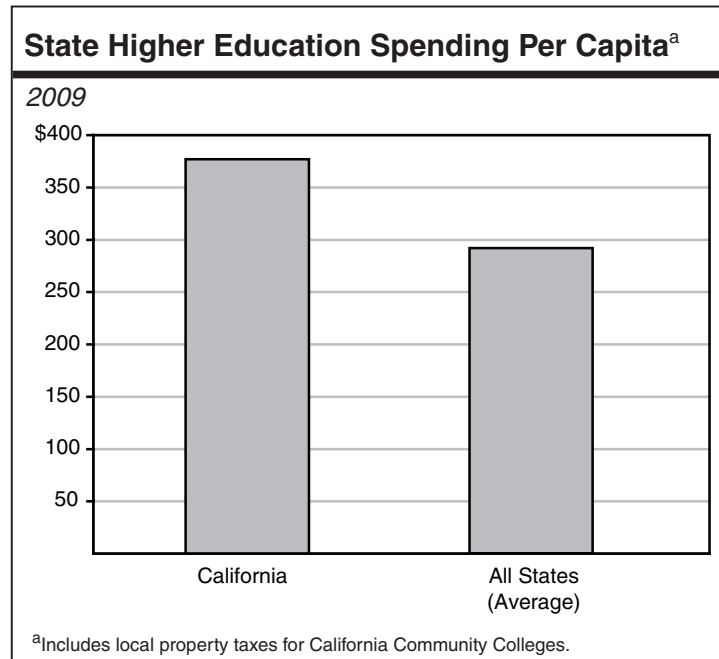


HIGHER EDUCATION: ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## How Does California's Support for Higher Education Compare With Other States?

- The amount the state spends on higher education (about \$10 billion in 2009-10) is higher than any other state. In part, California's spending reflects the large number of college students enrolled in the state.
- One way to compare the states' fiscal commitment to higher education is to examine each state's higher education spending *per capita*. As shown in the figure, California spends about 29 percent more per capita than the average of all states, placing it 11<sup>th</sup> in the nation.



## How Does California's Support for Higher Education Compare With Other States? *(Continued)*

- ☑ California's high per capita spending is due in large part to the state's college participation rates, which are among the highest in the nation.
- ☑ Another important component of higher education funding is tuition (called "student fees" in California). As shown in the figure below, student fees at California's colleges and universities are 69 percent and 20 percent, respectively, below the national average.

