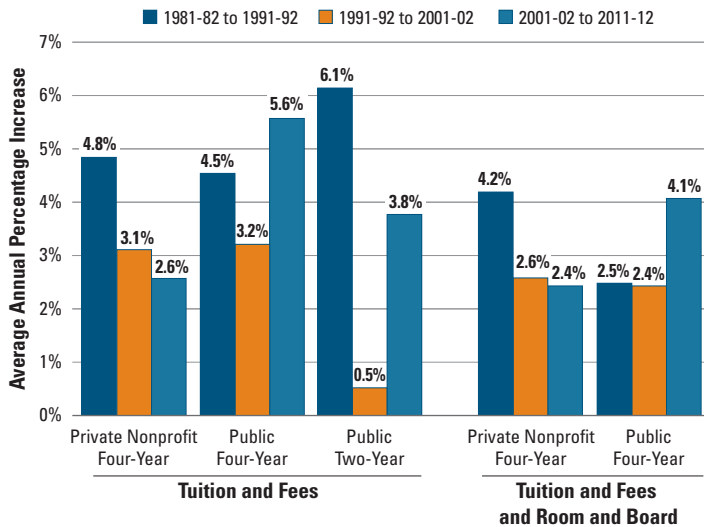


Tuition and Fee and Room and Board Charges over Time

FIGURE 4

Average Annual Percentage Increases in Inflation-Adjusted Published Prices by Decade, 1981-82 to 2011-12



Each bar in Figure 4 shows the average annual rate of growth of published prices in inflation-adjusted dollars over a 10-year period. For example, from 2001-02 to 2011-12, average published tuition and fees at private four-year colleges rose by an average of 2.6% per year beyond increases in the Consumer Price Index.

SOURCES: The College Board, *Annual Survey of Colleges*; NCES, *Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS)*.

FIGURE 5

Inflation-Adjusted Published Tuition and Fees Relative to 1981-82, 1981-82 to 2011-12 (1981-82 = 100)

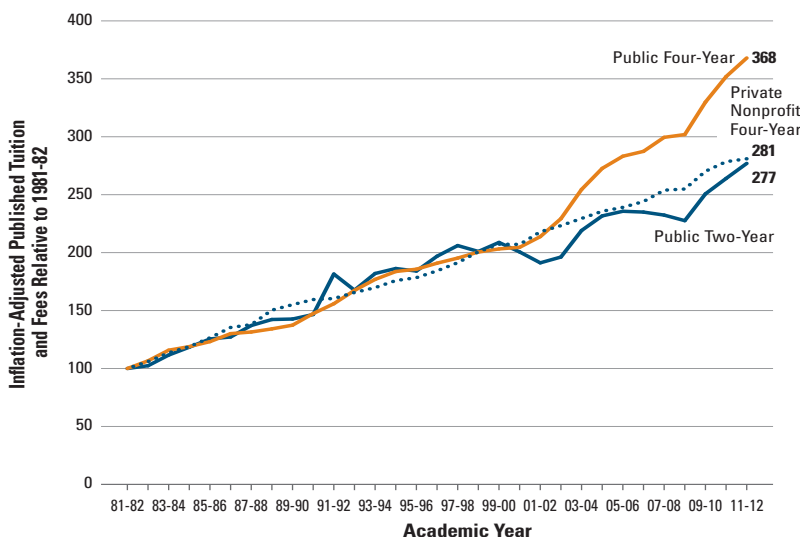


Figure 5 shows published tuition and fees by sector, adjusted for inflation, as a percentage of 1981-82 published prices. For example, a value of 368 indicates that tuition and fees in 2011-12 are 3.68 times as high as they were in 1981-82, after adjusting for increases in the Consumer Price Index.

SOURCES: The College Board, *Annual Survey of Colleges*; NCES, *IPEDS*.

Over the decade from 2001-02 to 2011-12, published in-state tuition and fees at public four-year colleges and universities increased at an average rate of 5.6% per year beyond the rate of general inflation.

- Over the most recent decade, the largest one-year increases in average published tuition and fees at public four-year colleges and universities were 11.0% beyond inflation in 2003-04, and 9.3% beyond inflation in 2009-10. The inflation-adjusted increase was under 1.0% in 2008-09, and is 4.5% in 2011-12.
- From 1981-82 to 1991-92, average published tuition and fees increased slightly more rapidly at private than at public four-year colleges and universities. Over the most recent decade, the average public four-year price rose more than twice as fast as the average private four-year price. In 2011-12, the average published tuition and fees at public four-year institutions are 29% of the average published tuition and fees at private nonprofit four-year institutions, up from 22% a decade earlier.
- Average public two-year college tuition increased by only 5% in constant dollars over the entire decade from 1991-92 to 2001-02 — from \$1,942 (in 2011 dollars) to \$2,047. In the most recent decade, the average price in this sector has increased by 45%, after adjusting for inflation.
- Room and board charges tend to rise more slowly than tuition and fees. Over the decade from 2001-02 to 2011-12, when published tuition and fees at public four-year institutions rose at an average rate of 5.6% per year beyond inflation, room and board increased by 2.9% per year, leading to a 4.1% average annual rate of growth in total charges.
- Over the decade from 2001-02 to 2011-12, when published tuition and fees at private nonprofit four-year institutions rose at an average rate of 2.6% per year beyond inflation, room and board increased by 2.0% per year, leading to a 2.4% average annual rate of growth in total charges.

ALSO IMPORTANT:

- About 40% of full-time dependent students enrolled in public four-year institutions live on campus. Another 40% live in off-campus housing, and about 20% live with their parents. Among dependent students at private nonprofit four-year colleges, 70% live on campus, 17% live in off-campus housing, and 12% live with their parents. (NCES, *National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS)*, 2008)