

Abbeville County School District, et al.

v.

State of South Carolina, et al.

South Carolina Constitution

Article XI, Section 3: Education Clause

The General Assembly shall provide for the maintenance and support of a system of free public schools open to all children in the State

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We hold today that the South Carolina Constitution's education clause requires the General Assembly to provide the opportunity for each child to receive a minimally adequate education.
(emphasis added)

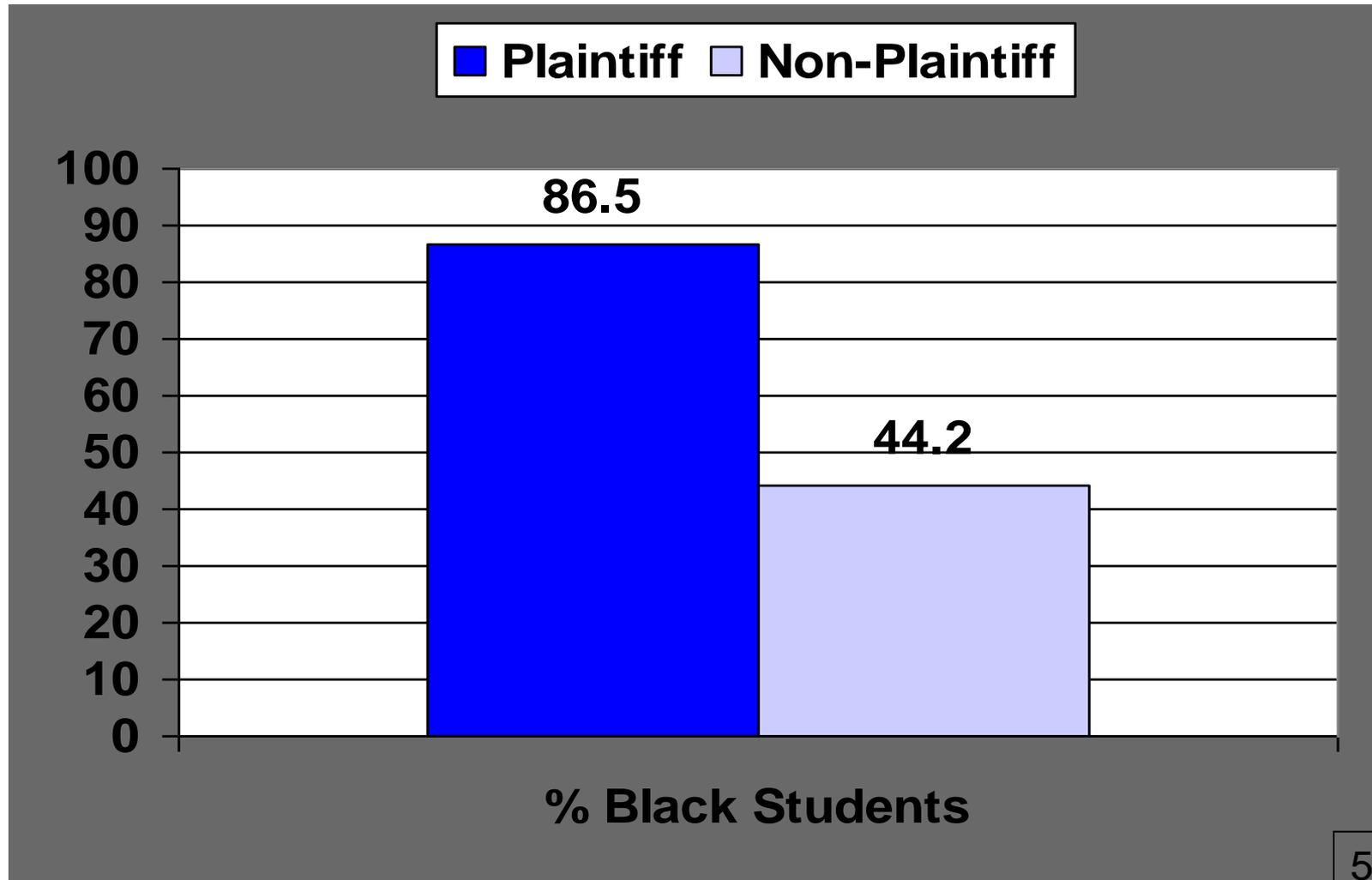
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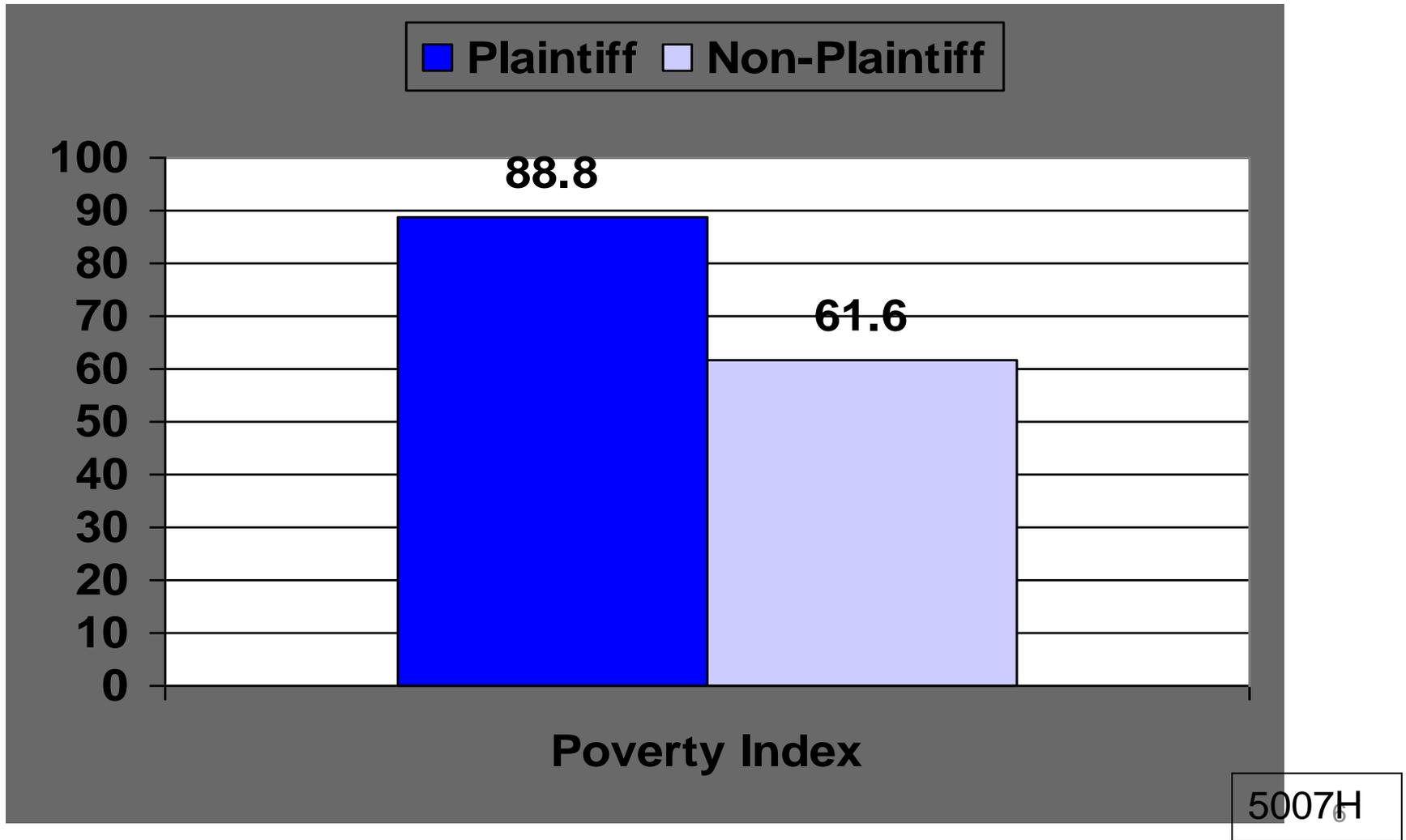
We define this minimally adequate education required by our Constitution to include providing students adequate and safe facilities in which they have the opportunity to acquire:

- the ability to read, write and speak the English language, and knowledge of mathematics and physical science;
- a fundamental knowledge of economic, social, and political systems, and a history of governmental processes; and
- academic and vocational skills.

