The 100 Most Expensive Colleges

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Here we list the 100 most expensive colleges by total cost for the 2012-2013 school year.

This data is part of our annual most expensive colleges ranking series. See the original story here.

Total Cost = Tuition + Room and Board + Required Fees

College Total Cost

1. Sarah Lawrence College $61,236
2. New York University $59,837
3. Harvey Mudd College $58,913
4. Columbia University $58,742
5. Wesleyan University $58,202
6. Claremont McKenna College $58,065
7. Dartmouth College $57,996
8. Drexel University $57,975
9. University of Chicago $57,711
10. Bard College $57,580
11. Trinity College (CT) $57,530
12. Eugene Lang College (The New School) $57,340
13. Johns Hopkins University $57,320
14. Barnard College $57,312
15. Pitzer College $57,266
16. Bates College $57,235
17. Fordham University - Lincoln Center $57,188
18. Northwestern University $57,108
19. Fordham University - Rose Hill $57,106
20. Carnegie Mellon University $57,104
21. Cornell University $57,091
22. Scripps College $57,088
23. Vassar College $57,070
24. Occidental College $57,028
25. Oberlin College $57,025
26. Haverford College $56,992
27. Bennington College $56,990
28. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute $56,925
29. University of Southern California $56,903
30. Washington University in St. Louis $56,823
31. Connecticut College $56,790
32. Tulane University $56,780
33. Williams College $56,770
34. Stevens Institute of Technology $56,596
35. Tufts University $56,546
36. Boston College $56,516
36. Brandeis University $56,516
38. Bard College at Simon's Rock $56,485
39. Georgetown University $56,362
40. The George Washington University $56,310
41. Union College (NY) $56,289
42. Amherst College $56,260
43. University of Rochester $56,252

44. Bucknell University $56,190
45. Boston University $56,184
46. Bowdoin College $56,128
47. Franklin & Marshall College $56,110
48. Penn $56,106
49. Carleton College $55,998
50. Middlebury College $55,950
51. Vanderbilt University $55,936
52. Reed College $55,920
53. Duke University $55,871
54. St. Lawrence University $55,835
55. Skidmore College $55,764
56. Swarthmore College $55,750
57. Dickinson College $55,729
58. Colgate University $55,715
59. Colby College $55,700
60. Hobart and William Smith College $55,699
61. St. John's College $55,648
62. Hamilton College $55,620
63. Babson College $55,618
64. Bryn Mawr College $55,586
65. Pepperdine University $55,372
66. Smith College $55,320
67. Yale University $55,300
68. Southern Methodist University $55,290
69. Hampshire College $55,200
70. Wheaton College (MA) $55,166
71. College of the Holy Cross $55,130
72. Wellesley College $55,114
73. Brown University $55,016
74. Pomona College $55,000
75. Lafayette College $54,988
76. Emory University $54,980
77. Olin College $54,975
78. University of Notre Dame $54,905
79. Wake Forest University $54,860
80. Gettysburg College $54,770
81. Kenyon College $54,760
82. Providence College $54,646
83. Loyola University Maryland $54,550
84. Stanford University $54,508
85. Harvard College $54,496
86. Fairfield University $54,240
87. MIT $54,238
88. Drew University $54,216
89. Villanova University $54,133
90. Worcester Polytechnic Institute $54,030
91. Ursinus College $54,020
92. University of Richmond $53,970
93. Chapman University $53,608
94. Mount Holyoke College $53,596
95. American University $53,455
96. Lehigh University $53,450
97. Macalester College $53,419
98. University of Miami $53,102
99. Dominican University of California $52,990
100. Case Western Reserve $52,926

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The fees included in the total cost only include fees that are required for all undergraduates. These fees typically include items like the Student Activity Fee, a Facilities Fee, and a Technology fee. You won't see any fees by major, orientation fees for incoming students, or medical insurance fees included in these costs. Many other fees can be optional and can vary per student and per major. A Student Health Insurance Fee, for example, is obviously not going to be required for a student already on their parents' insurance plan. Some colleges have their yearly budget for students listed slightly higher than what you see here. This is because some colleges also add in estimated costs of books, personal expenses, and transportation costs.

Tuition numbers were taken directly from each college's website during the last week in September of 2012.

This list only takes into account colleges that offer bachelor's (BA) degrees, so you will not see schools like Landmark College (costs over $55K) who only offer students an Associate of Arts (AA) degree. These prices are for traditional 4-year undergraduate colleges, so no Junior Colleges or Music Conservatories are included.