

CollegeCountsSM

Alabama's 529 Fund

Q 1 2021 Review Meeting
May 26, 2021

Period ended
March 31, 2021

UBT
Union Bank & Trust
Program Manager



*Offered by the
State of Alabama*

CollegeCounts 529 Fund - Summary Page (July 1, 2020 Program Disclosure Statement)

Account Owner Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. citizens and resident aliens who are at least 19 years old • Individual, UTMA/UGMA custodian, trust, certain entities, 501(c)(3)
Beneficiary Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. citizen or resident alien with a valid Social Security number. • May be of any age
Contributions Minimum Maximum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No minimum or ongoing contribution required • \$475,000 per beneficiary
Alabama State Income Tax Deduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributions tax deductible up to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$5,000 per tax return • \$10,000 if married filing jointly and both contribute
Federal Income Tax Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax-deferred growth • Tax-free withdrawals for qualified college expenses
Qualified College Expenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuition, fees, books, supplies, equipment required for enrollment • Room & board if enrolled at least 1/2 time • Computers, related peripheral equipment, computer software, internet access • See Program Disclosure Statement for K-12, Apprenticeship, Student Loan considerations

Direct Plan Costs

Set-up Fee	• none												
Annual Account Fee	• none												
State Fee	• none												
Program Management Fee	• 0.17%												
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Upfront Sales Charge or Trails	• none												
Fund Families	• Vanguard, T. Rowe Price, DFA, PGIM, PIMCO, Fidelity, and Dodge & Cox												

Advisor Plan Costs

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• **Assets & Accounts**

- Total Plan Assets \$2.288 bil + 4.1% QTR / + 35.1% 1-year
 - Advisor \$1.482 bil | Direct \$806.3 mil
- Total accounts 104,847
 - Advisor 65,149 | Direct 39,698
- Total Contributions Q 1 2021 \$60.98 mil

• **Alabama residents**

- Alabama Plan Assets \$1.432 bil + 5.1% QTR / + 42.3% 1-year
- Alabama accounts 65,669
- Alabama contributions CY 2020 \$48.27 mil

• **Rollover Contributions CY 2020**

- Direct Plan \$3.24 mil
- Advisor Plan \$3.14 mil
- Rollovers Dollars *(Alabama Account Owner)* 89.3%

• **Age-Based Accounts & Assets**

- | | <u>Accounts</u> | <u>Assets</u> |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| • Direct Plan | 67.9% | 60.3% |
| • Advisor Plan | 71.9% | 64.5% |

• **Plan Asset Allocation**

- Direct Plan 63.2% equity
- Advisor Plan 53.8% equity

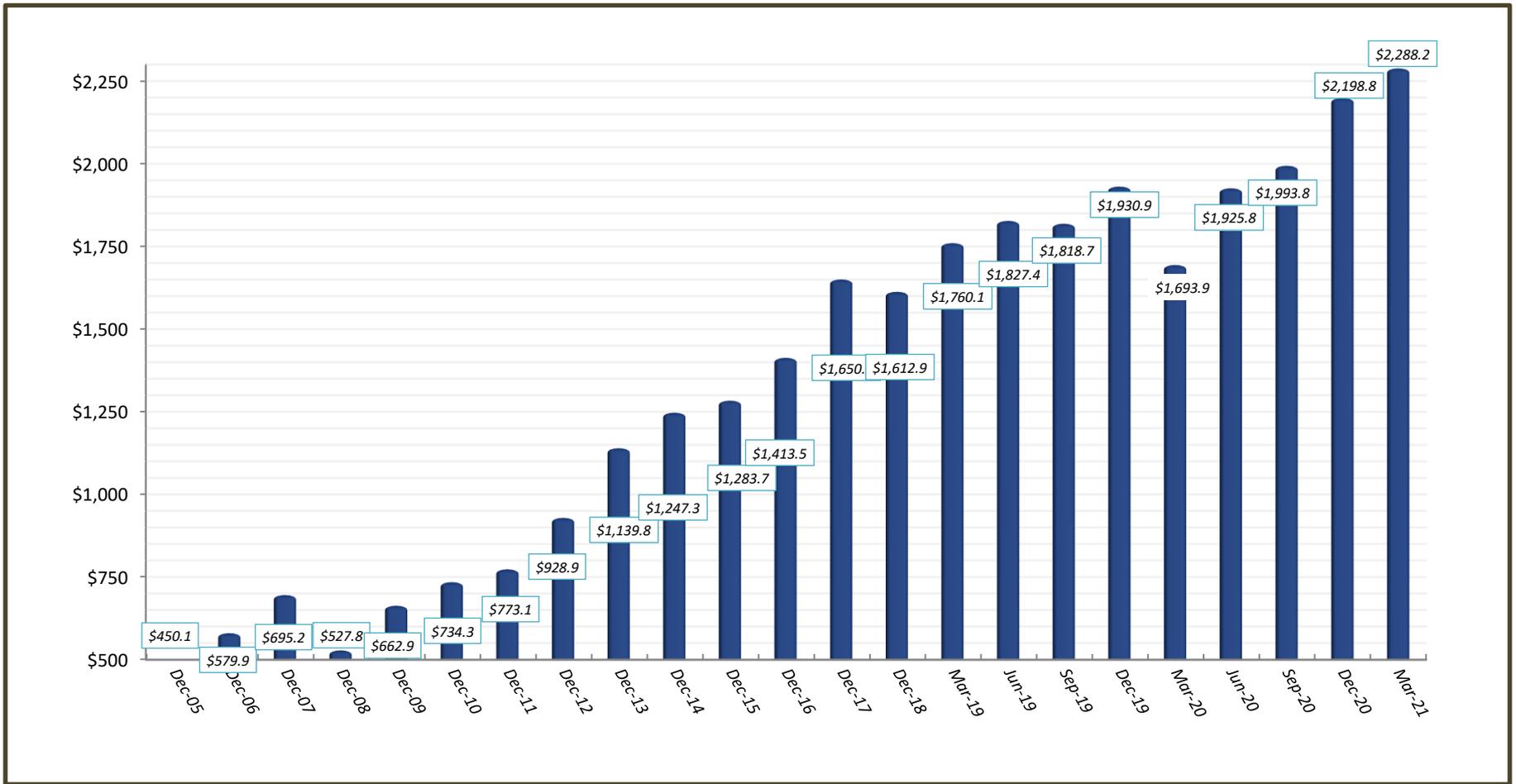
• **Average Age**

- Account Owner 51.27 years
- Beneficiary 13.70 years

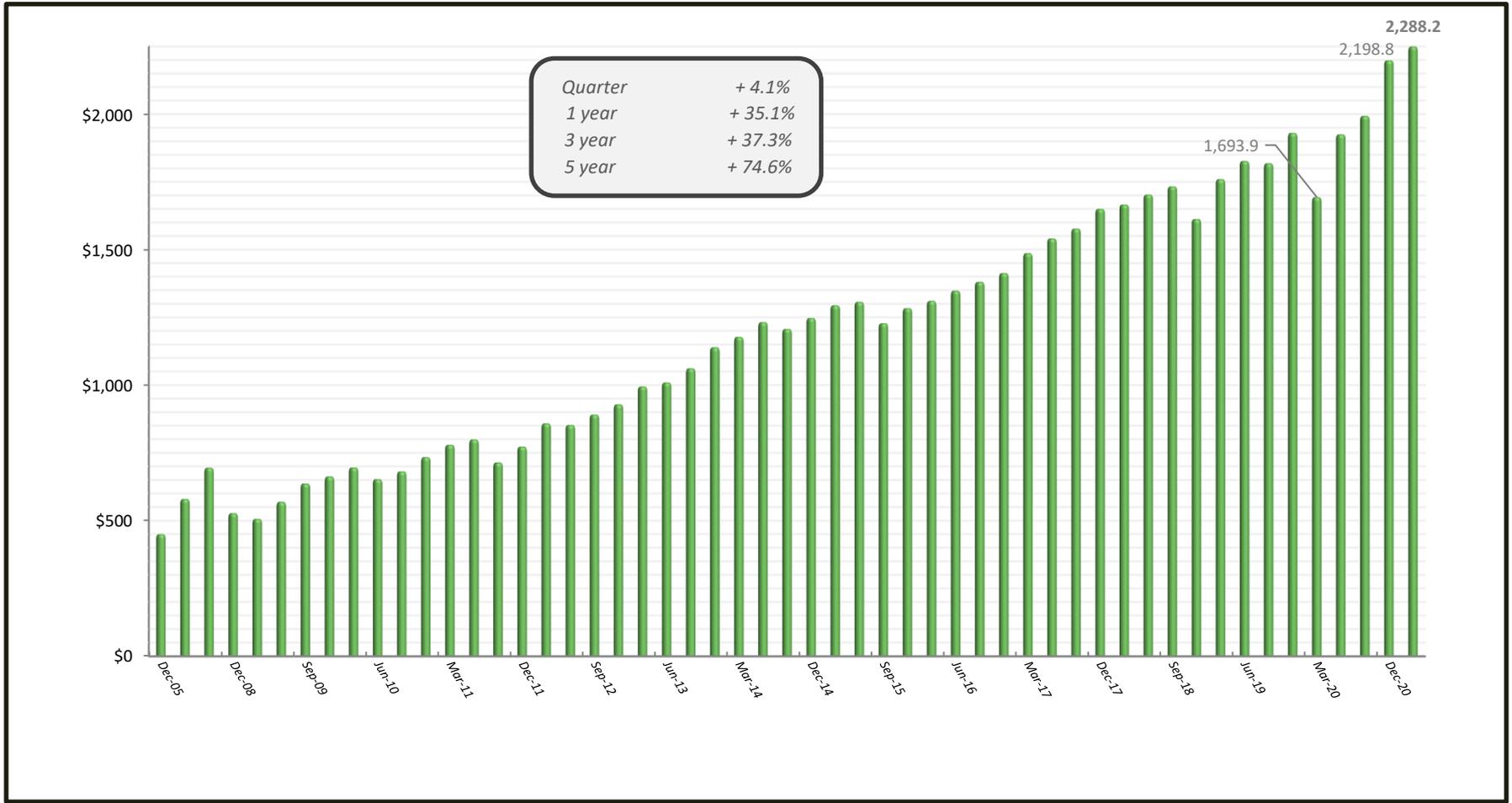
• **Account size**

- | | <u>Alabama</u> | <u>Plan</u> |
|------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| • Average account size | \$21,799 | \$24,503 |
| • Median account size | \$9,437 | \$9,455 |

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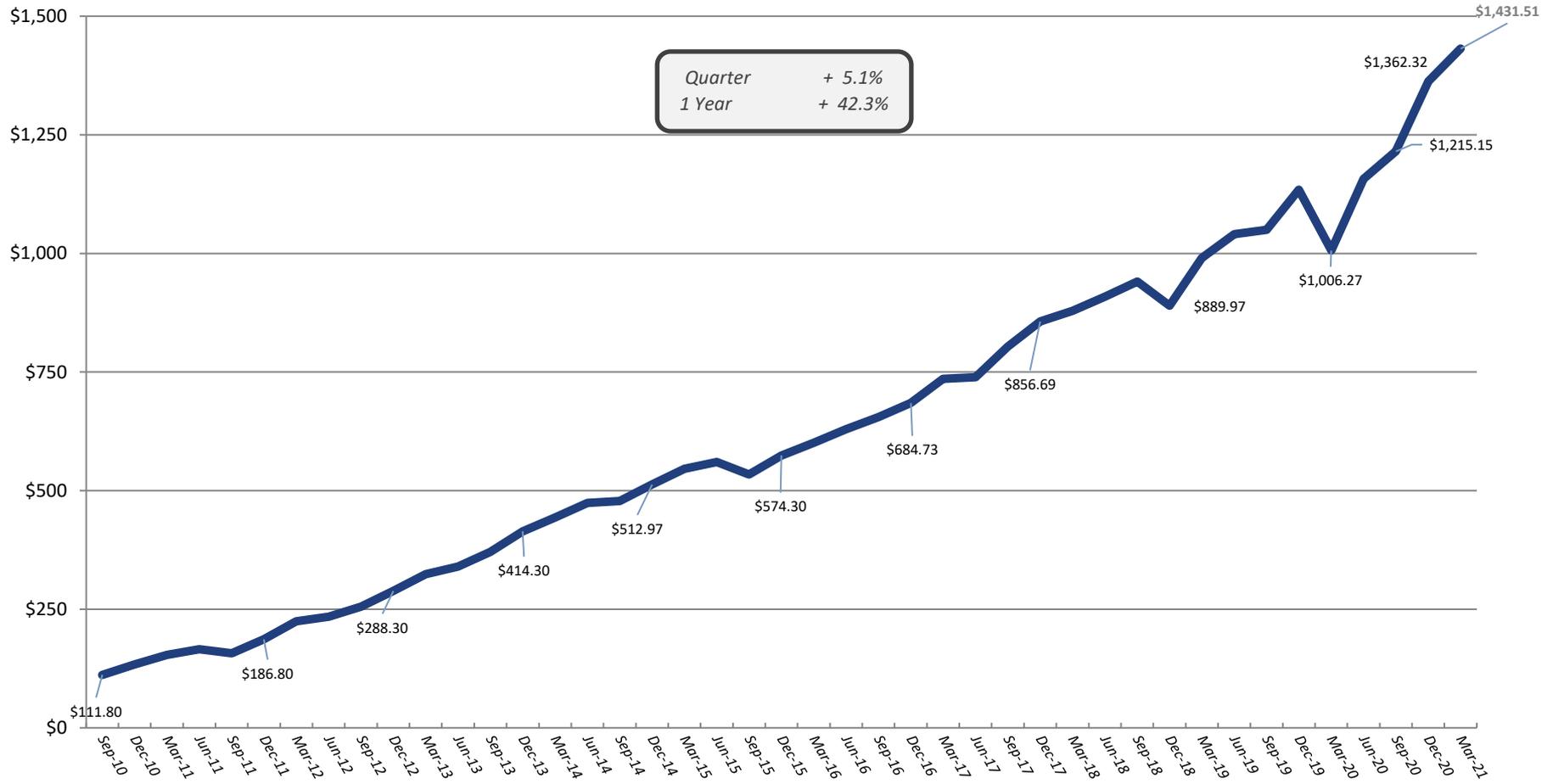


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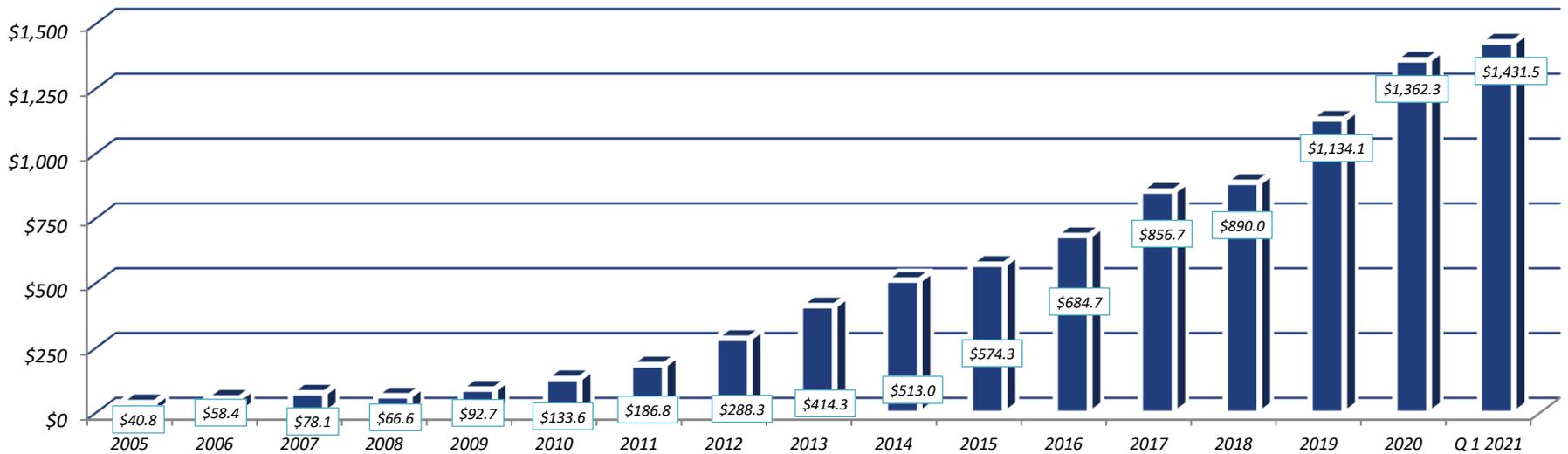


Note: Historical #'s through June 2010 are year end and quarterly #'s as reported by Van Kampen. July 2010 value represents the \$671 mil conversion total.

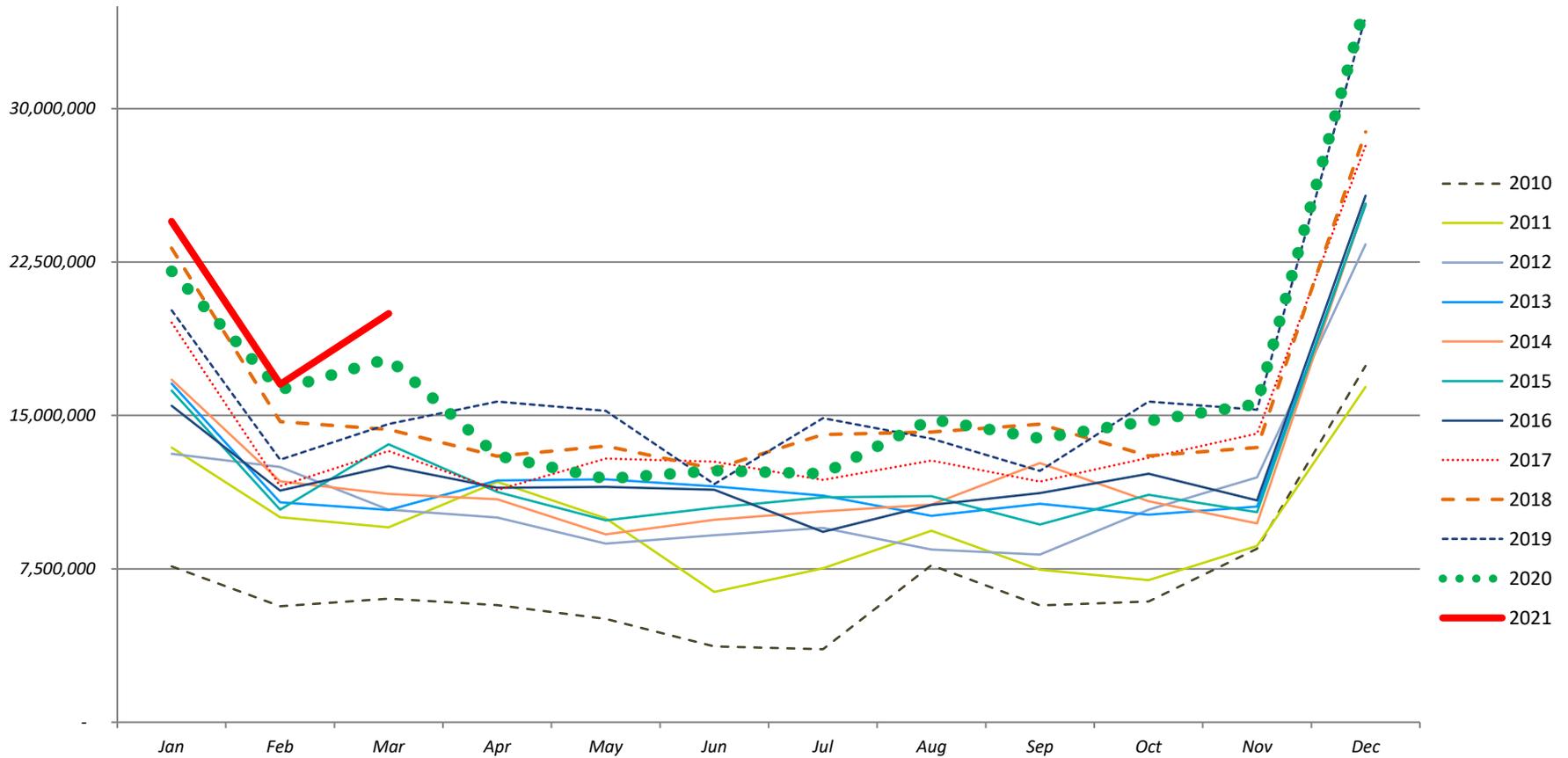
Alabama Assets (quarter end)



