

The State's Strategic Investment in Supporting the State University System of Florida

Taxpayers invested approximately \$2.4 billion in resources in the State University System (SUS) for 2008-2009. Through tuition, students will have contributed \$1 billion. In return, the SUS continues to provide educational and economic benefits for Florida's citizens and constituents.

Highlights of SUS Funding and State Benefits

In 2008-2009, the SUS will receive an estimated \$2.4 billion in state funds (before any budget reductions) which consists of general revenue and lottery funds. That amount is approximately nine percent of the total state general revenue and lottery appropriation for this fiscal year. The SUS share of the state general revenue had decreased from 2002-03 to 2005-06. However, since 2006-2007 the SUS percentage has gradually risen.

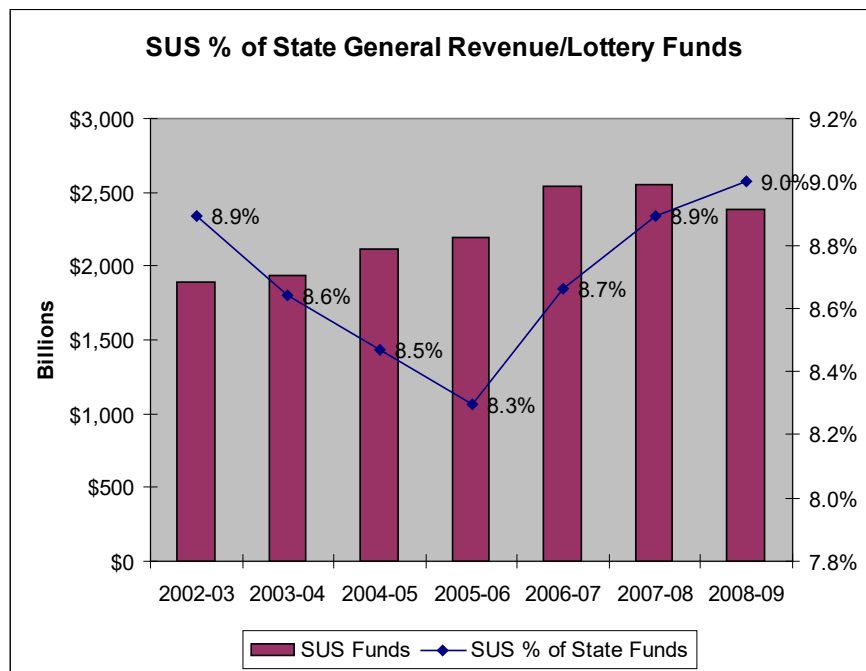


Chart 1

The SUS has utilized the scarce resources it has received and invested those funds which have resulted in the following:

- 301,000 students enrolled
- 65,000 degrees granted
- \$1.6 billion in Contracts and Grants (a 10 to 1 return on investment)

- \$150 million in endowments created using private donations and state matching funds
- 60,000 faculty and staff (30,000 in E&G)
- 72 million gross square feet of facilities
- 14,000 acres of land

Where do the Funds Go?

The Educational and General (E&G) budget¹ consists of educational activities such as instruction and research, libraries, student services, plant operations and maintenance, etc. These activities are standardized across the country which allows for various comparisons with other states and systems. The primary educational activity is Instruction and Research (I&R).

In 2006-2007², I&R accounted for **63 percent** of the **\$3 billion** in E&G expenditures. The next significant activity is administration and support (**11%**) and plant operations and maintenance (**10%**). Chart 2 shows a breakout of expenditures by educational activity.

