

COLLEGE SCORECARD

Comparing Schools

Which 3 schools do you want to compare?

Name of each College or University (Institution)	
School 1	
School 2	
School 3	

Average Annual Cost

The **average annual cost** is calculated by adding the advertised price for classes and average living expenses minus the average financial aid. The price of classes includes the costs from tuition, fees, books, and supplies. Average living expenses are the average costs of housing and food on or off campus. And average financial aid is the average funding students receive from grants and/or scholarships.

Find and then record the **average annual cost** for your 3 selected schools:



School 1	School 2	School 3

What did you notice about the **average annual cost**?

Median Earnings

The **median earnings** are the median annual earnings of students 4 years after graduation who began college at this institution. This data only includes students who received federal financial aid during college, so it does not include data from all students from that institution.



Find and then record the *median earnings* for your 3 selected schools:

School 1	School 2	School 3



What did you notice about the *median earnings*?

Financial information like the cost of school and average income after graduation can help you determine if the amount you spend on your education is "worth it." This idea is known as *return on investment*. Keep in mind that it is important to consider other factors like job satisfaction or better health and wellbeing when deciding if PSE is a smart investment.

College Information

Select "College Information" and find 2 additional pieces of information that you find interesting to compare. Then record that information in the tables below.

Information:		
School 1	School 2	School 3

Information:		
School 1	School 2	School 3

What did you notice about the other information you found?

POMS: Point of Most Significance

Which piece of information did you find to be the most important to you?