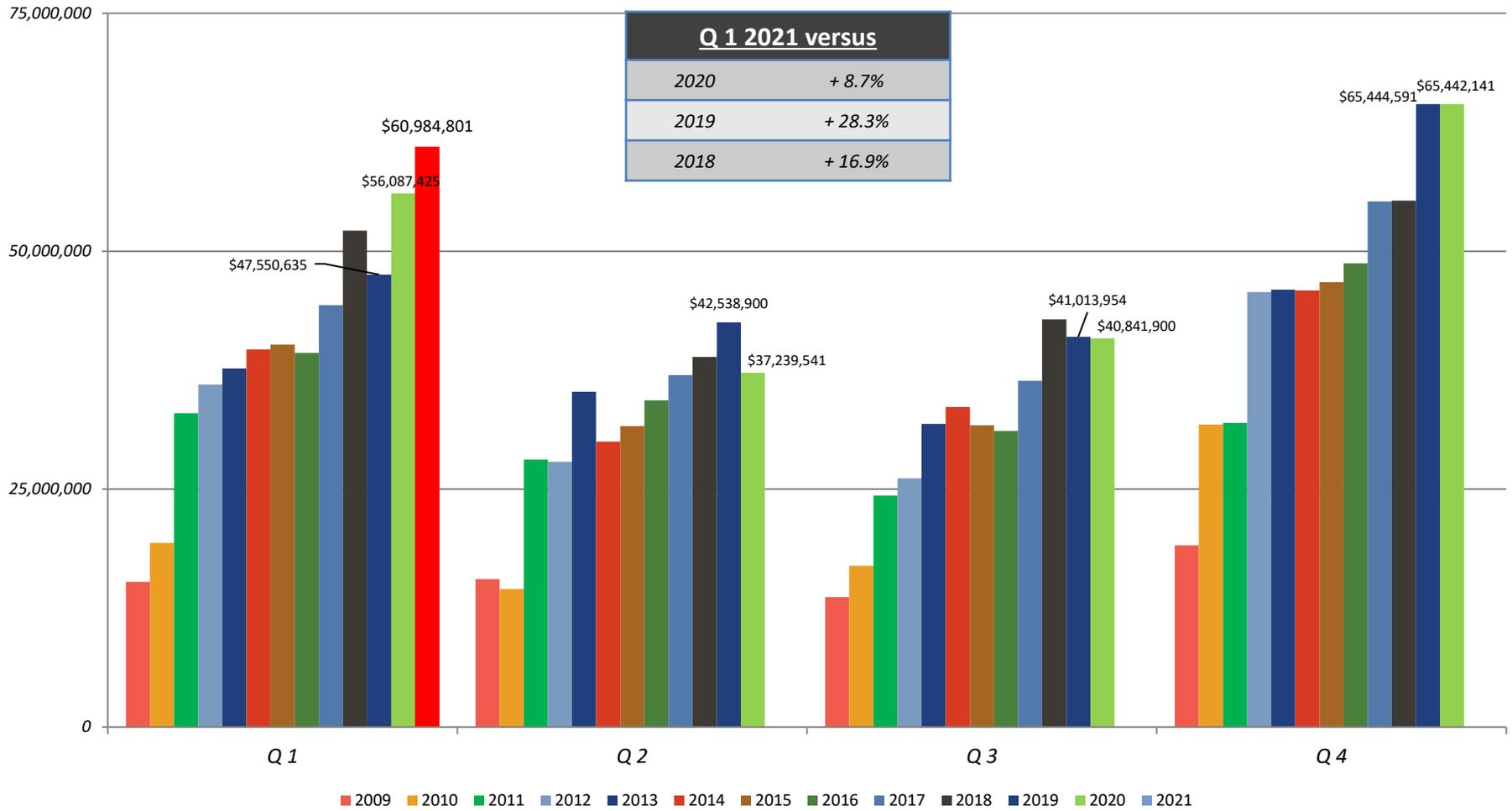
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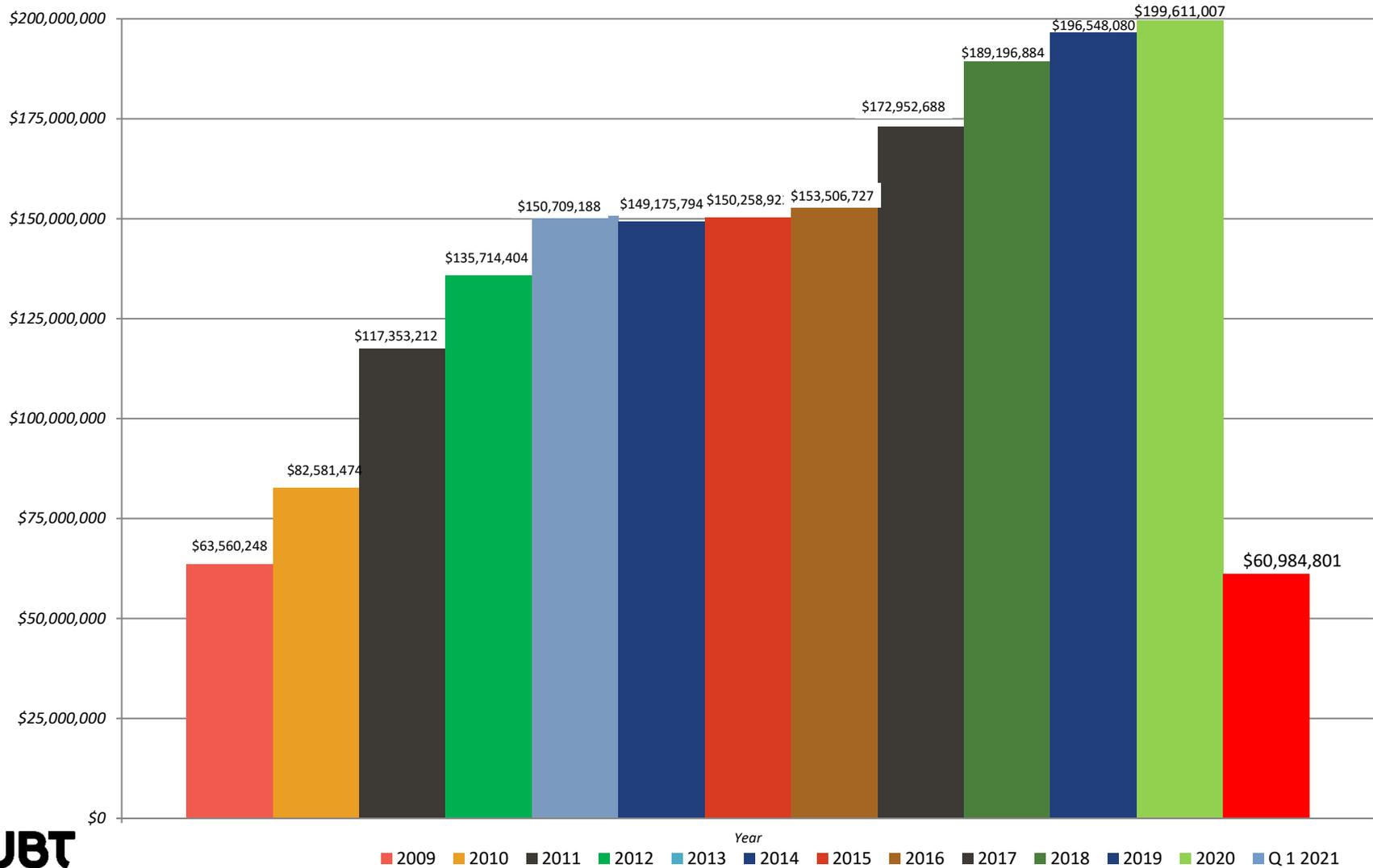
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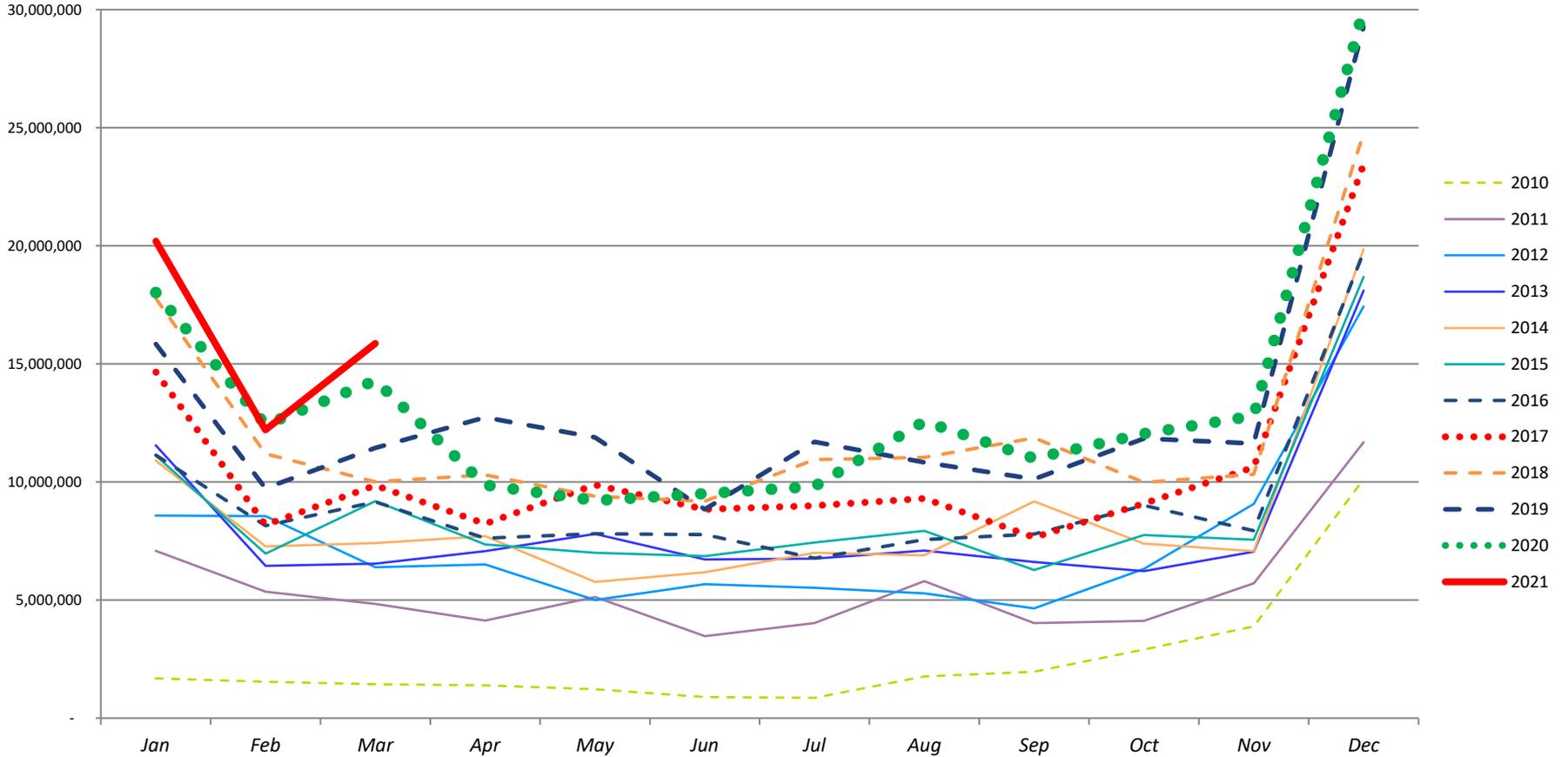
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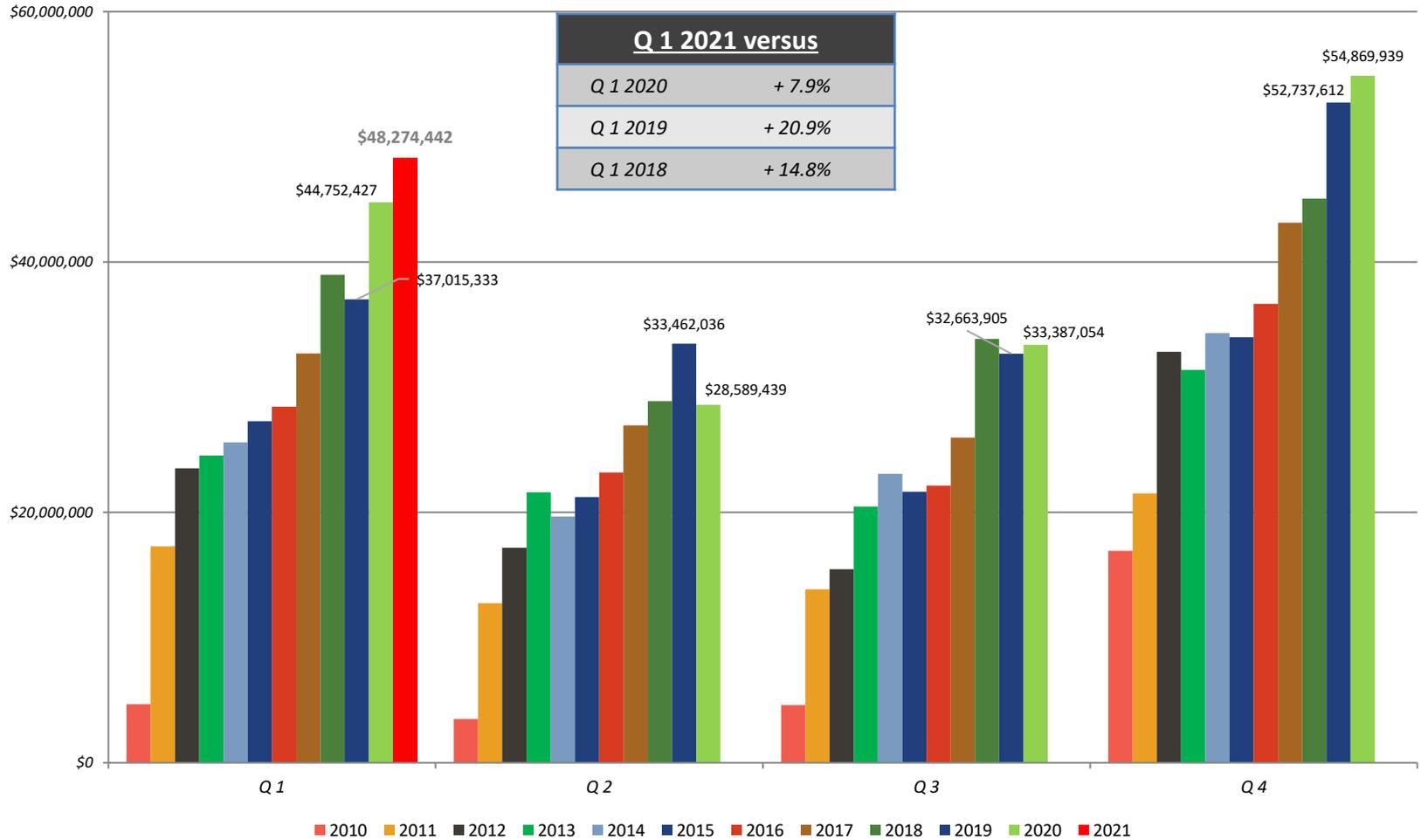
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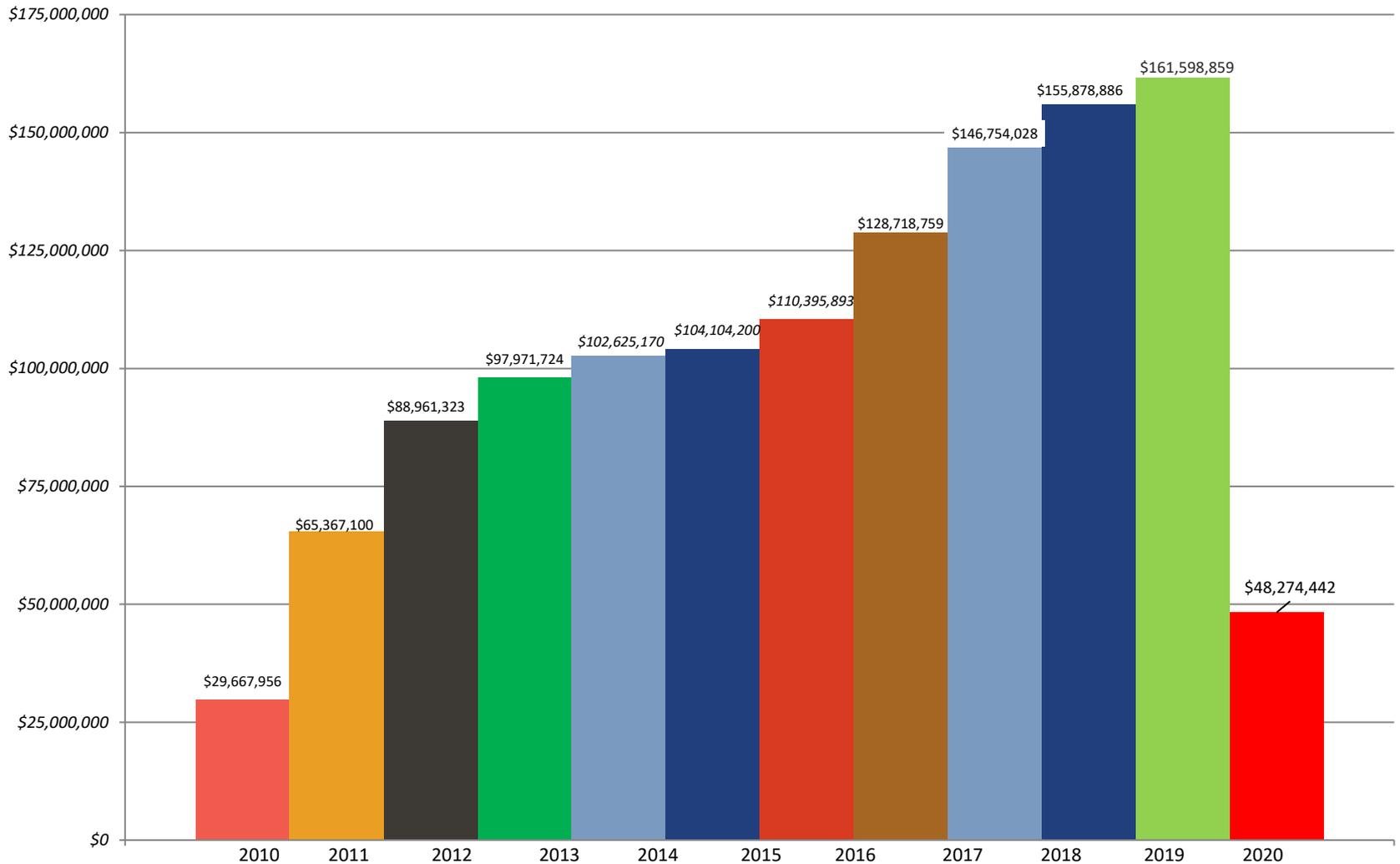
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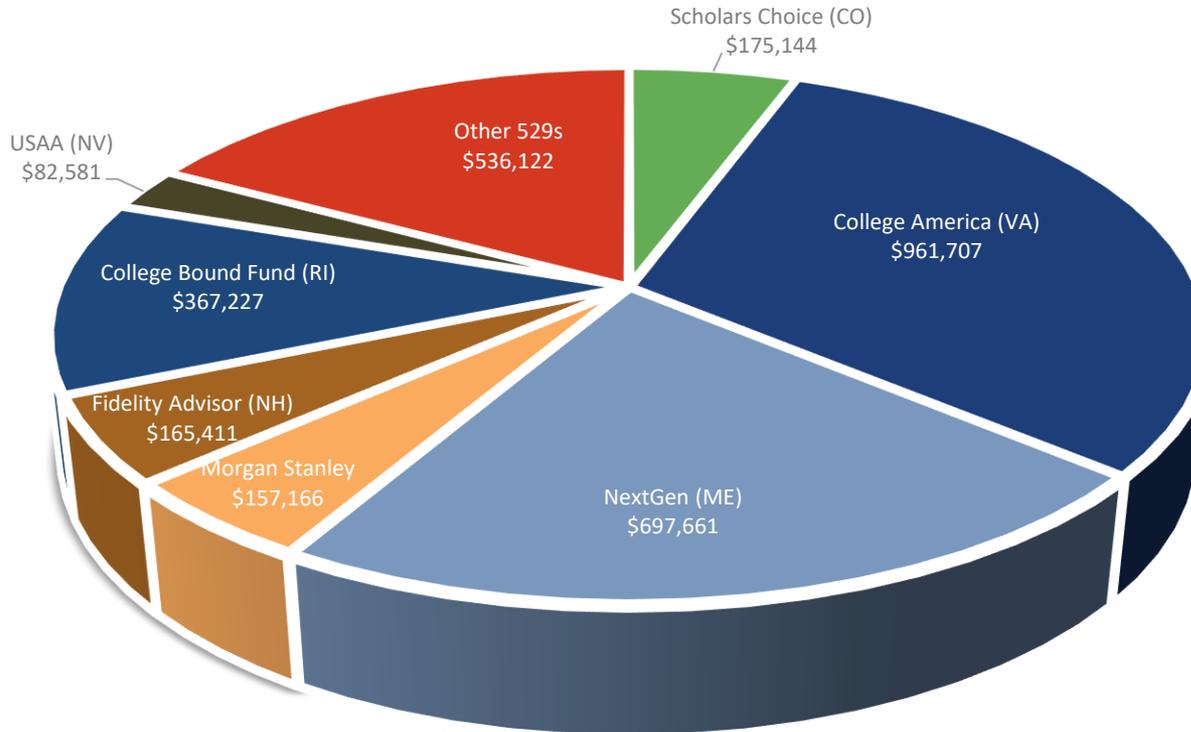
Alabama Contributions by Calendar Year (2010 - 2021)



YTD Advisor Plan "Rollovers In"

	<u>Number</u>	<u>versus 2020 CY</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>	<u>versus 2020 CY</u>
CY 2020	634	25.4%	\$12.9 mil	24.4%

Rollover Contributions (\$3.143 mil)

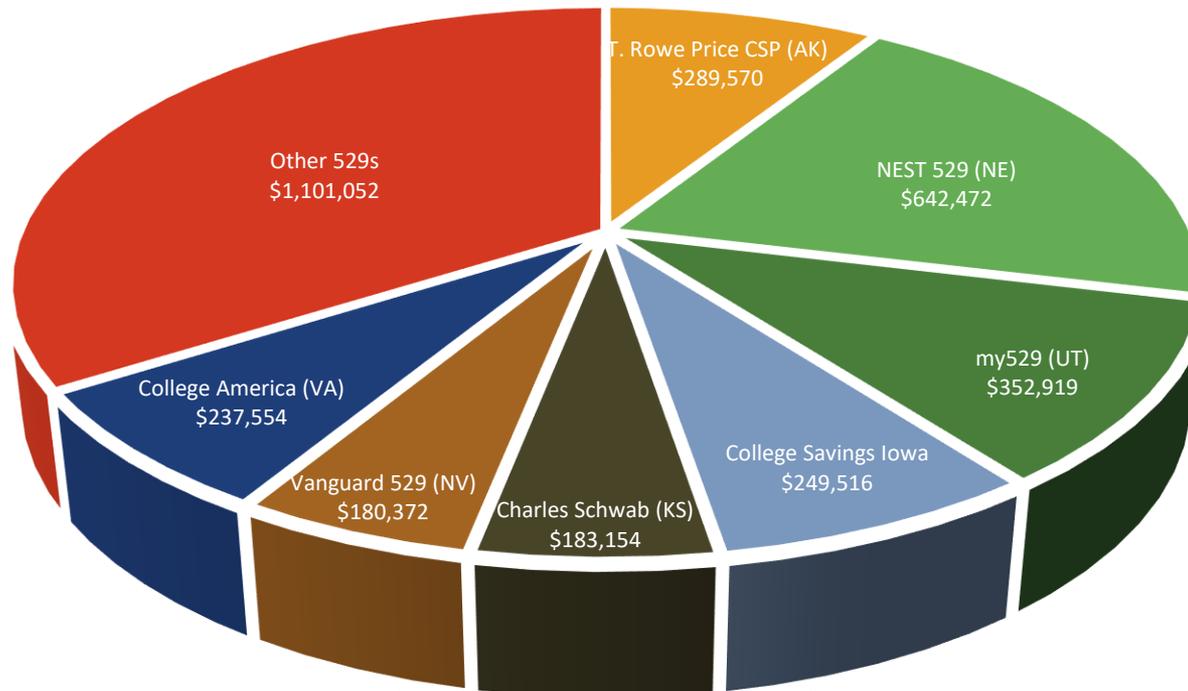


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Average Rollover = \$19,522

YTD Direct Plan "Rollovers In"

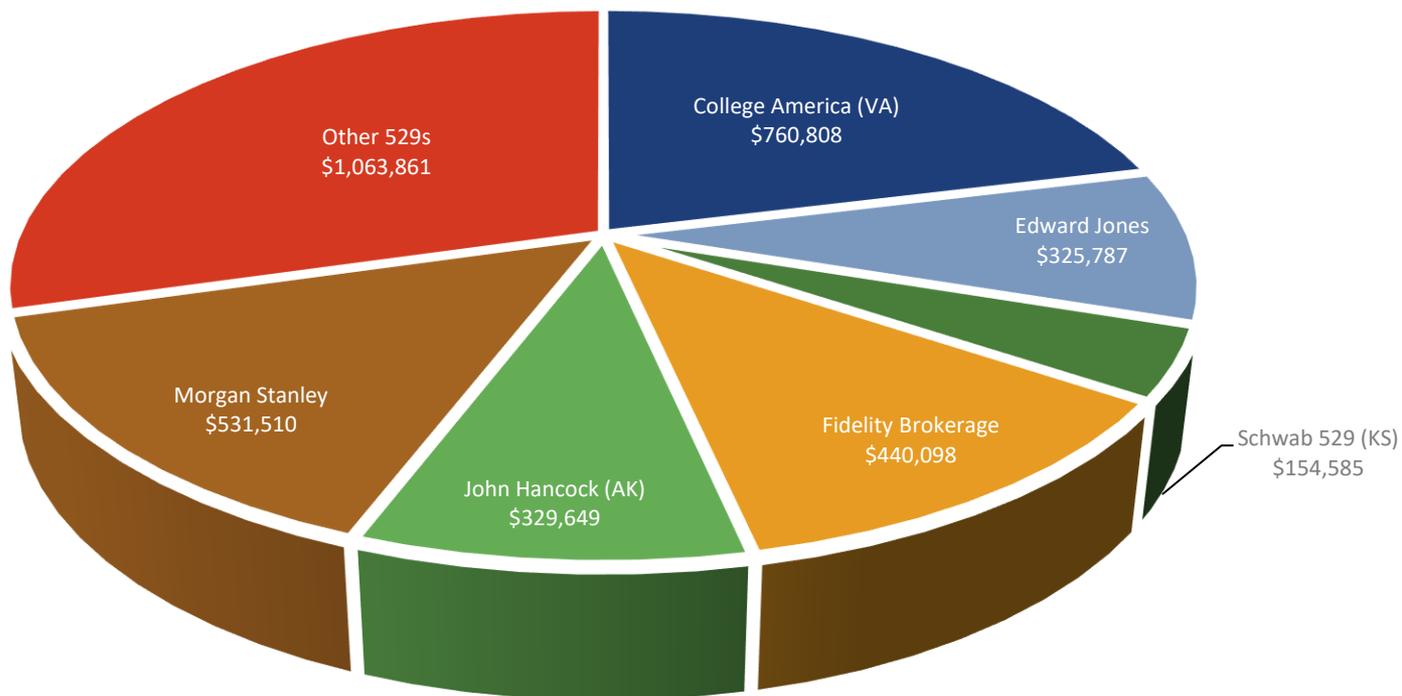
	<u>Number</u>	<u>versus 2020 CY</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>	<u>versus 2020 CY</u>
CY 2020	574	29.6%	\$10.71 mil	30.2%

