

**Georgia Southern University's Report Card Review
First-Time, Full-Time, Degree-Seeking Freshmen Cohort
Retention Rates by Colleges and Majors
Fall 2004 to Fall 2005**



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Abstract: With review of the Governor's Office of Student Achievement (OSA), Annual Report Card for the University System of Georgia <http://reportcard.gaosa.org/yr2004/usg/reports.asp?TestType=ret> , the Office of Strategic Research and Analysis was asked to extract the most current data showing retention rates for each college and major within Georgia Southern University. It should be noted that as of this report date the web-based 2003-2004 Annual Report Card on the University System of Georgia details information regarding retention rates (Fall 2002 cohort to Fall 2003), while the Georgia Southern University Report Card details information for the most current Fall (Fall 2004 cohort to Fall 2005).

Methodology: For this report, the most current available data were used, i.e. the 2004 – 2005 academic year. The retention rates were determinable using the USG Student Information Reporting System (SIRS) files. The First-Time, Full-Time, Degree-Seeking Freshmen cohort was extracted from the SIRS table for Fall 2004. This cohort was compared against the SIRS table for Fall 2005 to determine enrollment and therefore retention. Pell eligibility status was determined using the USG Financial Aid Report System (FARS) files.

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Introduction

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The following pages of the report represent retention rates of first-time, full-time, degree-seeking University freshmen of the Fall 2004 cohort:

- at the overall University level and between Colleges
- within each College by race/ethnicity, gender, Pell Grant eligibility, and by major

Within the sections noted as Office of the Provost and the College of Science and Technology, there are additional sections that reflect:

- Office of the Provost cohort, excluding Learning Support students
- College of Science and Technology cohort, excluding Engineering Transfers

The report data provide a unique path for individual colleges and departments to view their declared freshmen majors from a retention, fall to fall, perspective. It is important to note that the number of majors correlate to the enrollment data considered official by the USG from Georgia Southern University.

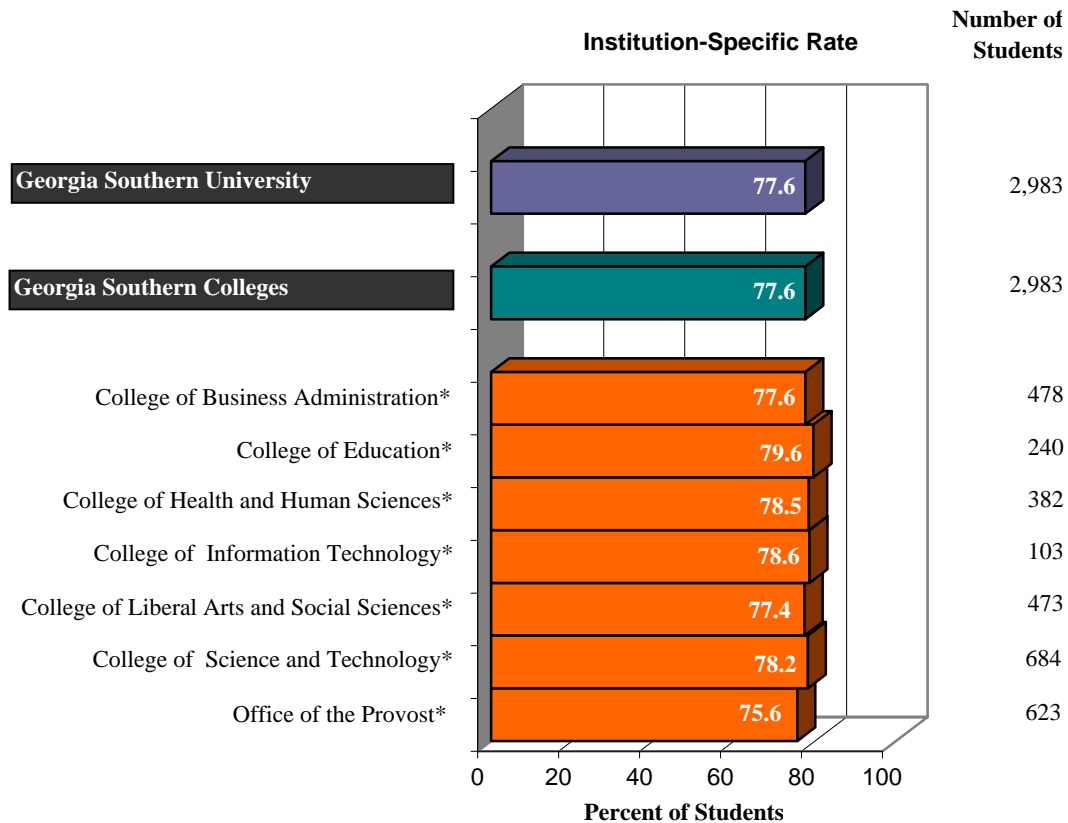
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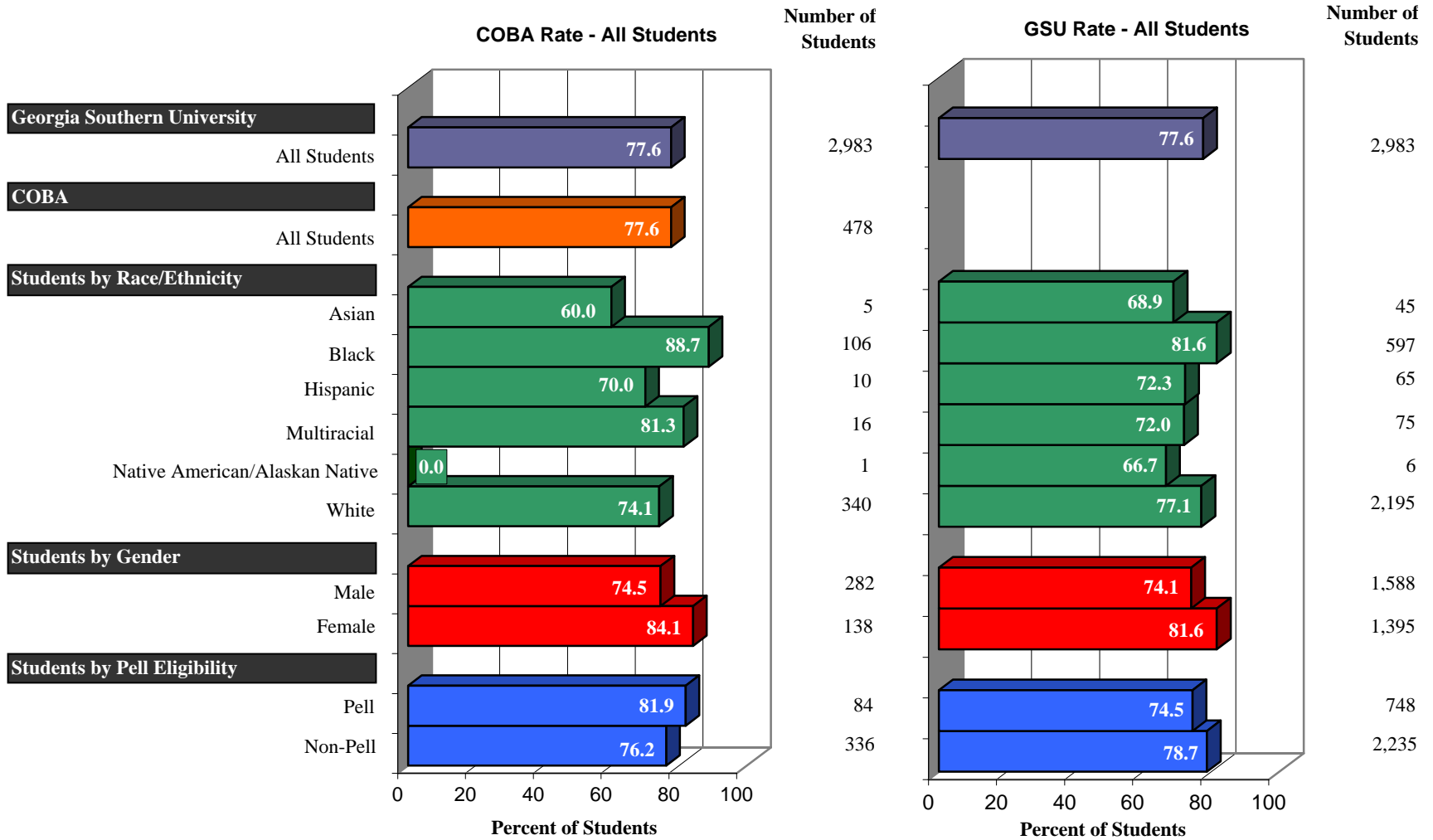
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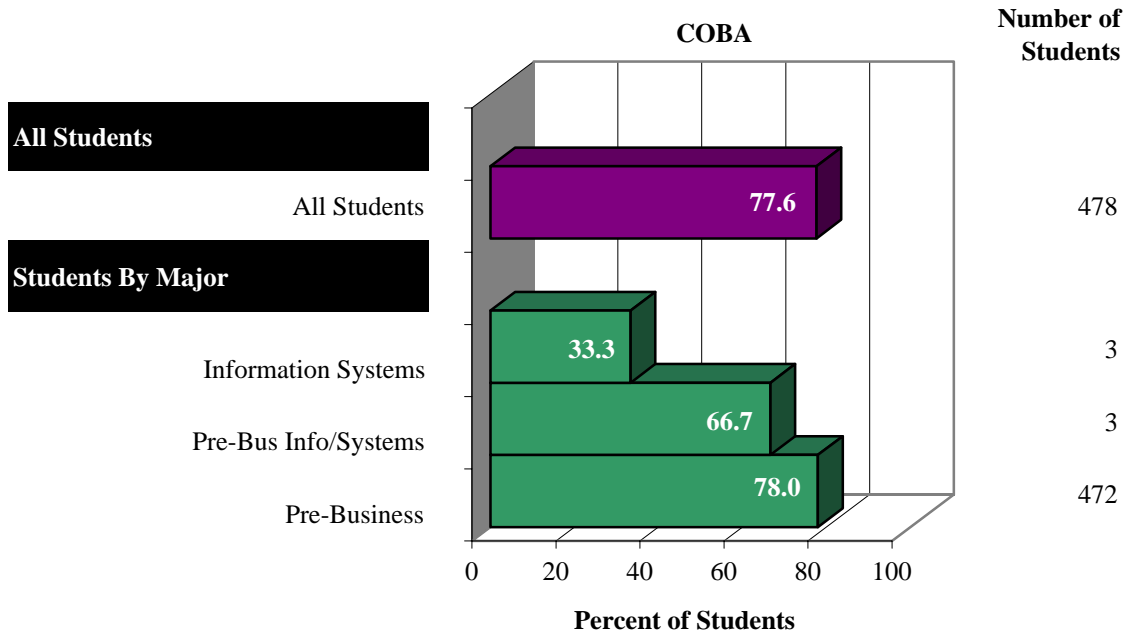
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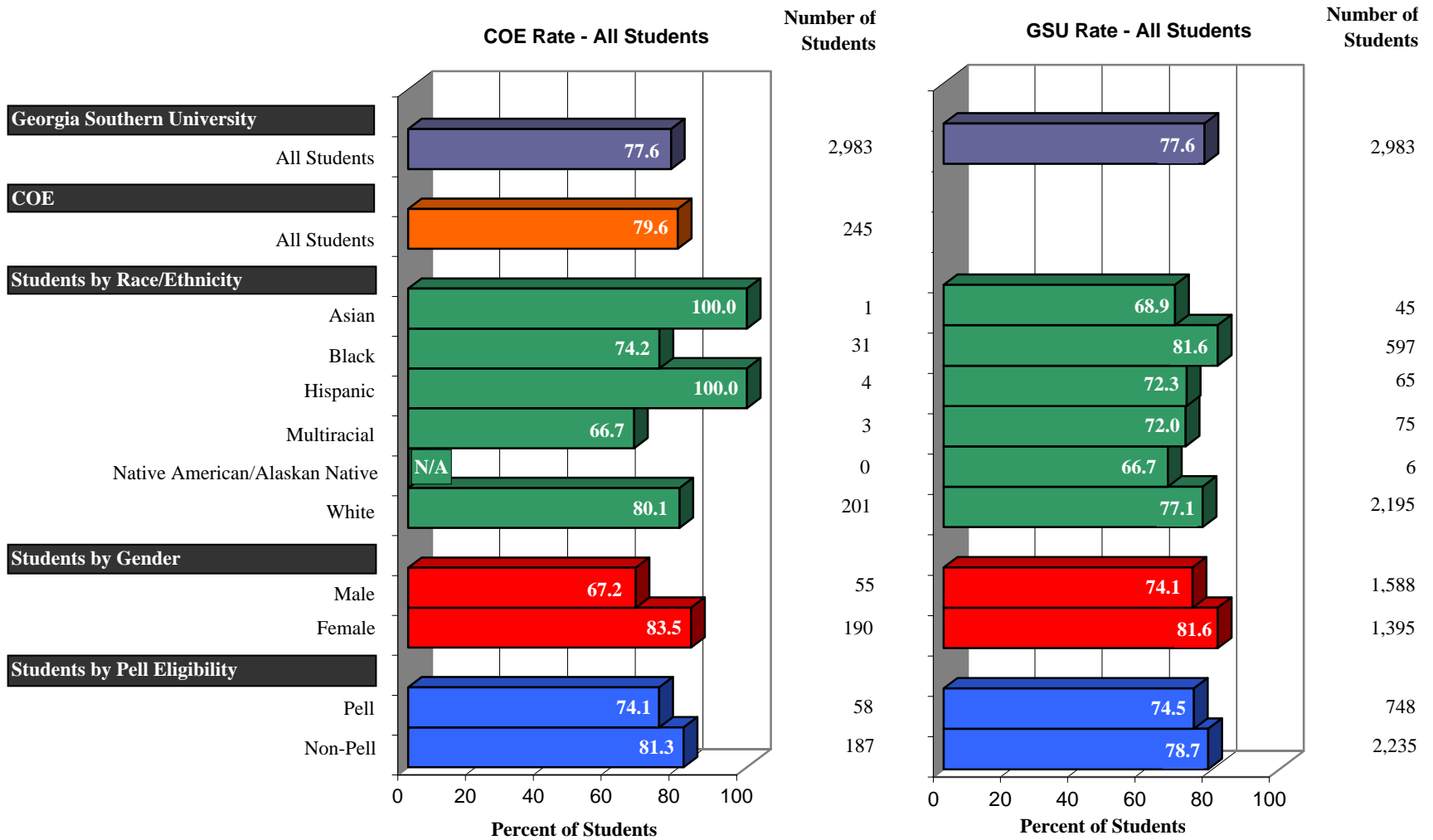


