



# Secondary Technical Career Centers



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# Secondary Technical Career Centers in Arkansas

## Purpose

To provide high quality career and technical education programming that aligns with Arkansas' workforce and economic development priorities placing students on a pathway to a high-skill, high-wage, in-demand careers meeting the needs of employers operating in Arkansas.

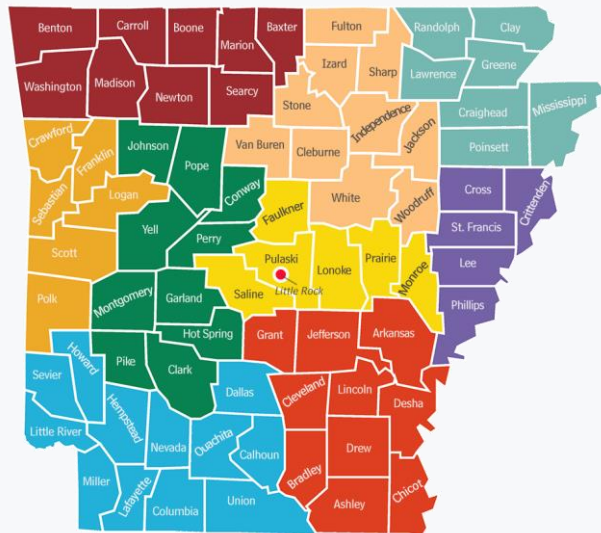


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- Recent Legislation
  - Act 179, 2019 – To revise the method of funding secondary vocational area centers
    - Established tiered system of funding
      - Cost to operate program
      - Align with workforce and economic development needs
      - Incentivize centers to open high demand programs
  - Act 507, 2021 – Funding used to support M&O at Secondary Technical Career Centers
- Annual Budget = \$20,143,000
  - Instructor Salary, equipment purchases, consumables
  - Professional development, administrative expenses
- Secondary Technical Centers in Arkansas
  - 30 Centers
    - 24 Post-Secondary
    - 6 Secondary



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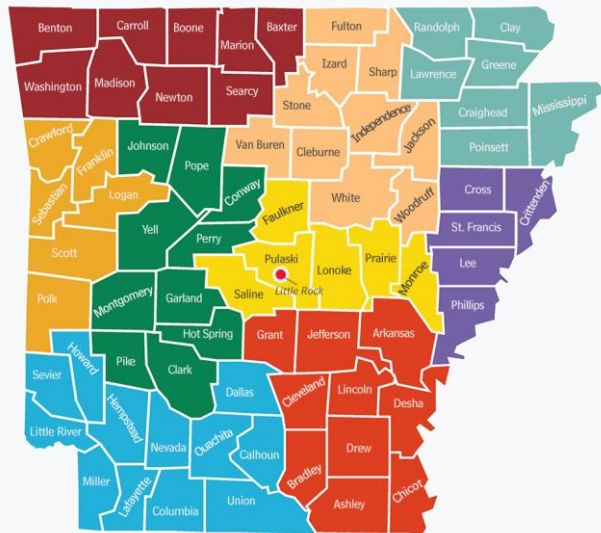




# Tiered Funding Structure



- Tier 1 - \$8,000/FTE
  - Advanced Manufacturing
  - Construction
  - Welding
  - Automotive/Diesel Tech
  - Industrial Tech
- Tier 2 - \$5,500/FTE
  - Information Technology
  - Medical Professions
- Tier 3 - \$3,000/FTE
  - Culinary Arts
  - Criminal Justice



