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Study: Arizona Among Best States For Community Colleges

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Scottsdale Community College is ranked 66.

The personal finance website, WalletHub, ranks Arizona [16 overall](#) and the [Cochise County College District](#) as the [fourth best](#) in the nation.

When it comes to the highest return on educational investment Cochise County ties for the top spot largely due to education and career outcomes, which include graduation rates and starting salaries.

WalletHub looked at 821 community colleges and compared 12 metrics in three categories: cost and financing, education outcomes and career outcomes. Among other things, the metrics included tuition and fees, retention rates and student loan default rates.

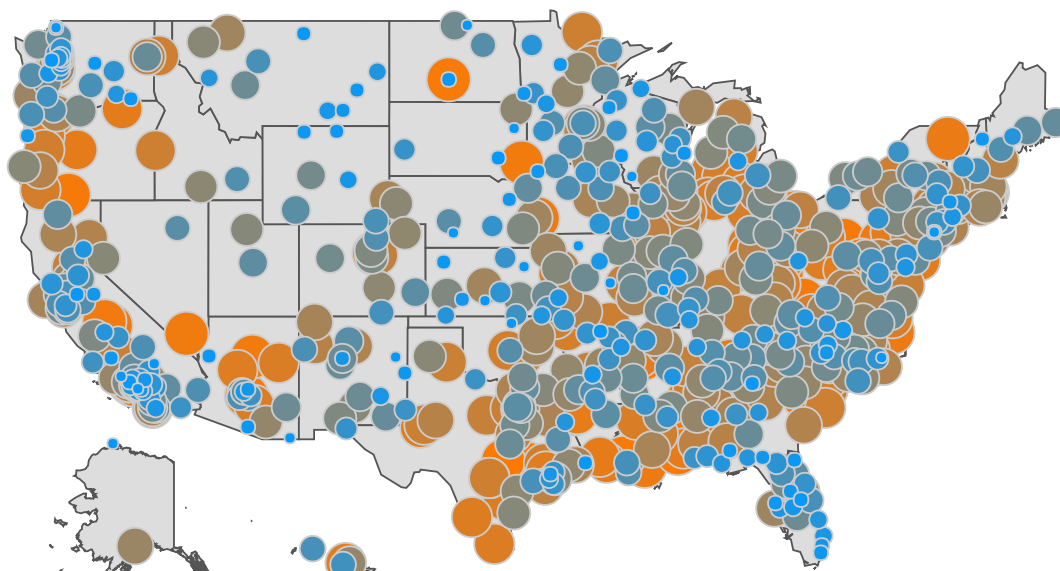
Other Arizona colleges that rank in the top 100 include: [Mohave Community College](#), [Tohono O’Odham Community](#), [Scottsdale Community](#) and [Paradise Valley Community](#).

Tohono O’Odham tied for the second spot when it came to lowest student-to-faculty ratio. [Rio Salado College](#) in Tempe had the lowest cost per student and one of the lowest graduation rates.

Here's how Arizona colleges rank in WalletHub's 2016 Best & Worst Community Colleges:

- 4. Cochise County Community College District
- 29. Mohave Community College
- 46. Tohono O'Odham Community College
- 66. Scottsdale Community College
- 81. Paradise Valley Community College
- 197. Mesa Community College
- 220. Chandler-Gilbert Community College
- 249. Estrella Mountain Community College
- 269. Phoenix College
- 283. South Mountain Community College
- 349. Eastern Arizona College
- 375. Glendale Community College
- 478. Pima Community College
- 700. Central Arizona College
- 702. Northland Pioneer College
- 716. Yavapai College
- 779. Coconino Community College
- 805. Rio Salado College

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