Rollover Contributions (\$3.237 mil)

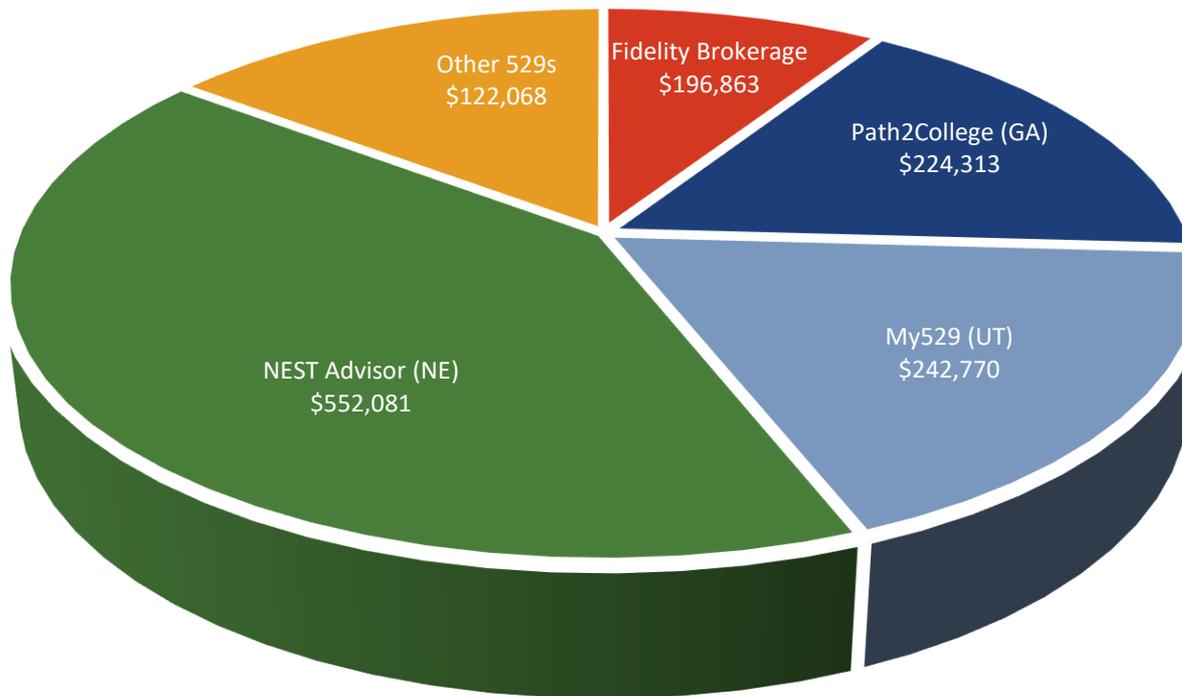


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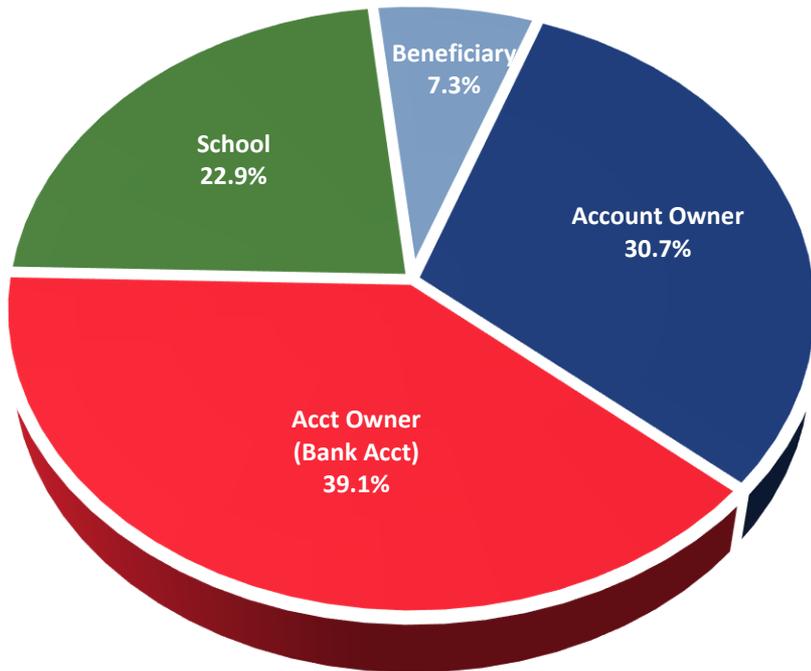
529 Rollovers Out (\$3.606 mil)



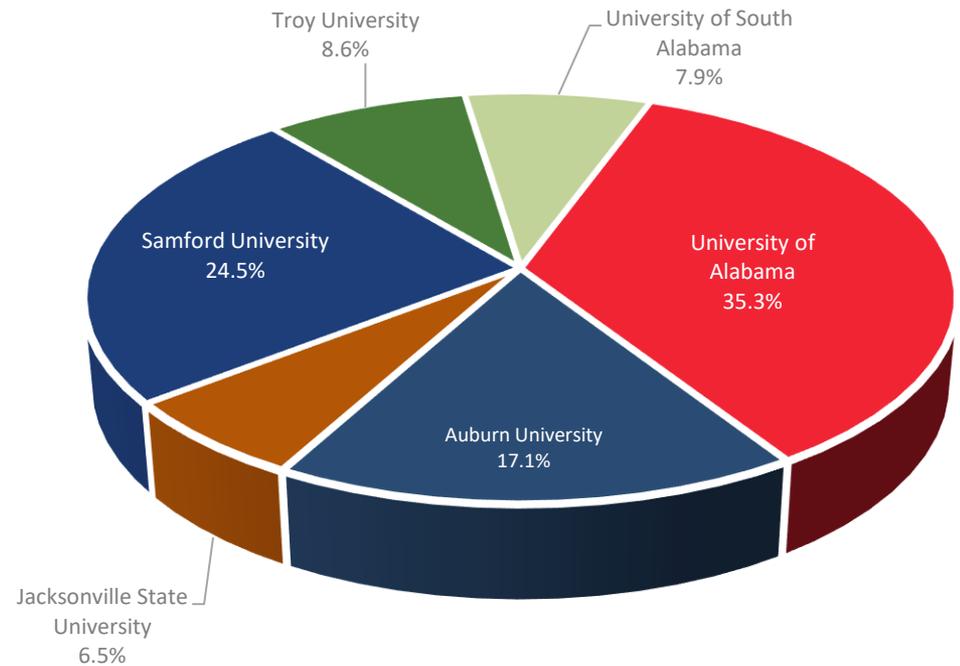
Rollovers Out (\$1.338 mil)



CY Withdrawals (\$37.35 mil)



Withdrawals Paid Direct to College (\$7.58 mil)



Largest Broker Dealers

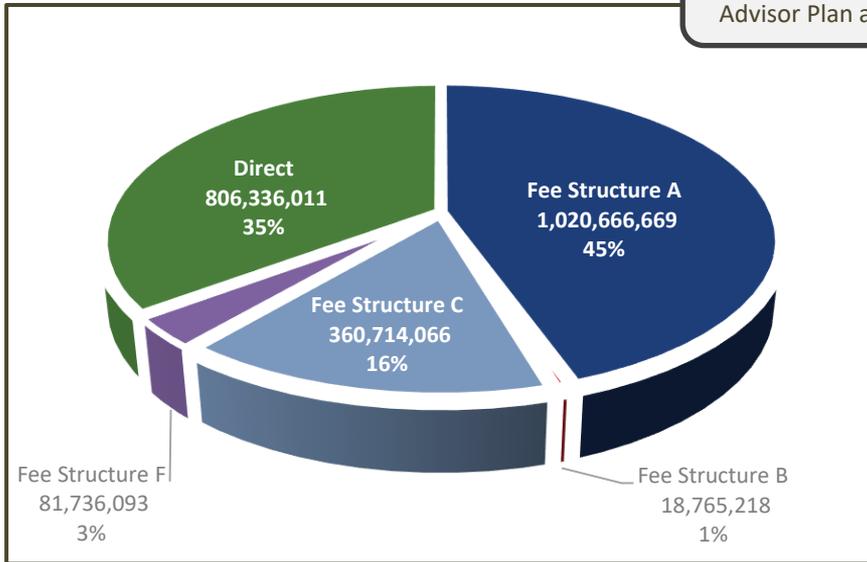
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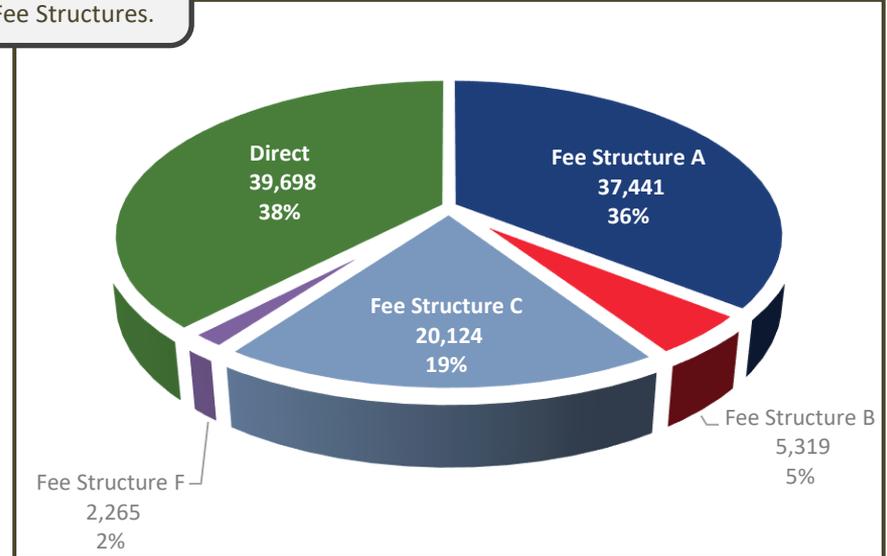
Market Value and Accounts – by Fee Structure

Market Value



This page breaks down the assets and accounts between the Direct and Advisor Plan and the Fee Structures.

Accounts



Fee Structure A	3.5% upfront load; 0.25% trail
Fee Structure B (<i>closed to new investors</i>)	5-year CDSC; 1.00% trail
Fee Structure C	No upfront load; 0.50% trail; 10-year conversion to A
Fee Structure F	No upfront load or trail
Direct Plan	No financial advisor assistance (<i>no loads or trails</i>)

Market Value and Accounts – by State

(10 largest States by assets)

State	Assets	% of Total Program Assets	State 529 Plan Assets*	CollegeCounts as a % of In-State Plan Assets (as of Dec 31, 2020)*	Population
1 Alabama	\$1.432 bil	62.6%			4.9 mil
2 California	\$184.1 mil	8.0%	\$11.361 bil	1.6%	39.6 mil
3 Texas	\$98.2 mil	4.3%	\$929 mil	10.6%	29.7 mil
4 Florida	\$54.7 mil	2.4%	\$899 mil	6.1%	21.9 mil
5 New Jersey	\$48.8 mil	2.1%	\$6.449 bil	0.8%	8.9 mil
6 Pennsylvania	\$36.4 mil	1.6%	\$3.960 bil	0.9%	12.8 mil
7 Massachusetts	\$30.0 mil	1.3%	\$7.739 bil	0.4%	6.9 mil
8 Georgia	\$29.0 mil	1.3%	\$3.967 mil	0.7%	10.8 mil
9 Tennessee	\$29.5 mil	1.3%	\$231 mil	12.8%	6.9 mil
10 Minnesota	\$27.0 mil	1.2%	\$1.717 mil	1.6%	5.7 mil

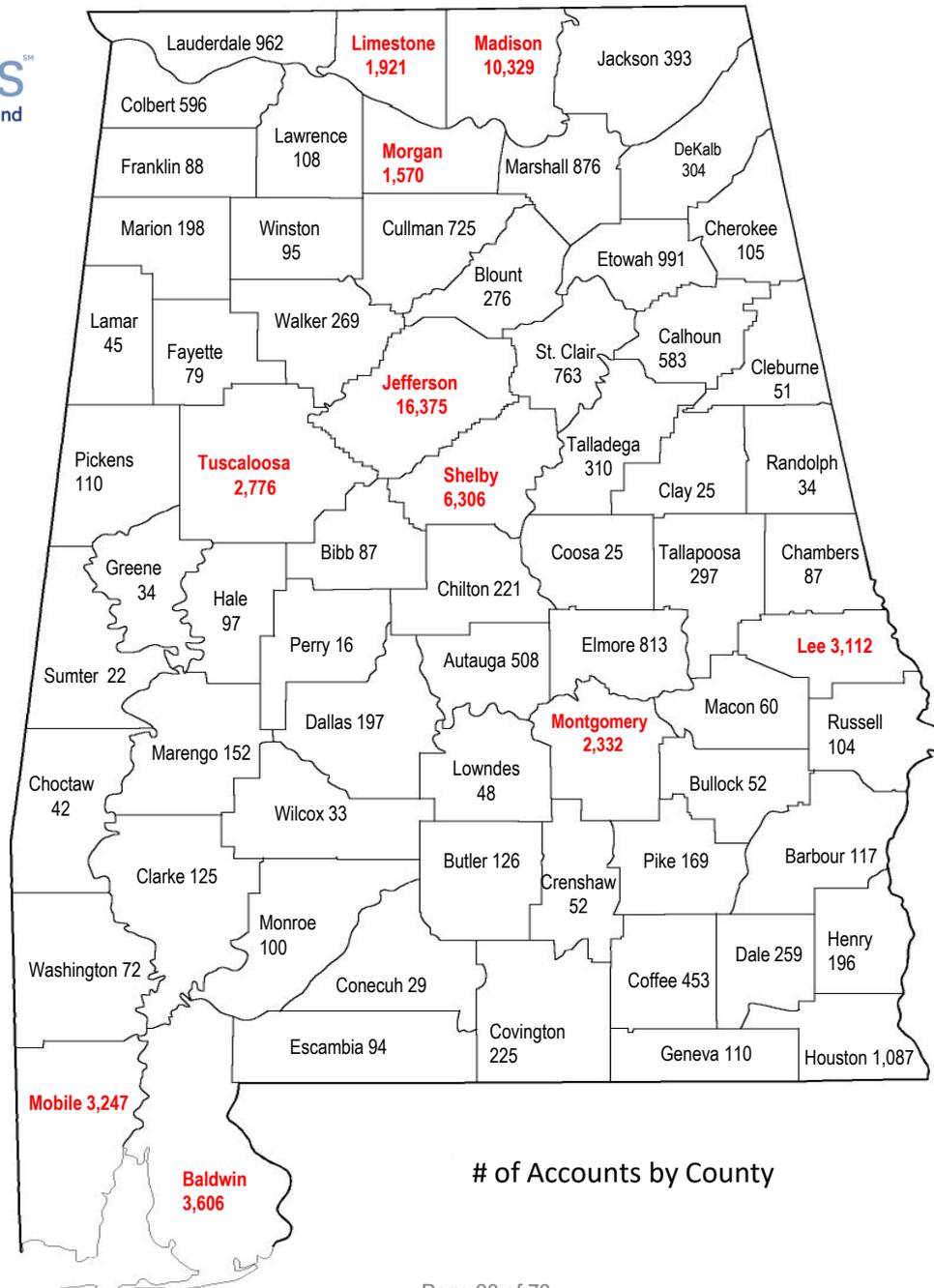
* Source: Strategic Insight and other industry reports as of December 31, 2020

Market Value and Accounts – by County

(10 largest Alabama counties by # of accounts)

County	Dec 31, 2020 Accounts	Mar 31, 2021 Accounts	Q 1 2021 Growth	% of AL Accts	Assets (mil)	% of AL Assets
1) Jefferson	16,086	16,375	1.8%	24.9%	\$460.3	32.2%
2) Madison	10,045	10,329	2.8%	15.7%	\$205.7	14.4%
3) Shelby	6,197	6,306	1.8%	9.6%	\$138.0	9.6%
4) Baldwin	3,531	3,606	2.1%	5.5%	\$72.9	5.1%
5) Mobile	3,182	3,247	2.0%	4.9%	\$72.8	5.1%
6) Lee	3,023	3,112	2.9%	4.7%	\$59.3	4.1%
7) Tuscaloosa	2,718	2,776	2.1%	4.2%	\$61.1	4.3%
8) Montgomery	2,293	2,332	1.7%	3.6%	\$70.1	4.9%
9) Limestone	1,852	1,921	3.7%	2.9%	\$31.5	2.2%
10) Morgan	<u>1,525</u>	<u>1,570</u>	3.0%	2.4%	<u>\$26.3</u>	1.8%
Totals	50,452	51,574	+ 2.2%	79%	\$1.198 bil	84%

County Map
(10 largest counties in red)



of Accounts by County

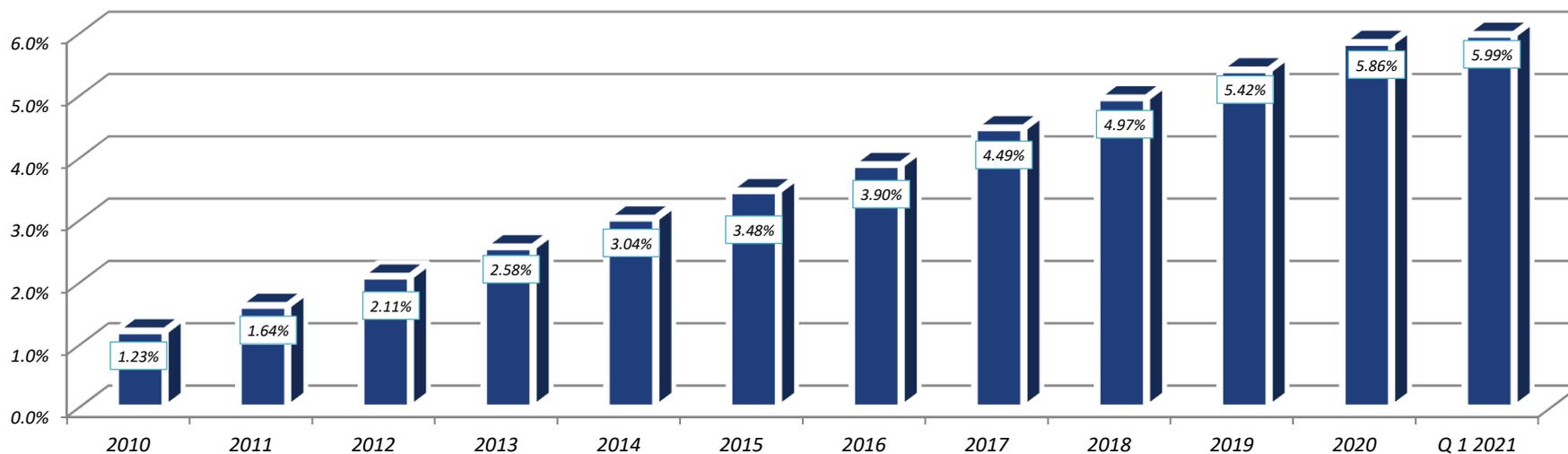
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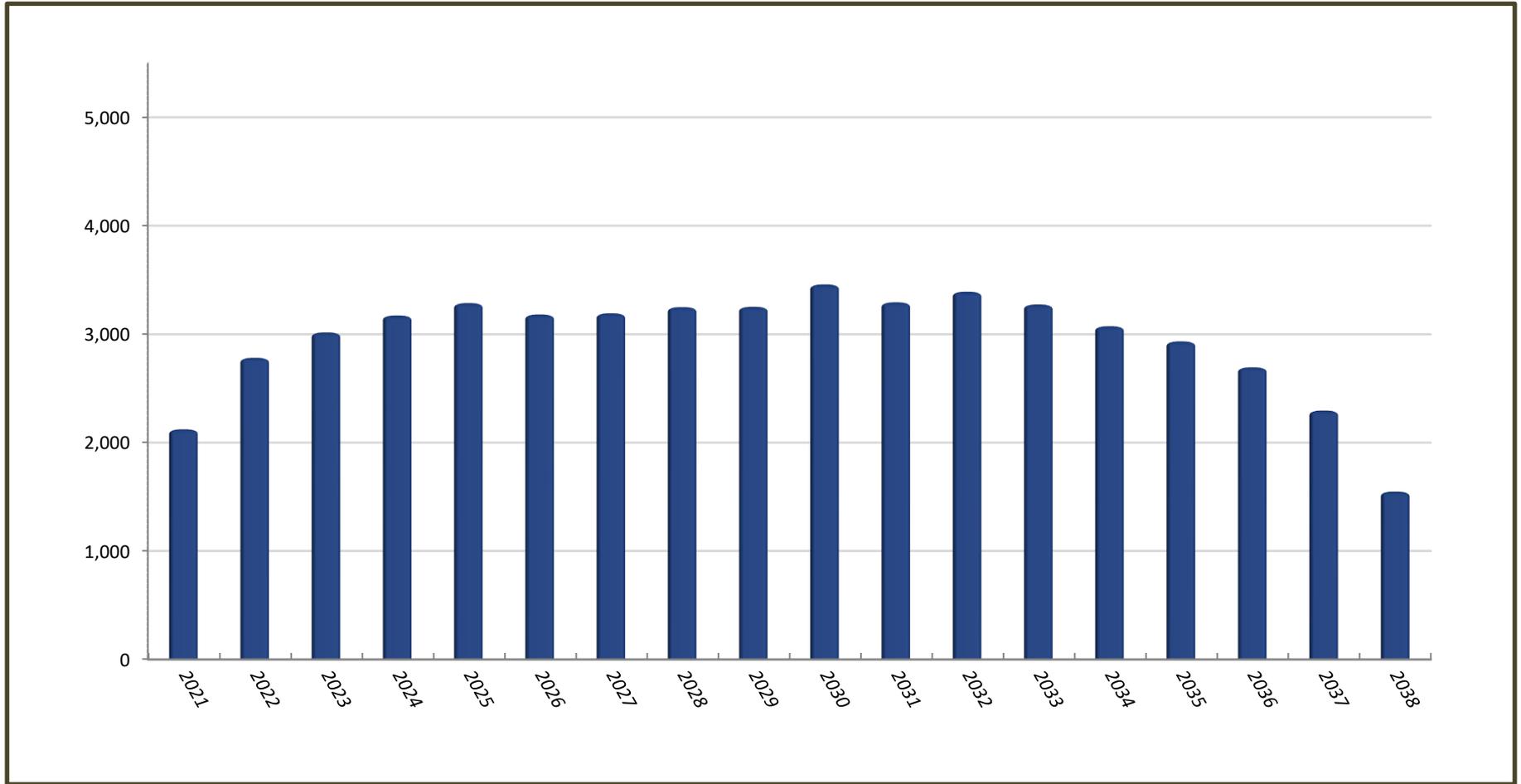
The following metric measures the number of CollegeCounts 529 accounts with an Alabama account owner. This is a key measure in regards to the effectiveness of the marketing and grass roots efforts in increasing the number of Alabama families who save for college.

