

## *2003 Schumer College Tuition Survey*

Over the past 20 years, the cost of a college education has increased more rapidly than almost any other consumer item. According to the consumer price index, inflation over the last two decades should have raised the cost of a college education by 86%. Nationally, however, college tuition prices have risen at a dramatically faster rate, increasing by 294%. As a result, a majority of students today are forced to take out thousands of dollars in loans to go to college or forgo the opportunity altogether, significantly hampering their earning power later in life. A Schumer survey of more than 130 community colleges, private colleges and universities shows that one-year tuition costs in New York State have risen even faster than the national average, increasing from \$3,117 in 1982 to \$13,051 in 2002 or 319%. If tuition in New York State had risen at the same rate as inflation, one year of college would cost just \$5,798. To make matters worse, the State University of New York is proposing to raise tuition fees 35% this year.

So now more than ever New York State families need help in sending their kids to college which is why the Schumer tax deduction – available for the first time in history this tax season – comes just in time. A married couple filing jointly that earns \$60,000 per year and claims the full \$3,000 deduction will save \$450 in their annual tax bill, helping to make college more affordable for thousands of families. Although very pleased with this start, Senator Schumer knows that college remains far too expensive and continues his drive to increase the deduction limit, just recently succeeding in amending the 2004 budget to raise the college tuition deduction to \$12,000 next year. To find out the results of Schumer's survey on how much one year of college tuition has increased over the last 20 years in regions across the State, look at the report below.

### **The Capital Region**

<i>College</i>	<i>1982 Tuition</i>	<i>2002 Tuition</i>	<i>% Increase</i>	<i>CPI Increase*</i>
SUNY AT ALBANY	\$1,170	\$4,820	312%	\$2,176
RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE	\$6,733	\$27,170	304%	\$12,523
SIENA COLLEGE	\$3,625	\$16,945	367%	\$6,743
UNION COLLEGE	\$6,399	\$27,514	330%	\$11,902
SKIDMORE COLLEGE	\$6,390	\$27,980	338%	\$11,885
RUSSELL SAGE COLLEGE	\$4,500	\$18,820	318%	\$8,370
THE COLLEGE OF SAINT ROSE	\$3,455	\$14,651	324%	\$6,426
SCHENECTADY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$963	\$2,608	171%	\$1,791

HUDSON VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$845	\$2,715	221%	\$1,572
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>\$3,787</b>	<b>\$15,914</b>	<b>320%</b>	<b>\$7,043</b>

(\* Price of college tuition if it had increased by 86%, the average rate of inflation for all consumer products.)

1. The cost of tuition has increased by an average of 320% at Capital Region colleges since 1982. That is higher than the national average college tuition increase of 294%.

### The Hudson Valley

<i>College</i>	<i>1982 Tuition</i>	<i>2002 Tuition</i>	<i>% Increase</i>	<i>CPI Increase*</i>
ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$910	\$2,650	191%	\$1,693
VASSAR COLLEGE	\$6,560	\$27,960	326%	\$12,202
DOMINICAN COLLEGE OF BLAUVELT	\$2,420	\$15,650	547%	\$4,501
BARD COLLEGE	\$7,708	\$27,680	259%	\$14,337
MOUNT SAINT MARY COLLEGE	\$3,370	\$13,335	296%	\$6,268
NYACK COLLEGE	\$3,150	\$13,890	341%	\$5,859
MERCY COLLEGE-MAIN CAMPUS	\$2,200	\$10,035	356%	\$4,092
SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS COLLEGE	\$2,600	\$14,100	442%	\$4,836
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>3,615</b>	<b>\$15,663</b>	<b>333%</b>	<b>\$6,723</b>

(\* Price of college tuition if it had increased by 86%, the average rate of inflation for all consumer products.)

2. The cost of tuition has increased by an average of 333% at Hudson Valley colleges since 1982. That is higher than the national average college tuition increase of 294%.

### Westchester

<i>College</i>	<i>1982 Tuition</i>	<i>2002 Tuition</i>	<i>% Increase</i>	<i>CPI Increase*</i>
SUNY COLLEGE AT PURCHASE	\$1,108	\$4,202	279%	\$2,061
CONCORDIA COLLEGE	\$3,080	\$16,800	446%	\$5,729
IONA COLLEGE	\$3,650	\$17,866	390%	\$6,789

MANHATTANVILLE COLLEGE	\$5,790	\$21,430	270%	\$10,769
MARYMOUNT COLLEGE	\$4,410	\$17,210	290%	\$8,203
PACE UNIVERSITY- PLEASANTVILLE BRIARCLIFF	\$3,600	\$18,208	406%	\$6,696
SARAH LAWRENCE COLLEGE	\$7,200	\$29,352	308%	\$13,392
SUNY WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$922	\$2,653	188%	\$1,715
BERKELEY COLLEGE	3,750	14,685	292%	\$6,975
COLLEGE OF NEW ROCHELLE	2,910	12,300	323%	\$5,413
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>3,642</b>	<b>15,471</b>	<b>325%</b>	<b>\$6,774</b>

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3. The cost of tuition has increased by an average of 325% at Southern Tier colleges since 1982. That is slightly lower than the national average college tuition increase of 294%.

