

Recent Data on New Jersey Higher Education

Here are some recent statistics on New Jersey higher education as compiled by The Chronicle of Higher Education and published in "The Chronicle Almanac for 2007-2008."

- New Jersey was seventh among states for student aid spending in 2005-2006; a total of \$400,868,000. This amount was behind only New York, California, Texas, Florida, Georgia and Pennsylvania.
- New Jersey ranked among the top ten states when student aid was calculated as a percent of overall higher ed appropriations.
- New Jersey was eleventh among the states for appropriations for higher ed in 2006-2007; a total of \$1,973,721,000. States ahead of New Jersey were California, Texas, New York, Florida, North Carolina, Illinois, Georgia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Michigan.
- New Jersey was only one of two states to show a decrease in appropriations for higher education from 2005-2006 to 2006-2007. New Jersey had the largest percentage decrease in the nation at 2.7%. Montana had a decrease of 0.7%.
- Average tuition and fees at New Jersey four-year public colleges and universities were third highest in the nation in 2005-2006, at \$8,649, behind Pennsylvania and Vermont. Average tuition and fees at two-year public colleges ranked 17th highest in the nation at \$2,712, while average tuition and fees for four-year private institutions were ninth highest at \$22,114.
- About half (57%) of all New Jersey residents who were freshmen attended college in their home state in 2004. Nationwide, 81% of all freshmen in 2004 who had graduated from high school in the previous year attended college in their home state. Notably, 91% of all freshmen enrolled in New Jersey schools in 2004 were state residents.
- The proportion of enrolled minority students in state colleges and universities was 36.4%, about 5% higher than the national average.