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# Cut administrators to lower college costs? #tellusatoday

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Higher college costs stem from too many lower-level administrators, columnist [Glenn Harlan Reynolds](#) argues ("[Reynolds: Fire administrators to fix higher ed \(/story/opinion/2015/05/26/college-administrators-education-reform-pay-column/27912921/\)](#)"). Letter to the editor:

Glenn Harlan Reynolds criticizes the increasing number of administrators at institutions of higher education and the high salaries some earn.

However, more scandalous is the money paid at many colleges and universities to coaches whose salaries often are higher than those of their presidents. [Mike Krzyzewski](#), men's basketball coach at Duke University, has earned more than \$7 million a year. He is just one of many coaches earning more than \$1 million per year.

Also, the increasing number of administrators is sometimes the direct result of federal and state unfunded mandates to comply with regulations such as the [Clery Act](#).

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*Comments from Facebook are edited for clarity and grammar:*

Do you understand where all that government student loan money is going, people? Some students are committing to pay for loans worth tens of thousands per year for their college education! This money is helping to fund leftist professors and administrators.

— **Sandra Chambly Estes**

There are a lot of administrators. It is useful to ask what they do and whether we want that to be done (and paid for). Many work in areas of mental health, diversity and community outreach, which were not previously considered part of the core mission of a university.

— **Patricia LiWang**

The price of college is so high as to be prohibitive unless you have rich parents or are willing to take on debt that you'll be paying for the rest of your life.

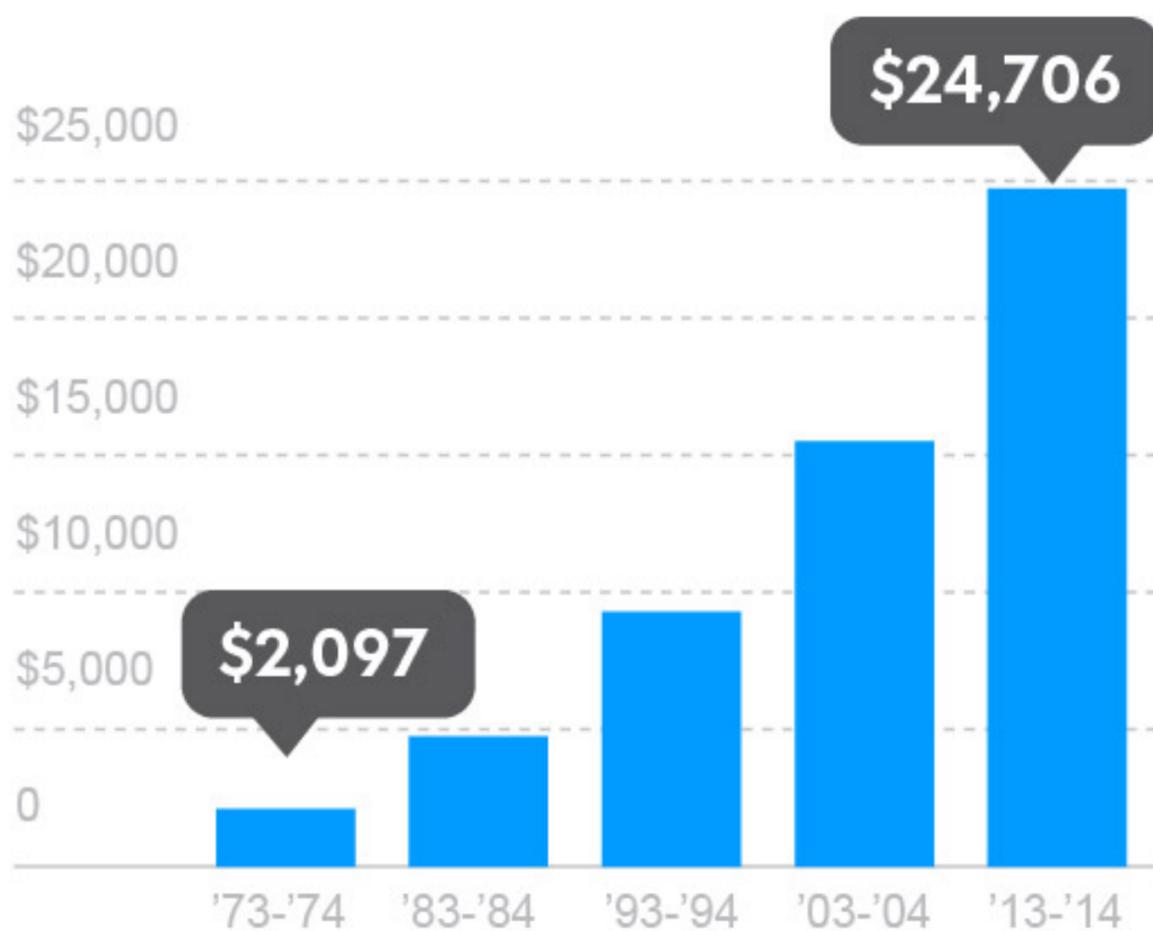
— **James Vaught**

As long as suckers keep enrolling, the people who run higher education will continue to misuse the institutions.

— **Harry Taft**

# COLLEGE COSTS SOAR

Average annual tuition, fees, and room and board for full-time undergraduate students at four-year institutions:



SOURCE: National Center for Education Statistics

Janet Loehrke, USA TODAY



We asked our followers what they thought should be done to help cut the cost of higher education. Comments are edited for clarity and grammar:

Stop the government from subsidizing it.

— @kylegeorg

Stop paying bigwigs six-figure salaries when college students can barely eat.

— @LensaLevi

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