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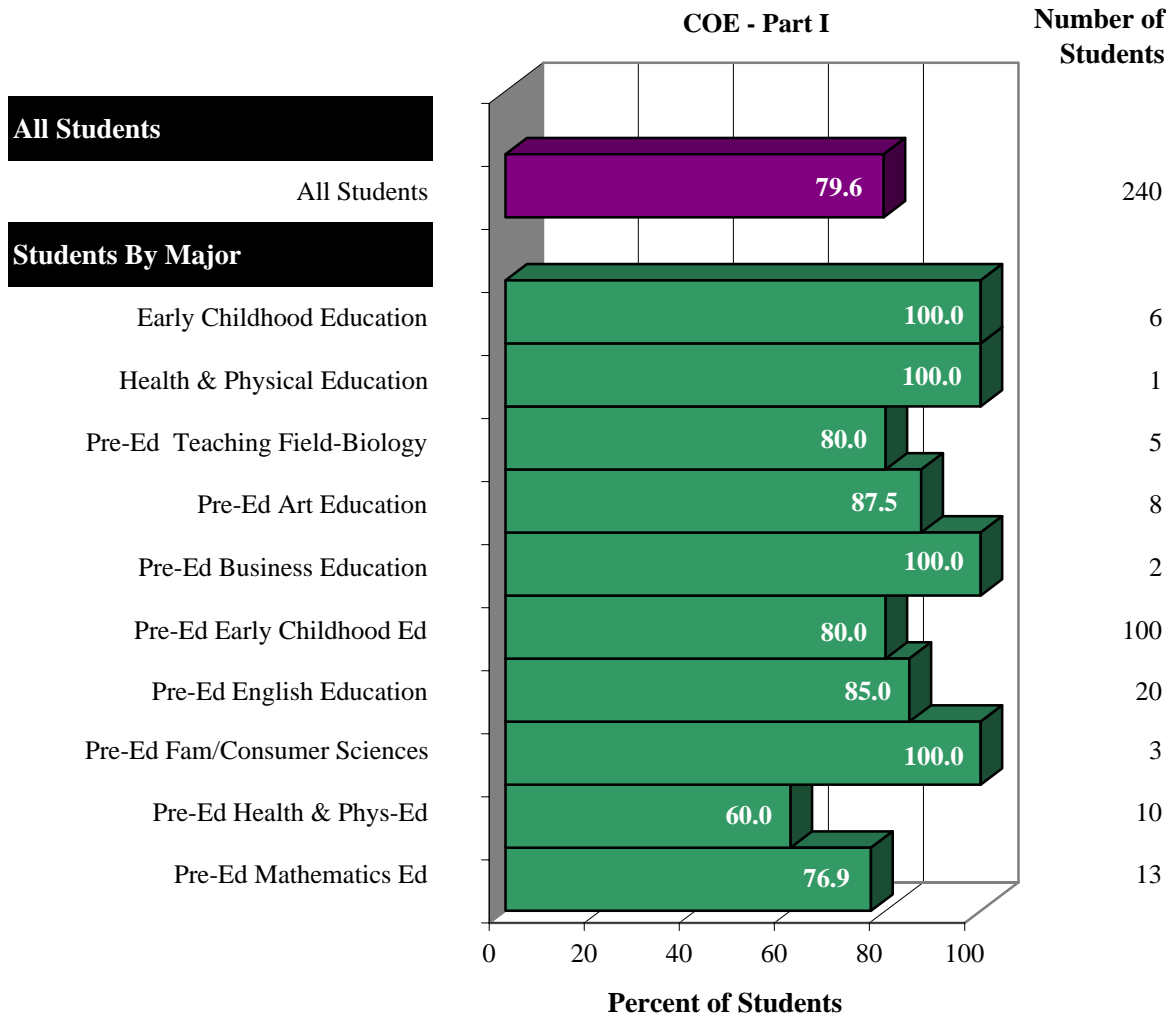