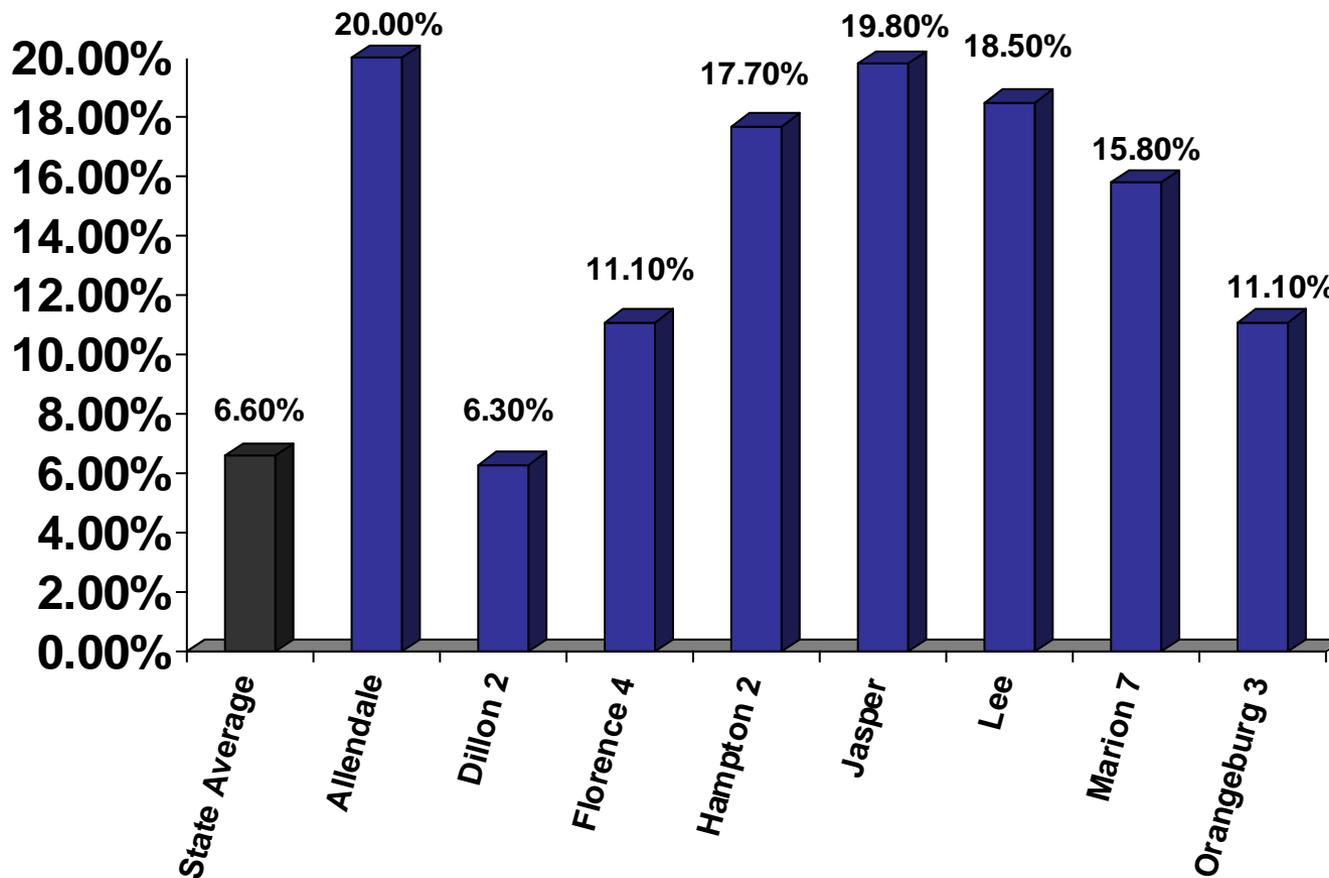
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