



Policies to Support Today's Students

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Who is Young Invincibles?

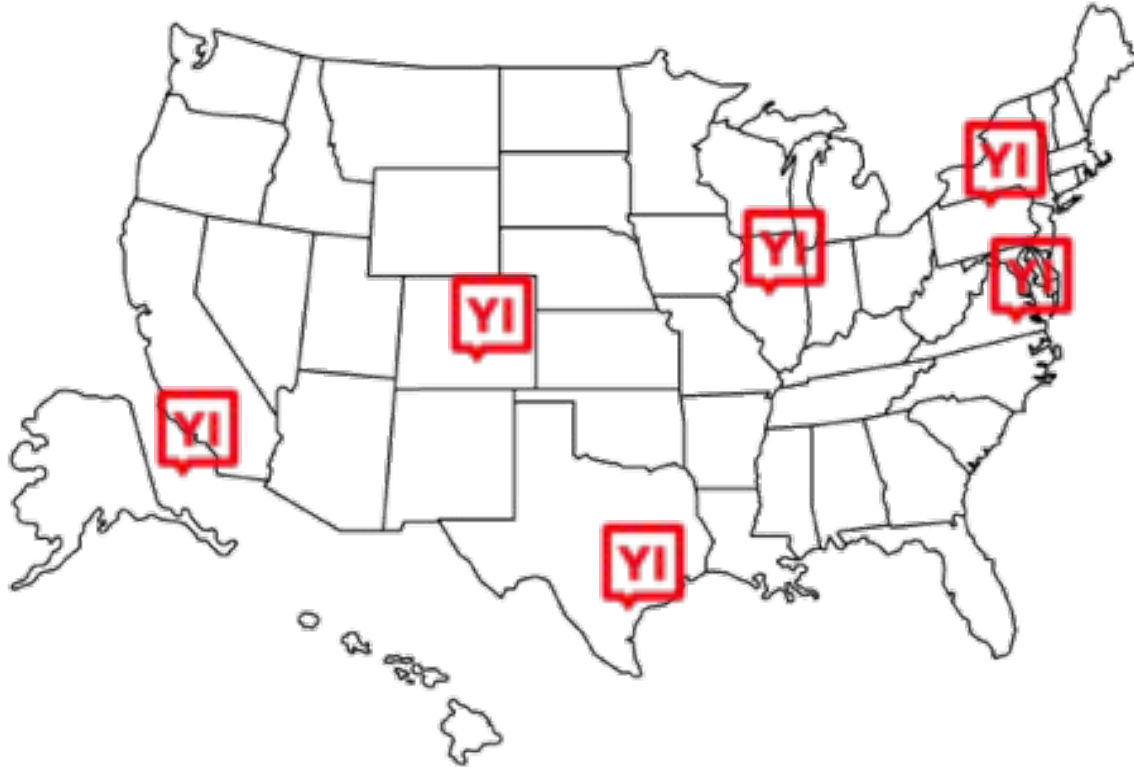




Our Core Issue Areas:

- Higher Education
- Health Care
- Workforce
- Civic Engagement

Where We Work:



How We Work:

- Building a community of young leaders to take action for social change
- Sharing the stories of young adults
- Cutting-edge policy research and analysis
- Providing tools for our generation to make smart economic choices



Our Youth Engagement Programs:

- Young Advocates Program (YAP)
- Youth Advisory Board (YAB)
- Denver Youth Leadership Academy (DYLA) *
- YI Colorado Alumni Network

