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Total and Net Access Price for Graduate and First-Professional Students

Master's, doctoral, and first-professional students differ in their enrollment patterns and in the types and amounts of financial aid they receive to help pay for their education.

In 2003–04, the average total price (tuition and fees, books and materials, and living expenses) for 1 year of full-time graduate education ranged from \$21,900 for a master's degree program at a public institution to \$41,900 for a first-professional degree program at a private not-for-profit institution. Students attending full time typically received some type of financial aid to help cover their expenses—81 percent at the master's level and over 90 percent at the doctoral and first-professional levels (see supplemental table 48-2). Grants and assistantships (which require work) are usually awarded on a discretionary basis and not related to financial need. Students must demonstrate financial need to obtain Perkins or subsidized Stafford loans, but not to take out unsubsidized Stafford or private loans. Graduate students sometimes receive tuition assistance from their employers (considered grant aid). This was especially true for part-time students in master of business administration programs, 49 percent of whom received this type of aid (see supplemental table 48-3).

Compared with students at other levels, relatively few master's students (about 20 percent at each institution type) enrolled full time.

Among those who did, the average net access price (total price minus all financial aid) was \$9,700 at public institutions and \$16,400 at private not-for-profit ones. Compared with their peers at private not-for-profit institutions, on average, full-time master's students at public institutions received more in assistantships and other aid² and borrowed less.

Full-time doctoral students had an average net access price of \$6,800 at public institutions and \$13,900 at private not-for-profit institutions. Although full-time doctoral students in both sectors faced a higher average total price than their counterparts at the master's level, they received larger average amounts in grants and assistant-ships and other aid and did not borrow more.

No measurable differences were found in the net access price paid by full-time first-professional and doctoral students in either sector. However, first-professional students relied more heavily on loans to pay for their education, averaging \$20,500 at public institutions and \$25,700 at private not-for-profit institutions, compared with \$5,700 and \$10,300, respectively, for doctoral students.

¹ Of all graduate/first-professional students, 60 percent were enrolled in master's degree programs, 14 percent in doctoral degree programs, 12 percent in first-professional programs, and 14 percent in postbaccalaureate certificate programs or in graduate courses (NCES 2006-185). First-professional programs include chiropractic, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, law, podiatry, medicine, theology, optometry, and veterinary medicine.

²The category assistantships and other aid consists primarily of assistantships but also includes a small amount of other types of aid such as work study, state vocational rehabilitation and job training grants, federal veterans benefits, and military tuition aid.

NOTE:Analysis is limited to students who attended for the full year at only one institution in 2003–04 to keep aid and price consistent. Full time means enrolled full time (according to the institution's definition) for at least 9 months during the 2003–04 academic year; full-time enrollment does not preclude working as well. Averages are calculated across all students, including those with no aid. Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 2003—04 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:04).

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Supplemental Notes 3,9 Supplemental Tables 48–1, 48–2,48–3

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PRICE OF ATTENDANCE: Average annual total price, financial aid, and net access price for full-time graduate and first-professional students and percentage of all students attending full time: 2003–04

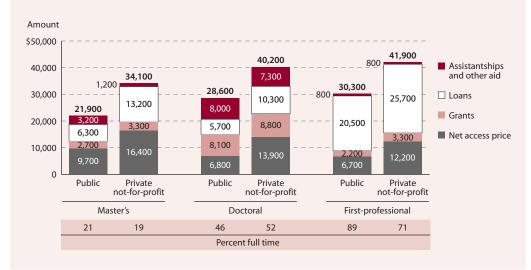


Table 48-1. Average annual tuition and fees, total price, amount of aid, and net access price for full-time graduate and first-professional students and percentage of all students attending full time, by type of aid and program and institutional characteristics: 2003–04

