

## Higher Education Sector in Review

The past year in higher education has been marked by the sector's emergence from the shadow of Covid-19, yet other challenges have surfaced in the pandemic's wake. The sector continues to be pressured by long-standing structural challenges, some of which have been accelerated by changes forced by the pandemic. In this report, we discuss the following topics:

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- 1. The challenges of operating in an inflationary environment
- 2. Athletics cuts to help the operating budget
- 3. The rising cost of capital
- 4. Higher yields on cash balances
- 5. Declining endowments
- 6. Impending enrollment cliff
- 7. Increasing prevalence of strategic transaction activity

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