

# Student Aid and Debt Presentation

Regents Finance Committee  
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# National Student Loan Debt

**\$1.62 Trillion**

Includes all outstanding balances for federal and private student loans processed through financial aid, plus accrued interest.



**50%**  
of outstanding student loan debt is from graduate students.



only **8%**  
of outstanding debt comes from private loans.

Amidst all of the discussion around student debt levels, the fact remains: **a college education pays off and is an investment worth making.**



Default rates are much lower for those who earn credentials



Non-completers are more likely to default on student loans than completers.



On average, Bachelor's degree recipients earn

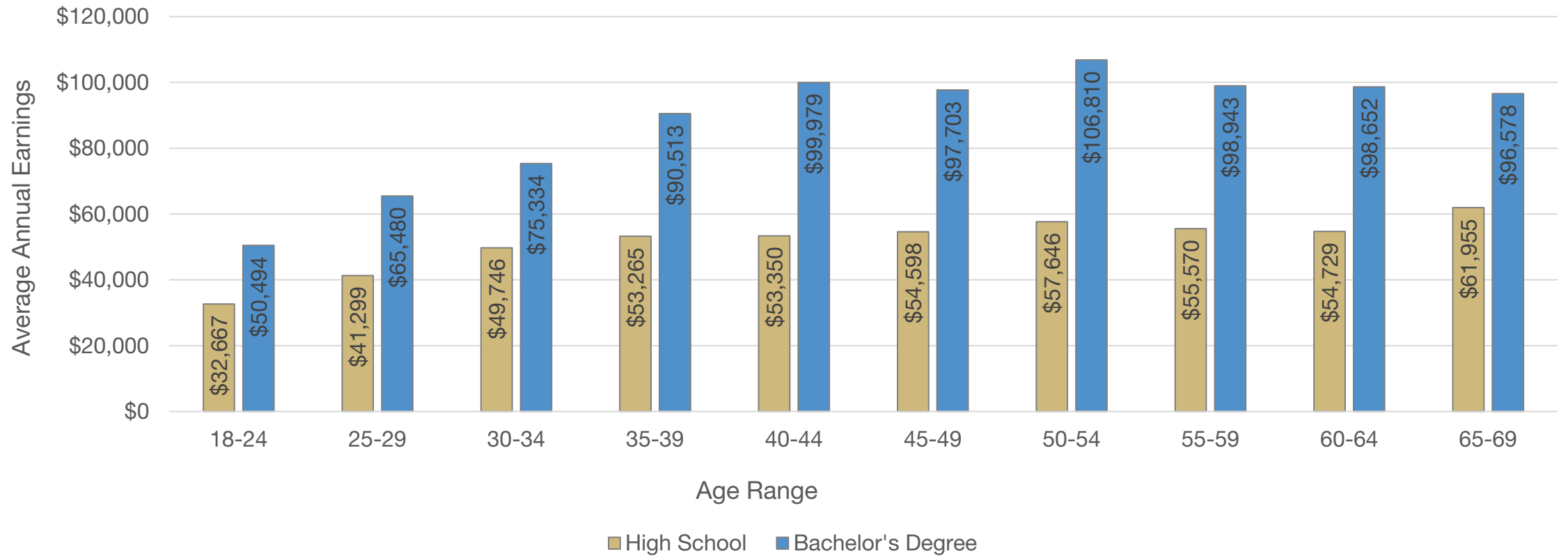
**\$1.5 million more**

than High School graduates over the course of their career.

# Higher Average Annual Earnings



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Note: Does not include possible earnings while pursuing Bachelor's degree.

Source: Average Annual Earning for full-time year round workers by education, U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2020 Annual Social and Economic Supplement.

# Colorado

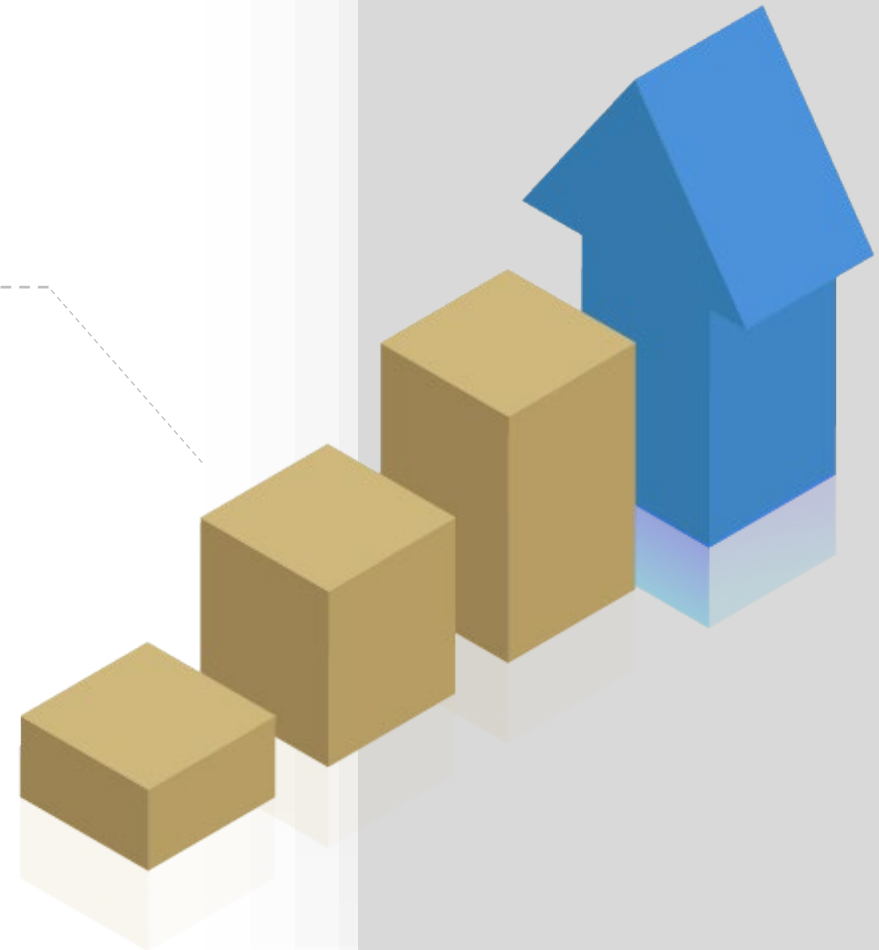


# Financial Aid History by Source

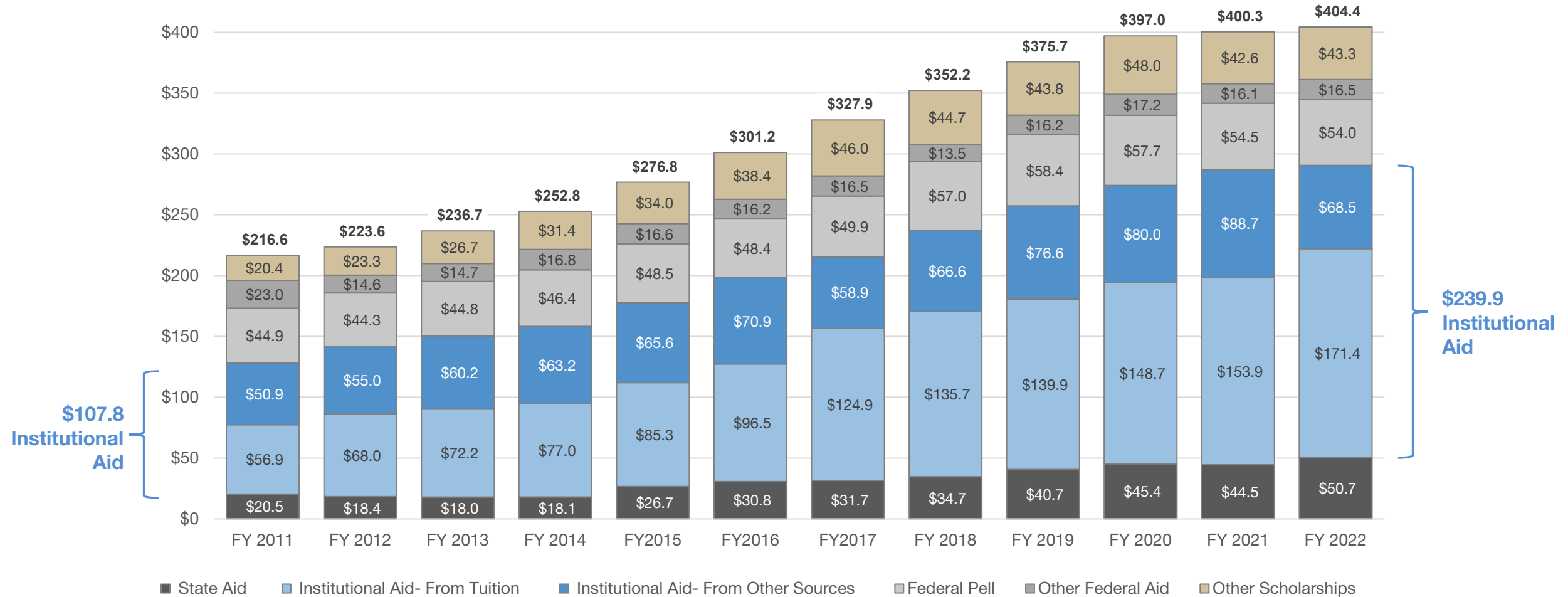
University of Colorado's institutional aid has grown by more than

