



Utah System of Higher Education

Tuition Setting Process Update

Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee

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Tuition Setting Process Update

- Utah tuition in Context
- Revisions to tuition setting-process
- Implementation of new tuition-setting process

By the Numbers

Historic Tax and Tuition Funds per Student FTE

Public FTE Enrollment and Educational Appropriations per FTE, Utah, FY 1992-2017



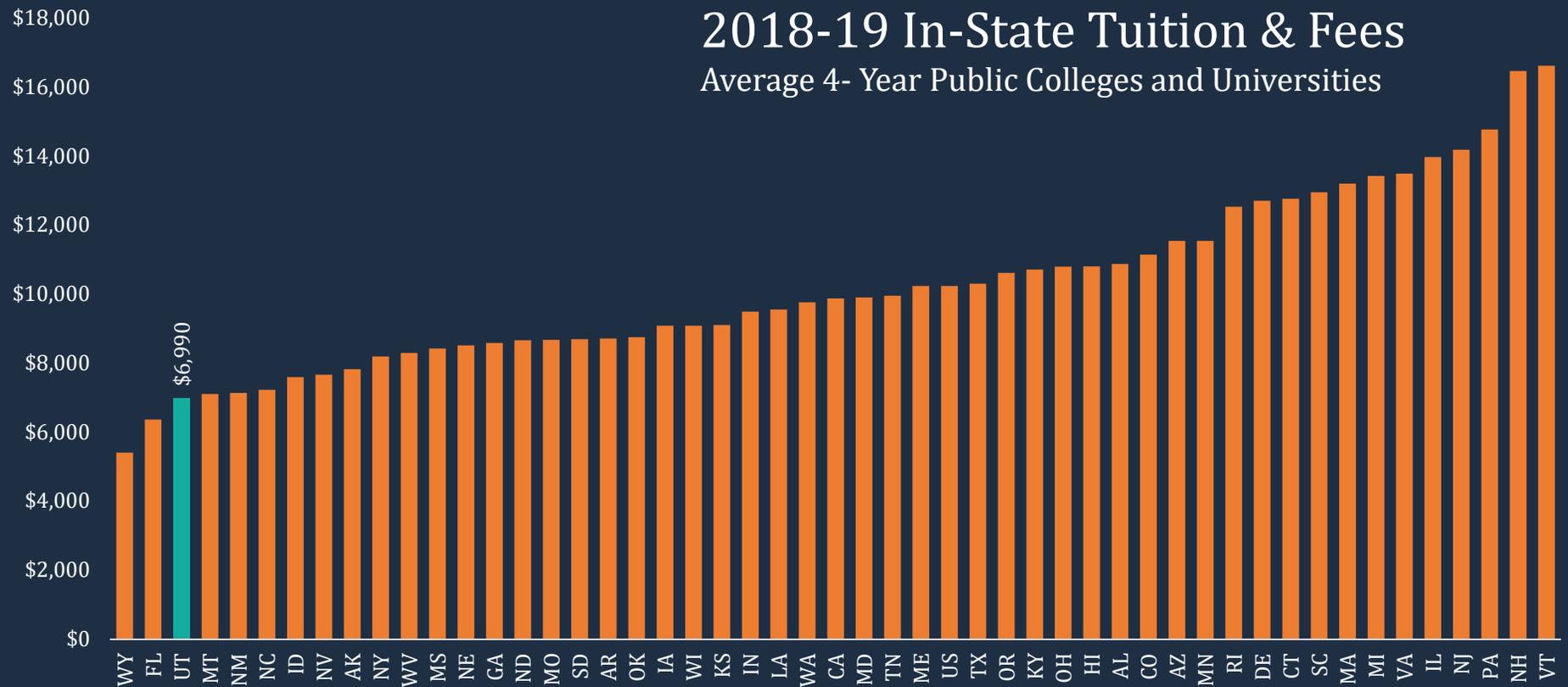
By the Numbers

Institution Tax Fund and Tuition Fund Mix

| Institution | FY 18 % Tax Funded | FY 18 % Tuition Funded |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| University of Utah | 49% | 51% |
| Utah State University | 57% | 43% |
| Weber State University | 53% | 47% |
| Southern Utah University | 46% | 54% |
| Snow College | 67% | 33% |
| Dixie State University | 52% | 48% |
| Utah Valley University | 44% | 56% |
| Salt Lake Community College | 62% | 38% |
| USHE System Average | 51% | 49% |

