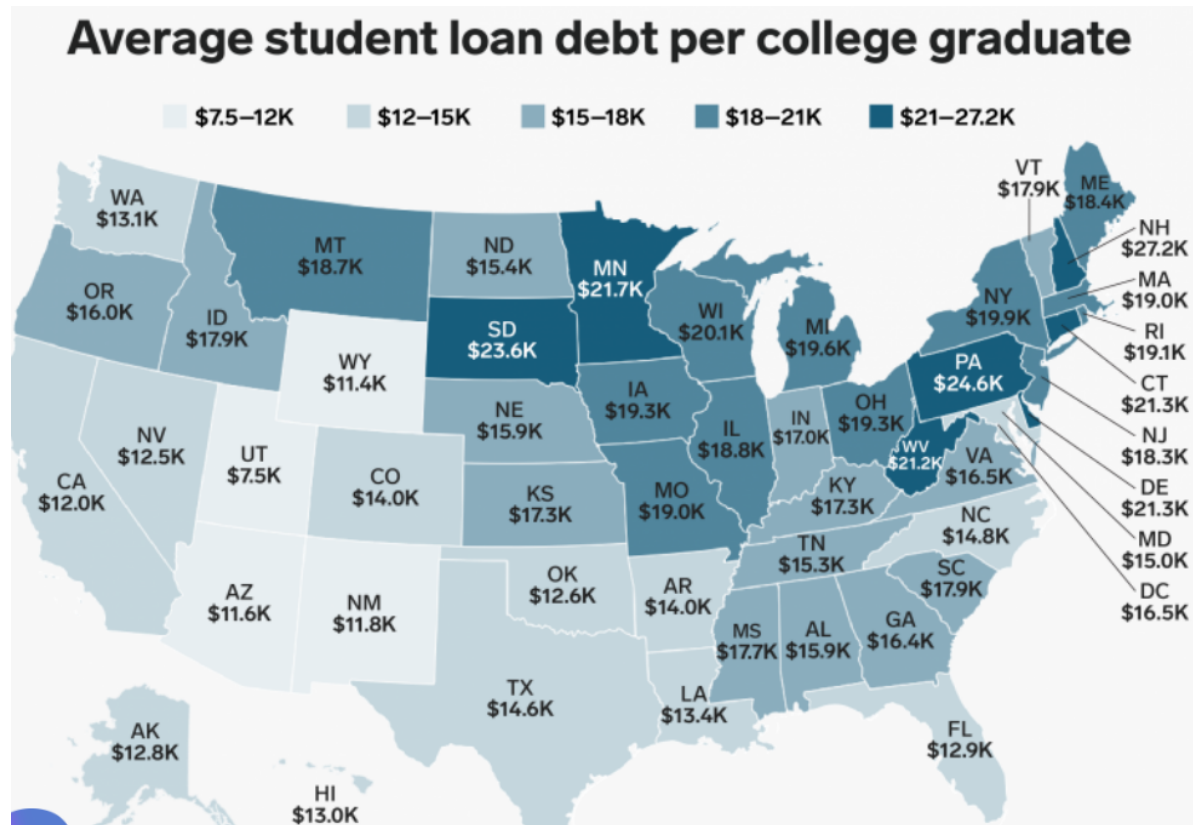


Increased Cost for College

Many of our high school graduates will be entering college in the next few months and the cost associated with a higher education degree continues to increase each year. According to a recent article by Hillary Hoffower dated July 8, 2018, college tuition has more than doubled since the 1980s, which has driven the national student-loan debt to \$1.5 trillion, where the average student debt per graduate is approximately \$17,126. However, Utah has the lowest average student loan debt per college graduate in the country at approximately \$7,500 per student.



Source: The Student Loan Report

College students today face increased housing costs coupled with higher student tuition, so students should plan to pay more for their post-secondary degree. To help reduce the cost of a college degree, Kane County students can enroll in college classes while they are in high school. Concurrent enrollment allows for the students to receive both high school and college credit for \$5.00 per credit. Tenth grade students who receive special permission from the school and have a high enough GPA can enroll in concurrent enrollment classes. Concurrent enrollment counts toward both high school graduation and a college degree. College scholarships and ACT scores can also be used to help students save money on the cost of tuition. If you have questions about concurrent enrollment, college scholarships, or the ACT, please contact your high school counselor for additional information.

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