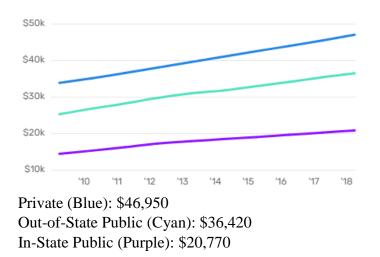
## **The Statistics:**

The cost of a college education has been growing by an average of 4% every year for the past 10 years.



- A. <u>\$1.56 trillion</u> in total student loan debt in U.S. (according to the U.S. Federal Reserve)
- B. <u>44.7 trillion</u> Americans with student loan debt
- C. Defaulted Students Loans With Private Collections Agencies: \$113.3 billion Q4-2018 (Studentaid.gov)
- D. For the class of 2018, <u>14%</u> of their parents took out an average of \$35,600 in federal Parent PLUS loans.
- E. <u>69%</u> of college students took out student loans among the class of 2018. They graduated with an average debt of \$29,800.
- F. There is a downward trend for 2017-2018 school year, however, where borrowers took out \$105.5 billion, which is less than the amount awarded in prior years.
- G. Student loans have the highest delinquency rate of household debt (according to U.S. Federal Reserve).
- H. Percentage of those who file bankruptcy with student loans is growing, impact of ABI Commission and whether change is coming.