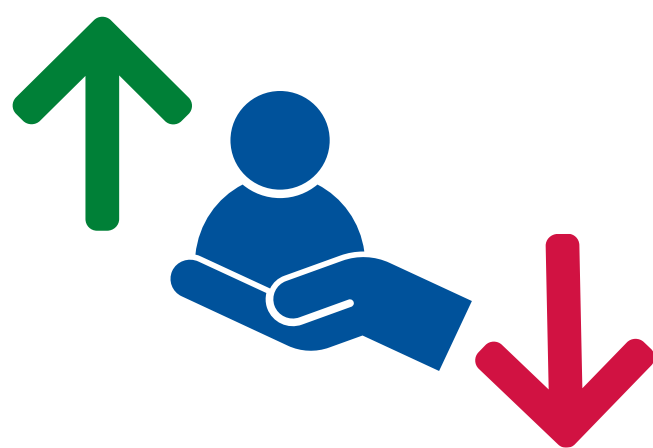


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The **total population** and **K-12 educational pipeline** has declined, potentially affecting the future college-going pool of applicants.



Full-time **retention rates** have increased in the last 15 years, despite drops in **enrollment** and are higher than the national retention rate.



The **cost of attendance** across all sectors has been increasing over the last 20 years and there is a significant gap between students' cost of attendance and the grant aid they receive.



Graduation rates have been on the rise at private 4-year institutions but have remained relatively stagnant at public 4-year institutions.



Despite an increasing share of the population attaining a postsecondary degree, Puerto Rico's **unemployment rate** is high.

Source: Labandera, E., Santiago, D., and Laurel, J. (May 2021). Washington, D.C.: *Excelencia* in Education.



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