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25 Community Colleges that Advance Opportunities for Low-Income Students (<http://blog.ed.gov/2016/09/25-community-colleges-that-advance-opportunities-for-low-income-students/>)

These public, two-year (community) colleges enroll over 40% low-income students at the school, and have relatively high outcomes for those students. In total, low-income students at these schools averaged at least \$30,000 in earnings 10 years after they first enrolled at the school. In addition, over 70% of all borrowers at these schools were successfully repaying their loans three years after they left school. It's important to know that both the college you select and the program you enroll in can have an impact on your post-college earnings – schools that offer more technical or health programs, or where a lot of students transfer to a four-year college, often have higher earnings. Ask the colleges you are considering attending for more information.

State	Community College	Share of Low-Income Students	Average Net Price	Percentage Repaying Loans	Average Earnings
California	Glendale Community College (https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/school/?115001-Glendale-Community-College)	41%	\$3,057	77%	\$34,800
Connecticut	Naugatuck Valley Community College (https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/school/?129729-Naugatuck-Valley-Community-College)	41%	\$6,802	75%	\$34,100

Connecticut	<u>Three Rivers Community College</u> (https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/school/?129808-Three-Rivers-Community-College)	45%	\$4,044	74%	\$31,700
Kansas	<u>Colby Community College</u> (https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/school/?154934-Colby-Community-College)	62%	\$7,822	80%	\$30,300
Kansas	<u>Manhattan Area Technical College</u> (https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/school/?155487-Manhattan-Area-Technical-College)	44%	\$13,409	78%	\$35,100
Kansas	<u>North Central Kansas Technical College</u> (https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/school/?155593-North-Central-Kansas-Technical-College)	47%	\$10,933	72%	\$35,200
Massachusetts	<u>North Shore Community College</u> (https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/school/?167312-North-Shore-Community-College)	46%	\$8,150	71%	\$30,900
Massachusetts	<u>Quinsigamond Community College</u> (https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/school/?167534-Quinsigamond-Community-College)	49%	\$7,221	73%	\$32,700
Massachusetts	<u>Springfield Technical Community College</u> (https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/school/?167905-Springfield-Technical-Community-College)	56%	\$8,754	73%	\$31,200
Maine	<u>York County Community College</u> (https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/school/?420440-York-County-Community-College)	46%	\$10,266	71%	\$31,300
Minnesota	<u>Minnesota State Community and Technical College</u> (https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/school/?173559-Minnesota-State-Community-and-Technical-College)	41%	\$11,684	70%	\$30,400
Minnesota	<u>Ridgewater College</u> (https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/school/?175236-Ridgewater-College)	43%	\$10,402	73%	\$33,300

Minnesota	<u>South Central College</u> (https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/school/?173911-South-Central-College)	48%	\$11,757	71%	\$31,700
Minnesota	<u>St Cloud Technical and Community College</u> (https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/school/?174756-St-Cloud-Technical-and-Community-College)	45%	\$9,443	73%	\$34,400
Missouri	<u>State Technical College of Missouri</u> (https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/school/?177977-State-Technical-College-of-Missouri)	40%	\$9,141	83%	\$39,100
New Jersey	<u>Middlesex County College</u> (https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/school/?185536-Middlesex-County-College)	44%	\$5,828	77%	\$38,600
New Jersey	<u>Union County College</u> (https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/school/?187198-Union-County-College)	44%	\$4,473	71%	\$33,200
Pennsylvania	<u>Community College of Beaver County</u> (https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/school/?211079-Community-College-of-Beaver-County)	42%	\$8,893	71%	\$36,700
Pennsylvania	<u>Lancaster County Career and Technology Center</u> (https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/school/?418533-Lancaster-County-Career-and-Technology-Center)	56%	\$11,589	74%	\$33,900
Pennsylvania	<u>Luzerne County Community College</u> (https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/school/?213659-Luzerne-County-Community-College)	42%	\$7,121	73%	\$31,200
Pennsylvania	<u>Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology</u> (https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/school/?216296-Thaddeus-Stevens-College-of-Technology)	56%	\$6,968	76%	\$33,400
Rhode Island	<u>Community College of Rhode Island</u> (https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/school/?217475-Community-College-of-Rhode-Island)	47%	\$6,598	76%	\$30,300

South Dakota	Lake Area Technical Institute (https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/school/?219143-Lake-Area-Technical-Institute)	43%	\$11,403	87%	\$35,500
South Dakota	Southeast Technical Institute (https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/school/?219426-Southeast-Technical-Institute)	47%	\$13,644	79%	\$34,200
Wisconsin	Chippewa Valley Technical College (https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/school/?240116-Chippewa-Valley-Technical-College)	44%	\$10,111	72%	\$32,400

Note: These data include only public institutions identified as less-than-four-year schools in IPEDS. In addition, calculations exclude:

- *Institutions that do not appear on the College Scorecard consumer website (e.g., institutions that do not award associate or bachelor's degrees).*
- *Institutions where fewer than 40% of students are Pell Grant recipients.*
- *Institutions with fewer than 250 undergraduate degree-seeking students enrolled.*
- *Institutions with missing data or small n-sizes on repayment, earnings, or graduation rate.*

The list is constructed of the remaining community colleges that have a repayment rate of at least 70 percent and average earnings of at least \$30,000 for students in the lowest income category (tercile). Average earnings reflect the average earnings of federal financial aid recipients 10 years after they first enrolled at the institution for the lowest income category. Repayment rate reflects the share of undergraduate student borrowers who had paid down at least \$1 of their principal balance at three years after entering repayment. Net price reflects the sticker price, less any grant or scholarship aid, for all low-income federal financial aid recipients at the school. Share of low-income students enrolled reflects the share of undergraduate students at the school who received Pell Grants. While the share of undergraduate students who received Pell Grants in a given year is a measure of the access an institution provides to low-income students, it may not capture all low-income students. Students who are undocumented immigrants or foreign nationals are not eligible to receive Pell Grants, and some low-income students may not have completed the FAFSA to receive federal aid, but those students may have similar financial circumstances to Pell recipients, or may be just on the other side of Pell eligibility, creating a cliff effect. Additionally, in some states (such as California), state financial aid may be sufficient to cover costs at community colleges, in particular; so those students may not seek or receive a Pell Grant.

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