



Maine: 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 Maine. 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.

Maine: Statewide Planning Information

Metric	Read	Metric	Read
New Parent PLUS aggregate maximum	\$65,000	Independent colleges represented	13
Reported completer medians	7	Median of reported medians	\$36,068
At or above \$65K	0	Near \$65K (\$55K-\$64,999)	0
Highest reported median	\$54,601	Highest institution	University of New England

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
University of New England	\$43,898	\$54,601	228	5-10%	Elevated
Bowdoin College	\$37,572	\$52,337	65	0-10%	Elevated
Maine College of Art & Design	\$34,529	\$45,994	52	15-20%	Elevated
Saint Joseph's College of Maine	\$31,583	\$36,068	123	5-10%	Elevated
Unity Environmental University	\$21,252	\$35,843	68	10-15%	Elevated
Husson University	\$17,600	\$22,000	197	5-15%	Monitor
Thomas College	\$15,839	\$16,218	83	5-15%	Lower signal
Bates College	\$71,916	N/A	61	0-10%	Suppressed
Colby College	\$61,251	N/A	53	0-5%	Suppressed
College of the Atlantic	N/A	N/A	N/A	0-5%	Suppressed
Maine College of Health Professions	N/A	N/A	N/A	0-5%	Suppressed
Maine Media College	N/A	N/A	N/A	0-5%	Suppressed
The Landing School	N/A	N/A	N/A	0-10%	Suppressed

Public Comparison Schools

The three largest public bachelor's-or-higher institutions in Maine 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 Maine	\$18,739	\$22,559	513	5-10%	Monitor
University of Southern Maine	\$10,991	\$15,033	177	0-5%	Lower signal
University of Maine at Augusta	\$7,363	N/A	14	0-5%	Suppressed

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.