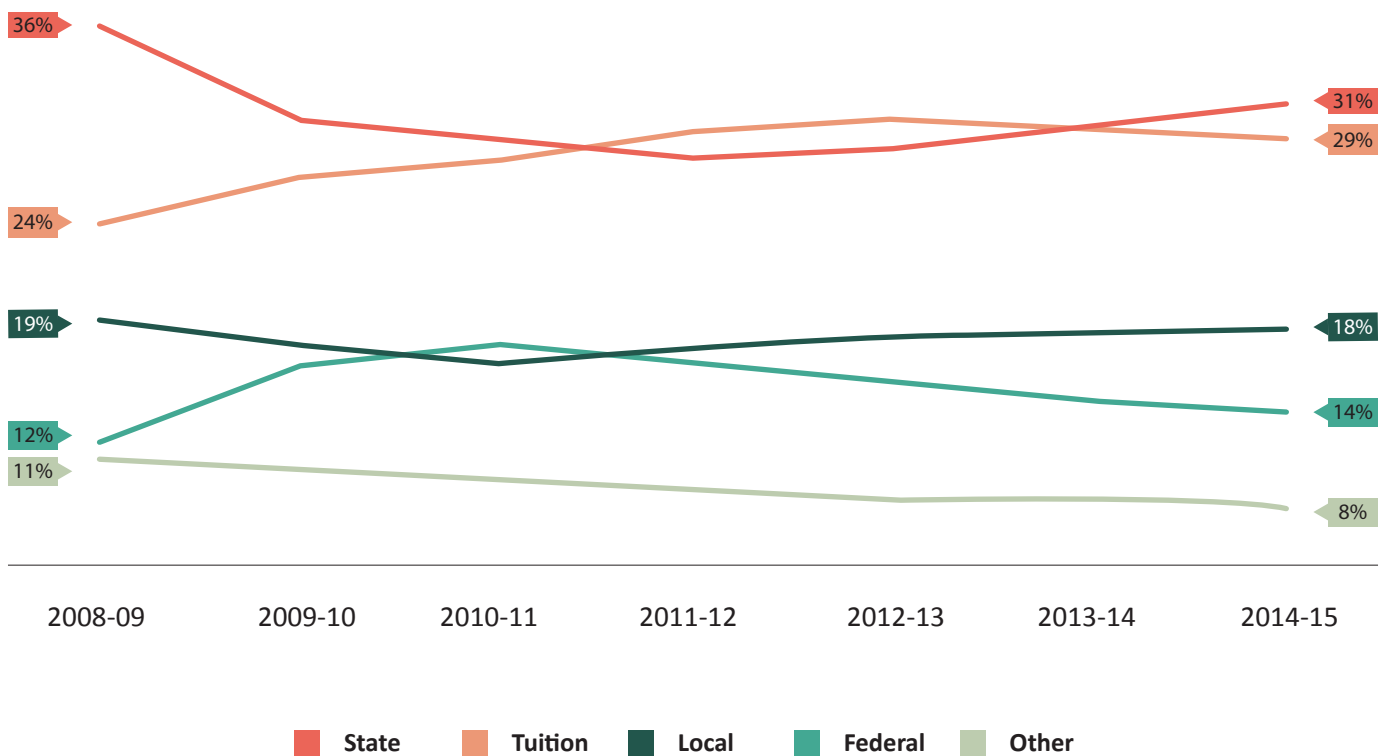




Relying on state funding

State funding comprises the largest portion of community colleges' revenues.

Distribution of community college revenue by source: 2008-09 to 2014-15



Source: AACC analysis of Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) 2008-2015 Financial Survey Data Files, U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Educational Statistics, June 2017.



Community colleges have historically relied on three primary funding sources — state-based funding, local-based funding and tuition and fees. However, state funding, as a percent of all revenue, dropped from a high of 36 percent in 2008-09, to 31 percent in 2014-15 — offset mainly by an increase in the percent of revenue from tuition and fees. In 2011-12 and 2012-13, tuition and fee revenue comprised a larger portion of community college revenues than state revenue. The portion of local revenues remained relatively steady.

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