**123%**  
since 2011

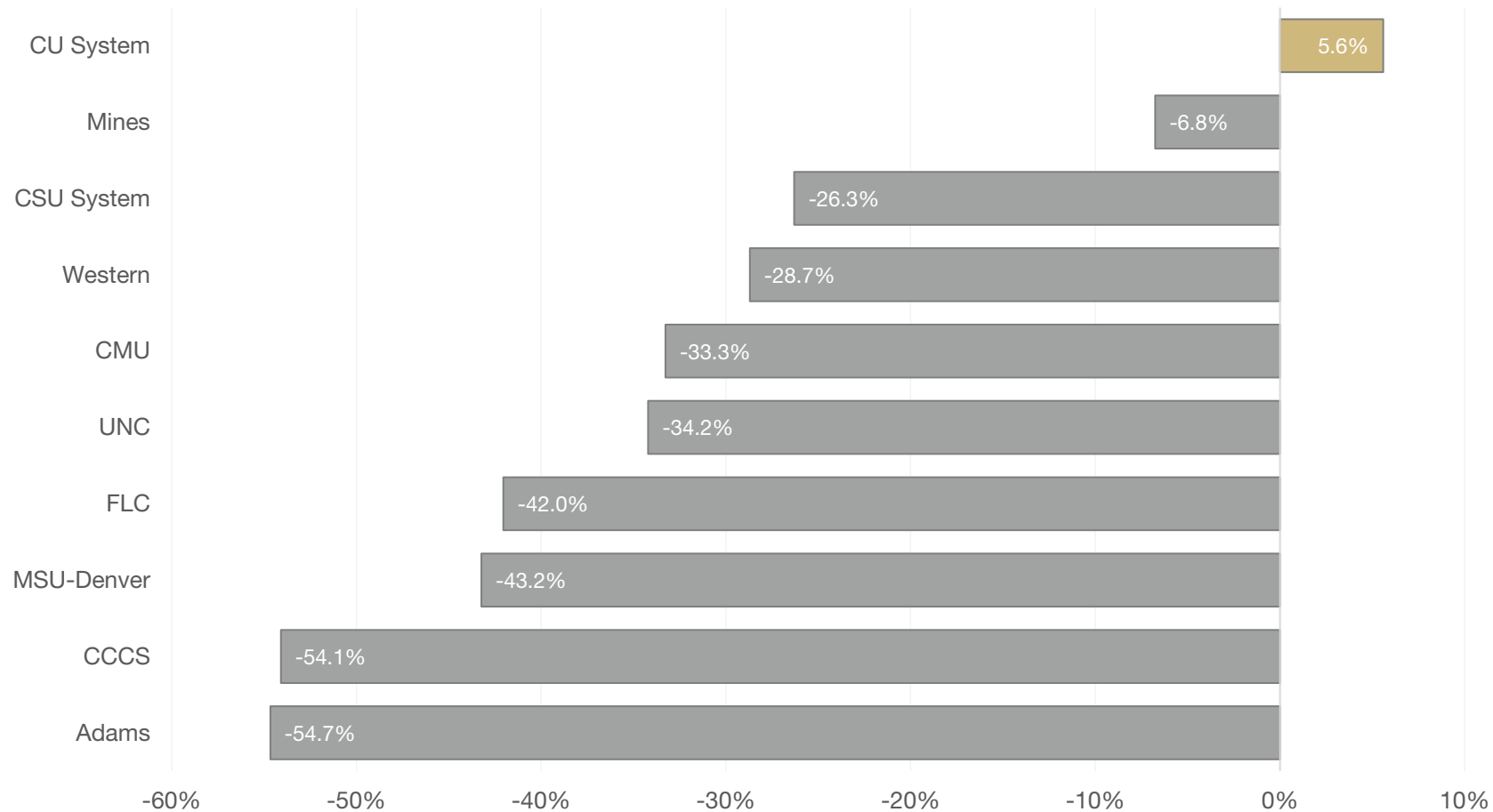
*From \$107.8 million in 2010 to \$239.9 million in 2022*



# Financial Aid History by Source (in millions)



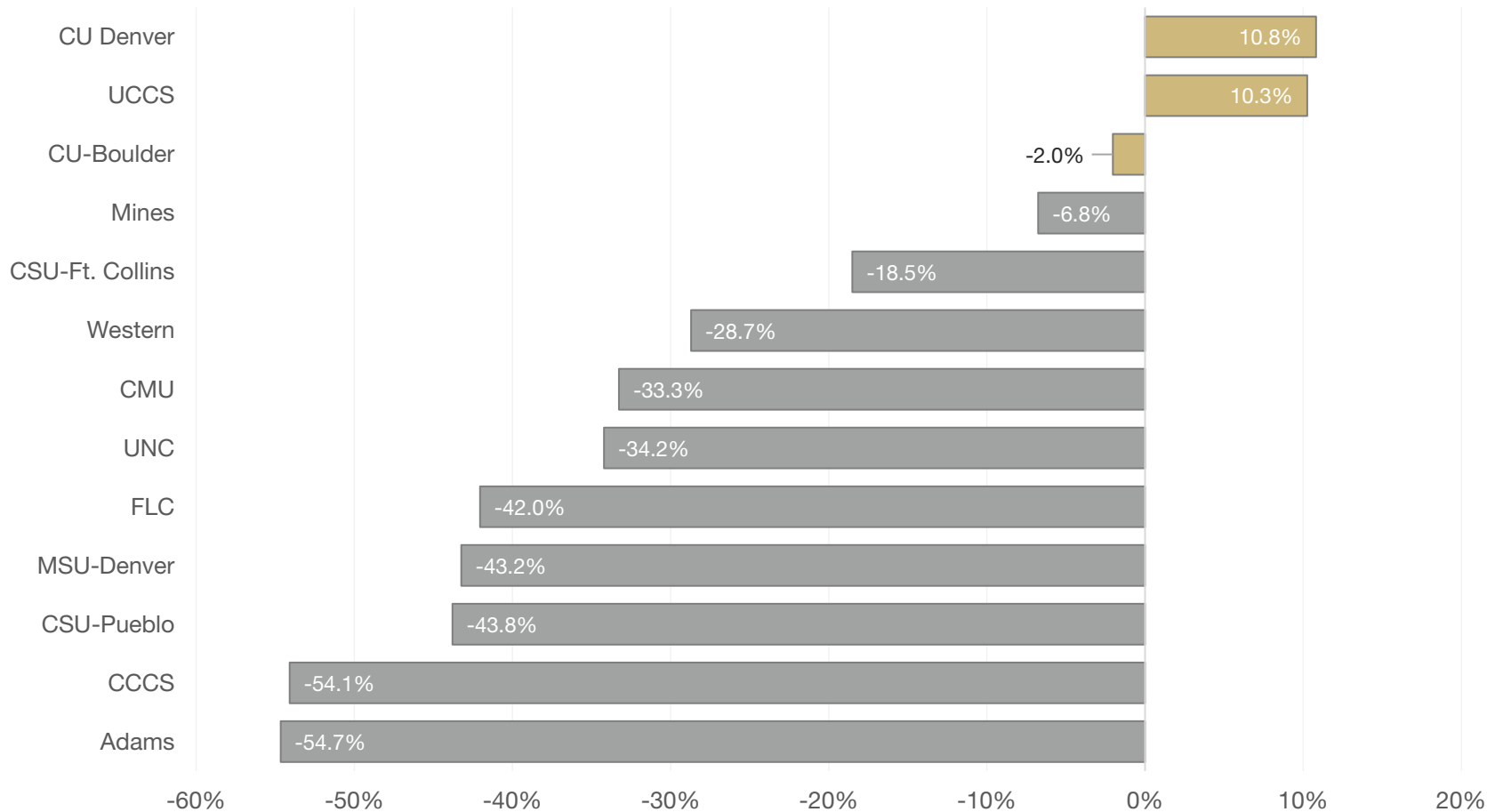
## Changes to Pell Eligible Populations (FY 2012 to FY 2021)



**CU is the only governing board to grow Pell populations since FY 2012**

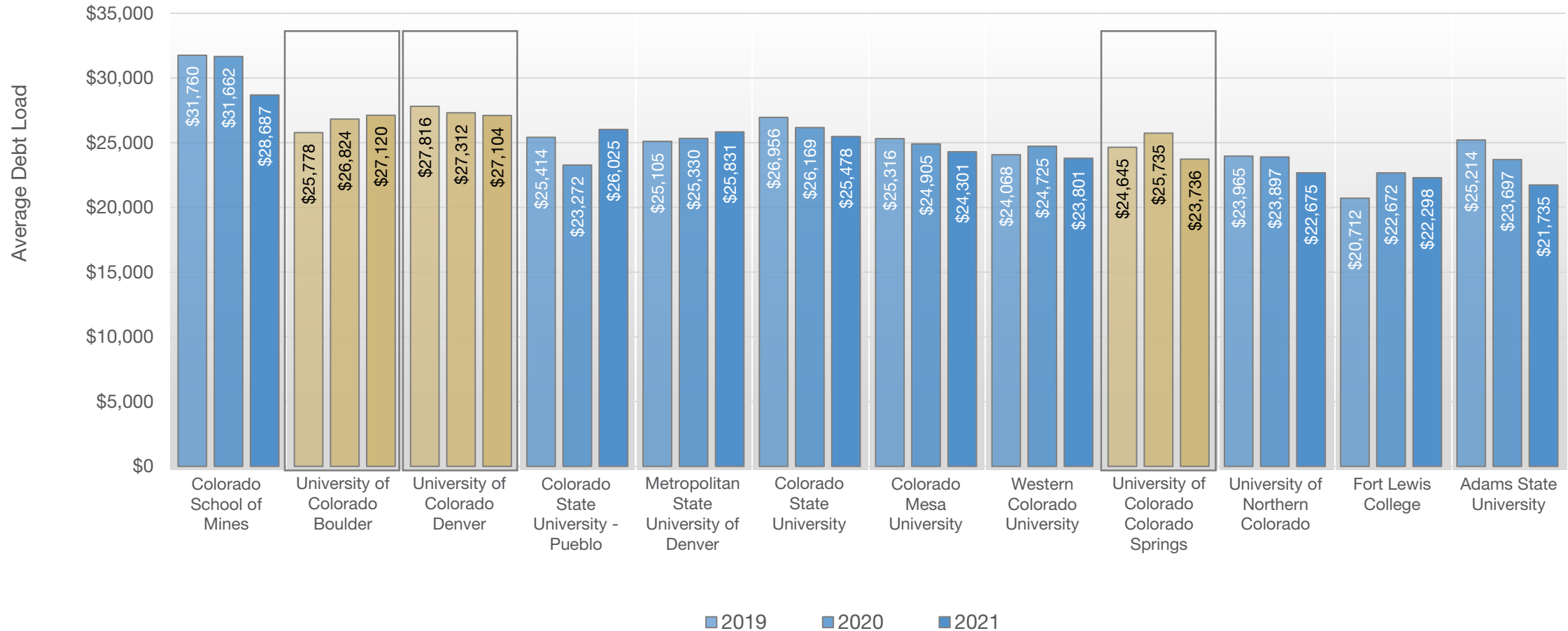


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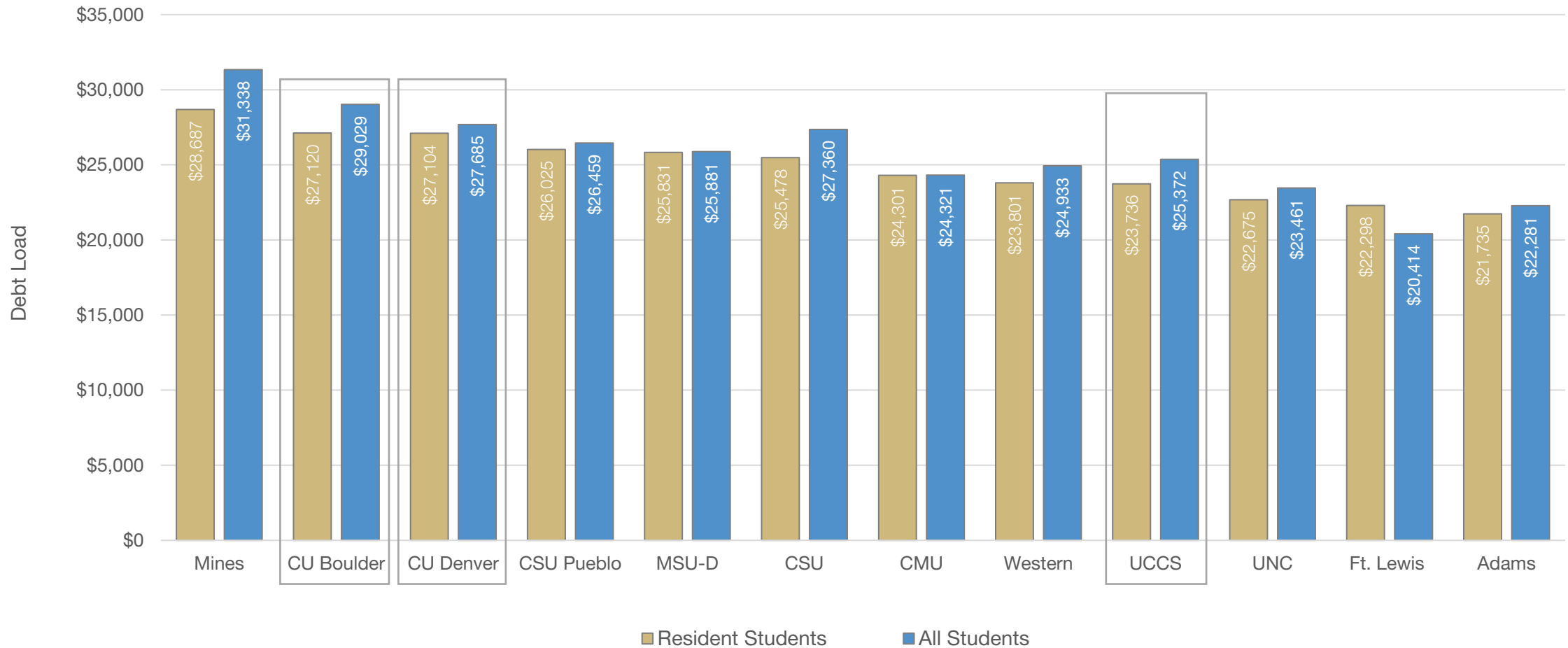