## Arkansas' Secondary Career Centers



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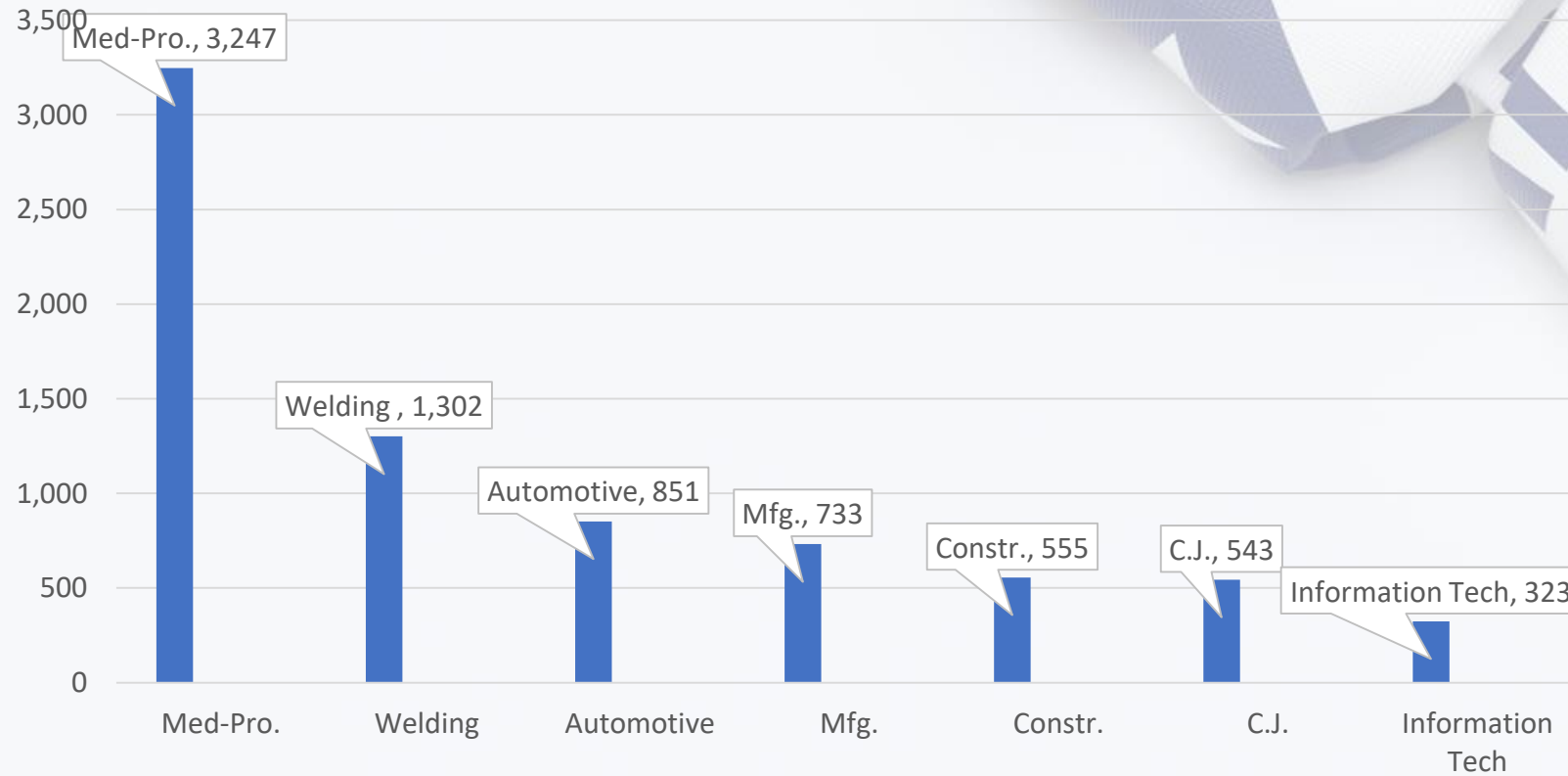
Secondary Center	Advanced Manufacturing	Architectural CAD	Automation and Robotics Technology	Automotive Collision Repair Technology	Automotive Service Technology	Aviation Technology	Computer Engineering	Construction Technology	Criminal Justice	Culinary Arts	Cybersecurity	Data Science	Electronics	Emergency Preparedness	Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration (HVACR)	Industrial Equipment Technologies	Medical Professions	Medium/Heavy Truck Technology	Networking	Power Equipment Technology	Precision Machine Manufacturing	Pre-Engineering	Programming	Unmanned Aerial Systems	Website Development	Welding	Wood Technologies (Furniture Manufacturing)	Total Enrollment	Fall Funding
ANC					16		26	43								12	50									59	206	\$218,000	
ASU Beebe - Searcy					11										9	20	51	31		15	6					57	200	\$368,125	
ASU Mid-South	3									30							107	98	34					5	49	326	\$348,833.16		
ASU Mountain Home					25					27						3	42									37	134	\$170,583.03	
ASU Newport - Ignite																	39	10	9							4	62	\$94,000	
ASU Three Rivers					101		84	32							31	29	184		50						107	618	\$706,583		
Arkansas Tech University Career Center	55				104		71	44	53								204		35						84	650	\$735,250		
Black River				7									18				45									32	102	\$153,208	
Conway Area Career Center		51		81			140		60								570		19						135	1056	\$811,292		
UA Cossatot					27											47	107								52	233	\$297,416		
EastArk Career Center					5										1	1	26	15								19	67	\$78,500	
Jefferson Area Technical Career Center								42									71		8			14					135	\$231,375	
Metro Career Center				29	29		40	20	68				19				88									62	355	\$488,333	
Monitcello OEC					57		72	75									175			28						79	486	\$291,083	
National Park Technology Center					63												204			11	36	38					379	\$420,334	
North Central Career Center				5	19		9	11									19										63	\$97,250	
NorthArk	5			15	24		23									65	41		9								182	\$377,000	
NEACTC	46			59	70				147					45	62	187		63						26	80	785	\$900,667		
NWTI					40			24						9		56	19									63	211	\$338,208.20	
Ozarka College Technical Center					12												25				1					18	56	\$96,375	
UA Phillips County	59							166									210								44	479	\$219,250.14		
SAU Tech Career Academy						56										7	122								52	237	\$303,833		
SouthArk					22											3	37									55	117	\$210,875	
SEABEC							86	86									255		1							74	502	\$365,375	
UACC - Batesville	8						3										47					7				32	97	\$110,000	
UACC - Morrilton				5	8		1								2	80	40									4	140	\$150,541	
UAHT															9	14	42					3				10	78	\$109,249	
UA Rich Mountain																17										4	22	\$33,375	
UAFS - WATC		12			33								44				203		19				14			90	415	\$691,457.81	
<b>Program of Study Enrollment Totals</b>	176	63	0	201	650	16	56	555	543	385	0	0	62	19	106	360	3247	173	238	35	72	38	24	40	5	1302	27	<b>8393</b>	\$9,416,371



