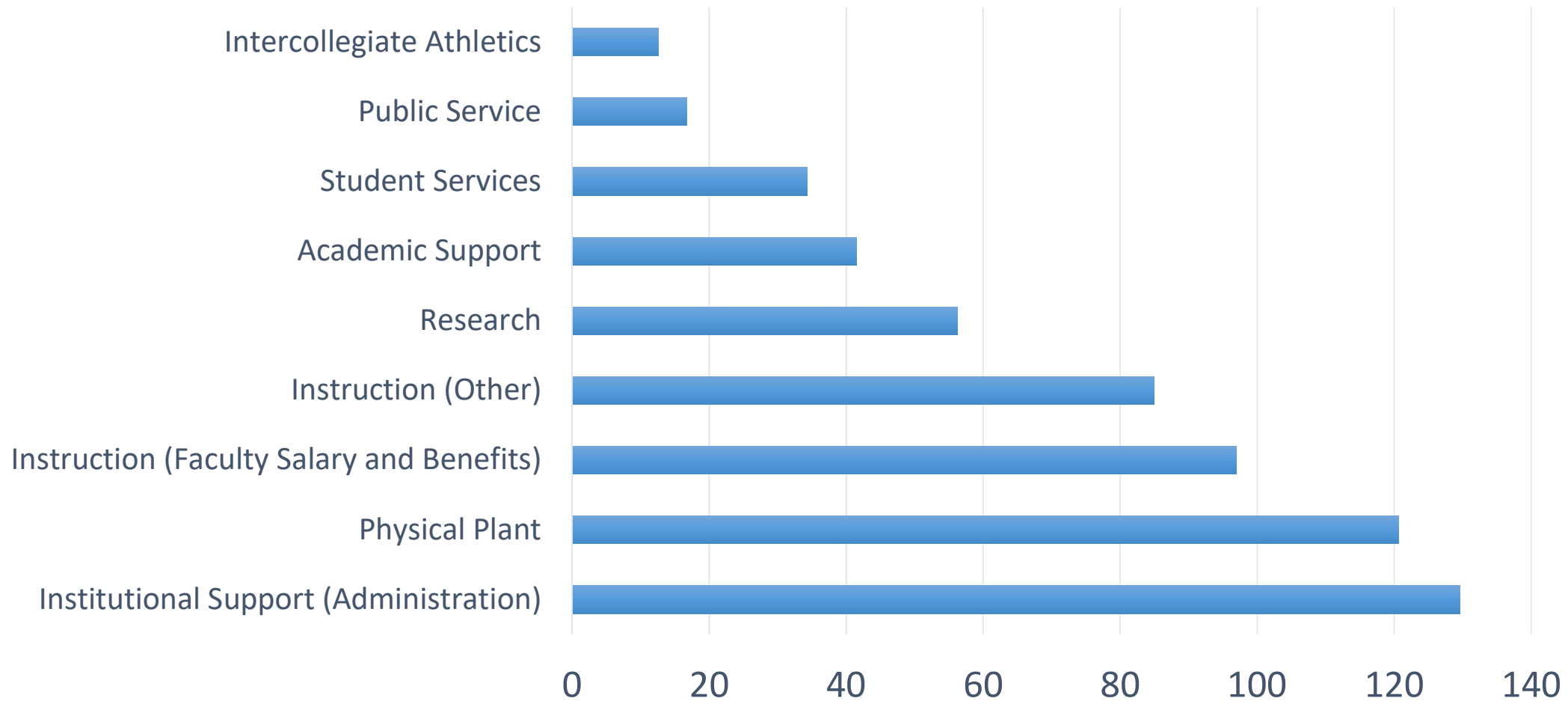


# Administrative Costs in the UA System

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## FY18 UA Unrestricted Expenditures (millions of dollars)