By the Numbers

National & Regional Comparisons

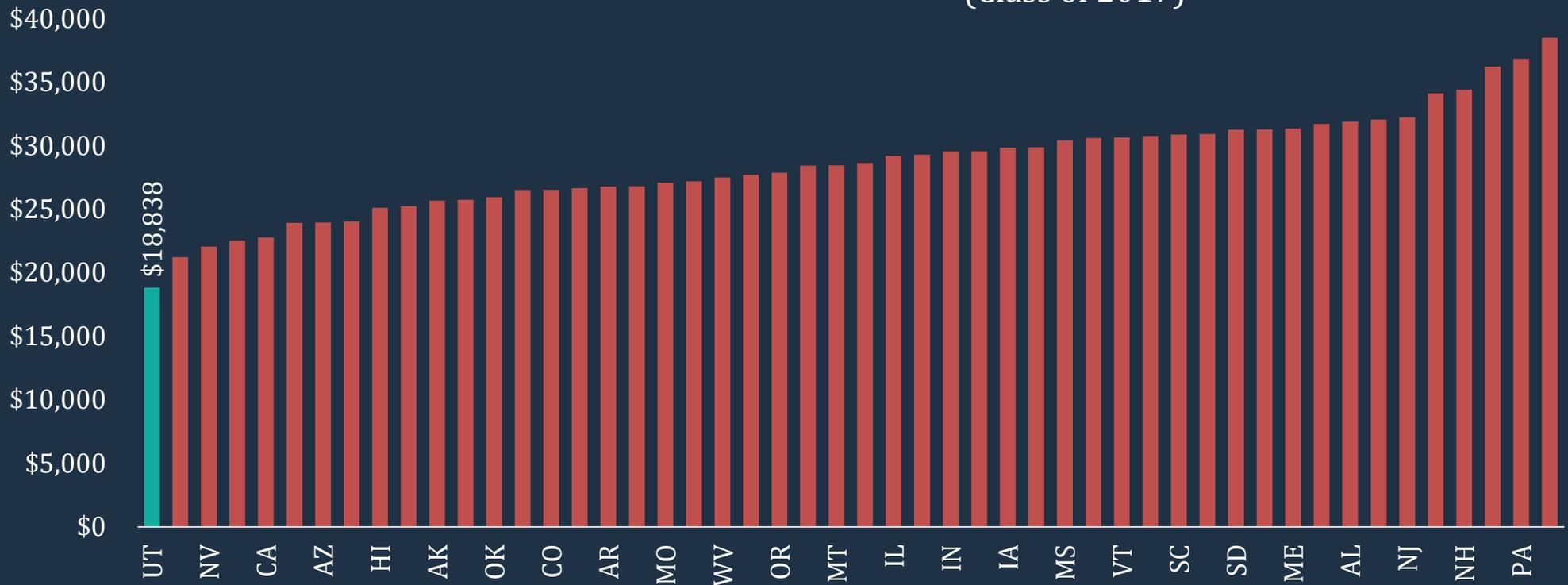


College Board, Trends in College Pricing (<https://trends.collegeboard.org/college-pricing/figures-tables/variation-published-prices#Published%20Tuition%20and%20Fees%20by%20Region%20and%20by%20State>)

By the Numbers

Student Debt Loads

Average Student Debt of Those with Loans at Graduation (Class of 2017)



By the Numbers

Student Financial Aid Awarded (FY2017-18)

Federal Financial Aid

- 32% of USHE students received Pell Grants \$223,390,405
- 6% students received other federal aid (Perkins loans, work study, FSEOG and LEAP) \$13,350,441

