



HCC Provides Value Through Stewardship of Resources

HCC is doing more with less

Houston Community College’s trustees and college leadership work to protect the investment of the institution and ensure the greatest return for the taxpayers by maintaining stable tuition rates (among the lowest in the state) and low property tax rates (decreases in the last two years).

HCC trains and educates 63,000 students each semester

- #1 creator of workforce skill sets in Houston and a leader in the state
- #1 in Texas with 25 workforce programs recognized as exemplary
- #1 in associate degree transfers to the University of Houston
- #2 in associate degree transfers to the University of Texas and Texas A&M University
- A leading community college in Texas for placing students in jobs when they graduate
- One of the largest government-sector employers in Harris County

Although state appropriations continue to decrease, HCC provides students among the lowest cost for quality higher education in the state. By maximizing efficiencies and implementing cost containment strategies, HCC continues to serve more students and respond to the growing needs of the Houston region.

HCC is a picture of financial responsibility

Even with dramatic increases in students and community expectations, HCC has voluntarily decreased its tax rate in each of the past two years. The current tax rate is less than it was in 2004.

In 2009, during an economic downturn, HCC’s financial strength was evaluated by Standard & Poors, and the rating was improved from AA to AA+. This bond rating denotes a very substantial level of confidence in HCC’s financial and operational excellence.

HCC Property Tax Rates From 2004-2009

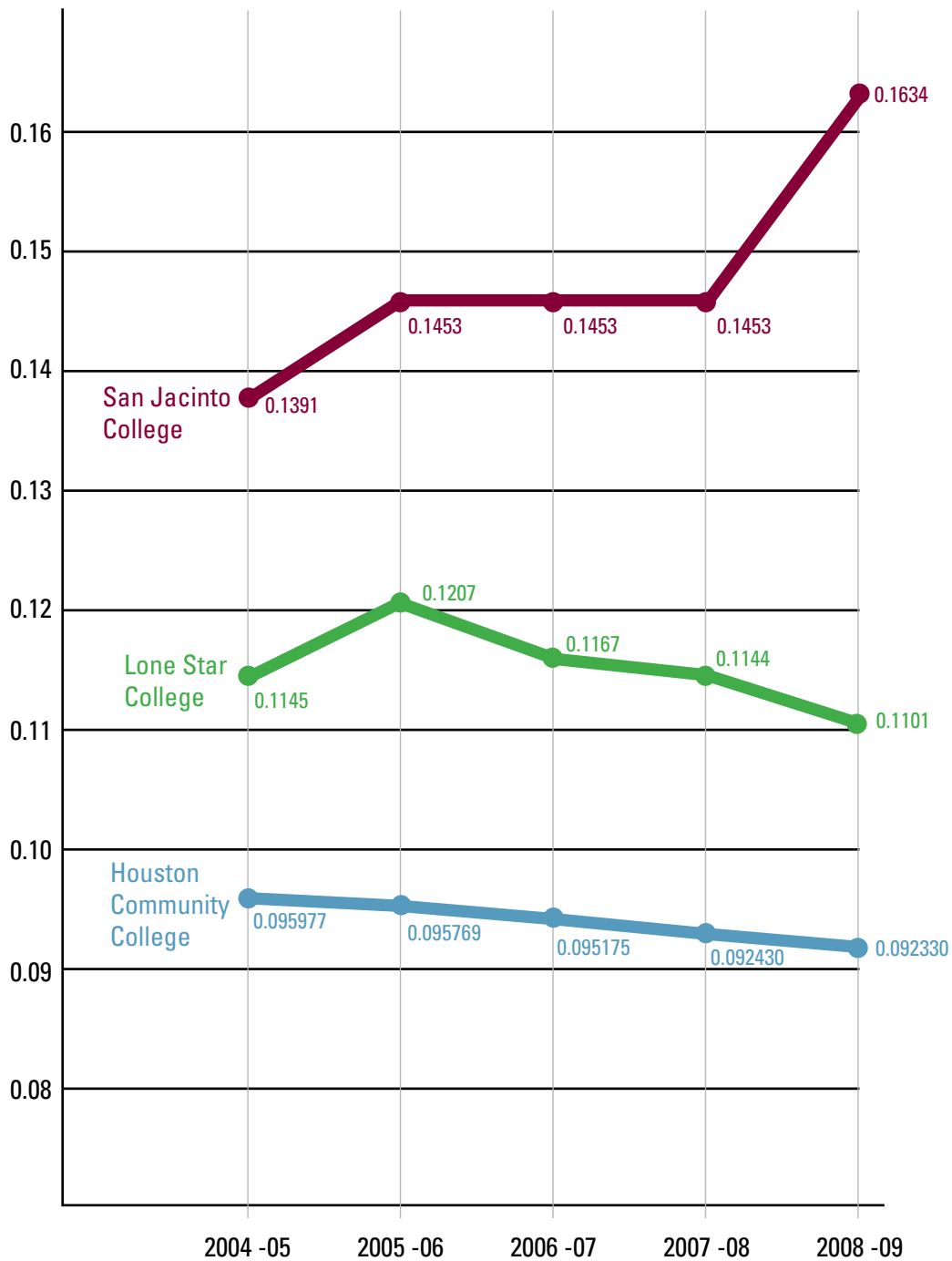
Fiscal Year	Tax Rate Per \$100
2004 - 2005	0.095977
2005 - 2006	0.095769
2006 - 2007	0.095175
2007 - 2008	0.092430
2008 - 2009	0.092330

Source: HCC Audited Financials.