	Average for full-time students (including unaided students)								
Characteristic	Tuition and fees	Total price ¹	Total aid	Grants	Loans	Assistant- ships and other aid	Net access price (total price minus total aid)	Percent attending full time	
Master's degree students							,		
Total	\$11,500	\$27,400	\$14,500	\$2,800	\$9,500	\$2,200	\$13,000	20.6	
Degree program	411,300	4277100	ψ. 1,500	<i>\$2,000</i>	43/300	72/200	4.5,000	20.0	
Business administration (M.B.A.)	16,000	33,500	15,400	2,700	11,600	1,100!	18,100	18.7	
Education (any master's)	7,900	22,300	11,500	1,600!	9,000	900!	10,700	11.2	
Any other master's degree	11,400	27,200	15,000	3,200	9,100	2,700	12,300	27.2	
Selected fields of study	,	,	.,	-,		,	,		
Humanities	10,500	26,400	15,200	4,100	8,600	2,500	11,200	27.3	
Social/behavioral sciences	10,900	27,100	18,800	4,700!	9,700	4,400	8,300	34.2	
Life and physical sciences	10,200	25,800	14,900	2,500!	7,000!	5,400!	10,900	22.5	
Engineering/computer science/		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	·	·	,	,	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
mathematics	12,800	28,100	14,800	5,600	3,700!	5,500	13,300	19.1	
Institution type									
Public	7,400	21,900	12,200	2,700	6,300	3,200	9,700	20.7	
Private not-for-profit	17,400	34,100	17,700	3,300	13,200	1,200	16,400	19.3	
Doctoral degree students									
Total	14,400	33,300	23,400	8,300	7,600	7,500	10,000	48.8	
Degree program									
Ph.D. (except in education)	14,900	33,600	24,200	10,800	2,900	10,500	9,400	52.8	
Education (any doctorate) ²	10,700	27,900	14,100	5,100	4,600	4,500	13,700	19.2	
Any other doctoral degree ³	14,000	33,900	23,500	3,900	17,600	2,100	10,400	57.5	
Selected fields of study									
Humanities	13,400	30,400	16,700	7,800	2,600	6,300	13,700	39.0	
Social/behavioral sciences	15,300	33,600	22,700	8,700	8,000	6,000	10,900	52.3	
Life and physical sciences	14,700	34,800	26,100	12,100	2,000!	12,100	8,600	60.2	
Engineering/computer science/	'								
mathematics	15,400	33,400	25,400	11,600	1,400!	12,400	8,000	51.8	
Institution type									
Public	10,000	28,600	21,800	8,100	5,700	8,000	6,800	46.2	
Private not-for-profit	20,500	40,200	26,400	8,800	10,300	7,300	13,900	52.3	
First-professional degree student	ts								
Total	16,700	36,500	26,900	2,800	23,300	800	9,600	78.1	
Degree program									
Medicine (M.D.)	17,100	40,400	31,600	2,900	27,400	1,200	8,800	91.6	
Other health science degree	16,400	36,400	27,700	1,800!	25,100	800	8,700	89.7	
Law (L.L.B. or J.D.)	17,000	34,700	24,000	3,300	20,200	600	10,700	76.1	
Theology (M.Div., M.H.L., B.D.)	9,500!	23,900	11,500	5,000!	6,000!	500!	12,400	22.8	
Institution type									
Public	9,800	30,300	23,600	2,200	20,500	800	6,700	88.7	
Private not-for-profit	22,600	41,900	29,800	3,300	25,700	800	12,200	70.8	

[!] Interpret data with caution (estimates are unstable).

¹Total price (also known as the student budget) includes tuition and fees, books and materials, and living expenses.

² Ph.D. in education, Ed.D., or any other doctoral degree in which education is the field of study.

³ Examples include D.B.A. (Doctor of Business Administration), D.F.A. (Doctor of Fine Arts), and D.P.A. (Doctor of Public Administration).

NOTE: Table is limited to students who attended for the full year at only one institution in 2003—04 to keep aid and price data consistent. Full-time means enrolled full time (according to the institution's definition) for at least 9 months during the 2003-04 academic year; full-time enrollment does not preclude working as well. Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 2003—04 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:04).

