Student expenses

The average public two-year tuition and fees comprise 21 percent of a student’s budget.

Average student expenses for 2014-15

Tuition and fees account for most of the price differences among higher education sectors. At public two-year colleges, tuition and fees were $3,347 for the 2014-15 academic year, compared to $9,139 at public four-year institutions and $31,231 at private, nonprofit four-year institutions. Two-year public colleges also saw the smallest cost increases between 2013-14 and 2014-15, which included a $106 increase in tuition and fees. Public four-years had an increase of $735 and private, nonprofit four-years saw a $1,100 change, according to new College Board data.

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