

Published Charges by Sector and by Carnegie Classification, 2019-20

The average published tuition and fee price for full-time in-state students at public four-year colleges and universities is \$10,440 in 2019-20, \$230 (2.3% before adjusting for inflation) higher than it was in 2018-19.

TABLE 1 Average Published Charges (Enrollment-Weighted) for Full-Time Undergraduates, 2018-19 and 2019-20

	Sector					Carnegie Classification					
	Public Two-Year In-District	Public Four-Year In-State	Public Four-Year Out-of-State	Private Nonprofit Four-Year	For-Profit	Public Four-Year			Private Nonprofit Four-Year		
						Doctoral	Master's	Bachelor's	Doctoral	Master's	Bachelor's
Tuition and Fees											
2019-20	\$3,730	\$10,440	\$26,820	\$36,880	—	\$11,380	\$8,990	\$8,730	\$45,380	\$31,140	\$36,360
2018-19	\$3,630	\$10,210	\$26,200	\$35,680	\$14,600	\$11,140	\$8,760	\$8,530	\$43,820	\$30,070	\$35,350
\$ Change	\$100	\$230	\$620	\$1,200	—	\$240	\$230	\$200	\$1,560	\$1,070	\$1,010
% Change	2.8%	2.3%	2.4%	3.4%	—	2.2%	2.6%	2.3%	3.6%	3.6%	2.9%
Room and Board											
2019-20	\$8,990	\$11,510	\$11,510	\$12,990	—	\$11,990	\$10,580	\$10,730	\$14,780	\$12,240	\$12,020
2018-19	\$8,720	\$11,190	\$11,190	\$12,610	—	\$11,650	\$10,290	\$10,370	\$14,320	\$11,920	\$11,640
\$ Change	\$270	\$320	\$320	\$380	—	\$340	\$290	\$360	\$460	\$320	\$380
% Change	3.1%	2.9%	2.9%	3.0%	—	2.9%	2.8%	3.5%	3.2%	2.7%	3.3%
Tuition and Fees and Room and Board											
2019-20	\$12,720	\$21,950	\$38,330	\$49,870	—	\$23,370	\$19,570	\$19,460	\$60,160	\$43,380	\$48,380
2018-19	\$12,350	\$21,400	\$37,390	\$48,290	—	\$22,790	\$19,050	\$18,900	\$58,140	\$41,990	\$46,990
\$ Change	\$370	\$550	\$940	\$1,580	—	\$580	\$520	\$560	\$2,020	\$1,390	\$1,390
% Change	3.0%	2.6%	2.5%	3.3%	—	2.5%	2.7%	3.0%	3.5%	3.3%	3.0%

NOTES: Prices in Table 1 are not adjusted for inflation. Prices reported for 2018-19 have been revised to reflect the most recent information and may differ from those reported in *Trends in College Pricing 2018*. Public two-year room and board charges are estimated based on commuter housing and food costs. Prices for the for-profit sector are from IPEDS and the latest available data are for 2018-19.

SOURCES: College Board, Annual Survey of Colleges; NCES, IPEDS Fall 2017 Enrollment data and IPEDS 2018 Institutional Characteristics data.

Enrollment-weighted tuition values represent the price charged by each institution weighted by the number of full-time undergraduate students enrolled in fall 2017. Public four-year in-state charges are weighted by total fall 2017 full-time undergraduate enrollment in each institution, including both in-state students and out-of-state students. Out-of-state tuition and fees are computed by adding the average in-state price to the out-of-state premium weighted by the number of full-time out-of-state undergraduate students enrolled at each institution. Room and board charges are weighted by the number of undergraduate students residing on campus for four-year institutions and by the number of commuter students for public two-year institutions.

- The 2019-20 increase in published tuition and fees was largest in the private nonprofit sector, where the average price increased by 3.4% (\$1,200) to \$36,880.
- The average published tuition and fee price at public doctoral universities is 27% higher than that at public master's universities (\$11,380 vs. \$8,990). In the private nonprofit sector, this difference is 46% (\$45,380 vs. \$31,140).
- The \$14,600 average tuition and fee price for full-time students enrolled in for-profit institutions in 2018-19 was about four times as high as the average price at public two-year colleges and 1.4 times as high as the average in-state price at public four-year institutions that year.

ALSO IMPORTANT:

- The prices shown in Table 1 are published or sticker prices. In 2015-16, about three-quarters of full-time undergraduate students received grants that reduced the actual price of college (NPSAS, 2016). Average institutional grant aid is generally higher at higher-price institutions. In addition, many states and institutions grant tuition waivers to groups such as veterans, teachers, or dependents of employees.
- The prices shown in Table 1 are for one academic year. The total price of a college education depends on how long a student is enrolled before completing a degree—frequently more than four years for a bachelor's degree and more than two years for an associate degree.
- The prices shown in Table 1 are for full-time students. Prices for part-time students are typically less than those for full-time students.
- About 19% of full-time public two-year students are in California, which has the lowest tuition and fee price in that sector. Excluding California raises the average published price of public two-year colleges from \$3,730 to \$4,260.