Table 48-2. Percentage of full-time graduate and first-professional students with aid and the average annual amount of aid for students with aid, by type of aid and program and institutional characteristics: 2003–04

		Percei	nt		Average (for full-time students with each type of aid)				
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Characteristic	Any aid	Grants	Loans	other aid	Total aid	Grants	Loans	other aid	
Master's degree students					**	4= 444		4	
Total	81.0	39.9	57.8	25.9	\$17,900	\$7,100	\$16,400	\$8,300	
Degree program	75.2	20.2	55.6	16.01	20.400	7.000	20.000		
Business administration (M.B.A.)	75.3	38.3	55.6	16.9!	20,400	7,000	20,800	#	
Education (any master's)	72.4	24.9	61.4	12.1!	15,900	6,400	14,700	‡	
Any other master's degree	84.6	44.2	57.3	31.8	17,700	7,200	15,800	8,600	
Selected fields of study	00.7	52.0	50.0	26.1	17 200	0.000	14000	6.000	
Humanities	88.7	52.0	58.0	36.1	17,200	8,000	14,800	6,900	
Social/behavioral sciences	90.5	55.8	65.1	47.3	20,700	8,400	14,900	9,300	
Life and physical sciences	80.6	30.4!	43.3!	45.3!	18,500	‡	‡	‡	
Engineering/computer science/	05.6	52.0	25.0	52.4	17.200	10.000		10 200	
mathematics	85.6	52.8	25.9	53.4	17,300	10,600	#	10,300	
Institution type Public	79.2	42.2	48.3	36.3	15 400	6.400	12 100	8,700	
	83.3	39.1	67.9	16.9	15,400	6,400	13,100		
Private not-for-profit	83.3	39.1	67.9	16.9	21,300	8,500	19,400	7,200	
Doctoral degree students	00.0		27.6	52.2	25.400	42.000	20.200	44400	
Total	92.9	64.7	37.6	53.2	25,100	12,800	20,200	14,100	
Degree program	05.4	744	21.2	60.2	25 400	14.500	12.500	15 400	
Ph.D. (except in education)	95.4	74.4	21.3	68.3	25,400	14,500	13,500	15,400	
Education (any doctorate) ¹	79.9	51.4	35.0	41.9	17,700	9,800	13,000	10,800	
Any other doctoral degree ²	90.6	48.1	70.4	25.7	26,000	8,000	25,000	8,100	
Selected fields of study	00.7	60.1	25.7	56.0	10.600	11 400	10 200	11 200	
Humanities	89.7	68.1	25.7	56.0	18,600	11,400	10,300	11,200	
Social/behavioral sciences	93.1	67.0	42.9	48.0	24,400	13,000	18,600	12,600	
Life and physical sciences	95.5	78.9	15.8	68.7	27,400	15,300	12,500	17,600	
Engineering/computer science/	07.2	77.7	117	70.0	26 100	15.000	11 700	15 700	
mathematics	97.3	77.7	11.7	78.8	26,100	15,000	11,700	15,700	
Institution type Public	93.9	69.7	33.5	58.8	23,200	11,600	17,100	13,600	
Private not-for-profit	91.1	59.3	41.8	48.7	28,900	14,900	24,500	14,900	
<u>'</u>	91.1	39.3	41.0	40.7	26,900	14,900	24,300	14,900	
First-professional degree students Total	92.0	39.7	84.6	15.1	29,300	7,000	27 500	5,500	
	92.0	39.7	04.0	15.1	29,300	7,000	27,500	5,500	
Degree program Medicine (M.D.)	92.0	39.4	84.1	14.7	34,400	7,500	32,600	8,500	
Other health science degree	94.0	38.1	87.6	16.9!	29,500	4,600	28,700	4,700!	
	91.9	40.0	85.7	14.2	•		-		
Law (L.L.B. or J.D.)					26,200	8,200	23,600	4,000	
Theology (M.Div., M.H.L., B.D.)	73.3	53.9!	46.8	11.9!	#	#	#	#	
Institution type Public	92.2	42.5	84.3	13.7	25,600	5,300	24,400	5,900	
	91.8		85.0	16.2	•		-		
Private not-for-profit	91.8	37.3	85.0	10.2	32,500	8,800	30,200	5,200	

[!]Interpret data with caution (estimates are unstable).

