

Financially Safer Colleges: Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs)

What is a "financially safer" college?

A college that supports its students better than other similar colleges in terms of **cost, graduation rate, debt burden, and mobility**, based on our analysis of College Scorecard data. [Click here for a detailed explanation of the data](#) we use and how we analyze it.



Families with low to moderate income pay less out of pocket



Low-income and part-time students graduate at similar rates as their counterparts



Low-income students leave with less debt and are better able to repay their loans



Low-income students recoup the costs of their degree faster

Should I only apply to financially safer colleges?

uAspire strongly recommends that every student apply to at least one financially safer college. We also encourage you to include a variety of different types of colleges on your list.

What's the difference between public and private colleges & universities?

Public and private colleges differ in many ways, but most notably in cost of attendance. Among private colleges, those that meet full financial need are likely to be more affordable, but more difficult to get into.

Public financially safer colleges & universities

College	State
Cal Poly Pomona	CA
Cal State Fullerton	CA
Cal State LA	CA
Chico State	CA
College of Staten Island	NY
CSU Bakersfield	CA
CSU Channel Islands	CA

College	State
CSU Dominguez Hills	CA
CSU Long Beach	CA
CSU Monterey Bay	CA
CSU Northridge	CA
CSU San Bernardino	CA
CSU San Marcos	CA
CUNY City College	NY



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Public financially safer colleges & universities

College	State
Florida Atlantic University	FL
Florida International University	FL
Fresno State	CA
Hunter College	NY
John Jay College of Criminal Justice	NY
Lehman College	NY
New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology	NM
New York City College of Technology	NY
Oklahoma Panhandle State University	OK
Queens College	NY
Rutgers University-Newark	NJ
Sacramento State University	CA
San Diego State University	CA
San Francisco State University	CA
San Jose State University	CA
Sonoma State University	CA
Stanislaus State	CA
SUNY College at Old Westbury	NY

College	State
Texas A & M International University	TX
The University of Texas at Arlington	TX
The University of Texas Permian Basin	TX
The University of Texas at San Antonio	TX
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	TX
University of California, Irvine*	CA
University of California, Merced	CA
University of California, Riverside	CA
University of California, Santa Barbara	CA
University of California, Santa Cruz	CA
University of Central Florida	FL
University of Connecticut - Stamford	CT
University of Houston	TX
University of Illinois Chicago	IL
University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez	PR
University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras	PR
York College	NY

One asterisk (*) indicates a college with an acceptance rate less than 25%

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Private financially safer colleges & universities

College	State
Albizu University - San Juan	PR
Aurora University	IL
Boricua College	NY
College of Mount Saint Vincent	NY
Dewey University - Hato Rey	PR
Dominican University	IL
Elmhurst University	IL
Fresno Pacific University	CA
Heritage University	WA
Inter American University of Puerto Rico - Bayamon	PR
Inter American University of Puerto Rico - Metro	PR
Inter American University of Puerto Rico - Ponce	PR
Inter American University of Puerto Rico - San German	PR
Mercy College	NY

College	State
Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico - Arecibo	PR
Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico - Mayaguez	PR
Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico - Ponce	PR
Saint Peter's University	NJ
Saint Xavier University	IL
St. Joseph's University - New York	NY
Universidad Adventista de las Antillas	PR
Universidad Ana G. Mendez-Carolina Campus	PR
Universidad Ana G. Mendez-Gurabo Campus	PR
Universidad Politecnica de Puerto Rico	PR
University of St Thomas	TX
Vanguard University of Southern California	CA

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