* Partnership with the Denver Opportunity Youth Initiative

Today's Students

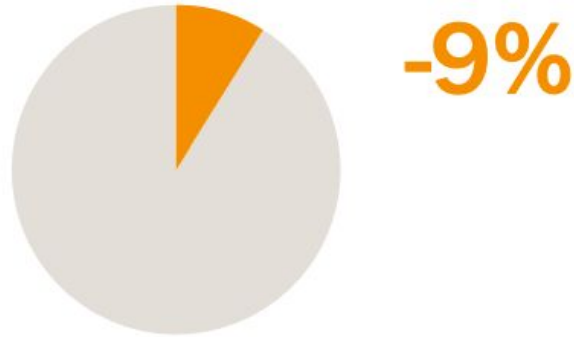




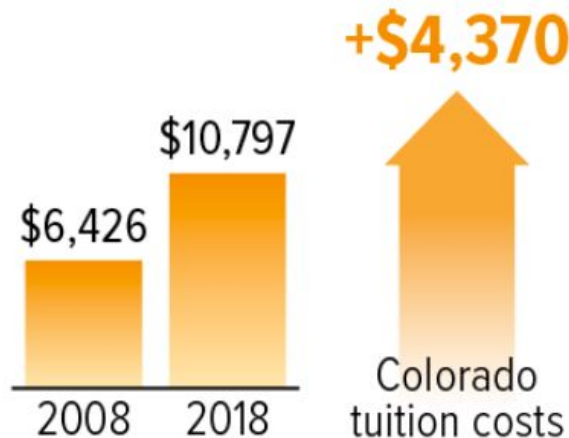
Cost is the biggest barrier to pursuing higher education.

A Decade of Funding Cuts and Tuition Hikes: 2008-2018

Per-student funding for Colorado's public colleges and universities is 9% below 2008 levels.



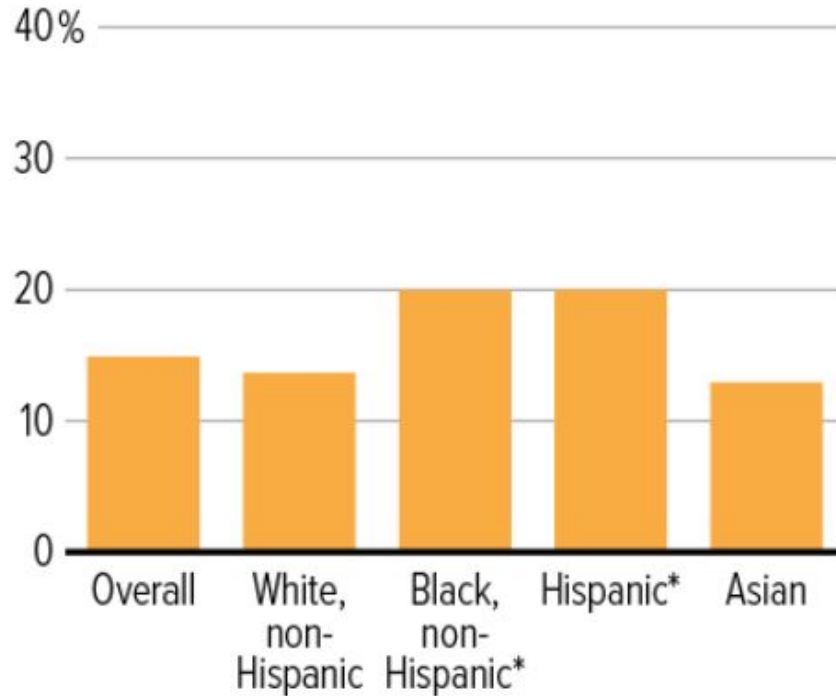
Since 2008, average tuition in Colorado is up by \$4,370 for four-year public colleges and universities.



The \$495 cut in per-student funding and tuition increases have made college less affordable, shifting costs from the state to students and jeopardizing quality at public universities.