[‡] Reporting standards not met.

¹ Ph.D. in education, Ed.D., or any other doctoral degree in which education is the field of study.

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SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 2003—04 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:04).

Table 48-3. Average annual tuition and fees, percentage with grants and employer aid, average annual amount of grants and employer aid, net tuition after grants for part-time graduate students, and percentage attending part time, by program and institutional characteristics: 2003–04

Characteristic	Average tuition and fees	Percent with grants	Percent with employer aid ¹	Average grants (including unaided students)	Average employer aid ¹ (including unaided students)	Net tuition after grants ² (all part-time students)	Percent attending part time
Master's degree students							
Total	\$5,600	41.1	27.9	\$1,600	\$900	\$4,300	44.3
Degree program							
Business administration (M.B.A.)	6,400	58.7	48.7	2,800	2,300	4,200	36.8
Education (any master's)	5,500	36.3	26.3	1,000	500	4,700	52.0
Any other master's degree	5,400	39.3	22.5	1,700	800	4,100	42.3
Selected fields of study							
Humanities	4,900	42.5	18.1	1,800	800!	3,500	46.1
Social/behavioral sciences	4,700	20.8!	10.7!	600!	200!	4,400	40.6
Life and physical sciences	5,700	37.7	13.7!	2,200!	600!	3,800	45.9
Engineering/computer science/ mathematics	6,500	43.7	29.9	2,100	900	4,800	48.2
Institution type							
Public	3,700	38.6	24.7	1,300	700	2,800	48.4
Private not-for-profit	8,100	44.5	31.5	1,900	1,100	6,500	42.5
Doctoral degree students Total	5,800	48.2	22.7	3,200	800	3,800	32.5
Degree program							
Ph.D. (except in education)	5,500	52.7	17.5	4,200	600	3,100	29.7
Education (any doctorate) ³	4,800	41.2	27.3	1,700	800	3,600	55.6
Any other doctoral degree⁴	7,700	46.1	29.8	2,700!	1,100!	5,900	24.9
Selected fields of study							
Humanities	5,100	44.3	15.4	3,400	400	3,300	35.8
Social/behavioral sciences	6,700!	46.7	21.2	2,400!	400	5,100	31.7
Life and physical sciences	5,300	73.2	16.6	7,300	600	1,800	25.2
Engineering/computer science/							
mathematics	7,100	52.1	17.7	4,000	500!	4,600	30.1
Institution type	4.700	46.1	10.0	2.202	500	2.022	25.2
Public	4,700	48.4	18.9	3,200	500	3,000	35.3
Private not-for-profit	7,000	43.8	24.1	3,200	1,100	4,800	27.5

[!] Interpret data with caution (estimates are unstable).

¹ Employer aid is considered a type of grant aid and therefore is included in the estimates for grants as well.

² If grants were greater than tuition, net tuition was set to zero. Consequently, average net tuition may be larger than average tuition and fees minus average grants.

³ Ph.D. in education, Ed.D., or any other doctoral degree in which education is the field of study.

⁴ Examples include D.B.A. (Doctor of Business Administration), D.F.A. (Doctor of Fine Arts), and D.P.A. (Doctor of Public Administration).

NOTE: Table is limited to students who attended for the full year at only one institution in 2003—04 to keep aid and price consistent. Too few first-professional students enrolled part time to present their data separately. Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 2003—04 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:04).