↑  
**UCCS and CU Denver  
have the largest  
growth in Pell  
populations since FY  
2012**

# Average Resident Undergraduate Student Debt Bachelor's Degree Recipients with Loans



# Average Undergraduate Debt Load Upon Graduation (FY 2021)



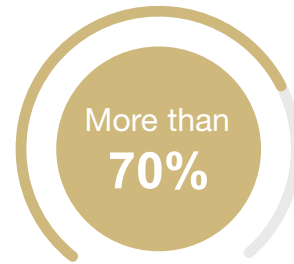
# Resident Undergraduate Student Debt Takeaways



of CU graduates leave CU with debt\*



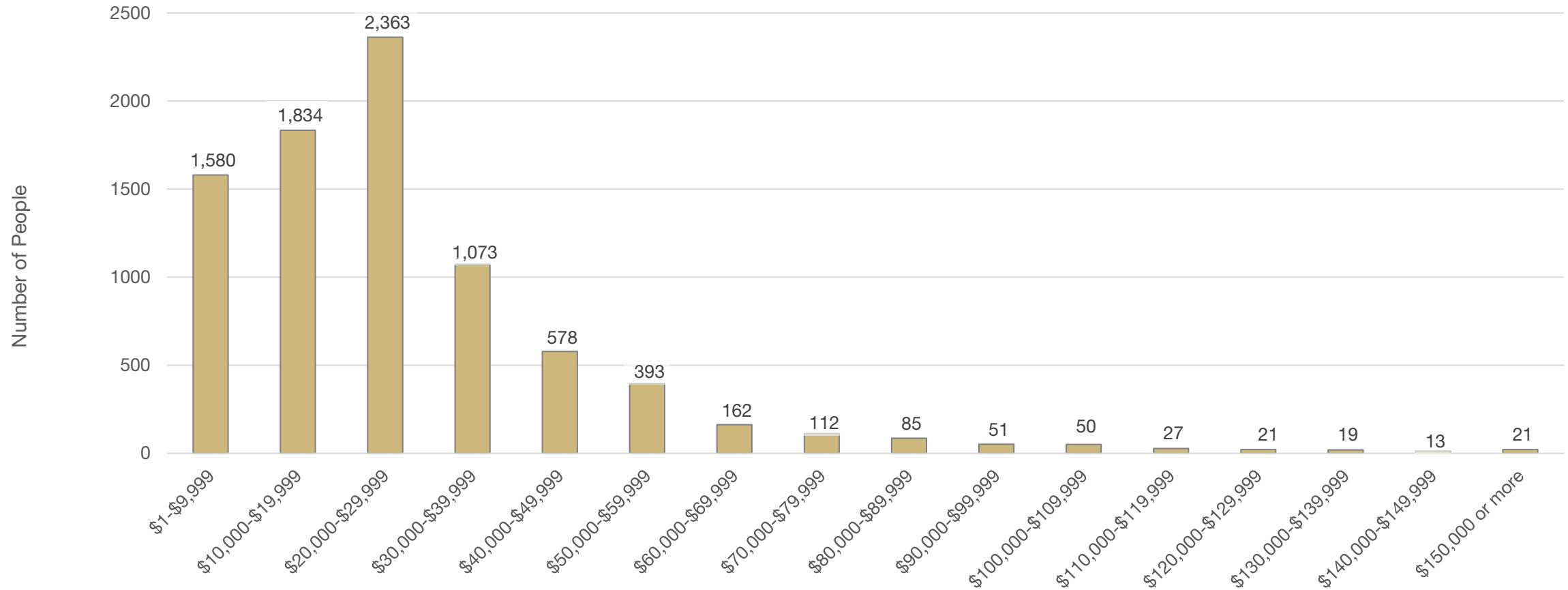
of students who graduate with debt do so with \$30,000 or less



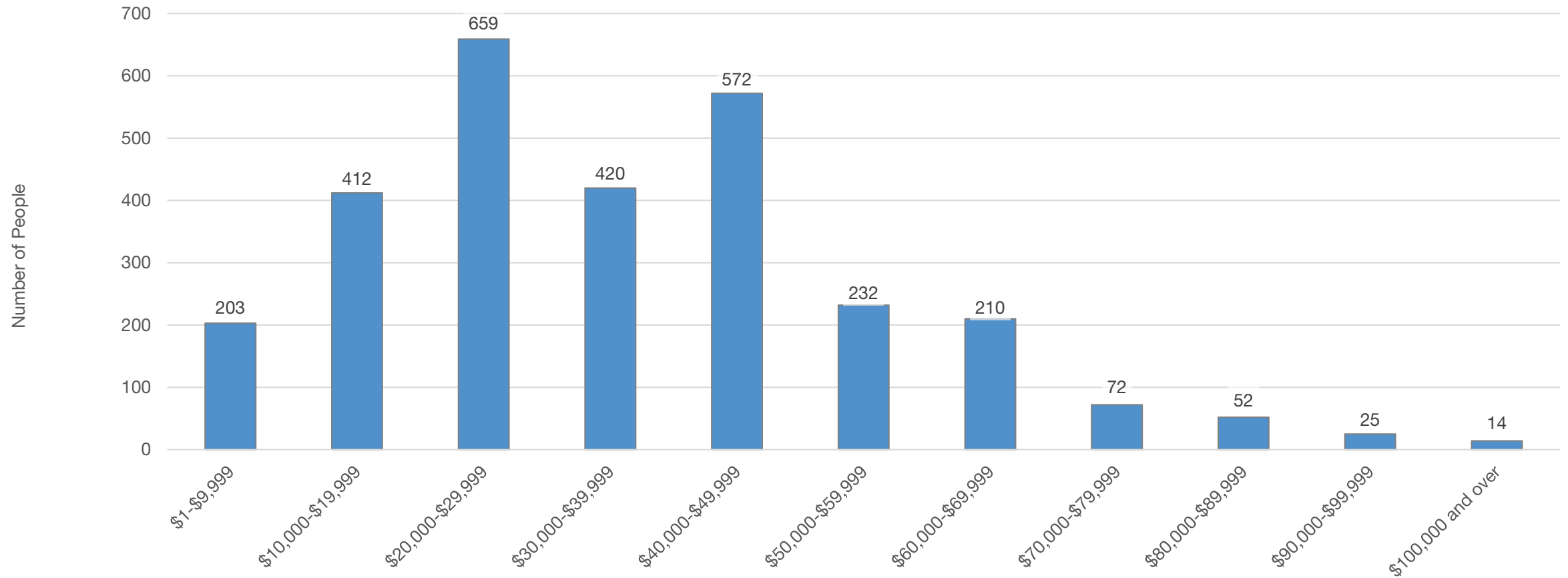
of students with a FAFSA receive some type of aid while attending CU



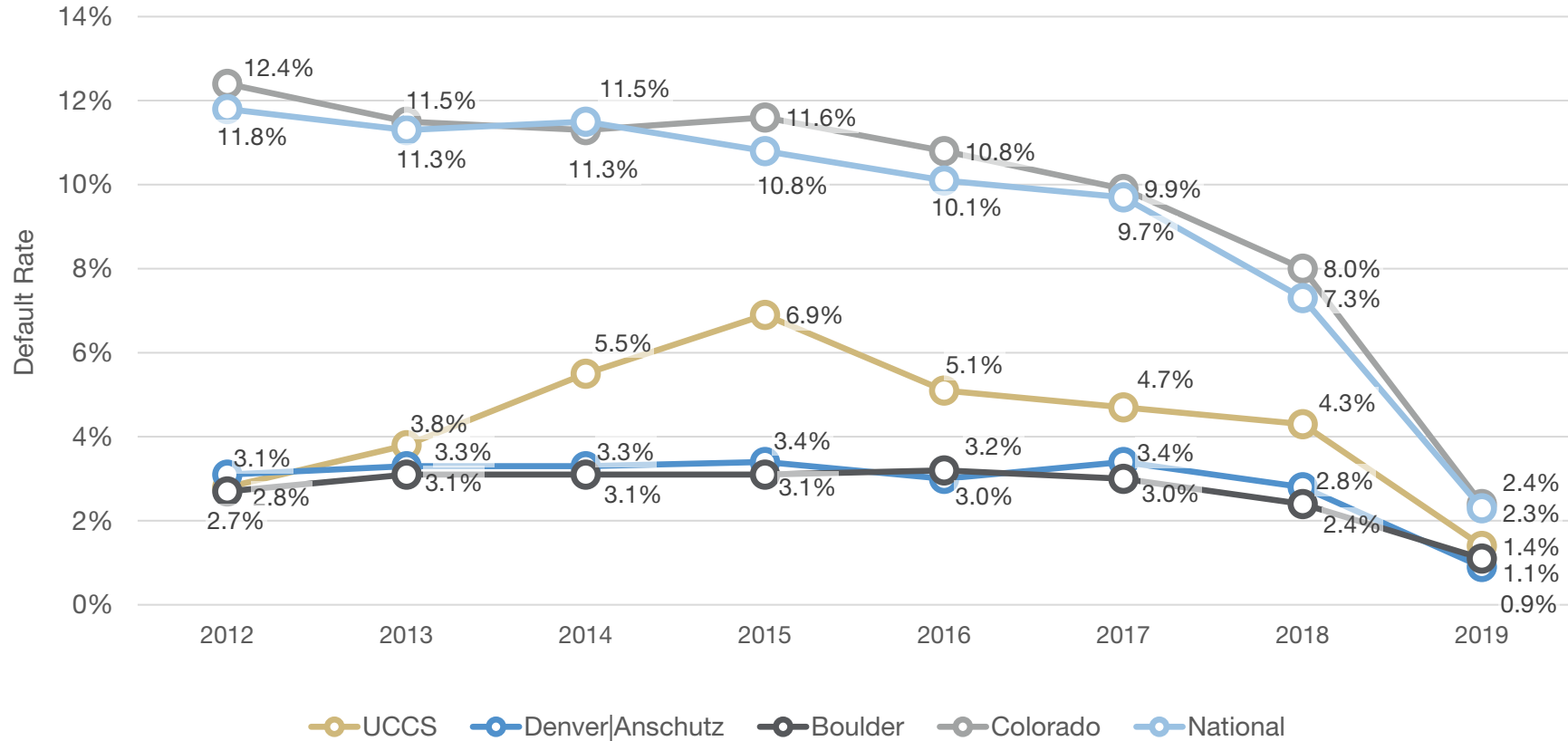
## Bachelor's Degree Recipients Loan Amounts in Colorado (FY 2021)



