Tuition and Fees by State: Public Two-Year

In 2019-20, average published tuition and fees for in-district students at public two-year colleges range from $1,430 in California and $1,860 in New Mexico to $7,100 in New Hampshire and $8,210 in Vermont.

**FIGURE 5** Average 2019-20 In-District Tuition and Fees at Public Two-Year Institutions and Five-Year Percentage Changes in Inflation-Adjusted In-District Tuition and Fees, by State

- In eight states, average tuition and fees at public two-year colleges fell in inflation-adjusted dollars between 2014-15 and 2019-20. In four of these states (Minnesota, Ohio, Washington, and Wisconsin), the 2019-20 price remains above the national average.
- In six states, average tuition and fees at public two-year colleges increased by 15% or more in inflation-adjusted dollars between 2014-15 and 2019-20. In Mississippi and Nevada, despite 22% price increases (compared with the national average of 5%), the average 2019-20 price is below the national average.

**ALSO IMPORTANT:**
- California enrolled 19% of the nation’s full-time public two-year students in fall 2017.
- In 2019-20, average public two-year tuition and fees did not increase in nine states; the price rose by more than $200 in six states.
- Figure 5 does not reflect “free” community college programs, which generally provide aid to students, rather than eliminating the tuition price.

**NOTE:** Alaska is not included in Figure 5 because it does not have a separate community college system.

**SOURCES:** College Board, Annual Survey of Colleges; NCES, IPEDS Fall 2017 Enrollment data.

For detailed data behind the graphs and additional information, please visit: research.collegeboard.org/trends.
Tuition and Fees by State: Public Four-Year

In 2019-20, average published tuition and fee prices for in-state students at public four-year institutions range from $5,580 in Wyoming and $6,350 in Florida to $16,920 in New Hampshire and $17,470 in Vermont.

In five states, average published in-state tuition and fees at public four-year institutions fell between 2014-15 and 2019-20, after adjusting for inflation. In another nine states, the five-year increase was below 5%.

In nine states, average in-state tuition and fees at public four-year institutions increased by 15% or more between 2014-15 and 2019-20. In five of these states, the average published price remains more than $1,500 below the national average.

In 10 states, the average published out-of-state tuition and fee price is more than three times the in-state price. In six states, the out-of-state price is less than twice the in-state price.

ALSO IMPORTANT:

- The out-of-state premium was lower in 2019-20 than in 2018-19 in three states.
- The average published tuition and fee price at public four-year institutions in Florida was the same in 2019-20 as in 2018-19. In four other states, the increase was less than 1% (before adjusting for inflation); in 21 states, the increase was less than $200 and in five states it was more than $500.

SOURCE: College Board, Annual Survey of Colleges; NCES, IPEDS Fall 2017 Enrollment data.
Tuition and Fees by State: Flagship Universities

In 2019-20, published tuition and fees for full-time in-state students at flagship universities range from $5,580 at the University of Wyoming and $6,380 at the University of Florida to $18,800 at the University of Vermont and $18,880 at the University of New Hampshire.

Public flagship universities in six states—including Florida, with the second lowest tuition and fees, and Pennsylvania, with the third highest—had lower in-state tuition and fees (after adjusting for inflation) in 2019-20 than in 2014-15.

In 2019-20, the published prices for out-of-state students at flagship universities range from $12,810 in South Dakota and $13,840 in North Dakota to $49,970 in Virginia and $51,200 in Michigan.

The out-of-state price is four and a half times as high as the in-state price in Florida and four times as high in North Carolina; it is less than 50% higher in North Dakota and South Dakota.

Also important:

- The flagship universities in Alabama, Florida, North Carolina and Oklahoma did not raise their in-state tuition in 2019-20; price increases exceeded the 1.8% increase in the Consumer Price Index in 31 states.
- Twenty-nine states’ flagships raised their published out-of-state tuition and fees more rapidly than their in-state price between 2014-15 and 2019-20; in 21 states the reverse was true.