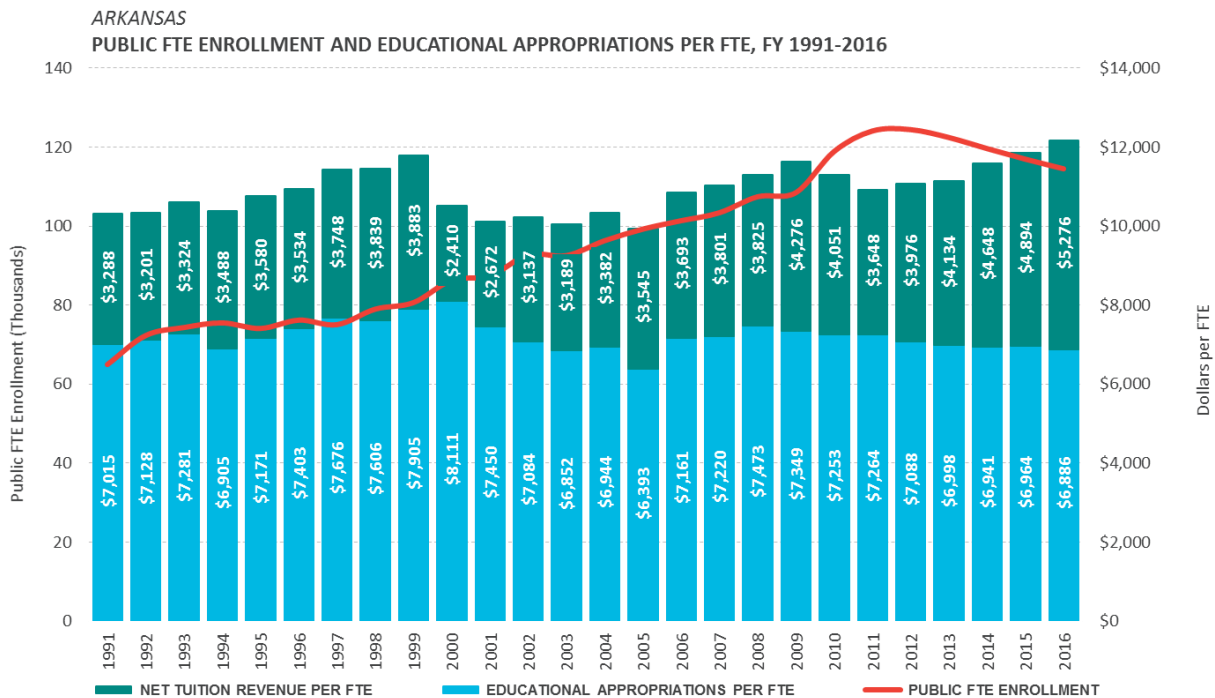


# Individual State Reports

## Arkansas 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

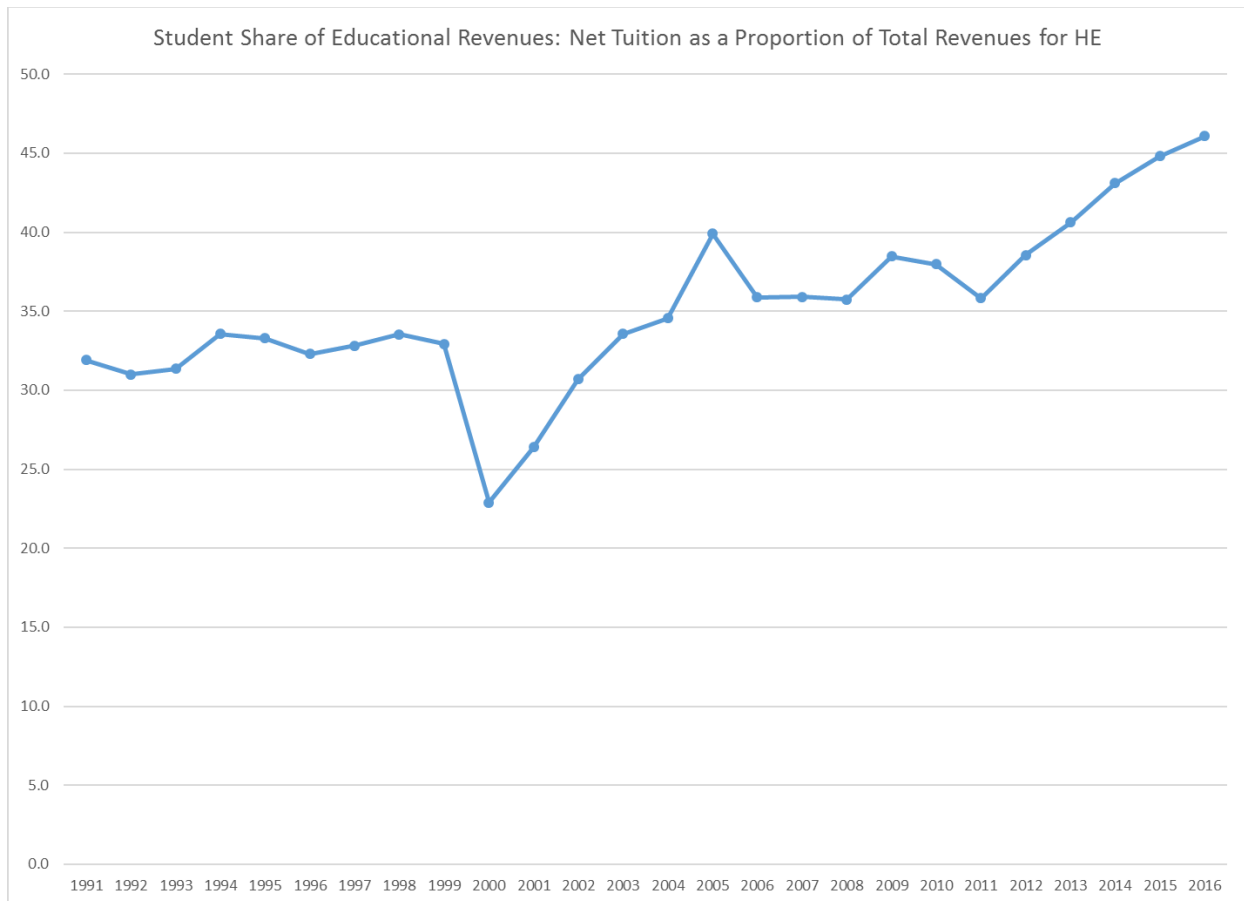
	1991	2008	2016
Percent of State Appropriations	68.1	64.3	53.9
Percent of Tuition	31.9	35.7	46.1

Compared to the rest of the nation, Arkansas’s higher education expenditures (both for students and the government) have remained relatively flat since 1991. The overall cost for education has only risen 20% since 1991. However, since the Great Recession, tuition costs for students have risen dramatically (see figure below). Since 2011, tuition costs have risen 44%. Also, enrollment in higher education institutions peaked in 2011 and have been on a decline since.

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## Cost-Saving Measures Employed by Arkansas

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

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

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