

## Indicator 24. College Costs

### Average charges for full-time undergraduate students, by type and control of college: 1959–60 to 1994–95

Year	Public 4-year colleges, in state				Private 4-year colleges				2-year colleges	
	Total	Tuition	Room and board	Total as a percent of median family income	Total	Tuition	Room and board	Total as a percent of median family income	Public tuition, in state	Private tuition
<b>Current dollars</b>										
1959–60	\$810	\$200	\$610	15.0	\$1,510	\$791	\$719	27.9	\$74	\$444
1964–65	951	255	696	14.5	1,914	1,095	819	29.1	99	702
1969–70	1,237	357	880	13.1	2,551	1,557	994	27.0	178	1,034
1974–75	1,646	512	1,134	12.8	3,397	2,126	1,271	26.3	277	1,367
1979–80	2,327	738	1,590	11.9	5,013	3,225	1,788	25.6	355	2,062
1982–83	3,196	1,031	2,164	13.6	7,126	4,639	2,487	30.4	473	3,008
1983–84	3,433	1,148	2,285	13.9	7,759	5,093	2,666	31.4	528	3,099
1984–85	3,682	1,228	2,454	13.9	8,451	5,556	2,895	32.0	584	3,485
1985–86 <sup>1</sup>	3,859	1,318	2,541	13.9	9,228	6,121	3,108	33.3	641	3,672
1986–87	4,138	1,414	2,724	14.0	10,039	6,658	3,381	34.1	660	3,684
1987–88	4,403	1,537	2,866	14.2	10,659	7,116	3,543	34.4	706	4,161
1988–89	4,678	1,646	3,032	14.5	11,474	7,722	3,752	35.6	730	4,817
1989–90	4,975	1,780	3,195	14.5	12,284	8,396	3,888	35.9	756	5,196
1990–91	5,243	1,888	3,355	14.8	13,237	9,083	4,154	37.4	824	5,570
1991–92	5,695	2,119	3,577	15.8	14,273	9,775	4,498	39.7	937	5,752
1992–93	6,020	2,349	3,670	16.4	15,009	10,294	4,716	40.8	1,025	6,059
1993–94	6,365	2,537	3,829	17.2	15,904	10,952	4,951	43.0	1,125	6,370
1994–95 <sup>2</sup>	6,674	2,689	3,985	—	16,645	11,522	5,124	—	1,194	6,865
<b>Constant 1994–95 dollars</b>										
1959–60	4,146	1,024	3,123	15.0	7,730	4,049	3,680	27.9	379	2,273
1964–65	4,580	1,228	3,352	14.5	9,217	5,273	3,944	29.1	477	3,381
1969–70	4,925	1,421	3,504	13.1	10,157	6,199	3,958	27.0	709	4,117
1974–75	4,780	1,487	3,293	12.8	9,865	6,174	3,691	26.3	804	3,970
1979–80	4,510	1,430	3,081	11.9	9,712	6,248	3,464	25.6	688	3,995
1982–83	4,896	1,580	3,316	13.6	10,920	7,109	3,811	30.4	725	4,610
1983–84	5,073	1,696	3,377	13.9	11,466	7,526	3,940	31.4	780	4,579
1984–85	5,236	1,746	3,490	13.9	12,018	7,901	4,117	32.0	830	4,956
1985–86 <sup>1</sup>	5,334	1,822	3,512	13.9	12,756	8,461	4,296	33.3	886	5,075
1986–87	5,595	1,912	3,683	14.0	13,575	9,003	4,572	34.1	892	4,981
1987–88	5,717	1,996	3,721	14.2	13,840	9,239	4,600	34.4	917	5,403
1988–89	5,806	2,043	3,763	14.5	14,240	9,584	4,657	35.6	906	5,978
1989–90	5,893	2,108	3,785	14.5	14,551	9,945	4,606	35.9	896	6,155
1990–91	5,889	2,120	3,768	14.8	14,867	10,202	4,666	37.4	925	6,256
1991–92	6,199	2,306	3,893	15.8	15,533	10,638	4,895	39.7	1,020	6,260
1992–93	6,352	2,479	3,873	16.4	15,840	10,863	4,977	40.8	1,082	6,394
1993–94	6,547	2,610	3,939	17.2	16,359	11,266	5,093	43.0	1,157	6,553
1994–95 <sup>2</sup>	6,674	2,689	3,985	—	16,645	11,522	5,124	—	1,194	6,865

—Data not available.

