



Higher Education Spending and the Student Share

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Overview



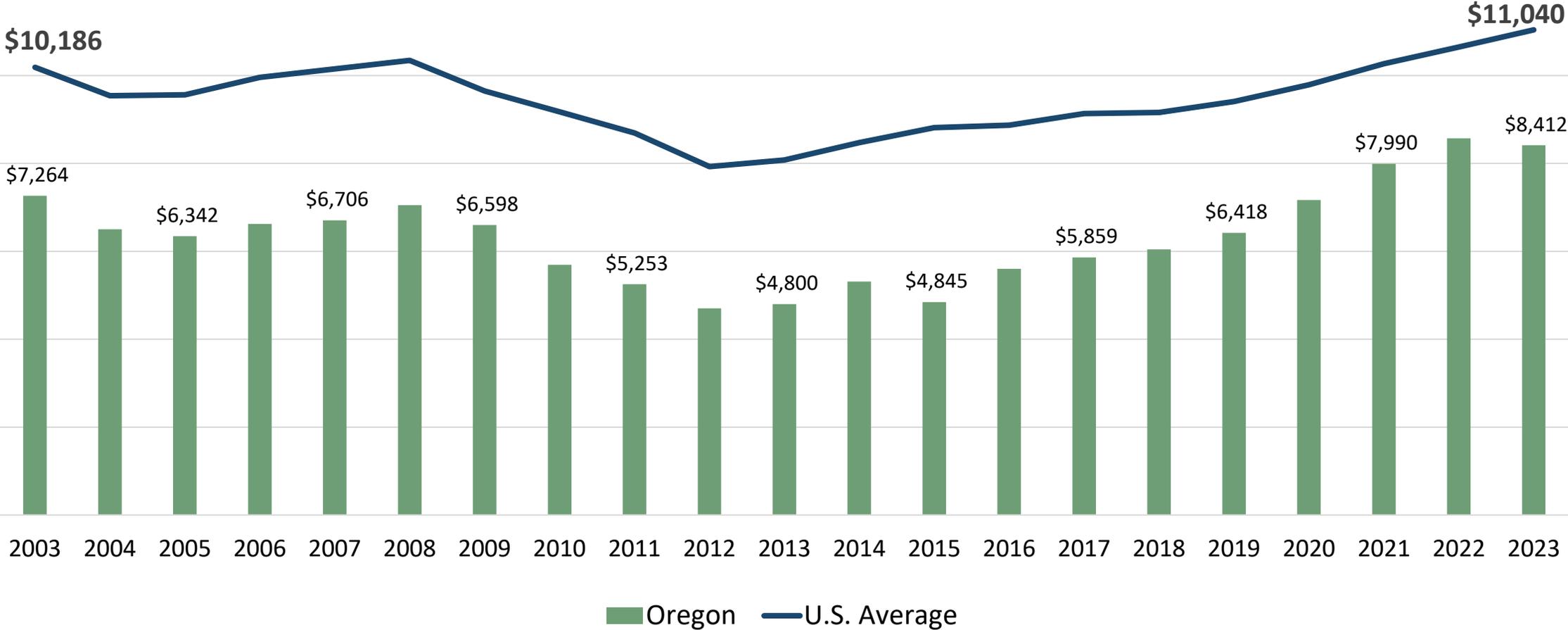
In this presentation, we discuss higher education spending with a focus on the student share.

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Oregon's Investment Ranks 37th Among States

Higher Education Appropriations per FTE Student (Inflation Adjusted)



Source: State Higher Education Executive Officers Association. (2024). *State Higher Education Finance: FY 2023* <https://shef.sheeo.org/>. Public Higher Education Appropriations per FTE by State (Constant Adjusted Dollars).

