

PASSHE funding losses exceed national trend

Higher ed cuts uneven across United States

Funding for public higher education is among the programs over which state governments have the most discretion. With the exception of a very few, all states have been deeply impacted by the recent economic downturn, but not all have chosen to dramatically cut support for public colleges and universities in reaction to declining revenues.

The 18 percent reduction in state and federal funding experienced by PASSHE in the current fiscal year was among the highest decreases, not only in our region, but also, nationwide. In fact, over the last five years, the cuts to PASSHE have totaled nearly four times the national average.

The cuts already have had an impact, including increased tuition and fees for our students, larger class sizes, the elimination or holding vacant of more than 900 positions on the campuses, the postponement of investments in new equipment and technology and the delay or cancelation of facility maintenance and renovation projects.

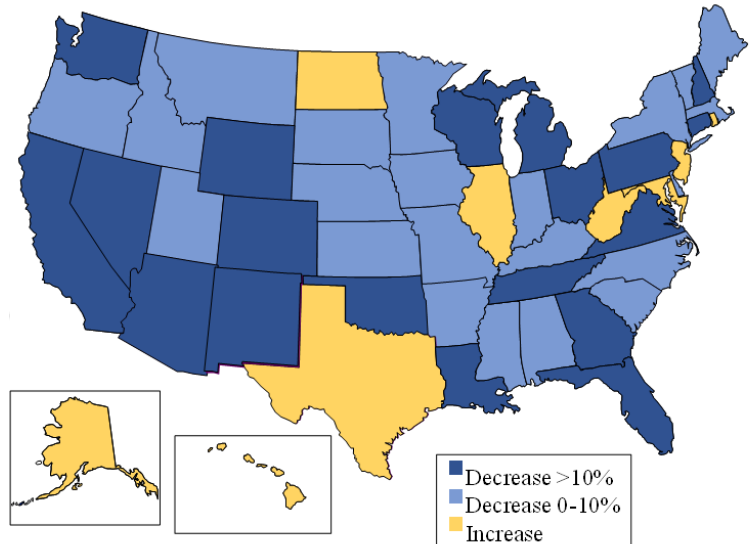
State Funding of Higher Education

Change Between FY 2011 and 2012 Appropriations

State funding for higher education decreased:

U.S. 7.6%

PA 13.4%



PHEAA 3.6%
PASSHE 13.4%

Source: National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL); Grapevine

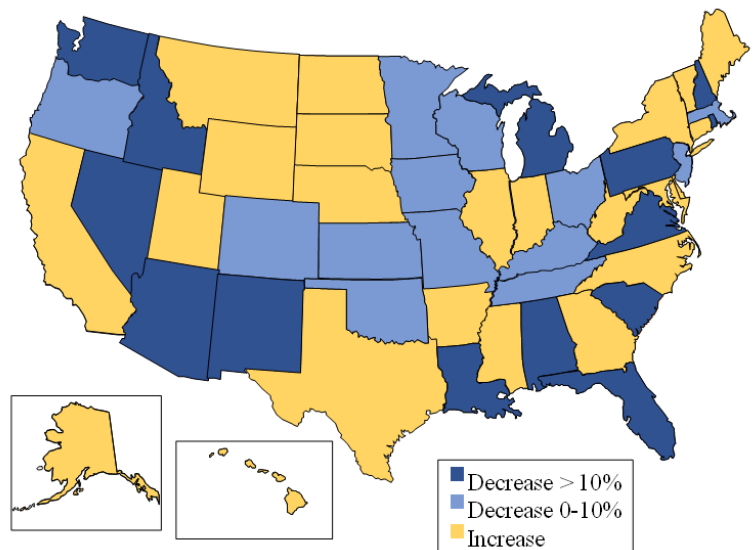
State Funding of Higher Education

Change Between FY 2007 and 2012 Appropriations

State funding for higher education decreased:

U.S. 3.8%

PA 15.2%



PHEAA 6.4%
PASSHE 15.4%

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