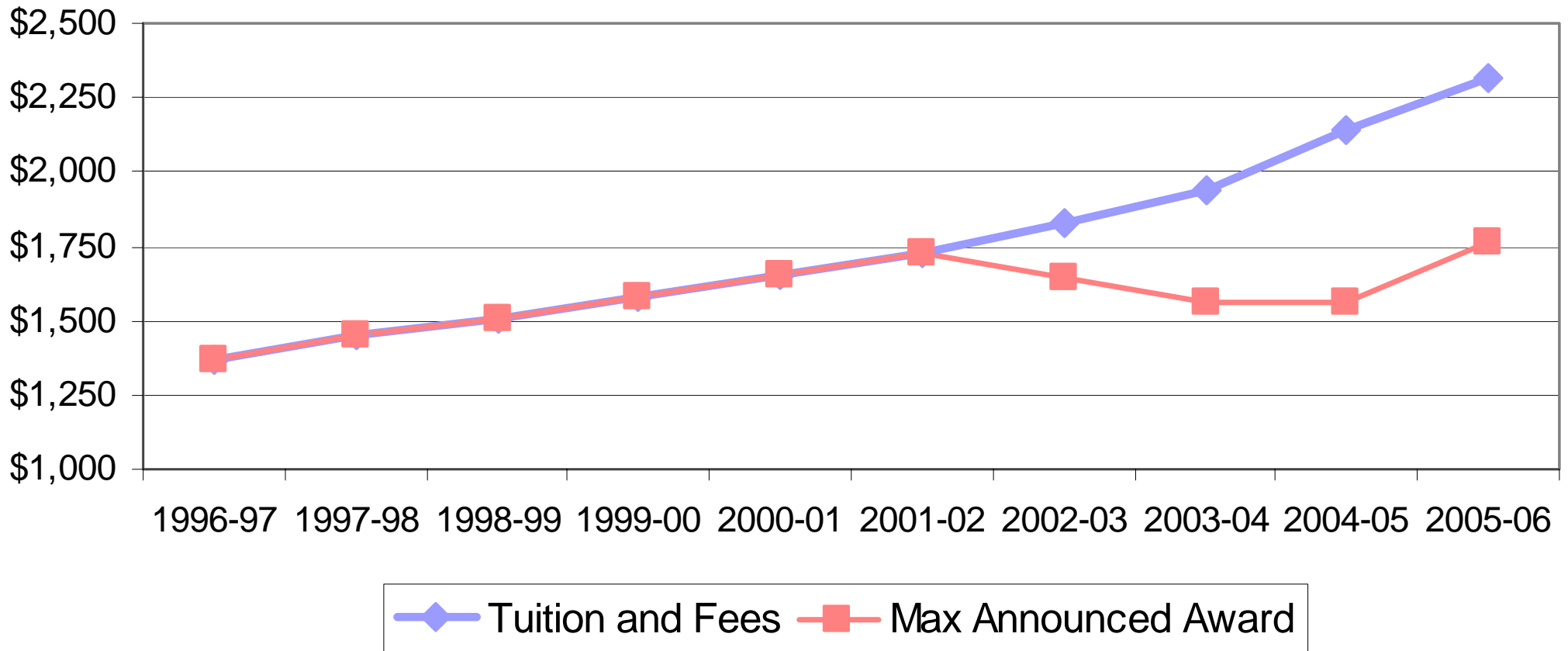


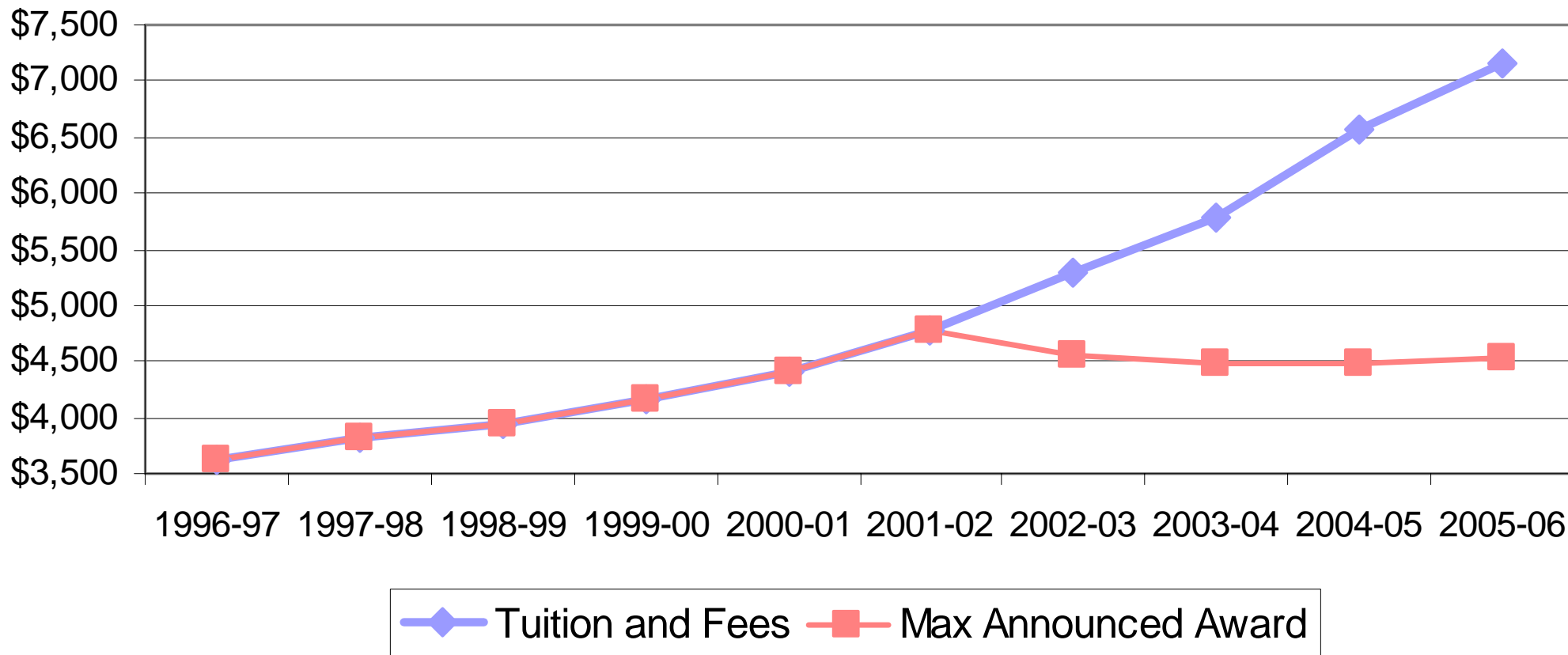
Changes in College Affordability in Illinois

- Obtaining a postsecondary education is 25% to 31% more expensive in 2005-06 than it was in 1996-97, in real (inflation-adjusted) dollars. Tuition and fees have risen 36% at community colleges and 59% at public universities in real dollars.
- Incomes for low- and middle-income Illinois families did not keep pace with the increasing cost of a postsecondary education. Real-dollar family income for the poorest in Illinois decreased between 1995 and 2004 and middle-income families saw an increase of only 2% above inflation.
- Financial aid has not increased enough to fill the gap. The maximum federal Pell award increased from \$2,470 to \$4,050 over the past ten years (32% increase in real dollars), but the maximum state MAP grant actually decreased 9% when adjusted for inflation.
- Although Illinois is fortunate to have the Monetary Award Program, its contribution to affordability has deteriorated. As a result, remaining need (total cost minus expected family contribution minus Pell and MAP) has increased by as much as 82% over inflation for students who receive MAP.
- Between 1996-97 and 2001-02, the maximum announced MAP award covered average tuition and fees at community colleges and public universities. By 2005-06, only 76% of community college tuition and fees and 63% of public university tuition and fees were covered by the maximum announced MAP grant. Coverage at private institutions declined from 31% in 1996-97 to 22% in 2005-06.

Tuition and Fees Compared to Maximum Announced MAP Award at Community Colleges



Tuition and Fees Compared to Maximum Announced MAP Award at Public Universities



Percentage of Tuition and Fees Covered by Maximum Announced MAP Award

