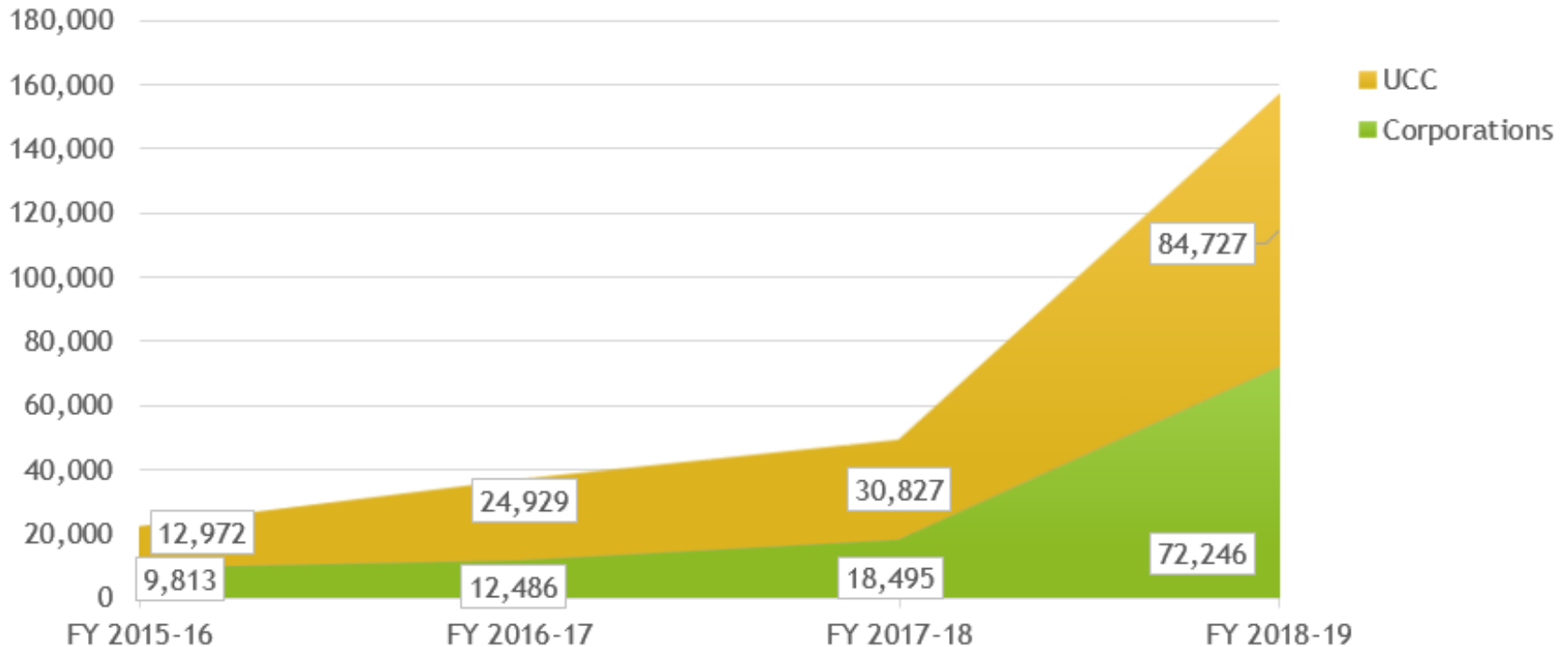


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²⁰ S.C. House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, “Agency Presentation – Business filings, information technology, and administration (December 5, 2019),” under “Committee Postings and Reports,” under “House Legislative Oversight Committee,” under “Secretary of State, Office of the,” and under “Meetings,” <https://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyWebpages/SecretaryofState/SoS%20Presentation%20-%20Business%20Filings%20IT%20and%20Administration%20-%20PDF.pdf> (accessed January 21, 2020), slide 48. Hereinafter “Business Filings Presentation.”