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Fact Sheet

## Tuition and Fees

- ❖ **\$12,135: average in-state tuition** among *New Jersey's state colleges and universities\** for academic year 2016-2017.
  - **Average in-state tuition and fee increase of 2.2 percent.**
- ❖ **\$13,560: Average in-state tuition** among *New Jersey's senior public four-year institutions\** for academic year 2016-2017.
  - **10<sup>th</sup> lowest percentage increase nationally** over the past five years for *New Jersey's public four-year institutions\** with an average in-state tuition and fees at 5.82 percent.
- ❖ **NJ is a high financial aid state.**
  - **\$631 million** – The total state grant aid to New Jersey's *state colleges and universities\** (for Academic Year 2014-2015).
  - **6<sup>th</sup> highest amount of state grant aid or \$1,320** per full-time equivalent (FTE) undergraduate student in 2014-2015.
  - **10<sup>th</sup> highest percentage of New Jersey's higher education budget or 20 percent** of the higher education budget goes toward student grants.
  - **31 percent** of students who graduated in 2014 from *New Jersey's state colleges and universities\** had zero debt.
  - **\$28,245** – The average cumulative student loan amount borrowed by graduates with student loan debt financing undergraduate education *at New Jersey's state colleges and universities\** (Institute for College Access and Success, CollegeInsight).

\* **DEFINITIONS:** *New Jersey State Colleges and Universities* refer to those not-for-profit institutions designated as "state" by NJ State Statute – The College of New Jersey, Kean University, Montclair State University, New Jersey City University, Ramapo College of New Jersey, Stockton University, Thomas Edison State University, and William Paterson University. These schools are represented by NJ Association of State Colleges and Universities (NJASCU). *New Jersey Senior Public Four-Year Colleges and Universities* (also called "public four-year" or "senior public") refer to the "state" institutions referenced above, plus the not-for-profit universities designated as "Research" Institutions - Rutgers, Rowan University and New Jersey Institute of Technology. The "Independent" Colleges and Universities are the "private," four-year, not-for-profit colleges and universities, but they do get some state aid. The *Community Colleges*, sometimes referred to as "county colleges," are the two-year, public, not-for-profit institutions that also get some state funding, but a greater percentage of their funding comes from the counties in which the schools reside.

## Students

- ❖ **95,477 students** (graduate and undergraduate) at ***New Jersey state colleges and universities.\****
  - **88 percent of total student body: New Jersey residents**
    - This includes the on-line Thomas Edison State University student body which is a virtual student body located around the world.
    - Taking TESU out of the equation, **95 percent** of student body at ***New Jersey's state colleges and universities\**** comprises New Jersey residents.
- ❖ **63 percent enrollment growth between FY 1991-2016 for *New Jersey's senior public colleges and universities.\****
- ❖ **29,101 net outmigration** of New Jersey high school graduates who enroll in college
  - In order to enroll the almost 35,000 students who leave New Jersey (the gross outmigration fails to calculate the one estimate indicated that the institutions of higher education in the state would have to expand by 44 percent. (Jeff Guo, April 8, 2015, *Washington Post*).
  - The top 10 traditional out-of-state institutions that enrolled the most New Jersey undergraduates were the following: University of Delaware, Penn State, Drexel University, New York University, St. Joseph's University, Temple University, Syracuse University, Boston University, West Virginia University and Cornell University.
- ❖ **67.2 percent six-year graduation rate, sixth highest in the United States for *New Jersey's senior public colleges and universities.\****
  - ***The United States average is 42.2 percent (Chronicle of Higher Education College Completion Report, 2014).***
  - *Both national and institutional graduation rates are calculated using data from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). But IPEDS-produced graduation rates may be significantly inaccurate. The IPEDS calculation excludes students who begin college part time, who enroll mid-year, and who transfer from one institution to another.*
- ❖ **84.9 percent retention rate, sixth highest in the United States for *New Jersey's senior public colleges and universities.\****
  - Retention rate is calculated on first-time college freshmen returning to their second year.

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