

Hardest Colleges to Get Into 2022

Name	Type	State	Full-time Under-grads	4 yr Grad Rate	% Admitted 2021	% Admitted 2001	Freshman Receiving Pell Grants (20-21)	Average Net Price (20-21)
California Institute of Technology	Private	CA	973	86	4	15	10	\$30,162
Princeton University	Private	NJ	4,746	90	4	12	18	\$20,908
Harvard University	Private	MA	6,161	86	4	11	22	\$13,910
Stanford University	Private	CA	6,157	77	4	13	20	\$14,402
Columbia University in the City of New York	Private	NY	7,792	88	4		21	\$12,411
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Private	MA	4,326	88	4	17	21	\$30,958
Yale University	Private	CT	5,898	88	5	16	21	\$20,605
Dartmouth College	Private	NH	4,700	86	6	21	17	\$24,078
Brown University	Private	RI	6,889	86	6	16	14	\$25,028
University of Chicago	Private	IL	7,351	91	6	44	14	\$33,727
Duke University	Private	NC	6,940	89	6		12	\$27,297
University of Pennsylvania	Private	PA	10,213	89	6	22	19	\$14,578
Northwestern University	Private	IL	8,404	86	7	33	20	\$29,999
Vanderbilt University	Private	TN	7,061	89	7	46	18	\$27,553
Pomona College	Private	CA	1,556	86	7	29	21	\$17,000
Swarthmore College	Private	PA	1,533	87	8	26	22	\$19,733
Johns Hopkins University	Private	MD	5,894	87	8	34	20	\$20,680
United States Naval Academy	Public	MD	4,594	89	8	16		
Rice University	Private	TX	4,037	87	9	23	17	\$18,521
Amherst College	Private	MA	1,863	87	9	19	21	\$18,809
Bowdoin College	Private	ME	1,881	89	9	24	16	\$26,727
Colby College	Private	ME	2,232	81	9	34	14	\$17,912
Cornell University	Private	NY	15,121	88	9	26	18	\$24,262
Williams College	Private	MA	2,043	85	9	24	20	\$14,487
Tulane University of Louisiana	Private	LA	8,078	77	10	61	8	\$45,048
Harvey Mudd College	Private	CA	827	88	10	34	13	\$33,838
Barnard College	Private	NY	2,744	85	11	33	18	\$28,366
Grinnell College	Private	IA	1,536	82	11	65	22	\$37,423
Tufts University	Private	MA	6,082	89	11	23	11	\$31,630
Claremont McKenna College	Private	CA	1,305	80	11	29	23	\$21,663
University of California-Los Angeles	Public	CA	32,325	83	11	27	22	\$13,393
United States Military Academy	Public	NY	4,549	79	11			
Georgetown University	Private	DC	6,764	90	12	21	14	\$23,049
United States Air Force Academy	Public	CO	4,403	85	12	17		
New York University	Private	NY	27,464	78	13	29	18	\$50,991
University of Southern California	Private	CA	19,533	79	13	34	21	\$26,021
Emory University	Private	GA	7,119	83	13	45	19	\$28,367

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Middlebury College	Private	VT	3,626	84	13	23	19	\$26,958
Washington University in St Louis	Private	MO	7,187	87	13	23	16	\$28,298
Carnegie Mellon University	Private	PA	6,441	79	14	31	14	\$37,450
Colorado College	Private	CO	1,969	82	14	57	19	\$30,200
Hamilton College	Private	NY	2,013	87	14	35	18	\$26,803
University of California-Berkeley	Public	CA	30,385	79	14	26	25	\$17,652
University of Notre Dame	Private	IN	8,949	90	15	36	12	\$30,513
Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art	Private	NY	837	64	15	14	29	\$20,757
Wellesley College	Private	MA	2,353	84	16	43	22	\$21,862
Georgia Institute of Technology-Main Campus	Public	GA	15,376	51	16	54	12	\$17,360
Colgate University	Private	NY	3,067	87	17	37	13	\$24,500
Bates College	Private	ME	1,922	88	17	33	8	\$26,231
Carleton College	Private	MN	1,952	87	18	37	17	\$31,718
Davidson College	Private	NC	2,029	86	18	35	15	\$25,794
Haverford College	Private	PA	1,342	84	18	33	16	\$24,462
Pitzer College	Private	CA	871	81	18	54	14	\$19,153
Rhode Island School of Design	Private	RI	1,818	70	19	34	15	\$38,234
Boston College	Private	MA	9,702	88	19	34	12	\$30,159
Boston University	Private	MA	17,431	84	19	48	20	\$25,852
Wesleyan University	Private	CT	3,031	86	19	26	18	\$20,535
Washington and Lee University	Private	VA	1,831	91	19	35	10	\$26,063
United States Coast Guard Academy	Public	CT	1,104	91	19	5		
Vassar College	Private	NY	2,456	87	20	34	19	\$27,249
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Public	NC	18,756	84	20	37	21	\$11,508
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	Public	MI	30,681	81	20	52	16	\$19,205
University of Virginia-Main Campus	Public	VA	17,173	89	21	38	13	\$20,401
American Musical and Dramatic Academy	Private	NY	1,664	67	22	50	45	\$44,797
Hillsdale College	Private	MI	1,448	78	24		0	\$24,057
Babson College	Private	MA	2,656	90	25	35	19	\$29,105
Villanova University	Private	PA	7,044	88	25	50	12	\$33,123
Wake Forest University	Private	NC	5,417	86	25	46	10	\$24,643
United States Merchant Marine Academy	Public	NY	1,047	74	25		9	\$4,422
University of Miami	Private	FL	11,307	73	28	46	14	\$34,492
Denison University	Private	OH	2,279	77	28	58	14	\$38,833
California Institute of the Arts	Private	CA	705	61	29	37	11	\$53,916

