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The Most Economically Diverse Top Colleges

To measure top colleges' efforts on economic diversity, The Upshot calculated a College Access Index, based on the share of freshmen in recent years who came from low-income families (measured by the share receiving a Pell grant) and on the net price of attendance for low- and middle-income families. The following table also shows colleges' endowment per student, which is a measure of the resources available to colleges. Colleges with a four-year graduation rate of 75 percent or higher in 2011-12 are included. SEPT. 8, 2014 [Related Article](#)

College ↕	Pell (2012-2014) ↕	Pell (2008) ↕	Pell change ↕	Net price, low- to middle-income ↕	College Access Index ▲	Endowment per student ↕
Vassar	23	12	+11	\$5,600	3.1	\$340,000
Grinnell	24	14	+10	\$10,400	2.7	\$880,000
U.N.C.-Chapel Hill	21	13	+8	\$7,600	2.3	n/a
Smith	23	16	+7	\$11,600	2.2	\$440,000
Amherst	20	16	+4	\$8,400	2.0	\$940,000
Harvard	17	13	+4	\$3,000	2.0	\$1,520,000
Pomona	18	12	+6	\$5,200	1.8	\$1,170,000
St. Mary's (Ind.)	24	14	+10	\$15,900	1.8	\$80,000
Susquehanna	25	17	+8	\$18,000	1.7	\$50,000
Columbia	16	12	+4	\$3,500	1.6	\$320,000
Rice	18	15	+3	\$8,100	1.5	\$810,000

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Kalamazoo	21	13	+8	\$13,900	1.5	\$190,000
Wesleyan	18	12	+6	\$8,700	1.5	\$200,000
Denison	20	11	+9	\$11,800	1.5	\$330,000
Brown	17	12	+5	\$7,000	1.4	\$350,000
Williams	18	14	+4	\$9,300	1.4	\$840,000
Barnard	19	15	+4	\$11,100	1.4	\$90,000
Stanford	15	12	+3	\$4,300	1.4	\$1,200,000
Wheaton (Ill.)	21	13	+8	\$14,400	1.2	\$110,000
Wellesley	18	13	+5	\$10,600	1.2	\$640,000
Occidental	20	19	+1	\$14,200	1.2	\$190,000
DePauw	21	16	+5	\$15,200	1.2	\$210,000
M.I.T.	17	14	+3	\$7,900	1.2	\$1,000,000
Haverford	15	12	+3	\$5,600	1.2	\$410,000
Brandeis	21	12	+9	\$15,100	1.1	\$120,000
Franklin and Marshall	17	7	+10	\$9,300	1.1	\$120,000
Hamilton	16	9	+7	\$8,700	1.0	\$410,000
Rochester	20	16	+4	\$15,100	0.9	\$190,000
U. Penn.	16	10	+6	\$9,100	0.9	\$230,000
Duke	14	9	+5	\$5,500	0.8	\$370,000
Dartmouth	13	14	-1	\$4,900	0.8	\$660,000
Ursinus	22	13	+9	\$20,600	0.7	\$80,000
Cornell	16	12	+4	\$10,500	0.7	\$220,000
Princeton	13	9	+4	\$5,400	0.6	\$2,280,000
Vanderbilt	14	11	+3	\$6,800	0.6	\$330,000
Illinois Wesleyan	20	13	+7	\$18,000	0.6	\$90,000
St. Lawrence	18	17	+1	\$14,300	0.6	\$100,000
Emory	20	14	+6	\$17,600	0.6	\$370,000
Johns Hopkins	14	12	+2	\$8,600	0.4	\$130,000
Macalester	17	14	+3	\$15,000	0.3	\$350,000
Bowdoin	13	13	0	\$8,900	0.2	\$490,000
Bryn Mawr	15	14	+1	\$12,200	0.2	\$400,000
Wofford	21	11	+10	\$21,700	0.2	\$110,000
Yale	13	11	+2	\$7,700	0.2	\$1,990,000
Richmond	15	9	+6	\$11,900	0.2	\$440,000
Georgetown	14	10	+4	\$11,000	0.2	\$80,000
Davidson	13	6	+7	\$8,300	0.2	\$280,000
Skidmore	14	15	-1	\$10,300	0.1	\$120,000
Virginia	12	8	+4	\$7,600	0.0	n/a
Carleton	13	10	+3	\$10,200	0.0	\$330,000
Middlebury	13	10	+3	\$9,700	0.0	\$300,000
Bates	11	10	+1	\$7,200	-0.1	\$120,000
Swarthmore	15	10	+5	\$14,400	-0.1	\$970,000
Harvey Mudd	14	10	+4	\$11,900	-0.1	\$340,000
Babson	17	16	+1	\$16,900	-0.1	\$70,000
Chicago	12	13	-2	\$8,400	-0.1	\$450,000
Colby	12	6	+6	\$9,000	-0.2	\$290,000
Claremont McKenna	11	13	-3	\$7,500	-0.3	\$470,000
St. Olaf	14	12	+2	\$13,500	-0.3	\$110,000
Lehigh	16	10	+6	\$16,000	-0.3	\$180,000
Centre	16	13	+3	\$17,000	-0.3	\$160,000
Caltech	11	10	+1	\$8,200	-0.4	\$770,000

