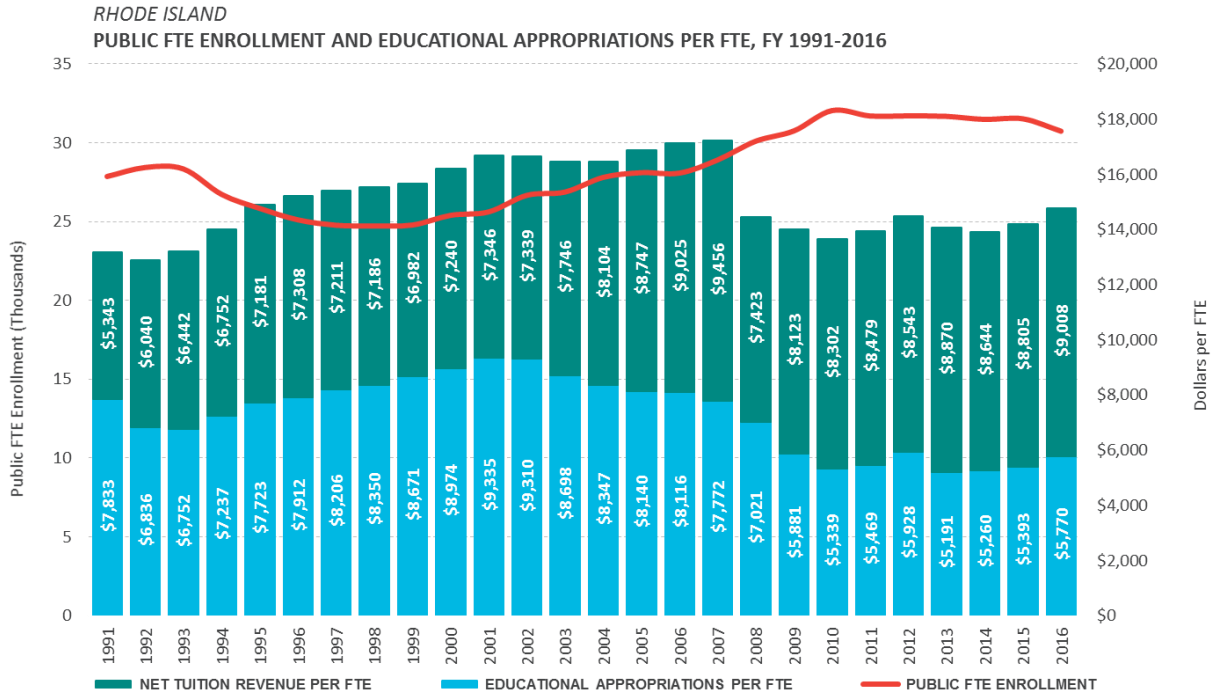


# Individual State Reports

## Rhode Island

### State Appropriations and Tuition

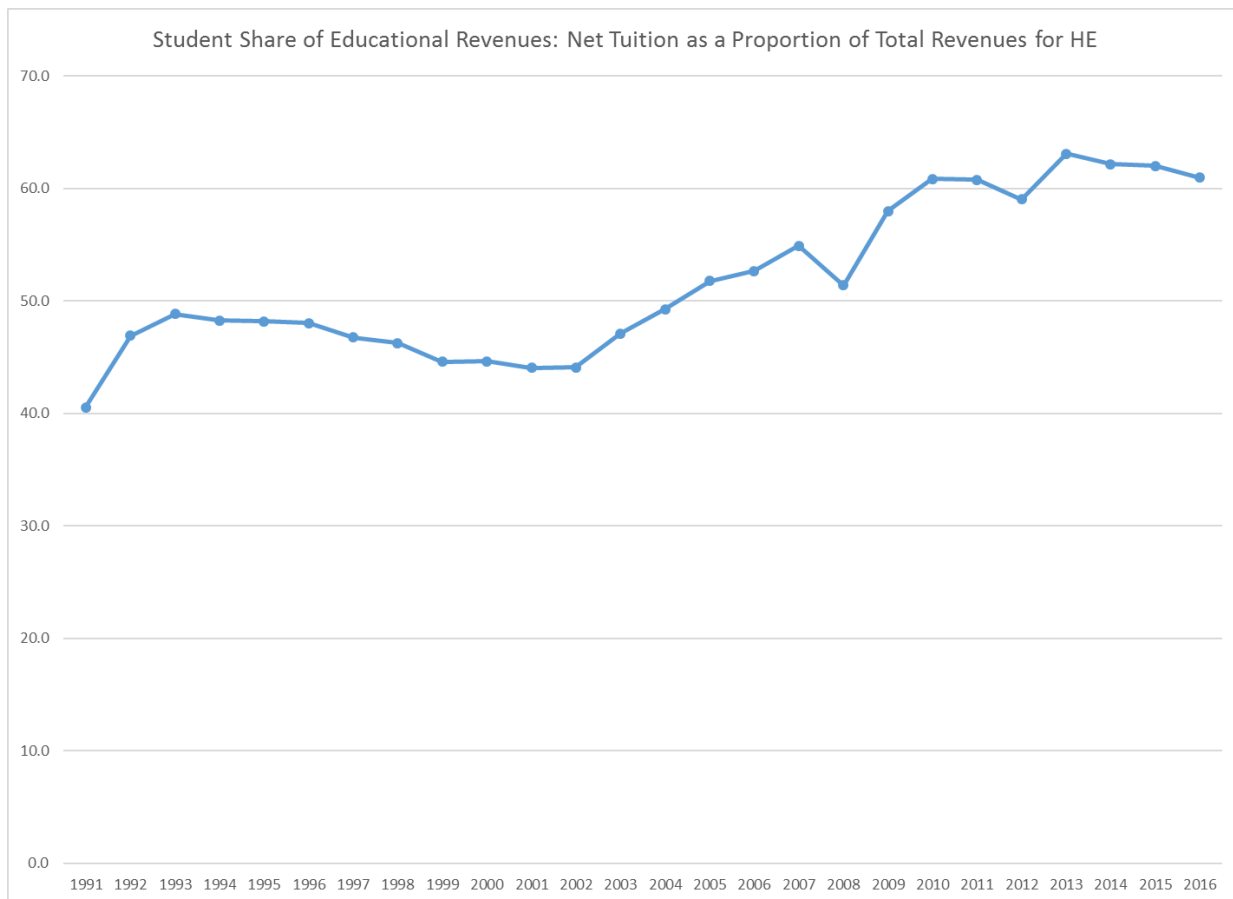


**NOTES:** Data adjusted for inflation using the Higher Education Cost Adjustment (HECA). Full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment equates student credit hours to full-time, academic year students, but excludes medical students. Educational appropriations are a measure of state and local support available 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	59.4	48.6	39.0
Percent of Tuition	40.6	51.4	61.0

Since 1991, Rhode Island’s cost for higher education has had some ups and downs. By 2016, the cost was slightly higher than in 1991. However, the burden for that cost has shifted dramatically from the state to the student. Student tuition now covers 61% of the cost (up from 40.6 in 1991). The state has actually dropped its share by almost 20 percentage points from a high of 59.4% in 1991 to 39% in 2016. The states appropriation dollars have also dropped by more than 37% while tuition has risen over 22% during that same time.



## Cost-Saving Measures Employed by Rhode Island

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	No
Restrict Tuition Increase	No
Increase Cost-Efficiency	No