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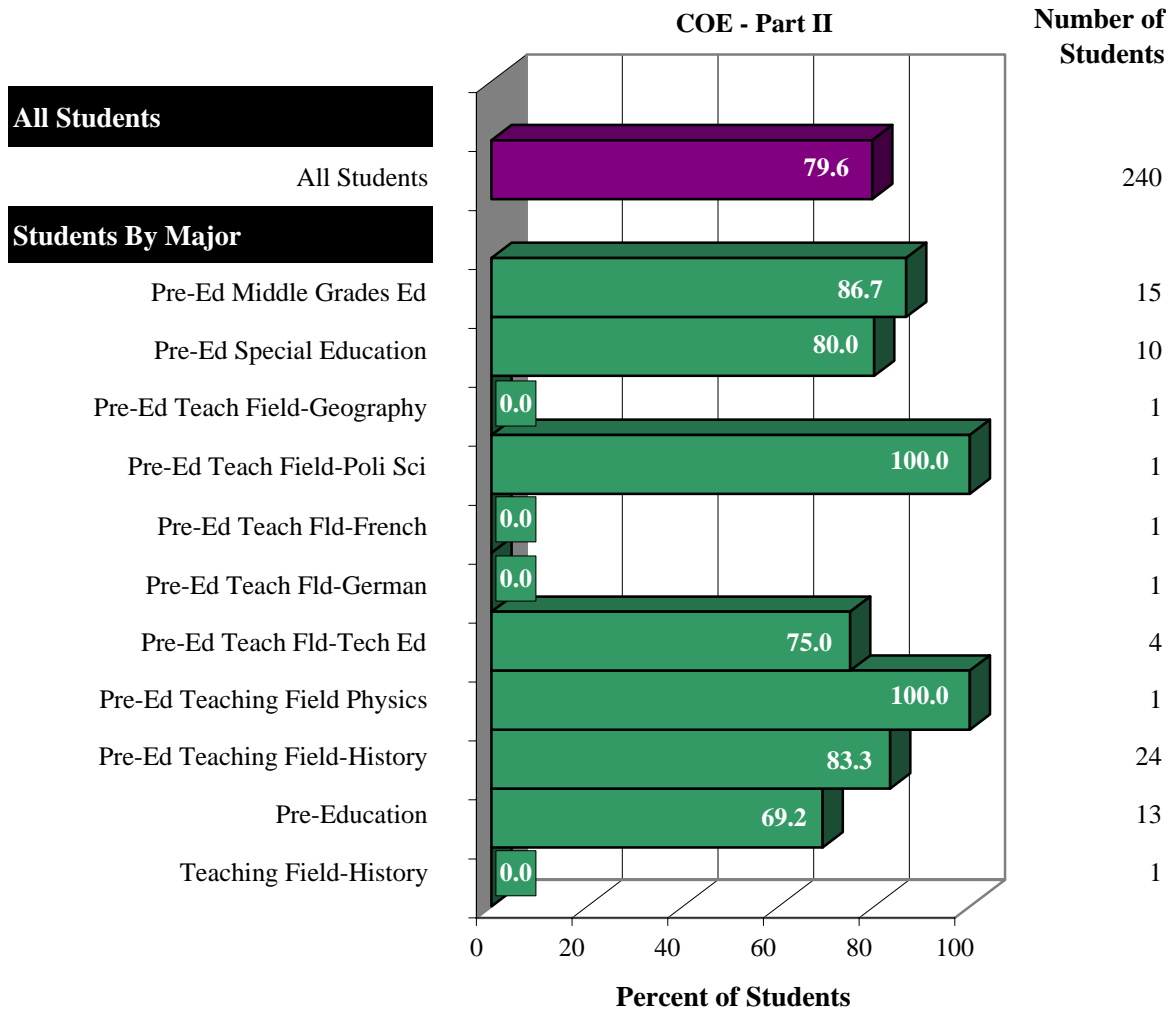


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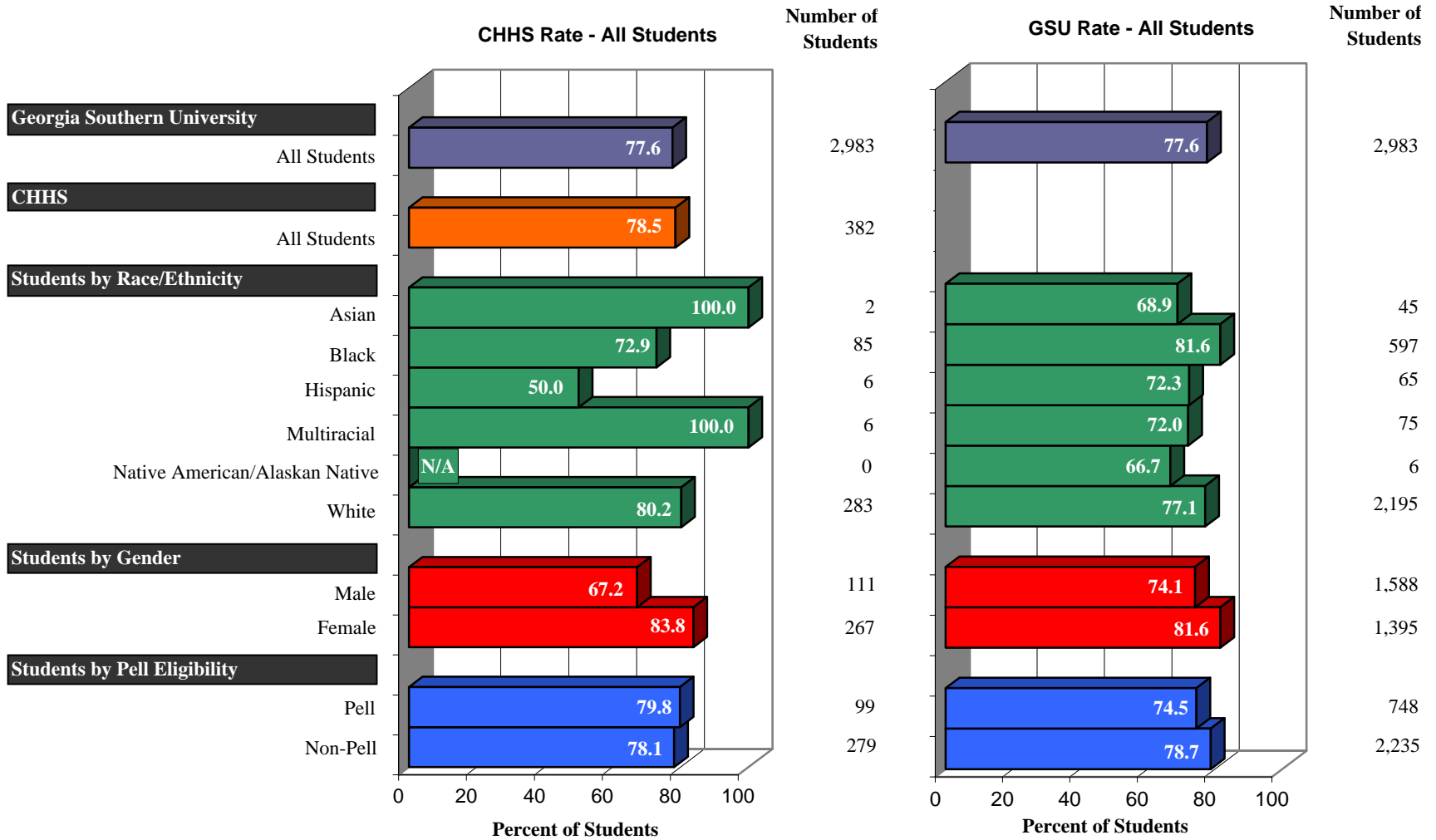
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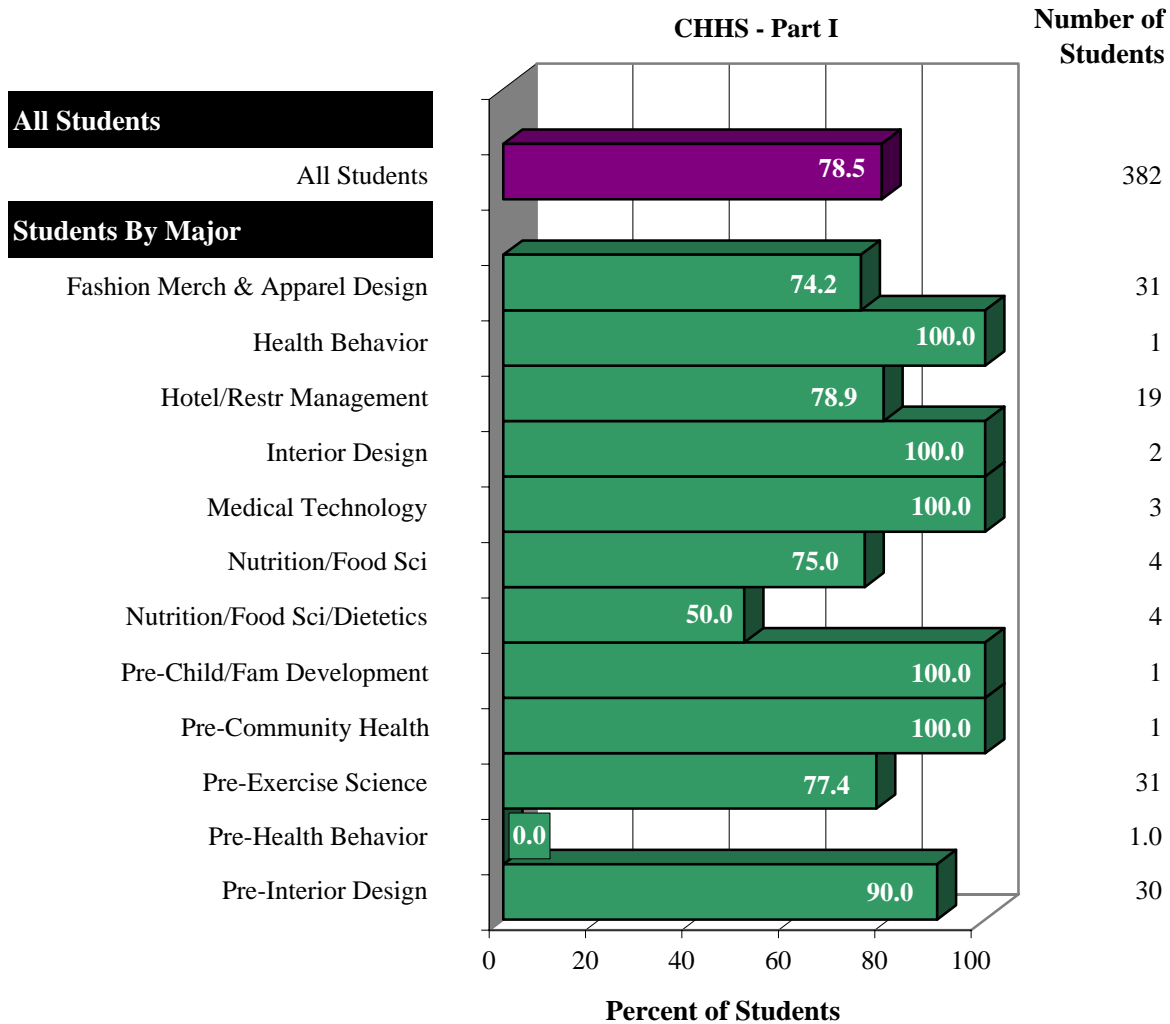