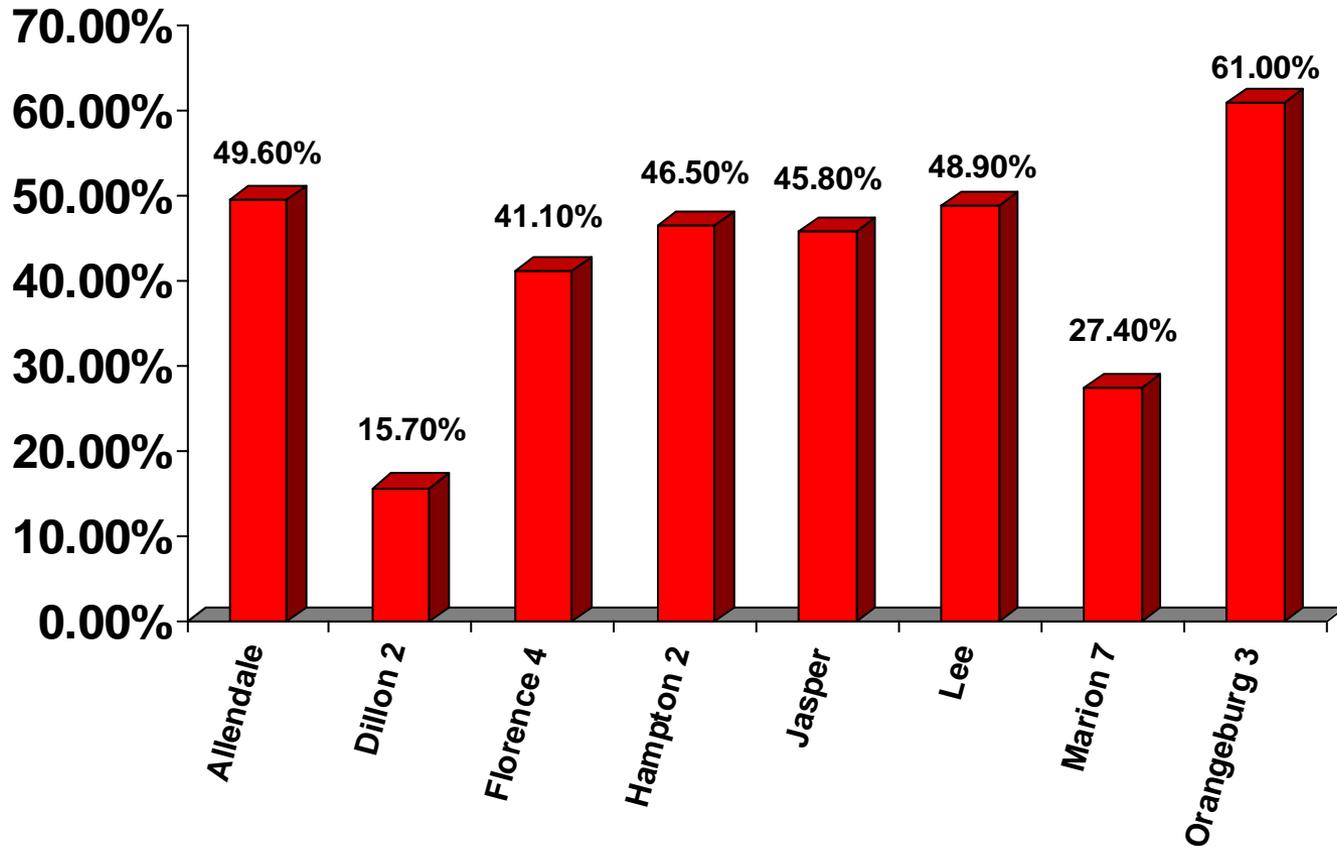


