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### **Net Tuition Trends in the United States**

A new CCAP annual report, *Net Tuition Trends in the United States*, documents the extent to which net tuition and required fees (“sticker price” minus grant aid) charged at American schools has increased markedly over the last half decade.

While everyone knows that the “sticker price” of college has been going up every year, some argue that this is not alarming because the net price to students is much lower due to financial aid. This annual report uses Department of Education data to find the average net tuition from the 2000-2001 school year up through the 2005-2006 school year. The findings, which show that net tuition has increased, depending on the type of school, anywhere from 11% to 73% over the last six years (after adjusting for inflation), has shocking implications for college affordability.

Financial aid casts doubt on the usefulness of the published tuition or “sticker price.” A Department of Education database provides information on the amount of financial aid, which allows for the calculation of net tuition figures, defined here as published tuition minus federal, state, local and institutional (school) grants. The increase in net tuition at every type of school, and especially at four year public schools is apparent in the table below.

**Table 1: Net Tuition at US Schools\***

<b>Type of School</b>	<b>2000-2001</b>	<b>2001-2002</b>	<b>2003-2003</b>	<b>2003-2004</b>	<b>2004-2005</b>	<b>2005-2006</b>	<b>Percent Increase 2000-2006</b>
<b>2 Year Private for Profit</b>	\$8,160	\$8,424	\$8,742	\$9,612	\$9,579	\$9,619	17.9%
<b>4 Year Private for Profit</b>	\$10,015	\$9,817	\$9,834	\$11,129	\$11,343	\$11,606	15.9%
<b>2 Year Private Not for Profit</b>	\$5,955	\$6,266	\$6,854	\$6,554	\$6,988	\$6,655	11.7%
<b>4 Year Private Not for Profit</b>	\$11,048	\$11,180	\$11,394	\$11,747	\$12,344	\$12,756	15.5%
<b>2 Year Public</b>	\$774	\$679	\$699	\$819	\$931	\$983	27.0%
<b>4 Year Public</b>	\$1,423	\$1,406	\$1,673	\$2,047	\$2,244	\$2,466	73.3%

\*All figures are in constant 2007 dollars.

In addition to the net tuition paid by students, the report also documents trends in net school tuition revenue, or how much money schools receive from each student, on average.

Additionally, each type of school is analyzed separately for each state, revealing stark differences in the costs of college by state.

The full study can be downloaded from the CCAP website at:  
[http://www.centerforcollegeaffordability.org/uploads/Net\\_tuition.pdf](http://www.centerforcollegeaffordability.org/uploads/Net_tuition.pdf)

This annual report was authored by CCAP staff Andrew Gillen, James Coleman and Hans Zhong. The Center for College Affordability and Productivity (CCAP) is a Washington, DC based think tank that began operating in 2006 to address issues concerning affordability and productivity in higher education.

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