

Resource Links
Economic Return and Affordability
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Economic Return

Data Sources

Economic Diversity and Student Outcomes at America's Colleges and Universities: Find Your College:
<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/projects/college-mobility/>

Postsecondary Value Commission Equitable Value Explorer:
<https://equity.postsecondaryvalue.org/datatool>

The College Payoff, including data on median lifetime earnings
[The College Payoff: More Education Doesn't Always Mean More Earnings - CEW Georgetown](#)

Media and Additional Research

"Is College Worth it?" The Daily Podcast,
<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/09/20/podcasts/the-daily/is-college-worth-it.html>

"Is College Still Worth It? The New Calculus of Falling Returns." Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis Review, Fourth Quarter 2019, 10.
<https://files.stlouisfed.org/files/htdocs/publications/review/2019/10/15/is-college-still-worth-it-the-new-calculus-of-falling-returns.pdf>

Affordability

Data Sources

Education Data Initiative,
<https://educationdata.org/average-student-loan-debt#:~:text=The%20average%20federal%20student%20loan,them%20have%20federal%20loan%20debt>

Research

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York (2022). *Labor Market for Recent College Graduates*. Available:
<https://www.newyorkfed.org/research/college-labor-market/index.html#/wages>

Dynarski, S., and Scott-Clayton, J. (2013). *Financial aid policy: Lessons from research*. NBER Working Paper #18710.
<https://edpolicy.umich.edu/sites/epi/files/uploads/wp-dynarski-scott-clayton-financial-aid-policy-2013.pdf>

Scott-Clayton, J. (2012). *Information constraints and financial aid policy*. NBER Working Paper #17811.
https://www.nber.org/system/files/working_papers/w17811/w17811.pdf

Chen, R., & Wiederspan, M. (2014) Understanding the Determinants of Debt Burden among College Graduates, *The Journal of Higher Education*, 85:4, 565-598.
<https://asu.elsevierpure.com/en/publications/understanding-the-determinants-of-debt-burden-among-college-graduate-graduates>

Recommended Books

Goldrick-Rab, S. (2016). *Paying the price: college costs, financial aid, and the betrayal of the American dream*. [United States], The University of Chicago Press.

Kelly A. P., Goldrick-Rab S. (2014). *Reinventing financial aid: Charting a new course to college affordability*. Harvard Education Press.

Chingos, M.M., & Akers, B. (2016). *Game of Loans: The Rhetoric and Reality of Student Debt*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.