# Peer Systems

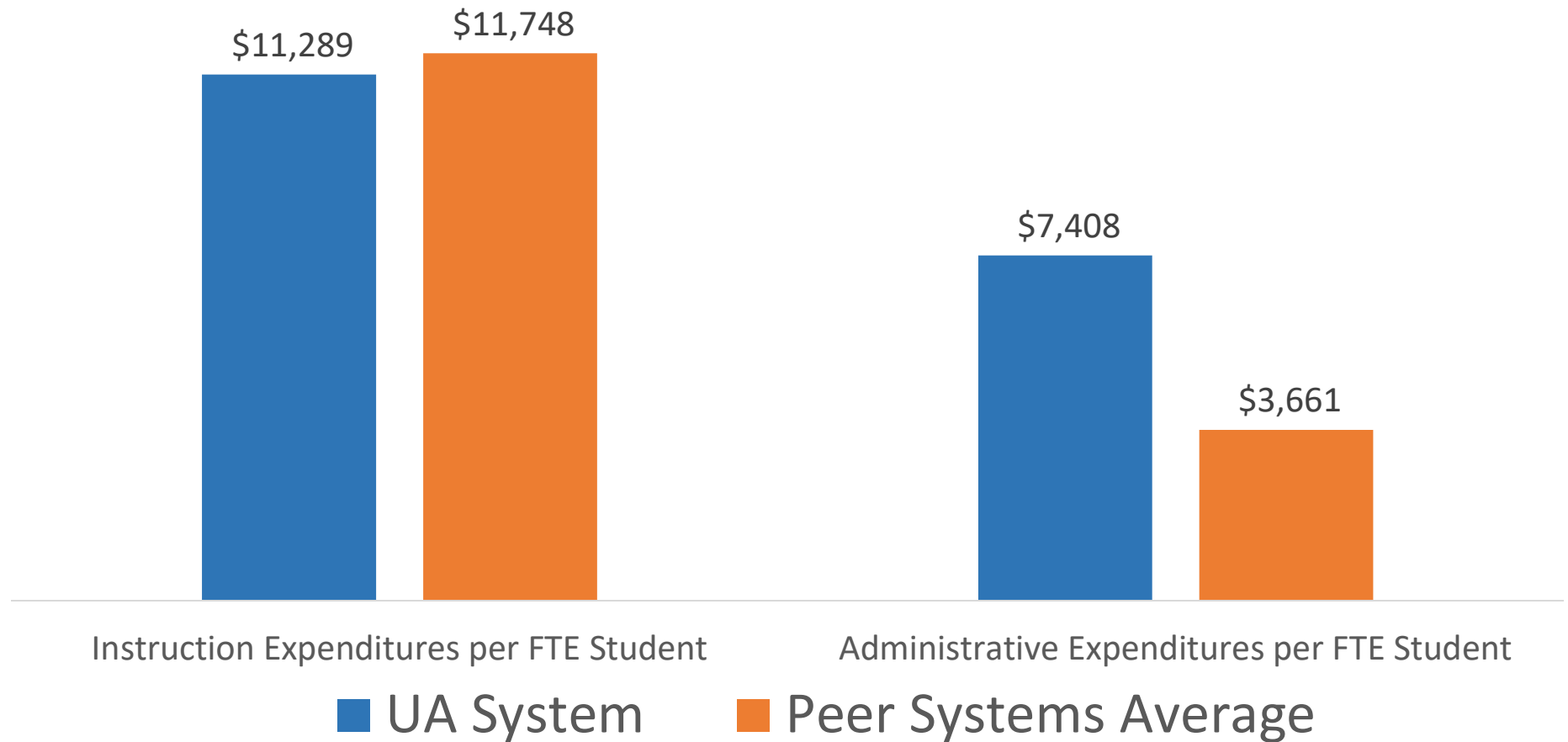
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9. Idaho State Board of Education
10. University of Wisconsin System
11. University of Colorado
12. University System of Maryland
13. University of Hawai'i System
14. Utah System of Higher Education
15. University of Houston System
16. University of Iowa
17. University of Massachusetts System
18. University of Missouri System
19. University of Nebraska