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### Top Programs by Student Enrollment



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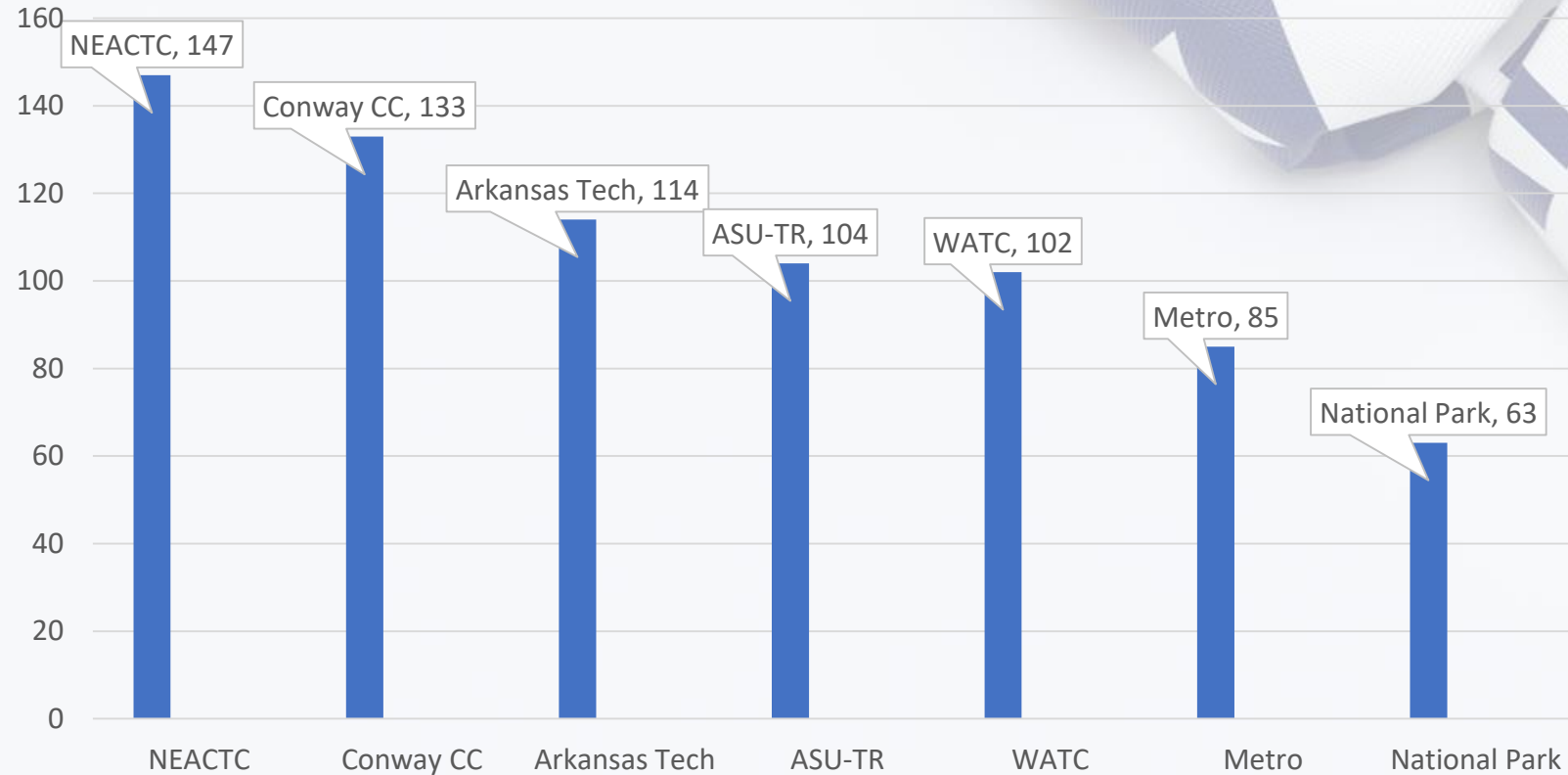




