



# Report Highlights

## Southern University System

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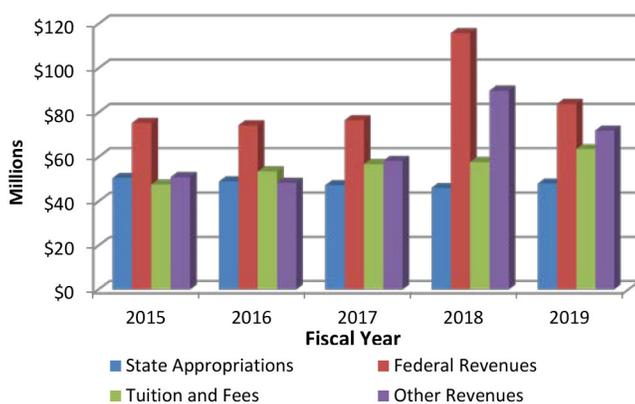
### Why We Conducted This Audit

We conducted a financial statement audit of the Southern University System (System) for the year ended June 30, 2019, as a part of the Single Audit of the State of Louisiana, and to evaluate the System's accountability over public funds for the period July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019.

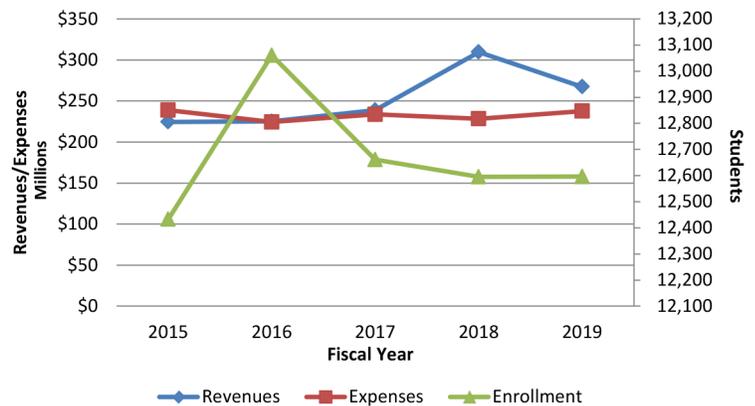
### What We Found

- For the second consecutive year, the System granted its staff inappropriate access to the Banner System Purchasing/Accounts Payable Module, the Payroll/Human Resource Module, and the Student Module, increasing the risk of errors or fraud.
- The System's Internal Audit issued an investigative audit report dated May 7, 2019, that identified issues related to the inappropriate use of leave and errors in processing payroll time and attendance.
- The System's financial statements, as adjusted, are fairly stated.
- As shown in the charts below, total expenses increased by 4.1% for fiscal year 2019, while total revenues decreased by 13.6%. The majority of the decrease in revenues relates to federal revenues and other revenues, which decreased by 27.5% and 20.1%, respectively. The majority of the decrease in federal revenues was due to the cancellation of debt in the prior year. The majority of the decrease in other revenues was due to a reduction in funds for capital projects. Also, while enrollment remained consistent from fiscal year 2018 to fiscal year 2019, tuition and fees increased by 10% due to an increase in fees charged to students.

**Five-year Revenue Trend**



**Fiscal/Enrollment Trends**



**Source:** Fiscal Year 2015-2019 SUS Annual Fiscal Reports, as adjusted, and Board of Regents website