

Student Debt for College Graduates in Pennsylvania

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

In 2018-19, **65 percent** of Pennsylvania college graduates had student loan debt.

The average debt load of a Pennsylvania college graduate in 2018-19 was **\$39,027**, placing the state **second highest** nationally on this measure.

36 percent of Pennsylvania 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 Pennsylvania 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
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania	\$25,052	\$10,958	1,880	83%	\$38,013	33%
Bucknell University	\$72,750	\$56,092	864	46%	\$31,000	35%
California University of Pennsylvania	\$26,644	\$11,108	1,345	87%	\$42,029	16%
Carnegie Mellon University	\$72,283	\$55,465	1,509	52%	\$31,342	17%
Clarion University of Pennsylvania	\$27,975	\$11,175	839	76%	\$35,054	27%
Drexel University	\$70,223	\$53,244	3,441	67%	\$72,883	29%
Duquesne University	\$54,364	\$38,178	1,383	58%	\$44,243	40%
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania	\$26,964	\$11,502	1,267	36%	\$12,070	80%
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania	\$25,600	\$10,574	798	84%	\$42,694	18%
Indiana University of Pennsylvania-Main Campus	\$28,595	\$12,979	2,055	84%	\$41,222	31%
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania	\$27,890	\$10,802	1,593	84%	\$40,592	34%
Lehigh University	\$68,595	\$52,930	1,224	50%	\$39,609	47%
Millersville University of Pennsylvania	\$30,538	\$12,226	1,388	73%	\$32,815	44%
Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus	\$36,652	\$18,454	10,893	52%	\$40,128	46%
Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Erie-Behrend College	\$33,396	\$15,198	829	71%	\$41,841	40%
Robert Morris University	\$48,220	\$30,300	922	76%	\$39,856	36%
Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania	\$29,086	\$12,718	1,239	80%	\$37,130	37%
Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania	\$25,147	\$10,757	1,761	82%	\$37,450	32%
Temple University	\$33,004	\$16,970	6,523	71%	\$38,634	37%
University of Pennsylvania	\$74,408	\$55,584	2,931	22%	\$23,009	33%
University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus	\$33,503	\$19,080	4,713	61%	\$39,417	42%
University of Scranton	\$62,686	\$44,532	858	75%	\$41,570	40%
Villanova University	\$70,728	\$53,308	1,802	49%	\$36,716	40%
West Chester University of Pennsylvania	\$27,074	\$10,412	3,340	77%	\$36,469	32%
York College of Pennsylvania	\$34,550	\$20,100	849	80%	\$44,077	44%

Public and nonprofit colleges and universities awarding 13 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. Table includes the 25 colleges that awarded the greatest number of bachelor's degrees in 2018-19. For more on debt data sources and limitations, see [Student Debt and the Class of 2019](#).