

Table 283. Voluntary Financial Support of Higher Education: 1990 to 2008

[For school years ending in years shown (9,800 represents \$9,800,000,000). Voluntary support, as defined in Gift Reporting Standards, excludes income from endowment and other invested funds as well as all support received from federal, state, and local governments and their agencies and contract research]

Item	Unit	1990	1995	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Estimated support, total	Mil. dol. . .	9,800	12,750	23,200	24,400	25,600	28,000	29,750	31,600
Individuals	Mil. dol.	4,770	6,540	12,220	11,900	12,100	14,100	13,920	14,820
Alumni	Mil. dol.	2,540	3,600	6,800	6,700	7,100	8,400	8,270	8,700
Business corporations	Mil. dol.	2,170	2,560	4,150	4,400	4,400	4,600	4,800	4,900
Foundations	Mil. dol.	1,920	2,460	5,080	6,200	7,000	7,100	8,500	9,100
Fundraising consortia and other organizations	Mil. dol.	700	940	1,380	1,550	1,730	1,825	2,150	2,400
Religious organizations	Mil. dol.	240	250	370	350	370	375	380	380
Current operations	Mil. dol.	5,440	7,230	11,270	13,600	14,200	15,000	16,100	17,070
Capital purposes	Mil. dol.	4,360	5,520	11,930	10,800	11,400	13,000	13,650	14,530
Support per student	Dollars	724	893	1,568	1,444	1,482	1,614	1,684	1,760
In 2008 dollars	Dollars	1,192	1,261	1,961	1,646	1,634	1,710	1,748	1,760
Expenditures, higher education	Bil. dol.	134.7	183.0	236.8	316.8	335.0	356.0	373.0	394.8
Expenditures per student	Dollars	9,946	12,814	16,008	18,743	19,396	20,358	21,107	21,987
In 2008 dollars	Dollars	16,384	18,103	20,015	21,362	21,382	21,742	21,917	21,987
Institutions reporting support . . .	Number	1,056	1,086	945	971	997	1,014	1,023	1,052
Total support reported	Mil. dol. . .	8,214	10,992	19,419	19,630	20,953	23,475	25,247	27,323
Private 4-year institutions	Mil. dol.	5,072	6,500	11,047	10,695	11,011	12,857	13,675	14,296
Public 4-year institutions	Mil. dol.	3,056	4,382	8,254	8,802	9,780	10,421	11,321	12,766
2-year colleges	Mil. dol.	85	110	117	133	163	197	251	261

Source: Council for Aid to Education, New York, NY, *Voluntary Support of Education*, annual.