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Colleges Whose Undergraduates Borrowed the Most in Federal Loans in 2014-15

Columbia University ranked second-highest among four-year public and private nonprofit institutions in the average amount borrowed by each undergraduate who took out federal student loans in 2014-15. But the share of Columbia undergraduates who took out loans that year — 26 percent — was the lowest among the 100 institutions on this list. Columbia also had the highest tuition and fees, \$53,000, of any four-year institution for 2014-15.

4-year public institutions

Rank		Undergraduate borrowers	Average per borrower
1.	Lincoln U. (Pa.)	86%	\$11,667
2.	U. of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center	61%	\$11,236
3.	Oregon Health & Science U.	73%	\$11,219
4.	U. of Nebraska Medical Center	64%	\$10,789
5.	Western State Colorado U.	51%	\$10,674
6.	Virginia State U.	84%	\$10,591
7.	U. of Texas Medical Branch	57%	\$9,933
8.	Texas Tech U. Health Sciences Center	52%	\$9,788
9.	Chicago State U.	92%	\$9,644
10.	Norfolk State U.	76%	\$9,533
11.	U. of South Alabama	57%	\$9,222
12.	U. of Missouri at Kansas City	44%	\$9,214
13.	U. of Arkansas for Medical Sciences	59%	\$9,213
14.	Troy U.	62%	\$9,203
15.	U. of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio	62%	\$9,168
16.	Shepherd U.	55%	\$9,167
17.	Oregon State U. at Cascades	65%	\$9,140
18.	Pennsylvania State U.-World Campus	56%	\$9,129
19.	U. of Maryland, Baltimore	48%	\$9,103
20.	Sam Houston State U.	57%	\$9,093
21.	Texas A&M U. at Kingsville	59%	\$9,087
22.	Western Oregon U.	79%	\$8,932
23.	U. of Michigan at Flint	70%	\$8,924
24.	Texas A&M U.-Central Texas	53%	\$8,900
25.	U. of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	77%	\$8,878
26.	Eastern Michigan U.	72%	\$8,869
27.	Texas State U. at San Marcos	53%	\$8,855
28.	Governors State U.	62%	\$8,803
29.	U. of Southern Mississippi	63%	\$8,715
30.	Grambling State U.	89%	\$8,704
31.	Tarleton State U.	57%	\$8,641
32.	U. of Texas at Dallas	50%	\$8,623
33.	Arizona State U.-Skysong	64%	\$8,618
34.	Montclair State U.	61%	\$8,584
35.	U. of South Florida at St. Petersburg	47%	\$8,531
36.	Alabama State U.	77%	\$8,477
37.	Northwest Missouri State U.	58%	\$8,467
38.	Oakland U. (Mich.)	53%	\$8,458
39.	Alcorn State U.	82%	\$8,421
40.	Louisiana State U. Health Sciences Center-New Orleans	51%	\$8,402
41.	Fort Valley State U.	85%	\$8,378
42.	Texas Tech U.	46%	\$8,359
43.	U. of Montana Western	54%	\$8,336
44.	Langston U.	75%	\$8,335
45.	Texas A&M U. at Commerce	59%	\$8,325
46.	State U. of New York Empire State College	34%	\$8,295
47.	Jackson State U.	75%	\$8,289
48.	Central State U. (Ohio)	79%	\$8,266
49.	West Liberty U.	59%	\$8,260
50.	Albany State U. (Ga.)	87%	\$8,222
Weighted average for 677 institutions		45%	\$6,842

4-year private nonprofit institutions

Rank		Undergraduate borrowers	Average per borrower
1.	Methodist U. (N.C.)	59%	\$12,701
2.	Columbia U.	26%	\$12,393
3.	Johnson & Wales U. (Fla.)	83%	\$12,345
4.	Johnson & Wales U. at Charlotte (N.C.)	92%	\$12,244
5.	Dillard U.	90%	\$11,842
6.	Holy Names U.	84%	\$11,725
7.	Benedict College (S.C.)	90%	\$11,640
8.	Maryville College	48%	\$11,593
9.	U. of Tampa	62%	\$11,576
10.	Ohio Wesleyan U.	62%	\$11,454
11.	Southwestern Christian U. (Okla.)	79%	\$11,431
12.	Kettering College	69%	\$11,358
13.	Walsh College of Accountancy and Business Administration	60%	\$11,342
14.	Caldwell College	52%	\$11,306
15.	New York College of Health Professions	73%	\$11,140
16.	National U.	37%	\$11,079
17.	Johnson & Wales U. (R.I.)	79%	\$10,980
18.	Fisk U.	66%	\$10,936
19.	College of Mount Saint Vincent	83%	\$10,923
20.	Mid-America Christian U.	69%	\$10,901
21.	Lubbock Christian U.	79%	\$10,882
22.	Apex School of Theology	97%	\$10,780
23.	Johnson & Wales U. at Denver	86%	\$10,778
24.	Warner Pacific College	74%	\$10,712
25.	Azusa Pacific Online U.	71%	\$10,709
26.	Baptist College of Health Sciences	86%	\$10,661
27.	Bellevue U.	38%	\$10,425
28.	Oral Roberts U.	59%	\$10,380
29.	Samuel Merritt U.	71%	\$10,310
30.	Gordon College (Mass.)	69%	\$10,282
31.	Loma Linda U.	64%	\$10,211
32.	CollegeAmerica at Phoenix	91%	\$10,209
33.	Saint Gregory's U. at Shawnee (Okla.)	45%	\$10,197
34.	St. Thomas U.	58%	\$10,194
35.	Warner U.	85%	\$10,078
36.	City College at Fort Lauderdale	81%	\$10,073
37.	Ursuline College	85%	\$10,070
38.	Southeastern U. (Fla.)	59%	\$10,039
39.	Humphreys College	62%	\$10,030
40.	U. of Findlay (Ohio)	49%	\$9,978
41.	McPherson College	76%	\$9,970
42.	Bethel U. (Tenn.)	66%	\$9,939
43.	Everest U.-South Orlando Campus (Fla.)	65%	\$9,934
44.	Life U.	61%	\$9,931
45.	Philander Smith College	82%	\$9,925
46.	Brandman U.	54%	\$9,837
47.	Spring Hill College	68%	\$9,792
48.	Southern Adventist U.	56%	\$9,696
49.	Franklin U.	64%	\$9,638
50.	Nova Southeastern U.	56%	\$9,624
Weighted average for 1,263 institutions		55%	\$7,445

Note: All four-year public and private nonprofit degree-granting institutions in the United States that are eligible to participate in Title IV federal financial-aid programs and that enrolled at least 500 undergraduates in 2014-15 were considered for these rankings. For-profit institutions were excluded. Federal student loans include all Title IV subsidized and unsubsidized loans but exclude PLUS and other loans made directly to parents. The weighted averages were calculated on the basis of all institutions in each sector reporting at least one student who took out federal student loans in 2014-15.

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