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Data: CollegeLister

Boston College

Chestnut Hill, MA · Private nonprofit · Roman Catholic

10,085 undergraduates
2,335 first-year students

16.4%	$41.7k	91%	$103.9k	13 : 1	80%
admitted · ED 33%	avg net price / yr	graduate in 6 yrs	median pay, 10 yrs (2020-21)	students per faculty	live on campus

FOR SAMPLE — **SAT** 1280 · mid-50% 1430–1540 · **Reach** · 90 mi from Hartford

WHY WE LOVE THIS FOR YOU

Sample note: this is a campus where a student can study nursing and keep playing club soccer. Boston College pairs a strong science core with a close-knit community, and a spring visit is worth planning around.

ACADEMICS

Semester calendar. 57% of instructors are full-time.

Strongest programs

Score 0–100 compares each program with the same program at other colleges (selectivity, graduates' pay, size, research).

Nursing ★	top 4%	**86**
Communication	top 2%	**98**
Business Administration and…	top 1%	**97**
Finance	top 1%	**97**
Business	top 3%	**96**
Accounting	top 2%	**93**
Economics	top 5%	**92**

★ matches Sample's interests

Most popular majors (share of graduates)

Economics	**14%**
Finance and Financial Managem…	**9%**
Biology	**8%**
Communication and Media Studi…	**7%**
Computer Science	**5%**
Psychology	**5%**

After graduation

Top-paying majors, median pay four years out: finance and financial management services **$147,746**, computer science **$143,204**.

STUDENTS & CAMPUS LIFE

Who's there



■ White 57% · ■ Hispanic 13% · ■ Asian 11% · ■ International 6% · ■ Black 5% · ■ Two or more 5%

Women / men	**53% / 47%**
Pell Grant recipients	**13%**

Athletics

NCAA Division I-FBS, ACC. 17 varsity sports and about **800 athletes**.

Football · Track · Rowing · Baseball · Soccer · Swimming · Lacrosse · Ice Hockey · Softball · + 8 more

Faith & community

Hillel (about 500 Jewish students, 5%), Cru, Catholic ministry (Newman Connection), InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Chi Alpha, The Navigators.

MONEY

Tuition and fees	**$67,680**
Room and board	**$18,475**
Books and other	**$3,450**
Full cost	**$89,493**

What families actually paid, by income

Under $30k	**$4,284**
$30-48k	**$7,304**
$48-75k	**$13,112**
$75-110k	**$19,999**
Over $110k	**$60,308**

Average net price per year after grants, students receiving federal aid.

Add Sample's income band to see an estimate.

After graduation

Median debt	**$19,000** (2020-21)
Graduate in 4 years	**88%** (2015 cohort)
Return for year two	**95%**

Resources

Endowment	**$3.5 billion**
Per student	**$351,735**
Spent on teaching, per student	**$26,033**

THE PLACE

Chestnut Hill, MA, a city. Metro area: Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH (5,025,517). A one-bedroom rents for about $3,510.

GETTING THERE

BOS airport	**8 mi**
Amtrak, Boston	**5 mi**

WEATHER

49 in	19°F	85°F
snow / yr	Jan low	Jul high

Sources: College Scorecard: admit rate, undergraduates Fall 2024; net price 2023-24; graduation, 2018 start; pay, debt 2020-21; pay by major · IPEDS: faculty, retention Fall 2023; score ranges Fall 2023; majors 2023-24; sticker price 2023-24; 4-year graduation, 2015 cohort; endowment FY2022-23 · Common Data Set: housing 2024-25; admission factors 2024-25; percent of need met · FBI: town crime 2025 · HUD: rent FY2027 · BTS, Amtrak: airports, rail · NOAA: 1991-2020 normals · CollegeLister: program strength · College pages: honors and special programs · NSF: PhDs 2024 · State boards and colleges: nursing exam · EADA: teams 2024-25 · Chapter directories: faith groups 2026 · The JED Foundation: JED Campus