



The UW is committed to providing an affordable tuition for a top ranked university education.

Tuition and fees for the academic year 2009-2010 were \$7,692. How does that compare?

| Global Challenge State Peer University            | 2009-10 Tuition & Fees | % of Tuition & Fees Increase |
|---|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Rutgers University*                               | \$11,886               | 3.0%                         |
| University of Massachusetts*                      | \$11,732               | 14.7%                        |
| University of Virginia*                           | \$9,872                | 4.0%                         |
| University of Connecticut                         | \$9,886                | 5.9%                         |
| University of California, Davis                   | \$9,943                | 15.1%                        |
| University of California, San Diego               | \$9,377                | 16.4%                        |
| University of California, Irvine                  | \$9,303                | 15.6%                        |
| University of Maryland College Park and Baltimore | \$8,053                | 6.0%                         |
| University of California, Los Angeles             | \$8,851                | 17.2%                        |
| University of Colorado Boulder and Denver         | \$7,932                | 9.0%                         |
| University of Washington                          | \$7,692                | 13.1%                        |

By comparison, UW's tuition is:

Consistently named as one of the nations "best bargains in higher education." (Kiplinger's)

One of the lowest among its peer universities for resident undergraduates.

About \$1,700 less than the annual cost of Seattle-area daycare.

One-third of the cost of Seattle-area private schools.

Why is tuition rising?

Often the public equates tuition increases with a rise in the total cost of education. This is not the case. In Washington public higher education, student prices are increasing in response to state support declining, and the total cost of education is remaining fairly steady.

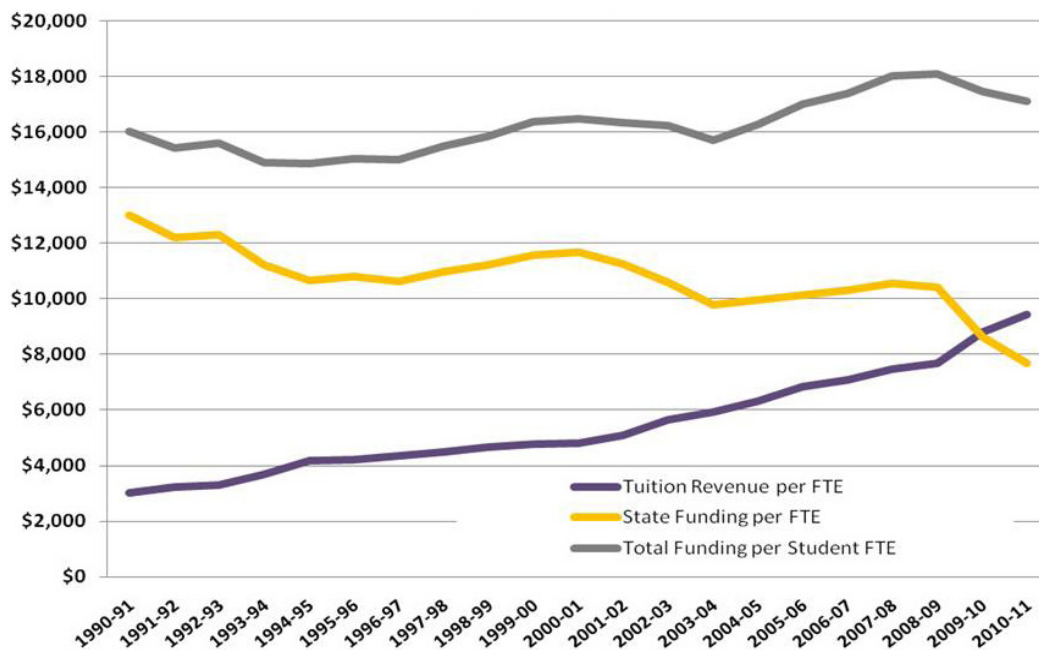
Since 2005, average **total** cost increases for undergraduate instruction have increased 2.5% annually (HECB Cost Study).

The average tuition increases for **undergraduate students**, however, have been 8.7% annually during the same time period.

| Year    | Tuition Increase | State Appropriations Decrease | Funding Gap  |
|---------|------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 2009-11 | \$75 million     | \$115 million                 | \$40 million |

## Costs to the state:

While low tuition makes the UW a great bargain, it also puts unnecessary pressure on the state to fill the shortfall between tuition revenues and the actual cost of education.



For the first time, tuition has surpassed state support. State support pays for teaching—the foundation of the University

## Benefits of investing in public institutions:

The benefits of providing the citizens of Washington public, higher education institutions are endless — student tuition plus state appropriations pays for:

### Educational Excellence

- Increased financial aid
- Increased enrollments
- World-class teaching faculty
- Availability of high-demand majors
- Modern classrooms and lab facilities
- Student advising and other services
- Small group classes
- Safe and beautiful campus and buildings
- Opportunities in life

### Education in high-demand fields

- Good jobs and good wages
- High quality of life
- Home-grown leadership
- Entrepreneurial opportunities
- Experience in cutting-edge research
- Service learning

### Benefits to the state

- Increased bachelor's, graduate and professional degrees (with emphasis on high-demand fields)
- Improved time to degree
- Improved student retention
- Highest quality academic programs
- Access for low-income students
- Student workforce preparation
- Increased tax base
- Increased family economic security