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***Challenges Facing
Postsecondary Education***

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Shared Responsibility for College Affordability

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The Report of the SREB Affordability Commission

Recommendations

1. Develop clear policies and methodologies for setting adjusting tuition levels.
2. Clearly articulate expectations for student and family financial contributions.
3. Establish expectations and accountability for improving institutional cost-effectiveness and productivity.
4. Consider strategic, one-time investments in innovations to improve productivity.
5. Develop programs that support working adults.
6. Protect college access and completion of low- and middle-income families and institutions that serve them.
7. Conduct a college affordability policy review to assess current capacity to address and improve affordability.

Many state policies impact college affordability

- Readiness for college-level work
- Accelerated Options (Early College, dual enrollment, AP)
- Time and credits to degree
- Statewide guaranteed transfer
- Affordable baccalaureate degrees
- Pathways from certificates to degrees
- Prior learning credit and competency-based learning
- Program credit hour caps
- Tuition and fees
- Appropriations
- Financial Aid

Affordability Legislation

Financial Aid

Tuition & Fees

**Textbooks / Open Educational
Resources**

Other



Delaware

College Affordability Profile

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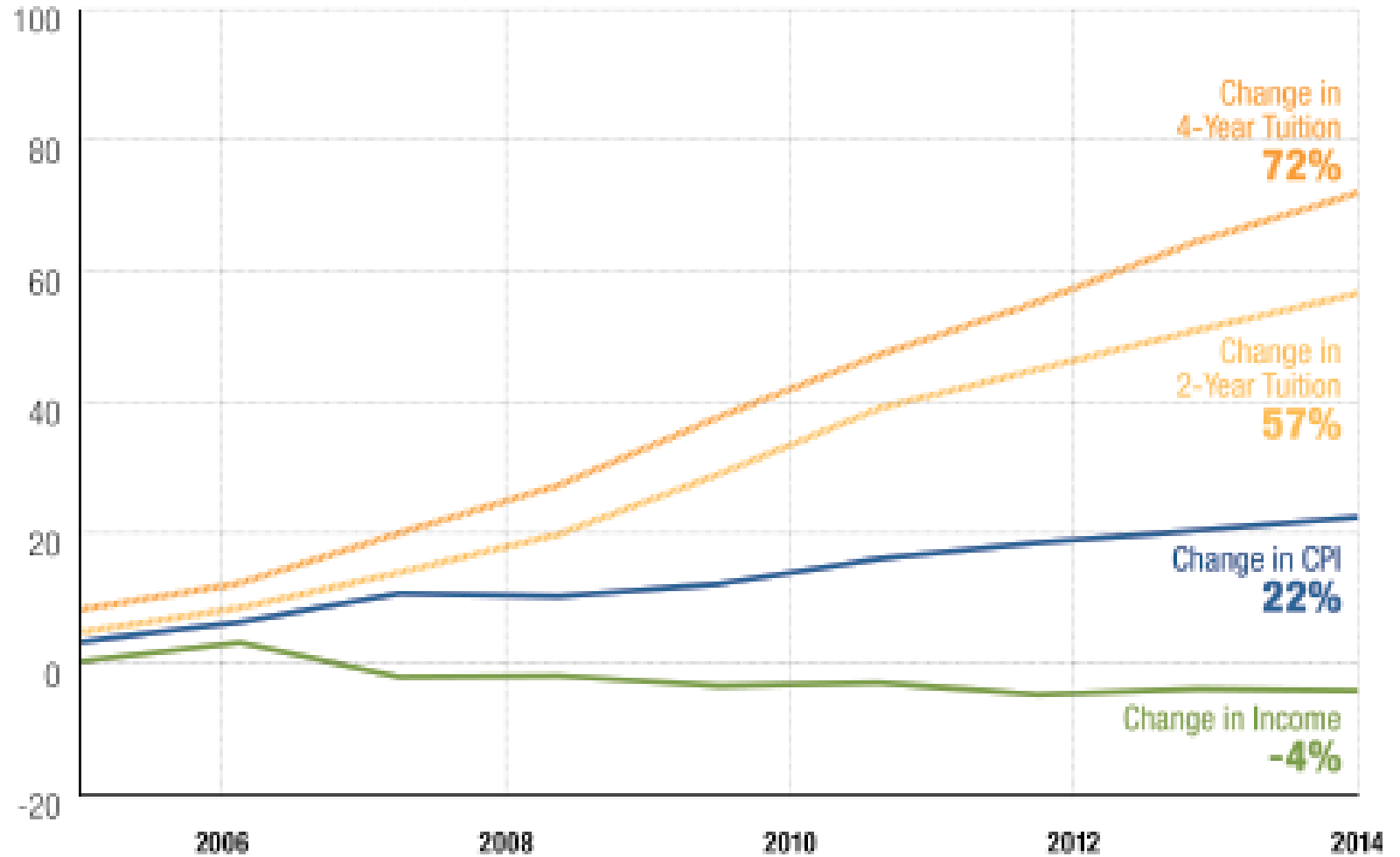
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Percentage of Family Income Required to Attend College Full Time

	SREB Average, 2014	High State	Low State
Public Four-Year Category 1	29.0%	42.3%	20.7%
Public Four-year Category 2	28.1%	37.6%	20.3%
Public Two-Year	17.1%	20.8%	12.8%

Tuition and Fee Increases Compared to Income, CPI

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Additional Resources

- *Shared Responsibility for College Affordability*
- *College Affordability: Trends in the SREB Region*
- *SREB State College Affordability Policy Review: A Framework*
- *College Affordability: Promising State Policies and Practices*
- *SREB Fact Book on Higher Education*