



Media Fact Sheet

Last week the College Board released a state-by-state analysis of trends in tuition and fees, enrollment and state appropriations for higher education.

Tuition and fees*

According to the College Board's analysis, Missouri has been among the nation's leaders in keeping tuition increases low:

- During the past three years, Missouri public four-year institutions' tuition and fee increases were the lowest in the entire country
- During the past three years, Missouri two-year institutions' tuition and fee increases were the fourth lowest in the entire country
- During the past five years, Missouri public four-year institutions' tuition and fee increases were the fifth lowest in the entire country
- During the past five years, Missouri two-year institutions' tuition and fee increases were the second lowest in the entire country
- Missouri's tuition rates are below the national average in all sectors: public two-year, public four-year and private nonprofit four-year

State appropriations

The College Board analysis notes that nationwide the average share of revenue to institutions from state appropriations decreased and the average share of revenue coming from tuition and fees increased for all types of public institutions. Their findings show:

- Total state appropriations for higher education in Missouri declined by 5 percent over the past five years
- Missouri ranks 44th in terms of state appropriations for higher education per \$1,000 of personal income

Enrollment

Declines in state appropriations were accompanied by increases in the number of students enrolled in higher education, according to the College Board report.

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In Missouri:

- Total fall enrollment at public degree-granting institutions in Missouri grew by 17.6 percent during the past five years and by 27.1 percent during the past 10 years
- Total fall enrollment at public two-year degree-granting institutions in Missouri grew by 28.6 percent during the past five years and 40.8 percent during the past 10 years
- Total fall enrollment at public four-year degree granting institutions grew by 10.4 percent during the past five years and 18.2 percent during the past 10 years

Read the full report: College Board Advocacy & Policy Center Analysis Brief: [Trends in Tuition and Fees, Enrollment, and State Appropriations for Higher Education by State](#)

***Note from MDHE regarding tuition and fee increases**

Missouri was able to contain increases in tuition and fees largely due to two factors: Governor Nixon negotiated tuition freezes at public institutions for each of two consecutive years (2009-2010 and 2010-2011) and the Higher Education Student Funding Act, passed in 2007, provides a penalty if tuition increases are above the change in the CPI unless a waiver of the penalty is obtained from the Commissioner of Higher Education.

About the College Board

The College Board is a mission-driven not-for-profit organization that connects students to college success and opportunity. Founded in 1900, the College Board was created to expand access to higher education. Today, the membership association is made up of over 6,000 of the world's leading educational institutions and is dedicated to promoting excellence and equity in education. Each year, the College Board helps more than seven million students prepare for a successful transition to college through programs and services in college readiness and college success — including the SAT® and the Advanced Placement Program®. The organization also serves the education community through research and advocacy on behalf of students, educators and schools.