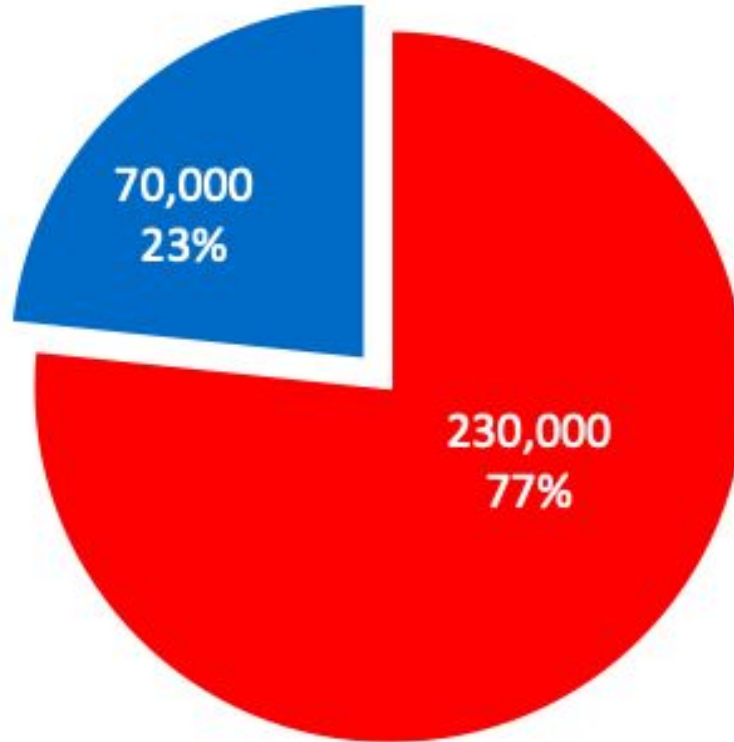
State's average tuition and fees at a public 4-year university as a share of median household income by race, 2017



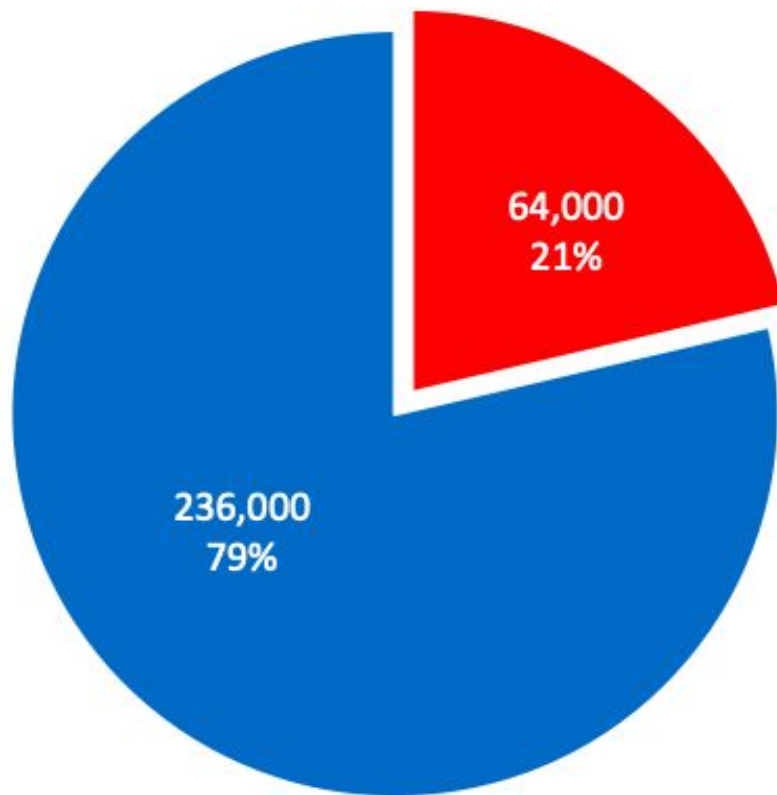


Affordability varies among different
groups of students.