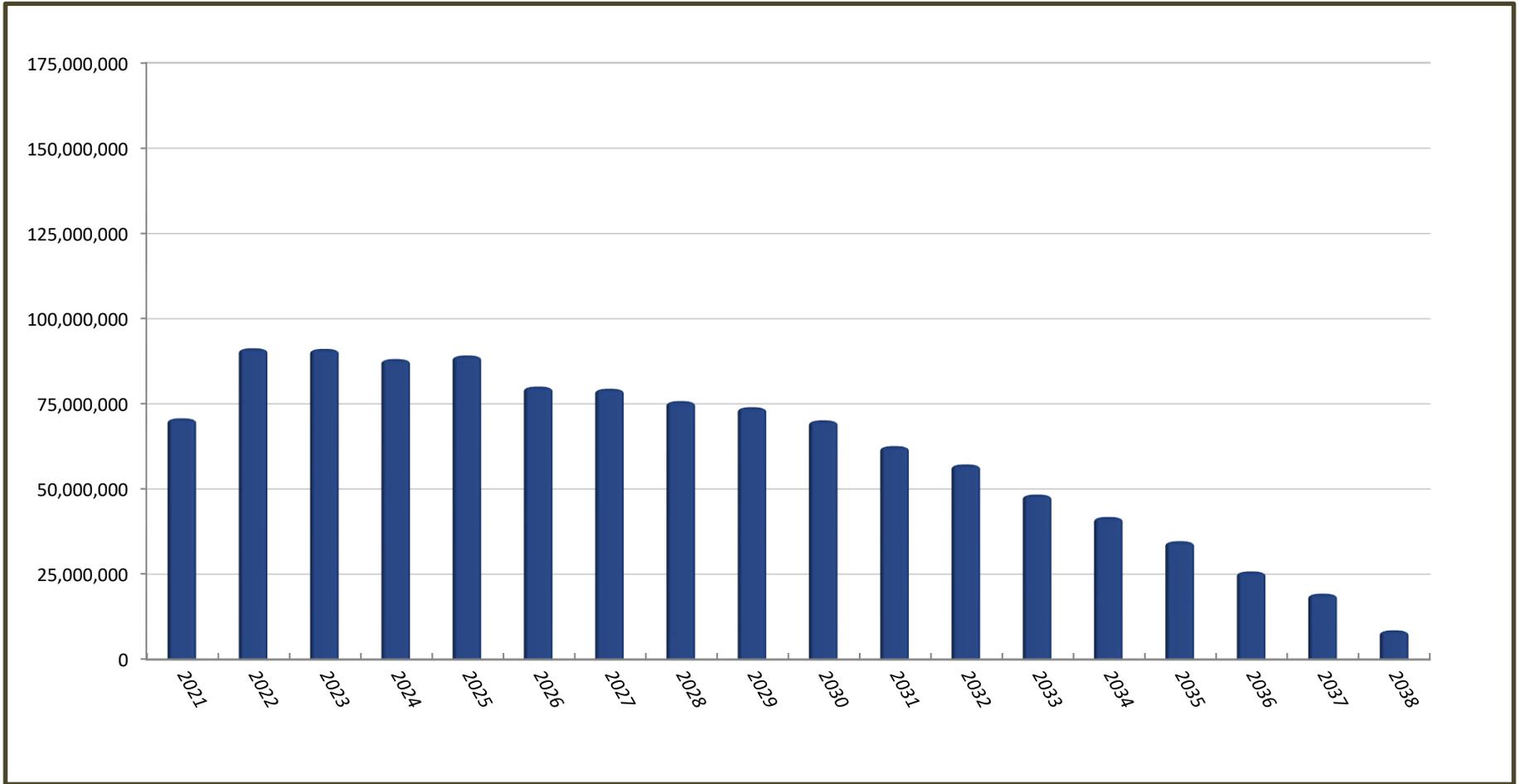
	<u>U.S. Census 2010</u>	<u>2016 Census Fact Finder</u>
Alabama Population*	4,779,736	4,863,300
Population under age 18*	1,132,459	1,096,823
Accounts with an Alabama Owner	64,226	64,226
In-State “Success Rate”	5.80%	5.99%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2010 Demographic Profile
U.S. Census Bureau Fact Finder 2016

Calendar Year End

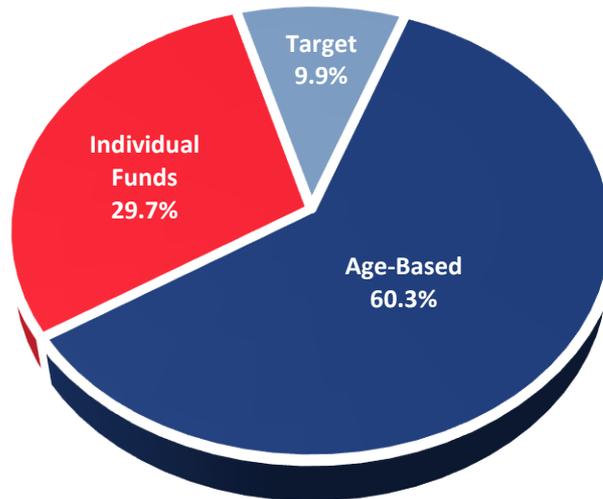






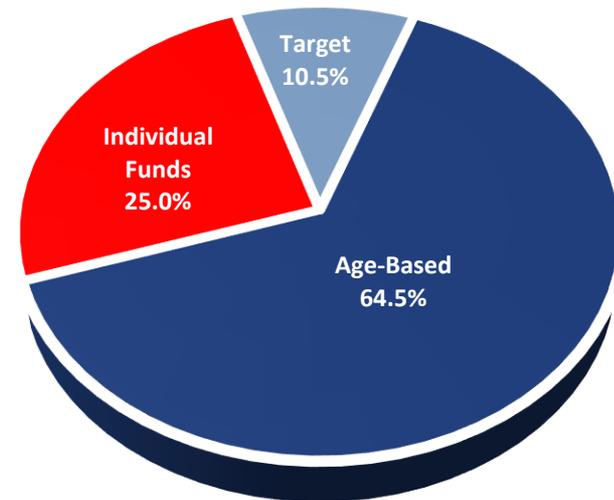
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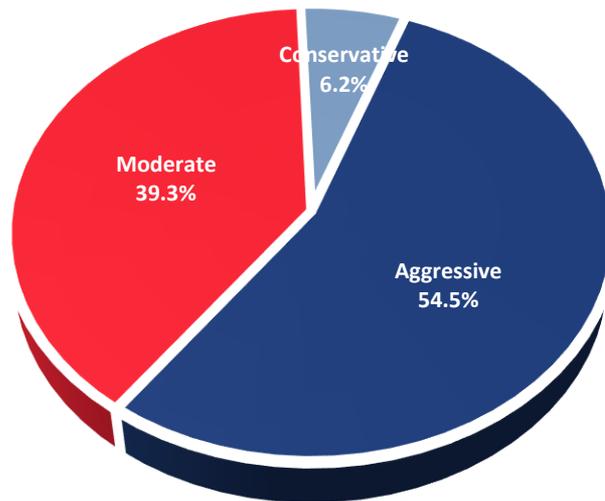
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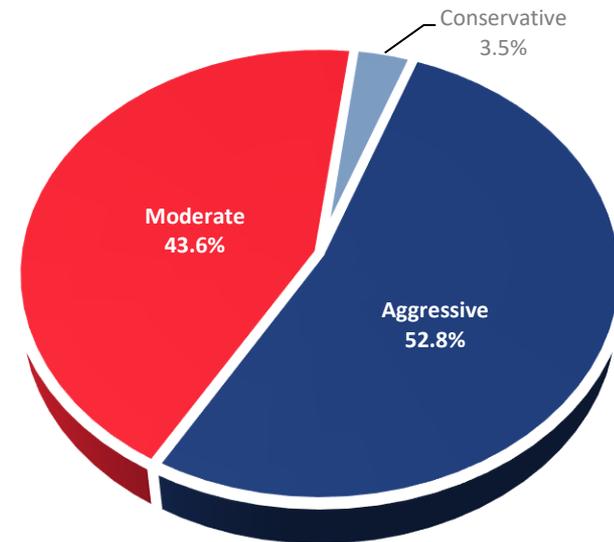
- Aggressive Track → 13,460 accounts and \$269.0 mil
- Moderate Track → 9,702 accounts and \$191.2 mil
- Conservative Track → 1,522 accounts and \$26.2 mil



Advisor Plan

71.9% of investors utilize the 3 Age-Based Tracks

- Aggressive Track → 21,668 accounts and \$513.4 mil
- Moderate Track → 17,884 accounts and \$403.8 mil
- Conservative Track → 1,448 accounts and \$38.4 mil

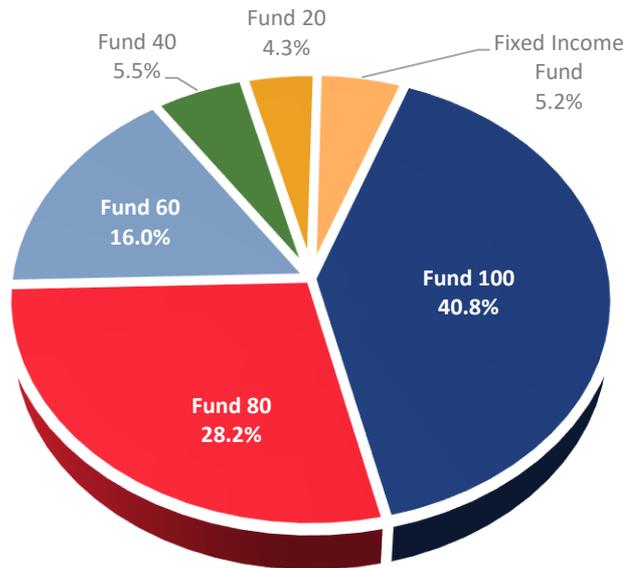


Based on number of accounts

Direct Plan

The 6 Target Portfolios are utilized by 7.9% of investors

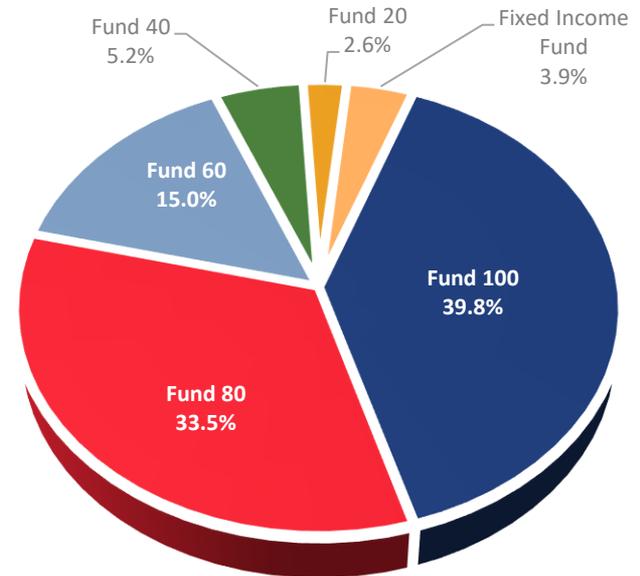
- Fund 80 & 100 → 1,977 accounts and \$56.9 mil
- Fund 40 & 60 → 616 accounts and \$17.0 mil
- Fixed Income & Fund 20 → 273 accounts and \$6.3 mil



Advisor Plan

The 6 Target Portfolios are utilized by 8.5% of investors

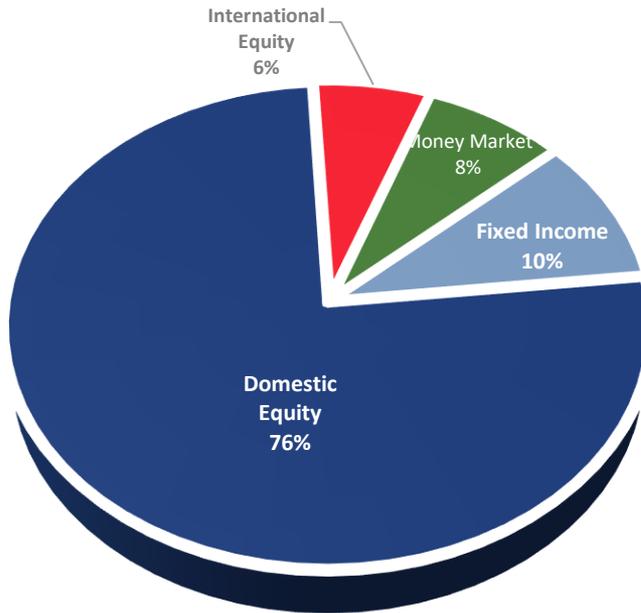
- Fund 80 & 100 → 3,561 accounts and \$113.2 mil
- Fund 40 & 60 → 983 accounts and \$33.9 mil
- Fixed Income & Fund 20 → 315 accounts and \$8.2 mil



Based on number of accounts

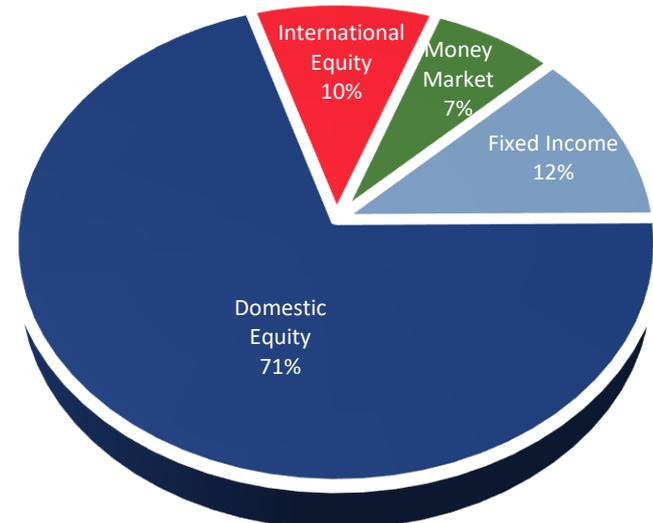
Direct Plan

The 26 Individual Fund Portfolios are utilized by 24.3% of investors (29.7% of assets) (average # of individual fund portfolios utilized = 3.0)



Advisor Plan

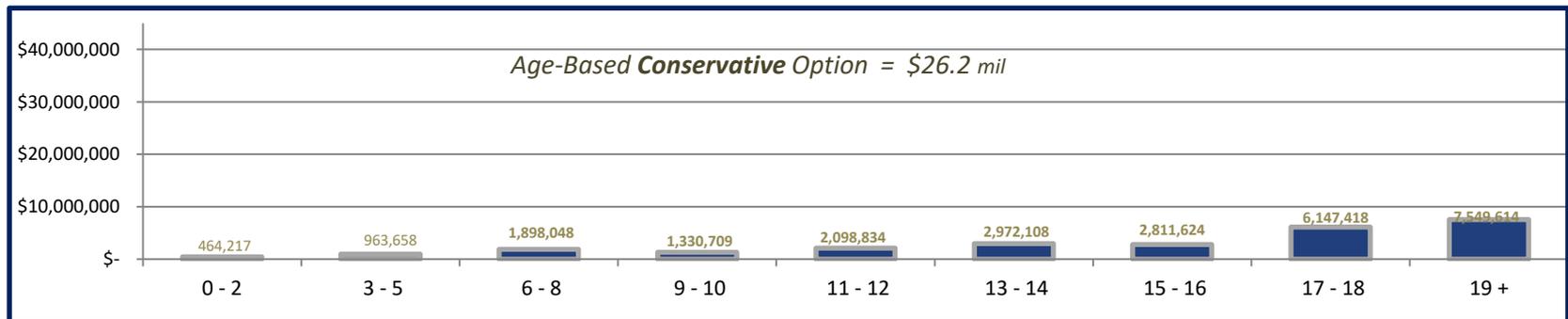
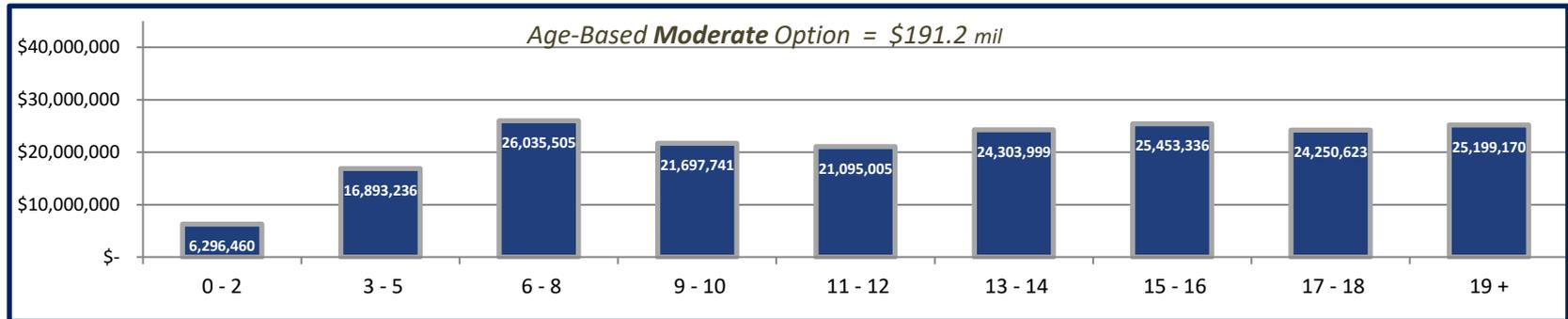
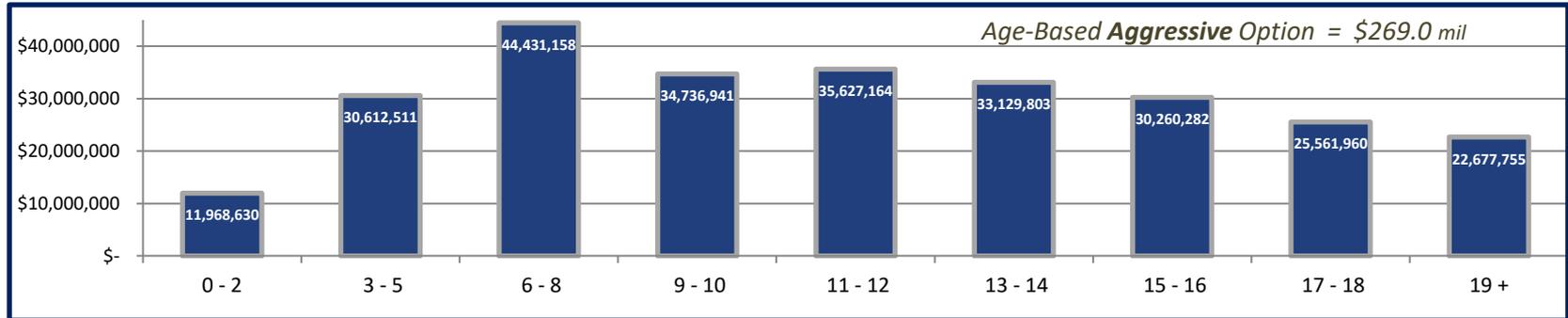
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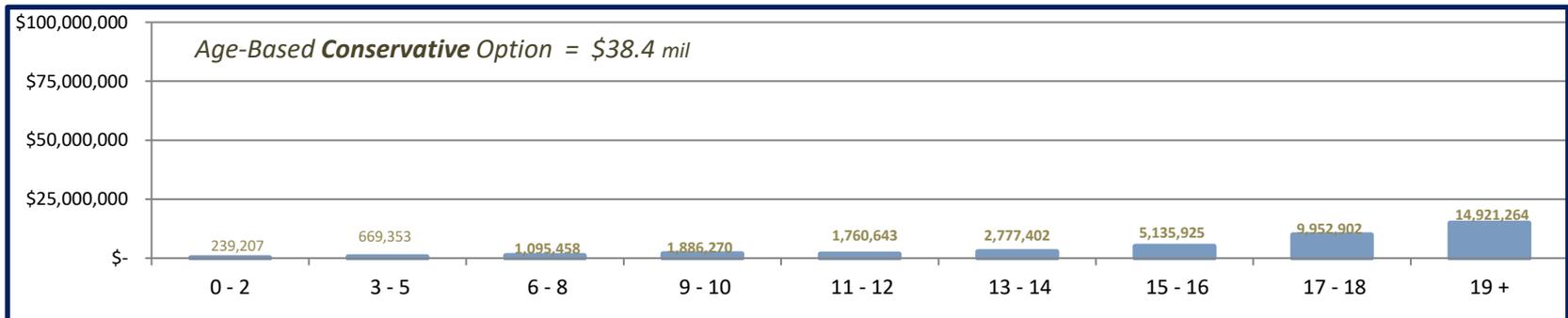
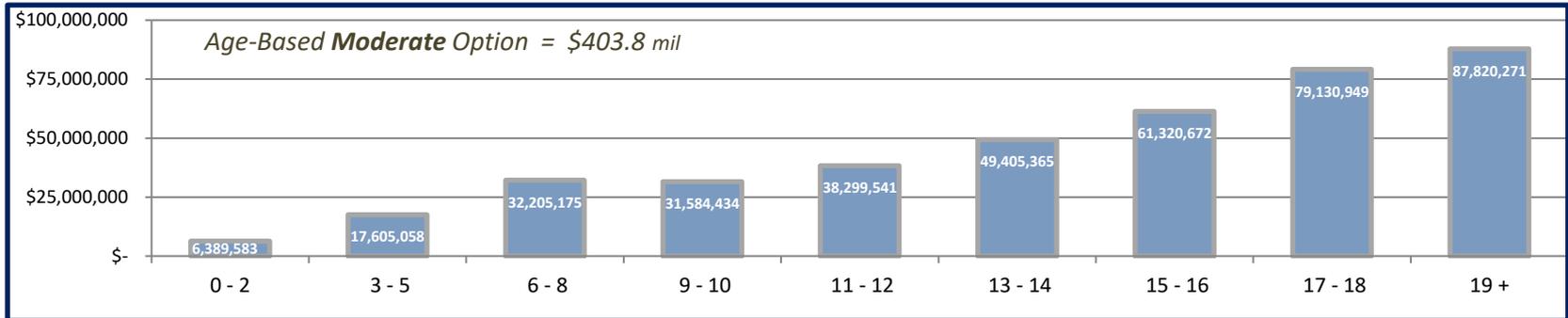
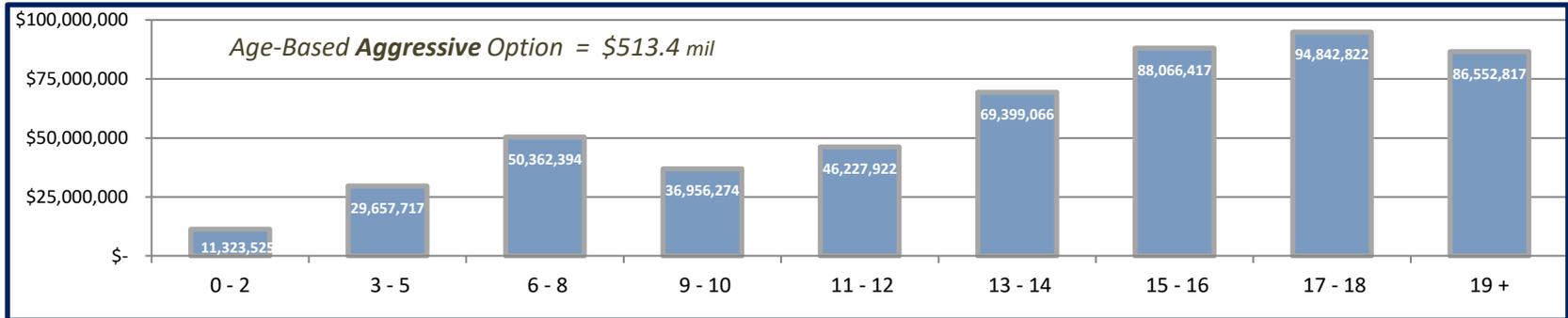
Based on market value

