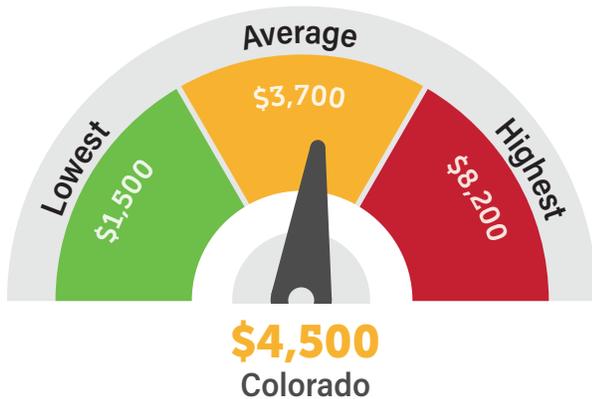


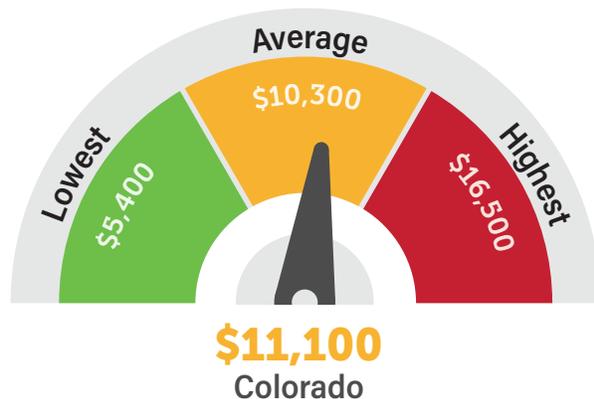
Understanding the Cost and Price of Undergraduate Education in Colorado

Tuition and fees charged by Colorado institutions fall close to the national average

Two-Year Colleges



Four-Year Colleges and Universities



Colorado ranks 47th in state higher education appropriations

Tuition at public institutions increased as state appropriations to higher education fell dramatically during the recession. Despite the recovery, state appropriations for higher education remain 11 percent below where they were 10 years ago.

Attending college includes many expenses

The **total cost of attendance** includes much more than tuition and fees.

Students' decisions can also have an impact on costs. For instance, living on campus is more expensive than living at home.



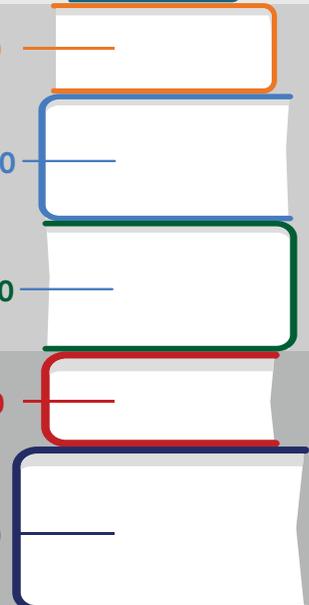
Computer \$1,100
 Personal Expenses \$1,400
 Transportation \$1,700
 Books and Other Expenses \$1,800



Room and Board Living at Home \$4,400
 Room and Board for Independents \$10,300
 Room and Board On Campus \$10,800



Two-Year Institution Tuition and Fees \$4,500
 Four-Year Institution Tuition and Fees \$11,100



Financial aid lowers overall cost

Since most students receive financial aid in Colorado, very few pay the published price to attend college.

Types of aid include the following:

Institutional Aid

Institutions in Colorado award more than \$700 million to students in grants and scholarships.

Federal Aid

Federal student aid, anchored by the Pell Grant, provides \$350 million in resources to students to cover the costs of postsecondary education, including tuition, fees and room and board.

State Aid

Colorado award \$170 million in aid to students. Almost all of these funds are awarded to students based on need.

Two-Year Institutions



Four-Year Institutions



Average cost of attendance

Tuition and Fees
+ Other Costs
= Total Cost of Attendance

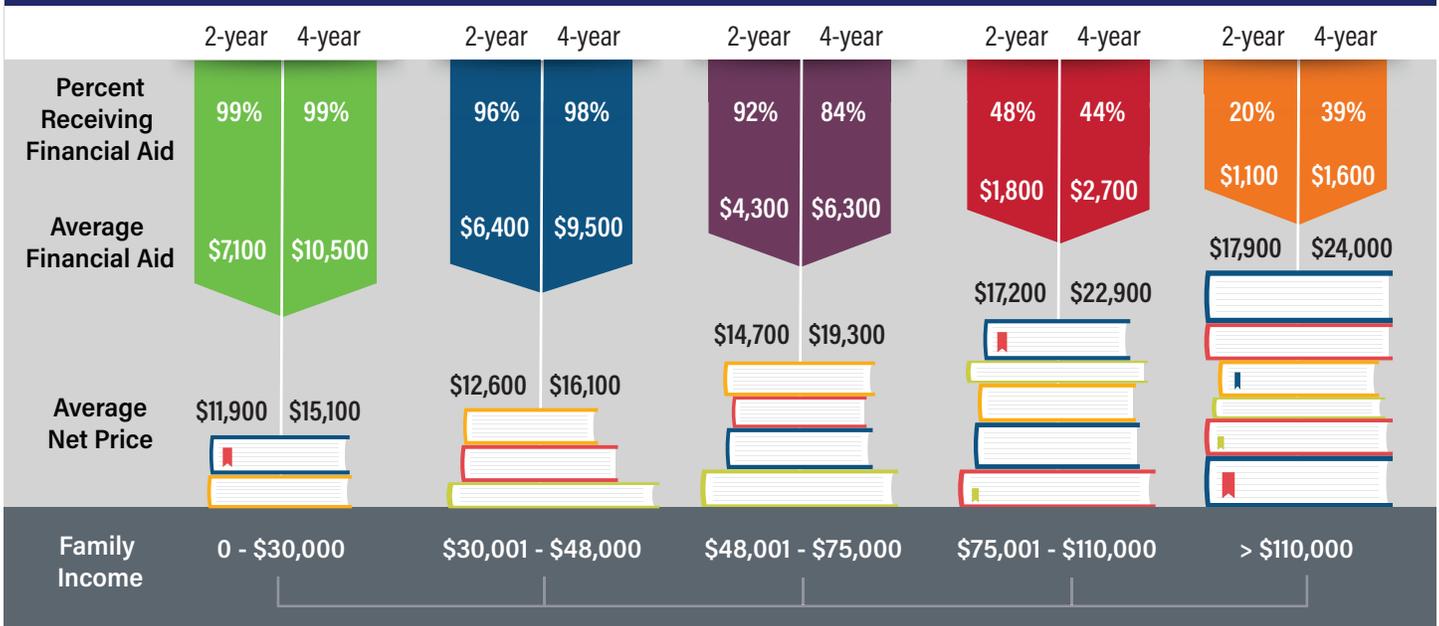
Two-Year Institution

\$4,500
+ \$14,500
= \$19,000

Four-Year Institution

\$11,100
+ \$14,500
= \$25,600

Financial aid impacts cost of attendance



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