Percentages of Teachers with Substandard Certificates and Out-of-Field Permits



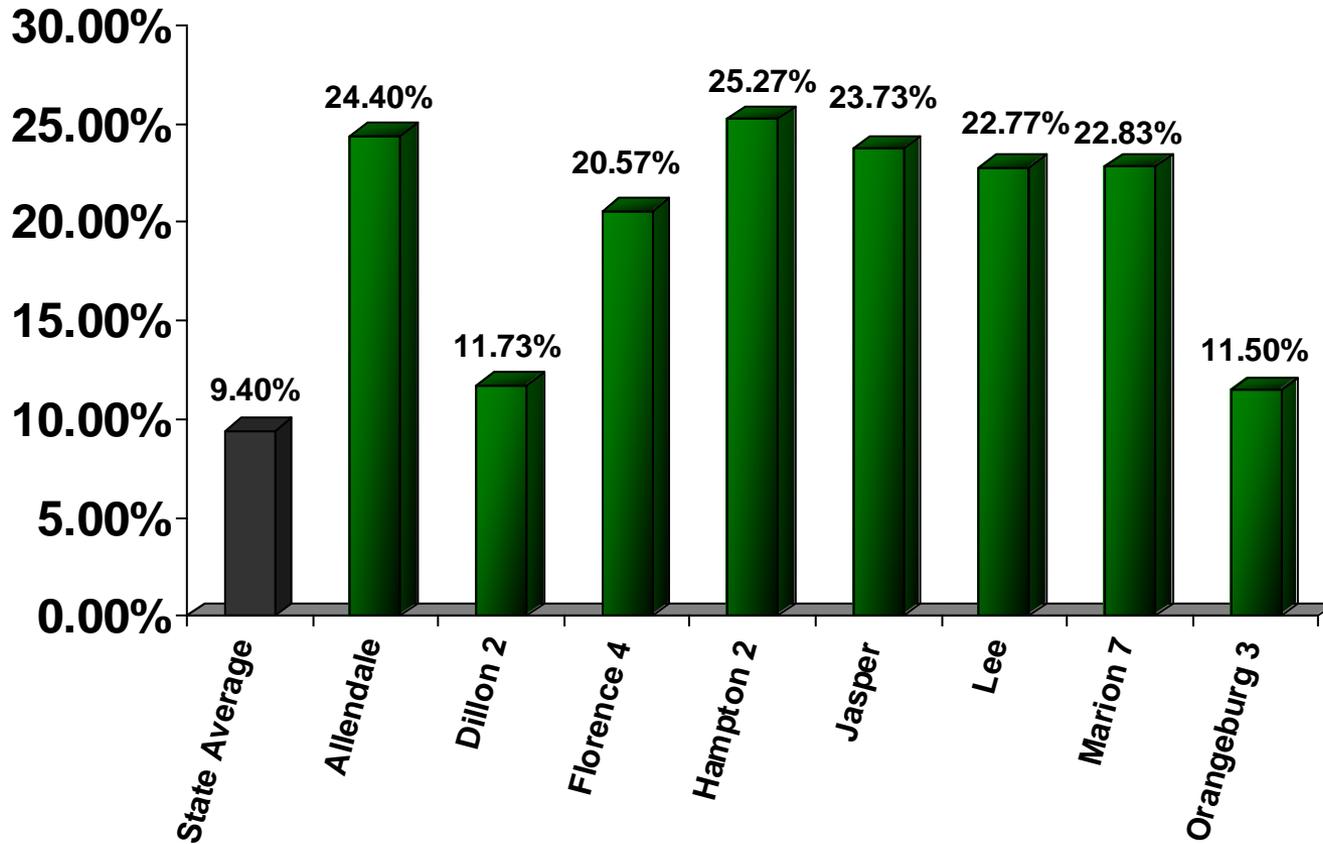
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Percentages of Teachers Graduating from Non-Competitive Colleges