Direct Plan – Age-Based Portfolios

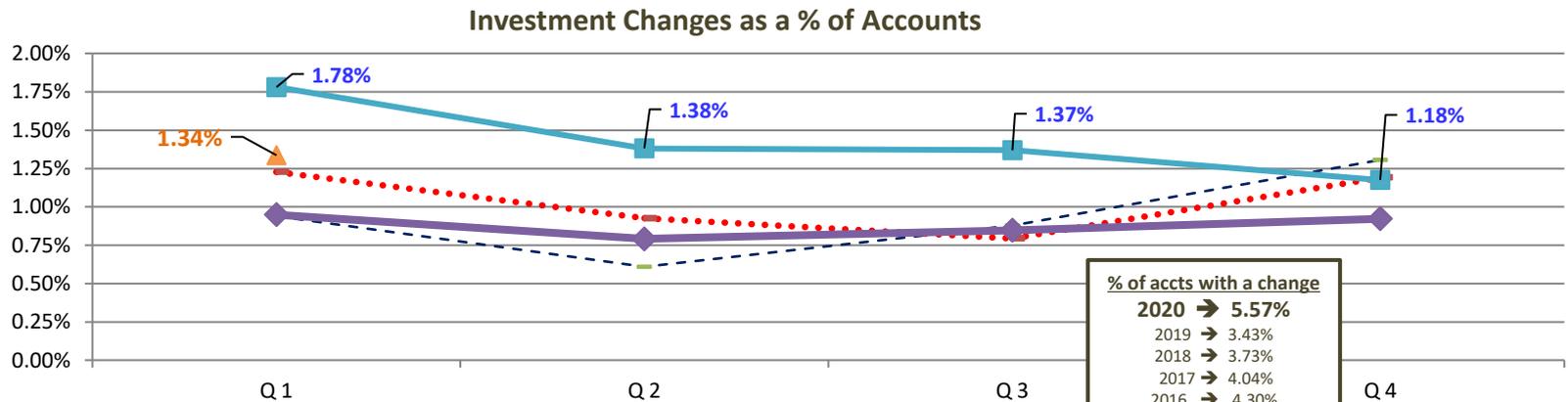
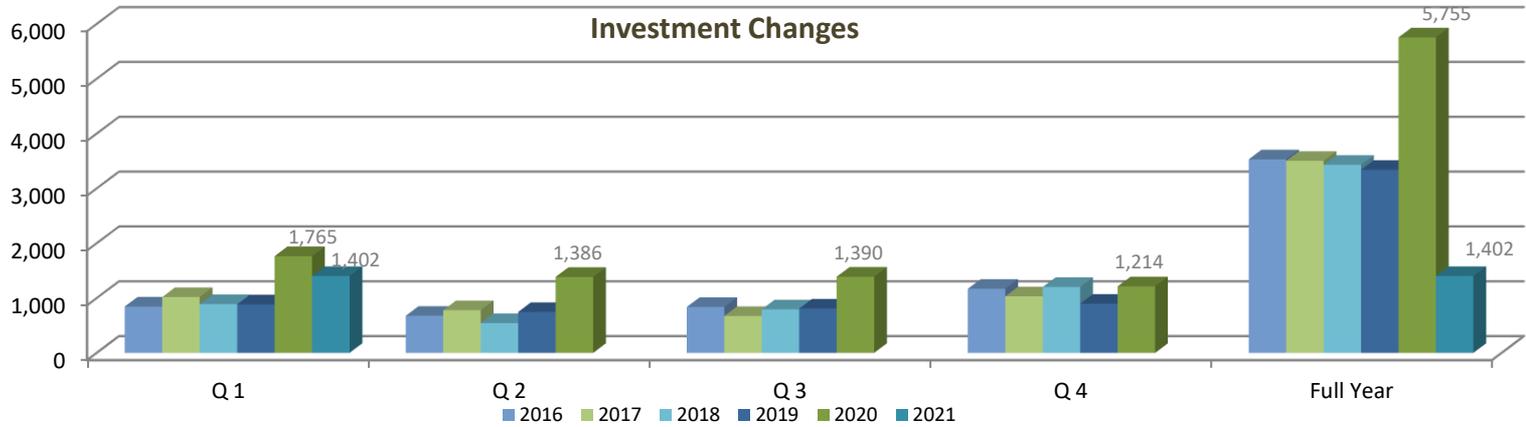
The Direct Plan offers 3 Age-Based Options. The charts reflect the dollars invested in each age-band within the 3 Age-Based options.



The Advisor Plan offers 3 Age-Based Options. The charts reflect the dollars invested in each age-band within the 3 Age-Based options.



Investment Change Activity

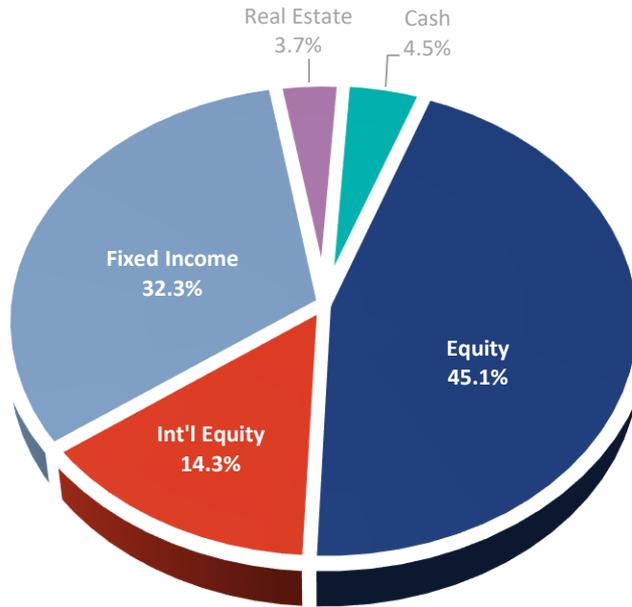


% of accts with a change	
2020	→ 5.57%
2019	→ 3.43%
2018	→ 3.73%
2017	→ 4.04%
2016	→ 4.30%
2015	→ 3.98%
2014	→ 3.33%
2013	→ 4.16%
2012	→ 3.22%
2011	→ 3.52%

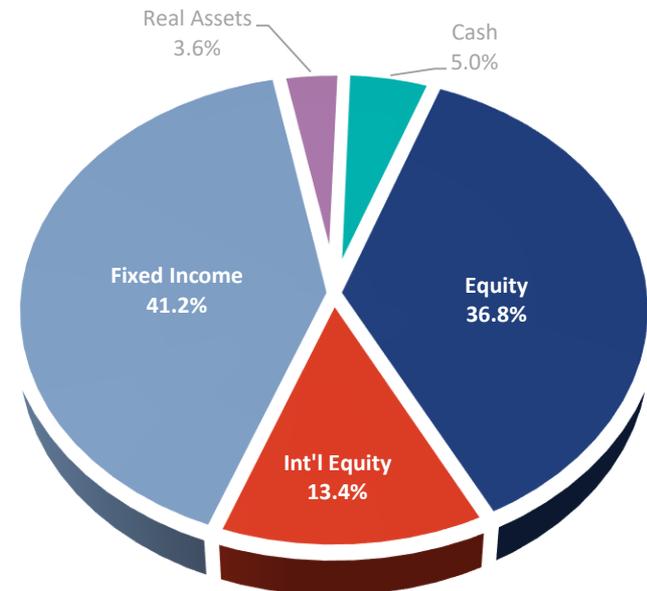
Overall Plan Asset Allocation

The following is a look through of all Age-Based, Target and Individual Fund Portfolios to the underlying stock/bond allocations. The Plans are well diversified.

Direct Plan



Advisor Plan



Historical Asset Allocation

(Age-Based, Target & Individual Fund Portfolios Combined)

Direct Plan	9-30-10	12-31-10	12-31-11	12-31-12	12-31-13	12-31-14	12-31-15	12-31-16	12-31-17	12-31-18	12-31-19	12-31-20
Cash	9.6%	9.1%	5.7%	4.5%	4.1%	4.4%	4.5%	4.1%	3.8%	4.5%	4.3%	4.8%
Fixed Income	28.3%	27.1%	29.9%	30.3%	28.0%	28.3%	28.0%	33.7%	33.1%	33.8%	33.2%	33.0%
Real Estate	1.5%	1.6%	1.9%	3.6%	3.6%	3.9%	3.8%	4.4%	4.2%	4.0%	4.0%	3.7%
Domestic Equity	45.8%	47.0%	47.6%	42.3%	44.9%	44.5%	44.9%	42.0%	42.7%	42.4%	43.3%	44.0%
International	14.9%	15.2%	15.0%	19.3%	19.4%	18.9%	18.9%	15.7%	16.3%	15.2%	15.2%	14.6%

Advisor Plan	9-30-10	12-31-10	12-31-11	12-31-12	12-31-13	12-31-14	12-31-15	12-31-16	12-31-17	12-31-18	12-31-19	12-31-20
Cash	4.6%	4.2%	4.8%	4.7%	4.2%	4.0%	4.5%	4.0%	3.8%	4.4%	4.4%	5.2%
Fixed Income	27.0%	26.5%	28.1%	33.9%	32.7%	33.4%	34.3%	41.6%	41.2%	42.7%	42.1%	41.8%
Real Assets	1.5%	1.4%	1.5%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	3.7%	3.7%	3.6%	3.7%	3.5%
Domestic Equity	45.7%	46.3%	43.9%	40.2%	41.8%	41.8%	41.0%	36.7%	37.0%	35.7%	36.2%	36.1%
International	21.3%	21.5%	21.7%	18.2%	18.4%	17.9%	17.4%	14.0%	14.3%	13.7%	13.7%	13.3%

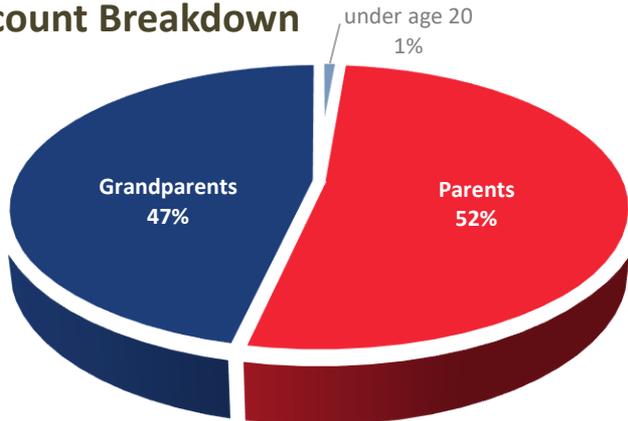
Account Owner Statistics

	Account Owner Age	# of Accounts	%	Market Value	%	Average Account Size
Parents	Under age 20	1,253	1.3%	\$39.6 mil	1.7%	\$31,640
	20 – 34	7,224	7.7%	\$78.4 mil	3.4%	\$10,846
	35 – 49	41,497	44.4%	\$954.4 mil	41.7%	\$22,999
Grandparents	50 – 64	26,761	28.7%	\$808.1 mil	35.3%	\$30,198
	65 plus	16,651	17.8%	\$407.7 mil	17.8%	\$24,485
	Totals	93,387		\$2.288 bil		\$24,503

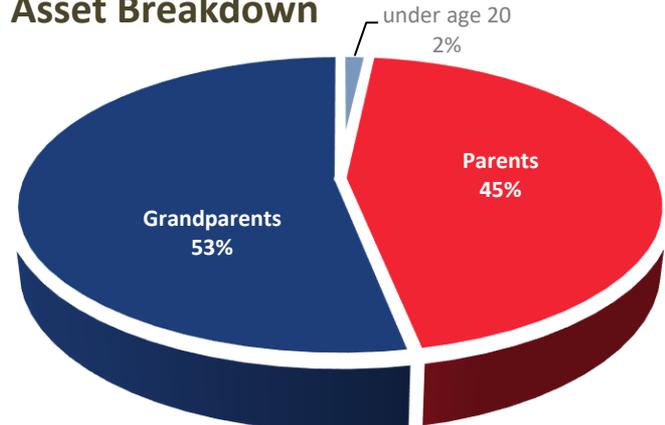
Average Age of Account Owner = 51.27
 Direct = 47.86 years Advisor = 52.91 years

Average Account Size
 Direct Plan \$22,164
 Advisor Plan \$25,995

Account Breakdown



Asset Breakdown



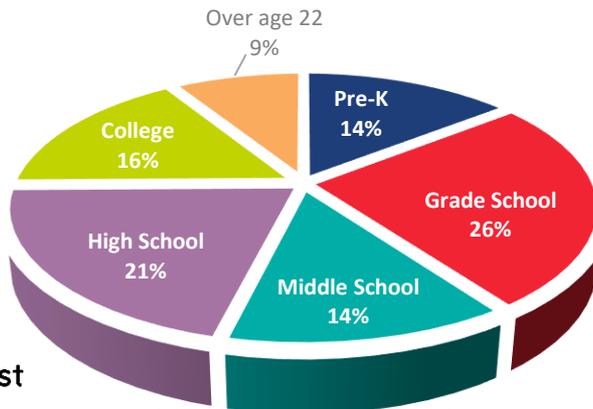
Beneficiary Statistics

Age of Beneficiary	# of Accounts	%	Market Value	%	Average Account Size
Pre-K (< 5)	13,422	14.4%	\$140.1 mil	6.1%	\$10,437
Grade School (5 - 10)	23,933	25.6%	\$473.1 mil	20.7%	\$19,770
Middle School (11-13)	12,939	13.9%	\$347.2 mil	15.2%	\$26,831
High School (14-17)	19,556	20.9%	\$663.5 mil	29.0%	\$33,926
College (18-22)	15,248	16.3%	\$476.6 mil	20.8%	\$31,254
Over age 22	8,288	8.9%	\$187.8 mil	8.2%	\$22,661
Totals	93,387		\$2.288 bil		\$24,503

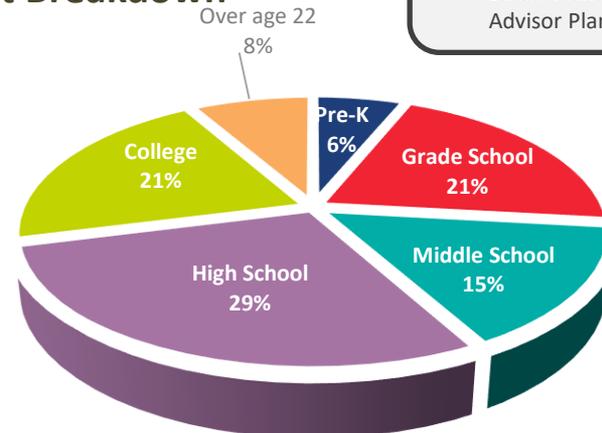
Average Age of Beneficiary = 13.70
 Direct = 11.31 years Advisor = 14.84 years

Median Account Size
CollegeCounts \$9,455
 Direct Plan \$9,792
 Advisor Plan \$9,257

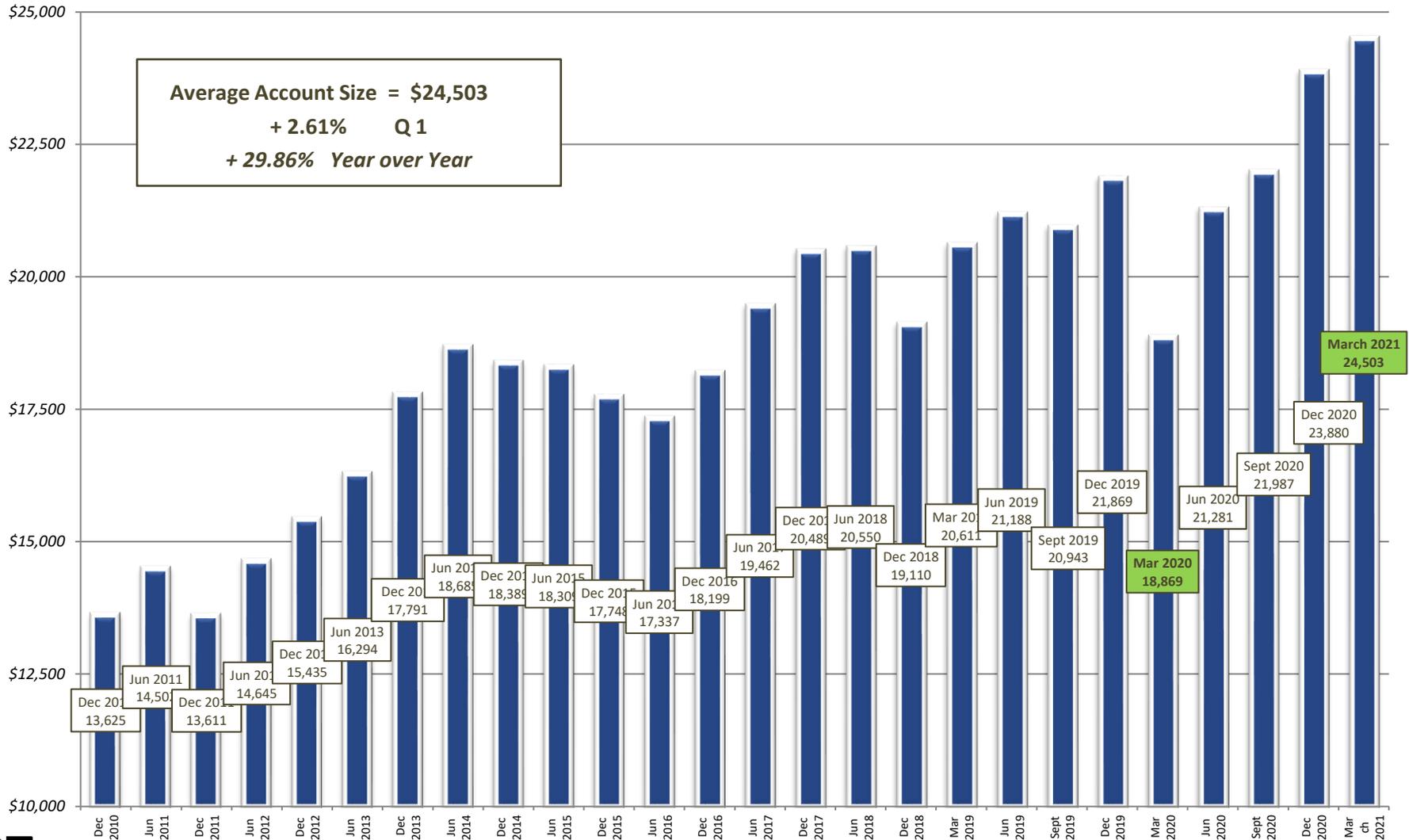
Account Breakdown



Asset Breakdown



Average Account Size



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An investor should consider the investment objectives, risks, and charges and expenses associated with municipal fund securities before investing. This and other important information is contained in the fund prospectuses and the CollegeCounts 529 Fund Program Disclosure Statement (issuer’s official statement). Please read it carefully before investing. For a copy call 866.529.2228, visit CollegeCounts529.com or CollegeCounts529advisor.com, or contact your investment professional. You can lose money by investing in a portfolio. Each of the portfolios involves investment risks, which are described in the Program Disclosure Statement.

An investor should consider, before investing, whether the investor’s or designated beneficiary’s home state offers any state tax or other state benefits such as financial aid, scholarship funds, and protection from creditors that are only available for investments in such state’s 529 plan. Investors should consult a tax advisor.

