constant dollars)



Costs to students

Average Total In-State Undergraduate Charges at Public Baccalaureate Institutions as a Percentage of Per-capita Disposable Income

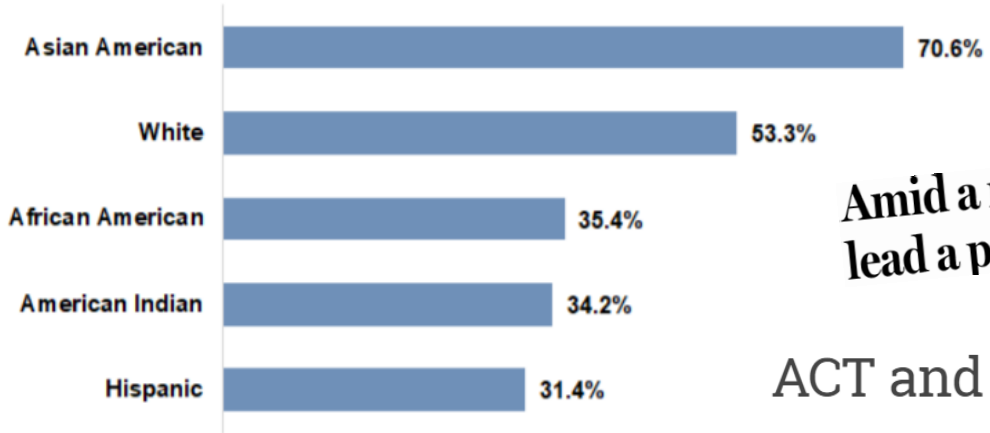


Note: Cost includes tuition, mandatory fees and room and board.

Source: [SCHEV tuition and fees report](#) using College Board, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis data.

Racial disparities in student success

Virginians (25-64 with Associate Degree or Higher by Race & Ethnicity



Source: Lumina Foundation, 2018 Stronger Nation

'Silent Sam' Confederate Statue Is Toppled at University of North Carolina

Amid a national reckoning on race, college students lead a push for change on campus

ACT and SAT Scores Drop

Declines come in a year in which it has become difficult to take either test. Gaps grow for minority groups except Asians.