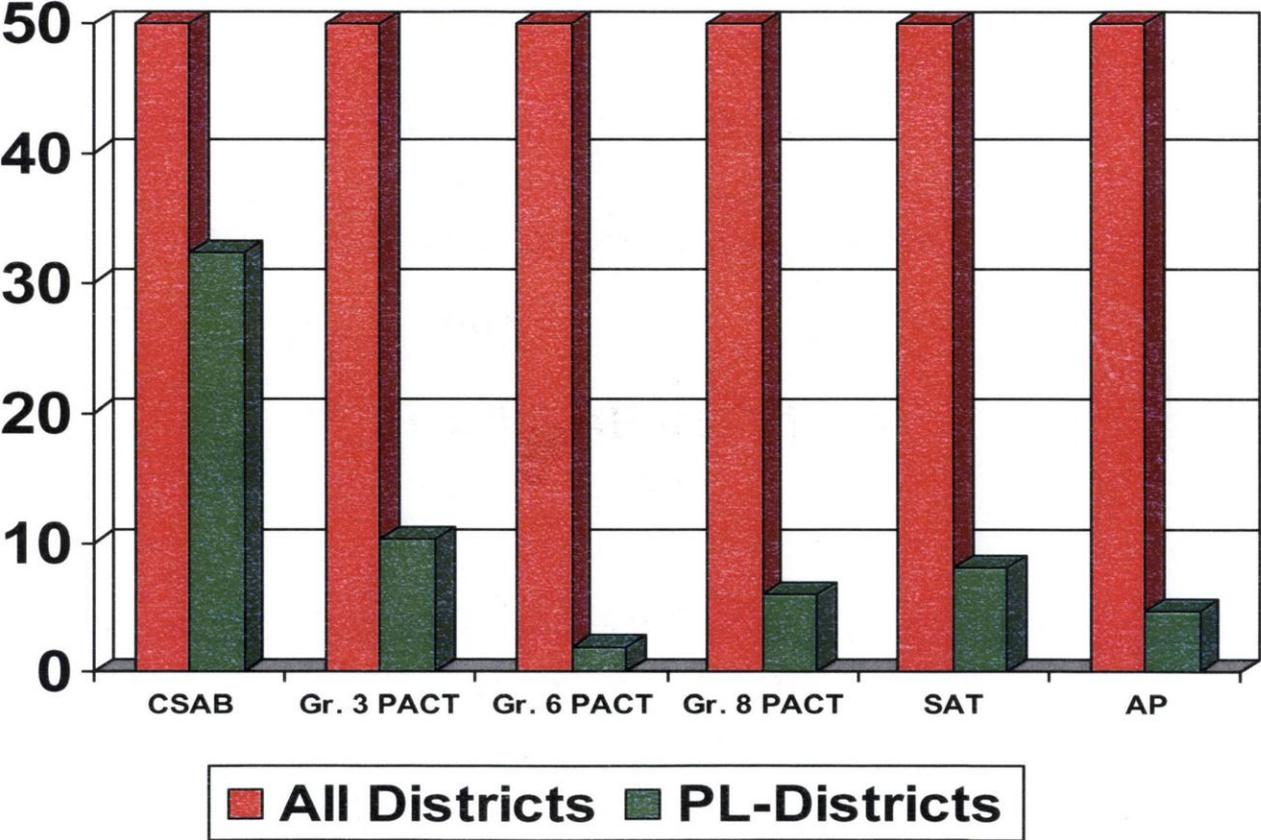
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Three Year Average Teacher Turnover Rate



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Comparison of Test Data By Percentile

