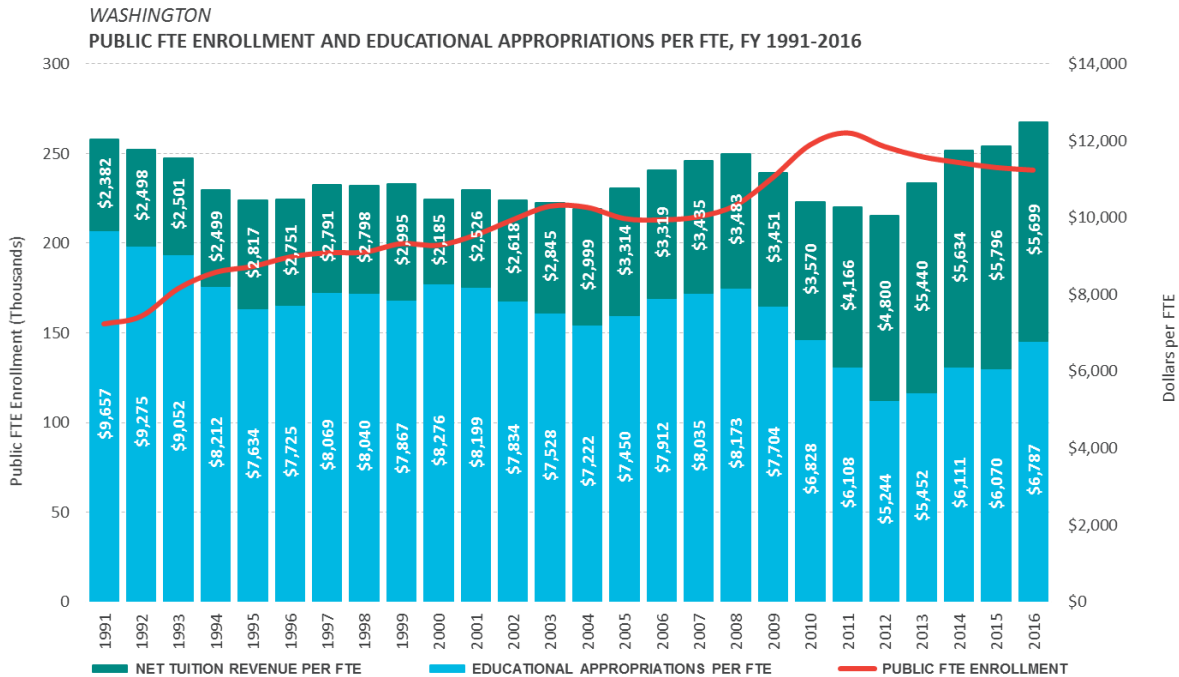


Individual State Reports

Washington

State Appropriations and Tuition

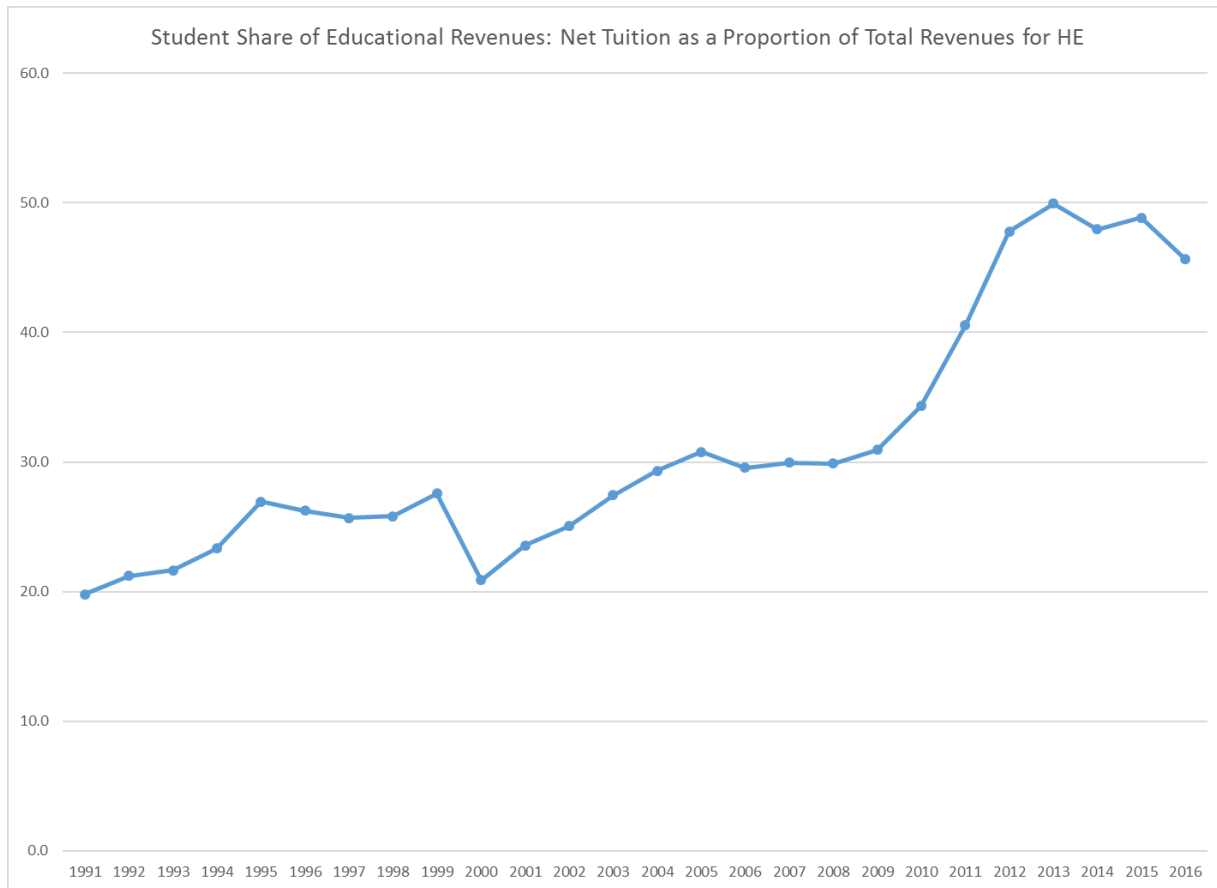


NOTES: Data adjusted for inflation using the Higher Education Cost Adjustment (HECA). Full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment equates student credit hours to full-time, academic year students, but excludes medical students. Educational appropriations are a measure of state and local support available for 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	80.2	70.1	54.4
Percent of Tuition	19.8	29.9	45.6

Washington has had a little bit of a roller coaster experience with its cost of education. Since 1991, the cost of higher education had been on a decline, with a slight uptick between 2005 to 2008. After the Great Recession, prices began to fall, but since 2013, prices have started to climb again, reaching a peak in 2016 or \$12,486 per FTE. Students have also been taken for a ride in sharing the cost. Their burden (i.e., tuition) in 1991 required that they cover only 19.8% of the cost. By 2016, their share of the cost had risen to 45.6%.



Cost-Saving Measures Employed by Washington

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