<sup>1</sup> Room and board data are estimated.

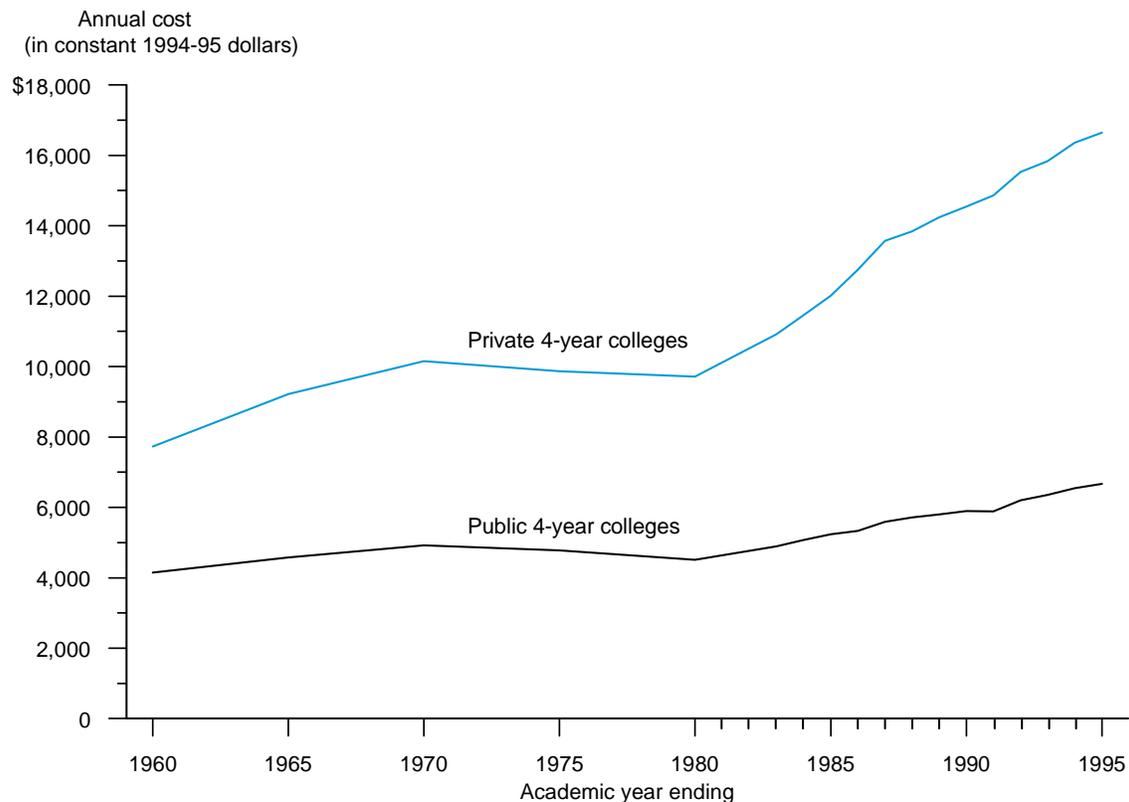
<sup>2</sup> Preliminary data based on fall 1993 enrollment data.

**NOTE:** In 1993, about 22 percent of all college students attended private colleges and universities. Some data have been revised from previously published figures.

**SOURCE:** U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Digest of Education Statistics, 1995*; and *Projections of Education Statistics to 1979–80*.

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### Total tuition, room, and board charges at public and private 4-year colleges: 1959–60 to 1994–95



**SOURCE:** U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Digest of Education Statistics, 1995*; and *Projections of Education Statistics to 1979–80*.

**College tuition, room, and board charges (after adjustment for inflation) declined slightly during the 1970s. However, since 1979–80, student charges have risen substantially, particularly at private 4-year colleges. After adjusting for inflation, charges for tuition, room, and board rose by 48 percent at public 4-year colleges and 71 percent at private 4-year colleges between 1979–80 and 1994–95. Charges at public 4-year colleges increased somewhat relative to family income, showing some decline between 1959–60 and 1979–80 and rising since then. Total college charges for private 4-year college students as a proportion of family income were much higher in 1994–95 than in the 1960s and 1970s, reflecting sharp increases since 1980–81.**