

# HOW THE CSU IS FUNDED



As the “people’s university,” the CSU is publicly funded, receiving more than half of its revenue from the state of California through taxpayer contributions. The remainder comes from tuition paid by students and their families. This partnership between the state and California students and their families enables the university to fulfill its mission of providing educational opportunity through quality degree programs.

## Tuition and Campus-Based Fees

Tuition constitutes about half of the CSU’s annual revenue. Since 2011-12, tuition has not increased - the longest such period since the late 1990s and early 2000s. As a result, the CSU offers one of the most affordable bachelor’s degree programs in the nation. Tuition includes:

- In-state tuition paid by California high school graduates and community college transfer students.
- Non-resident tuition paid by non-California residents and international students.

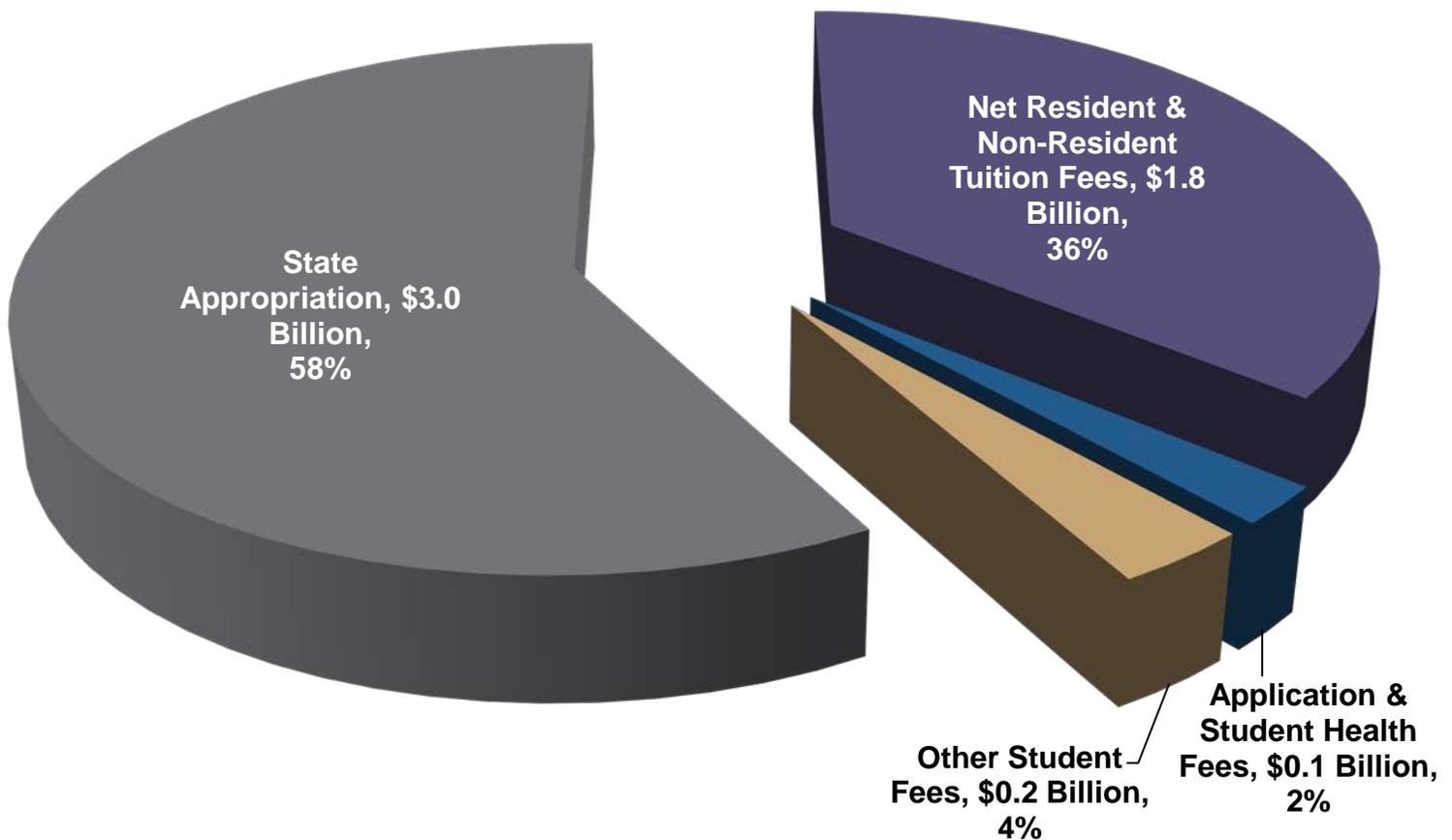
CSU campuses also collect a variety of fees for students to supplement their educational experience, including fees for: health services, student and recreation centers and course materials.

## Other Funding Sources

In addition to its two main revenue sources, the CSU also receives a small portion of revenue from California State Lottery ticket sales. Lottery funds are used for instructional activities that directly support educational programs, services or supplies that benefit students, such as the purchase of lab equipment, supplies and library resources.

The California State University draws the top one-third of California high school graduates, community college transfer students and offers many master’s, applied doctoral degrees and certificate programs.

## Total Available Operating Revenue: \$5.1 Billion



### Funding Challenges

Hallmarks of a CSU education are high quality and affordability. Yet, the available revenue from tuition is insufficient to grow the educational program and expand access to California students. The CSU continues to work with the Legislature to provide adequate funding. Additional funds are needed to expand course offerings and continuously improve the university's technology infrastructure and academic facilities to support quality degree programs.

### Funding Facts

- The CSU will be serving about 22,000 more resident full-time equivalent students in 2017-18 than at the time of prerecession in 2007-08, despite having nearly the same funding levels.
- During the recession years, tuition was raised to sustain the educational program for students when the state reduced the CSU's funding by \$1 billion.
- The CSU continues to offer one of the most affordable undergraduate educational programs in the nation.
- CSU's current undergrad tuition is \$5,472. Campus fees, which vary by campus, account for another \$1,300, on average.
- If a proposed tuition adjustment is approved by the Board of Trustees at the regularly scheduled March 2017 meeting, tuition will increase for the first time in six years in fall 2017.