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Cost of a 4-year education is on the rise.

According to a survey by [College Board](#), the average cost of undergraduate colleges in the U.S. in 2017-2018 for full-time, in-state students ranges from \$11,970 to \$46,960 a year.

| | Public two-year colleges | Public four-year colleges (in-state fees) | Public four-year colleges (out-of-state fees) | Private non-profit four-year colleges |
|------------------------|--------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| Tuition and other fees | \$3,570 | \$9,970 | \$25,620 | \$34,740 |
| Room and board | \$8,400 | \$10,800 | \$10,800 | \$12,210 |
| Total (per year) | \$11,970 | \$20,770 | \$35,420 | \$46,950 |

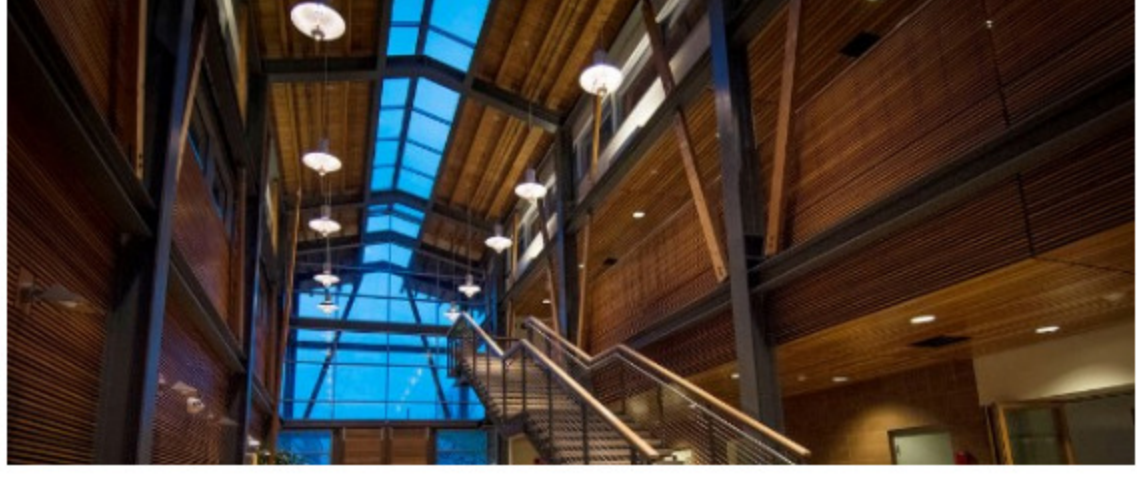
Student loan debt up 6% from last year.

Student loan debt is at an all-time high, with the average debt per Class of 2017 graduate being \$39,400. The total unpaid student loan debt in the U.S. exceeds \$1.48 trillion.

Affordable education, thriving industry.

"The maritime industry in Seattle and the Puget Sound region continues to grow by 6.4% on average each year, with maritime workers averaging an annual salary of \$70,800." *"Washington State Department of Commerce Proposed Strategic Plan, Maritime Sector 2017-2019"*

Seattle has lots of affordable educational options to help you start a career in the maritime industry. Check out some of these local programs:



[Wood Technology Center](#)

Interested in boat building and repair? Washington state has one of the highest concentrations of maritime trade jobs in the country. Boat Building and Repair graduates go on to enjoy rewarding careers in a variety of settings, including: Commercial and Pleasure Boat-building Shops, Repair Yards, Yacht Interior Joinery, Mechanical and Electrical Systems Installation and Repair.

Program takes 5 quarters and under \$10,000 to get your career started!



[Maritime Welding at Harbor Island Training Center](#)

There's an urgent need for welders, and you can become one after just 2 quarters (6 months) of study! Cost of the program is \$2,000 per quarter.



[Boilermakers Apprenticeship](#)

Boilermakers are complete metal fabricators who build and repair ships, fishing boats, ferries, barges, cranes, offshore drilling platforms, boilers, tanks, pressure vessels, plate and structural fabrications.

Students are paid while they are going to school, and there is no cost for tuition and no associated costs for supplies.



[Welding Fabrication Technology](#)

Metal fabrication and welding are important components of many trades and the demand for trained welders and fabricators continues to rise. Graduates of this program are prepared for positions such as weld fabricators, shop supervisors, estimators and shop owners in boat building, automotive, machine fabrication, commercial fishing gear, piping systems, and building construction and maintenance.

This program is about 7 quarters in length and costs \$2,000 per quarter.



[Seattle Maritime Academy](#)

Want a career at sea? Seattle Maritime Academy provides the classroom instruction and hands-on training on working vessels that you need to prepare for a career in the regional and global maritime industry.

The Marine Deck Technology certificate is 3 quarters and \$7,000 - \$9,000. The Marine Engineering Technology certificate program is 3 quarters and \$9,000-\$11,000.



[Youth Maritime Training Association](#)

Looking for funding for your maritime education? YMTA promotes, encourages

and experiences for students, in addition to providing resources for those interested in maritime industry related careers of all ages.

Still in high school? Check out these high school maritime programs!



Seattle Skills Center
Pathways to college, career, and life

Goodwill Youth Maritime Program Our Youth Maritime Program helps prepare high school seniors for a career in the maritime industry. This two-year program provides students a smooth transition through their senior year in high school toward college readiness. It helps build strong soft-skills and connects students with future career maritime opportunities.

This course blends modern and traditional seamanship and deckhand skills with training in engine maintenance and repair. Learn what it takes to work on fishing vessels, ferryboats, cargo ships and more!



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