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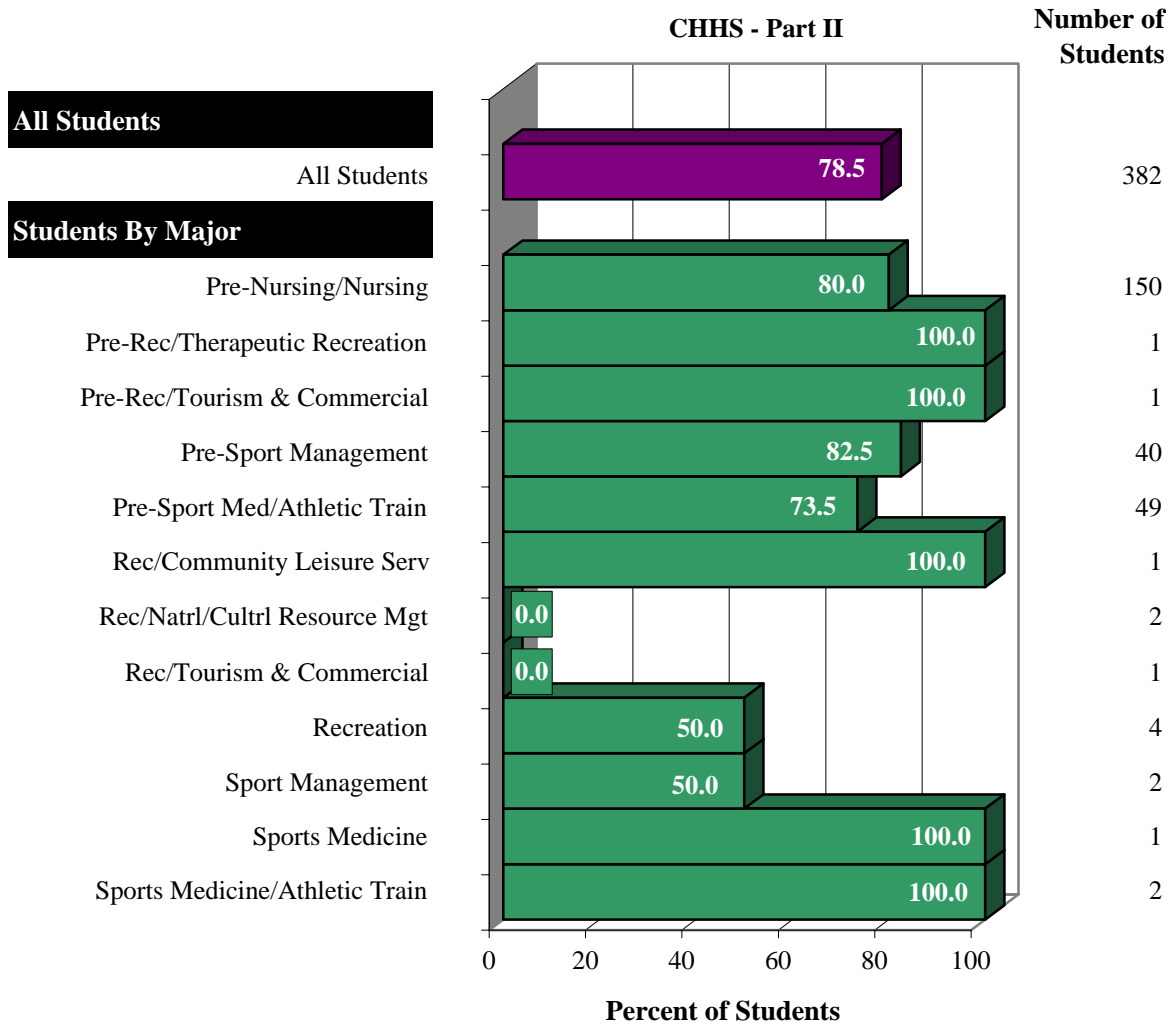


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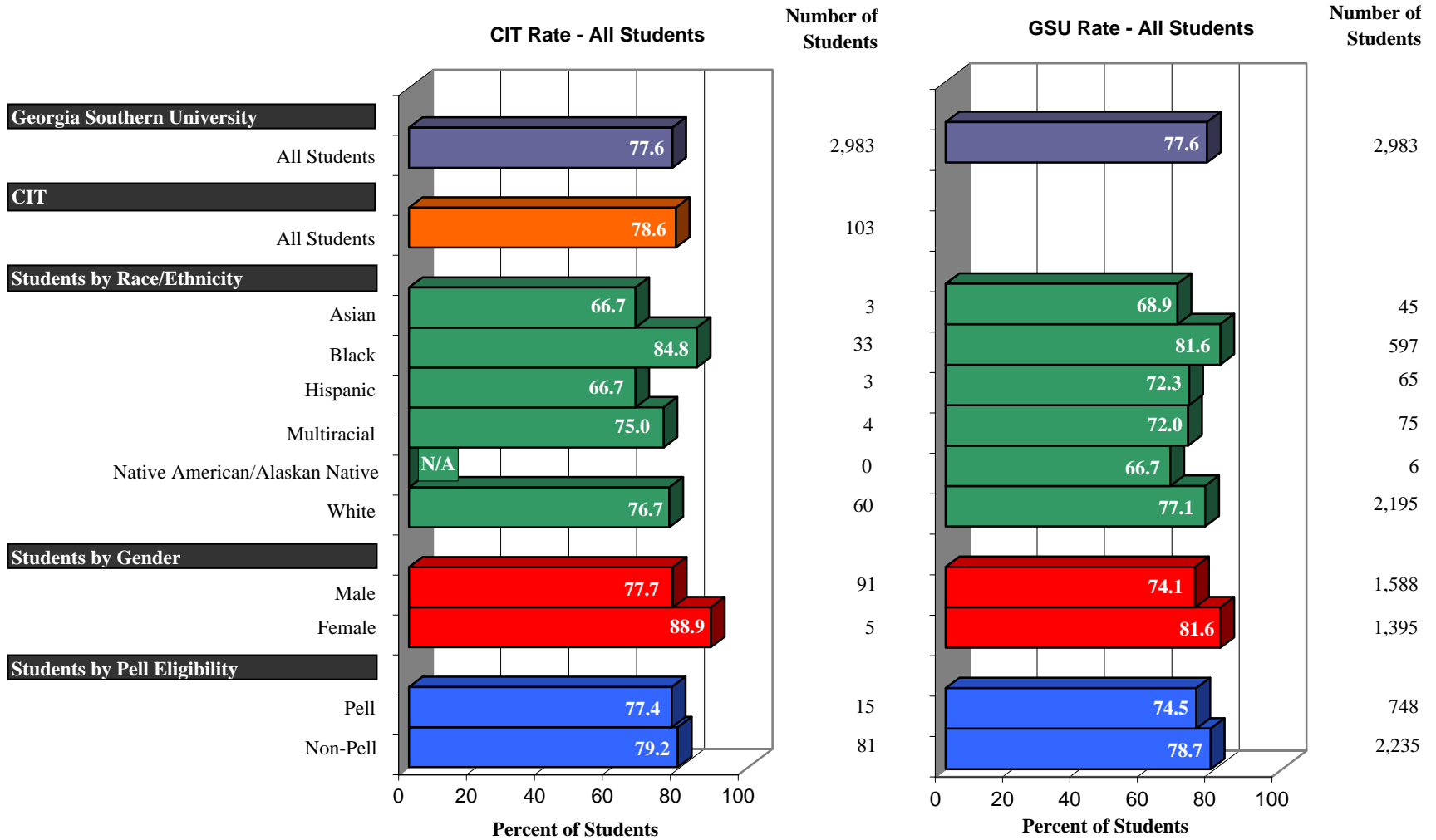
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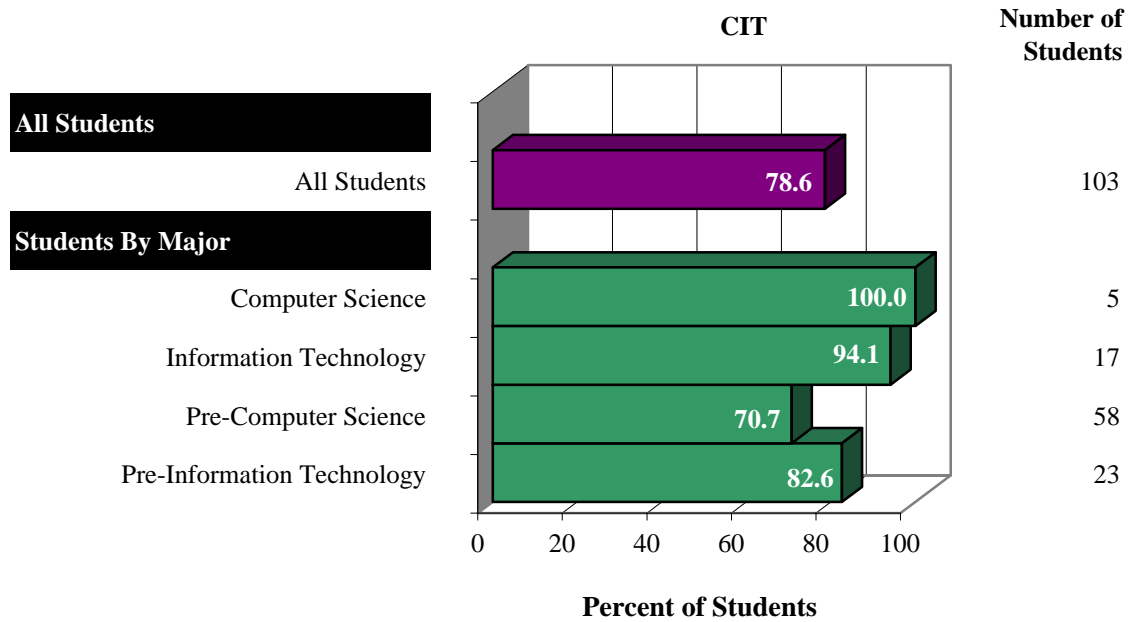