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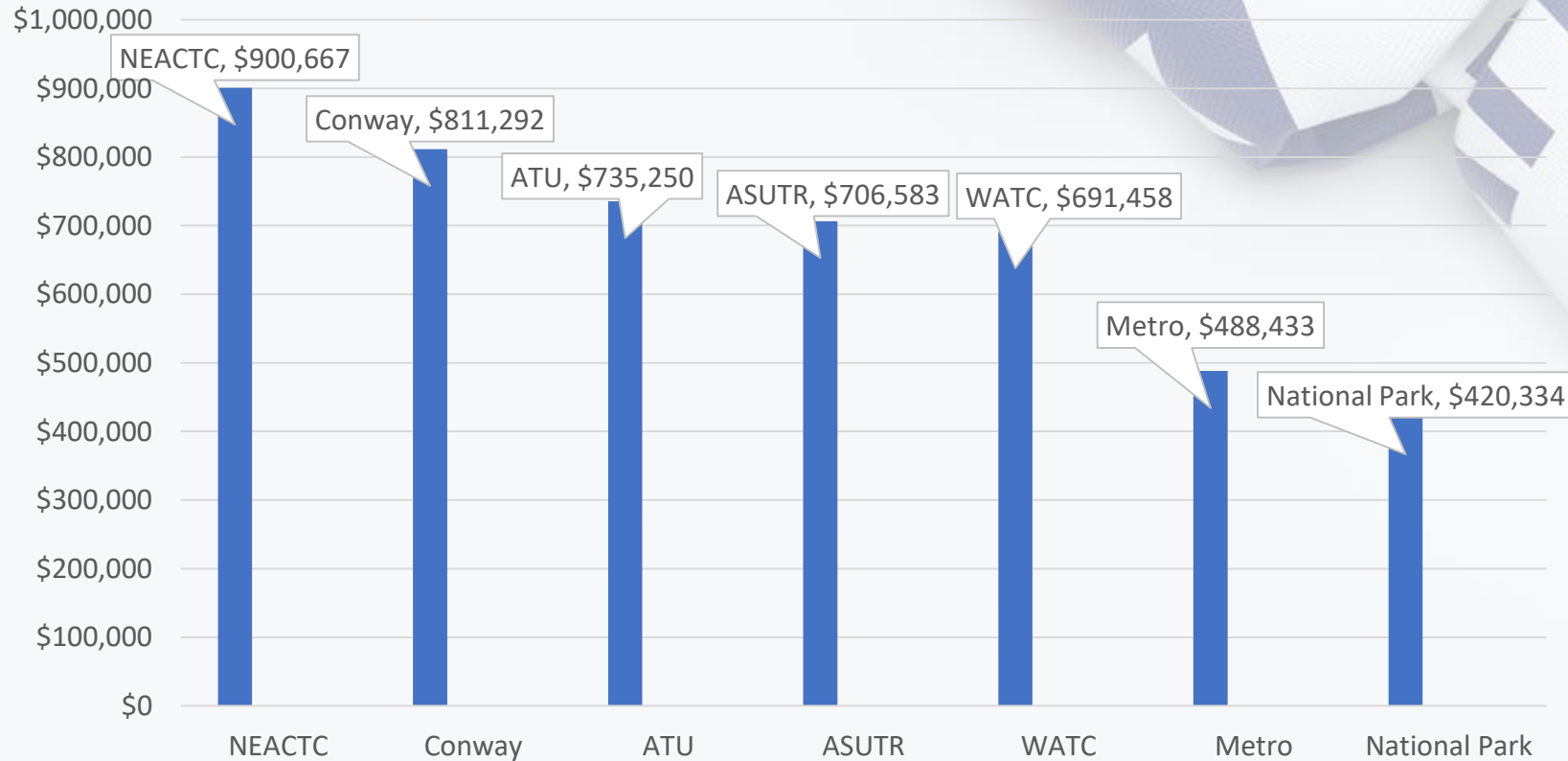
### Top 7 largest centers by # FTE's





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### Top 7 largest centers revenue



