



Pennsylvania: 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 Pennsylvania. 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.

Pennsylvania: Statewide Planning Information

Metric	Read	Metric	Read
New Parent PLUS aggregate maximum	\$65,000	Independent colleges represented	95
Reported completer medians	76	Median of reported medians	\$41,094
At or above \$65K	4	Near \$65K (\$55K-\$64,999)	7
Highest reported median	\$68,847	Highest institution	Moore College of Art and Design

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
Moore College of Art and Design	\$50,988	\$68,847	60	30-35%	Above \$65K
Saint Joseph's University - Philadelphia	\$60,874	\$68,747	430	10-15%	Above \$65K
Duquesne University	\$56,470	\$68,136	851	15-20%	Above \$65K
Swarthmore College	\$50,515	\$65,862	46	0-10%	Above \$65K
Bucknell University	\$59,597	\$62,658	145	0-10%	Near \$65K
Drexel University	\$50,784	\$59,350	1,088	5-15%	Near \$65K
Ursinus College	\$45,544	\$59,301	121	10-20%	Near \$65K
Lafayette College	\$49,979	\$59,000	89	0-10%	Near \$65K
Gettysburg College	\$48,392	\$58,207	172	5-15%	Near \$65K
Villanova University	\$53,867	\$56,800	407	5-10%	Near \$65K
Widener University	\$43,400	\$55,282	307	10-20%	Near \$65K
Delaware Valley University	\$32,493	\$54,884	193	15-25%	Elevated
Washington & Jefferson College	\$42,841	\$53,480	170	15-20%	Elevated
Saint Francis University	\$41,122	\$53,365	132	5-10%	Elevated
Moravian University	\$43,440	\$53,262	267	15-20%	Elevated
Elizabethtown College	\$42,828	\$52,556	172	10-15%	Elevated
Bryn Mawr College	\$49,121	\$51,912	52	0-10%	Elevated

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University of Scranton	\$41,794	\$51,500	443	10-15%	Elevated
Muhlenberg College	\$48,506	\$50,342	114	5-10%	Elevated
Immaculata University	\$39,654	\$50,082	113	5-15%	Elevated
Robert Morris University	\$38,571	\$50,045	418	10-20%	Elevated
Franklin and Marshall College	\$44,355	\$49,491	90	0-10%	Elevated
Lehigh University	\$43,365	\$49,314	184	0-10%	Elevated
Thomas Jefferson University	\$32,963	\$46,650	190	10-15%	Elevated
Susquehanna University	\$38,185	\$46,479	281	15-20%	Elevated
Thiel College	\$24,905	\$46,150	70	20-25%	Elevated
DeSales University	\$30,184	\$45,500	193	5-10%	Elevated
Alvernia University	\$31,415	\$45,120	196	10-15%	Elevated
Dickinson College	\$32,798	\$44,798	96	5-10%	Elevated
Wilkes University	\$33,024	\$43,606	242	10-20%	Elevated
Gannon University	\$32,591	\$43,500	195	10-15%	Elevated
Juniata College	\$30,588	\$43,478	100	5-15%	Elevated
Lebanon Valley College	\$32,281	\$43,370	184	15-20%	Elevated
Carnegie Mellon University	\$40,000	\$43,362	178	0-10%	Elevated
Saint Vincent College	\$30,950	\$42,803	198	15-20%	Elevated
University of Pennsylvania	\$39,650	\$41,803	347	0-5%	Elevated
La Salle University	\$29,591	\$41,773	317	10-15%	Elevated
Messiah University	\$34,240	\$41,506	173	5-10%	Elevated
Misericordia University	\$32,184	\$40,681	250	10-15%	Elevated
Chestnut Hill College	\$27,434	\$39,014	99	10-15%	Elevated
Marywood University	\$32,000	\$38,124	230	15-20%	Elevated
King's College	\$25,857	\$37,362	211	15-20%	Elevated
York College of Pennsylvania	\$25,984	\$36,879	298	10-15%	Elevated
Neumann University	\$24,165	\$35,969	196	15-20%	Elevated
Chatham University	\$27,661	\$34,806	98	10-20%	Monitor
Cedar Crest College	\$24,116	\$34,635	91	10-15%	Monitor
Seton Hill University	\$29,053	\$34,262	172	5-10%	Monitor
Gwynedd Mercy University	\$28,570	\$33,815	129	5-15%	Monitor
Mercyhurst University	\$24,360	\$33,484	274	10-15%	Monitor
Geneva College	\$17,145	\$33,214	71	5-15%	Monitor
Albright College	\$24,280	\$33,200	202	15-20%	Monitor
Waynesburg University	\$21,715	\$33,043	146	15-20%	Monitor
Allegheny College	\$25,539	\$30,078	149	10-15%	Monitor
Arcadia University	\$22,402	\$30,029	218	10-20%	Monitor
Lycoming College	\$19,634	\$30,000	117	15-25%	Monitor
La Roche University	\$20,225	\$29,772	113	10-15%	Monitor
Point Park University	\$23,750	\$28,847	209	10-20%	Monitor
Wilson College	\$23,435	\$27,607	88	20-25%	Monitor
Westminster College	\$24,000	\$27,392	112	15-20%	Monitor
Mount Aloysius College	\$20,163	\$27,318	192	15-25%	Monitor
Keystone College	\$15,569	\$26,965	145	10-15%	Monitor
University of Valley Forge	\$25,126	\$26,758	71	10-15%	Monitor

