

## Selecting and Filtering

1. Select each button at the top of the dashboard to explore the topics. The shown data charts pertain to the highlighted topic in dark blue.
2. Filter different views of data in a report by selecting the available drop-down options displayed.

## Visualizing All Data

3. Right click on a chart and select show as table. An isolated image of the chart will appear with a data table of all data points.
4. Hover to see more chart or data point details. A “tool tip” will display the data used in the chart.

**Tuition and Fees** **Cost of Attendance** **Net Price** **Expected Family Contribution (EFC)** **Net Price as a Percent of Income**

### Cost of Attendance

Students pay for more than just tuition and fees when attending college. They must also think about expenses for:

- Books & Supplies,
- Room and Board (Housing & Meals), and
- Other Expenses (Transportation & Other Personal Expenses).

Each college prepares a cost of attendance budget which serves as an estimate for students on planning for these expenses during the year. The cost of attendance also determines eligibility and award amounts for most financial aid programs.

To determine the cost of attendance, the college will generally provide students with three housing options (on-campus, off-campus, and off-campus with family) and adjust other expenses as needed. For example, a student who lives off campus may have higher transportation expenses.

**Why is understanding the cost of attendance important?**  
Expenses such as housing, meals, transportation, and personal expenses are often under the control of the student. A student could save money by choosing to live at home, taking the bus, or bringing their lunch. More importantly, if these costs are not planned for, the student may be at greater risk for not finishing their education. Should the student face a financial emergency, they may be at risk of having inadequate funds for housing and food.

This dashboard describes trends in the changing cost of attendance, including books and supplies, room and board, and transportation.

Costs for books, supplies, room and board, and other expenses are similar across institution types. However, tuition and fees charged vary greatly.

**Federal Cost of Attendance (IPEDS)**

**Institution Type** Private nonprofit, 4-year  
Annual Published Tuition and Fees \$33,810.39

**Legend:**

- Annual Published Tuition and Fees
- Books and Supplies
- Off Campus Room and Board
- Off Campus Other Expenses

**Institution Type**

Institution Type	Annual Published Tuition and Fees
Private nonprofit, 4-year	\$33,810.39
Private for-profit, 4-year	
University of Minnesota, 4-year	
Minnesota State University, 4-year	
Minnesota State Colleges, 2-year	
Private nonprofit, 2-year	

**Academic Year** 2021-2022

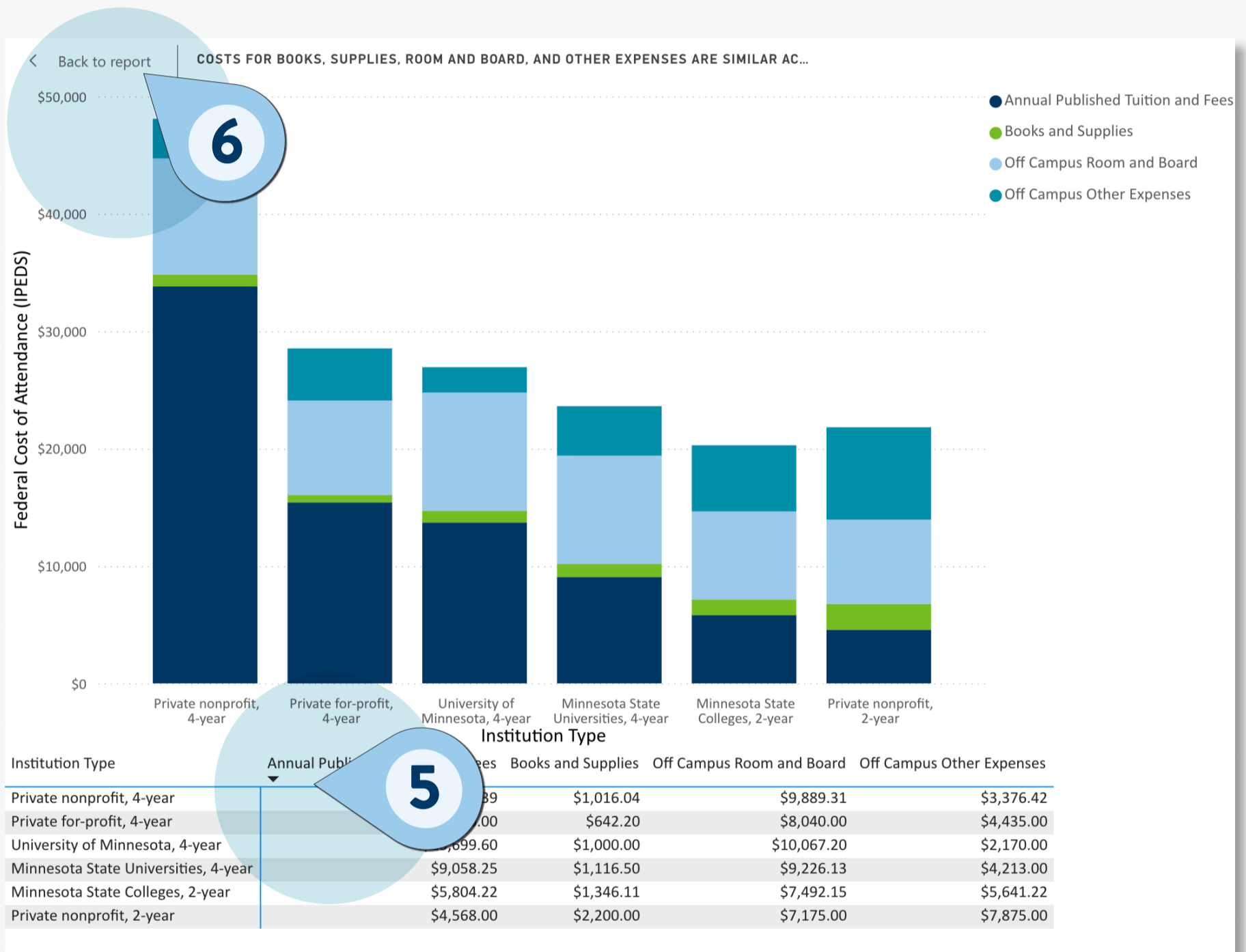
**Show as a table**

## Sorting Data

5. You can sort the data in the tables by moving your mouse to any column heading. An arrow will appear. Click in arrow and data will be sorted by highest to lowest number or alphabetically as appropriate.

## Access Other Views

6. If you've chosen to view a data table, click "Back to report" to return to your original view.
7. View the dashboard in a full screen mode.



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