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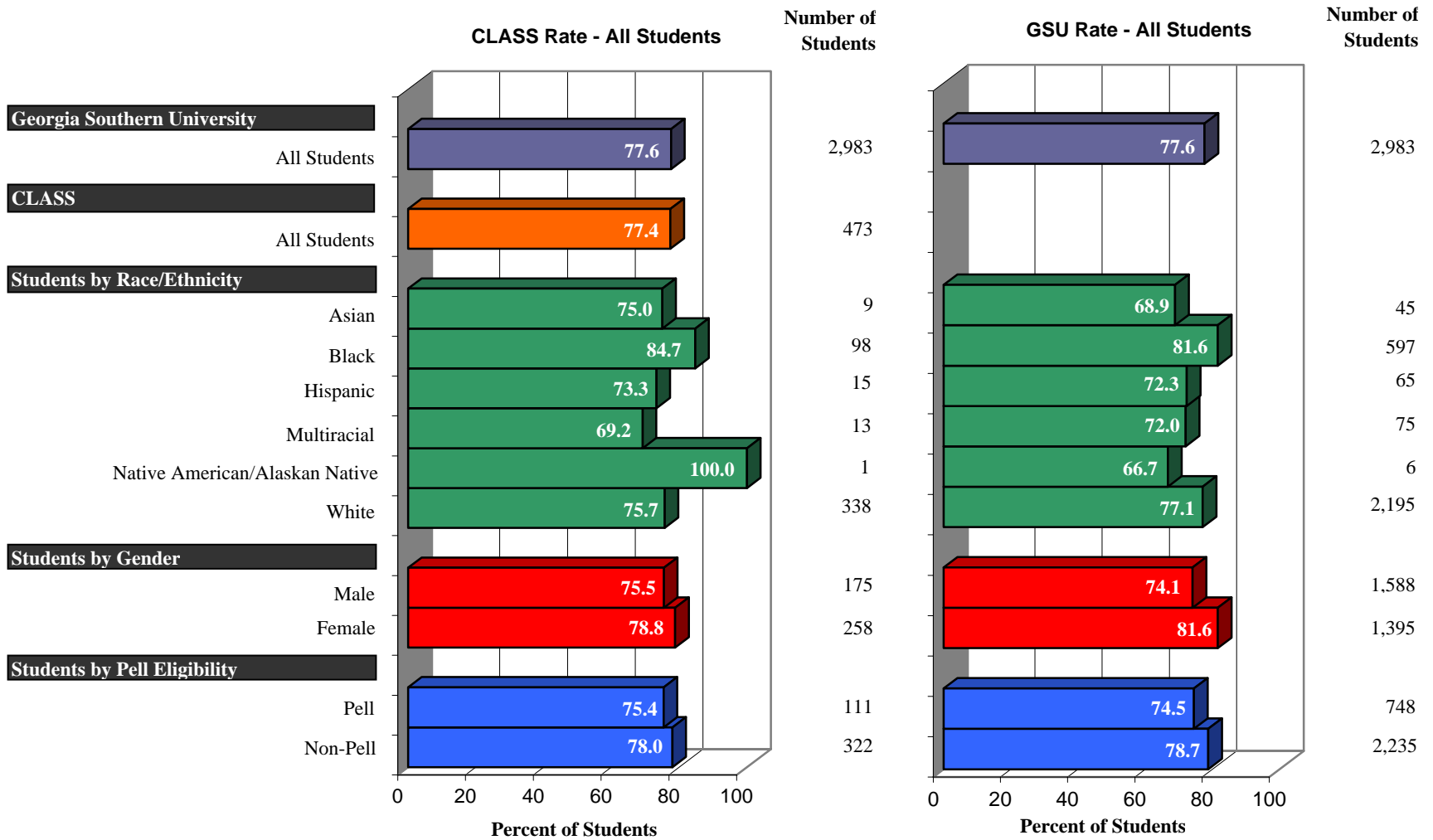


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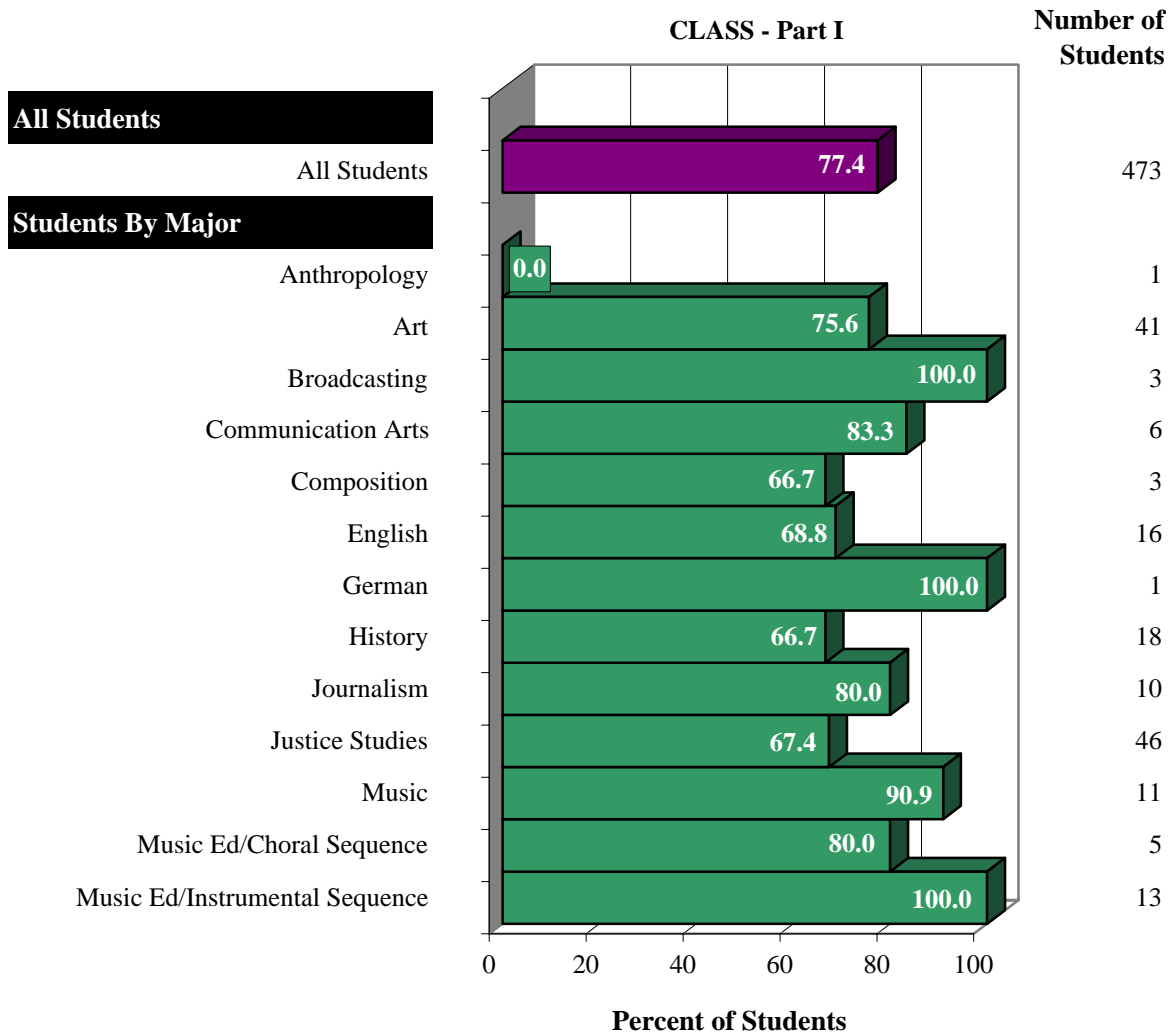


