

Student Debt for College Graduates in Rhode Island

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 Rhode Island college graduates had student loan debt.

The average debt load of a Rhode Island college graduate in 2018-19 was **\$37,614**, placing the state **fourth highest** nationally on this measure.

42 percent of Rhode Island 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 Rhode Island 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
Brown University	\$73,802	\$55,466	1,697	31%	\$24,304	31%
Bryant University	\$62,320	\$43,973	885	65%	\$53,350	55%
Providence College	\$67,300	\$50,528	975	57%	\$44,529	47%
Rhode Island College	\$23,398	\$8,929	1,337	75%	\$25,936	17%
Rhode Island School of Design	\$70,560	\$50,960	501	45%	\$33,282	30%
Roger Williams University	\$54,642	\$34,522	935	64%	\$44,753	49%
Salve Regina University	\$58,500	\$40,150	475	80%	\$40,958	35%
University of Rhode Island	\$30,351	\$14,138	3,471	63%	\$35,883	42%

Public and nonprofit colleges and universities awarding 17 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](#).