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
CSU Bakersfield	CA
CSU Channel Islands	CA
Chico State	CA
CSU Dominguez Hills	CA
CSU East Bay	CA
CSU Fresno	CA

College	State
CSU Fullerton	CA
CSU Long Beach	CA
CSU LA	CA
CSU Monterey Bay	CA
CSU Sacramento	CA
CSU San Bernardino	CA
CSU San Marcos	CA

Scan or click to view all financially safer HSIs on a map, along with their average net prices

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Public financially safer colleges & universities

College	State
CSU Stanislaus	CA
College of Staten Island CUNY	NY
CUNY Bernard M Baruch College	NY
CUNY City College	NY
CUNY John Jay	NY
CUNY Lehman College	NY
CUNY College of Technology	NY
CUNY Queens College	NY
Farmingdale State College	NY
Florida Atlantic University	FL
Kean University	NJ
Montclair State University	NJ
Purdue University Northwest	IN
Rhode Island College	RI
Rutgers University-Newark	NJ
San Diego State University	CA
SUNY Old Westbury	NY
Texas A & M International University	TX
Texas Woman's University	TX
The University of Texas at Arlington	TX
The University of Texas at Austin	TX

College	State
The University of Texas at El Paso	TX
The University of Texas at San Antonio	TX
The University of Texas at Tyler	TX
The University of Texas Permian Basin	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 Houston	TX
University of Houston-Clear Lake	TX
University of Houston-Downtown	TX
University of Illinois Chicago	IL
University of North Texas at Dallas	TX

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

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Private financially safer colleges & universities

College	State
Aurora University	IL
Austin College	TX
Azusa Pacific University	CA
Dominican University	IL
Elmhurst University	IL
Fresno Pacific University	CA
Goshen College	IN
Hardin-Simmons University	TX
Houston Christian University	TX
Mercy University	NY
Mount Saint Mary College	NY
North Park University	IL
Saint Edward's University	TX
Saint Peter's University	NJ

College	State
Saint Xavier University	IL
University of Dallas	TX
University of St Francis	IL
University of St Thomas	TX
University of the Pacific	CA
Vanguard University of Southern California	CA

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Source: Based on uAspire's analysis of the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard data from Spring 2026 and Third Way's economic mobility index.