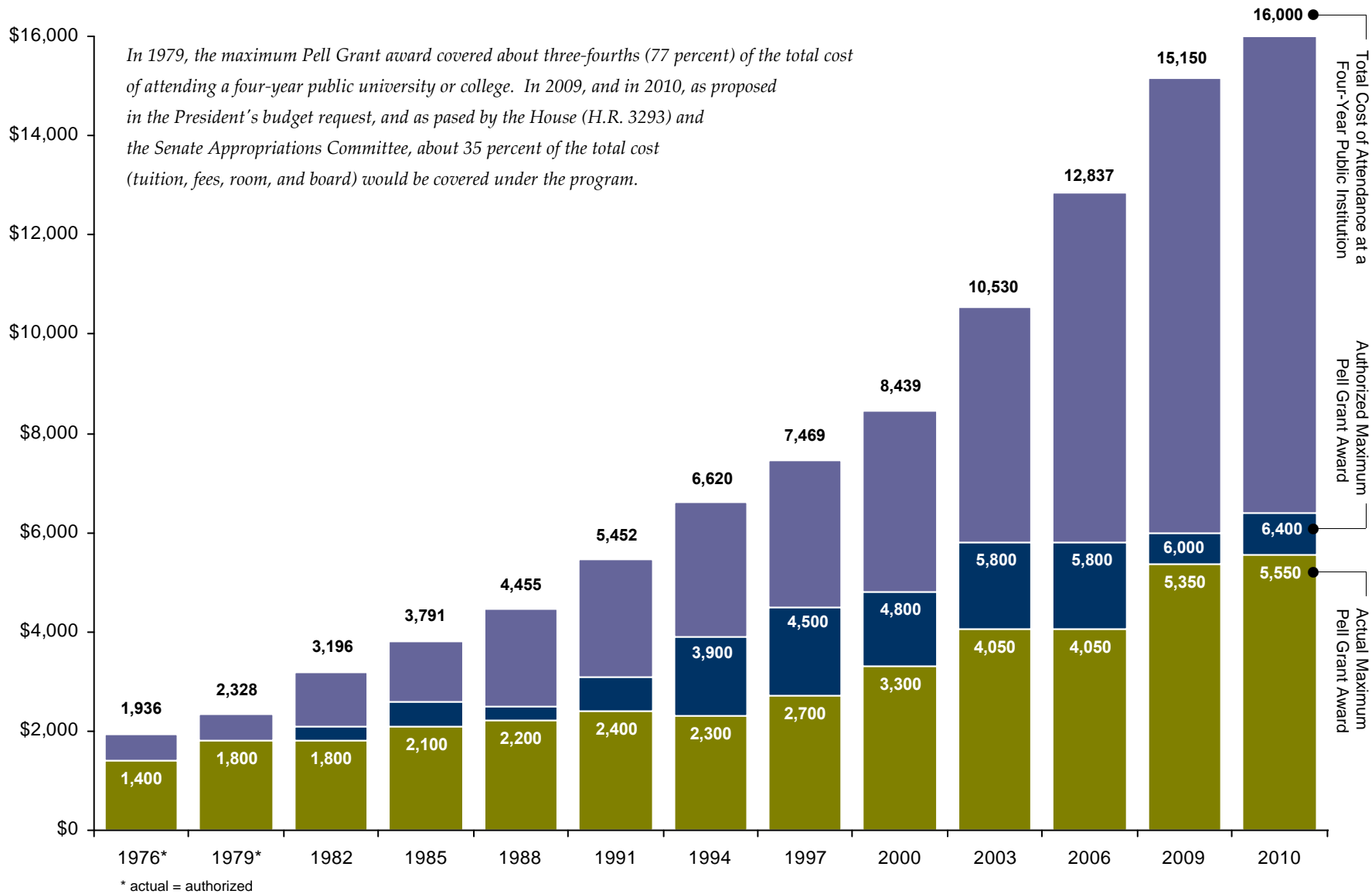


# FEDERAL PELL GRANTS: Maximum Awards

## Actual vs. Authorization & Total Cost of Attendance, Selected FYs 1976-2010



Sources: U.S. Department of Education; Congressional Research Service; and The College Board. The actual maximum award for 2009 and 2010 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 authorized maximum award in 2006 is based on the 2003 level, or the last year authorized under the Higher Education Amendments of 1998. The authorized maximum award in 2009 and 2010 is based on the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-315). Total cost of attendance includes tuition and fees, and room, and board. Total costs of attendance in 2009 and 2010 are estimates based on The College Board's rate of growth over the past two years available (2007 and 2008). The Federal Pell Grant program began in 1973, however 1976 was the first year in which all undergraduates were eligible. For more information, contact Tom Zembar at 202.822.7109 or TZembar@nea.org. Updated August 4, 2009.