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Cap in Hand: The High Price of Higher Education

Discussion questions

1. “What’s behind tuition inflation, and can its trajectory be altered?” This question appears as a subtitle for this article. What answer does the author provide?
2. How have students at four-year schools in the Southeast fared financially relative to students in other parts of the United States? Why?
3. What are the potential returns on the investment in higher education? Are these realized by everyone? Explain.
4. What role is technology playing in higher education? What are the implications associated with these changes?
5. Why is demand for higher education stronger than ever before in U.S. history?

Related links

[As College Costs Rise, Student Loans Are Harder to Find](#)—Use this essay and the related [lesson](#) from the St. Louis Fed to explore this issue with students.

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