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# ILLINOIS COMMISSION ON EQUITABLE PUBLIC UNIVERSITY FUNDING

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## RESOURCES FOR ILLINOIS COMMISSION ON EQUITABLE UNIVERSITY FUNDING

### Adequacy Workgroup

1. Cummings K., Laderman, S., Lee, J., Tandberg, D. and Weeden, D. (2020). Investigating the Impacts of State Higher Education Appropriations and Financial Aid. State Higher Education Executive Officers.

[https://sheeo.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/SHEEO\\_ImpactAppropationsFinancialAid.pdf](https://sheeo.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/SHEEO_ImpactAppropationsFinancialAid.pdf)

- Extensive summary of research findings on appropriations and aid
- Appropriations changes affect tuition rates (affordability) and expenditures (effectiveness, student success)

2. Prescott, B., Koch, Z., Jones, D. (2021) Considering a Standard Approach to Determining Institutional Funding Adequacy. NCHEMS

<https://nchems.org/wp-content/uploads/210331-Institutional-Adequacy-Paper-FINAL.pdf>

- Proposes a way of looking at appropriations in the context of institutional spending
- Categorizes spending into: foundational, maintenance, scale, scope, innovation/performance/equity, research/public service, and other
- State responsibility differs within each category
- Key breakdown/taxonomy on pages 9-10; probably most useful as a concept than for the specific findings and data analysis

3. Ward, J. D., Pisacreta, E. D., Weintraut, B., & Kurzweil, M. (2020, December 10). *An Overview of State Higher Education Funding Approaches: Lessons and Recommendations*. Ithaka S+R.

<https://doi.org/10.18665/sr.314511>

- Good overview of existing approaches
- Includes ideas from K-12, other countries

4. Lingo, M., Kelchen, R., Baker, D., Rosinger, K., Ortagus, J. and Wu, J. (2021, December), *The Landscape of State Funding Formulas for Colleges and Universities*. InformEd States Working Paper.

[https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5d9f9fae6a122515ee074363/t/61bbb8eebd907c6e6accdb51/1639692527480/ISPaper\\_TheLandscapeofStateFundingFormulasforPublicColleges.pdf](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5d9f9fae6a122515ee074363/t/61bbb8eebd907c6e6accdb51/1639692527480/ISPaper_TheLandscapeofStateFundingFormulasforPublicColleges.pdf)

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- Good overview of existing approaches
- Good detail on components of funding formulas and policies

5. Belfield, C., Crosta, P., and Jenkins, D. (2013). Can Community Colleges Afford to Improve Completion? Measuring the Costs and Efficiency Effects of College Reforms. Community College Research Center.

<https://ccrc.tc.columbia.edu/media/k2/attachments/can-community-colleges-afford-to-improve-completion.pdf>

- Example of analysis of costs that includes field of study and student characteristics
- Also illustrates complex interactions between reforms that improve student success and institutional revenue
- While not from the four-year sector, the methodology and implications are applicable

6. Johnson, N. (2009). What Does a College Degree Cost? Delta Cost Project/American Institutes for Research

<https://postsecondaryanalytics.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Costs-and-Prices-Nate-Johnson-What-Does-a-College-Degree-Cost-2009.pdf>

- Explores different ways to calculate cost of degrees
- Accounts in different ways for differences in costs of major requirements, student course-taking patterns
- (Related paper on cost of attrition, highlighting expenditures on non-completers, also available)