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## **Budget and Finance Office** <sup>[1]</sup>

The **Budget and Finance Office** is the university's liaison to the Board of Regents on matters related to budget policy. The office directs the development of the annual university budget, provides information for internal planning and decision-making, assists in the development of legislative strategy and advocates for funding priorities with Colorado's policy makers.

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### **Video: Cost Drivers**

State funding per resident student at CU has declined dramatically since 2000. However, we have worked hard to keep cuts out of the classroom. In fact, CU spends a larger percentage of its budget on instruction and student services than our national peers. The remainder goes to pay for things like facilities, maintenance and institutional support.

After accounting for inflation over the last 15 years, where we focus our spending on a per student basis, this analysis shows CU's ongoing commitment to our educational mission. Spending on academic advising has grown 15%. Investments in instruction have gone up 24%. Support for scholarships and grants has nearly tripled. Institutional Support, usually called administration, grew at 0%. View the full video below?

**F**or data and information about Cost Drivers, visit [cu.edu/costdrivers](http://cu.edu/costdrivers)<sup>[2]</sup>. For general information about CU, visit our [CU Data Made Simple](#)<sup>[3]</sup> page.

The Budget and Finance Office assists the Board of Regents, executive management team, and the university community in attaining their goals by compiling and disseminating information for planning, budgeting, management and accountability. It develops university-wide budget parameters in collaboration with campus leadership, the Board of Regents and state policymakers. It is the primary fiscal liaison to state agencies and coordinates universitywide financial reporting to internal and external constituents.

The office includes **Capital Construction and Planning** and **Institutional Research**.

- The Capital Construction and Planning unit coordinates university-wide capital construction activity and reporting for external entities. It also provides support for the Design Review Board and the Regents Capital Subcommittee, and maintains core data on CU capital construction activities.
- The Institutional Research (IR) unit coordinates with the IR offices on each CU campus to provide data and analyses on students, faculty and staff, and other topics of interest to internal and external constituents.

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[1] <http://www.cu.edu/budgetpolicy>

[2] <http://www.cu.edu/cost-drivers-cu>

[3] <http://www.cu.edu/budgetpolicy/cu-data-made-simple-0>