



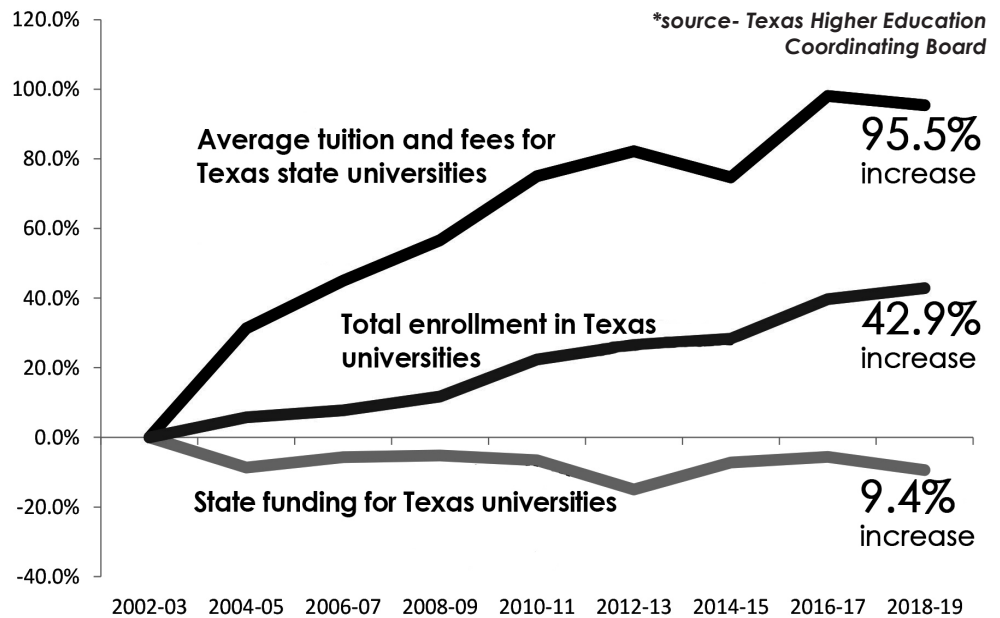
# Cuts in state funding for higher education have led to:

- privatization of public universities
- skyrocketing tuition
- loss of tenure track positions for faculty

Texas institutions of higher education were established to provide quality, affordable education for Texas residents. However, state funding for four-year, higher education has fallen by nearly 10% over the last two decades (adjusted for inflation). In

2000, state formula funding made up 27% of academic state university budgets. By 2014 it made up just 16% of university budgets. The Legislature's long divestment from public higher education has already forced dramatic increases in tuition that have put college out of reach for many Texans. The Legislature's cuts in funding have also forced the elimination of thousands

of university teaching and staff positions, the over reliance on non-tenure track faculty and graduate students to teach bigger and bigger classes, and widespread outsourcing and privatization of university functions. Taken as a whole, these moves threaten the quality of our state's higher education and force students and their families to take on more debt just to pay for it.



TSEU asks for your support for increased state funding for staff, tenure track faculty, and graduate research positions in Texas public universities

**AND**

Support HB 3240 by Rep. Terry Meza  
to study regulating tuition rates