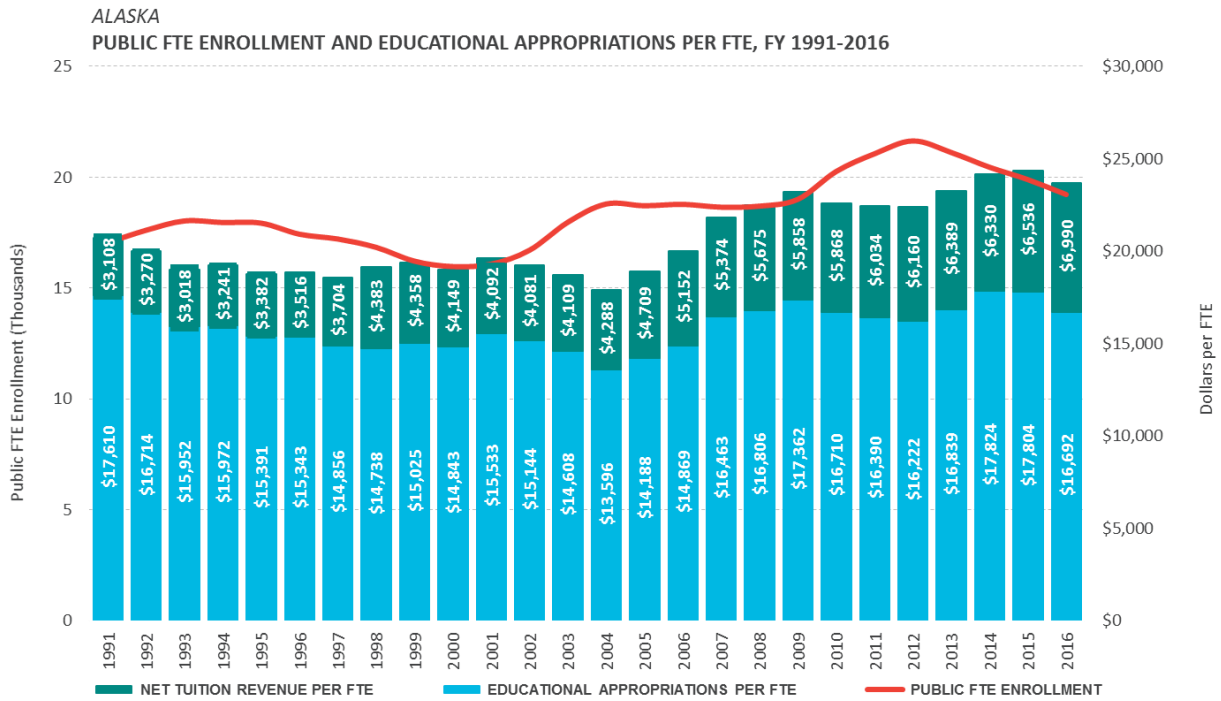


# Individual State Reports

## Alaska

### Impact of Declining Revenues on Higher Education From 1991-2016

#### State Appropriations and Tuition



**NOTES:** Data adjusted for inflation using the Higher Education Cost Adjustment (HECA). Full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment equates student credit hours to full-time, academic year students, but excludes medical students. Educational appropriations are a measure of state and local support available for public higher education operating expenses including ARRA funds, and exclude appropriations for independent institutions, financial aid for students attending independent institutions, research, hospitals, and medical education. Net tuition revenue is calculated by taking the gross amount of tuition and fees, less state and institutional financial aid, tuition waivers or discounts, and medical student tuition and fees. Net tuition revenue used for capital debt service is included in the net tuition revenue figures above.