# Public University Systems (Peer Systems & other systems with system office IPEDS data)

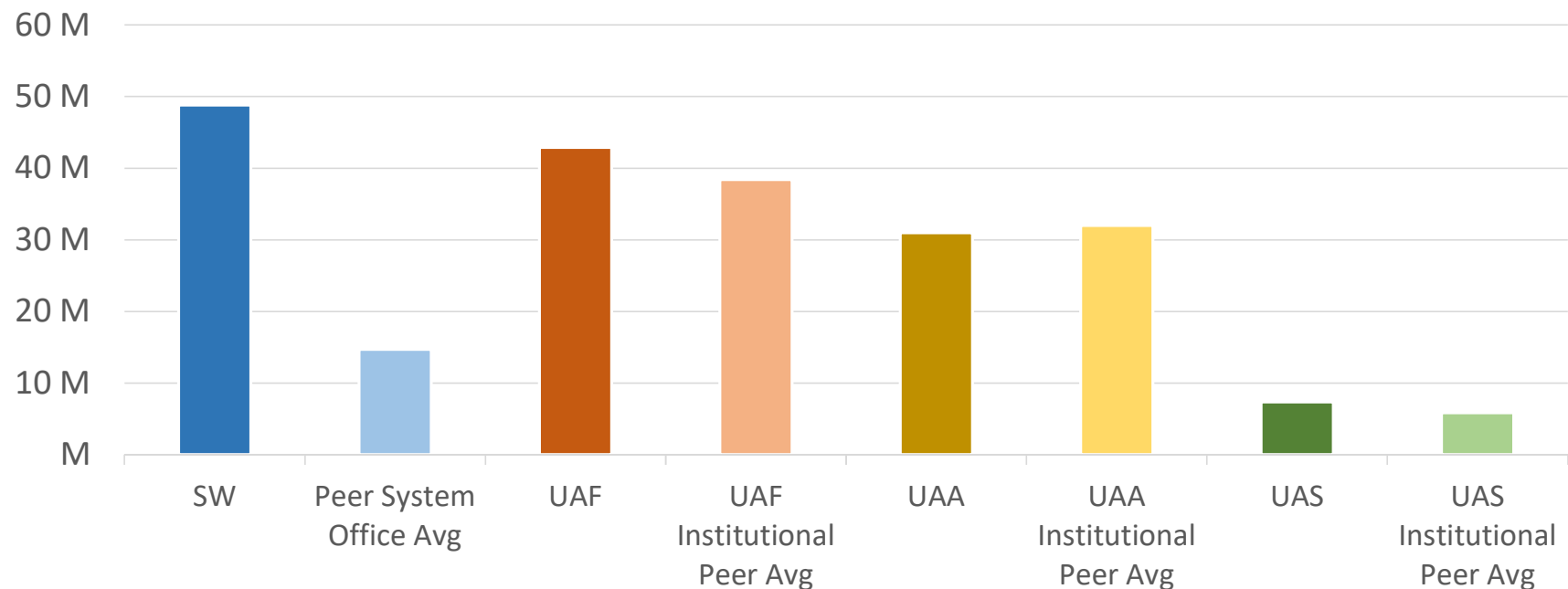
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4. University of Maine-System Central Office*	16. University of Hawaii System Office	29. University of Wisconsin-System Administration
5. University System of New Hampshire System Office*	17. Texas Tech University System Administration	30. Utah System of Higher Education
6. University of North Texas System*	18. University of Nebraska-Central Administration System Office	31. University of Illinois University Administration
7. Montana University System Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education*	19. Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education-Central Office	32. California State University-Chancellors Office
8. University of Alabama System Office	20. University of Arkansas System Office	33. University of North Carolina System
9. Southern Illinois University-System Office*	21. University of Missouri-System Office	34. State University System of Florida Chancellor's Office
10. Idaho State Board of Education Office*	22. University of Massachusetts-Central Office	35. SUNY-System Office
11. University of Alabama System Office	23. University of Colorado System Office	36. University of California-System Administration Central Office
12. University of Louisiana-System Administration	24. CUNY System Office	37. The University of Texas System Office
	25. Texas A & M University-System Office	

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# FY18 Instruction vs Administrative Expenditures Per FTE Student



