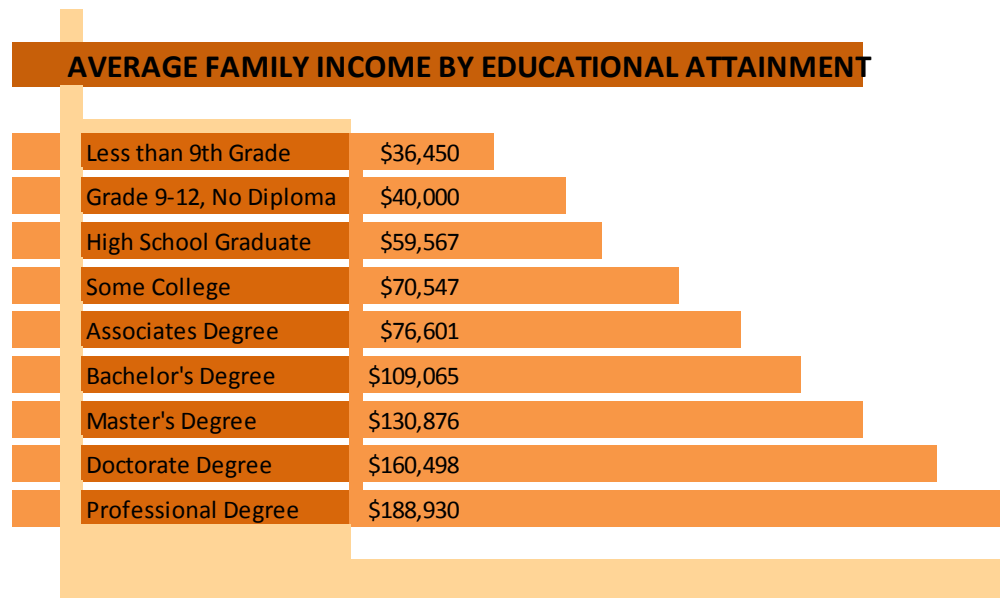


Youth Town Hall *Higher Education* Key Facts

Arizona's Economy and Higher Education

1. Educational attainment is strongly correlated with a state's economic wellbeing.
2. In the future, the most in-demand jobs will require education beyond a high school diploma.
3. Those with higher levels of education are less likely to be unemployed.
4. There is a strong correlation between education level and personal income, productivity, civic participation, life expectancy, employment status and the strength of a community.

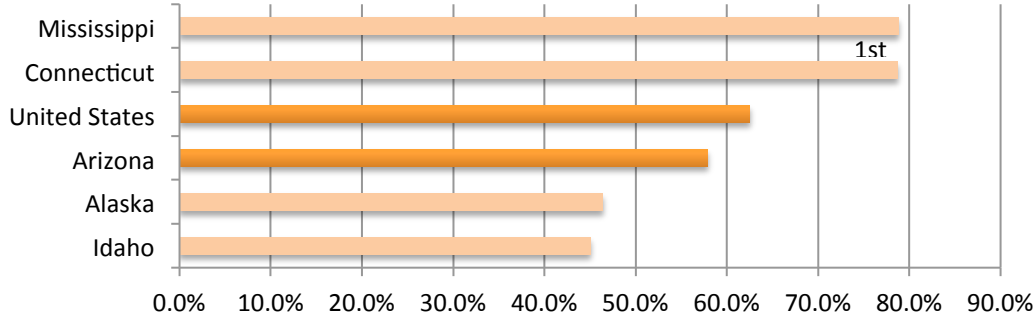


Source: Postsecondary Education Opportunity, 2009; The Mortenson Research Seminar on Public Policy Analysis of Opportunity for Postsecondary Education

Arizona Statistics

1. Arizona currently ranks 40th in the nation in the percent of high school students who go on to higher education.
2. Arizona's younger generation is less educated than its older adult population.