## Master's Degree Recipients Loan Amounts in Colorado (FY 2021)



# Student Loan Default Rates



CU default rate is approximately

**1.2%**

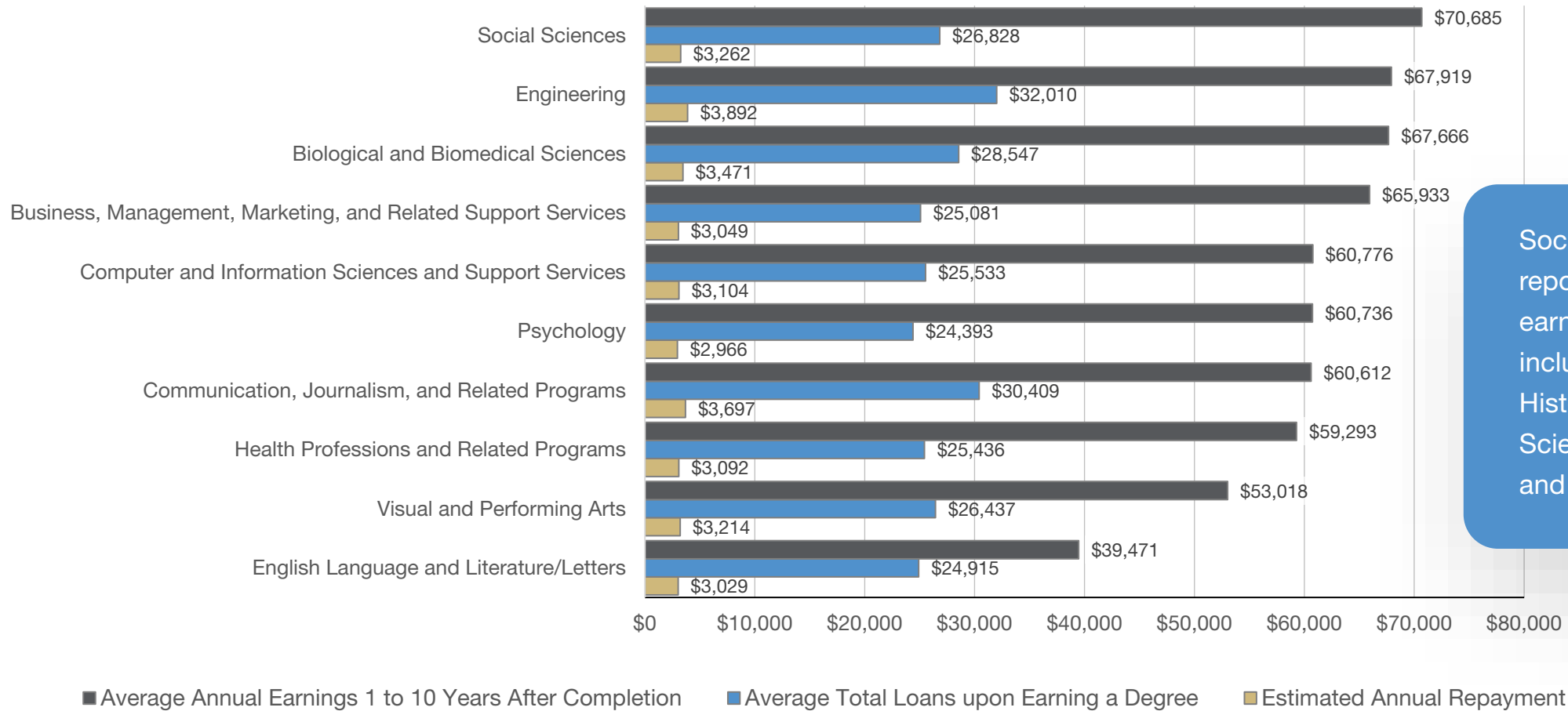
**Lower\***

than the state and national average

Source: U.S. Department of Education

\*Under the CARES Act, federal student loan payments, collections on defaulted loans and interest accrual were suspended, as a result default rates are artificially low because there are fewer students included in the analysis. Executive action has continued this benefit through June 2023.

# Annual Earnings vs Annual Loan Payment (by Degree)



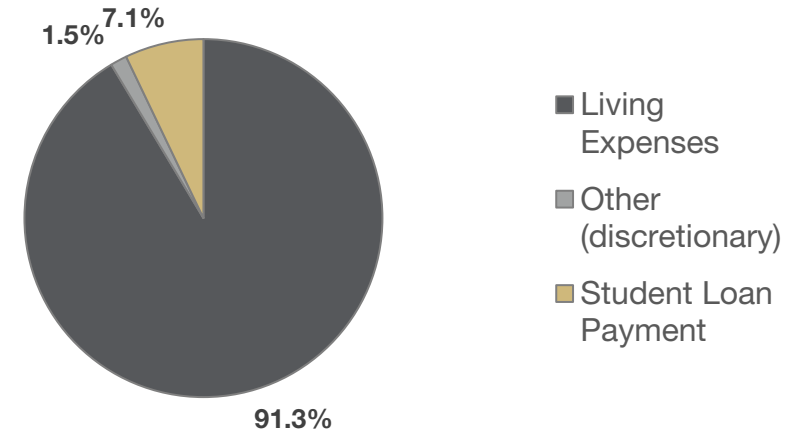
Social Sciences reports highest earnings, which includes degrees like History, Political Science, Economics and Sociology.



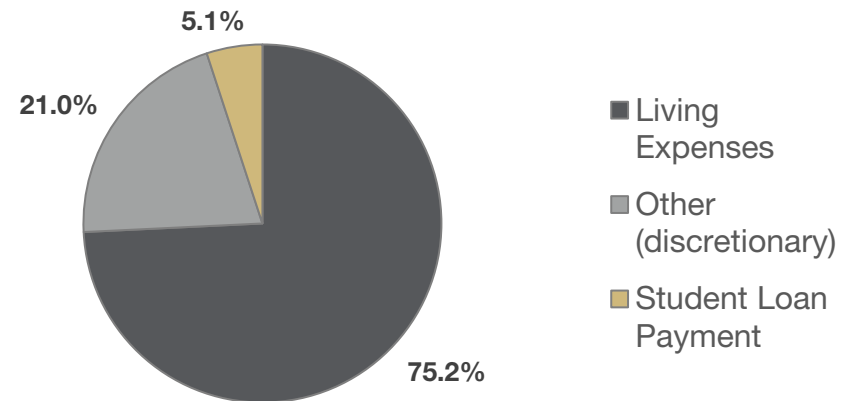
# Impact of student loan on household budgets decreases over time



