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## The Cost of a College Education

## Danger of Delaying Savings

Starting later to save for your children's or grandchildren's education may prevent you from meeting your goals or make meeting the goals more costly.


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## The Cost of a College Education <br> Costs Are Increasing Quickly

Between academic years 1999-2000 and 2009-2010, tuition and fees at public, four-year colleges and universities rose at an average annual rate of $4.9 \%$ beyond general inflation. Tuition and fees at private, four-year colleges rose at an average annual rate of $2.6 \%$ beyond inflation.

The Total Cost of a Four-Year Education Will Likely Increase Substantially Over Time
\$400,000


Sources: BlackRock; College Board. "Trends in College Pricing 2009." Figures include tuition, fees, room and board. Figures for age 18 based on costs for $2009-2010$ academic year. Estimated annual growth rate of $5 \%$,

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