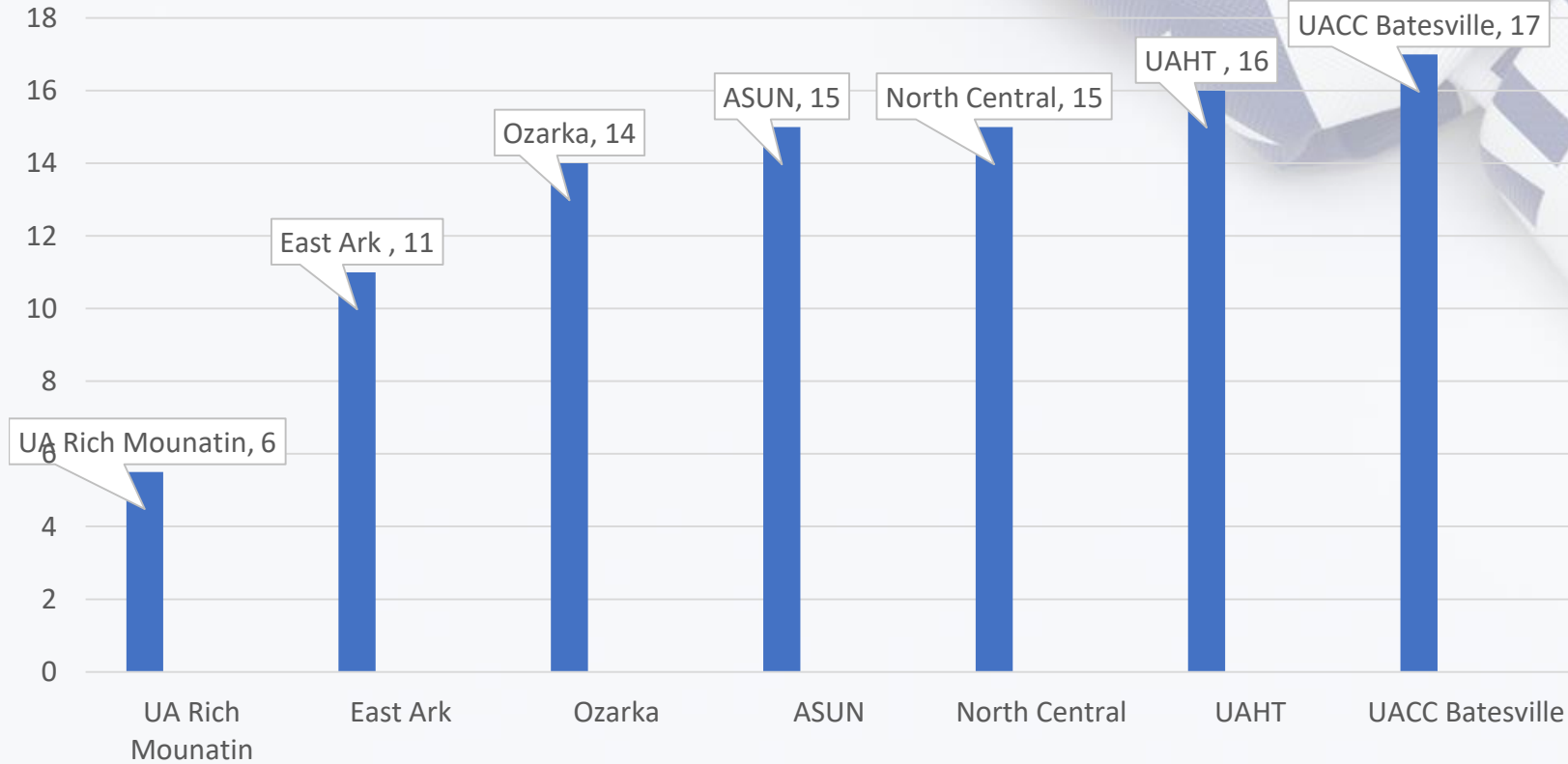




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