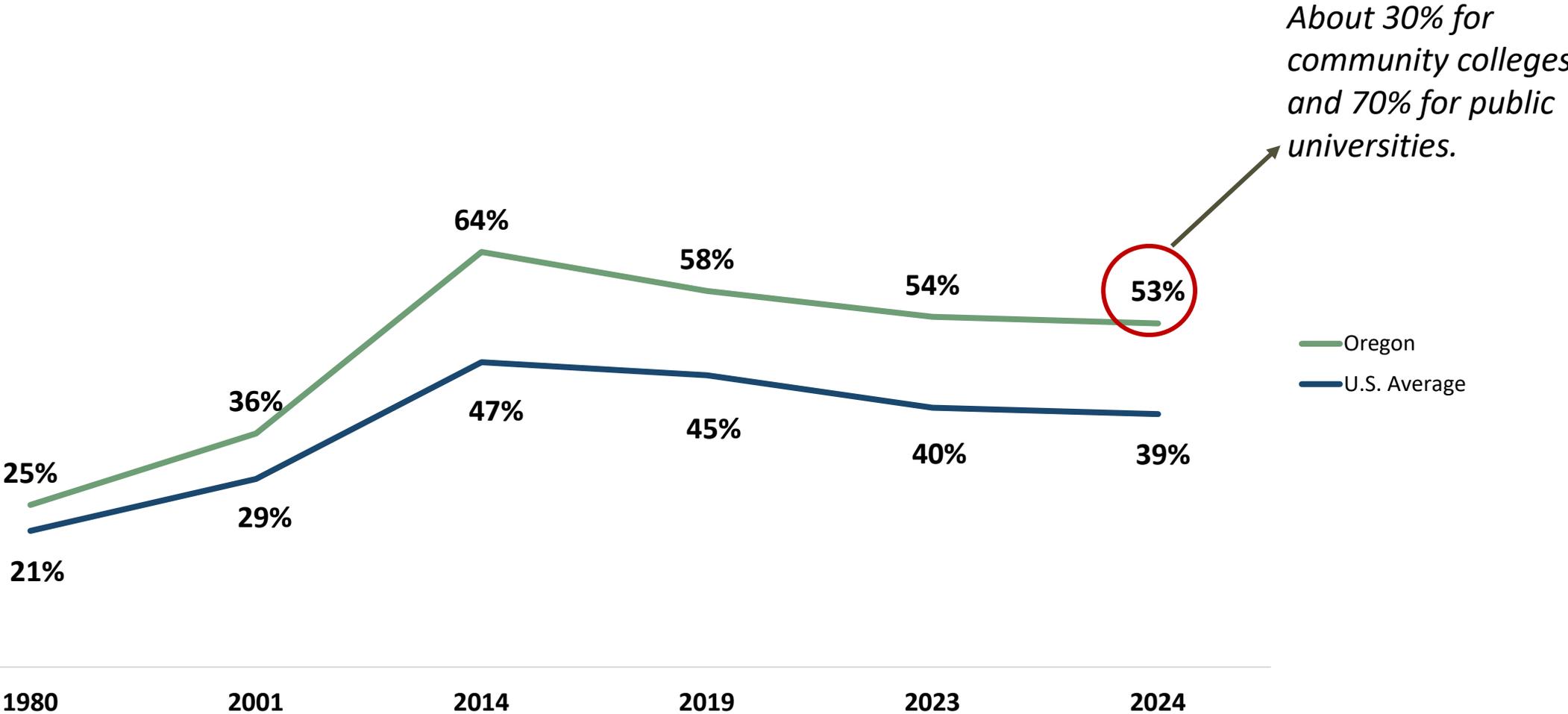


Spending per Student (Cost to educate a student)

General (E&G) Fund Only	FY2017	FY2024	Annual Growth Rate
Net tuition/fees	1,357,170,483	1,533,261,062	2%
State funding	607,255,305	896,156,814	6%
Local property taxes	162,048,826	225,001,339	5%
Other revenue	187,883,277	289,777,507	6%
Total Revenue	\$2,314,357,890	\$2,944,196,722	3%
Total Expenses	\$2,274,953,711	\$2,936,406,407	4%
Student FTE	180,137	151,941	(2%)
Spending per FTE	\$12,629	\$19,326	6%
Student Share	59%	53%	

Source and Notes: Financial data from CCFIS and E&G survey conducted by HECC staff. FTE data from HECC data dashboards. Includes both community colleges and public universities for the general fund (E&G) only. State funding includes support funds only.

The Student Share over Time



Source and Notes: 2024 State Higher Education Finance Survey (SHEF), tables 4.2 and 4.3. This includes both community colleges and public universities.



Inflation Adjusted Higher Education Revenue

	Education Appropriations	Net Tuition and Fee Revenue	Total Education Revenue	Student Share
2024	\$8,625	\$9,700	\$18,325	53%
2023	8,745	10,108	18,853	54%
2019	6,674	9,353	16,027	58%
2014	5,524	9,696	15,220	64%
2001	9,101	5,089	14,190	36%
1980	\$8,410	\$2,774	\$11,184	25%
Variance 1980 - 2024	\$215 / 3%	\$6,926 / 250%	\$7,141 / 64%	
Annual Growth	0.1%	2.9%	1.1%	
National Avg	0.3%	2.3%	0.9%	

Source and Notes: 2024 State Higher Education Finance Survey (SHEF), tables 3.2, 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3. This includes both community colleges and public universities. Inflation adjusted to current dollars and expressed per student FTE. Education appropriations include support funds, financial aid, and local property tax revenue.