Table S48-1. Standard errors for the average annual tuition and fees, total price, amount of aid, and net access price for full-time graduate and first-professional students and percentage of all students attending full time, by type of aid and program and institutional characteristics: 2003–04

	Average for full-time students (including unaided students)									
Characteristic	Tuition and fees	Total price	Total aid	Grants	Loans	Assistant- ships and other aid	Net access price (total price minus total aid)	Percent attending full time		
Master's degree students										
Total	\$460	\$490	\$520	\$210	\$480	\$180	\$520	1.26		
Degree program										
Business administration (M.B.A.)		1,220	2,030	460	1,790	440	1,550	1.65		
Education (any master's)	750	1,030	1,240	410	1,150	300	1,240	1.61		
Any other master's degree	420	500	610	300	650	250	500	1.78		
Selected fields of study										
Humanities	1,140	1,330	1,190	720	1,320	500	1,140	3.27		
Social/behavioral sciences	1,180	1,370	1,780	1,190	1,430	780	1,280	3.95		
Life and physical sciences	1,490	2,120	3,340	1,050	2,540	2,270	2,240	4.84		
Engineering/computer science/										
mathematics	750	760	1,200	660	1,100	660	1,220	2.10		
Institution type										
Public	320	440	540	260	410	230	450	1.29		
Private not-for-profit	1,090	1,050	1,020	390	890	220	1,090	2.15		
Doctoral degree students										
Total	310	290	530	430	590	420	490	1.85		
Degree program										
Ph.D. (except in education)	260	310	520	390	350	350	400	1.49		
Education (any doctorate)	620	1,020	1,370	780	880	860	1,430	2.28		
Any other doctoral degree	820	710	1,260	530	1,190	330	1,050	4.07		
Selected fields of study										
Humanities	710	640	1,280	990	470	560	1,060	4.16		
Social/behavioral sciences	840	610	1,610	930	1,640	760	1,430	2.68		
Life and physical sciences	600	760	760	600	540	700	610	2.27		
Engineering/computer science/										
mathematics	630	530	740	620	400	650	620	2.11		
Institution type										
Public	200	260	510	290	550	360	360	1.12		
Private not-for-profit	530	550	1,000	750	1,010	600	690	3.78		
First-professional degree student Total	s 770	720	650	230	680	100	590	2.82		
Degree program										
Medicine (M.D.)	840	800	1,050	360	1,040	240	640	1.31		
Other health science degree	1,550	1,650	1,090	510	1,230	200	1,580	3.01		
Law (L.L.B. or J.D.)	1,320	990	810	430	770	140	780	3.57		
Theology (M.Div., M.H.L., B.D.)	2,710	1,930	2,520	2,670	2,220	400	3,040	9.09		
Institution type										
Public	260	380	650	230	590	150	420	1.17		
Private not-for-profit	1,570	1,470	1,250	370	1,300	170	1,020	4.40		

Table \$48-2. Standard errors for the percentage of full-time graduate and first-professional students with aid and the average annual amount of aid for students with aid, by type of aid and program and institutional characteristics: 2003-04

