

HISTORY OF COLLEGE INFLATION

Academic Year	College Inflation¹	General Inflation²
1958	7.81%	2.47%
1959	5.19%	0.08%
1960	5.00%	1.41%
1961	5.38%	1.21%
1962	4.89%	1.02%
1963	6.64%	1.54%
1964	4.61%	1.11%
1965	5.18%	1.79%
1966	6.04%	2.78%
1967	3.62%	2.87%
1968	5.03%	4.29%
1969	9.24%	5.45%
1970	8.32%	5.90%
1971	8.60%	4.37%
1972	6.07%	3.04%
1973	3.60%	5.73%
1974	5.93%	11.53%
1975	7.20%	9.65%
1976	9.27%	5.43%
1977	8.10%	6.72%
1978	7.37%	7.74%
1979	9.05%	11.27%
1980	12.00%	13.22%
1981	13.95%	10.73%
1982	14.35%	6.48%
1983	9.78%	2.44%
1984	8.03%	4.14%
1985	8.15%	3.55%
1986	8.02%	1.61%
1987	7.39%	3.90%
1988	7.89%	4.16%
1989	8.61%	4.99%
1990	7.83%	4.81%
1991	7.61%	4.45%
1992	5.79%	3.16%
1993	5.99%	2.78%
1994	5.44%	2.77%
1995	5.32%	2.76%
1996	5.05%	2.95%
1997	4.62%	2.23%
1998	4.77%	1.68%

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2001	5.20%	2.85%
2002	5.50%	1.46%
2003	5.77%	2.11%
2004	5.35%	2.99%
2005	5.62%	2.53%
2006	5.74%	4.32%
2007	6.02%	2.69%
2008	5.49%	5.02%
2009	4.28%	-1.43%
2010	4.15%	1.10%
2011	4.36%	3.60%
2012	4.25%	1.70%
2013	3.83%	1.80%
2014	3.67%	2.10%
2015	3.63%	0.10%
2016	3.25%	1.00%
2017	3.46%	1.60%
2018	3.23%	2.90%
2019	3.63%	1.60%
2020	3.23%	0.60%
2021	1.34%	5.40%
Average	6.14%	3.62%

1. College inflation figures are based on the IC 500 index published by the College Board.
2. General Rates of inflation are calculated using the current [Consumer Price Index](#) published monthly by the Bureau of Labor Statistics ([BLS](#)). BLS data was last updated on July 2021. <http://www.usinflationcalculator.com/inflation/historical-inflation-rates/>