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Lancaster Bible College	\$22,507	\$25,509	52	0-10%	Monitor
Harcum College	\$18,541	\$25,029	88	5-10%	Monitor
Carlow University	\$18,053	\$22,618	125	10-15%	Monitor
Holy Family University	\$19,410	\$22,465	207	5-15%	Monitor
Rosemont College	\$19,000	\$21,846	70	15-20%	Monitor
Bryn Athyn College of the New Church	\$18,718	\$20,700	20	20-25%	Monitor
Cairn University-Langhorne	\$19,769	\$20,435	55	0-10%	Monitor
Eastern University	\$15,661	\$17,695	123	5-10%	Lower signal
Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics	\$14,935	\$17,000	94	5-10%	Lower signal
Johnson College	\$14,710	\$16,842	74	10-20%	Lower signal
Harrisburg University of Science and Technology	\$10,551	\$15,679	22	0-5%	Lower signal
Manor College	\$11,200	\$13,250	56	15-20%	Lower signal
Lackawanna College	\$10,120	\$11,750	151	5-10%	Lower signal
Pennsylvania Institute of Technology	\$5,321	\$9,909	22	0-10%	Lower signal
ASPIRA City College	N/A	N/A	N/A	0-5%	Suppressed
American College of Financial Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Suppressed
Commonwealth Technical Institute	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Suppressed
Curtis Institute of Music	N/A	N/A	N/A	0-5%	Suppressed
Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Suppressed
Gratz College	N/A	N/A	N/A	0-5%	Suppressed
Grove City College	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Suppressed
Haverford College	\$40,550	N/A	N/A	0-10%	Suppressed
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine	N/A	N/A	N/A	0-5%	Suppressed
Peirce College	\$11,934	N/A	18	0-5%	Suppressed
Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts	N/A	N/A	N/A	5-10%	Suppressed
Pennsylvania College of Art and Design	\$26,691	N/A	33	20-25%	Suppressed
Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science Inc	N/A	N/A	N/A	0-5%	Suppressed
Rosedale Technical College	\$14,430	N/A	71	5-10%	Suppressed
Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary-Overbrook	N/A	N/A	N/A	0-5%	Suppressed
Talmudical Yeshiva of Philadelphia	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Suppressed
Valley Forge Military College	\$11,868	N/A	17	10-15%	Suppressed
Williamson College of the Trades	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Suppressed
Yeshivath Beth Moshe	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Suppressed

Public Comparison Schools

The three largest public bachelor's-or-higher institutions in Pennsylvania 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
Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus	\$36,064	\$45,519	5,689	5-10%	Elevated
Temple University	\$33,000	\$39,400	2,575	10-15%	Elevated
University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus	\$30,418	\$38,388	1,906	5-10%	Elevated

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.