



Kansas: Parent PLUS Median Debt at Independent Colleges

College Scorecard Planning Screen | Debt Originated at the Reporting Institution

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This report uses College Scorecard Parent PLUS median-debt data to identify where parent borrowing has historically functioned as a multi-year financing tool at independent colleges in Kansas. The principal planning marker is the new **\$65,000 Parent PLUS aggregate maximum**. Because these figures are medians, roughly half of measured completer borrower files are at or above the reported amount.

The primary measure is Parent PLUS debt originated at the reporting institution for students who completed. The figures reflect AY 2021-2023 public data and should be validated against current campus records before operational decisions.

Kansas: Statewide Planning Information

Metric	Read	Metric	Read
New Parent PLUS aggregate maximum	\$65,000	Independent colleges represented	21
Reported completer medians	14	Median of reported medians	\$27,198
At or above \$65K	0	Near \$65K (\$55K-\$64,999)	0
Highest reported median	\$46,408	Highest institution	McPherson College

Independent Colleges

Rows are sorted by median Parent PLUS debt at the institution for completers. The completer median is the primary planning signal; the all-borrower median is included as secondary context. N/A indicates that a field was suppressed or not reported.

Institution	All Borrowers at Institution	Completers at Institution	Completer Files	Parent PLUS Share	Planning Signal
McPherson College	\$18,800	\$46,408	60	15-25%	Elevated
Benedictine College	\$27,379	\$41,884	198	15-25%	Elevated
Ottawa University-Ottawa	\$23,800	\$31,346	98	10-15%	Monitor
Sterling College	\$18,424	\$30,693	43	15-20%	Monitor
Bethany College	\$16,339	\$30,127	66	15-25%	Monitor
Kansas Wesleyan University	\$20,915	\$28,044	89	15-25%	Monitor
Southwestern College	\$17,550	\$27,435	50	0-10%	Monitor
Bethel College-North Newton	\$19,152	\$26,961	40	15-20%	Monitor
MidAmerica Nazarene University	\$18,862	\$25,734	83	10-15%	Monitor
University of Saint Mary	\$14,048	\$22,583	68	10-20%	Monitor
Newman University	\$18,642	\$22,342	54	0-5%	Monitor
Baker University	\$19,854	\$20,529	100	5-10%	Monitor
Central Christian College of Kansas	\$16,730	\$20,060	27	5-15%	Monitor
Friends University	\$15,000	\$20,000	55	0-10%	Monitor
Barclay College	N/A	N/A	N/A	0-5%	Suppressed
Cleveland University-Kansas City	N/A	N/A	N/A	0-5%	Suppressed
Donnelly College	N/A	N/A	N/A	0-5%	Suppressed

Institution	All Borrowers at Institution	Completers at Institution	Completer Files	Parent PLUS Share	Planning Signal
Hesston College	\$17,100	N/A	13	5-10%	Suppressed
Kansas Christian College	\$5,319	N/A	N/A	5-15%	Suppressed
Manhattan Christian College	\$14,097	N/A	12	5-10%	Suppressed
Tabor College	\$17,520	N/A	10	20-25%	Suppressed

Public Comparison Schools

The three largest public bachelor's-or-higher institutions in Kansas by undergraduate enrollment are included for reference and are not part of the independent-college distribution.

Institution	All Borrowers at Institution	Completers at Institution	Completer Files	Parent PLUS Share	Planning Signal
University of Kansas	\$31,000	\$36,471	1,714	10-20%	Elevated
Kansas State University	\$23,000	\$28,595	1,444	10-15%	Monitor
Wichita State University	\$13,547	\$14,935	350	0-5%	Lower signal

Source and Method Note

Universe: Main-campus, private nonprofit colleges with reported undergraduate enrollment, plus the three largest main-campus public bachelor's-or-higher institutions by undergraduate enrollment. **Data:** U.S. Department of Education College Scorecard Most Recent Cohorts Institution file uploaded for this project. **Primary field:** Parent PLUS debt at the institution for completers. **Timing:** Figures reflect AY 2021-2023 public data. N/A indicates that a field was suppressed or not reported.