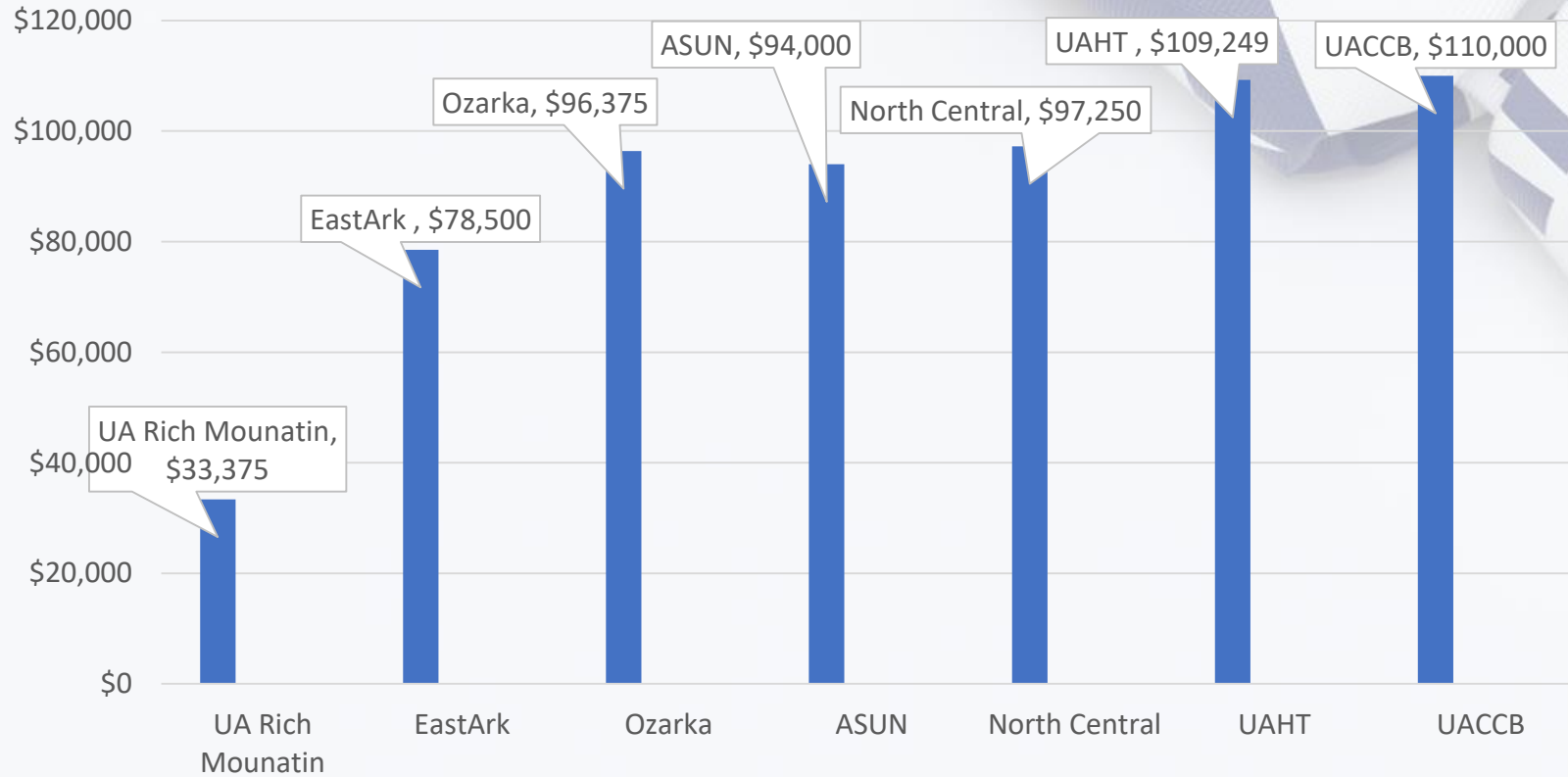
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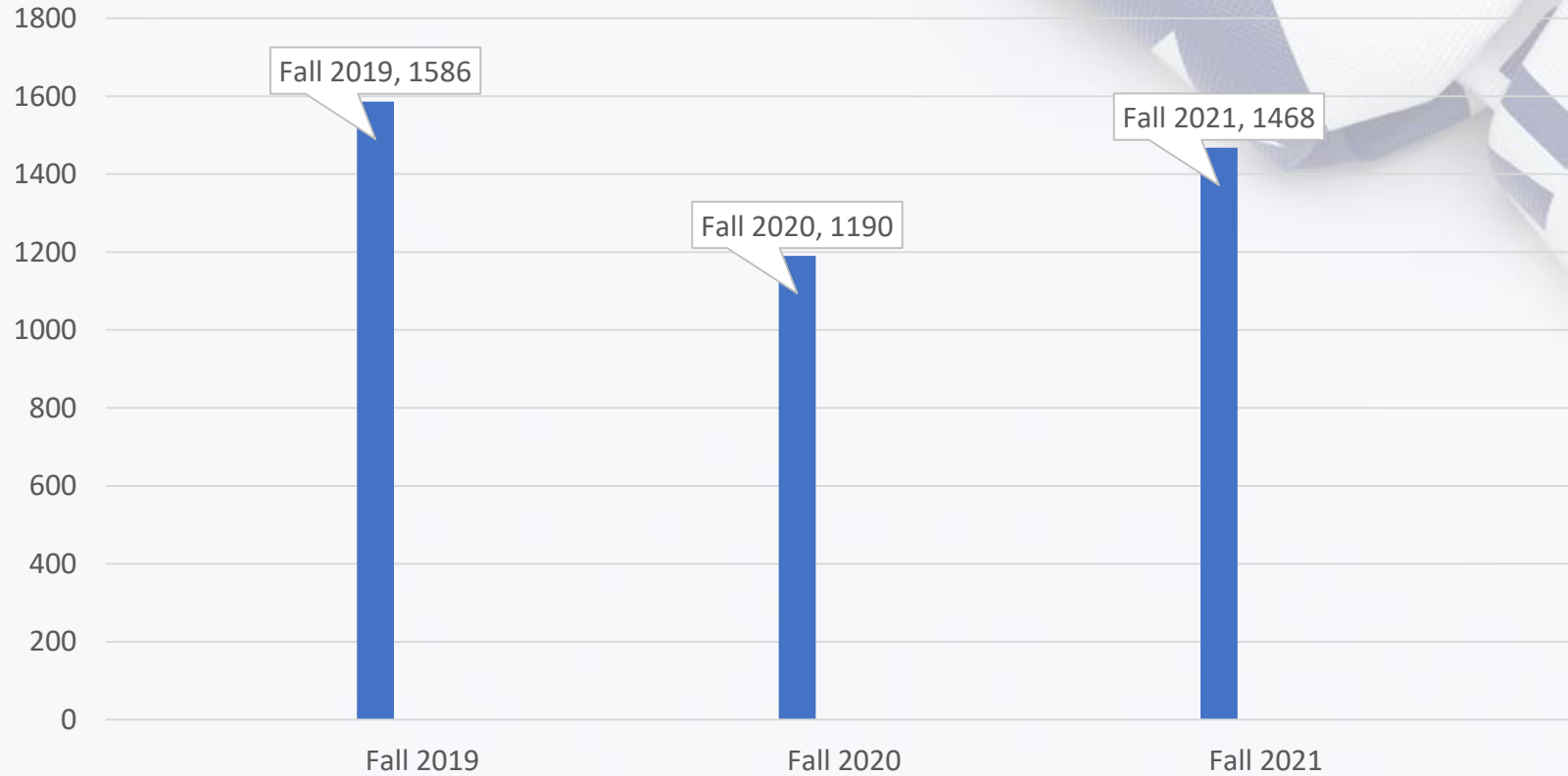