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Alabama's 529 Fund

Call Center Activity
May 26, 2021

Period ended
March 31, 2021

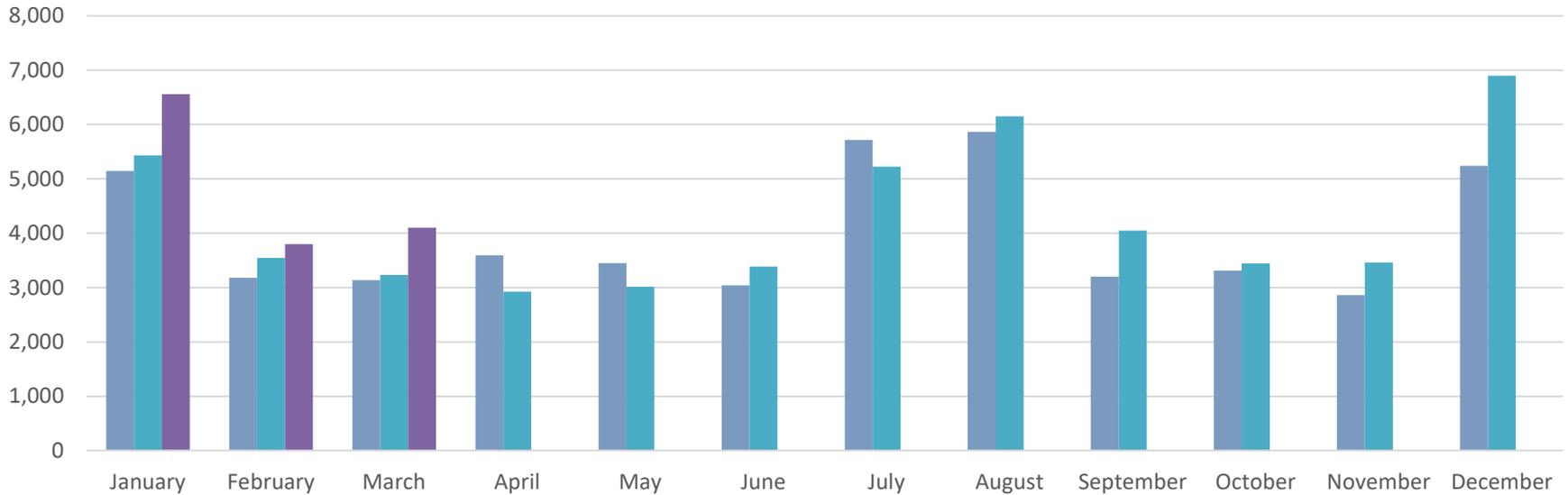
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Call Volumes

■ 2019 Calls ■ 2020 Calls ■ 2021 Calls



	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>YTD 2021</u>
# of calls	47,748	50,764	6,558	3,798	4,101	14,457
Answer Rate with a live voice	96.7%	94.7%	77.1%	92.3%	93.5%	85.8%
Average Speed of Answer	0:51	1:32	7:10	1:48	1:31	4:09

Q1 2021 - Most Common Topics & Comments

- 2020 State Income Tax Deduction
 - 2020 Year-to-Date Contributions
 - Contribution Deadline (Dec 31 vs. Apr 15)
- Second Semester Withdrawals (January)
 - How to request a withdrawal
 - Qualified expenses
 - Transaction Requests from Investors and Advisors
 - Status of requested withdrawals
- 1099-Q Questions
 - Qualified Expenses
 - Reporting requirements
- Online Access Assistance
 - Unlock/Reset online access
 - How to view accounts online
- General Account Maintenance
 - Address updates
 - Modify automatic investment plans
 - Transfer between accounts/change beneficiary
- Limited questions regarding upcoming Investment Changes in April 2021
- Limited Tax Bill Questions
 - K-12 expenses
 - Apprenticeship Expenses & Repayment of Student Loans

1st Quarter 2021 Investor and Advisor Compliments

- *I wanted to reach out and give huge compliments to your representative who assisted me when I called in. I was really impressed with her service. She helped me in a **very professional and timely** manner. She did an **outstanding job by taking the time to research** and get the copy of this check. It **gave me the surety that clients would be assisted in the same professional manner that I was assisted in.***
- *Thanks for the **quick, detailed response.** This is exactly what I needed to know!*
- *Thanks for the speedy reply. The **customer service, availability and response times to questions and concerns was a big factor in my choosing of this 529 plan over similar/competitive 529 plans.***
- *Thank you. It's great to have such prompt help from someone. I truly **appreciate the work you are doing!***
- *I just set up an account and needed some clarification. I spoke with your representative and I would like you to know what a fine employee you have. She was **very professional, courteous and helpful.** She made the experience **very conversational** and I hope you will recognize her for making **my first experience with you very positive.***
- *I cannot tell you how **helpful** your representative was to me. She was **so patient and kind.** I never would have been able to get through the process without her. She was great. I lost my husband several months ago. It has been very hard during this pandemic so anyone that could help I really appreciate. It was **so very kind of her to spend the time on the phone with me.** You have a good employee with her that's for sure.*
- *Thank you for the for the **prompt response and the good information.** This is what I was looking for.*
- *I spoke to a **very kind person** at the office and she helped me see what occurred. Thank you for your help and have a great weekend.*
- *Thank you so much for your **quick response!** Your answers are **very clear and will help me move forward with my investments** for my granddaughters. Enjoy the rest of your day!*
- *I want to thank you for your **excellent customer service** yesterday.*
- *Great! Thank you for the **quick turn and follow-up!***
- *That information is **very helpful and exactly what I was wanting to know!** Thank you for clarifying that for me!*
- *This is so **helpful and informative!** Thank you for such a **thorough** response!!*
- *Thank you again for your assistance here, **your customer service is incredible.***
- *Thank you for this very **helpful, informative, and prompt** response.*
- *I'm grateful for your associate's assistance the other evening. She was an **excellent resource and we appreciate her help** very much.*

4th Quarter 2020 Investor and Advisor Compliments

- Thank you for **making this such a simple and seamless transaction**. I truly appreciate how easy you made it and how quickly you were able to answer my questions, solve my issue, provide the e-receipt, etc. **I could actually hear you were smiling as you helped me, which is the ultimate sign of telephone customer service**. AND you even (genuinely!) laughed when I accidentally made a very stupid joke. Why am I taking the time to tell you this? So many things these days are simply not easy and simple. And worse than that, they're stressful. I'm sure you (and your superiors) hear when things go wrong. People love to tell us what we didn't do right. I'd like to tell you you're doing things well. **Thanks for being the bright spot in an otherwise normal (but stressful) day**. Keep up the great work. I'm grateful for people like you.
- First off, THANK YOU again for your help! Please let your managers know what an asset you are to the company and the **exemplary and personal service you provided!** Not only did you get me the information, but to stay on the phone with me to make sure I was able to open the secure email was above and beyond! **If more folks would provide the service you provided, life would be great for everyone!**
- Thank you very much. Really appreciate your **prompt response. Remarkable!**
- You were completely correct. Your suggestion worked perfectly. Thank you so much for your help and on a Sunday to boot. **Your customer service is outstanding!**
- You guys are always great! But seriously, how is it that you are the **only business that will consistently answer the phone within the first two rings that I've ever dealt with in the last 58 years**.
- Thank you for the **quick and thorough response**.
- You guys are always so **kind and helpful**.
- Thank you for the prompt response! This is **exactly what I needed**.
- Wow...thank you for the **super quick response!** Have a great Christmas holiday!
- Many thanks. I **appreciate your help and swift response**.
- Thank you, **I so appreciate the help I received over the phone**. Merry Christmas!
- **Excellent response time!** Thank you very much!!
- Thank you for **responding to my email so quickly, especially on a Sunday**.
- Thank you for your **prompt and detailed response**.
- Thank you for your **quick response**. The info pdf you provided is **very clear**. Now I have a clear idea for the management fees. I'll pick my investment option and open my account soon.
- You were completely correct. Your suggestion worked perfectly. Thank you so much for your help and on a Sunday to boot. **Your customer service is outstanding!**
- I appreciate the response. Your representative was **very friendly and helpful**.

3rd Quarter 2020 Investor and Advisor Compliments

- ***It wouldn't have been possible for my son to attend college without your help!***
- *I just wanted to say how thankful I am to have reached your associate this morning. I was less than happy as I was having difficulty completing an investment change on my accounts. She was more pleasant than I deserved with my tone and not only very helpful, she took my feedback with a smile. She helped me navigate the system to understand and then in addition, executed the desired transactions. This is a **superstar customer service example** and I am certain she will do very well in her career. **In a world of chaos, she was a bright smile and a welcome change. A+ experience!** I needed to share with you.*
- ***You guys have been the easiest part of sending my kid to school.*** I was intimidated in the start of this but it's been the easiest process ever. It is very appreciated.
- *Thanks so much for your help today. You guys have done an **awesome job managing this money over all this time.** And thank you for **making it easy for me to send the money to the college** as well.*
- *I wanted to take a minute in my busy day to recognize your associate's great service. She helped us with an important client rollover. She was super **diligent, responsive and had great follow-up!** Thank you for offering such **great client service!***
- *Thank you for being so fast. I was **amazed that I didn't have to be on hold and there was no wait time.** Everywhere else you call seems so clogged up. Thank you for that.*
- *You guys are all really nice every time I call in. I was in a panic and freaking out, but this was **really helpful and everything is now in good order.***
- *You are a **rock star!** Boy oh boy I hope I get you again the next time I call in! You're **so sweet, so patient, and got me all the information I needed.** You are just super!*
- *This is all super, super helpful to me, **now I know exactly what I need to do.** You guys are always **so incredibly helpful.***
- *Thank you so much for being **diligent with verifying my account.** I appreciate what you guys go through to protect the money in my account.*
- *I very much appreciate your assistance today. **Not only did you do a great job helping me, your professionalism was top shelf.** It is just **fantastic that you answer the phone.** Other institutions could learn a lot from your group.*
- *You have made my day. **If it wasn't for this Covid stuff, I'd give you a hug.***
- ***Y'all have this customer service thing all figured out.***

3rd Quarter 2020 Investor and Advisor Compliments

- *Your associate has been helping me set up some guardianship accounts and I wanted to let you know that she has been amazing. **She has been with me every step of the way, helping me out and fixing my mistakes.** Just this morning she fixed an issue with one of the accounts and notified me before I could even call to report the problem. I can honestly say **it's among the best customer service I have ever had.** I will be sure to **recommend your plan to anyone** looking to open an account. Please thank her for giving me such a great experience.*
- *You've made my day! You're awesome! You are **so professional.** I appreciate your **friendly disposition and your knowledge.** Keep up the great work.*
- *I had the pleasure of speaking with one of your representatives today on a complicated scenario. I must say she was **truly professional and patient** in all the mess. She **helped me understand everything step by step.** I truly appreciate her support! As you can guess, it was over 30 minutes, complex, and she handled it quite well!*
- *You always **answer my questions right away and solve my problems.** Everyone I've spoken to there is **very nice and helpful.***
- ***I love calling you guys. You actually answer the phone.** I call my own company and I have to wait 25 minutes to talk to someone. I've only ever waited 2 minutes to talk to you guys.*
- *Thank you so much for your time and **taking care of my account and money** for me.*
- *I had the pleasure of speaking with your associate today. She was **very helpful, patient, and answered all of my questions very thoroughly.** I really appreciated her help and **willingness to answer all my questions.** I feel more comfortable understanding and opening a 529 account now. **Excellent experience!***
- *You guys are **fantastic to work with.** I wish you guys sent out surveys, I would always give you the highest points to give, because you're always **amazing to work with.***
- *You always **answer the phone quickly and provide great service.** I get all my problems solved during one call.*
- *I love working with you guys because you're **always so helpful and fast.***
- ***Fantastic information!** Really, this is great and the **timeliness is much appreciated.***
- *You were **outstanding.** You got the solutions to my problems. That's what I call a **problem solver!** Thank you!*
- *I have 5 accounts with you guys. **Your representatives do a great job and I appreciate all the work that you guys do.***
- *You guys are **easier to work with than other companies I call.** Thank you for that!*

2nd Quarter 2020 Investor and Advisor Compliments

- *Thank you. You were the one person in my day that was actually **easy to reach and you actually know what you're talking about.***
- *Thanks, I was able to make the changes we were looking for. **I really appreciate all the low cost Vanguard options available.***
- *Thank you for replying on a weekend!*
- *Your representative was **patient listening to my questions**, which included clarification of the treatment and reinvestment of dividends from the Vanguard Money Market Fund. They placed me on hold to consult with a peer or manager and came back with a **clear answer.** Your follow-up is a further show of **top-notch customer service.** Thank you.*
- *I just wanted to thank your staff for assisting me yesterday in making an adjustment to one of our 529 accounts. I spoke with a rep to **clarify some details about deadlines for redemption requests and pricing of purchases.** With recent high market volatility **such details are important to account holders.** I placed a transaction within 20 minutes of market close, checked the account this morning, and the transaction was completed as I advised. Thank you.*
- *You were **wonderful with helping me** get these questions answered. I appreciate your help.*
- *I talked to your representative she was **extremely tolerant** of an older person that only has a little bit of knowledge about computers. She was **very tolerant and helpful** and I wanted to let you know that she did a good job. She **took me by the hand and led me.***
- *I just completed a contribution to our grandson's college fund using your online process. You made the activity **very easy to understand and use. Thanks for how you designed the contribution process.** I'll do it again with no concerns.*
- *Thanks for the **quick and thorough explanation.***
- *Thank you for your **detailed response.***
- *Thank you, you've been so great. You've been **super helpful.** Thank you so much for doing such a **great job.***
- *I have to tell you that you have **outstanding customer service.** Also, everyone I've talked to there does too. That should do it for today and I'm very happy.*
- *Thank you again for your **help and patience.***
- *You're **awesome!** Thank you!*
- *You have been **phenomenal.** It's not often that you get to talk to someone that is as **nice and clear and is as easy to understand** as you. Nowadays you get a recording so I'm very happy I got to speak to you.*

2nd Quarter 2020 Investor and Advisor Compliments

- *You are very good at your job and **very articulate**.*
- *Thank you for the **tremendous service** today!*
- *Perfect. Thanks so much. I really **appreciate your kind words and help**. Have a wonderful day.*
- *Thank you! You're **seriously the best!***
- *I am the broker's assistant and today I spoke with your representative and I have to say he was **AMAZING!** I had questions that he **answered quickly** and a problem of not seeing accounts that he **solved immediately**. Thank you for having an experienced customer service person who is **delightful and knows how to get things done** without being put on hold or a phone call back!*
- *You've been **very nice** and I really appreciate it.*
- *Thank you for sending us this. It's **very helpful!***
- *Awesome! You were **very helpful** and I very much appreciate the assistance!*
- *Thanks for your help today. **Five star service!***
- *Thank you very much for the **quick response**. Thank you a lot for taking care of this on a Saturday night.*
- *You guys have the **best customer service**. It's great.*
- *You've been **very helpful**. I appreciate you. You did such a good job.*
- *Thank you for your **quick reply**. I really appreciate it.*
- *Thank you very much. You were **so very helpful!***
- *Thank you very much. That's **just what I was looking for**.*
- *Thanks for the **quick response**. That's what I expected, and that's what we will likely do.*
- ***You were great!** Thank you for sending me the confirmation email. Thank you so much.*
- *Thanks for the **quick reply and publication reference**.*
- *Thank you, you've been **very helpful**.*
- *It is always **super easy to call and talk with you**.*
- *Thank you. You were a **pleasure to speak with** and your **prompt reply** is greatly appreciated.*
- *Thanks for the **very prompt response**. **Very helpful**.*

1st Quarter 2020 Investor and Advisor Compliments

- *This account has done tremendously well. **Thank you to your professionals for managing this so well.***
- *The **service was so amazing.** I cannot believe it. I rarely have positive customer service experiences with other companies. Your representative was wonderful. She **understood my questions, had a clear understanding of your policies and procedures and was able to provide the information to me in a way I can understand.** I liked that the representative was pleasant and **not a robot reading from a script.** She **used great tone, speed and dictation** when communicating. She did a really tremendous job representing your company. I feel like she went **above and beyond the normal level of communication and service** that our firm normally receives when calling other call centers.*
- *You guys have the **best customer service** out of all of the places I call.*
- *You've been the **nicest most professional person** I've talked to today and I've talked to a lot of people! Thank you.*
- *Thank you so much. You guys are so **efficient.** You guys are so awesome.*
- *You guys are always such **a great help** whenever I call.*
- *Thank you so much. I was just telling my husband **how impeccable and how great your customer service is.** I mean it, it's really great!*
- *Thank you again for the **quick and very helpful** response below!*
- *Thank you very much! This is **exactly what we needed.***
- *I have several accounts and I have to say you guys are **very easy to deal with.** I found it **refreshing** how easy it is to deal with your company.*
- *Wow! Thank you for the **prompt** reply.*
- ***I've put 3 children through college and every time I've called I've been given a wonderful experience.** Thank you so much.*
- *Thank you for the **fast response.** It is amazing and much appreciated. Thank you for being on top of this.*
- *Thank you for the help and the **quick** response.*
- *Thank you for your **prompt** reply yesterday. We were able to access the account and perform the transactions with ample opportunity **thanks to your decisive action.** I have to say that **your actions made a huge difference and defused a tense situation at home.** I sincerely appreciate your effort in making the funds available and the account accessible. As you can see by my email and phone messages, I was under distress. I do not know your supervisor, but please forward a copy of this email to her/him expressing my **gratitude for your service above and beyond, especially when you reached me outside regular business hours on a holiday.***

1st Quarter 2020 Investor and Advisor Compliments

- *Thank you so much for correcting my Social Security Number! I appreciate that you **took care of this matter so promptly**. Your associate was **extremely helpful and professional** when I called this morning to confirm that you received my fax containing my W-9. **This shows me that you have a highly professional organization that deserves my respect and trust. Keep up the caring customer service!***
- *Thanks so much and thank you for being so **professional**.*
- *Thanks for your reply. Customer service did a **great job** helping me finish this up.*
- *Thank you very much for your help. This looks like what I need. It was **a relief to talk you and find answers**. Also I very much appreciate **how quickly you have responded** on top of that. Thank you, thank you.*
- *I appreciate all of your help. It's **always a pleasure talking to you guys**. You **always do such a great job**.*
- *Thanks! This is **great information!***
- *Thank you so much, you've been **really helpful**.*
- *Thank you for your time. I appreciate it. You guys are always so **wonderful**.*
- ***I'm almost in amazement**. I'm shocked that you **answered right away** and that I didn't have to go through a computer or 5 different channels to get help. Thank you so much for being a group that does this. I appreciate it.*
- *This is a **great company**. I've been **very, very happy**. My granddaughter is only 10 months old but **I will be a customer for the next 20+ years**.*
- *Thank you so much for your help this morning. And thank you for **taking care of this as quickly** as you have.*
- *Thank you so much. I **greatly appreciate your help**.*
- *I deal with a lot of companies so I wanted to tell you that you are the **easiest plan to deal with**. You're always super **helpful and easy to work with**.*
- *You did everything **great**. Thank you very much.*
- *You guys are **amazing!***
- *You've been the **best customer service rep** that I've ever talked to at any company. You're **sincere, you have the clearest voice and have a great understanding of the material at hand**. This is the **best and most pleasant call** I've had in a long time. You're doing great and you're a **professional**. **In speaking with people like you it's helped me make my decision in setting up an account with you instead of another 529 plan.***

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Alabama's 529 Fund

Events and Outreach Calendar May 26, 2021

Period ended
March 31, 2021

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State of Alabama*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Tuscaloosa, Wilcox County – Community Stops and Outreach	Eufala, Tuscaloosa – Community Stops and Outreach	Barbour County, Tuscaloosa – Community Stops and Outreach	Ozark, Tuscaloosa – Community Stops and Outreach		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Dale County, Northport, Ozark, Tuscaloosa County – Community Stops and Outreach	Foley, Wetumpka – Community Stops and Outreach	Elmore County, Millbrook – Community Stops and Outreach Lunch & Learn Direct Presentation – Foley – Vulcan Inc 12:00 pm		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Enterprise – Community Stops and Outreach	Center Point, Enterprise, Pinson – Community Stops and Outreach McWane Science Center – Birmingham 8:00 am	Clay, Coffee County, Trussville – Community Stops and Outreach	Dothan, Trussville – Community Stops and Outreach		

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Rocket City Moms – Huntsville – Children’s Early Works Museum 9:00 am
2	3 Decatur – Community Stops and Outreach	4 Decatur, Eufala – Community Stops and Outreach	5 Barbour County, Hartselle – Community Stops and Outreach	6 Morgan County, Ozark – Community Stops and Outreach	7 Wilcox County – Community Stops and Outreach	8
9	10 Russell County – Community Stops and Outreach	11 Pickens County, Tuskegee – Community Stops and Outreach	12 Fayette County, Selma – Community Stops and Outreach	13 Lamar County, Selma – Community Stops and Outreach	14	15 McWane Science Center – Birmingham 8:00 am
16	17 Birmingham, Sumter County – Community Stops and Outreach	18 Greenville, Montgomery – Community Stops and Outreach	19 Montgomery, Pike Road – Community Stops and Outreach	20 Tallasse – Community Stops and Outreach	21	22
23	24 Guntersville – Community Stops and Outreach	25 Albertville, Demopolis – Community Stops and Outreach McWane Science Center – Birmingham 10:00 am	26 Boaz, Marengo County – Community Stops and Outreach	27 Marshall County, Monroeville – Community Stops and Outreach	28	29

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Hello Baby – Springhill Medical Center – Mobile 12:00 pm	2 Helena, Montevallo – Community Stops and Outreach	3 Calera, Columbiana, Demopolis – Community Stops and Outreach	4 Birmingham, Marengo County – Community Stops and Outreach	5 Birmingham, Monroeville – Community Stops and Outreach	6 Evergreen, Greenville – Community Stops and Outreach	7
8	9	10	11		13	14
15	16	17		19	20	21
22	23		25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Calling Suspended due to COVID-19
*Calling out to advisors, assistants, and direct entities in
 2020 with target to be calling again mid-2021*

UPCOMING INVESTMENT CHANGES

Changes to the Underlying Funds in the Age-Based, Target, and Individual Fund Portfolios

The Board of Directors of the CollegeCounts 529 Fund Advisor Plan (“CollegeCounts”) reviews and monitors the investment structure and underlying funds on an ongoing basis to provide a diverse, “best-in-class” investment line-up. As part of that process, the following investment changes will be implemented on April 15, 2021. No action is required by the investor.

- 1) The Touchstone High Yield Fund (Ticker: THIYX) will be replaced in the Age-Based, Target, and Individual Fund Portfolios by the BlackRock High Yield Bond Portfolio (Ticker: BHYIX). The Touchstone High Yield Fund is being replaced due to poor relative performance.

The BlackRock High Yield Bond Portfolio is an actively managed, total return high yield strategy with the ability to invest across the credit quality spectrum and an issuer's capital structure. The portfolio seeks to outperform the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield 2% Issuer Capped Index. The investment team seeks to add value through a disciplined process that incorporates top-down analysis to identify areas of opportunity within the various segments of fixed income.

- 2) The Templeton International Bond Fund (Ticker: FIBQX) will be replaced in the Age-Based, Target, and Individual Fund Portfolios by the AB Global Bond Fund (Ticker: ANAZX). The Templeton International Bond Fund is being replaced due to poor relative performance.

The AB Global Bond Fund is an actively managed, global multi-sector fixed income strategy that seeks to outperform the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate (U.S. Dollar Hedged) Bond Index with a modest level of risk. The investment team seeks to add value through a risk-managed process that incorporates both quantitative and fundamental research to capture inefficiencies in the global fixed income markets.

Lower expense ratios. With the changes, account owners will see a reduction in expenses. The BlackRock High Yield Bond Portfolio has an expense ratio of 0.62% versus the 0.72% expense ratio of the Touchstone High Yield Fund and the AB Global Bond Fund has an expense ratio of 0.50% compared to the 0.71% expense ratio of the Templeton International Bond Fund.

In connection with the investment changes to the underlying funds described above, on April 15, 2021, the following will occur:

- Amounts invested in the Touchstone High Yield Fund in the Age-Based and Target Portfolios will automatically be liquidated and reinvested into the BlackRock High Yield Bond Portfolio. Also, effective on April 15, 2021, the Touchstone High Yield 529 Portfolio will no longer be available as an Individual Fund Portfolio, and amounts invested in the Touchstone High Yield 529 Portfolio on



that date will automatically be transferred to a new Individual Fund Portfolio which will invest solely in the BlackRock High Yield Bond Portfolio. Any future contributions that were directed to the Touchstone High Yield 529 Portfolio will be invested into the BlackRock High Yield Bond 529 Portfolio.

- Amounts invested in the Templeton International Bond Fund in the Age-Based and Target Portfolios will automatically be liquidated and reinvested into the AB Global Bond Fund. Also, effective on April 15, 2021, the Templeton International Bond 529 Portfolio will no longer be available as an Individual Fund Portfolio, and amounts invested in the Templeton International Bond 529 Portfolio on that date will automatically be transferred to a new Individual Fund Portfolio which will invest solely in the AB Global Bond Fund. Any future contributions that were directed to the Templeton International Bond 529 Portfolio will be invested into the AB Global Bond 529 Portfolio.

What do you need to do? As a current investor, no action will be required on your part. The changes will be made to the relevant investment portfolios on April 15, 2021. Changes made by CollegeCounts should not be considered an investment change to your account for Federal income tax purposes. If you have questions or would like to invest differently, we suggest you discuss the upcoming changes with your financial advisor. If you choose to change how your account is invested, you are allowed two investment changes per calendar year.

Please see the enclosed Program Disclosure Statement Supplement, and the prospectus of each respective mutual fund for additional information.

Now is a great time to increase the amount you are saving. Log in at CollegeCounts529advisor.com to start or increase your monthly investment plan. Every dollar you save today can help reduce future student loan debt payments in the future.

Thank you for investing with CollegeCounts.

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An investor should consider the investment objectives, risks, and charges and expenses associated with municipal fund securities before investing. This, and other important information, is contained in the fund prospectuses and the CollegeCounts 529 Fund Advisor Plan Program Disclosure Statement (issuer's official statement), which can be obtained from a financial professional and on CollegeCounts529advisor.com and should be read carefully before investing. You can lose money by investing in a portfolio. Each of the portfolios involves investment risks, which are described in the Program Disclosure Statement.

An investor should consider, before investing, whether the investor's or designated beneficiary's home state offers any state tax or other state benefits such as financial aid, scholarship funds, and protection from creditors that are only available for investments in such state's 529 plan. Investors should consult a tax advisor.

The CollegeCounts 529 Fund is a qualified tuition program under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code that is offered by the State of Alabama and administered by the Board of Trustees of the ACES Trust Fund (the plan issuer).

