
Growth in College Costs

1990-2019

Average Annual Costs¹

School	Tuition & Fees		Room & Board		Total		Average Annual Increase
	1990	2019	1990	2019	1990	2019	
Public 4 Year	\$1,780	\$9,212	\$3,195	\$11,386	\$4,975	\$20,598	\$539
Private 4 Year	\$8,396	\$31,875	\$3,888	\$12,787	\$12,284	\$44,662	\$1,116
Public 2 Year	\$756	\$3,313	\$2,543	\$7,636	\$3,299	\$10,949	\$264
Private 2 Year	\$5,196	\$15,727	\$3,474	\$12,900	\$8,670	\$28,627	\$688

¹ Figures shown are for in-state students. Source: National Center for Educational Statistics, Digest of Education Statistics, Table 330.10, Average undergraduate tuition and fees and room and board rates charged for full-time students in degree-granting postsecondary institutions, by level and control of institution: Selected years, 1963-64 and 2018-19, in current dollars.

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