

PRESIDENT OBAMA'S COLLEGE SCORECARD

Announced by President Obama in his State of the Union Address, the Department of Education released their College Scorecard. The College Scorecard is part of President Obama's effort to hold colleges accountable for cost, value, and quality, and to help prospective students choose schools that are well-suited to their needs.

The College Scorecard analyzes individual institutions in four major areas: Net Cost, Graduation Rate, Loan Default Rate, and Median Borrowing Amount. Below, we compare UW to other public institutions in Washington State, and to UW's state-defined Global Challenge Peer Institutions (a selection of flagship universities with medical schools).

Net Cost

The UW net price for academic year 2010-11 is listed at \$8,739 and the net price *decreased* 0.2% between 2007 and 2009. In comparison with other institutions, this is considered *low*.

The Department of Education defines the net price as "the average yearly price actually charged to first-time, full-time undergraduate students receiving student aid at an institution of higher education after deducting such aid."

In the College Scorecard, the institutions average net price is displayed with an indication of how it compares (low, medium, or high) with average net prices among institutions that primarily grant the same level of award. For example, the comparison group for an institution that primarily awards bachelor's degrees is all institutions that primarily award bachelor's degrees.

Washington Public Institutions

School	Net Cost	Increase/Decrease	Comparison Rating
UW	\$8,379	Decrease 0.2%	LOW
Eastern Washington	\$10,587	Increase 8.9%	LOW
Evergreen State	\$11,686	Decrease 7.7%	LOW
Western Washington	\$13,086	Increase 9%	LOW
Central Washington	\$13,775	Increase 14.4%	LOW/MEDIUM
Washington State	\$15,485	Increase 17.2%	MEDIUM

Global Challenge Peer State Institutions

School	Net Cost	Increase/Decrease	Comparison Rating
UW	\$8,739	Decrease 0.2%	LOW
University of Virginia	\$11,590	Increase 10.9%	LOW
UC San Diego	\$12,621	Increase 0.1%	LOW
UC Irvine	\$13,217	Increase 4.5%	LOW
University of Maryland College Park	\$13,625	Increase 2.8%	LOW/MEDIUM
University of Maryland Baltimore	\$13,639	Decrease 7.8%	LOW/MEDIUM
UC Davis	\$14,072	Decrease 4.6%	LOW/MEDIUM
UC Los Angeles	\$14,474	Increase 3.6%	LOW/MEDIUM
University of Connecticut	\$14,877	Increase 16.5%	MEDIUM
University of Colorado, Denver	\$15,158	Decrease 2.2%	MEDIUM
Rutgers University	\$15,905	Increase 6.7%	MEDIUM
U Mass Amherst	\$16,145	Increase 19%	MEDIUM
University of Colorado, Boulder	\$18,377	Decrease 5.6%	MEDIUM

Graduation Rate

The UW has a six-year graduation rate of 79.6% based on 2008 data. In comparison with other institutions, this is considered *high*.

The graduation rate displayed is for first-time, full-time degree or certificate-seeking students who began at the institution. For primarily bachelor's degree-granting institutions, the graduation rate displayed is for students beginning in Fall 2005 and seeking a bachelor's degree. Washington state has a strong community college system and transfer process so many of our 4-year graduates are transfer students. Because of the way the Department of Education counts graduates in this category – those that have never been enrolled in college before – we believe that the graduation rates for Washington state schools is a bit skewed. This may explain why UW does not do as well in this category against our Global Challenge Peers.

Washington Public Institutions

School	Rate	Comparison
UW	79.6%	HIGH
Western Washington	72.9%	HIGH
Washington State	66.9%	HIGH
Central Washington	55.9%	MEDIUM
Evergreen State	54.2%	MEDIUM
Eastern Washington	46.2%	MEDIUM

Global Challenge Peer State Institutions

School	Rate	Comparison
University of Virginia	93.9%	HIGH
UC Los Angeles	90%	HIGH
UC San Diego	85.3%	HIGH
UC Irvine	84.6%	HIGH
University of Connecticut	82.5%	HIGH
UC Davis	81.7%	HIGH
University of Maryland College Park	81.8%	HIGH
UW	79.6%	HIGH
Rutgers University	77.4%	HIGH
University of Colorado Boulder	68.1%	HIGH
University of Massachusetts	67.4%	HIGH
University of Maryland Baltimore	57.4%	MEDIUM
University of Colorado Denver	40.3%	MEDIUM

Loan Default Rate

The UW has a loan default rate of 3.1%. This is much lower than the national average of 13.4%.

The Department of Education measures the institution's three-year Federal student loan cohort default rate. This is the percentage of an institution's borrowers who entered repayment on certain Federal student loans in federal fiscal year 2009. All of our in-state 4-year institutions and Global Challenge Peers are below the national average.

Washington Public Institutions

School	Default Rate
Western Washington	2.7%
UW	3.1%
Central Washington	4.6%
Washington State	5.7%
Eastern Washington	7.2%
Evergreen State	9.3%

Global Challenge Peer State Institutions

School	Default Rate
University of Virginia	2.3%
UC Irvine	2.7%
University of Connecticut	3%
UC San Diego	3%
UC Davis	3%
UW	3.1%
UC Los Angeles	3.4%
University of Maryland College Park	3.5%
University of Colorado Boulder	3.6%
U Mass Amherst	4.1%
Rutgers University	4.2%
University of Colorado Denver	5.2%
University of Maryland Baltimore County	6.2%

Median Borrowing

The typical amount a family of a student at UW borrows for their undergraduate education is \$15,458 in Federal Loans. This leaves them with a Federal loan payment over 10 years of approximately \$177.89 per month. This is right on the low/medium line for comparable institutions.

The data used to calculate the median amount of Federal student loans borrowed by students for their undergraduate study is from the US Department of Education's National Student Loan Data System. Data represent all undergraduate borrowers who graduated or withdrew from the institution between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011. All Federal loans for undergraduate study, including Parent PLUS loans, are included for this cohort of borrowers.

Washington Public Institutions

School	Median Amount Borrowed	Approx. Monthly Payment	Comparison Rating
Evergreen State	\$14,000	\$161.11	LOW
UW	\$15,458	\$177.89	LOW/MEDIUM
Eastern Washington	\$15,500	\$178.37	LOW/MEDIUM
Central Washington	\$16,837	\$193.76	MEDIUM
Western Washington	\$18,632	\$214.42	MEDIUM
Washington State	\$19,721	\$226.95	MEDIUM

Global Challenge Peer State Institutions

School	Median Amount Borrowed	Approx. Monthly Payment	Comparison Rating
UC Davis	\$14,500	\$166.87	LOW
UW	\$15,458	\$177.89	LOW/MEDIUM
University of Maryland Baltimore	\$16,200	\$186.43	LOW/MEDIUM
UC Los Angeles	\$16,495	\$189.83	LOW/MEDIUM
University of Virginia	\$17,500	\$201.39	MEDIUM
UC San Diego	\$17,725	\$203.98	MEDIUM
University of Colorado Denver	\$18,000	\$207.14	MEDIUM
University of Maryland College Park	\$18,000	\$207.14	MEDIUM
University of California Irvine	\$18,132	\$208.66	MEDIUM
Rutgers University	\$19,000	\$218.65	MEDIUM
University of Connecticut	\$19,500	\$224.41	MEDIUM
U Mass Amherst	\$19,680	\$226.48	MEDIUM
University of Colorado Boulder	\$21,000	\$241.67	HIGH