# The Rising Cost of Education:

correlations with inflation, international students, and student debt

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### Introduction

How higher-level education costs have risen over the past few decades and the implications for the accessibility of education.

How has the cost of higher education within the United States changed from 2014 to 2021, and what factors contribute to this change?

## The Questions

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How does the type of school affect the cost of education?

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How does the cost of education relate to student loan debt in the United States?

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What is the correlation between the cost of education and the number of international students in the United States?

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What is the correlation between the cost of education and the inflation rate in the US?

#### The Data

- 1. Education costs
- 2. United States inflation rates
- 3. International students in the United States
- 4. Student loan debt in the United States
- 5. Northeastern tuition figures

## **Data Science Approaches**



#### **Getting the Data**

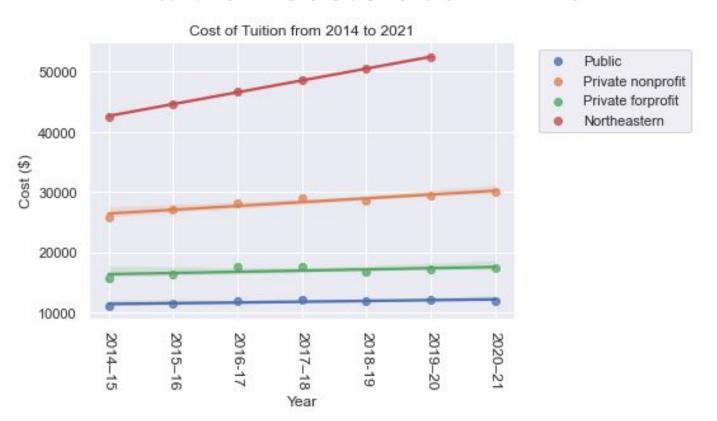
Merging datasets and working broadly with pandas dataframes.



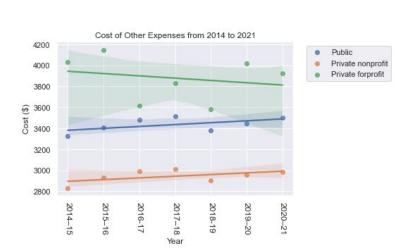
#### **Data Analysis**

Linear regression through matplotlib and seaborn.

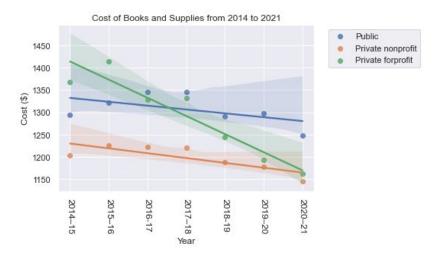
#### **Tuition Costs Over Time**



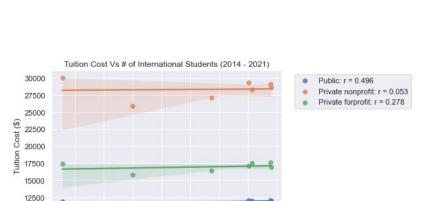
## **General Education Costs Over Time**







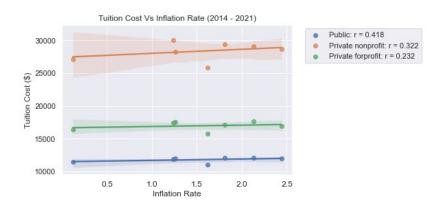
## **Correlations with Outside Variables**

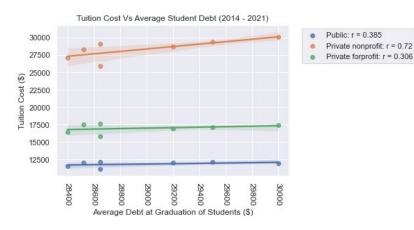


# of International Students

1075000

10000





## **Conclusions**

Tuition at United States universities has been consistently on the rise.

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