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Trinity (Conn.)	10	10	0	\$7,500	-0.4	\$180,000
Holy Cross	16	14	+2	\$18,500	-0.5	\$210,000
Notre Dame	11	8	+3	\$10,200	-0.5	\$570,000
Conn. Coll.	15	9	+6	\$16,900	-0.5	\$110,000
American	21	10	+11	\$25,600	-0.5	\$40,000
Colgate	11	7	+4	\$9,900	-0.5	\$260,000
Northwestern	14	9	+5	\$15,400	-0.5	\$310,000
Tufts	11	12	-1	\$10,200	-0.5	\$140,000
Washington and Lee	10	3	+7	\$9,900	-0.7	\$600,000
William & Mary	10	8	+2	\$9,300	-0.7	n/a
Fordham	19	21	-2	\$25,000	-0.8	\$30,000
Stonehill	16	10	+6	\$19,900	-0.8	\$60,000
N.Y.U.	21	16	+5	\$28,600	-0.9	\$60,000
Colorado Coll.	11	7	+4	\$12,500	-0.9	\$200,000
Gettysburg	13	8	+5	\$15,400	-0.9	\$90,000
Dickinson	11	9	+2	\$12,400	-0.9	\$120,000
Boston Coll.	14	10	+4	\$17,200	-1.0	\$140,000
Rhodes	16	9	+7	\$21,700	-1.1	\$170,000
Bentley	16	12	+4	\$21,700	-1.1	\$50,000
Kenyon	8	7	+1	\$10,200	-1.2	\$100,000
Villanova	13	9	+4	\$18,100	-1.2	\$30,000
Furman	12	8	+4	\$17,100	-1.3	\$210,000
Scripps	11	5	+6	\$14,600	-1.3	\$310,000
George Washington	13	8	+5	\$18,300	-1.4	\$70,000
Muhlenberg	10	5	+5	\$14,800	-1.6	\$50,000
Lafayette	11	9	+2	\$17,300	-1.6	\$290,000
Boston U.	14	10	+4	\$23,300	-1.7	\$40,000
Loyola (Md.)	15	9	+6	\$24,200	-1.7	\$30,000
Providence	15	13	+2	\$24,400	-1.8	\$30,000
Emerson	16	11	+5	\$27,700	-1.9	\$20,000
Sewanee	20	12	+8	\$34,700	-2.1	\$180,000
Wash. U. (St. Louis)	6	5	+1	\$11,700	-2.1	\$470,000
Wake Forest	16	7	+9	\$28,100	-2.1	\$190,000
Santa Clara	12	8	+4	\$23,100	-2.2	\$80,000
Bucknell	10	8	+2	\$19,900	-2.3	\$150,000
Fairfield	13	12	+1	\$27,000	-2.5	\$50,000
Elon	9	6	+3	\$20,800	-2.7	\$10,000
Whitman	10	13	-3	\$24,800	-3.0	\$270,000

The recent Pell number for each college is the average share of the freshman class that received a Pell grant in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14; not all colleges had 2013 data yet. The earlier Pell data is for the fall of 2007.

Average net price is the average total cost of attendance in 2012-13, including tuition, fees, room and board, after taking into account federal, state and institutional financial aid, for students who come from households earning between \$30,000 and \$48,000 a year and qualifying for federal aid. Loans and wages from work-study jobs are counted in the net price as part of the students' cost.

Endowment per student is for the year 2011-12 and includes graduate students.

The College Access Index is a combination of net price and the Pell average for 2011, 2012 and 2013, using a statistical technique known as a z-score. A college with an average score on the two measures in combination will receive a zero.

Sources: individual colleges; the Department of Education

Correction: September 17, 2014

Because of a reporting error by the college, the net price initially listed for William & Mary was incorrect. It is \$9,300, not \$21,900. An earlier version of this table mistakenly excluded Bates College (which has a four-year graduation of more than 75 percent, the cutoff for being included on this list); Bates has now been added.

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