**SOURCE:** State Higher Education Executive Officers

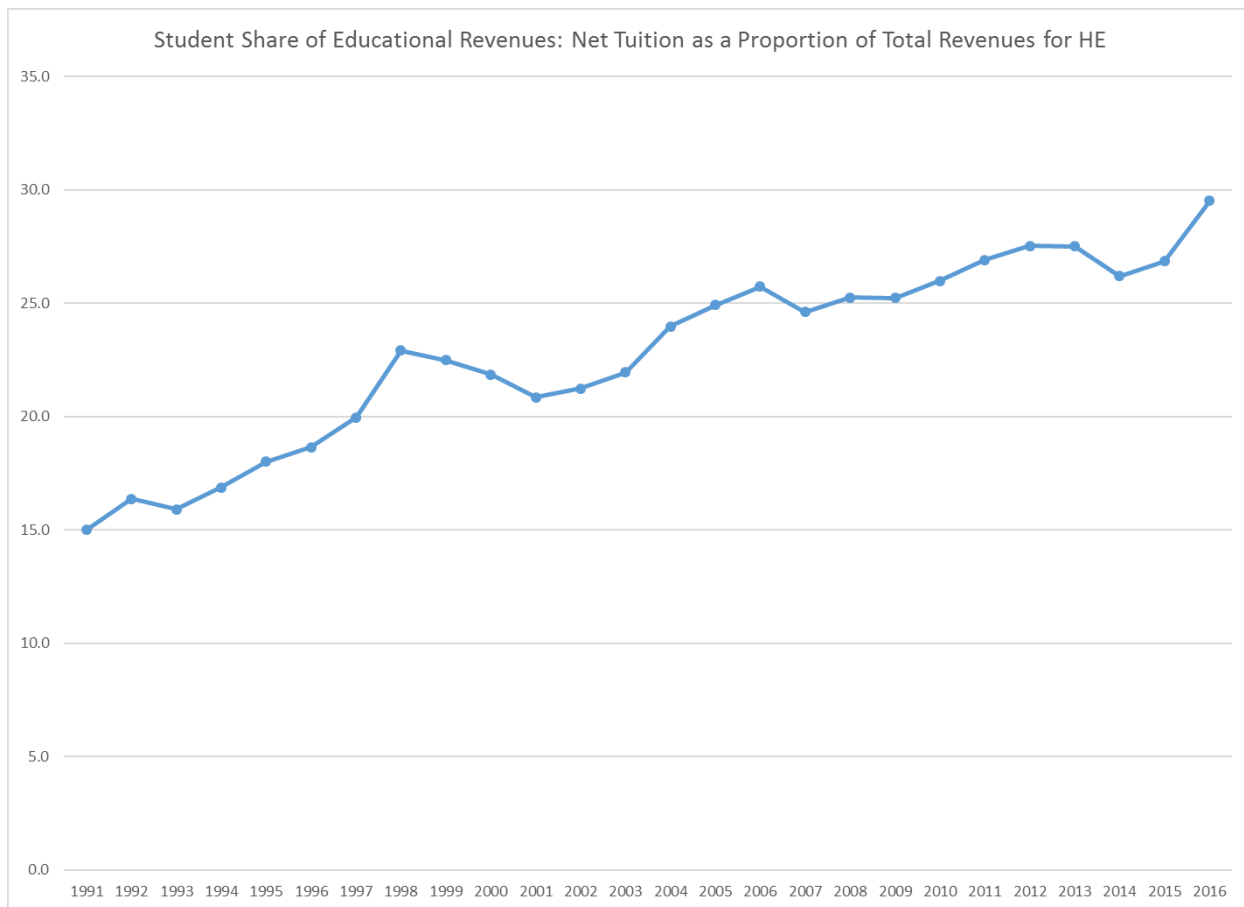
	1991	2008	2016
Percent of State Appropriations	85.0	74.8	70.5
Percent of Tuition	15.0	25.2	29.5

Alaska has had a relatively smooth ride through the last three decades regarding public revenues for education. The main source of Alaska’s state resources has come from taxes on the extraction of its oil reserves. However, since the Great Recession, the price of oil has reduced significantly, and oil production has gone down significantly. The result has negatively affected Alaska’s tax revenues. This has led to a crisis in Alaska’s budget. The result has been a slight increase in the last few years on tuition, but Alaska has seen a decline in its population and attendance at its universities.

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## Cost-Saving Measures Employed by Alaska

Cost-Saving Step	
Raise Tuition	Yes
Lay off Staff	Yes
Lay off Faculty	Yes
Course Cuts	No
Cut Programs (academic)	Yes
Cut Programs (student)	No
Hiring Freeze	No
Pay Freezes	No

Cost-Saving Step	
Out-of-state Tuition Increase	No
Other Cuts	Yes
Closings	No
Consolidation	No
Cuts to Sports	No
Performance-based Budgeting	No
Restrict Tuition Increase	No
Increase Cost-Efficiency	No

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