College Access and Affordability
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Premise:

Virginia higher education must remain affordable in order to achieve state goals for access, retention and completion.
Definitions

- **Cost** – Total appropriations divided by total students
- **Price** – Tuition, fees, and other charges assessed to students
- **Sticker Price** – Includes tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, transportation, and personal expenses
- **Net Price** – Sticker Price minus gift aid (federal, state, institutional, and other grants, scholarships, any aid that does not require work or to be repaid)
- **Affordability** – Believed to be within one’s financial means
  - Affordability applies not only to students, but to state, federal government, and institutions as well
- **Value** - Relative worth, merit, or importance
  - Value can be both individual and public

*Affordability in higher education is the interplay among these terms.*
Indicators of Affordability

Average Funding per FTE Student at Four-Year Institutions (in 2013-14 Constant Dollars)

Notes:
(1) Total Funding per Total FTE is not the sum of General Fund per In-State FTE and Nongeneral Fund per Total FTE.
(2) FY12-FY14 are based on projected enrollments. All other years are based on actual enrollments.
(3) General fund and nongeneral fund are based on the appropriations in Chapter 3.
(4) FY10 and FY11 Nongeneral Fund per Total FTE include funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.
Indicators of Affordability

Average Funding per FTE Student at Virginia Community Colleges
(in 2013-14 Constant Dollars)

Notes:
(1) Total Funding per Total FTE is not the sum of General Fund per In-State FTE and Nongeneral Fund per Total FTE.
(2) FY13 and FY14 are based on projected enrollment by increasing FY12 actual enrollment by 1% annually. All other years are based on actual enrollments.
(3) General fund and nongeneral fund are based on the appropriations in Chapter 3.
(4) FY10 and FY11 Nongeneral Fund per Total FTE include funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.
Indicators of Affordability

Average Public 4-Year Total Undergraduate Charges
As a Percent of Per Capita Disposable Income

Note: Cost includes tuition and mandatory fees, and room and board.

Source: College Board, US Bureau of Economic Analysis, and SCHEV.
Indicators of Affordability

Average Public 2-Year Total Undergraduate Charges
As a Percent of Per Capita Disposable Income

Notes:
(1) Cost includes tuition and mandatory fees.
(2) Virginia public 2-year charges include the Richard Bland College commuter student charges and Virginia Community College System charges.

Source: College Board, US Bureau of Economic Analysis, and SCHEV.
Indicators of Affordability

Cost Share between State and In-State Undergraduate Students

- **1993-94**: 38% State Share, 62% In-State Undergraduate Student Share
- **2001-02**: 23% State Share, 77% In-State Undergraduate Student Share
- **2012-13**: 48% State Share, 52% In-State Undergraduate Student Share
Indicators of Affordability

Annual Mean Loan Amount
In-State Undergraduates - Public Institutions
(Constant 2010-11 Dollars)
Actions Affecting Affordability

- General fund support for institutions
- Reallocation of existing appropriations
- Innovation and efficiency
- Focus on retention and completion
- Student financial aid

- Support for community colleges and transfer grants
- Student preparation and informed decision making