Comparing Property Tax Rates of Area Community Colleges

HCC's property tax rate is the lowest compared to other area community colleges, and among the lowest in the state.

Property Tax Comparison



Source: The Texas Association of Community Colleges, Tax and Valuation Survey.

Controlling Costs for our Students

HCC remains one of the most cost effective institutions for a student to get a high quality college education. Cost-savings strategies have enabled HCC to hold tuition flat for the 2009-2010 school year. And fees have only slightly increased to support rising technology costs and to fund a student-imposed athletic fee.

- Over the last 5 years, HCC's tuition and fees have increased an average of 3% year to year – less than the cost-of-living adjustment.
- Over the last 5 years, HCC tuition and fees for a three-unit class have increased only \$30 - less than the annual increases of most institutions.
- In 2004, 12 semester credit hours at HCC cost \$588. Today 12 semester credit hours at HCC cost \$708.
- The HCC Board made a commitment not to increase tuition for the 2009 – 2010 school year, and will maintain tuition at the 2006 – 2007 levels.

History of HCC's In-District Tuition and Fees

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
In-District Tuition for one 3-Hour Course	\$ 69.00	\$ 69.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 78.00
Total Tuition & Fees for one 3-Hour Course	\$ 147.00	\$ 147.00	\$ 162.75*	\$ 162.75	\$ 177.00

Source: HCC Audited Financials.

*Increase due to HCC student imposed athletic fee.

History of HCC's Out-Of-District Tuition and Fees

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Out-Of-District Tuition for one 3-Hour Course	\$ 231.00	\$ 237.00	\$ 237.00	\$ 237.00	\$ 237.00
Total Tuition & Fees for one 3-Hour Course	\$ 309.00	\$ 315.00	\$ 321.75	\$ 326.25	\$ 336.00

Source: HCC Student Financial Services

Tuition Comparisons Among Area Colleges & Universities

Compared to other colleges and universities in the area, HCC is a smart decision. HCC's goal is to keep student tuition constant by increasing efficiencies and maximizing taxpayer dollars.

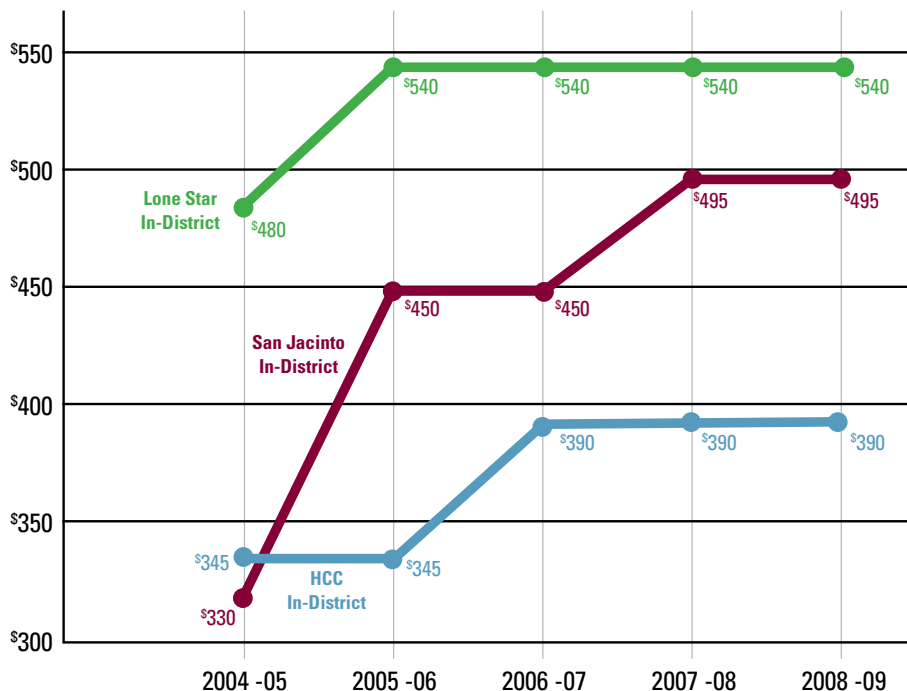
Tuition Comparison	
Basic Tuition and Fees for one 15-hour semester:	
Houston Community College	
In-District	\$ 885
Out-of-District	\$1,680
University of Houston	\$3,225
Texas A&M	\$3,921
University of Texas	\$4,677
University of Phoenix	\$4,940

Source: HCC IR Department and HCC Audited Financials.

The graph compares in-district tuition for area community colleges. HCC's tuition has remained the lowest and most constant over the past few years.

Tuition Only Comparison

Tuition Calculated for Student Enrolled for 15 Semester Credit Hours



Source: The Texas Association of Community College, Tuition and Fees Survey

Please note: based on the various data sources utilized, some of the charts compare tuition and fees, and some only compare tuition. In addition, some comparisons are on a 3-hour semester, and others are on a 15-hour semester. Each chart or graph details which comparison was used.