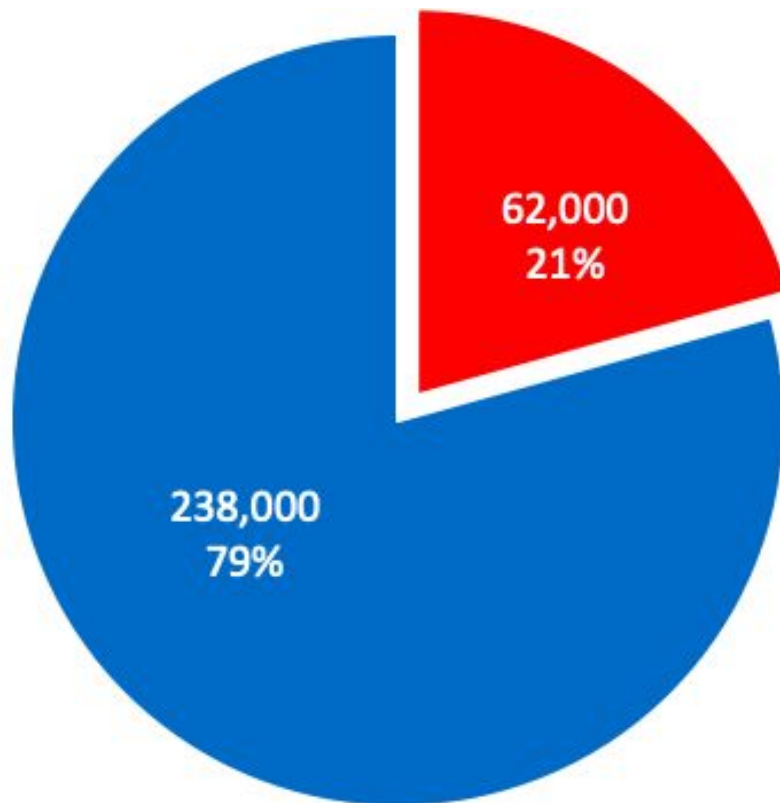
Working Students (>20 hr/wk)