Under 25 Years Old



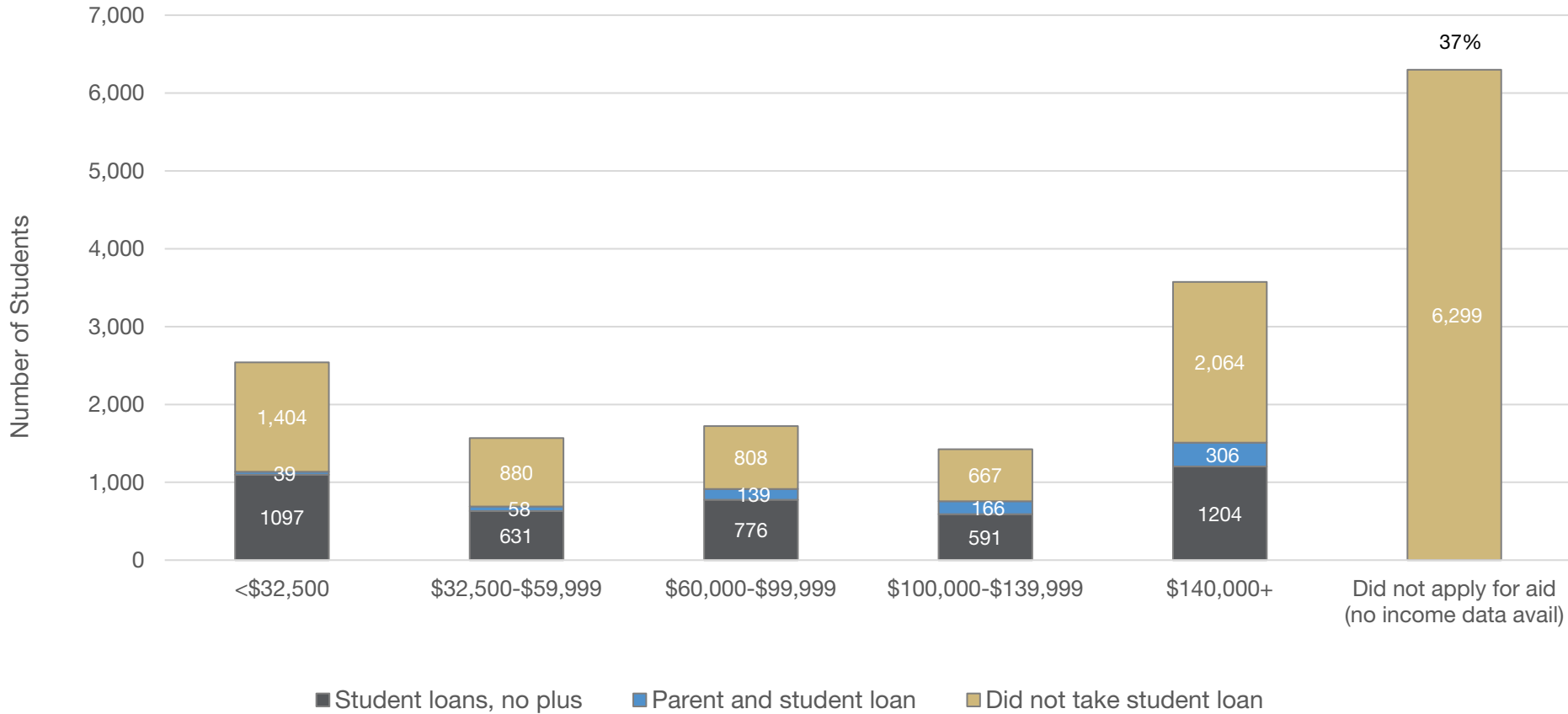
25-34 Years Old



# CU Boulder



# CU Boulder Resident Undergraduates (FY 2022)



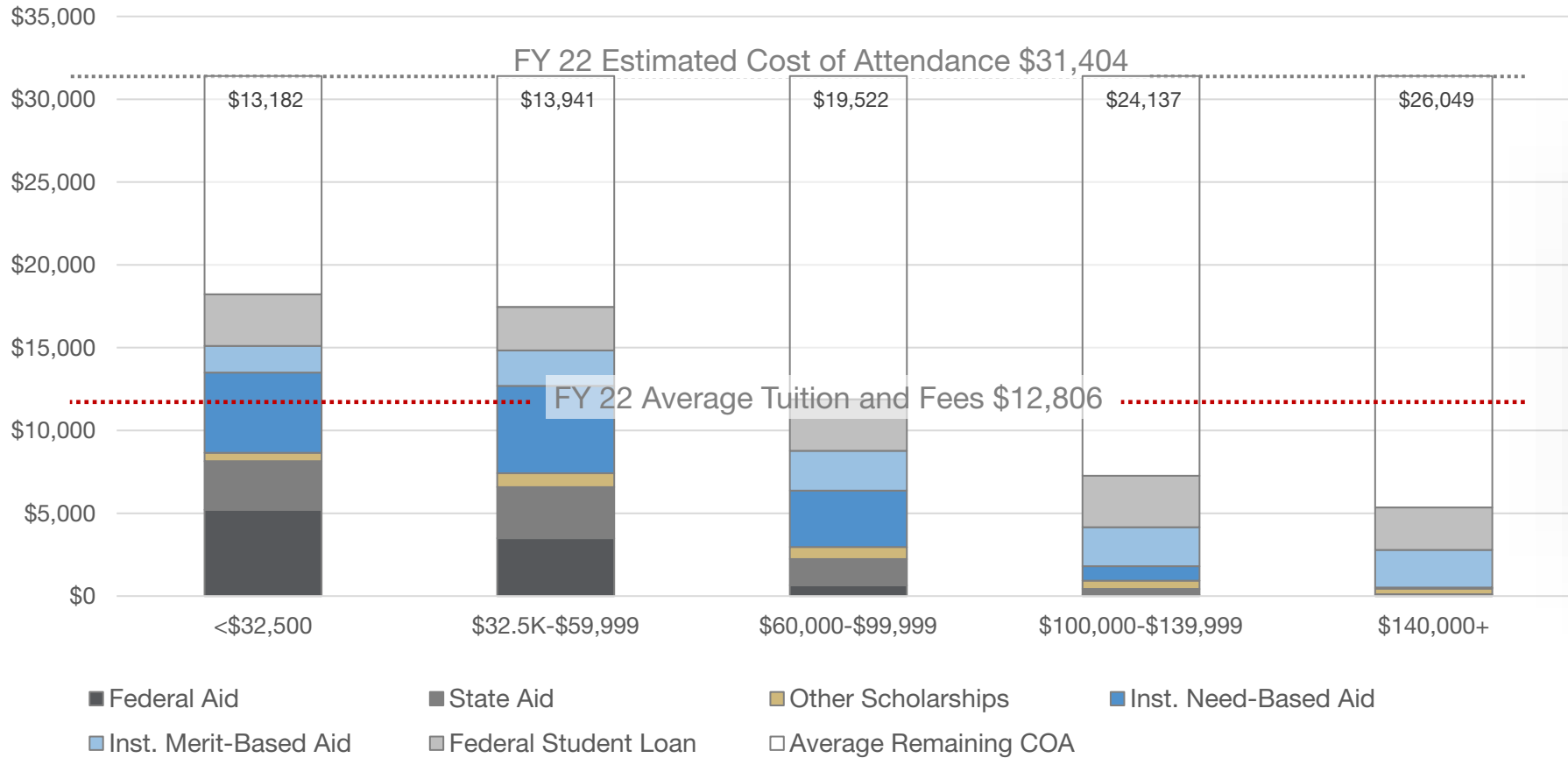
In 2022

**71%**

of resident undergraduate students did not take a loan at CU Boulder.

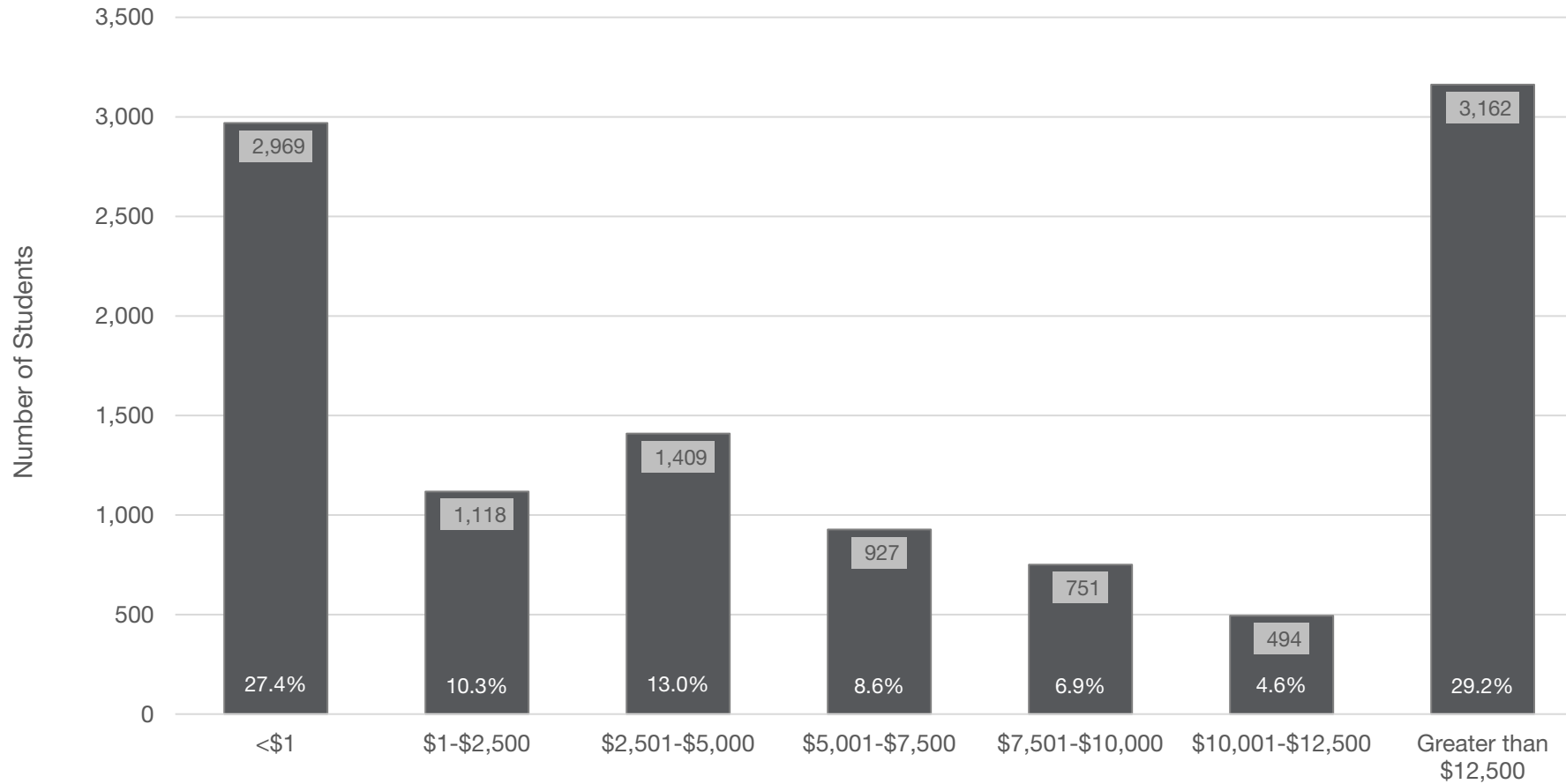
For those that did, the loans are distributed across all income groups

# CU Boulder Resident Undergraduate Average Financial Assistance (2022, new cohort )

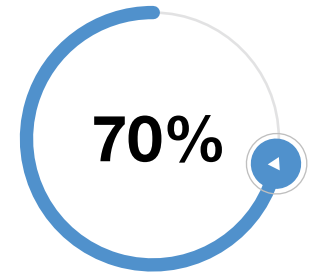


On average, students from households earning less than \$60,000 have tuition and fees covered by grants and scholarships.

## CU Boulder Grants Award Distribution by Amount (FY 2022)

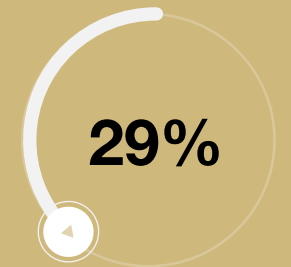


More than



Colorado resident undergraduate students with a FAFSA receive some type of aid at CU Boulder

