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Re: A Comparison of Increasing Costs at State Universities

A recent article in USA Today listed 50 state institutions of higher education along with the costs associated with attendance as either a resident or out-of-state student, and the percentage increase in costs since last year. The cost of attendance includes charges for tuition, fees, room and board at the respective institutions.

The following is an analysis of where Rutgers University ranks in terms of in-state college costs. A copy of the article is also attached.

ANNUAL COSTS FOR IN-STATE STUDENTS

In terms of in-state costs, there are 41 state universities that are less expensive for state residents to attend than Rutgers University is for New Jersey residents to attend. Nearly all of these 41 universities are located in the West, Southwest and Southern regions of the United States.

Regionally, Rutgers has one of the lowest yearly costs of attendance. One year at Rutgers costs a New Jersey resident \$7132. Only the State University of New York System, the University of Delaware-Newark, and the University of Maine are less expensive for residents of the respective states. The State University of Pennsylvania, the University of Connecticut, the University of Rhode Island, the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and the University of Vermont are all more costly for in-state students than is Rutgers for New Jersey students.

The least expensive state university is North Dakota State University with an annual cost of \$3759 for tuition, fees, room and board. The most expensive school for residents is the University of Vermont-Burlington, with an annual cost of attendance of \$9454.

PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN COSTS

With the exception of Louisiana State University-Baton Rouge, every state university or university system increased attendance costs for in-state and out-of-state students. Other than Louisiana State University, the University of Utah had the lowest percentage increase in costs from last year (1.7%). The University of Oregon-Eugene is at the other end of the spectrum with a cost increase of 18.9% over last year. The average in-state cost of attendance increase for all schools in this survey is 7.9%.

Rutger's increased yearly costs by 6.7% over last year for residents of New Jersey. This is below the 7.9% average increase. Twenty one schools increased costs to a lesser degree than did Rutgers, and 28 universities experienced higher increases.

In the Northeast region only two schools--the University of New Hampshire-Durham and Pennsylvania State University--experienced smaller increases than did Rutgers (4.7% and 6.0% respectively). The following are the percentage increases for state universities in the region:

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| University of New Hampshire-Durham | 4.7% |
| Pennsylvania St. Univ. (State College) | 6.0% |
| Rutgers University (New Brunswick) | 6.7% |
| University of Delaware (Newark) | 7.5% |
| University of Vermont (Burlington) | 9.7% |
| University of Maine (Orono) | 9.9% |
| University of Mass.--Amherst | 15.9% |
| State University of NY System | 16% |
| University of Rhode Island | 17.1%* |

*Note: The cost to attend the University of Rhode Island as an out-of-state student increased 47.9% over last year. This is the most significant out-of-state increase.

NEW JERSEY: A GOOD BUY

Attending school at a state university other than Rutgers can prove quite costly. In only six states--Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Mississippi, North Dakota and Wyoming--would it be less expensive for a New Jersey student to attend a state university rather than attend Rutgers. The non-resident tuition at the other 43 state universities exceed in-state Rutgers costs.

State colleges aren't so low-cost

By Pat Ordozensky
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State-supported public colleges, the traditional low-cost way to earn a degree, aren't so low-cost anymore.

Average tuition and fees for in-state residents is \$2,048, up 14.1% from last year, says a survey by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

Add room and board, typically between \$2,500 and \$3,500, and the cost of a year at a state college is close to \$5,000.

Soaring costs are fueled as state governments, scrambling to balance budgets, whack subsidies to higher education.

The problem is compounded, says AASCU president James Appleberry, by colleges

also cutting staff, programs, number of classes. That means students are being shut out of required classes and taking longer to earn a degree.

"I'm afraid that we're not out of this yet," he says. "I certainly don't see it turning around in the next year."

Among economic woes, from a USA TODAY phone survey of major state campuses:

► The Texas legislature's just-passed higher education budget likely will mean mid-year tuition increases, says spokesman Martha Boyd.

► University of Maryland chancellor Donald Langenberg proposes a 17% jump at the College Park campus next fall, after a 6.3% hike this year.

Some states are resisting increases. Louisiana State University hasn't raised costs for three years. "We had our tough times in the mid-to-late '80s, when we raised fees substantially" says LSU spokesman Garry Ballard. "Now, to entice kids to come here, we have to hold the line on costs."

Indiana University boosts room and board charges each year only for freshman. Students pay their first-year rate until they graduate.

"It encourages students to stay," says spokesperson DeAnna Hines.

State college costs

These are current charges for tuition, fees, room and board at a leading public university in each state, for residents and out-of-staters, with the percentage each has increased since last year. (Story, 1D.)

