



Ohio: 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 Ohio. 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.

Ohio: Statewide Planning Information

Metric	Read	Metric	Read
New Parent PLUS aggregate maximum	\$65,000	Independent colleges represented	62
Reported completer medians	46	Median of reported medians	\$32,957
At or above \$65K	0	Near \$65K (\$55K-\$64,999)	3
Highest reported median	\$60,315	Highest institution	Cleveland Institute of Art

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
Cleveland Institute of Art	\$40,710	\$60,315	88	25-30%	Near \$65K
Columbus College of Art & Design	\$33,407	\$57,187	158	25-35%	Near \$65K
Kenyon College	\$50,971	\$56,500	53	0-10%	Near \$65K
Art Academy of Cincinnati	\$27,500	\$53,150	30	25-30%	Elevated
Xavier University	\$39,878	\$52,974	379	10-15%	Elevated
University of Dayton	\$41,467	\$49,071	480	5-10%	Elevated
Denison University	\$41,972	\$47,067	101	5-10%	Elevated
Oberlin College	\$40,050	\$45,976	85	0-10%	Elevated
Bluffton University	\$27,719	\$44,318	84	15-25%	Elevated
The College of Wooster	\$31,428	\$42,874	117	5-10%	Elevated
Otterbein University	\$35,276	\$41,728	214	10-20%	Elevated
Case Western Reserve University	\$36,000	\$40,015	296	5-10%	Elevated
University of Mount Union	\$25,446	\$39,904	236	15-25%	Elevated
Cedarville University	\$30,000	\$39,216	293	10-15%	Elevated
John Carroll University	\$31,000	\$38,695	259	10-15%	Elevated
Marietta College	\$16,460	\$36,653	59	10-15%	Elevated
Ohio Northern University	\$29,007	\$36,474	201	10-20%	Elevated

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Franciscan University of Steubenville	\$28,363	\$36,200	147	5-10%	Elevated
The University of Findlay	\$28,650	\$35,760	235	10-20%	Elevated
Ohio Wesleyan University	\$27,100	\$35,361	126	10-15%	Elevated
Wittenberg University	\$25,658	\$34,500	215	20-25%	Monitor
Baldwin Wallace University	\$26,979	\$34,000	414	15-20%	Monitor
Ohio Dominican University	\$22,334	\$33,810	91	10-15%	Monitor
Lourdes University	\$25,638	\$32,104	113	15-20%	Monitor
Capital University	\$23,683	\$31,889	251	10-20%	Monitor
Heidelberg University	\$21,934	\$31,641	148	20-30%	Monitor
Defiance College	\$16,500	\$31,162	65	20-25%	Monitor
Kettering College	\$27,174	\$30,852	45	5-10%	Monitor
Mount St. Joseph University	\$23,461	\$30,029	125	15-20%	Monitor
Walsh University	\$23,322	\$29,000	189	5-15%	Monitor
Lake Erie College	\$15,520	\$28,506	62	10-20%	Monitor
Muskingum University	\$18,930	\$27,671	113	10-15%	Monitor
Hiram College	\$20,075	\$27,630	87	10-20%	Monitor
Wilmington College	\$18,254	\$27,365	128	10-20%	Monitor
Tiffin University	\$20,000	\$27,081	141	10-15%	Monitor
Mount Vernon Nazarene University	\$20,577	\$26,660	127	5-10%	Monitor
University of Northwestern Ohio	\$16,780	\$25,000	229	10-15%	Monitor
Ashland University	\$19,678	\$24,784	257	10-15%	Monitor
Malone University	\$18,928	\$24,591	137	10-20%	Monitor
Ursuline College	\$20,173	\$22,449	58	5-10%	Monitor
Ohio Christian University	\$13,707	\$19,968	40	0-5%	Lower signal
Mercy College of Ohio	\$15,560	\$18,074	41	0-5%	Lower signal
Franklin University	\$17,000	\$18,000	56	0-5%	Lower signal
The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences	\$14,085	\$17,000	49	0-10%	Lower signal
University of Rio Grande	\$9,276	\$13,218	54	0-10%	Lower signal
Wilberforce University	\$9,000	\$11,500	37	15-20%	Lower signal
Allegheny Wesleyan College	N/A	N/A	N/A	0-5%	Suppressed
Antioch College	N/A	N/A	N/A	5-10%	Suppressed
Antioch University	N/A	N/A	N/A	0-5%	Suppressed
Athenaeum of Ohio	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Suppressed
Aultman College of Nursing and Health Sciences	\$20,562	N/A	18	5-10%	Suppressed
Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science	N/A	N/A	N/A	0-10%	Suppressed
Cleveland Institute of Music	N/A	N/A	N/A	5-10%	Suppressed
Gods Bible School and College	N/A	N/A	N/A	0-5%	Suppressed
Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science	\$8,650	N/A	N/A	0-10%	Suppressed
Mount Carmel College of Nursing	\$30,017	N/A	93	5-15%	Suppressed
Ohio Institute of Allied Health	N/A	N/A	N/A	0-5%	Suppressed
Pontifical College Josephinum	N/A	N/A	N/A	0-5%	Suppressed
Rabbinical College Telshe	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Suppressed
Rosedale Bible College	N/A	N/A	N/A	0-5%	Suppressed

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Tri-State Bible College	N/A	N/A	N/A	0-5%	Suppressed
Valor Christian College	N/A	N/A	N/A	0-5%	Suppressed

Public Comparison Schools

The three largest public bachelor's-or-higher institutions in Ohio 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
Ohio State University-Main Campus	\$20,924	\$27,410	2,993	5-10%	Monitor
University of Cincinnati-Main Campus	\$20,800	\$25,572	2,768	5-10%	Monitor
Ohio University-Main Campus	\$25,377	\$32,570	1,868	5-10%	Monitor

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.