More than

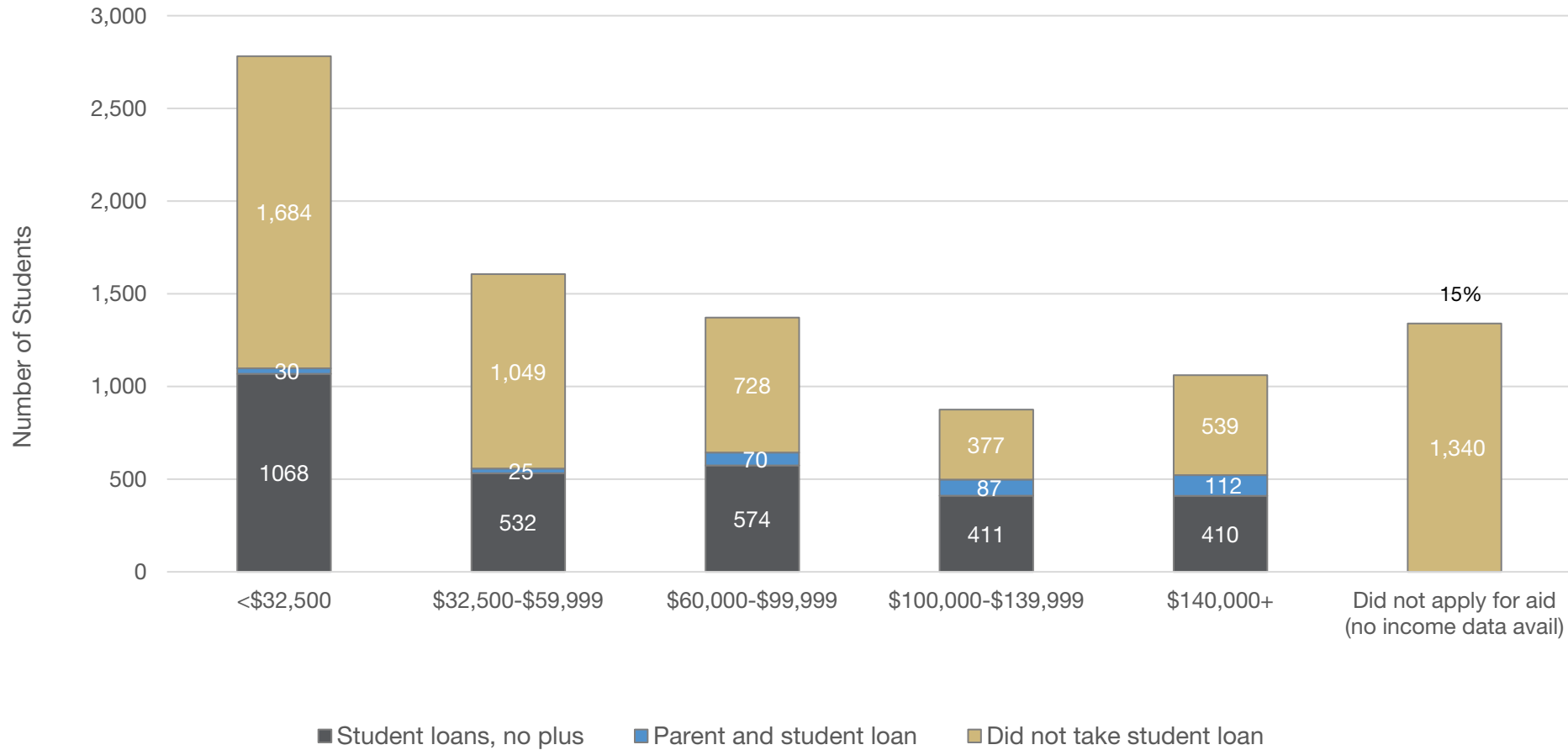


receive enough to cover tuition and fees

# CU Denver



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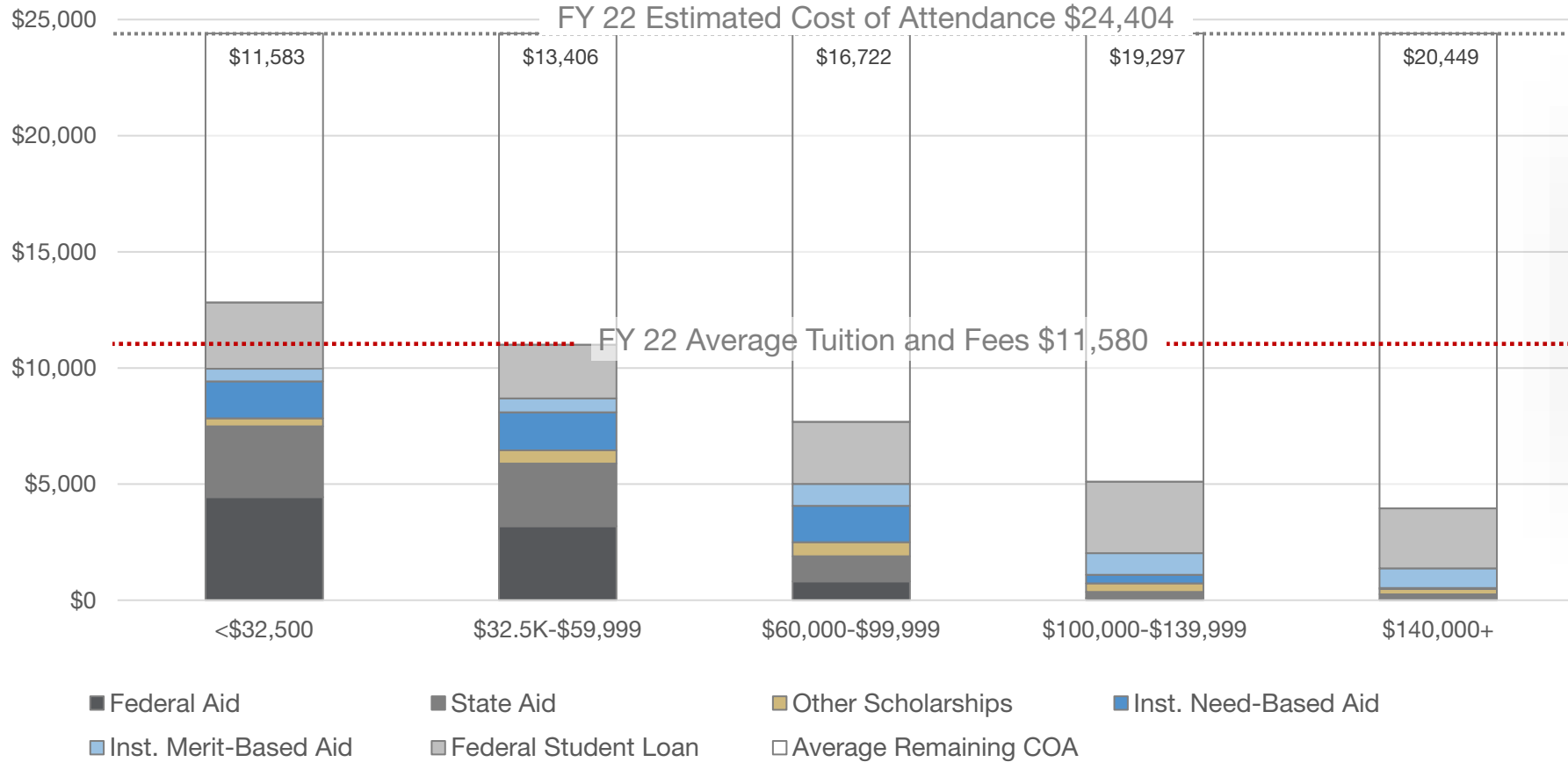


In 2022

**66%**

of resident undergraduate students did not take a loan at CU Denver. For those that did, the loans are distributed across all income groups

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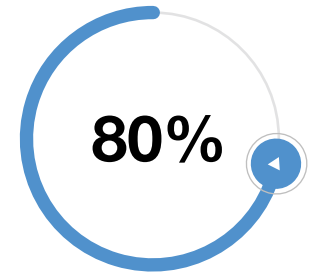
At Denver, financial aid is prioritized for students with greatest need.



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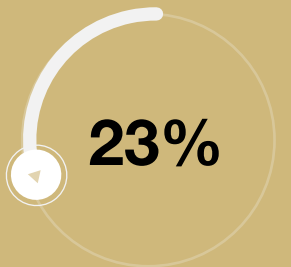


More than



Colorado resident undergraduate students with a FAFSA receive some type of aid while attending CU Denver