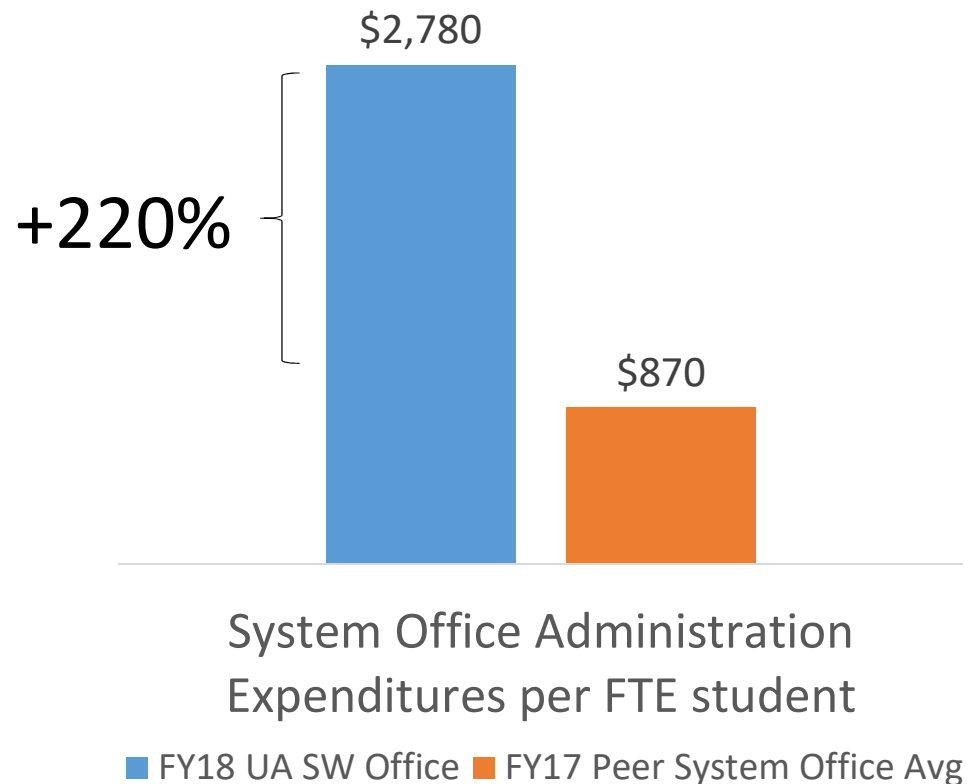
# Distribution of FY18 UA Administrative Expenditures (with comparison to peer units)



UA Administrative Expenditures are compared per unit with average peer rates of spending on administration.

# UA Administrative Expenditures Compared to Peer Systems

- #3 UA FY17 Administrative Spending at System Office per FTE Student
- #2 UA FY17 System Administrative Expenditures as % of Total System Expenditures
- #2 UA FY17 System Administrative Expenditures per FTE Student



	Measures of Administrative Cost in System		Measures of Admin Cost at System Office		Measure of Centralization
	Total Administrative Expenditures in System as % of Total System Expenditures	Total System Admin Exp per FTE Student	System Office Admin Exp as % of Total System Expenditures	System Office Admin Exp per FTE Student	System Office Admin Exp as % of Total System Administrative Expenditures
UA FY17 (IPEDS)	13.6%	\$6072	4.8%	\$2135	35.2%
UA FY17 (UAR & Yellowbook)	16.1%	\$7308	5.8%	\$2635	36.1%
FY17 Peer Systems Average	9.2%	\$3661	1.8%	\$870	17%
FY17 Small Systems Average	11.6%	\$3092	1.8%	\$463	14.1%



# Key Findings of Systems Review

- The UA System has high administrative costs and high system office costs compared to other systems.
- The data shows no positive correlation between increased centralization of administrative expenditures and increased administrative cost efficiency.
- Instead, there is a moderate positive correlation between greater centralization of administrative expenditures and greater administrative cost per student ( $r=0.77$  for peer systems,  $r=0.48$  for small systems, and  $r=0.57$  for all public systems).
- And there is a strong positive correlation between high costs at system offices and high spending per student on administrative costs in systems.
- Administrative costs are not on average higher in smaller systems or their system offices.