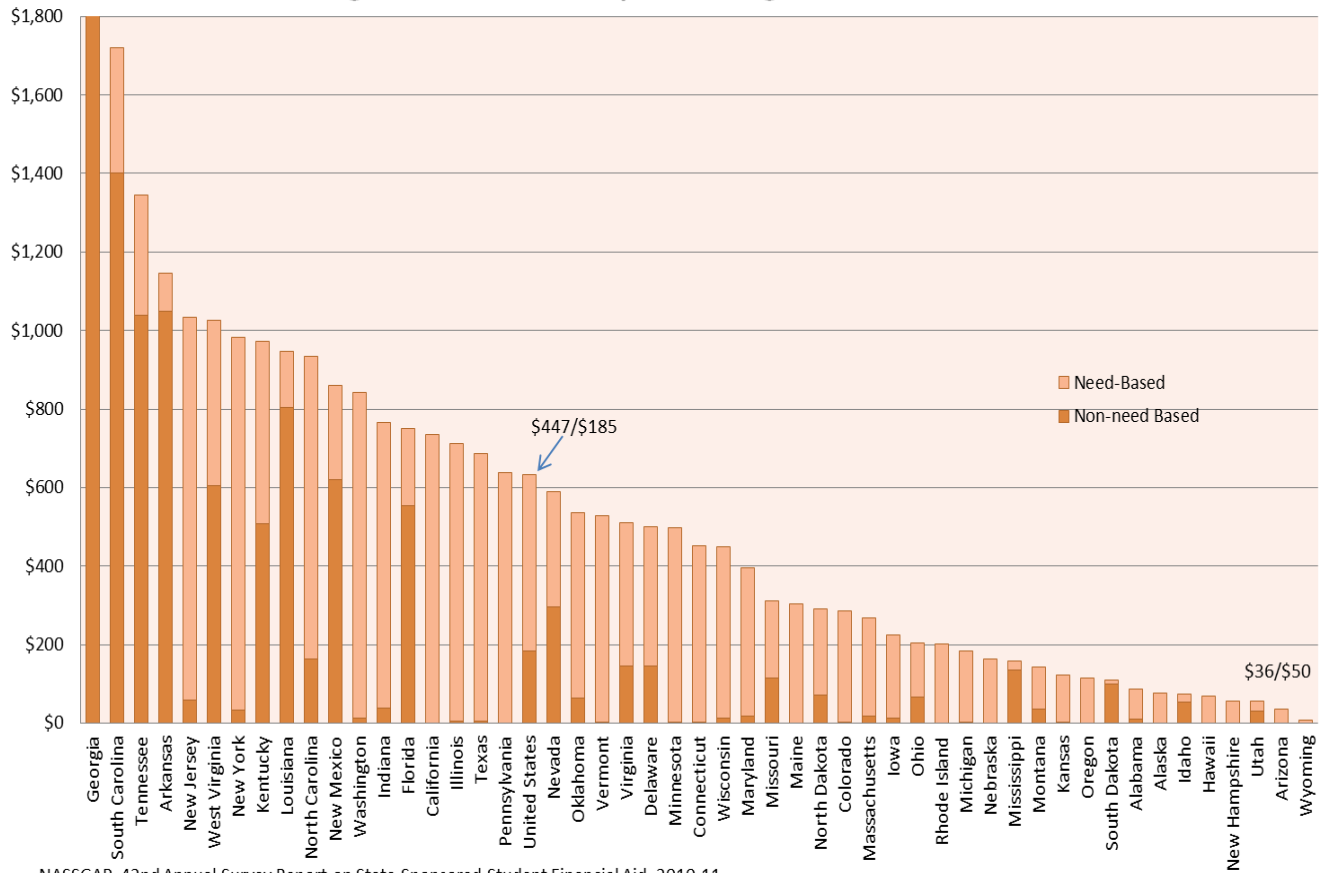
College Going Rate in 2010 by State



Student Cost

1. Nationally, tuition for higher education has continued to increase at a faster pace than inflation.
2. Arizona ranks near the bottom of the 50 states for state-funded financial aid for undergraduate students

State Undergraduate Grant Aid per Undergraduate Student, 2010-11



NASSGAP, 42nd Annual Survey Report on State-Sponsored Student Financial Aid, 2010-11