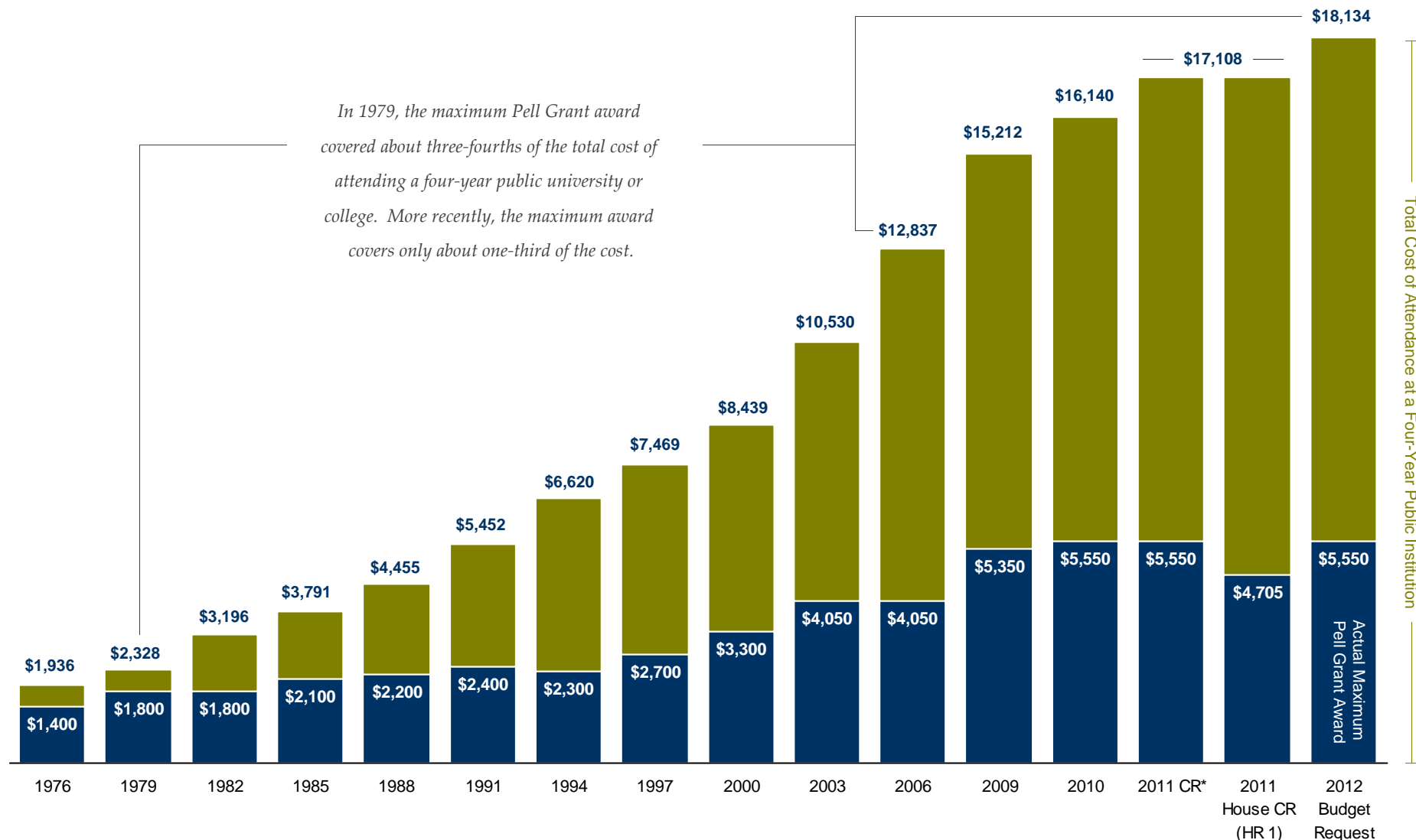


FEDERAL PELL GRANTS

Actual Maximum Awards & Total Cost of Attendance, Selected Fiscal Years 1976-2012



Sources: U.S. Department of Education; Congressional Research Service; and The College Board. The actual maximum award for 2009 includes mandatory increases based on the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007 (P.L. 110-84) as well as funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (P.L. 111-5). The actual maximum awards for 2010 through 2012 include mandatory increases based on the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act (SAFRA) of 2009 (P.L. 111-152). Total cost of attendance includes tuition and fees, and room, and board. Total costs of attendance in 2011 and 2012 are estimates based on The College Board's rate of growth over the past two years available. The Federal Pell Grant program began in 1973, however 1976 was the first year in which all undergraduates were eligible. * Fourth Continuing Resolution (CR) through March 4, 2011 (P.L. 111-322). For more information, contact Tom Zembar at 202.822.7109 or TZembar@nea.org. Updated February 16, 2011.