CollegeCounts 529 Fund Advisor Plan Program Disclosure Statement

Supplement dated March 15, 2021
to the Program Disclosure Statement dated July 1, 2020

This supplement (the "Supplement") describes important changes affecting the CollegeCounts 529 Fund Advisor Plan (the "Plan"). Unless otherwise indicated, capitalized terms have the same meaning as those in the Plan's Program Disclosure Statement dated July 1, 2020. Please keep this Supplement with your Plan documents.

Underlying Funds to be Replaced in the Age-Based, Target and Individual Fund Portfolios

1. Effective April 15, 2021, the Touchstone High Yield Fund will be replaced in the Age-Based, Target, and Individual Fund Portfolios by the BlackRock High Yield Bond Portfolio (Ticker: BHYIX). On April 15, 2021, investments in the Touchstone High Yield Fund in the Age-Based and Target Portfolios will automatically be liquidated and reinvested into the BlackRock High Yield Bond Portfolio.

The Touchstone High Yield 529 Portfolio will no longer be offered as an Individual Fund Portfolio in the Plan as of April 15, 2021. If your Account is invested in the Touchstone High Yield 529 Portfolio on that date, those amounts will automatically be transferred to a new Individual Fund Portfolio, the BlackRock High Yield Bond 529 Portfolio, which will invest solely in the BlackRock High Yield Bond Portfolio. In addition, any future Contributions that were directed to the Touchstone High Yield 529 Portfolio will automatically be invested into the BlackRock High Yield Bond 529 Portfolio.

Effective April 15, 2021, any elections or orders previously directed to the Touchstone High Yield 529 Portfolio will be re-directed to the BlackRock High Yield Bond 529 Portfolio.

2. Effective April 15, 2021, the Templeton International Bond Fund will be replaced in the Age-Based, Target, and Individual Fund Portfolios by the AB Global Bond Fund (Ticker: ANAZX). On April 15, 2021, investments in the Templeton International Bond Fund in the Age-Based and Target Portfolios will automatically be liquidated and reinvested into the AB Global Bond Fund.

The Templeton International Bond 529 Portfolio will no longer be offered as an Individual Fund Portfolio in the Plan as of April 15, 2021. If your Account is invested in the Templeton International Bond 529 Portfolio on that date, those amounts will automatically be transferred to a new Individual Fund Portfolio, the AB Global Bond 529 Portfolio, which will invest solely in the AB Global Bond Fund. In addition, any future Contributions that were directed to the Templeton International Bond 529 Portfolio will automatically be invested into the AB Global Bond 529 Portfolio.

Effective April 15, 2021, any elections or orders previously directed to the Templeton International Bond 529 Portfolio will be re-directed to the AB Global Bond 529 Portfolio.

As a current investor, no action will be required on your part with respect to any of these prospective changes. Changes directed by the Plan Manager and not by the Plan Participant should not be considered an investment change to your account for Federal income tax purposes. If you choose to change how your Account or Contributions are invested, you are allowed two investment changes per calendar year.

Fee and Expense Table

The following table sets forth the Plan's estimate of the fees and expenses applicable to the Target, Age-Based, and Individual Fund Portfolios. The "Total Annual Asset-Based Fees" below include the estimated underlying fund expenses, Program Management Fee, State Fee, and any applicable annual servicing fees under Fee Structure A, B, C, or F. In addition, Fee Structure A has a 3.50% maximum initial sales charge. The Plan charges a \$12 account fee that is waived for accounts that have either an Alabama account owner or beneficiary. Underlying fund expenses and the fund description information on pages 5 – 11 are based on the applicable fund's most recent prospectus dated prior to March 1, 2021.

	Total Annual Asset-Based Fees			
	Fee Structure A	Fee Structure C	Fee Structure F	*Closed to New Investors* Fee Structure B
Target Portfolios				
<i>Fund 100</i>	0.98%	1.23%	0.73%	1.73%
<i>Fund 80</i>	0.97%	1.22%	0.72%	1.72%
<i>Fund 60</i>	0.97%	1.22%	0.72%	1.72%
<i>Fund 40</i>	0.95%	1.20%	0.70%	1.70%
<i>Fund 20</i>	0.91%	1.16%	0.66%	1.66%
<i>Fixed Income Fund</i>	0.79%	1.04%	0.54%	1.54%
Aggressive Age-Based Portfolios				
<i>Ages 0 - 2</i>	0.98%	1.23%	0.73%	1.73%
<i>Ages 3 - 5</i>	0.97%	1.22%	0.72%	1.72%
<i>Ages 6 - 8</i>	0.97%	1.22%	0.72%	1.72%
<i>Ages 9 - 10</i>	0.98%	1.23%	0.73%	1.73%
<i>Ages 11 - 12</i>	0.97%	1.22%	0.72%	1.72%
<i>Ages 13 - 14</i>	0.95%	1.20%	0.70%	1.70%
<i>Ages 15 - 16</i>	0.95%	1.20%	0.70%	1.70%
<i>Ages 17 - 18</i>	0.95%	1.20%	0.70%	1.70%
<i>Ages 19 plus</i>	0.91%	1.16%	0.66%	1.66%
Moderate Age-Based Portfolios				
<i>Ages 0 - 2</i>	0.97%	1.22%	0.72%	1.72%
<i>Ages 3 - 5</i>	0.97%	1.22%	0.72%	1.72%
<i>Ages 6 - 8</i>	0.98%	1.23%	0.73%	1.73%
<i>Ages 9 - 10</i>	0.97%	1.22%	0.72%	1.72%
<i>Ages 11 - 12</i>	0.95%	1.20%	0.70%	1.70%
<i>Ages 13 - 14</i>	0.95%	1.20%	0.70%	1.70%
<i>Ages 15 - 16</i>	0.95%	1.20%	0.70%	1.70%
<i>Ages 17 - 18</i>	0.91%	1.16%	0.66%	1.66%
<i>Ages 19 plus</i>	0.86%	1.11%	0.61%	1.61%
Conservative Age-Based Portfolios				
<i>Ages 0 - 2</i>	0.97%	1.22%	0.72%	1.72%
<i>Ages 3 - 5</i>	0.98%	1.23%	0.73%	1.73%
<i>Ages 6 - 8</i>	0.97%	1.22%	0.72%	1.72%
<i>Ages 9 - 10</i>	0.95%	1.20%	0.70%	1.70%
<i>Ages 11 - 12</i>	0.95%	1.20%	0.70%	1.70%
<i>Ages 13 - 14</i>	0.95%	1.20%	0.70%	1.70%
<i>Ages 15 - 16</i>	0.91%	1.16%	0.66%	1.66%
<i>Ages 17 - 18</i>	0.86%	1.11%	0.61%	1.61%
<i>Ages 19 plus</i>	0.79%	1.04%	0.54%	1.54%

Total Annual Asset-Based Fees

	Fee Structure A	Fee Structure C	Fee Structure F	*Closed to New Investors* Fee Structure B
Individual Fund Portfolios				
Bank Savings 529 Portfolio	0.21%	0.21%	0.21%	0.21%
State Street U.S. Government Money Market 529	0.33%	0.33%	0.33%	0.33%
PIMCO Short-Term 529 Portfolio	1.08%	1.33%	0.83%	1.58%
Northern Funds Bond Index 529 Portfolio	0.68%	0.93%	0.43%	1.43%
Fidelity Advisor Investment Grade Bond 529	0.89%	1.14%	0.64%	1.64%
PGIM Total Return Bond 529 Portfolio	0.92%	1.17%	0.67%	1.67%
American Century Short Duration Inflation Protection Bond 529 Portfolio	0.90%	1.15%	0.65%	1.65%
BlackRock High Yield Bond 529 Portfolio	1.15%	1.40%	0.90%	1.90%
AB Global Bond 529 Portfolio	1.03%	1.28%	0.78%	1.78%
T. Rowe Price Balanced 529 Portfolio	0.99%	1.24%	0.74%	1.74%
DFA Real Estate Securities 529 Portfolio	0.71%	0.96%	0.46%	1.46%
Principal Global Real Estate Securities 529 Portfolio	1.40%	1.65%	1.15%	2.15%
DFA U.S. Large Cap Value 529 Portfolio	0.75%	1.00%	0.50%	1.50%
Northern Funds Stock Index 529 Portfolio	0.63%	0.88%	0.38%	1.38%
T. Rowe Price Large-Cap Growth 529 Portfolio	1.09%	1.34%	0.84%	1.84%
Northern Funds Mid Cap Index 529 Portfolio	0.68%	0.93%	0.43%	1.43%
William Blair Small Cap Value 529 Portfolio	1.48%	1.73%	1.23%	2.23%
Northern Funds Small Cap Index 529 Portfolio	0.68%	0.93%	0.43%	1.43%
T. Rowe Price QM U.S. Small-Cap Growth Equity 529	1.18%	1.43%	0.93%	1.93%
Northern Funds International Equity Index 529	0.77%	1.02%	0.52%	1.52%
Neuberger Berman International Select 529 Portfolio	1.34%	1.59%	1.09%	2.09%
DFA International Small Company 529 Portfolio	0.97%	1.22%	0.72%	1.72%
Vanguard Emerging Markets Select Stock 529 Portfolio	1.38%	1.63%	1.13%	2.13%
Credit Suisse Commodity Return Strategy 529 Portfolio	1.33%	1.58%	1.08%	2.08%

Hypothetical Expense Example

The following table compares the approximate costs of investing in the different fee structures within the Plan over different periods of time. Your actual costs may be higher or lower. The hypothetical chart assumes an initial \$10,000 investment in a Plan Portfolio and a 5% annual rate of return, compounded annually on the net amount invested throughout the period. All expense ratios and asset allocations are assumed to remain the same for the duration of the periods.

The chart assumes that all withdrawals are made for Qualified Higher Education Expenses and, therefore, does not reflect the impact of potential federal, state, or local taxes or penalties. This hypothetical does not reflect actual expenses or performance from the past or future. Actual expenses may be higher or lower than those shown.

The \$12 annual account fee is waived if either the Account Owner or Designated Beneficiary is an Alabama resident. Non-Alabama residents need to add an additional \$12 to the One Year number; \$36 to the Three Year number; \$60 to the Five Year number; and, \$120 to the Ten Year number in the Hypothetical Expense Table.

Hypothetical Expense Example

Approximate Cost of a \$10,000 Investment

Target Portfolios	One Year					Three Year					Five Year					Ten Year				
	<u>A</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B1</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B1</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B1</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>B/B1</u>	
Fund 100	447	126	75	177	677	653	393	234	549	849	875	679	407	946	1,096	1,514	1,495	909	2,054	
Fund 80	446	125	74	176	676	650	389	231	546	846	870	674	402	940	1,090	1,502	1,484	897	2,043	
Fund 60	446	125	74	176	676	650	389	231	546	846	870	674	402	940	1,090	1,502	1,484	897	2,043	
Fund 40	444	123	72	174	674	643	383	225	540	840	859	663	391	930	1,080	1,480	1,461	873	2,021	
Fund 20	440	119	68	170	670	631	370	212	527	827	838	642	369	909	1,059	1,434	1,415	825	1,978	
Fixed Income Fund	428	107	55	158	658	594	333	174	490	790	775	577	302	845	995	1,296	1,276	678	1,845	
Aggressive Age-Based Portfolios																				
Ages 0-2	447	126	75	177	677	653	393	234	549	849	875	679	407	946	1,096	1,514	1,495	909	2,054	
Ages 3-5	446	125	74	176	676	650	389	231	546	846	870	674	402	940	1,090	1,502	1,484	897	2,043	
Ages 6-8	446	125	74	176	676	650	389	231	546	846	870	674	402	940	1,090	1,502	1,484	897	2,043	
Ages 9-10	447	126	75	177	677	653	393	234	549	849	875	679	407	946	1,096	1,514	1,495	909	2,054	
Ages 11-12	446	125	74	176	676	650	389	231	546	846	870	674	402	940	1,090	1,502	1,484	897	2,043	
Ages 13-14	444	123	72	174	674	643	383	225	540	840	859	663	391	930	1,080	1,480	1,461	873	2,021	
Ages 15-16	444	123	72	174	674	643	383	225	540	840	859	663	391	930	1,080	1,480	1,461	873	2,021	
Ages 17-18	444	123	72	174	674	643	383	225	540	840	859	663	391	930	1,080	1,480	1,461	873	2,021	
Ages 19+	440	119	68	170	670	631	370	212	527	827	838	642	369	909	1,059	1,434	1,415	825	1,978	
Moderate Age-Based Portfolios																				
Ages 0-2	446	125	74	176	676	650	389	231	546	846	870	674	402	940	1,090	1,502	1,484	897	2,043	
Ages 3-5	446	125	74	176	676	650	389	231	546	846	870	674	402	940	1,090	1,502	1,484	897	2,043	
Ages 6-8	447	126	75	177	677	653	393	234	549	849	875	679	407	946	1,096	1,514	1,495	909	2,054	
Ages 9-10	446	125	74	176	676	650	389	231	546	846	870	674	402	940	1,090	1,502	1,484	897	2,043	
Ages 11-12	444	123	72	174	674	643	383	225	540	840	859	663	391	930	1,080	1,480	1,461	873	2,021	
Ages 13-14	444	123	72	174	674	643	383	225	540	840	859	663	391	930	1,080	1,480	1,461	873	2,021	
Ages 15-16	444	123	72	174	674	643	383	225	540	840	859	663	391	930	1,080	1,480	1,461	873	2,021	
Ages 17-18	440	119	68	170	670	631	370	212	527	827	838	642	369	909	1,059	1,434	1,415	825	1,978	
Ages 19+	435	114	63	165	665	616	355	196	512	812	812	615	341	882	1,032	1,377	1,357	764	1,923	
Conservative Age-Based Portfolios																				
Ages 0-2	446	125	74	176	676	650	389	231	546	846	870	674	402	940	1,090	1,502	1,484	897	2,043	
Ages 3-5	447	126	75	177	677	653	393	234	549	849	875	679	407	946	1,096	1,514	1,495	909	2,054	
Ages 6-8	446	125	74	176	676	650	389	231	546	846	870	674	402	940	1,090	1,502	1,484	897	2,043	
Ages 9-10	444	123	72	174	674	643	383	225	540	840	859	663	391	930	1,080	1,480	1,461	873	2,021	
Ages 11-12	444	123	72	174	674	643	383	225	540	840	859	663	391	930	1,080	1,480	1,461	873	2,021	
Ages 13-14	444	123	72	174	674	643	383	225	540	840	859	663	391	930	1,080	1,480	1,461	873	2,021	
Ages 15-16	440	119	68	170	670	631	370	212	527	827	838	642	369	909	1,059	1,434	1,415	825	1,978	
Ages 17-18	435	114	63	165	665	616	355	196	512	812	812	615	341	882	1,032	1,377	1,357	764	1,923	
Ages 19+	428	107	55	158	658	594	333	174	490	790	775	577	302	845	995	1,296	1,276	678	1,845	

Hypothetical Expense Example

Approximate Cost of a \$10,000 Investment

Individual Fund Portfolios

	One Year					Three Year					Five Year					Ten Year			
Bank Savings 529 Portfolio	22	22	22	22	22	68	68	68	68	68	118	118	118	118	118	268	268	268	268
State Street U.S. Government Money Market 529 Portfolio	34	34	34	34	34	106	106	106	106	106	186	186	186	186	186	419	419	419	419
PIMCO Short-Term 529 Portfolio	457	136	85	162	362	683	424	266	502	602	927	733	462	866	866	1,626	1,609	1,029	1,889
Northern Funds Bond Index 529 Portfolio	417	95	44	147	647	561	298	138	455	755	717	517	241	787	937	1,169	1,147	543	1,722
Fidelity Advisor Investment Grade Bond 529 Portfolio	438	117	66	168	668	625	364	205	521	821	828	631	358	898	1,048	1,411	1,392	800	1,956
PGIM Total Return Bond 529 Portfolio	441	120	69	171	671	634	374	215	531	831	843	647	374	914	1,064	1,445	1,427	837	1,989
American Century Short Duration Inflation Protection Bond 529	439	118	67	169	669	628	367	209	524	824	833	636	363	903	1,053	1,423	1,404	812	1,967
BlackRock High Yield Bond 529 Portfolio	464	144	92	195	695	704	446	288	602	902	964	771	500	1,035	1,185	1,704	1,689	1,112	2,238
AB Global Bond 529 Portfolio	452	131	80	182	682	668	408	250	565	865	901	706	435	972	1,122	1,570	1,553	969	2,109
T. Rowe Price Balanced 529 Portfolio	448	127	76	178	678	656	396	237	552	852	880	685	413	951	1,101	1,525	1,507	921	2,065
DFA Real Estate 529 Portfolio	420	98	47	150	650	570	307	148	465	765	732	533	258	803	953	1,204	1,182	580	1,756
Principal Global Real Estate 529 Portfolio	488	169	118	220	720	780	524	367	680	980	1,094	903	636	1,165	1,315	1,979	1,967	1,404	2,503
DFA U.S. Large Cap Value 529 Portfolio	424	103	51	154	654	582	320	161	477	777	754	555	280	824	974	1,250	1,229	629	1,801
Northern Funds Stock Index 529 Portfolio	412	90	39	141	641	545	282	122	440	740	690	490	214	760	910	1,111	1,088	481	1,666
T. Rowe Price Large-Cap Growth 529 Portfolio	458	137	86	189	689	686	427	269	584	884	933	738	468	1,004	1,154	1,637	1,621	1,040	2,173
Northern Mid-Cap Index 529 Portfolio	417	95	44	147	647	561	298	138	455	755	717	517	241	787	937	1,169	1,147	543	1,722
William Blair Small Cap Value 529 Portfolio	496	177	126	229	729	805	549	393	705	1,005	1,135	946	679	1,207	1,357	2,066	2,054	1,495	2,586
Northern Funds Small Cap Index 529 Portfolio	417	95	44	147	647	561	298	138	455	755	717	517	241	787	937	1,169	1,147	543	1,722
T. Rowe Price QM U.S. Small-Cap Growth Equity 529 Portfolio	467	147	95	198	698	714	455	298	612	912	980	787	517	1,051	1,201	1,738	1,722	1,147	2,270
Northern Funds International Equity Index 529 Portfolio	426	105	53	156	656	588	326	167	484	784	764	566	291	835	985	1,273	1,253	654	1,823
Neuberger Berman International Select 529 Portfolio	483	163	112	214	714	762	506	348	661	961	1,063	872	604	1,134	1,284	1,914	1,900	1,334	2,440
DFA International Small Company 529 Portfolio	446	125	74	176	676	650	389	231	546	846	870	674	402	940	1,090	1,502	1,484	897	2,043
Vanguard Emerging Markets Select 529 Portfolio	486	167	116	218	718	774	518	361	674	974	1,083	893	625	1,155	1,305	1,958	1,945	1,380	2,482
Credit Suisse Commodity Return Strategy 529 Portfolio	482	162	111	213	713	759	502	345	658	958	1,057	866	598	1,129	1,279	1,903	1,889	1,323	2,429

Fund Performance

The following table shows the past performance for the BlackRock High Yield Bond Portfolio and AB Global Bond Fund. The performance figures shown below do not reflect the Plan's expenses. Due to the expenses of the Plan, the performance of the Portfolio would have been lower than the performance of the Underlying Investment shown below.

All of the performance data shown represents past performance, which is not a guarantee or prediction of future results. Investment returns and principal value will fluctuate so that your Account may be worth less than the sum of your Contributions. For performance data of the Individual Fund Portfolios current to the most recent month-end, visit the Plan's website at www.CollegeCounts529advisor.com.

	Return (%)	Average Annual Total Returns (%)				
<i>as of January 31, 2021</i>	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Inc. Date
BlackRock High Yield Bond Portfolio	0.00	5.90	5.53	8.14	6.46	11/19/1998
AB Global Bond Fund*	- 0.54	2.66	4.27	4.06	3.97	10/15/2013

*The performance for Class Z shares prior to 10/15/13, the share class's inception date, reflects Class A share performance, adjusted for differences in operating expenses. The inception date of the Class A shares is 3/27/92.

Source: BlackRock.com, AllianceBernstein.com

NEW INVESTMENT FUND DESCRIPTION

"Exhibit C – Investment Portfolios and Mutual Fund Information" is hereby updated to include the summary and descriptions of the investment objectives and strategies, primary risks, and fees and expenses of the new Underlying Investments as set forth below.

The descriptions are taken from the most recent prospectus of the fund dated prior to March 1, 2021 and is intended to summarize its respective investment objectives and policies.

All information below regarding the Underlying Investment is obtained from the prospectus, fund company, and other public information of the fund, and neither Union Bank & Trust Company nor the Board guarantee the accuracy of such information.

Additional information, including the investment strategies and risks of each Underlying Fund, is available in its current prospectus and Statement of Additional Information. You can request a copy of the current prospectus, the Statement of Additional Information, or the most recent annual report of any Underlying Fund by visiting the mutual fund's website, the CollegeCounts website at CollegeCounts529advisor.com, or by calling 866.529.2228. Please read it carefully before investing. All investments carry some degree of risk which will affect the value of the fund's investments, investment performance, and price of its shares. It is possible to lose money by investing in the Plan.

BlackRock High Yield Bond Portfolio (Ticker: BHYIX)

Investment Objective

The investment objective of the fund is to seek to maximize total return, consistent with income generation and prudent investment management.

Principal Investment Strategies

The fund invests primarily in non-investment grade bonds with maturities of ten years or less. The fund normally invests at least 80% of its assets in high yield bonds. The high yield securities (commonly called "junk bonds") acquired by the fund will generally be in the lower rating categories of the major rating agencies (BB or lower by S&P Global Ratings or Fitch Ratings, Inc. or Ba or lower by Moody's Investor Services) or will be determined by the fund management team to be of similar quality. Split rated bonds and other fixed-income securities (securities that receive different ratings from two or more rating agencies) are valued as follows: if three agencies rate a security, the security will be considered to have the median credit rating; if two of the three agencies rate a security, the security will be considered to have the lower credit rating. The fund may invest up to 30% of its assets in nondollar denominated bonds of issuers located outside of the United States. The fund's investment in nondollar denominated bonds may be on a currency hedged or unhedged basis. The fund may also invest in convertible and preferred securities. Convertible debt securities will be counted toward the fund's 80% policy to the extent they have characteristics similar to the securities included within that policy.

To add additional diversification, the management team can invest in a wide range of securities including corporate bonds, mezzanine investments, collateralized bond obligations, bank loans and mortgage-backed and asset-backed

securities. The fund can also invest, to the extent consistent with its investment objective, in non-U.S. and emerging market securities and currencies. The fund may invest in securities of any rating, and may invest up to 10% of its assets (measured at the time of investment) in distressed securities that are in default or the issuers of which are in bankruptcy.

The fund may buy or sell options or futures on a security or an index of securities, or enter into credit default swaps and interest rate or foreign currency transactions, including swaps (collectively, commonly known as derivatives). The fund may use derivative instruments to hedge its investments or to seek to enhance returns. The fund may seek to obtain market exposure to the securities in which it primarily invests by entering into a series of purchase and sale contracts or by using other investment techniques (such as reverse repurchase agreements or dollar rolls).

The fund may engage in active and frequent trading of portfolio securities to achieve its principal investment strategies.

Principal Risks of investing in the fund

Risk is inherent in all investing. The value of your investment in the fund, as well as the amount of return you receive on your investment, may fluctuate significantly from day to day and over time. You may lose part or all of your investment in the fund or your investment may not perform as well as other similar investments. The following is a summary description of principal risks of investing in the fund. The order of the below risk factors does not indicate the significance of any particular risk factor.

