

U.S. Dept. of Education: The Biden administration's plan for student debt relief could benefit tens of millions of borrowers in all fifty states

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Today, the White House released state-by-state data on how the Biden Administration's plan for student debt relief will benefit borrowers in all fifty states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico. Last month, President Biden announced his Administration's plan to give working and middle-class Americans more breathing room by providing up to \$20,000 in debt relief to Pell Grant recipients and up to \$10,000 to other borrowers. The Biden Administration expects that over 40 million borrowers are eligible for its student debt relief plan, and nearly 20 million borrowers could see their entire remaining balance discharged.

The Biden Administration's student debt relief plan will help borrowers and families recover from the pandemic and prepare to resume student loan payments in January 2023. Nearly 90% of relief dollars will go to those earning less than \$75,000 per year - and no relief will go to any individual or household in the top 5% of incomes in the United States. By targeting relief to borrowers with the highest economic need, the Administration's actions are also likely to help narrow the racial wealth gap. Nearly 71% of Black undergraduate borrowers are Pell Grant recipients, and 65% of Latino undergraduate borrowers are Pell Grant recipients.

The below analysis from the Department of Education includes state-by-state data on the estimated number of individuals eligible for student debt relief, and the estimated number of Pell Grant borrowers eligible for relief.

In the coming weeks, the Department of Education will release additional details on how individuals across the country can benefit from the Administration's student debt relief plan. For more information, visit StudentAid.gov/debtrelief.

State or Jurisdiction	Estimated Number of Borrowers Eligible for Student Debt Relief (rounded to the nearest hundred)	Estimated Number of Pell Borrowers Eligible for Student Debt Relief (rounded to the nearest hundred)
AK	60,500	37,300
AL	588,000	404,900
AR	365,600	269,000
AS	2,000	1,500
AZ	810,800	554,900
CA	3,549,300	2,340,600
CO	698,100	419,000
CT	454,200	238,200
DC	105,600	60,300
DE	116,900	68,000
FL	2,427,600	1,716,300
GA	1,506,100	1,039,100
GU	6,900	4,500
HI	111,500	65,700
IA	408,700	248,900
ID	201,400	144,900
IL	1,486,600	863,600
IN	856,400	555,500
KS	360,900	225,500
KY	563,300	394,000
LA	608,100	435,200
MA	813,000	401,200
MD	747,100	419,400
ME	175,000	105,300
MI	1,316,000	849,300
MN	729,700	416,300

MO	777,300	502,200
MP	1,400	1,000
MS	417,200	316,400
MT	120,400	78,600
NC	1,190,500	785,500
ND	82,000	49,600
NE	232,100	136,000
NH	175,100	85,300
NJ	1,082,900	590,300
NM	215,900	159,000
NV	315,800	216,900
NY	2,258,800	1,320,100
OH	1,677,800	1,085,700
OK	454,300	321,600
OR	499,000	332,100
PA	1,717,300	988,800
PR	275,500	241,900
RI	133,900	75,300
SC	681,100	458,400
SD	109,100	65,100
TN	795,300	542,000
TX	3,323,200	2,306,700
UT	282,700	206,300
VA	965,100	566,500
VI	7,800	4,700
VT	72,200	37,100
WA	697,600	423,800
WI	685,100	412,700
WV	213,100	145,000
WY	49,600	31,400
Other	10,900	7,400
Unknown	3,770,600	1,376,000