Private, Nonprofit Colleges Are Effective

Share of Students with Impactful Experience, 4-Year Colleges, 2019-20

- Service Learning: 67% (Private) vs. 61% (Public)
- Internship or Field Experience: 60% (Private) vs. 47% (Public)
- Culminating Senior Experience: 57% (Private) vs. 42% (Public)
- Research with Faculty: 31% (Private) vs. 22% (Public)
- Learning Community: 26% (Private) vs. 22% (Public)
- Study Abroad: 25% (Private) vs. 12% (Public)

Share of Degrees Awarded by Private, Nonprofit Colleges, 2020-21

- Bachelor: 28% (Private) vs. 25% (Public)
- Graduate: 45% (Private) vs. 44% (Public)

National Cohort Default Rates, 4-Year Colleges, Fiscal Years 2016-2018

- FY 2016: 6.3% (Private) vs. 6.6% (Public)
- FY 2017: 6.3% (Private) vs. 6.3% (Public)
- FY 2018: 5.4% (Private) vs. 5.0% (Public)

Share of Private, Nonprofit Colleges Offering Alternative Learning Options, 2020-21

- Distance Learning: 66% (Private) vs. 52% (Public)
- AP Credit: 79% (Private) vs. 57% (Public)
- Dual Credit: 46% (Private) vs. 41% (Public)
- Weekend/Night Classes: 45% (Private) vs. 43% (Public)
- Life Experience Credit: 74% (Private) vs. 49% (Public)
- Military Training Credit: 50% (Private) vs. 48% (Public)

4-Year Graduation Rates

- 4-Year Private, Nonprofit: 57%
- 4-Year Public: 42%

6-Year Graduation Rates

- 4-Year Private, Nonprofit: 68%
- 4-Year Public: 63%

6-Year Graduation Rates by Race/Ethnicity, 4-Year Colleges

- African American: 47% (Private) vs. 46% (Public)
- Asian American: 74% (Private) vs. 75% (Public)
- Latino/a: 65% (Private) vs. 64% (Public)
- White: 58% (Private) vs. 71% (Public)
- Two or More Races: 50% (Private) vs. 57% (Public)

6-Year Graduation Rates, Pell Grant Recipients, 4-Year Colleges

- Pell Grant Recipients: 54% (Private) vs. 48% (Public)