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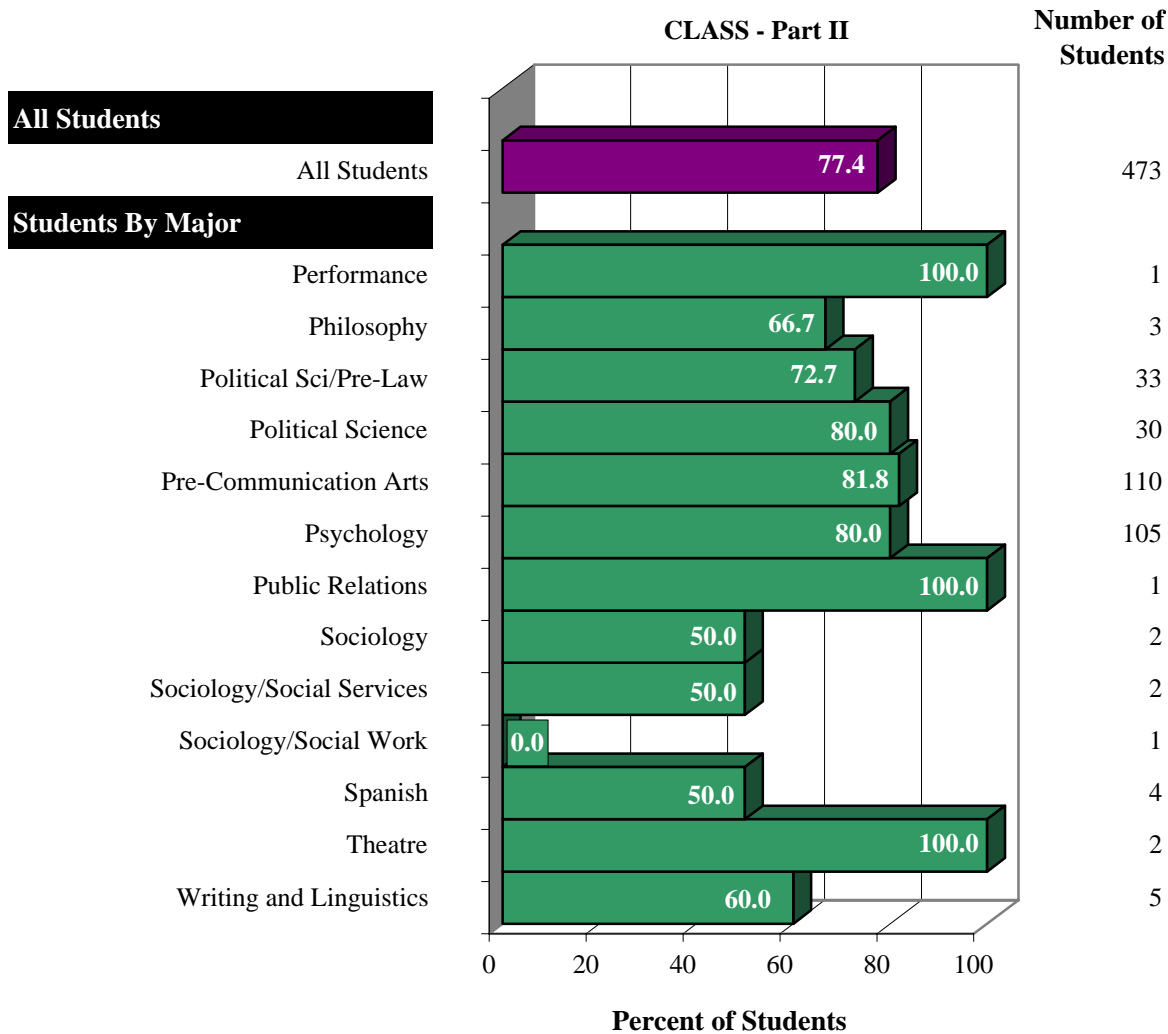


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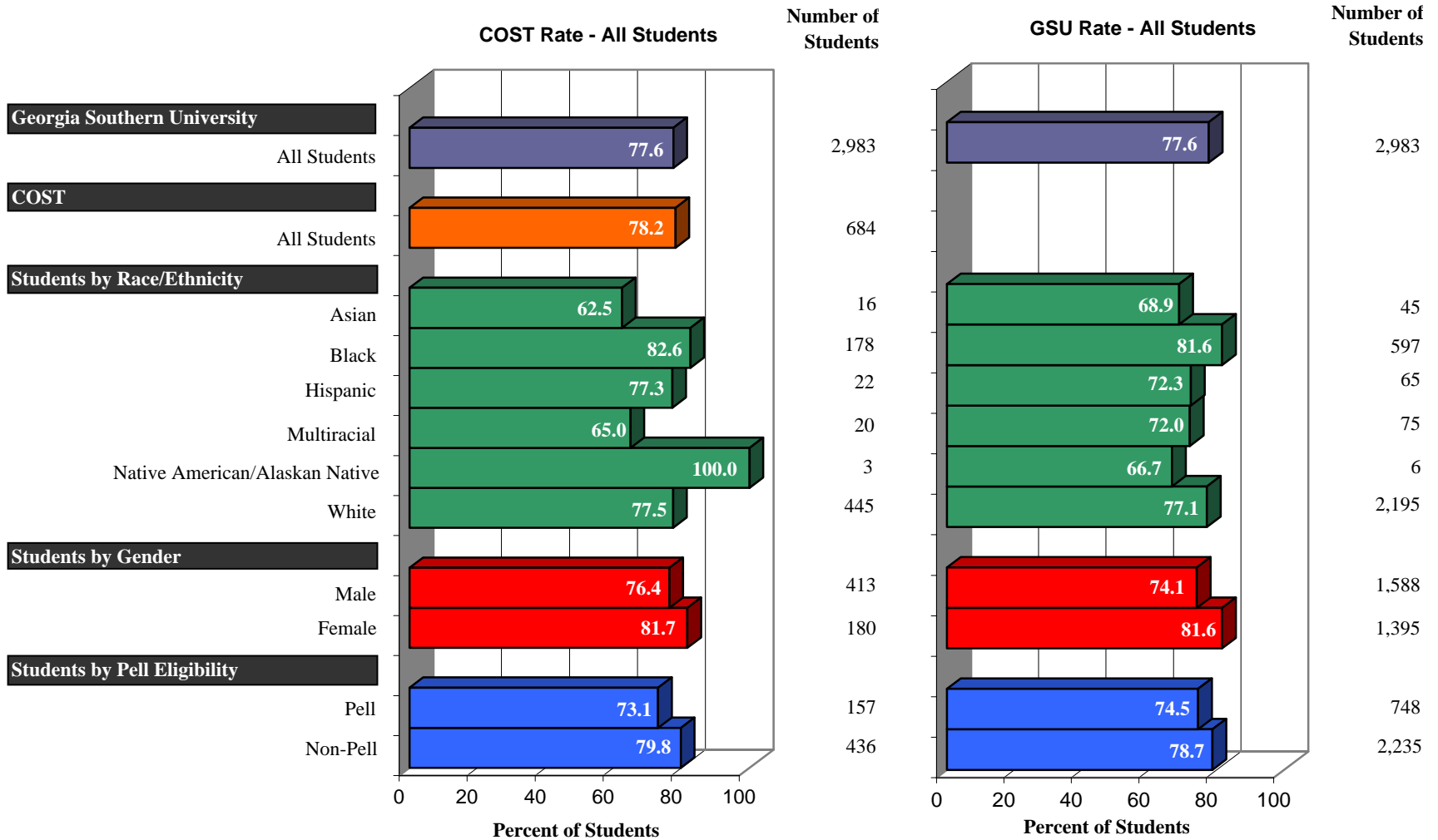
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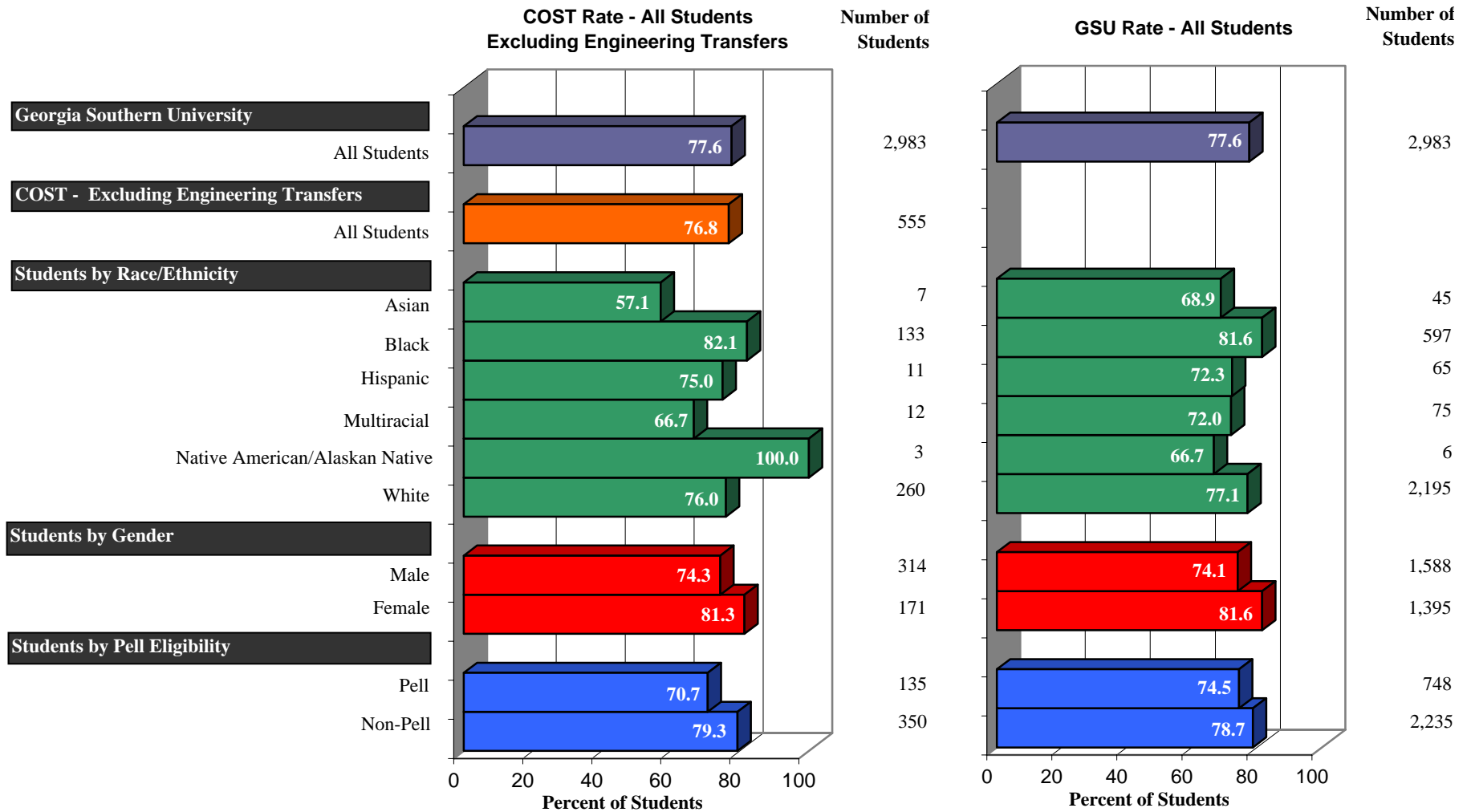


