

MILLIGAN COLLEGE

Yes, there is a difference

NOTABLE QUALITY & REPUTATION

There are many college choices and, on the surface, many may look a lot like Milligan. But few can claim (and prove) our outcomes with exceptional academic quality, student satisfaction, and graduate success.

- **Retention and graduation rates:** Above other private colleges and state universities, meaning students get a top-rate education and are more likely to finish on time, which is a *time and cost savings* over other institutions. First-year student retention at Milligan averages 80%, compared to the national median of 68%.^{i ii} Graduation rates at Milligan average 63%, compared to 42% national median.^{iii iv}
- **Employment & Graduate School rates:** 98% of graduates typically are employed or in graduate school within 1 year after graduation.^v
- **Student Satisfaction:** Milligan students express greater satisfaction with their college experience than students from peer institutions surveyed by the national *Student Satisfaction Inventory (SSI)*.^{vi}
- **Student Engagement:** Both first-year students and seniors rate their Milligan experience higher than most students at similar colleges in the *National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE)*, especially for reflective and integrated learning, collaborative learning, student-faculty interaction, and effective teaching practices.^{vii}
- **Academic Proficiency:** Milligan juniors consistently exceed the mean improvement of students nationally in reading, writing, critical thinking, and mathematical data assessments.^{viii}
- **Major Field Tests:** Students consistently score above the national mean in **major** course of study assessments.^{ix}

COMPETITIVELY AFFORDABLE

Milligan offers millions of dollars in renewable scholarships and a variety of financial aid opportunities that make the total cost of a Milligan education competitively affordable and attainable.

- **Total published cost** (total of tuition, fees, room and board) is \$7,500 below the national average.^x
- **Average net cost** after scholarships and aid is considerably less, since most students receive generous aid. For families with lower incomes, the average net cost is within \$1-2,000 of public university rates.^{xi}
- **Room and board** is lower than any other school in the region, including the public university, and \$5,000 less than the national average for private colleges.^{xii xiii}
- **Milligan awards more institutional aid**—an average of \$2,200 more—than any other local private or public college.^{xiv}
- **100% of full-time undergrad Milligan students** receive some form of need and/or merit-based financial aid, compared nationally to 82% at public and 89% at private colleges.^{xv}
- **Fewer Milligan students borrow student loans** (63%) than the national average (65%) and local private college average (70%).^{xvi}
- **Milligan students' average federal loan debt** at graduation is \$5,000 below the national average of \$30,100 (2015).^{xvii}
- **Annual cost increases are typically below** the national average, as leaders work to keep a Milligan education as affordable as possible.

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- ⁱ National Student Clearinghouse Research Center: <https://nscresearchcenter.org/> - Persistence & Retention Report
- ⁱⁱ US Dept of Ed: <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov>
- ⁱⁱⁱ National Center for Education Statistics: <https://nces.ed.gov/fastfacts/display.asp?id=40>
- ^{iv} US Dept of Ed: <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov>
- ^v Facts & Trends, Milligan College Office of Institutional Research
- ^{vi} Registrar's Office, Director of Testing: SSI 2017
- ^{vii} Registrar's Office, Director of Testing: NSSE 2017
- ^{viii} Facts & Trends, Milligan College Office of Institutional Research
- ^{ix} Facts & Trends, Milligan College Office of Institutional Research
- ^x College Board: Trends in College Pricing, 2017, <https://trends.collegeboard.org/college-pricing>
- ^{xi} US Dept of Ed: <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov>
- ^{xii} College Scorecard, 2016: <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>
- ^{xiii} College Board: Trends in College Pricing, 2017, <https://trends.collegeboard.org/college-pricing>
- ^{xiv} National Center for Education Statistics IPEDS Data Center: <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/datacenter/Data.aspx>
- ^{xv} National Center for Education Statistics: <https://nces.ed.gov/fastfacts/display.asp?id=31>
- ^{xvi} National Center for Education Statistics IPEDS Data Center: <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/datacenter/Data.aspx>
- ^{xvii} College Scorecard, 2016: <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>