

Student Debt for College Graduates in Delaware

To enroll and complete a degree, students must be able to afford college without risky levels or types of debt.

In 2018-19, **59 percent** of Delaware college graduates had student loan debt.

The average debt load of a Delaware college graduate in 2018-19 was **\$37,447**, placing the state **fifth highest** nationally on this measure.

40 percent of Delaware college graduates' student loan debt was private, nonfederal debt that is often costlier and carries fewer consumer protections than federal debt.



College Costs and Student Debt Figures for Delaware Four-Year Colleges (2018-19)

College	Total College Cost	Tuition and Fees	Bachelor's Degree Recipients	Percent of Graduates with Debt	Average Debt of Graduates	Share of Debt that is Nonfederal
University of Delaware	\$29,342	\$13,680	4,320	59%	\$37,447	40%

Public and nonprofit colleges and universities awarding 40 percent of the IPEDS-reported state's bachelor's degrees in 2018-19 did not voluntarily report student debt data, and are not included in the state average. For more on debt data sources and limitations, see [Student Debt and the Class of 2019](#).