FOR-PROFIT COLLEGES: LESS FAVORABLE OUTCOMES, DEEPER DEBT FOR STUDENTS

CALIFORNIA

CA for-profit colleges disproportionately HARM:
LOW-INCOME FAMILIES • AFRICAN AMERICANS • WOMEN

Undergraduate enrollment at California for-profit colleges is:
• 54.3% low-income, compared to 33.1% low-income for all nonprofit undergraduate institutions in the state.
• 15% African American, compared to 5.4% African American for all nonprofit undergraduate institutions in the state.
• 63% female, compared to 54% female for all nonprofit undergraduate institutions in the state.

LESS LIKELY TO GRADUATE

Students at for-profit colleges are LESS LIKELY TO GRADUATE

CALIFORNIA COMPLETION RATE
(IN 6 YEARS)

MORE LIKELY TO BORROW

Students at for-profit colleges are MORE LIKELY to take out STUDENT LOANS

CALIFORNIA PERCENT OF STUDENTS BORROWING

DEEPER IN DEBT

GRADUATES LEAVE SCHOOL MORE INDEBTED

CALIFORNIA MEDIAN DEBT AT GRADUATION

MORE LIKELY TO DEFAULT

Students at for-profit colleges are MORE LIKELY TO DEFAULT on their college debt, leading to economic instability

CALIFORNIA THREE-YEAR COHORT DEFAULT RATE

ALL CALCULATIONS CONTAINED IN THIS FACT SHEET are CRL’s using the September 2018 release of College Scorecard (U.S. Department of Education). Enrollment shares for low-income, African-American, and female students sum enrollment for all for-profit undergrad schools in the state and compare them to the combined sum of enrollment at public and private nonprofit undergrad schools for each of the three categories. Measures shown in each chart are unweighted averages for all institutions of a certain college type (Public 4-Year, Private 4-Year, For-Profit 4-Year), excluding undergrad institutions with fewer than 100 undergrads.

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