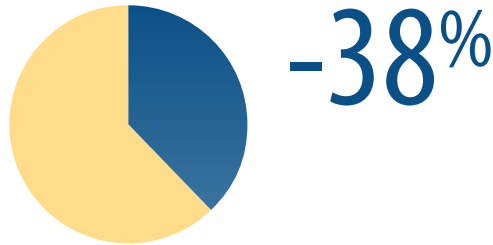


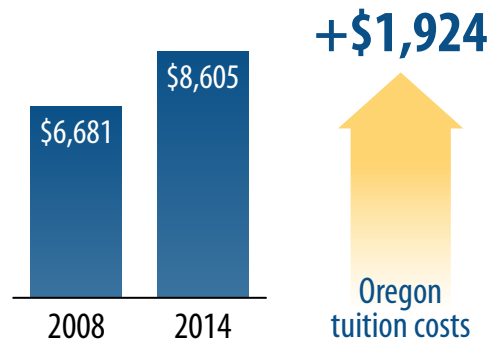
Higher Education Cuts Jeopardize Students' and Oregon's Economic Future

Oregon cut higher education spending during the recession and funding remains well below pre-recession levels. These funding cuts have led to tuition increases that can make college less affordable. A highly educated workforce is crucial to Oregon's economic future. To rebuild our higher education system, policymakers will need to raise the necessary revenue and avoid shortsighted tax cuts, which would make it much harder to invest in higher education.

- 1 Since 2008, Oregon has cut funding for four-year public colleges and universities by 37.9% per full-time student.



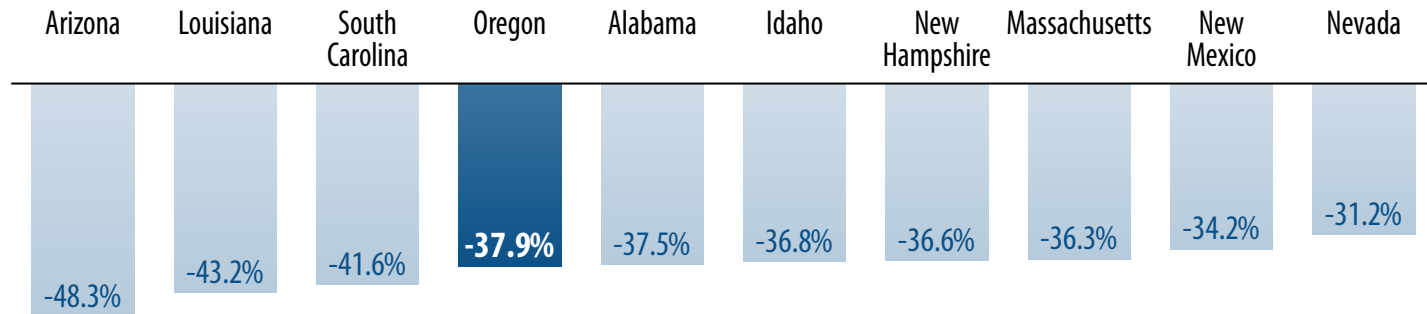
- 2 Since 2008, average tuition in Oregon has risen by \$1,924 for four-year public colleges and universities.



- 3 State funding cuts and sharp tuition increases are making college less affordable, shifting costs from states to students, and jeopardizing quality at public universities.



Oregon ranks 4th among the top ten states with the steepest cuts to higher education budgets.



Notes: All figures are adjusted for inflation and represent constant 2013 dollars. Because enrollment data is only available through the 2013 school year, enrollment for the 2013-14 school year is estimated using data from past years.

Sources: State Higher Education Executive Officers Association, SHEF 2013; Illinois State University, Grapevine FY 2014; College Board, Trends in College Pricing 2013.