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### # of Fall FTE's by Fiscal Year

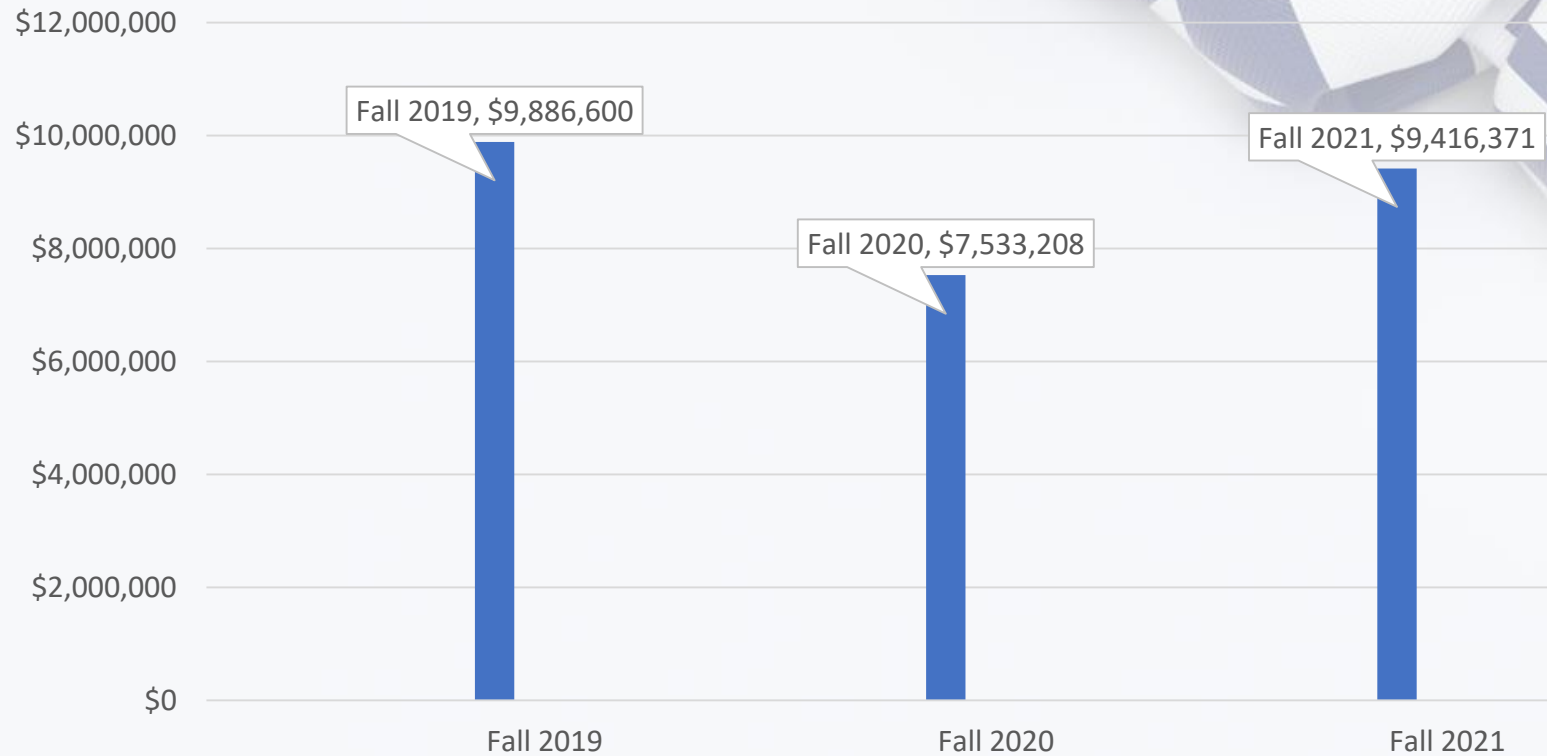






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### Fall Funding based on FTE Enrollment

