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OCLC news

More than 27 million WorldCat records were enriched and improved by OCLC staff and member libraries in 2021–2022. Investments in machine learning eliminated 6 million duplicate records and prevented 400 million duplicate records from being added to WorldCat. An expanded partnership with Google added more than 81 million library catalog links to Google Search results. Sixteen million new records were created.

OCLC, "OCLC Annual Report 2021–2022," November 14, 2022, https://www.oclc.org/content/annual-report/en_us/2022/home.html.



State higher education finance

"State and local funding for all higher education totaled \$113.2 billion in fiscal year 2021, including \$3.7 billion in federal stimulus funding (3.2 percent). There were 10.6 million FTE enrolled students in 2021. Net FTE enrollment declined 3.0 percent this year, a loss of 323,952 FTE students, the largest FTE decline on record. 2021 marks the tenth straight year of enrollment declines following substantial enrollment increases during the Great Recession. There has been a substantial shift of responsibility for financing public higher education toward net tuition revenue, from 20.9 percent in 1980 to 42.1 percent in 2021."

SHEF, "2021 State Higher Education Finance (SHEF) Report," 2022, <https://shef.sheeo.org/report>.



The cost of education

The average undergraduate tuition, fees, room, and board rates charged for full-time students in constant 2020–21 dollars was \$10,648 in 1963–64. In 2020–21, that figure had risen to an average of \$25,910 across all institutions. Private nonprofit institutions charged an average of \$49,210 in 2020–21.

"Digest of Education Statistics, 2021, Table 330.10," National Center for Education Statistics, accessed November 21, 2022, https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d21/tables/dt21_330.10.asp.



COVID-19 Web Archive

"The COVID-19 Web Archive gathers together more than 165 individual web archive collections created by more than 130 libraries, archives, and cultural heritage organizations into a shared access portal built and maintained by

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the Internet Archive. These collections contain more than 80,000 websites documenting the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on communities, businesses, healthcare, and other aspects of everyday life. The archive will be continuously updated over time.”

Internet Archive, “COVID-19 Web Archive,” accessed November 28, 2022, <https://covid19.archive-it.org>.



Internet adoption rates

The number of internet users as a percentage of total global population is 63.5 percent. Four countries—Denmark, Ireland, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates—have adoption rates of 99 percent.

Simon Kemp, “The Global State of Digital in October 2022,” DataReportal—Global Digital Insights, October 20, 2022, <https://datareportal.com/reports/digital-2022-october-global-statshot>.