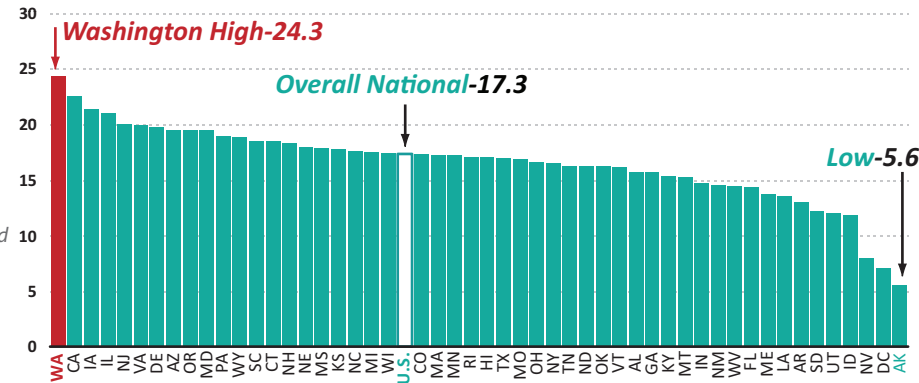


Washington's 4-Year Public College and Universities are the Most Productive Degree Producers in the Nation.

Washington leads the nation in bachelor's degree production by public baccalaureate institutions

Bachelor's degrees, 2005-06, per 100 undergraduate students, Fall 2005, public baccalaureate institutions

Sources: U.S. National Center for Education Statistics Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System preliminary data 1/09/09, Education Research & Data Center, OFM

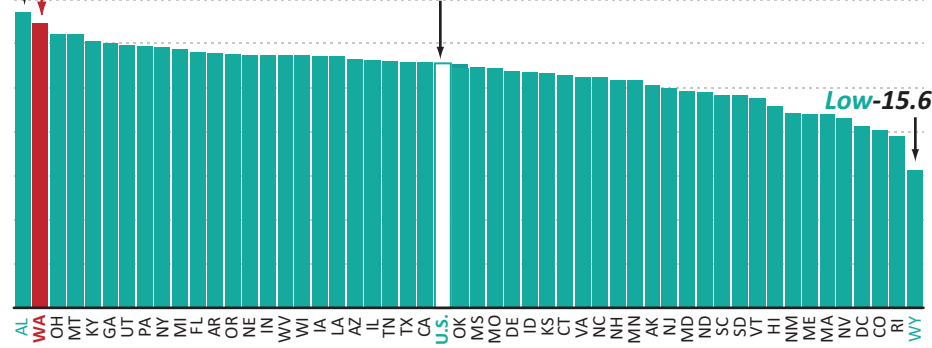


Washington ranks 2nd in the nation in graduate degree production by public baccalaureate institutions

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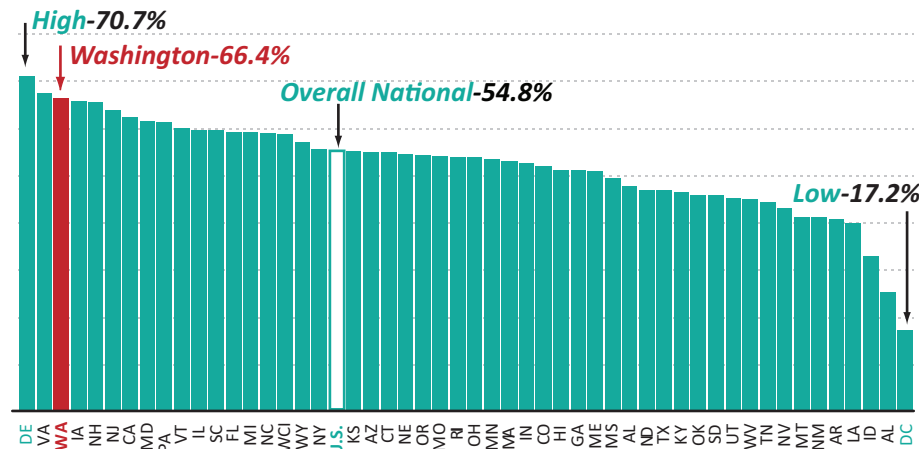
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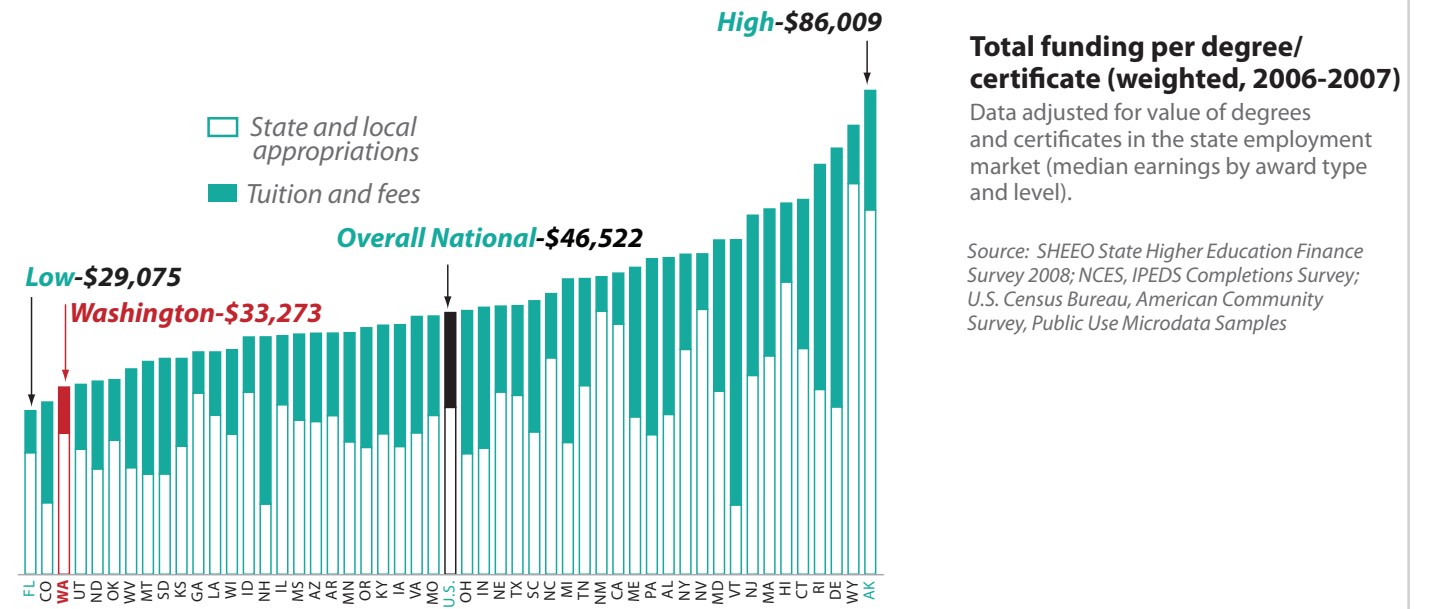
Washington ranks 3rd in degree completion at public baccalaureate institutions