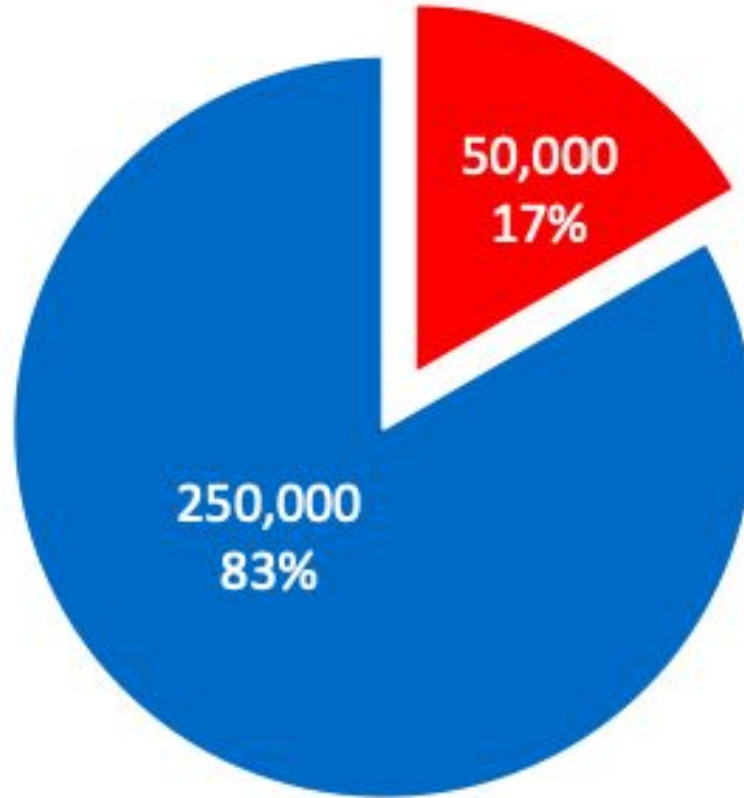
Housing Insecure Students



Returning Students



Student Parents



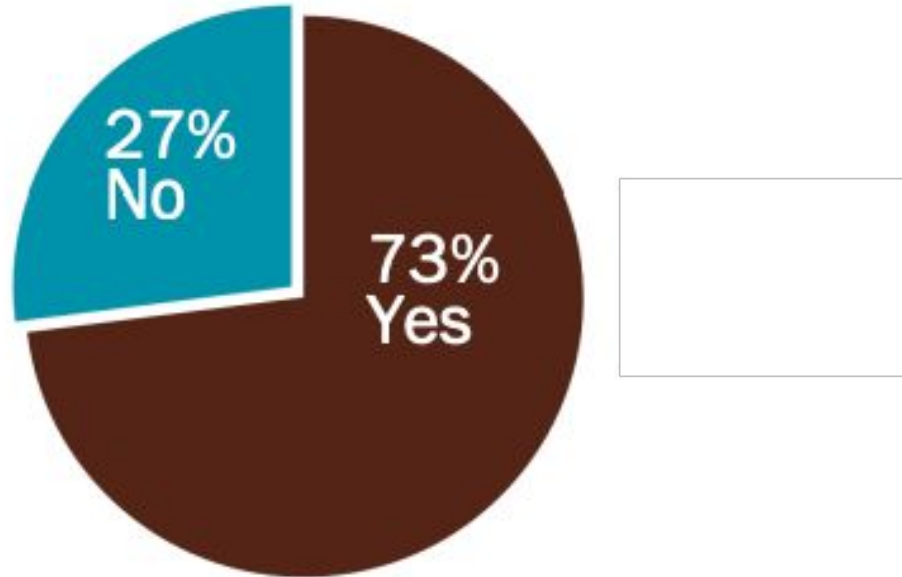
Student Hunger



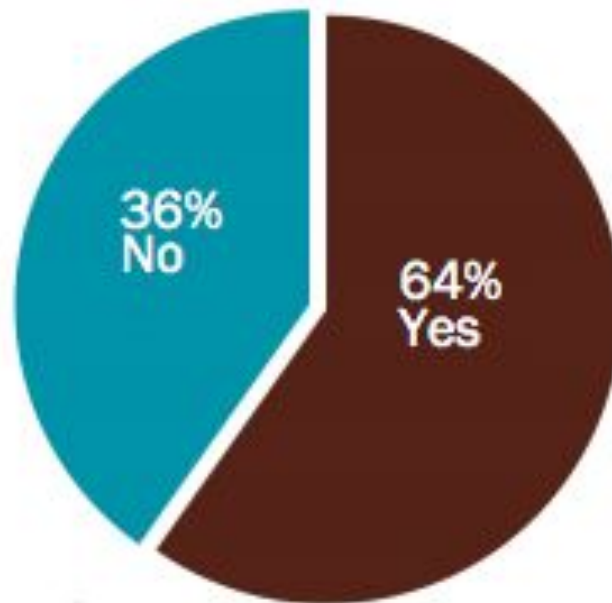
Campus Mental Health



Have you experienced a mental health crisis while in college?



Are you no longer attending college because of a mental health related reason?



Suggested Policies






Increase state funding for higher
education.



Pass HB18-1414 Higher Education Student
Emergency Assistance Grants.

A grayscale photograph of a woman with long hair, wearing a plaid shirt and a hard hat with safety glasses. She is focused on working inside an open electrical panel mounted on a wall. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Pass HB19-1252 College Credit for Work
Experience.



Invest in SNAP outreach to college
students.



**Create a “Healthy Minds
Campus” designation** for institutions
that take positive steps around campus mental health.

Healthy Minds Campus Recommendations

1. Student information
2. Culturally-competent & accessible counseling
3. Young adult voice
4. Training for faculty & staff
5. Supports for students in recovery

Questions?

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