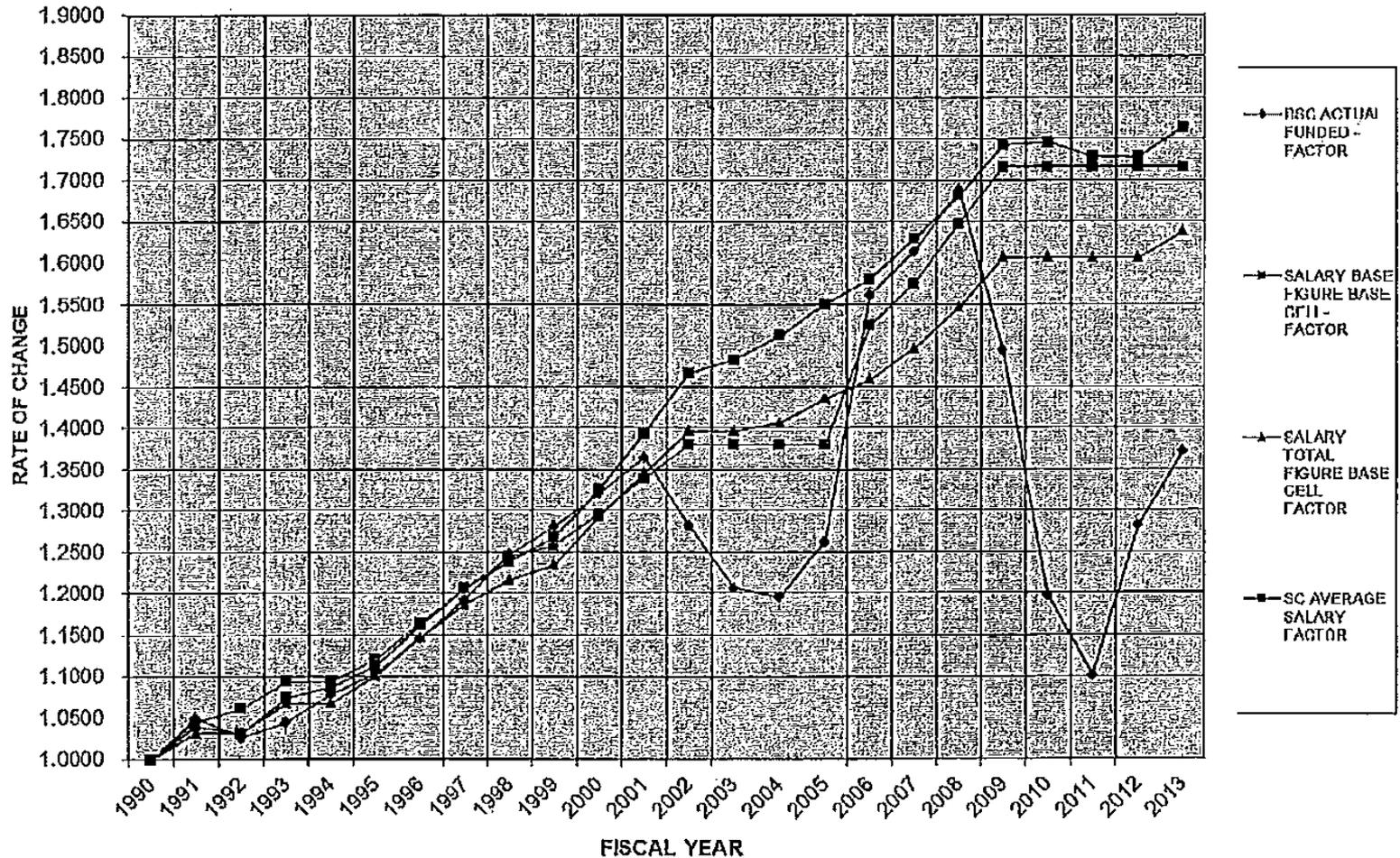


Note: Pact = 2002

CSAB, SAT, AP = 2001

RATE OF CHANGE BSC AND TEACHER SALARIES

TREND ANALYSIS BSC AND TEACHER SALARY SCHEDULE - RATE OF CHANGE OVER TIME



PERCENTAGE CUTS IN BSC

DISTRICT	2007-08 BSC \$2467	2008-09 BSC \$2184	2009-10 BSC \$1756	2010-11 BSC \$1615	Total cut	% cut
Allendale	\$3,996,107	\$3,572,975	\$3,000,076	\$2,461,208	\$1,534,899	38%
Dillon 2	\$8,913,767	\$8,173,179	\$6,570,974	\$5,805,674	\$3,108,093	35%
Florence 4	\$2,264,086	\$1,833,904	\$1,470,929	\$1,067,449	\$1,196,637	53%
Hampton 2	\$3,345,254	\$2,899,603	\$2,192,197	\$1,806,403	\$1,538,851	46%
Jasper	\$5,224,153	\$5,320,490	\$4,302,348	\$3,929,048	\$1,295,105	25%
Lee	\$6,610,864	\$5,967,506	\$4,653,554	\$3,863,766	\$2,747,098	42%
Marion 7	\$2,046,950	\$1,761,241	\$1,360,984	\$1,152,664	\$894,286	44%
Orangeburg 3	\$7,758,858	\$6,762,478	\$5,208,566	\$4,538,713	\$3,220,145	42%