More than

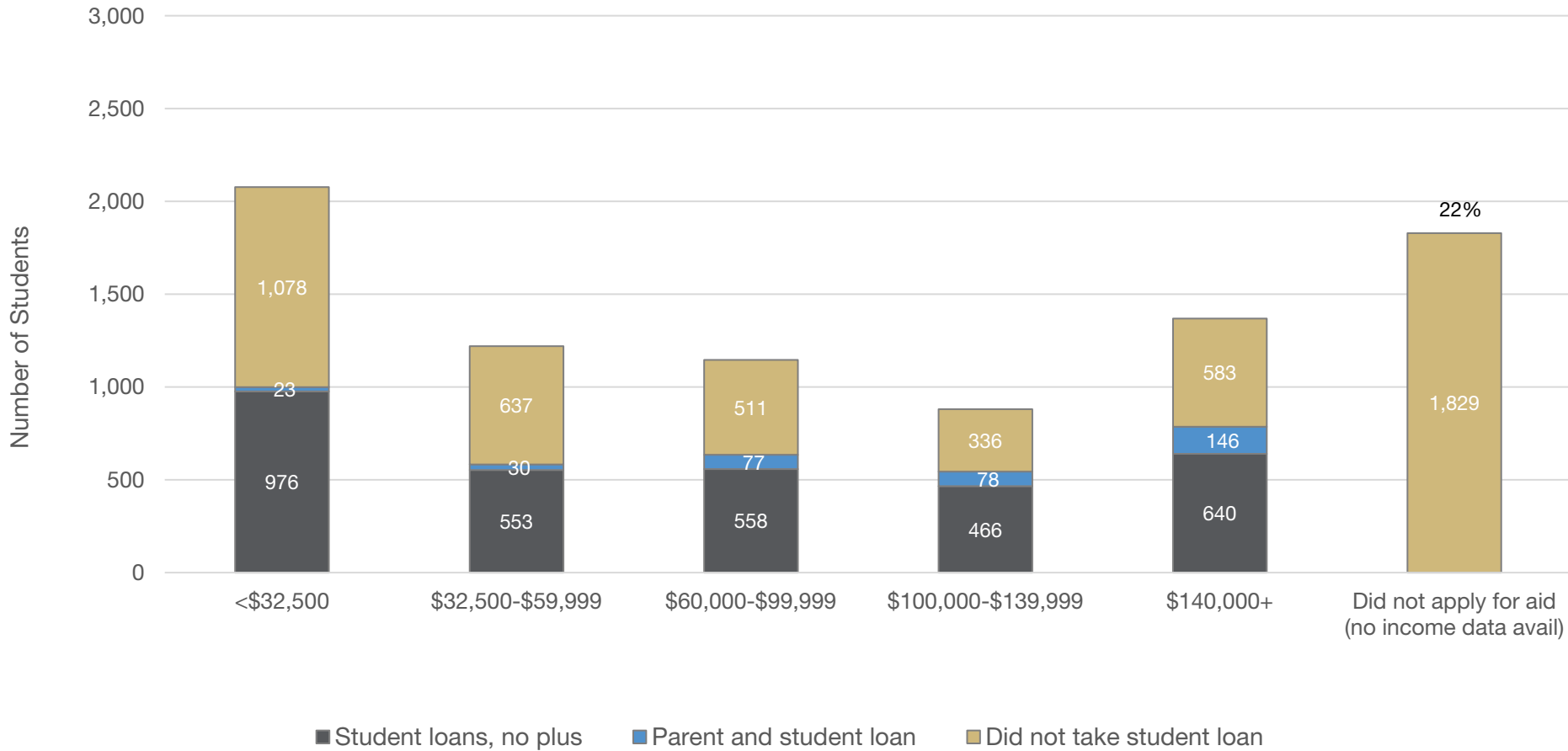


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# UCCS



# UCSS Resident Undergraduates (FY 2022)



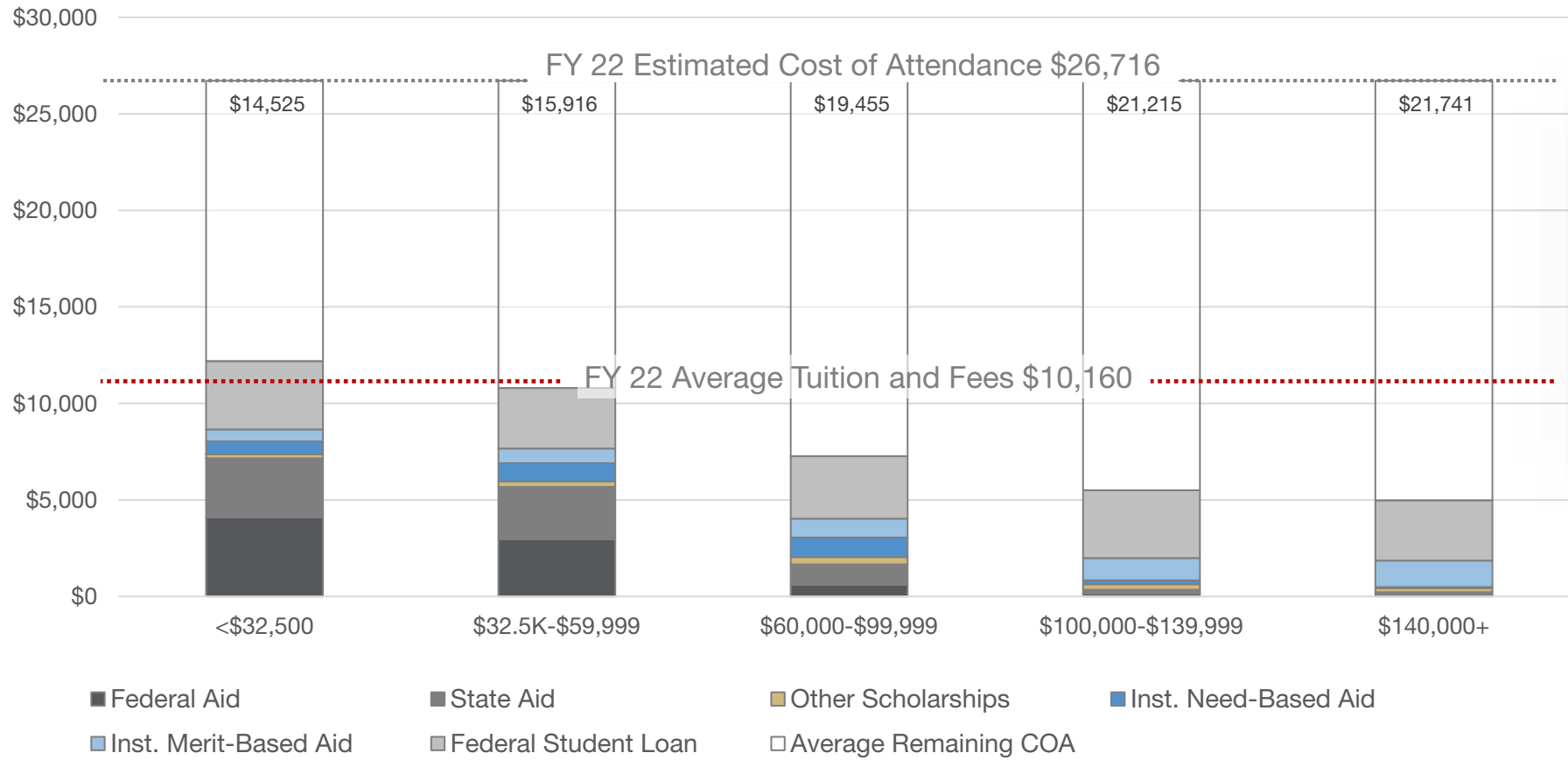
In 2022

**61%**

of resident undergraduate students did not take a loan at UCSS.

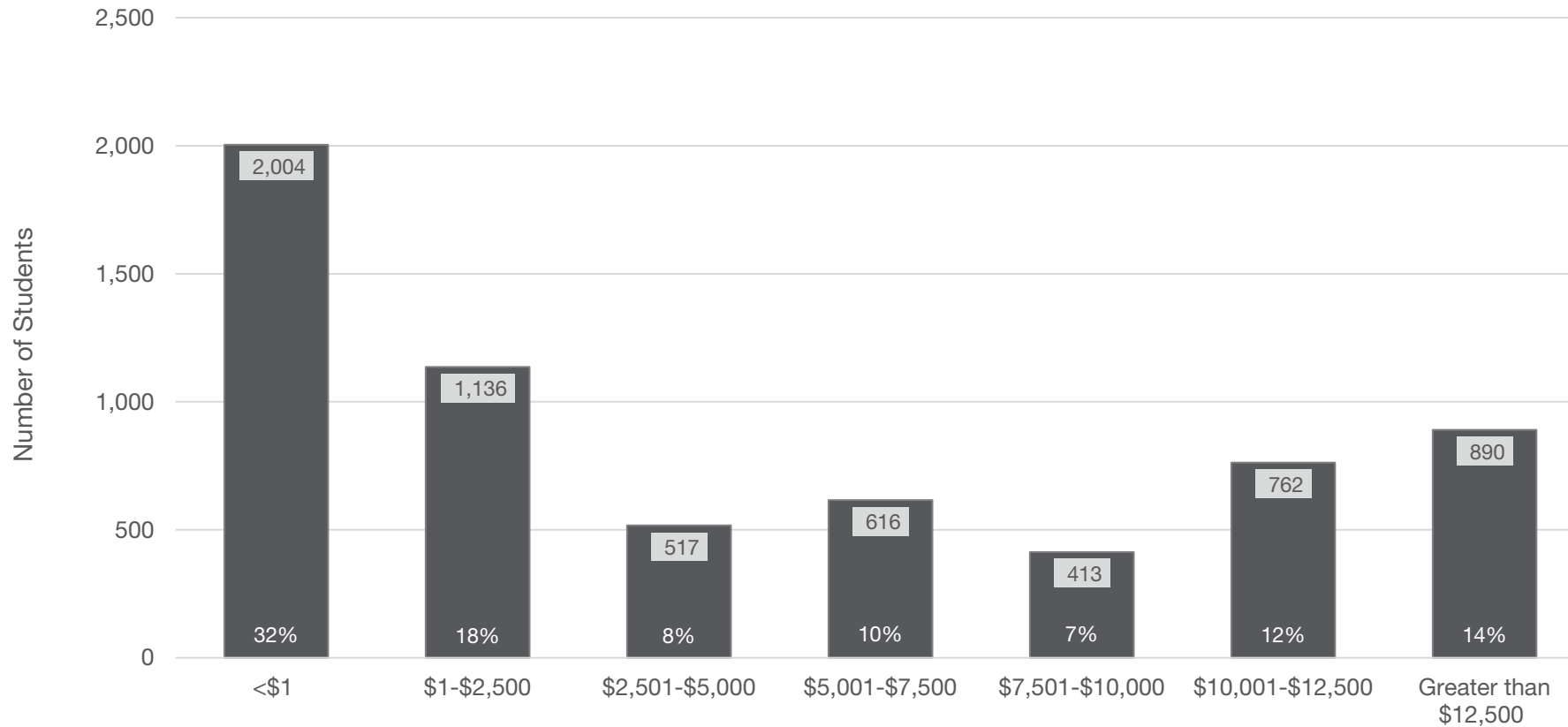
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# UCSS Resident Undergraduate Average Financial Assistance (FY 2022)



At UCSS, financial aid is prioritized for students with greatest need.

## UCCS Grants Award Distribution by Amount (FY 2022)



More than

**70%**

Colorado resident undergraduate students with a FAFSA receive some type of aid while attending UCCS

More than

**23%**

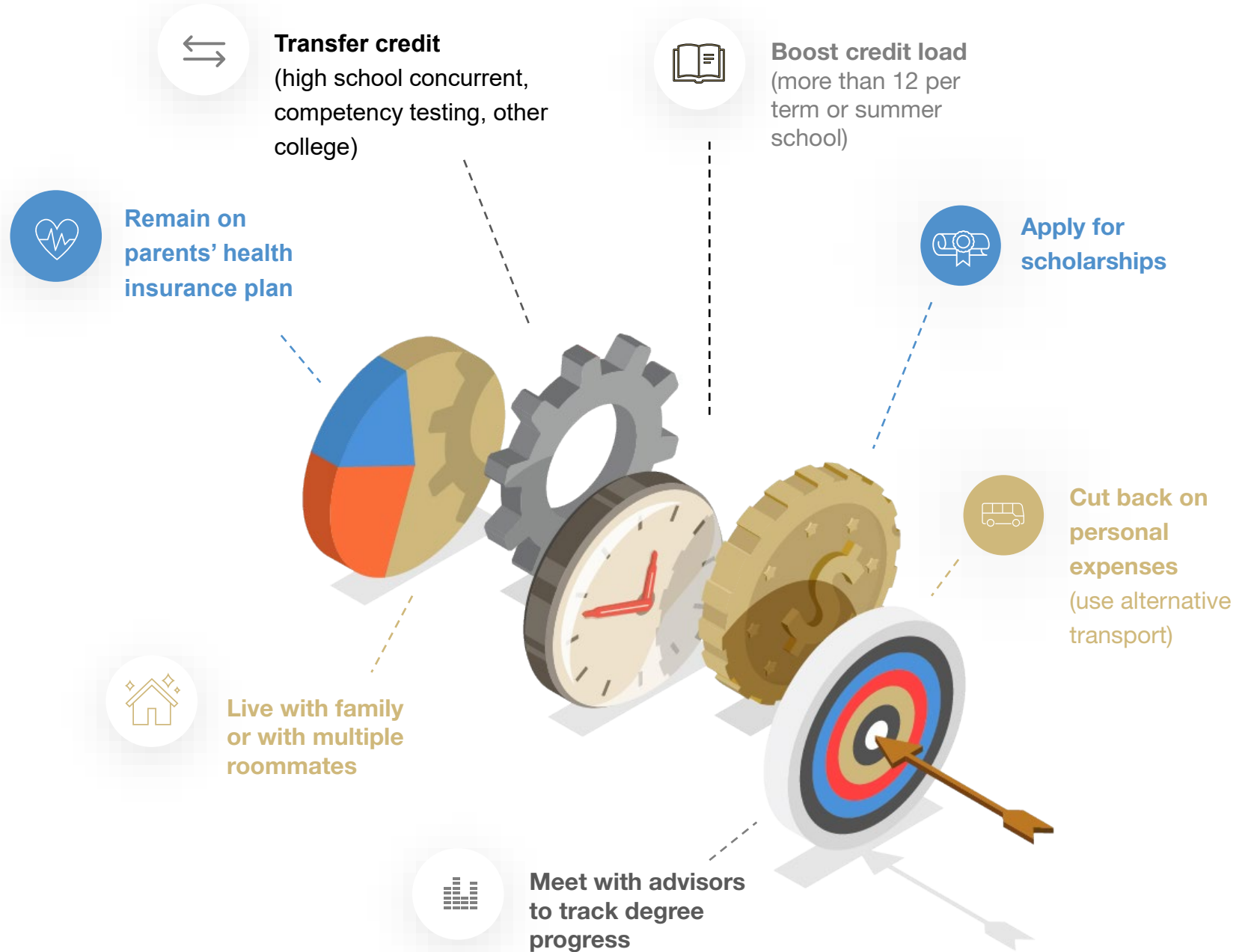
receive enough to cover tuition and fees at UCCS

# Closing the Cost Gap

## Ways to Reduce Cost

### Other Means

- Part-time work
- College savings plans
- Parent or private loans
- Credit cards



# Conclusions



Out-of-pocket tuition and fee increases were mitigated for many low and middle income students.

Of all resident, undergraduate students system-wide:

**34%**

took federal student loans in FY 2022

**5%**

had parent loans in FY 2022

On average, CU students have a loan **default rate of 1.2%**. Default rates are artificially low due the student loan repayment pause.