Institution Aid

- Resident waivers \$51,096,119

State Aid Programs

- Ed Disadvantage scholarships \$645,913
- TH Bell Teacher Loans \$1,781,791
- Engineering and CS Scholarships \$51,534
- Vet Gap \$128,049
- Regents' Scholarship \$16,062,500
- New Century \$ 1,983,900

Private Scholarships

- Approx. \$16,000,000

Revisions to Board Tuition Setting Procedures

- Discontinued uniform first-tier + institution second-tier tuition structure to an institution specific tuition rate approach (2019-20)
- Additional detail from institutions including:
 - A detailed list of uses for tuition revenue
 - Demonstrated support from students and Trustees
 - Anticipated impact on student access, retention, and completion rates
 - Dollar and percentage adjustment being requested
- Institutional use of tuition dollars will be subject to spot audits
- Board of Regents considered several different scenarios.



Truth-in-Tuition Hearings & Public Review

- USHE institutions must hold public “Truth-in-Tuition” meetings with students to explain the institution’s tuition proposal and rationale. *(UCA53B-7-101.5)*
- The Board shall hold a public hearing as part of the regularly scheduled Board meeting, and provide written notice to student body presidents one-week prior to the hearing date. *(Regent Policy R511, Tuition Disclosures and Consultation)*

| | <u>Truth-in-Tuition Hearings</u> | <u>Board of Trustee Review</u> | <u>Board of Regents Considerations</u> | |
|-------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|----------|
| Utah: | March 19 | March 12 | Tuition Presentations | March 28 |
| USU: | March 6 | March 8 | Public Hearing | March 28 |
| WSU: | March 11 | March 19 | | |
| SUU: | March 5 | March 21 | Final Tuition Decisions | March 29 |
| SNOW: | March 13 | March 15 | | |
| DSU: | March 5 | March 22 | | |
| UVU: | March 7 | March 14 | | |
| SLCC: | March 7 | March 13 | | |

Affordability Considerations prior to Approving Tuition Adjustments

- Annual Use of Tuition Reviews
- How the proposed tuition rate compares to the state's median income statistics
- State funding received by the legislature for the year
- National and regional tuition and fee comparisons for each institution
- Institution cost data
- Average student debt load in Utah
- Combined impact of tuition rate adjustments and general student fee increases
- Institution presentations and internal reallocations
- Student and public comment



State Median Household Income and Tuition

Regent Affordability Metric: Increase Tuition to Board Approved Threshold of State's Median Household Income

| Institution | State Median Household Income | Board Approved Threshold | FY 19 Published Tuition & Fees | Current % of Household Income | \$ Increase to Threshold | Max % Proposed Change |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| University of Utah | \$62,518 | 15% | 9,222 | 14.8% | 156 | 1.7% |
| Utah State University | \$62,518 | 15% | 7,424 | 11.9% | 1,954 | 26.3% |
| Weber State University | \$62,518 | 10% | 5,859 | 9.4% | 393 | 6.7% |
| Southern Utah University | \$62,518 | 10% | 6,770 | 10.8% | -518 | -7.7% |
| Snow College | \$62,518 | 7% | 3,742 | 6.0% | 634 | 16.9% |
| Dixie State University | \$62,518 | 10% | 5,253 | 8.4% | 999 | 19.0% |
| Utah Valley University | \$62,518 | 10% | 5,726 | 9.2% | 526 | 9.2% |
| Salt Lake Community College | \$62,518 | 7% | 3,843 | 6.1% | 533 | 13.9% |
| Utah State University – USU Eastern | \$62,518 | 7% | 3,896 | 6.2% | 480 | 12.3% |

By the Numbers

Board of Regents Affordability Metric

| Mission | Institution | Benchmark | 2019 Published Tuition & Fees as % of State Median Household Income |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|---|
| Research | UU | 15% | 14.8% |
| | USU – Main Campus | | 11.9% |
| Regional | WSU | 10% | 9.4% |
| | SUU | | 10.8% |
| | DSU | | 8.4% |
| | UVU | | 9.2% |
| Community College | USU – Eastern | 7% | 6.2% |
| | SNOW | | 6.0% |
| | SLCC | | 6.1% |