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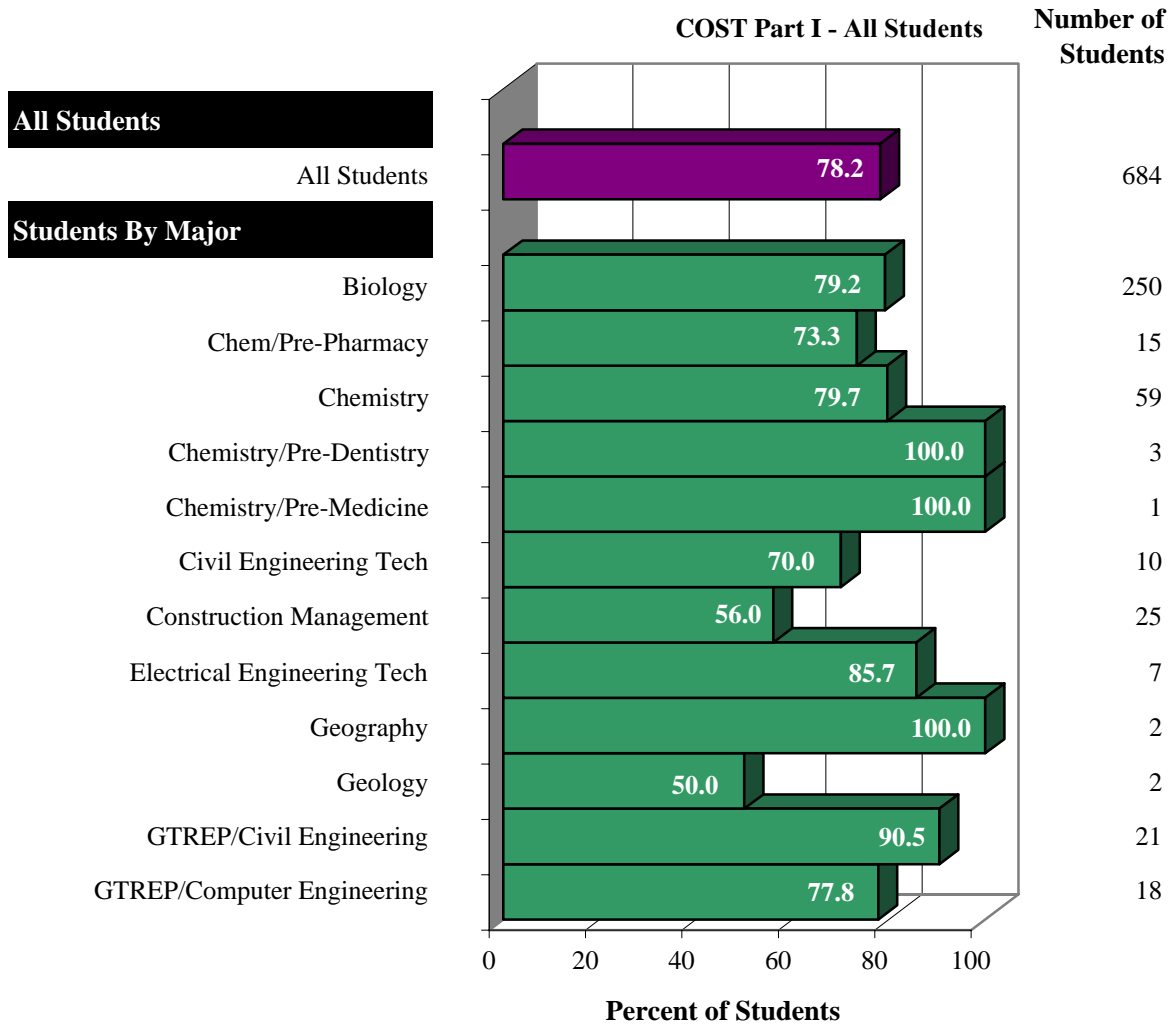
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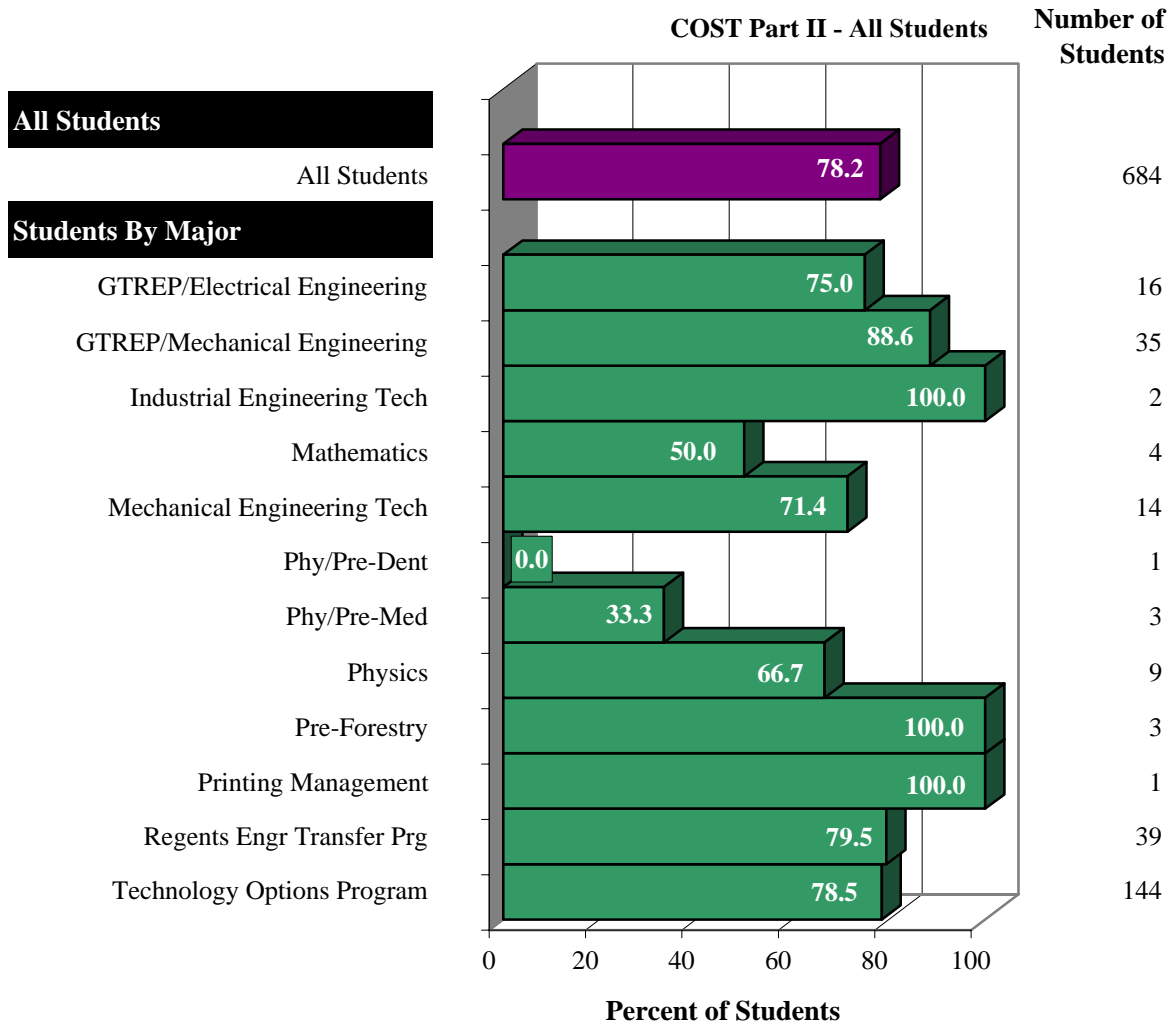


