

What a year really costs, by family income

Net price is the average a family in that income band paid for one year after grants and scholarships (tuition, housing, food, books, transportation). Find your student's band, then read across. Can't find a school? Look it up on a laptop at collegescorecard.ed.gov.

	Net price per year, by family income								
School	\$0-30k	\$30-48k	\$48-75k	\$75-110k	over \$110k	Graduation rate	Median debt	Monthly payment	Median earnings
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (PUBLIC)									
UC Berkeley	\$5,311	\$6,501	\$9,693	\$15,074	\$34,529	94%	\$13,000	\$138	\$92,446
UCLA	\$5,579	\$6,682	\$9,811	\$14,142	\$29,682	93%	\$14,000	\$148	\$82,511
UC San Diego	\$7,525	\$8,155	\$9,942	\$15,199	\$28,785	90%	\$15,500	\$164	\$84,943
UC Davis	\$9,211	\$9,966	\$11,951	\$16,294	\$31,272	89%	\$13,000	\$138	\$80,838
UC Irvine	\$8,123	\$9,313	\$11,642	\$15,164	\$30,546	87%	\$15,000	\$159	\$80,735
UC Santa Barbara	\$9,231	\$9,992	\$12,588	\$17,136	\$31,863	87%	\$13,993	\$148	\$74,915
UC Riverside	\$8,852	\$9,840	\$13,111	\$16,571	\$30,393	79%	\$17,500	\$186	\$67,699
UC Merced	\$7,945	\$8,465	\$11,557	\$14,828	\$28,734	72%	\$16,144	\$171	\$64,368
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY (PUBLIC)									
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	\$7,529	\$7,253	\$9,896	\$15,786	\$27,772	87%	\$18,500	\$196	\$90,768
San Diego State	\$9,910	\$10,017	\$12,697	\$15,891	\$23,821	82%	\$15,000	\$159	\$64,909
Cal State Long Beach	\$7,183	\$7,831	\$9,705	\$12,630	\$19,750	82%	\$14,289	\$151	\$64,403
Cal State Fullerton	\$3,315	\$4,123	\$6,090	\$8,930	\$15,631	80%	\$13,750	\$146	\$62,951
San José State	\$9,730	\$10,114	\$12,099	\$15,102	\$22,862	78%	\$15,000	\$159	\$78,988
Cal Poly Pomona	\$7,851	\$8,433	\$10,734	\$13,894	\$20,716	78%	\$16,000	\$170	\$71,902
Cal State Northridge	\$4,905	\$5,450	\$7,744	\$11,262	\$18,040	71%	\$13,872	\$147	\$59,115
Sacramento State	\$6,501	\$7,001	\$9,212	\$11,814	\$18,861	72%	\$15,000	\$159	\$64,876
PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES									
Stanford	\$0*	\$0*	\$3,212	\$11,092	\$53,882	97%	\$12,000	\$127	\$124,080
USC	\$13,516	\$14,394	\$19,539	\$24,976	\$56,116	93%	\$18,000	\$191	\$92,498
Santa Clara University	\$22,985	\$19,154	\$26,531	\$37,219	\$60,678	90%	\$19,162	\$203	\$109,183
Loyola Marymount	\$32,268	\$34,535	\$34,351	\$40,557	\$58,371	81%	\$19,500	\$207	\$78,349
University of San Diego	\$15,586	\$17,441	\$19,557	\$27,012	\$46,989	81%	\$22,940	\$243	\$86,522
Pepperdine	\$50,560	\$42,674	\$51,063	\$61,851	\$65,081	84%	\$23,510	\$249	\$82,939
Chapman University	\$33,559	\$33,978	\$33,709	\$40,011	\$55,066	82%	\$20,500	\$217	\$70,070
COMMUNITY COLLEGES (PUBLIC)									
Santa Monica College	\$1,896	\$2,442	\$4,440	\$7,087	\$8,395	28%	\$6,450	\$68	\$42,193
De Anza College	\$5,887	\$4,834	\$7,798	\$11,094	\$11,825	44%	\$5,625	\$60	\$56,596
Pasadena City College	\$3,051	\$2,631	\$6,003	\$9,136	\$11,261	33%	\$6,651	\$71	\$43,937
Santa Barbara City College	\$9,333	\$10,868	\$11,536	\$15,381	\$19,544	31%	\$11,000	\$117	\$47,647
American River College	\$7,599	\$6,219	\$9,538	\$11,652	\$13,845	25%	\$9,625	\$102	\$40,162

Source: U.S. Department of Education, College Scorecard, pulled September 27, 2026. Graduation rate: finished a degree or certificate there within 8 years. Debt and payment: typical graduate who borrowed, on a standard 10-year plan. Earnings: typical former student, 10 years after starting; it mostly reflects what students studied. * Stanford's averages for the two lowest bands are below \$0: grants exceed the full cost. Community college graduation rates tell only part of the story, since many students transfer before earning a degree there. These are averages: a school's own Net Price Calculator gives your family's estimate.