Source: South Carolina Department of Education (numbers rounded to the nearest dollar)

PERCENTAGE TOTAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO EDUCATIONAL FUNCTIONAL GROUP

Fiscal Year	Percentage of Total Funds Appropriated to Educational Functional Group
2004-05	20.78%
2005-06	20.72%
2006-07	20.60%
2007-08	20.79%
2008-09	20.60%
2009-10	18.44%
2010-11	16.90%
2011-12	17.89%

K-12 LOTTERY APPROPRIATIONS

YEAR	TOTAL LOTTERY APPROPRIATIONS*	K-12 LOTTERY APPROPRIATIONS*	K-12 SHARE
2004-05	\$339,618,335	\$102,823,895	30.3%
2005-06	\$277,000,000	\$48,500,000	17.6%
2006-07	\$297,003,117	\$59,500,000	16.7%
2007-08	\$258,000,000	\$49,614,527	19.2%
2008-09	\$252,322,729	\$49,614,527	19.7%
2009-10	\$246,600,000	\$43,891,798	17.5%
2010-11	\$250,371,035	\$43,891,798	17.5%
2011-12	\$254,833,000	\$31,491,798	12.4%
2012-13**		\$28,291,798	

* Excludes appropriations from unclaimed prize money

** Proposed

TEST RESULTS

District	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Allendale	At Risk	At Risk	At Risk	At Risk	At Risk
Dillon 2	Below Average	Below Average	Below Average	Below Average	At Risk
Florence 4	Below Average	At Risk	At Risk	Below Average	Average
Hampton 2	At Risk	At Risk	At Risk	At Risk	At Risk
Jasper	At Risk	At Risk	At Risk	At Risk	At Risk
Lee	At Risk	At Risk	At Risk	Below Average	At Risk
Marion 7	Below Average	Below Average	At Risk	Below Average	Average
Orangeburg 3	At Risk	At Risk	At Risk	Average	Average

SCHOOL RATINGS

District	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Allendale	At Risk	At Risk	At Risk	At Risk	At Risk
Dillon 2	Below Average	Below Average	Below Average	Below Average	At Risk
Florence 4	Below Average	At Risk	At Risk	Below Average	Average
Hampton 2	At Risk	At Risk	At Risk	At Risk	At Risk
Jasper	At Risk	At Risk	At Risk	At Risk	At Risk
Lee	At Risk	At Risk	At Risk	Below Average	At Risk
Marion 7	Below Average	Below Average	At Risk	Below Average	Average
Orangeburg 3	At Risk	At Risk	At Risk	Average	Average

Roche Carolina's Hiring Efforts for 20 Job Openings

- 1,474 Applications Received
- 1,200 High School Graduates
- 737 Signed Up for Testing
- 549 Showed Up for Testing
- 63 Passed Test
- 14 Finished training program

Should We Wait and See
What Happens?

Mayfield Report to the South Carolina House and Senate, 1897

“The promises to the people to give them good schools should be redeemed, and to do so the State should at this session make provision for State aid sufficient to bring up all of the country schools to a standard sufficient to meet the requirements of the people.”

Governor Ransome J. Williams, 1947

“The children of South Carolina are her most valuable investment and priceless resource. They are the very foundation of our future, and we can make no better investment than to see that the children of our State are kept healthy, and are properly educated to cope with the problems of tomorrow. I need not call to your attention the gravity and the immensity of the problem of education.”

Journal of the House, Gov. Robert E. McNair, Jan. 15, 1969

“Despite our increased commitment to education, we know that only one of every two children who enters the first grade in South Carolina will graduate from high school. Statistics tell us that one out of every ten children entering the first grade is so poorly prepared he will repeat that grade.”

Gov. Richard W. Riley

January 11, 1984

“Industrial development truly begins in the classroom. Being 50th in support of education sends a message: it tells potential industries that we don’t expect much from ourselves or our future. It says that Georgia and North Carolina have more confidence in their children than we do.”