STATE INVESTMENT CORE ACTIVITIES, 2006-2007

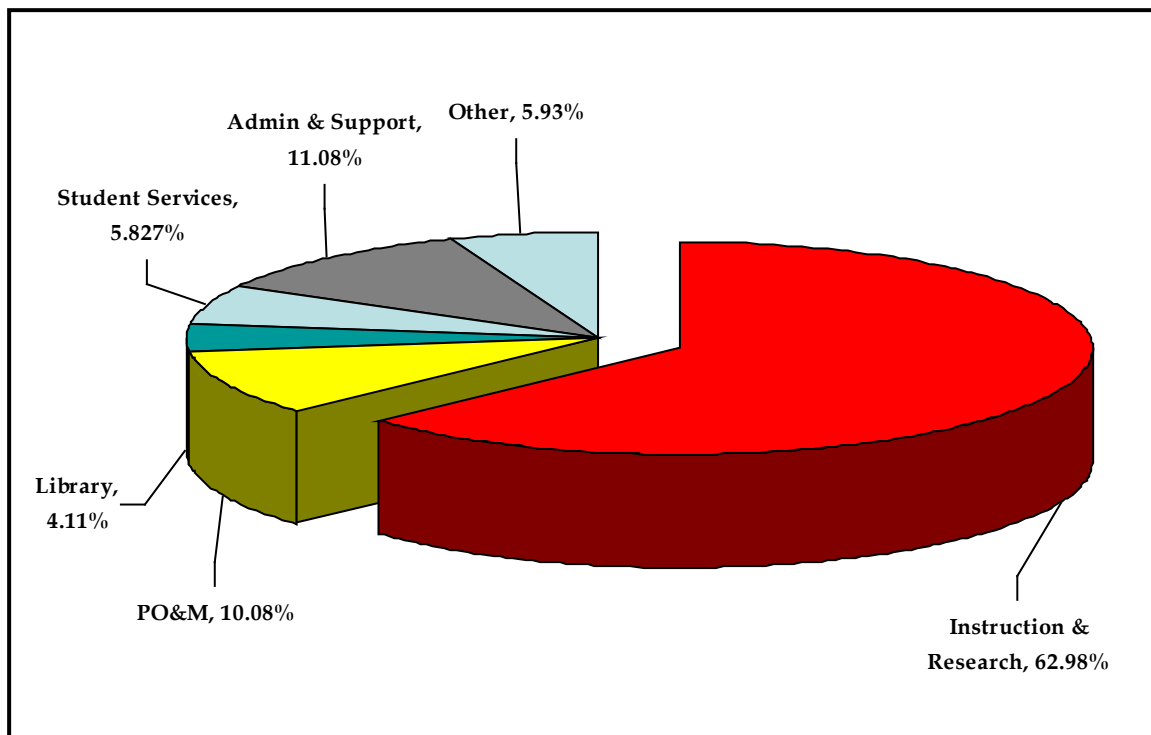


Chart 2

¹ The E&G budget consists of general revenue, lottery and student tuition.

² Actual 2007-08 data is not yet available.

As with many large organizations, personnel costs comprise the largest obligation of the universities. State university employee Salaries and Benefits account for **70 percent** of the expenditures in 2006-2007. The second largest expenditure is expenses which cover items such as utilities, contractual obligations, and travel (See Chart 3).

**STATE INVESTMENT
EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY, 2006-2007**

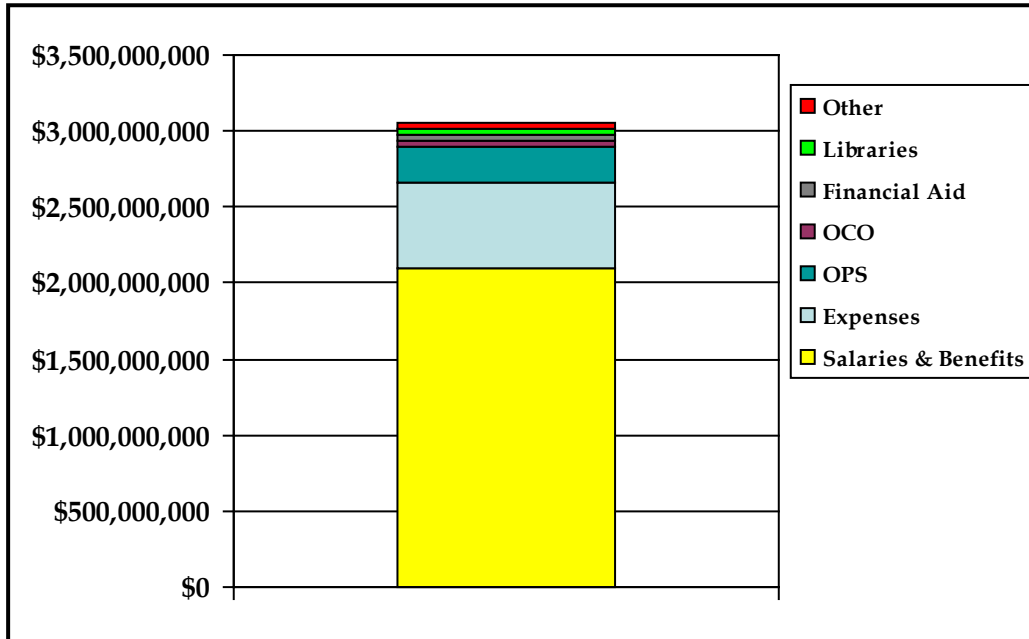


Chart 3