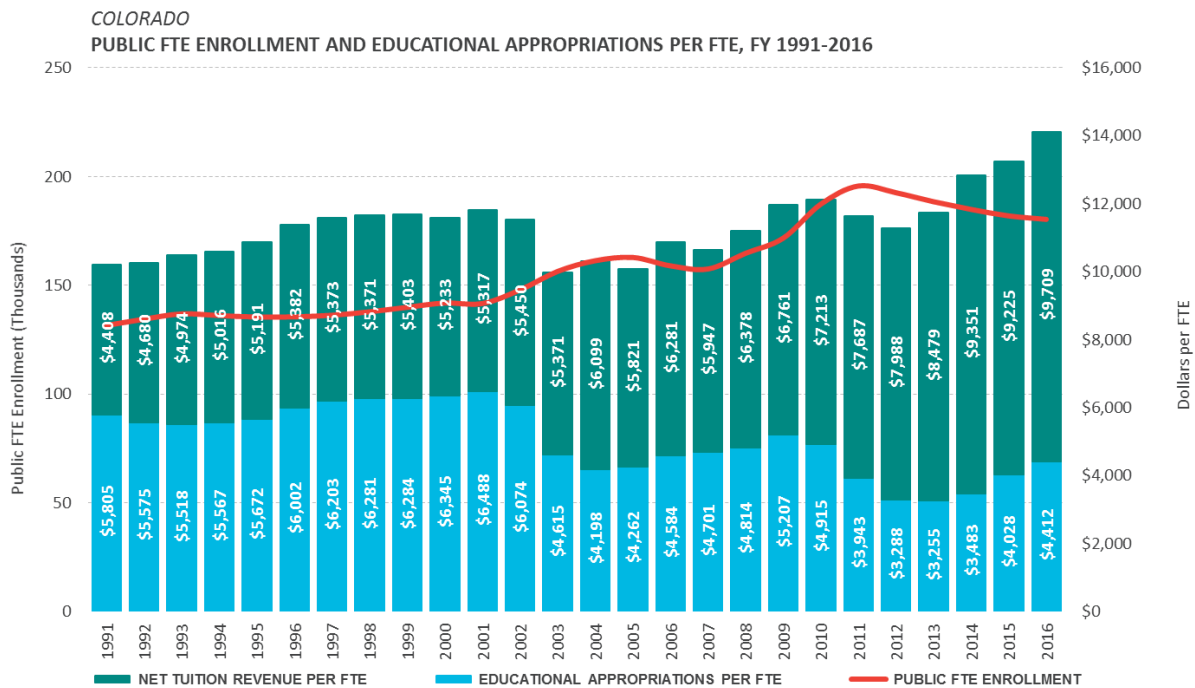


# Individual State Reports

## Colorado 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

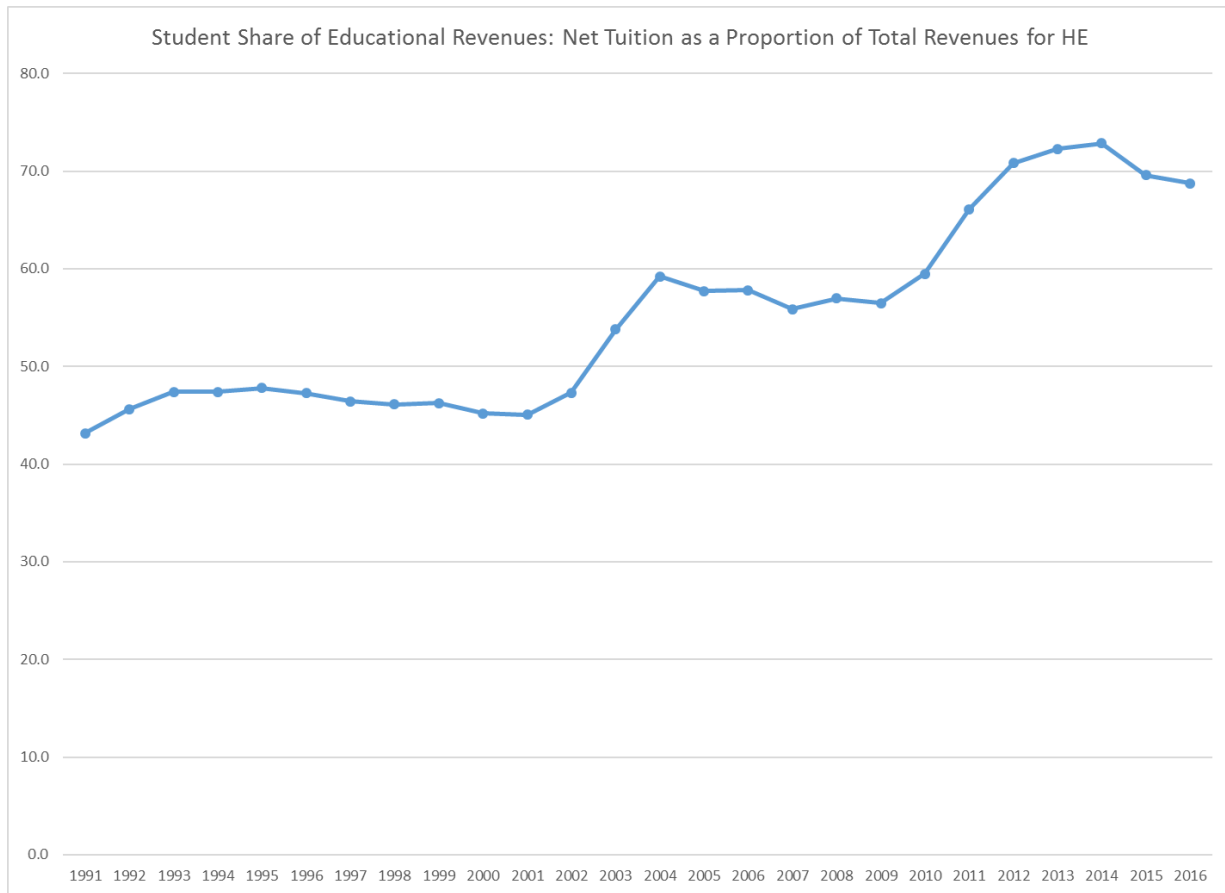
	1991	2008	2016
Percent of State Appropriations	56.8	43.0	31.2
Percent of Tuition	43.2	57.0	68.8

Colorado is a poster child for what a state should not do in regards to its tax policy. Since the implementation of the Taxpayer Bill of Rights, Colorado’s tax revenues have suffered. The result for higher education has been dramatic. In 1991, Colorado appropriated almost 57% of the costs for education. By 2016, the state share of higher education had dropped to less than 32%. During the same period, tuition costs had risen by a dramatic 120%.

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### Cost-Saving Measures Employed by Colorado

Cost-Saving Step	
Raise Tuition	Yes
Lay off Staff	Yes
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	Yes
Closings	No
Consolidation	No
Cuts to Sports	No
Performance-based Budgeting	Yes
Restrict Tuition Increase	No
Increase Cost-Efficiency	No