

COMPARE COLLEGE TX QUICK FACTS



ABOUT:

Compare College TX is an online, interactive tool designed to put the most relevant data about public higher education in Texas into the hands of students, parents and college advisors, and is the first of its kind in Texas to have such a comprehensive set of information including earnings data. The data is compiled as part of an online accountability system launched in 2004, first released in the 2011 *Texas Public Higher Education Almanac*.

URL:

comparecollegetx.com

NUMBER OF INSTITUTIONS:

The online, mobile-friendly resource allows users to compare every public university and community college in Texas side by side on a variety of performance measures compiled in the *Texas Public Higher Education Almanac*, released by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB).

FACTS AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

The online tool contains information on a wide variety of facts and performance measures, including:

- Undergraduate acceptance rates
- SAT and ACT score ranges for admission
- Average tuition and fees per year
- Four- and six-year graduation rates
- Average time required for a degree
- Wage data for graduates by major (via link to College Measures website for Texas)
- Student population demographics
- Student-to-faculty ratio
- Wage data for graduates by degree level

HOW TO USE:

- Search for two-year or four-year schools or select an individual school by name. Set a desired range for average tuition and fees per year, percent of applicants accepted, and percent of students graduating in six years or less for 4-year schools, or average tuition and fees per year, percent of students graduating in three years or less, and percent of students who transfer for 2-year schools.
- Based on your selections, you can compare the qualified schools side-by-side. You can also visit each school's profile for more in-depth data.
- Save the schools you're interested in to the "My Colleges" list to keep track of your favorites, and email a link to the comprehensive report of your saved schools to yourself or someone else.

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COMPLETE RESOURCES:

Compare College TX completes the THECB's suite of online tools designed to help Texas students and their parents plan for college in four stages: inspiration, exploration, information, and application:



Generation TX (gentx.org) – inspires a college and career-ready culture in Texas public schools by increasing awareness and building support for the Texas College and Career Readiness Standards and helping students understand college and career-ready options after high school graduation

Exploration



Compare College TX (comparecollegetx.com) – provides an interactive comparison of facts and performance measures including average tuition and fees, top degrees awarded, student demographics, four- and six-year graduation rates, student-to-faculty ratio and much more

Information



College for All Texans (collegeforalltexans.com) – gives counselors, future students and their parents tips for readying students for college, saving for school tuition, applying for financial aid, and more; and

Application



Apply Texas (applytexas.com) – provides one-stop access for applying to any public university in the state as well as participating community and private colleges.

SAMPLE WEBSITE IMAGES:

A screenshot of the Compare College TX website showing a list of colleges. Each entry includes the college name, its location, average tuition and fees, and graduation rates. The colleges listed are Lamar State College-Orange, Laredo Community College, Northeast Texas Community College, Panola College, and Ranger College. Each entry has a "View Results" button.