- **Bank Loan Risk** — The market for bank loans may not be highly liquid and the fund may have difficulty selling them. These investments expose the fund to the credit risk of both the financial institution and the underlying borrower.
- **Collateralized Bond Obligation Risk** — The pool of high yield securities underlying collateralized bond obligations is typically separated into groupings called tranches representing different degrees of credit quality. The higher quality tranches have greater degrees of protection and pay lower interest rates. The lower tranches, with greater risk, pay higher interest rates.
- **Convertible Securities Risk** — The market value of a convertible security performs like that of a regular debt security; that is, if market interest rates rise, the value of a convertible security usually falls. In addition, convertible securities are subject to the risk that the issuer will not be able to pay interest or dividends when due, and their market value may change based on changes in the issuer's credit rating or the market's perception of the issuer's creditworthiness. Since it derives a portion of its value from the common stock into which it may be converted, a convertible security is also subject to the same types of market and issuer risks that apply to the underlying common stock.
- **Debt Securities Risk** — Debt securities, such as bonds, involve interest rate risk, credit risk, extension risk, and prepayment risk, among other things.

Interest Rate Risk — The market value of bonds and other fixed-income securities changes in response to interest rate changes and other factors. Interest rate risk is the risk that prices of bonds and other fixed-income securities will increase as interest rates fall and decrease as interest rates rise.

The fund may be subject to a greater risk of rising interest rates due to the current period of historically low rates. For example, if interest rates increase by 1%, assuming a current portfolio duration of ten years, and all other factors being equal, the value of the fund's investments would be expected to decrease by 10%. The magnitude of these fluctuations in the market price of bonds and other fixed-income securities is generally greater for those securities with longer maturities. Fluctuations in the market price of the fund's investments will not affect interest income derived from instruments already owned by the fund, but will be reflected in the fund's net asset value. The fund may lose money if short-term or long-term interest rates rise sharply in a manner not anticipated by fund management.

To the extent the fund invests in debt securities that may be prepaid at the option of the obligor (such as mortgage-backed securities), the sensitivity of such securities to changes in interest rates may increase (to the detriment of the fund) when interest rates rise. Moreover, because rates on certain floating rate debt securities typically reset only periodically, changes in prevailing interest rates (and particularly sudden and significant changes) can be expected to cause some fluctuations in the net asset value of the fund to the extent that it invests in floating rate debt securities.

These basic principles of bond prices also apply to U.S. Government securities. A security backed by the "full faith and credit" of the U.S. Government is guaranteed only as to its stated interest rate and face value at maturity, not its current market price. Just like other fixed-income securities, government-guaranteed securities will fluctuate in value when interest rates change.

A general rise in interest rates has the potential to cause investors to move out of fixed-income securities on a large scale, which may increase redemptions from funds that hold large amounts of fixed-income securities. Heavy redemptions could cause the fund to sell assets at inopportune times or at a loss or depressed value and could hurt the fund's performance.

Credit Risk — Credit risk refers to the possibility that the issuer of a debt security (i.e., the borrower) will not be able to make payments of interest and principal when due. Changes in an issuer's credit rating or the market's perception of an issuer's creditworthiness may also affect the value of the fund's investment in that issuer. The degree of credit risk depends on both the financial condition of the issuer and the terms of the obligation.

Extension Risk — When interest rates rise, certain obligations will be paid off by the obligor more slowly than anticipated, causing the value of these obligations to fall.

Prepayment Risk — When interest rates fall, certain obligations will be paid off by the obligor more quickly than originally anticipated, and the fund may have to invest the proceeds in securities with lower yields.

- **Derivatives Risk** — The fund's use of derivatives may increase its costs, reduce the fund's returns and/or increase volatility. Derivatives involve significant risks, including:

Volatility Risk — Volatility is defined as the characteristic of a security, an index or a market to fluctuate significantly in price within a short time period. A risk of the fund's use of derivatives is that the fluctuations in their values may not correlate with the overall securities markets.

Counterparty Risk — Derivatives are also subject to counterparty risk, which is the risk that the other party in the transaction will not fulfill its contractual obligation.

Market and Illiquidity Risk — The possible lack of a liquid secondary market for derivatives and the resulting inability of the fund to sell or otherwise close a derivatives position could expose the fund to losses and could make derivatives more difficult for the Fund to value accurately.

Valuation Risk — Valuation may be more difficult in times of market turmoil since many investors and market makers may be reluctant to purchase complex instruments or quote prices for them.

Hedging Risk — Hedges are sometimes subject to imperfect matching between the derivative and the underlying security, and there can be no assurance that the Fund's hedging transactions will be effective. The use of hedging may result in certain adverse tax consequences.

Tax Risk — Certain aspects of the tax treatment of derivative instruments, including swap agreements and commodity-linked derivative instruments, are currently unclear and may be affected by changes in legislation, regulations or other legally binding authority. Such treatment may be less favorable than that given to a direct investment in an underlying asset and may adversely affect the timing, character and amount of income the Fund realizes from its investments.

Regulatory Risk — Derivative contracts, including, without limitation, swaps, currency forwards and non-deliverable forwards, are subject to regulation under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "Dodd-Frank Act") in the United States and under comparable regimes in Europe, Asia and other non-U.S. jurisdictions. Under the Dodd-Frank Act, certain derivatives are subject to margin requirements and swap dealers are required to collect margin from the fund with respect to such derivatives. Specifically, regulations are now in effect that require swap dealers to post and collect variation margin (comprised of specified liquid instruments and subject to a required haircut) in connection with trading of over-the-counter ("OTC") swaps with the fund. Shares of investment companies (other than certain money market funds) may not be posted as collateral under these regulations. Requirements for posting of initial margin in connection with OTC swaps will be phased-in through at least 2021. In addition, regulations adopted by global prudential regulators that are now in effect require certain bank-regulated counterparties and certain of their affiliates to include in certain financial contracts, including many derivatives contracts, terms that delay or restrict the rights of counterparties, such as the fund, to terminate such contracts, foreclose upon collateral, exercise other default rights or restrict transfers of credit support in the event that the counterparty and/or its affiliates are subject to certain types of resolution or insolvency proceedings. The implementation of these requirements with respect to derivatives, as well as regulations under the Dodd-Frank Act regarding clearing, mandatory trading and margining of other derivatives, may increase the costs and risks to the fund of trading in these instruments and, as a result, may affect returns to investors in the fund.

On October 28, 2020, the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") adopted new regulations governing the use of derivatives by registered investment companies ("Rule 18f-4"). The fund will be required to implement and comply with Rule 18f-4 by August 19, 2022. Once implemented, Rule 18f-4 will impose limits on the amount of derivatives a fund can enter into, eliminate the asset segregation framework currently used by funds to comply with Section 18 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Investment Company Act"), treat derivatives as senior securities so that a failure to comply with the limits would result in a statutory violation and require funds whose use of derivatives is more than a limited specified exposure amount to establish and maintain a comprehensive derivatives risk management program and appoint a derivatives risk manager.

- **Distressed Securities Risk** — Distressed securities are speculative and involve substantial risks in addition to the risks of investing in junk bonds. The fund will generally not receive interest payments on the distressed securities and may incur costs to protect its investment. In addition, distressed securities involve the substantial risk that principal will not be repaid. These securities may present a substantial risk of default or may be in default at the time of investment. The fund may incur additional expenses to the extent it is required to seek recovery upon a default in the payment of principal of or interest on its portfolio holdings. In any reorganization or liquidation proceeding relating to a portfolio company, the fund may lose its entire investment or may be required to accept cash or securities with a value less than its original investment. Distressed securities and any securities received in an exchange for such securities may be subject to restrictions on resale.
- **Dollar Rolls Risk** — Dollar rolls involve the risk that the market value of the securities that the fund is committed to buy may decline below the price of the securities the fund has sold. These transactions may involve leverage.
- **Emerging Markets Risk** — Emerging markets are riskier than more developed markets because they tend to develop unevenly and may never fully develop. Investments in emerging markets may be considered speculative. Emerging markets are more likely to experience hyperinflation and currency devaluations, which adversely affect

returns to U.S. investors. In addition, many emerging securities markets have far lower trading volumes and less liquidity than developed markets.

- **Foreign Securities Risk** — Foreign investments often involve special risks not present in U.S. investments that can increase the chances that the fund will lose money. These risks include:
 - The fund generally holds its foreign securities and cash in foreign banks and securities depositories, which may be recently organized or new to the foreign custody business and may be subject to only limited or no regulatory oversight.
 - Changes in foreign currency exchange rates can affect the value of the fund's portfolio.
 - The economies of certain foreign markets may not compare favorably with the economy of the United States with respect to such issues as growth of gross national product, reinvestment of capital, resources and balance of payments position.
 - The governments of certain countries may prohibit or impose substantial restrictions on foreign investments in their capital markets or in certain industries.
 - Many foreign governments do not supervise and regulate stock exchanges, brokers and the sale of securities to the same extent as does the United States and may not have laws to protect investors that are comparable to U.S. securities laws.
 - Settlement and clearance procedures in certain foreign markets may result in delays in payment for or delivery of securities not typically associated with settlement and clearance of U.S. investments.
 - The fund's claims to recover foreign withholding taxes may not be successful, and if the likelihood of recovery of foreign withholding taxes materially decreases, due to, for example, a change in tax regulation or approach in the foreign country, accruals in the fund's net asset value for such refunds may be written down partially or in full, which will adversely affect the fund's net asset value.
 - The European financial markets have recently experienced volatility and adverse trends due to concerns about economic downturns in, or rising government debt levels of, several European countries. These events may spread to other countries in Europe. These events may affect the value and liquidity of certain of the fund's investments.
- **High Portfolio Turnover Risk** — The fund may engage in active and frequent trading of its portfolio securities. High portfolio turnover (more than 100%) may result in increased transaction costs to the fund, including brokerage commissions, dealer mark-ups and other transaction costs on the sale of the securities and on reinvestment in other securities. The sale of fund portfolio securities may result in the realization and/or distribution to shareholders of higher capital gains or losses as compared to a fund with less active trading policies. These effects of higher than normal portfolio turnover may adversely affect fund performance. In addition, investment in mortgage dollar rolls and participation in TBA transactions may significantly increase the fund's portfolio turnover rate. A TBA transaction is a method of trading mortgage-backed securities where the buyer and seller agree upon general trade parameters such as agency, settlement date, par amount, and price at the time the contract is entered into but the mortgage-backed securities are delivered in the future, generally 30 days later.
- **Illiquid Investments Risk** — The fund may invest up to an aggregate amount of 15% of its net assets in illiquid investments. An illiquid investment is any investment that the fund reasonably expects cannot be sold or disposed of in current market conditions in seven calendar days or less without the sale or disposition significantly changing the market value of the investment. The fund's illiquid investments may reduce the returns of the fund because it may be difficult to sell the illiquid investments at an advantageous time or price. An investment may be illiquid due to, among other things, the reduced number and capacity of traditional market participants to make a market in fixed-income securities or the lack of an active trading market. To the extent that the fund's principal investment strategies involve derivatives or securities with substantial market and/or credit risk, the fund will tend to have the greatest exposure to the risks associated with illiquid investments. Liquid investments may become illiquid after purchase by the fund, particularly during periods of market turmoil. Illiquid investments may be harder to value, especially in changing markets, and if the fund is forced to sell these investments to meet redemption requests or for other cash needs, the fund may suffer a loss. This may be magnified in a rising interest rate environment or other circumstances where investor redemptions from fixed-income mutual funds may be higher than normal. In addition, when there is illiquidity in the market for certain securities, the fund, due to limitations on illiquid investments, may be subject to purchase and sale restrictions.
- **Junk Bonds Risk** — Although junk bonds generally pay higher rates of interest than investment grade bonds, junk bonds are high risk investments that are considered speculative and may cause income and principal losses for the fund.
- **Leverage Risk** — Some transactions may give rise to a form of economic leverage. These transactions may include, among others, derivatives, and may expose the fund to greater risk and increase its costs. The use of leverage may cause the fund to liquidate portfolio positions when it may not be advantageous to do so to satisfy its obligations or to meet any required asset segregation requirements. Increases and decreases in the value of the fund's portfolio will be magnified when the fund uses leverage.
- **Market Risk and Selection Risk** — Market risk is the risk that one or more markets in which the fund invests will go down in value, including the possibility that the markets will go down sharply and unpredictably. The value of a security or other asset may decline due to changes in general market conditions, economic trends or events that are

not specifically related to the issuer of the security or other asset, or factors that affect a particular issuer or issuers, exchange, country, group of countries, region, market, industry, group of industries, sector or asset class. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues like pandemics or epidemics, recessions, or other events could have a significant impact on the fund and its investments. Selection risk is the risk that the securities selected by fund management will underperform the markets, the relevant indices or the securities selected by other funds with similar investment objectives and investment strategies. This means you may lose money.

A recent outbreak of an infectious coronavirus has developed into a global pandemic that has resulted in numerous disruptions in the market and has had significant economic impact leaving general concern and uncertainty. The impact of this coronavirus, and other epidemics and pandemics that may arise in the future, could affect the economies of many nations, individual companies and the market in general ways that cannot necessarily be foreseen at the present time.

- **Mezzanine Securities Risk** — Mezzanine securities carry the risk that the issuer will not be able to meet its obligations and that the equity securities purchased with the mezzanine investments may lose value.
- **Mortgage- and Asset-Backed Securities Risks** — Mortgage- and asset-backed securities represent interests in “pools” of mortgages or other assets, including consumer loans or receivables held in trust. Mortgage- and asset-backed securities are subject to credit, interest rate, prepayment and extension risks. These securities also are subject to risk of default on the underlying mortgage or asset, particularly during periods of economic downturn. Small movements in interest rates (both increases and decreases) may quickly and significantly reduce the value of certain mortgage-backed securities.
- **Preferred Securities Risk** — Preferred securities may pay fixed or adjustable rates of return. Preferred securities are subject to issuer-specific and market risks applicable generally to equity securities. In addition, a company’s preferred securities generally pay dividends only after the company makes required payments to holders of its bonds and other debt. For this reason, the value of preferred securities will usually react more strongly than bonds and other debt to actual or perceived changes in the company’s financial condition or prospects. Preferred securities of smaller companies may be more vulnerable to adverse developments than preferred securities of larger companies.
- **Repurchase Agreements and Purchase and Sale Contracts Risk** — If the other party to a repurchase agreement or purchase and sale contract defaults on its obligation under the agreement, the fund may suffer delays and incur costs or lose money in exercising its rights under the agreement. If the seller fails to repurchase the security in either situation and the market value of the security declines, the fund may lose money.
- **Reverse Repurchase Agreements Risk** — Reverse repurchase agreements involve the sale of securities held by the fund with an agreement to repurchase the securities at an agreed-upon price, date and interest payment. Reverse repurchase agreements involve the risk that the other party may fail to return the securities in a timely manner or at all. The fund could lose money if it is unable to recover the securities and the value of the collateral held by the fund, including the value of the investments made with cash collateral, is less than the value of the securities. These events could also trigger adverse tax consequences for the fund. In addition, reverse repurchase agreements involve the risk that the interest income earned in the investment of the proceeds will be less than the interest expense.

Fees & Expenses <i>(Based on the prospectus dated January 28, 2021)</i>	
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses <i>expenses deducted from fund’s assets</i>	0.62%

AB Global Bond Fund (Ticker: ANAZX)

Investment Objective

The fund’s investment objective is to generate current income consistent with preservation of capital.

Principal Strategies

The fund invests, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of its net assets in fixed-income securities. Under normal market conditions, the fund invests significantly in fixed-income securities of non-U.S. companies. In addition, the fund invests, under normal circumstances, in the fixed-income securities of companies located in at least three countries. The fund may invest in a broad range of fixed-income securities in both developed and emerging markets. The fund may invest across all fixed-income sectors, including U.S. and non-U.S. Government and corporate debt securities. The fund’s investments may be denominated in local currency or U.S. Dollar-denominated. The fund may invest in debt securities with a range of maturities from short- to long-term. The fund may use borrowings or other leverage for investment purposes.

The adviser selects securities for purchase or sale based on its assessment of the securities’ risk and return characteristics as well as the securities’ impact on the overall risk and return characteristics of the Fund. In making this assessment, the Adviser takes into account various factors, including the credit quality and sensitivity to interest rates of the securities under consideration and of the Fund’s other holdings.

The adviser actively manages the fund's assets in relation to market conditions and general economic conditions and adjusts the fund's investments in an effort to best enable the fund to achieve its investment objective. Thus, the percentage of the fund's assets invested in a particular country or denominated in a particular currency will vary in accordance with the adviser's assessment of the relative yield and appreciation potential of such securities and the relationship of the country's currency to the U.S. Dollar. Under normal circumstances, the fund invests at least 75% of its net assets in fixed-income securities rated investment grade at the time of investment and may invest up to 25% of its net assets in below investment grade fixed-income securities (commonly known as "junk bonds"). The fund may invest in mortgage-related and other asset-backed securities, loan participations and assignments, inflation-indexed securities, structured securities, variable, floating, and inverse floating-rate instruments and preferred stock, and may use other investment techniques. The fund intends, among other things, to enter into transactions such as reverse repurchase agreements and dollar rolls. The fund may invest, without limit, in derivatives, such as options, futures contracts, forwards, or swaps.

Principal Risks

- **Market Risk:** The value of the fund's assets will fluctuate as the stock or bond market fluctuates. The value of its investments may decline, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably, simply because of economic changes or other events, including public health crises (including the occurrence of a contagious disease or illness), that affect large portions of the market.
- **Interest Rate Risk:** Changes in interest rates will affect the value of investments in fixed-income securities. When interest rates rise, the value of existing investments in fixed-income securities tends to fall and this decrease in value may not be offset by higher income from new investments. Interest rate risk is generally greater for fixed-income securities with longer maturities or durations. Very low or negative interest rates would likely magnify the risks associated with changes in interest rates. During periods of very low or negative rates, the Portfolio's returns would likely be adversely affected.
- **Credit Risk:** An issuer or guarantor of a fixed-income security, or the counterparty to a derivatives or other contract, may be unable or unwilling to make timely payments of interest or principal, or to otherwise honor its obligations. The issuer or guarantor may default, causing a loss of the full principal amount of a security and accrued interest. The degree of risk for a particular security may be reflected in its credit rating. There is the possibility that the credit rating of a fixed-income security may be downgraded after purchase, which may adversely affect the value of the security.
- **Below Investment Grade Securities Risk:** Investments in fixed-income securities with lower ratings (commonly known as "junk bonds") are subject to a higher probability that an issuer will default or fail to meet its payment obligations. These securities may be subject to greater price volatility due to such factors as specific corporate developments and negative perceptions of the junk bond market generally and may be more difficult to trade than other types of securities.
- **Duration Risk:** Duration is a measure that relates the expected price volatility of a fixed-income security to changes in interest rates. The duration of a fixed-income security may be shorter than or equal to full maturity of a fixed-income security. Fixed-income securities with longer durations have more risk and will decrease in price as interest rates rise.
- **Inflation Risk:** This is the risk that the value of assets or income from investments will be less in the future as inflation decreases the value of money. As inflation increases, the value of the fund's assets can decline as can the value of the fund's distributions. This risk is significantly greater for fixed-income securities with longer maturities.
- **Foreign (Non-U.S.) Risk:** Investments in securities of non-U.S. issuers may involve more risk than those of U.S. issuers. These securities may fluctuate more widely in price and may be more difficult to trade due to adverse market, economic, political, regulatory or other factors.
- **Emerging Market Risk:** Investments in emerging market countries may have more risk because the markets are less developed and less liquid as well as being subject to increased economic, political, regulatory or other uncertainties.
- **Currency Risk:** Fluctuations in currency exchange rates may negatively affect the value of the fund's investments or reduce its returns.
- **Mortgage-Related and/or Other Asset-Backed Securities Risk:** Investments in mortgage-related and other asset-backed securities are subject to certain additional risks. The value of these securities may be particularly sensitive to changes in interest rates. These risks include "extension risk", which is the risk that, in periods of rising interest rates, issuers may delay the payment of principal, and "prepayment risk", which is the risk that in periods of falling interest rates, issuers may pay principal sooner than expected, exposing the Fund to a lower rate of return upon reinvestment of principal. Mortgage-backed securities offered by non-governmental issuers and other asset-backed securities may be subject to other risks, such as higher rates of default in the mortgages or assets backing the securities or risks associated with the nature and servicing of mortgages or assets backing the securities.

- **Leverage Risk:** To the extent the fund uses leveraging techniques, its net asset value, or NAV, may be more volatile because leverage tends to exaggerate the effect of changes in interest rates and any increase or decrease in the value of the fund's investments.
- **Derivatives Risk:** Derivatives may be difficult to price or unwind and leveraged so that small changes may produce disproportionate losses for the fund. Derivatives, especially over-the-counter derivatives, are also subject to counterparty risk.
- **Illiquid Investments Risk:** Illiquid investments risk exists when certain investments become difficult to purchase or sell. Difficulty in selling such investments may result in sales at disadvantageous prices affecting the value of your investment in the fund. Causes of illiquid investments risk may include low trading volumes, large positions and heavy redemption of fund shares. Foreign fixed-income securities may have more illiquid investments risk because secondary trading markets for these securities may be smaller and less well-developed and the securities may trade less frequently. Illiquid investments risk may be higher in a rising interest rate environment, when the value and liquidity of fixed-income securities generally decline.
- **Active Trading Risk:** The fund expects to engage in active and frequent trading of its portfolio securities and its portfolio turnover rate may greatly exceed 100%. A higher rate of portfolio turnover increases transaction costs, which may negatively affect the fund's return. In addition, a high rate of portfolio turnover may result in substantial short-term gains, which may have adverse tax consequences for fund shareholders.
- **Management Risk:** The fund is subject to management risk because it is an actively-managed investment fund. The Adviser will apply its investment techniques and risk analyses in making investment decisions, but there is no guarantee that its techniques will produce the intended results. Some of these techniques may incorporate, or rely upon, quantitative models, but there is no guarantee that these models will generate accurate forecasts, reduce risk or otherwise perform as expected.

As with all investments, you may lose money by investing in the Fund.

Fees & Expenses <i>(Based on the prospectus dated January 29, 2021)</i>	
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses <i>expenses deducted from fund's assets</i>	0.50%

1ST QUARTER 2021

Final 2020 Tax Reminders

Here are some tax-related reminders as you finalize your 2020 tax filings.

State income tax deduction for 2020 contributions to CollegeCounts¹

- Up to \$5,000 for single filers
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5/29 Day Giveaway

CollegeCounts loves to celebrate “529 Day” on May 29th each year and that tradition will continue in 2021! Alabama parents, grandparents, or legal guardians who have (or will have) a baby born between May 29, 2020 – May 29, 2021, can register with CollegeCounts for a chance to win one of twenty-nine \$529 contributions to a new or existing CollegeCounts account for their Alabama newborn. More details will be coming, so remember to “Like” the CollegeCounts Facebook page (facebook.com/CollegeCounts) to stay informed about how to register beginning on May 29th. Every year we look forward to helping new families get started on their journey to invest for higher education expenses. If you have a newborn in your life who is also an Alabama resident (or you know someone who does), be sure to stay tuned for details about your chance to win a \$529 contribution to kick-start your CollegeCounts account.

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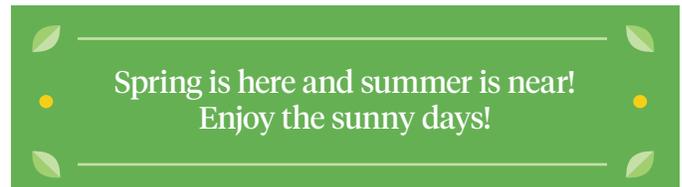
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UPCOMING INVESTMENT OPTION CHANGES

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Spring is here and summer is near! Enjoy the sunny days!