Public University Student Costs

Published tuition and fees rates (i.e., the sticker price) have increased faster than inflation over the past decade. The average net price has not, and student affordability has improved.

Published tuition and fee rates have grown faster than inflation.

However, the total cost of attendance has grown in line with inflation during the past decade.

The average net price has grown less than inflation for those with financial aid.

Students who receive financial aid pay 40% less than sticker price on average. Due to financial aid from all sources.

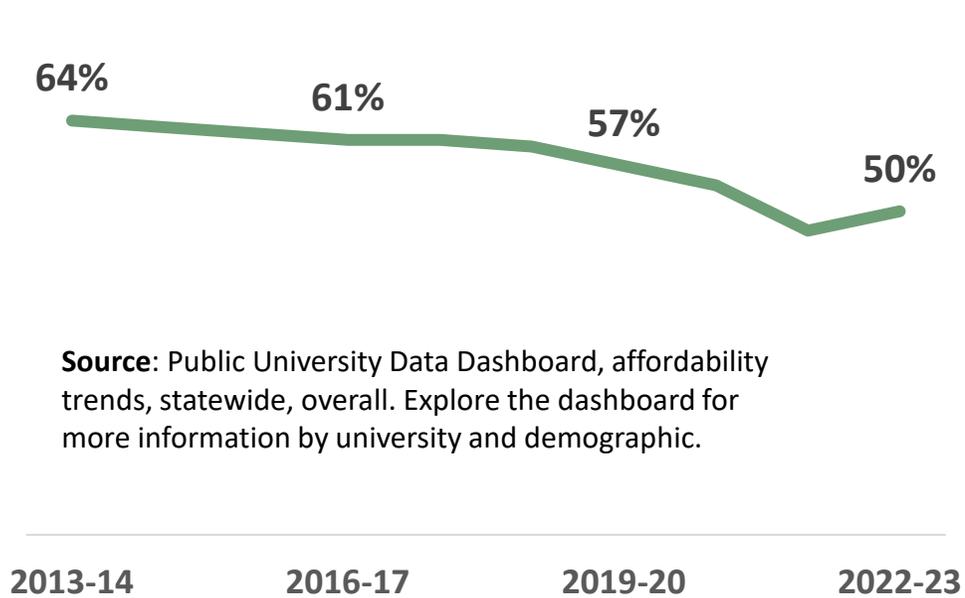
Student affordability has improved.

However, the affordability rate in academic year 2022-23 was 50% on average for students receiving financial aid.

Source: Spending and Efficiency in Oregon Public Universities, HECC, January 2026. Tables 6 through 9.

Student Affordability – Public Universities

The percent of students for whom costs outweigh available resources and the average net price by income level.



Source: Public University Data Dashboard, affordability trends, statewide, overall. Explore the dashboard for more information by university and demographic.

	Net Price (2022-23)	Compared to Average
Average Net Price	\$18,564	
By family income:		
\$0 – \$30,000	13,246	(29%)
\$30,001 – \$48,000	14,102	(24%)
\$48,001 – 75,000	16,066	(13%)
\$75,001 – \$110,000	20,398	10%
\$110,001+	23,174	25%

Source: Avg Net Price is from the Public University Data Dashboard. By family income, the data is from the U.S. Department of Education College Scorecard, Cost by family income. Accessed 10/27/2025. The average net price is for in-state students who receive federal financial aid and includes cost of attendance minus any grants and scholarships received.

State Funding – Public Universities

State funding per FTE is lower in Oregon than in neighboring states making Oregon public universities more tuition dependent and increases the cost of tuition and fees to students.

FY2024 data	State Funding per FTE	Financial Aid Funding per FTE	Student Share
California	\$11,344	\$1,831	34%
Idaho	10,351	449	52%
Nevada	11,500	2,220	24%
Washington	13,268	2,608	48%
Regional Average	\$11,616	\$1,777	39%
Oregon	6,200	1,146	70%
OR vs Average	(47%)	(36%)	

Source and Notes: 2024 State Higher Education Finance Survey (SHEF), tables 3.2A, 3.3A, and 4.3A. State Funding per FTE includes support funds, state programs, and SWPS.

Thank You
Questions?



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