### Central New York

<i>College</i>	<i>1982 Tuition</i>	<i>2002 Tuition</i>	<i>% Increase</i>	<i>CPI Increase*</i>
CAZENOVIA COLLEGE	\$4,175	\$15,650	275%	\$7,766
LE MOYNE COLLEGE	\$3,850	\$17,850	364%	\$7,161
MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE- UTICA BRANCH	\$975	\$3,054	213%	\$1,814
ONONDAGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$1,026	\$2,806	174%	\$1,908
COLGATE UNIVERSITY	\$6,425	\$28,355	341%	\$11,951
SUNY HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT SYRACUSE	\$1,130	\$3,925	247%	\$2,102
SUNY COLLEGE AT CORTLAND	\$1,162	\$4,266	267%	\$2,161
SUNY COLLEGE AT OSWEGO	\$1,460	\$4,194	187%	\$2,716
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY	\$5,760	\$23,424	307%	\$10,714
WELLS COLLEGE	\$6,060	\$13,750	127%	\$11,272
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>\$2,669</b>	<b>\$9,773</b>	<b>266%</b>	<b>\$4,964</b>

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4. The cost of tuition has increased by an average of 266% at Central New York colleges since 1982. That is slightly lower than the national average college tuition increase of 294%.

### The North Country

<i>College</i>	<i>1982 Tuition</i>	<i>2002 Tuition</i>	<i>% Increase</i>	<i>CPI Increase*</i>
JEFFERSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$990	\$2,685	171%	\$1,841
HAMILTON COLLEGE	\$7,050	\$28,760	308%	\$13,113
ST LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY	\$5,745	\$26,480	361%	\$10,686
SUNY COLLEGE AT POTSDAM	\$1,155	\$4,215	265%	\$2,148
CLARKSON UNIVERSITY	\$5,100	\$22,635	344%	\$9,486
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>\$4,008</b>	<b>16,955</b>	<b>323%</b>	<b>7454.88</b>

(\* Price of college tuition if it had increased by 86%, the average rate of inflation for all consumer products.)

5. The cost of tuition has increased by an average of 323% at North Country colleges since 1982. That is slightly lower than the national average college tuition increase of 294%.

### The Southern Tier

<i>College</i>	<i>1982 Tuition</i>	<i>2002 Tuition</i>	<i>% Increase</i>	<i>CPI Increase*</i>
CORNELL UNIVERSITY- ENDOWED COLLEGES	\$7,000	\$27,394	291%	\$13,020
ITHACA COLLEGE	\$5,000	\$21,102	322%	\$9,300
SUNY AT BINGHAMTON	\$1,496	\$4,551	204%	\$2,783
BROOME COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$900	\$2,732	204%	\$1,674
ELMIRA COLLEGE	\$4,775	\$24,570	415%	\$8,882
SUNY COLLEGE AT ONEONTA	\$1,158	\$4,291	271%	\$2,154
TOMPKINS-CORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$973	\$3,025	211%	\$1,810
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>\$3,043</b>	<b>\$12,524</b>	<b>312%</b>	<b>\$5,660</b>

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6. The cost of tuition has increased by an average of 312% at Southern Tier colleges since

1982. That is slightly lower than the national average college tuition increase of 294%.

### Western New York

<i>College</i>	<i>1982 Tuition</i>	<i>2002 Tuition</i>	<i>% Increase</i>	<i>CPI Increase*</i>
CANISIUS COLLEGE	\$3,766	\$18,840	400%	\$7,005
D'YOUVILLE COLLEGE	\$3,440	\$13,336	288%	\$6,398
ERIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE-CITY CAMPUS	\$858	\$2,690	214%	\$1596
MEDAILLE COLLEGE	\$2,990	\$13,030	336%	\$5,561
SUNY AT BUFFALO	\$1,150	\$4,850	322%	\$2,139
SUNY COLLEGE AT BUFFALO	\$1,153	\$4,109	256%	\$2,145
TROCAIRE COLLEGE	\$2,600	\$9,540	267%	\$4,836
VILLA MARIA COLLEGE BUFFALO	\$2,100	\$9,550	355%	\$3,906
WELLS COLLEGE	\$6,060	\$13,750	127%	\$11,272
DAEMEN COLLEGE	\$3,766	\$14,270	279%	\$7,005
ERIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE-SOUTH CAMPUS	\$858	\$2,690	214%	\$1,596
NIAGARA UNIVERSITY	\$3,755	\$16,550	341%	\$6,984
NIAGARA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$850	\$2,860	237%	\$1,581
SAINT BONAVENTURE UNIVERSITY	\$3,845	\$16,845	338%	\$7,152
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>\$2,657</b>	<b>\$10,208</b>	<b>284%</b>	<b>\$4,941</b>

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7. The cost of tuition has increased by an average of 284% at Western New York colleges since 1982. That is slightly less than the national average college tuition increase of 294%

### The Finger Lakes

<i>College</i>	<i>1982 Tuition</i>	<i>2002 Tuition</i>	<i>% Increase</i>	<i>CPI Increase*</i>
MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$962	\$2,688	179%	\$1789
NAZARETH COLLEGE OF ROCHESTER	\$3,830	\$16,410	329%	\$7,124
ROBERTS WESLEYAN COLLEGE	\$3,596	\$16,012	345%	\$6,689

ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	\$4,383	\$19,815	352%	\$8,152
SAINT JOHN FISHER COLLEGE	\$4,247	\$16,400	286%	\$7,899
UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER	\$6,169	\$26,107	323%	\$11,474
GENESEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$871	\$2,872	230%	\$1,620
SUNY COLLEGE AT BROCKPORT	\$1,160	\$4,127	256%	\$2,158
SUNY COLLEGE AT GENESEO	\$1,175	\$4,440	278%	\$2,186
FINGER LAKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$1,005	\$2,670	166%	\$1,869
KEUKA COLLEGE	\$4,960	\$15,140	205%	\$9,226
HOBART WILLIAM SMITH COLLEGES	\$6,300	\$27,348	334%	\$11,718
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>\$3,222</b>	<b>\$12,836</b>	<b>298%</b>	<b>\$5,992</b>

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