		Perce	ent		Average (for full-time students with each type of aid)			
Characteristic	Any aid	Grants	Loans	Assistant- ships and other aid	Total aid	Grants	Loans	Assistant- ships and other aid
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Master's degree students Total	1.85	2.55	2.22	1.86	\$490	\$430	\$540	\$390
Degree program	1.05	2.33	2.22	1.00	3490	3430	2240	2390
Business administration (M.B.A.)	5.51	4.06	6.15	4.76	1,920	1,060	2,070	†
Education (any master's)	5.77	5.19	5.94	3.04	1,040	1,320	1,020	†
Any other master's degree	2.07	3.71	2.62	2.59	580	480	660	430
Selected fields of study	2.07	3.71	2.02	2.39	380	400	000	430
Humanities	2.41	7.27	6.21	6.16	1,190	930	1,140	1,020
	5.66				-		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Social/behavioral sciences		8.31	7.39	7.99	1,470	1,560	1,470	910
Life and physical sciences	8.76	9.20	13.66	11.69	3,230	†	†	†
Engineering/computer science/	4.50	5.67	F 42	5.50	1.250	000		000
mathematics	4.53	5.67	5.13	5.58	1,350	980	†	800
Institution type								
Public	2.42	2.57	2.88	2.39	540	510	580	470
Private not-for-profit	3.53	4.61	3.35	2.48	860	760	980	1,010
Doctoral degree students								
Total	0.76	2.30	2.58	2.46	500	460	860	440
Degree program								
Ph.D. (except in education)	0.62	1.34	1.46	1.75	480	430	1,160	300
Education (any doctorate)	4.26	5.12	5.42	6.36	1,240	1,070	910	880
Any other doctoral degree	2.02	5.02	4.50	4.74	1,410	650	1,400	1,340
Selected fields of study								
Humanities	2.76	4.85	3.78	3.58	1,330	1,100	990	800
Social/behavioral sciences	1.48	4.42	4.24	5.35	1,730	1,340	2,430	650
Life and physical sciences	1.07	3.00	3.04	3.15	770	580	1,780	570
Engineering/computer science/								
mathematics	0.84	2.31	2.53	2.66	670	680	2,060	540
Institution type								
Public	0.75	1.65	2.10	1.93	470	340	860	400
Private not-for-profit	1.58	3.59	3.00	3.65	780	1,130	1,410	1,000
First-professional degree students								
Total	0.81	2.38	1.09	1.89	670	420	700	800
Degree program								
Medicine (M.D.)	1.50	3.25	1.75	2.16	980	690	960	1,030
Other health science degree	1.75	6.33	1.86	5.42	1,120	810	1,220	1,760
Law (L.L.B. or J.D.)	1.12	2.86	1.67	1.69	780	800	760	920
Theology (M.Div., M.H.L., B.D.)	13.65	16.72	11.34	8.46	†	†	†	†
Institution type	13.03	10.72	11,34	0.40			1	1
Public	1.08	2.25	1.59	1.61	570	450	570	890
Private not-for-profit	1.12	3.60	1.61	3.37	1,350	870	1,320	1,220
† Not applicable	1.12	3.00	1.01	3.37	1,330	0/0	1,320	1,220

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 2003—04 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:04).

Table S48-3. Standard errors for the average annual tuition and fees, percentage with grants and employer aid, average annual amount of grants and employer aid, net tuition after grants for part-time graduate students, and percentage attending part time, by program and institutional characteristics: 2003-04

	Average tuition and fees	Percent with grants	Percent with employer aid	Average grants (including unaided students)	Average employer aid (including unaided students)	Net tuituion after grants (all part-time students)	Percent attending part time
Master's degree students							
Total	\$390	1.90	2.10	\$160	\$110	\$460	1.84
Degree program							
Business administration (M.B.A.)	620	4.63	4.25	420	420	400	2.86
Education (any master's)	1,040	3.57	4.86	190	90	1,120	5.41
Any other master's degree	270	2.47	1.94	140	100	280	2.07
Selected fields of study							
Humanities	350	5.72	4.33	300	210	310	4.09
Social/behavioral sciences	490	7.54	4.13	270	110	510	4.81
Life and physical sciences	950	7.75	4.91	670	230	580	5.43
Engineering/computer science/							
mathematics	880	7.35	5.44	390	160	1,090	3.76
Institution type							
Public	120	1.80	1.78	110	90	100	1.40
Private not-for-profit	610	3.74	4.30	350	240	810	3.82
Doctoral degree students							
Total	420	2.32	2.29	240	100	380	1.36
Degree program							
Ph.D. (except in education)	300	2.50	1.74	360	140	170	1.35
Education (any doctorate)	230	3.28	3.36	210	120	220	3.58
Any other doctoral degree	1,480	7.34	8.53	480	340	1,470	2.84
Selected fields of study							
Humanities	590	4.80	3.21	720	80	440	3.41
Social/behavioral sciences	1,700	6.06	8.57	400	90	1,810	2.48
Life and physical sciences	390	4.62	3.84	910	130	230	2.02
Engineering/computer science/							
mathematics	310	3.60	3.55	480	130	300	1.64
Institution type							
Public	140	1.82	1.36	250	50	130	0.92
Private not-for-profit	1,060	4.97	4.82	430	250	750	3.39