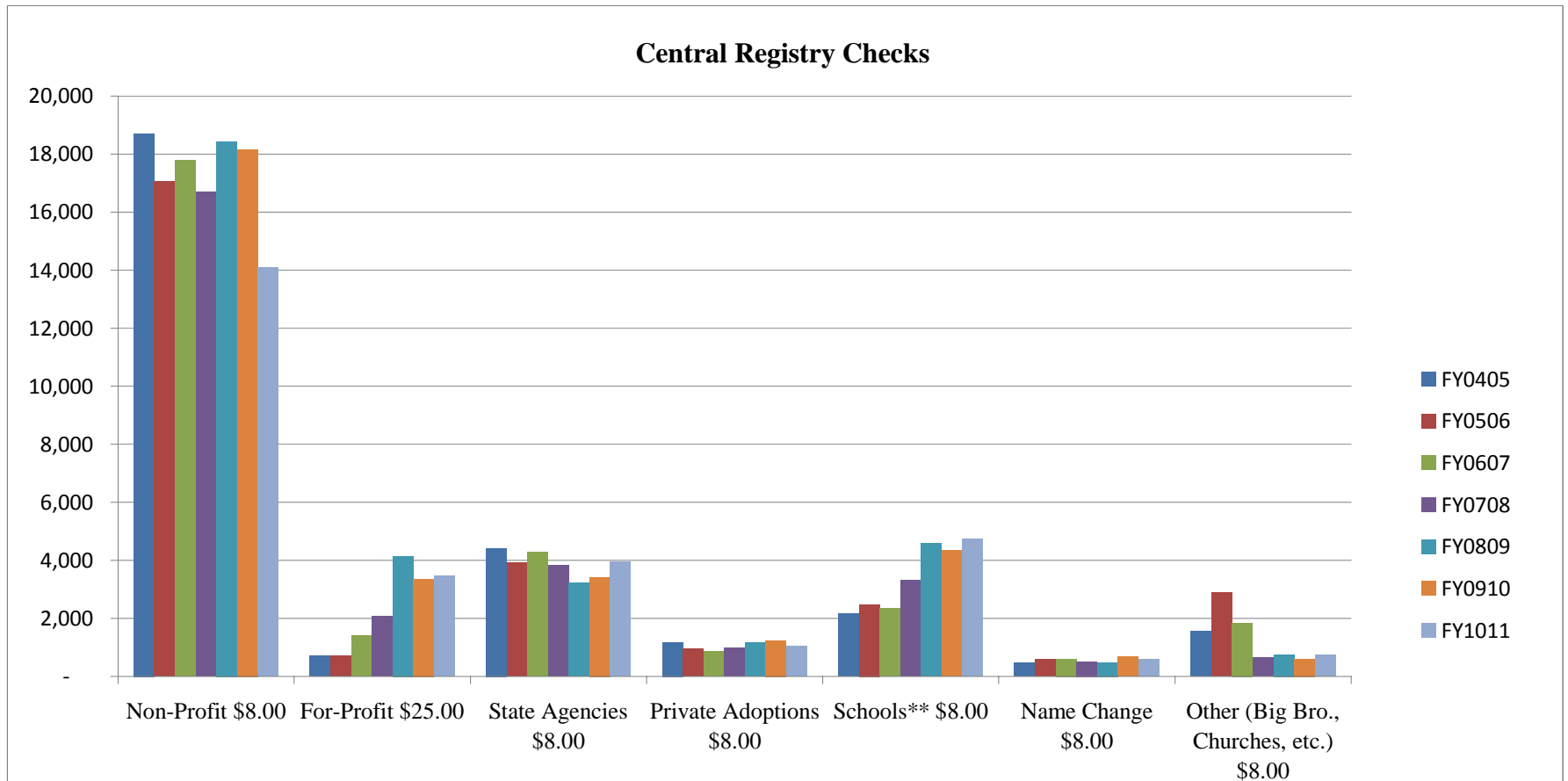


The Central Registry is a statewide database that maintains records of confirmed incidents of abuse and neglect in South Carolina. DSS acts as a clearinghouse for agencies and businesses throughout the state to determine if prospective or current employees have a record of abuse and/or neglect.



* "Non-Profits" includes group homes, child placing agencies, etc. Most are non-profit, although a few are for profit.

** This includes new teachers and volunteers for schools.

*** Began charging fees on September 20, 2004. There was a fee change effective July 1, 2008, per State Budget, Part 1B, Section 26 L04/