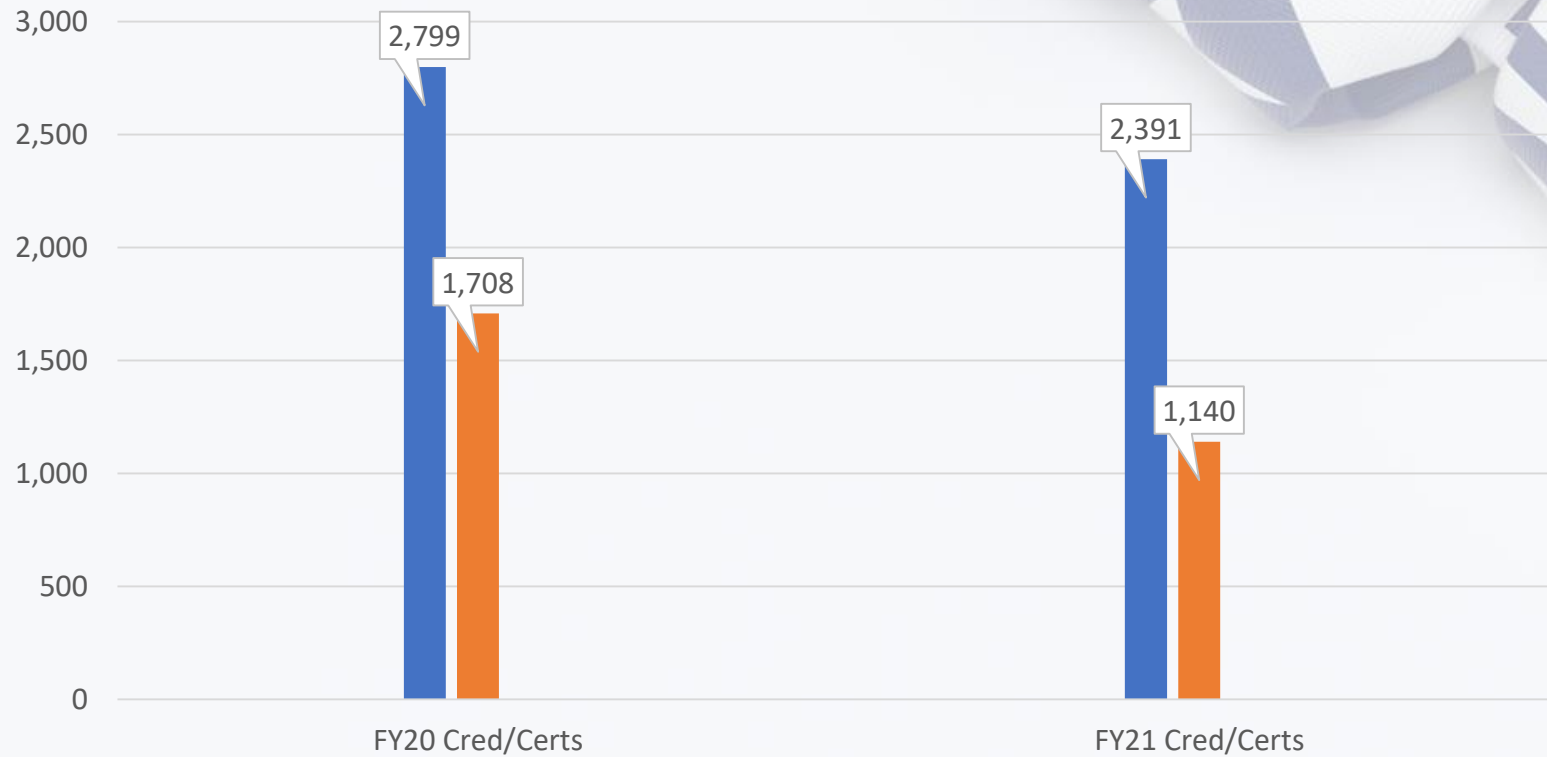


Note: FY20 resulted in emergency rules process to allocate additional funding to centers due to shortfalls in enrollment to cover expenses.



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### Concurrent Credit & Credentials Earned

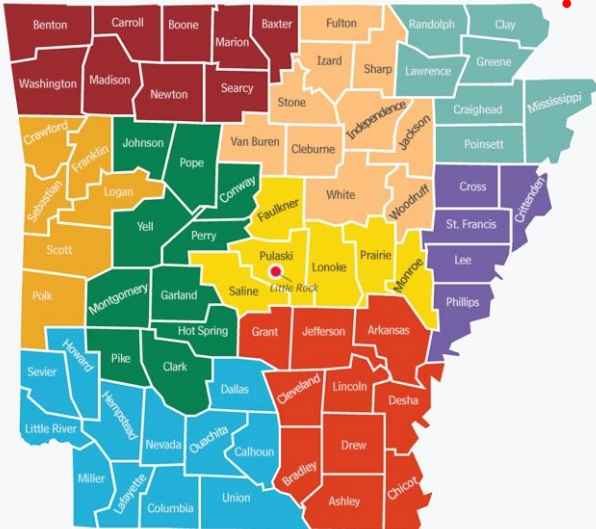


Note: OSD sets aside \$100,000 of Skills Development Funds to reimburse the secondary center for costs associated with credential attainment.



# Secondary Technical Career Center Strategic Initiatives

- Establish plan to serve remaining school districts currently unserved by a center
- Pre/Youth Apprenticeship Programs
  - 33% - 2023
  - 66% - 2024
  - 100% - 2025
- Identify appropriate increase to vocational center aid funding
  - Revolving equipment fund
  - Increase Private Sector Investment
- Establish additional LPN's Pilot programs under Act 757 w/ Dept. of Ed
- Understand how to leverage WIOA formula funding for ISY



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