Percent of Fall 2001 freshman cohort graduating with a bachelor's degree within 6 years, public institutions

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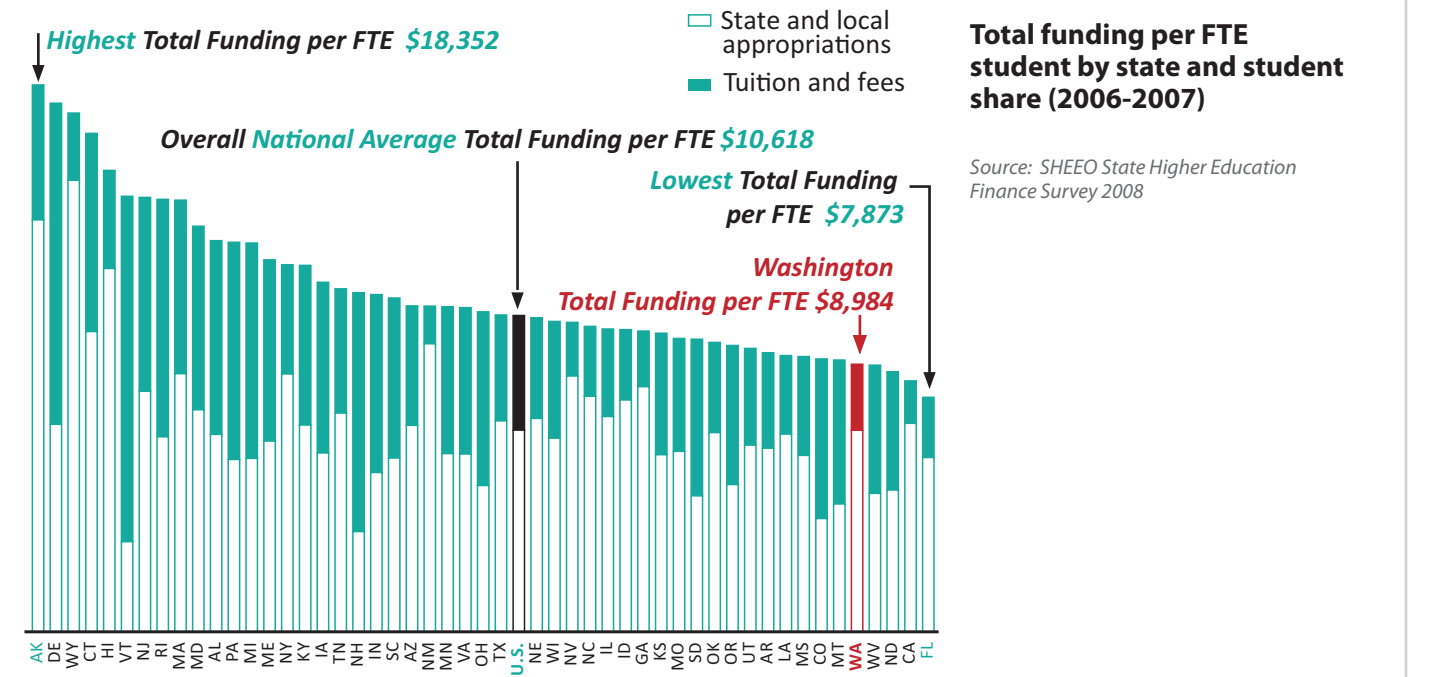
Washington's 4-Year Public College and Universities are an Excellent Return on the State's Investment



Total funding per degree/certificate (weighted, 2006-2007)

Data adjusted for value of degrees and certificates in the state employment market (median earnings by award type and level).

Source: SHEEO State Higher Education Finance Survey 2008; NCES, IPEDS Completions Survey; U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, Public Use Microdata Samples



Total funding per FTE student by state and student share (2006-2007)

Source: SHEEO State Higher Education Finance Survey 2008

Washington experienced the steepest percentage decline in the nation in higher education revenues per FTE student (state and local support plus tuition in constant dollars) from 1991 to 2005.

Washington ranked 46th in the nation in total higher education funding per FTE student in 2006-2007.

(Kelly 2009)

The cost of producing a degree or certificate in Washington is the third lowest in the nation, nearly \$13,000 below the national average.

(Kelly, 2009)

Washington's Challenge: To enroll more Washington citizens in baccalaureate institutions to earn degrees that will sustain our economy.

Washington's 4-Year Public College & Universities: Leading the Nation