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University of Richmond	Private	VA	3,172	84	29	44	17	\$28,881
University of California-Santa Barbara	Public	CA	23,527	70	29	50	28	\$17,333
The University of Texas at Austin	Public	TX	38,500	70	29	64	29	\$16,589
University of California-Irvine	Public	CA	29,867	68	29	59	39	\$11,633
Case Western Reserve University	Private	OH	5,355	67	30	74	17	\$38,166
Scripps College	Private	CA	908	77	30	64	9	\$44,770
Smith College	Private	MA	2,357	85	30	54	19	\$29,569
University of North Carolina School of the Arts	Public	NC	891	67	30	42	23	\$12,097
University of Florida	Public	FL	33,060	72	30	60	22	\$9,809
Skidmore College	Private	NY	2,561	81	31	42	12	\$31,553
Macalester College	Private	MN	2,080	85	31	53	25	\$30,939
California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo	Public	CA	20,569	57	33	21	14	\$20,708
Oberlin College	Private	OH	2,741	72	34	36	8	\$44,689
Trinity University	Private	TX	2,510	69	34	75	21	\$27,356
University of California-San Diego	Public	CA	31,746	73	34	43	24	\$15,632
Howard University	Private	DC	7,696	53	35	68	43	\$26,870
Bucknell University	Private	PA	3,725	83	35	39	10	\$38,170
Hampden-Sydney College	Private	VA	895	57	37	77	21	\$28,679
Kenyon College	Private	OH	1,755	83	37	66	10	\$38,927
William & Mary	Public	VA	6,393	86	37	37	11	\$18,399
Florida State University	Public	FL	30,808	70	37	62	25	\$12,684
Corban University	Private	OR	916	56	38	76	37	\$25,761
Franklin and Marshall College	Private	PA	2,349	78	38	55	25	\$26,316
Occidental College	Private	CA	1,870	79	38	48	18	\$43,047
Trinity College	Private	CT	2,212	81	38	30	15	\$29,789
Bryn Mawr College	Private	PA	1,332	81	39	60	17	\$34,482
Brandeis University	Private	MA	4,487	82	39	41	17	\$35,147
University of Georgia	Public	GA	29,542	68	40	77	16	\$16,902
Lafayette College	Private	PA	2,550	85	41	38	10	\$38,754
Connecticut College	Private	CT	1,735	78	41	34	17	\$44,820
Regent University	Private	VA	2,823	52	41		41	\$16,579
University of Rochester	Private	NY	6,101	76	41	49	19	\$40,125
Austin College	Private	TX	1,296	65	43	80	32	\$24,398
College of the Holy Cross	Private	MA	3,047	90	43	43	13	\$29,198
Reed College	Private	OR	1,406	61	44	71	11	\$33,056
Binghamton University	Public	NY	14,607	75	44	41	26	\$17,881
Emerson College	Private	MA	3,923	76	45	47	14	\$48,842
Illinois Wesleyan University	Private	IL	1,654	76	45	57	26	\$30,610
Loyola Marymount University	Private	CA	6,711	72	46	60	10	\$40,180

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Columbia International University	Private	SC	713	57	46	59	53	\$20,088
Lehigh University	Private	PA	5,076	78	46	48	19	\$31,539
State University of New York at New Paltz	Public	NY	6,253	58	46	46	37	\$15,318
William Jewell College	Private	MO	776	61	47	80	32	\$20,876
Union College	Private	NY	2,082	80	47	41	14	\$39,101
St Olaf College	Private	MN	2,982	81	47	76	22	\$27,729
North Carolina State University at Raleigh	Public	NC	23,751	64	47	65	18	\$14,328
Clark University	Private	MA	2,248	75	48	68	20	\$31,565
Dickinson College	Private	PA	1,969	79	48	64	20	\$20,913
Stony Brook University	Public	NY	17,676	64	48	50	39	\$16,445
Mississippi College	Private	MS	2,359	51	49	87	29	\$18,667
Rollins College	Private	FL	2,579	63	49	68	25	\$30,229
University of California-Davis	Public	CA	31,201	62	49	63	30	\$16,640
Clemson University	Public	SC	20,978	65	49	52	13	\$23,732
University of South Florida	Public	FL	31,946	59	49	67	29	\$11,419

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