# Additional Information

For more information about affordability and student financial aid, including:

- Tuition and Fees
- Institutional Aid
- Student loans
- Out of Pocket Costs
- Average Cost of Attendance
- Alumni Earnings
- Links to other resources



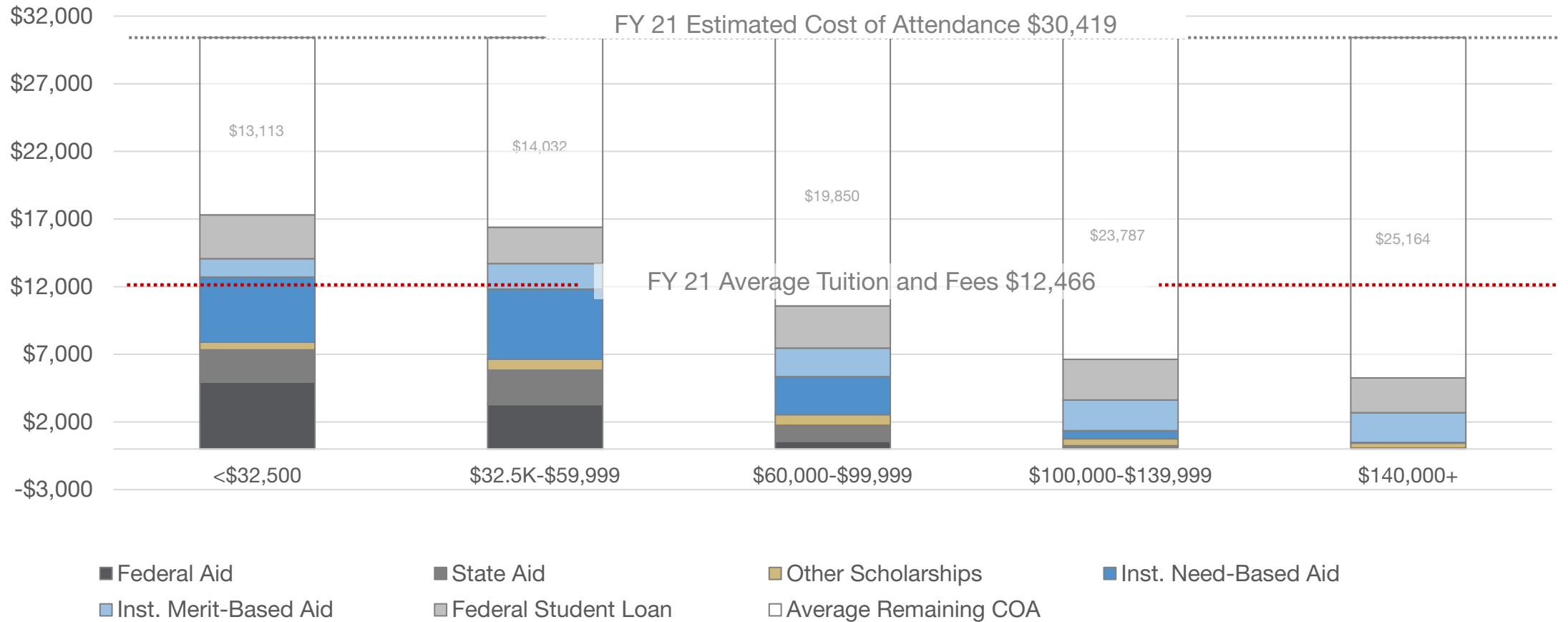
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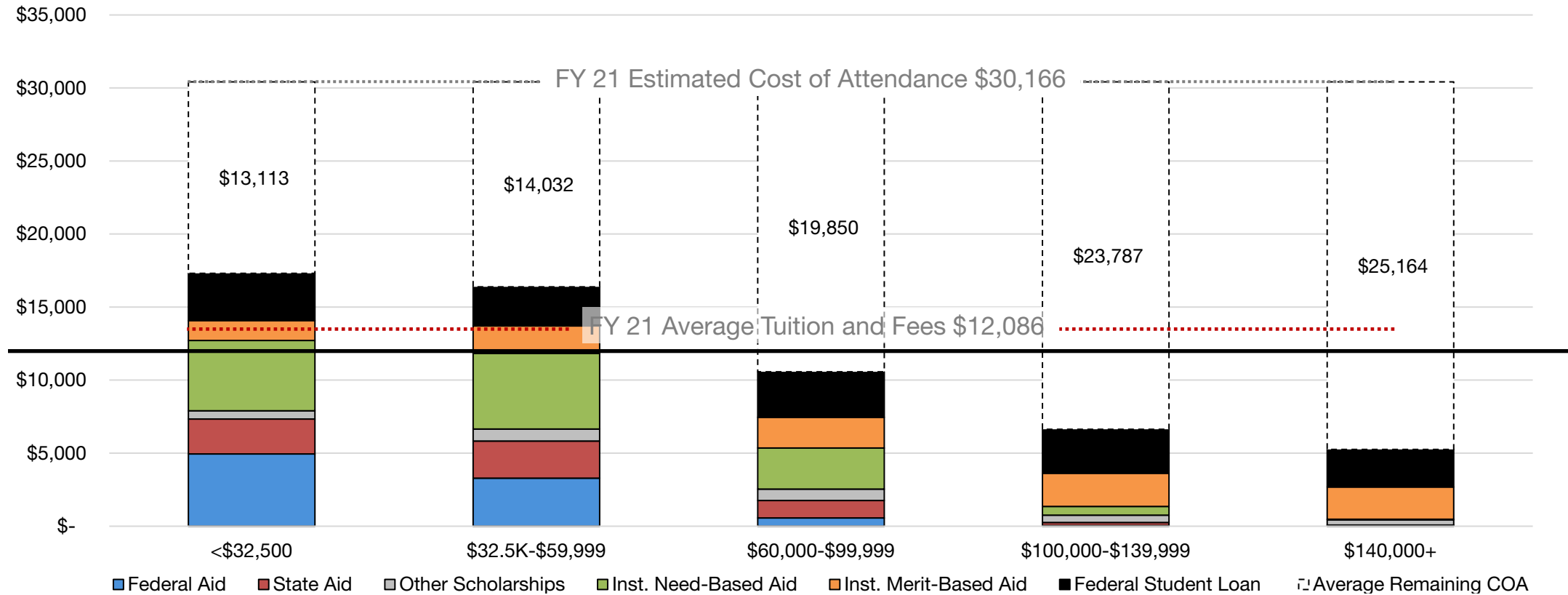
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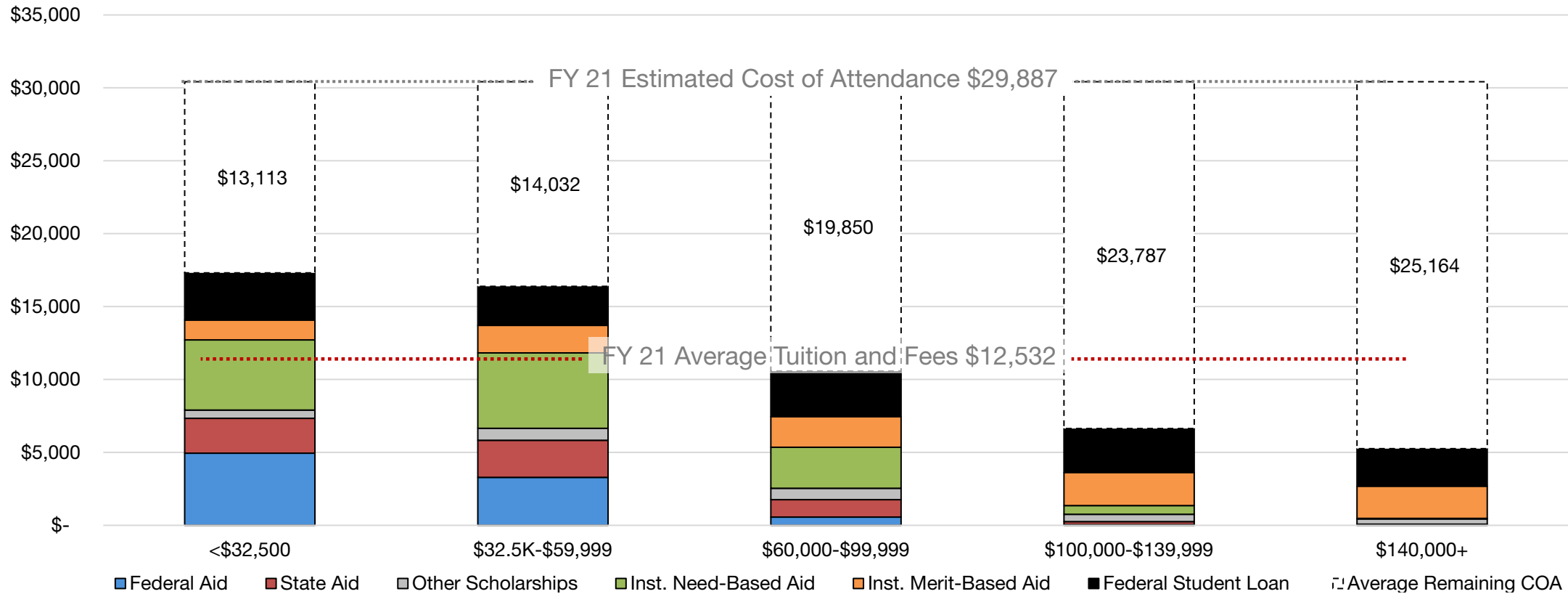
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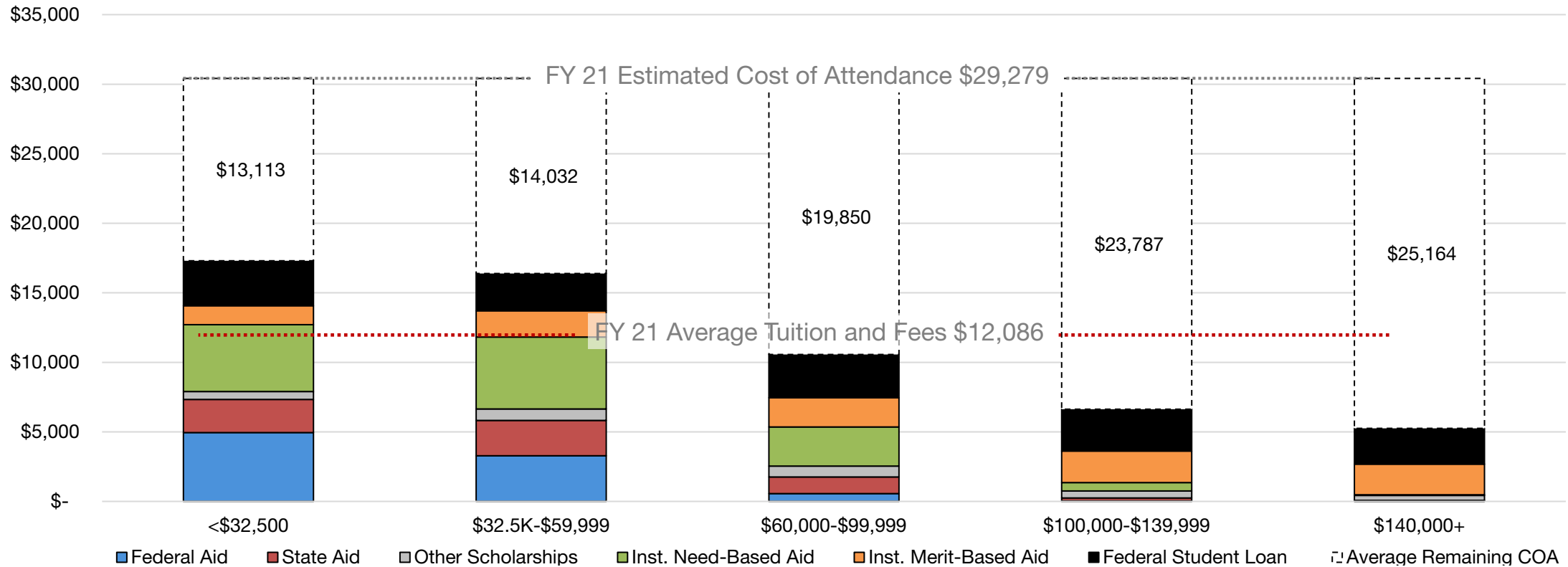
# CU Boulder Resident Undergraduate Average Financial Assistance (2020 cohort)



# CU Boulder Resident Undergraduate Average Financial Assistance (2019 cohort)



# CU Boulder Resident Undergraduate Average Financial Assistance (2018 cohort)



# CU Boulder Resident Undergraduate Average Financial Assistance (2017 cohort)