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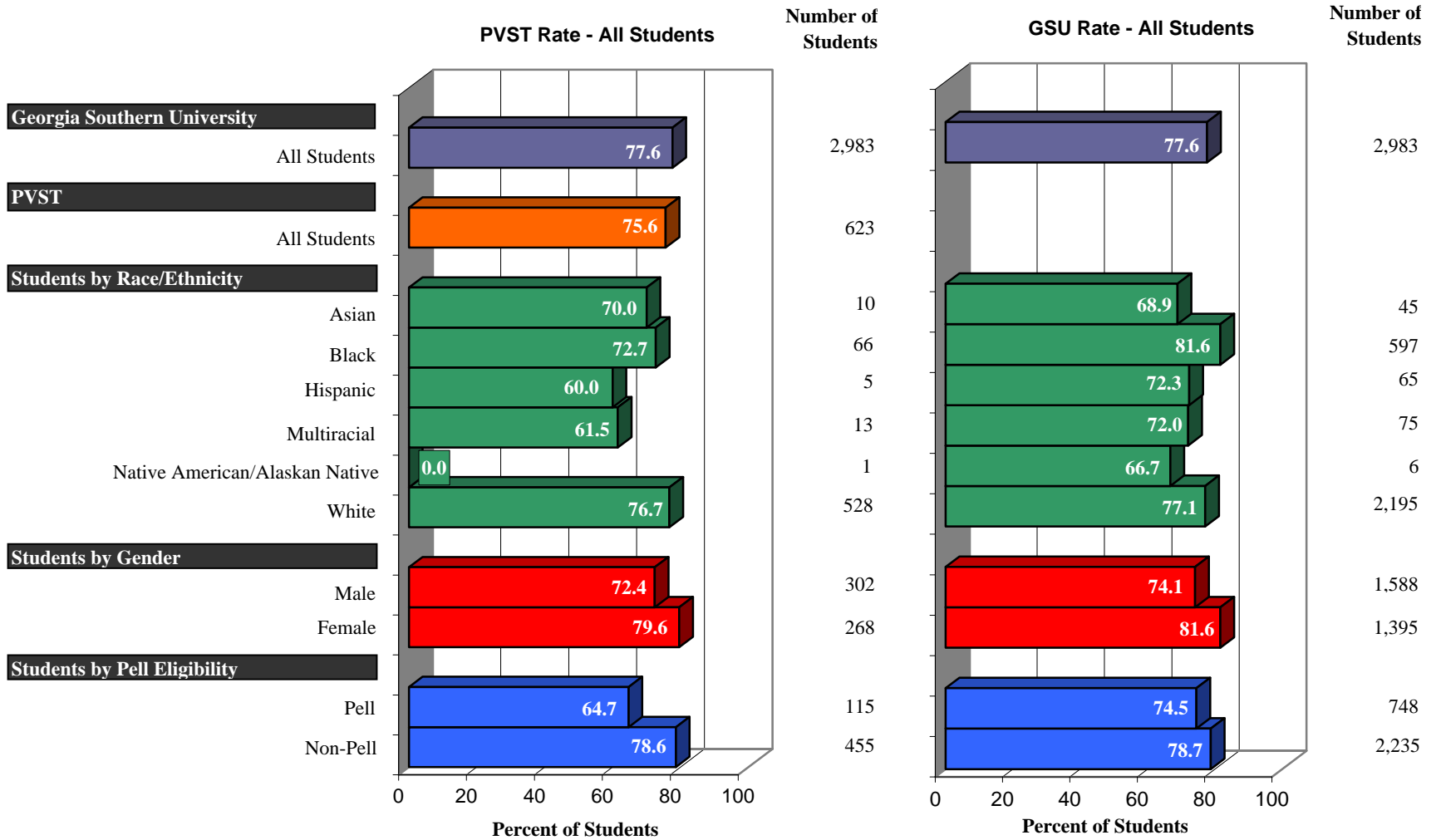
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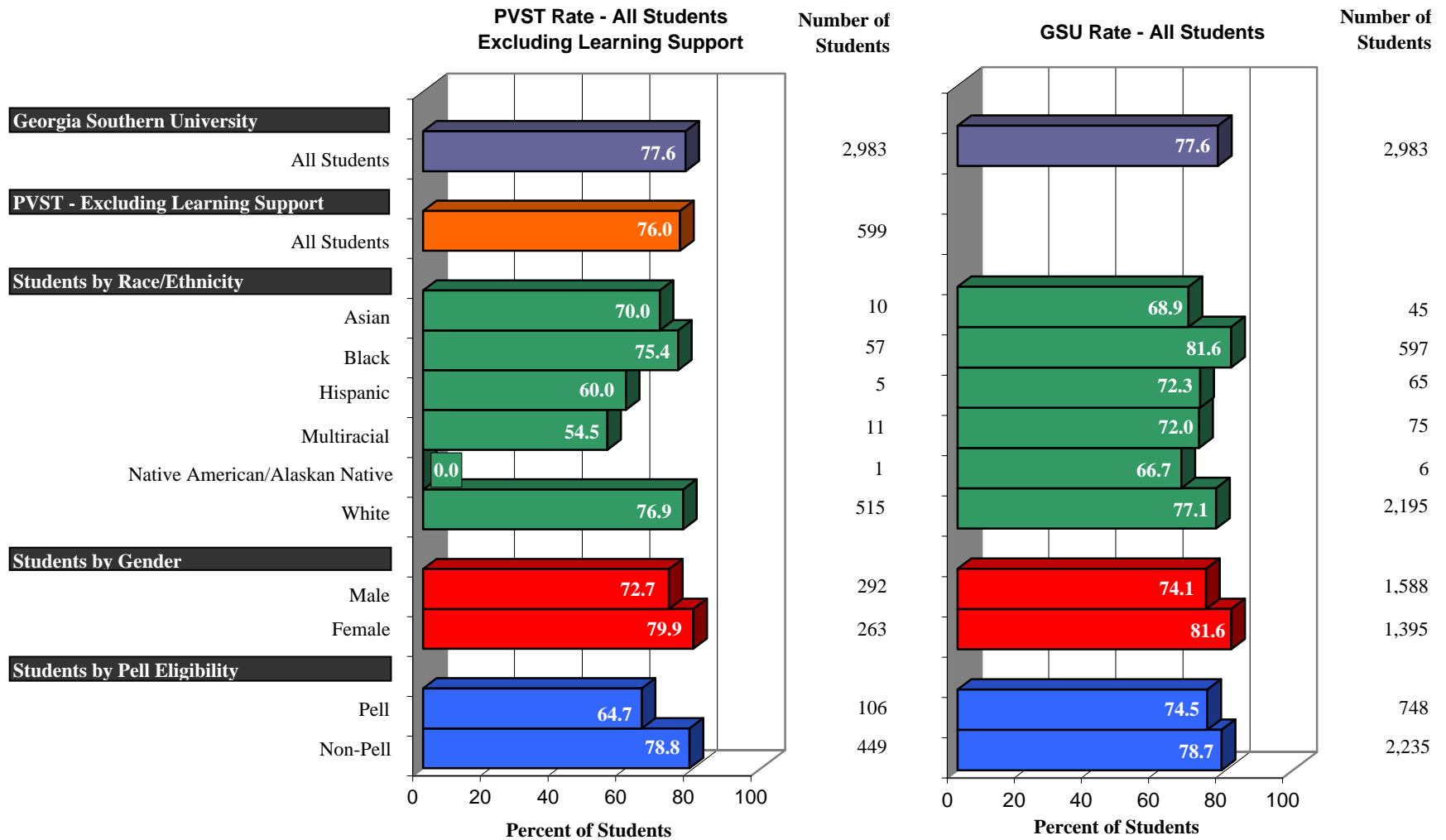


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