| | In-state cost | Pct. inc. | Out-state cost | Pct. inc. |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| U. of Ala.-Tuscaloosa | \$5,300 | 5.0% | \$8,110 | 5.0% |
| U. of Alaska-Fairbanks | \$4,370 | 7.7% | \$6,970 | 7.2% |
| U. of Ariz. (Tucson) | \$5,292 | 6.4% | \$10,708 | 7.3% |
| U. of Ark.-Fayetteville | \$4,707 | 8.9% | \$7,493 | 12.3% |
| U. of Calif.-Berkeley | \$8,418 | 15.5% | \$18,117 | 17.6% |
| U. of Colo.-Boulder | \$5,926 | 5.9% | \$13,854 | 8.6% |
| U. of Conn. (Storrs) | \$7,985 | 10.4% | \$13,695 | 13.8% |
| U. of Del. (Newark) | \$6,760 | 7.5% | \$11,930 | 7.7% |
| U. of Fla. (Gainesville) | \$5,263 | 13.1% | \$9,402 | 18.1% |
| U. of Ga. (Athens) | \$5,049 | 2.2% | \$8,493 | 2.9% |
| U. of Hawaii-Manoa | \$4,022 | 3.5% | \$6,612 | 4.4% |
| U. of Idaho (Moscow) | \$4,186 | 13.6% | \$6,696 | 11.1% |
| U. of Ill.-Urb./Champ. 1 | \$6,977 | 7.0% | \$10,729 | 6.7% |
| U. of Ill.-Urb.-Champ. 2 | \$7,237 | 7.0% | \$11,509 | 6.8% |
| Indiana U. (Bloomington) 3 | \$5,767 | 10.5% | \$11,055 | 10.0% |
| U. of Iowa (Iowa City) | \$5,054 | 9.6% | \$9,696 | 8.1% |
| U. of Kansas (Lawrence) | \$4,346 | 7.0% | \$8,024 | 11.7% |
| U. of Ky. (Lexington) | \$4,564 | 5.1% | \$7,804 | 6.3% |
| La. State U.-Baton Rouge | \$4,840 | 0.0% | \$7,840 | 0.0% |
| U. of Mass.-Amherst | \$8,388 | 15.9% | \$17,066 | 21.7% |
| U. of Maine-Orono | \$6,935 | 9.9% | \$11,208 | 10.3% |
| U. of Md.-College Park | \$7,419 | 6.3% | \$12,287 | 11.3% |
| U. of Mich.-Ann Arbor 1 | \$5,948 | 7.2% | \$12,367 | 7.8% |
| U. of Mich.-Ann Arbor 2 | \$6,147 | 7.2% | \$13,033 | 7.6% |
| U. of Minn.-Twin Cities | \$6,117 | 7.0% | \$10,943 | 20.7% |
| U. of Miss.-Columbia | \$5,309 | 10.2% | \$9,332 | 11.0% |
| U. of Miss. (Oxford) | \$5,112 | 3.8% | \$6,574 | 7.7% |
| Mont. State U. (Bozeman) | \$4,830 | 5.0% | \$7,255 | 10.1% |
| U. of N.C.-Chapel Hill | \$4,948 | 8.7% | \$11,590 | 18.5% |
| N.D. State U. (Fargo) | \$3,759 | 5.0% | \$5,926 | 4.3% |
| U. of Neb.-Lincoln | \$4,860 | 7.0% | \$7,815 | 7.1% |
| U. of N.H. (Durham) | \$7,345 | 4.7% | \$14,350 | 6.0% |
| Rutgers U. (New Brunswick, N.J.) | \$7,132 | 6.7% | \$10,356 | 7.4% |
| U. of N.M. (Albuquerque) | \$4,524 | 2.3% | \$8,490 | 4.5% |
| U. of Nev. (Reno) | \$5,498 | 17.5% | \$9,098 | 14.0% |
| State U. of N.Y. System 4 | \$6,100 | 16.0% | \$10,700 | 24.3% |
| Ohio State U. (Columbus) | \$6,473 | 7.3% | \$11,513 | 8.3% |
| U. of Okla. (Norman) | \$4,892 | 5.1% | \$7,892 | 6.6% |
| U. of Ore. (Eugene) | \$5,674 | 18.9% | \$10,084 | 18.2% |
| Penn State U. (State College) | \$7,862 | 6.0% | \$12,648 | 7.1% |
| U. of R.I. (Kingston) | \$8,276 | 17.1% | \$17,116 | 47.9% |
| U. of S.C.-Columbia | \$5,773 | 5.2% | \$9,803 | 5.1% |
| U. of S.D. (Vermillion) | \$4,359 | 5.1% | \$6,072 | 5.6% |
| U. of Tenn.-Knoxville | \$4,864 | 3.4% | \$8,228 | 4.1% |
| U. of Texas-Austin | \$4,285 | 6.4% | \$7,405 | 9.7% |
| U. of Utah (Salt Lake City) | \$5,921 | 1.7% | \$9,558 | 3.3% |
| U. of Va. (Charlottesville) | \$6,666 | 9.0% | \$12,876 | 14.1% |
| U. of Vt. (Burlington) | \$9,454 | 9.7% | \$18,054 | 4.9% |
| U. of Wash. (Seattle) | \$5,484 | 7.5% | \$9,381 | 9.3% |
| U. of Wis.-Madison | \$5,296 | 7.0% | \$10,020 | 10.3% |
| W.Va. U. (Morgantown) | \$5,698 | 5.7% | \$8,864 | 7.3% |
| U. of Wyo. (Laramie) | \$4,555 | 7.2% | \$7,055 | 4.5% |

1 - Freshmen & sophomores

2 - Juniors & seniors

3 - Freshmen only. All students pay same room/board charges they paid as freshmen.

4 - For all SUNY undergraduate campuses, including a typical room-board charge estimated by system officials.

Source: College Cost Book 1992 by The College Board; USA TODAY research