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## Abstract

This poster, created for Musselman Library's [Charting your Course](#) 2019 first-year orientation activity, explains some of the strategies that Gettysburg College students can use to mitigate the impacts of rising textbook costs.

## Keywords

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# HOW MUCH DO *you* SPEND?

## TEXTBOOK COSTS ARE RISING

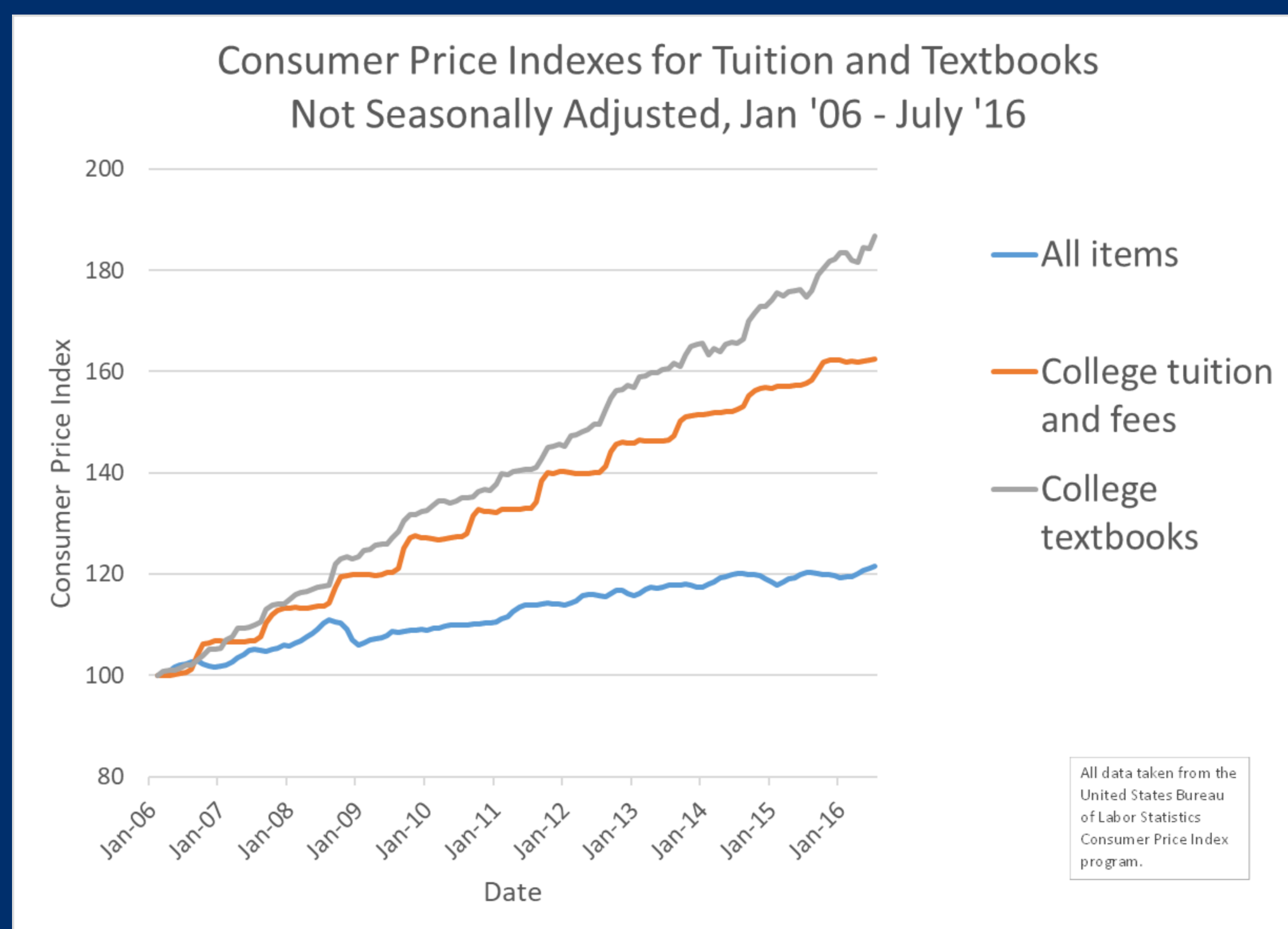


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