

MAKE COLLEGE AFFORDABLE

Pennsylvania's Tuition Relief Act

This toolkit is designed for state and local advocates for Pennsylvania's Tuition Relief Act. You can find basic information about college costs and tuition relief in Pennsylvania, how to work with the media, and tools for building support with your elected representatives. Feel free to download and reproduce the materials provided.

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It is **critical** to act quickly to ensure that students attending college for the first time will benefit from the tuition relief when they begin college in fall 2009. The Pennsylvania State Legislature is currently discussing this topic in hearings, budget deliberations and in the media. Key decisions will be made in the next few months. A bill will be introduced; committee hearings will be held for public to have input; and budget hearings, amendments, and votes will all occur by July 1st. It is vitally important for you to provide input into those decisions now by contacting your legislator when he or she is pondering the will of his or her constituents. Do not miss the opportunity to provide input on the key decisions affecting college affordability in Pennsylvania.

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An important first step in advocating for tuition relief is learning more about the issues.

This toolkit includes two fact sheets. The first is a two-page document that provides some background information on the Tuition Relief Act and outlines why it is such a crucial measure for Pennsylvania. The second document is a 'fast facts' document that outlines the basic components of the Tuition Relief Act.

Feel free to distribute these fact sheets so that others can learn more about the Governor's plan to bring tuition relief to Pennsylvanians.

There is also information available on the Department of Education's website:

- <http://www.pdenewsroom.state.pa.us/newsroom/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=148207>
- <http://www.pdenewsroom.state.pa.us/newsroom/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=148382>
- <http://www.pdenewsroom.state.pa.us/newsroom/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=148417>

Pennsylvanians need tuition relief more than ever in these tough economic times. Because of that, it can also be helpful to learn the unemployment statistics, which are provided by county in this toolkit.

Tuition Relief for Pennsylvania Families – and Our Future

Hard-Working Families Urgently Need Tuition Relief... While Making Pennsylvania's Economy Stronger

- A worker with a bachelor's degree is far more likely to be employed than someone who has only a high school diploma. Last month the unemployment rate was 3.7% for workers with a bachelor's degree and 8.4% for Americans who did not attend college.
- A Pennsylvanian with a bachelor's degree will earn twice as much over the course of a lifetime as a person who has only a high school diploma – almost \$1 million more.
- Pennsylvania receives an "F" for affordability on the national higher education report card.
- The high cost of attending college means fewer students earn a degree. A little more than one in four Pennsylvania adults has a bachelor's degree, while in New York adults are 19% more likely to have a four-year degree and in New Jersey and Maryland they are a third more likely to have a bachelor's degree.

Hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians are facing a financial emergency that is threatening their future as well as our economic future as a Commonwealth: A college education is increasingly out of reach for too many Pennsylvanians.

As the national economy has soured, the situation has taken a sharp turn for the worse. Many families have been operating in crisis mode, taking out second mortgages, amassing credit card debt or taking other drastic measures to make ends meet – while their college savings account see double-digit losses.

Students who do make it to college face a mountain of debt that threatens their ability to earn a degree and find a well-paying job. Three out of every four students in our public university system graduate with debt – averaging nearly \$19,000 per student – which is far more than our neighboring and competitor states.

Increasing the number of Pennsylvanians who can attend college and earn a degree is critical to the Commonwealth's economic vitality.

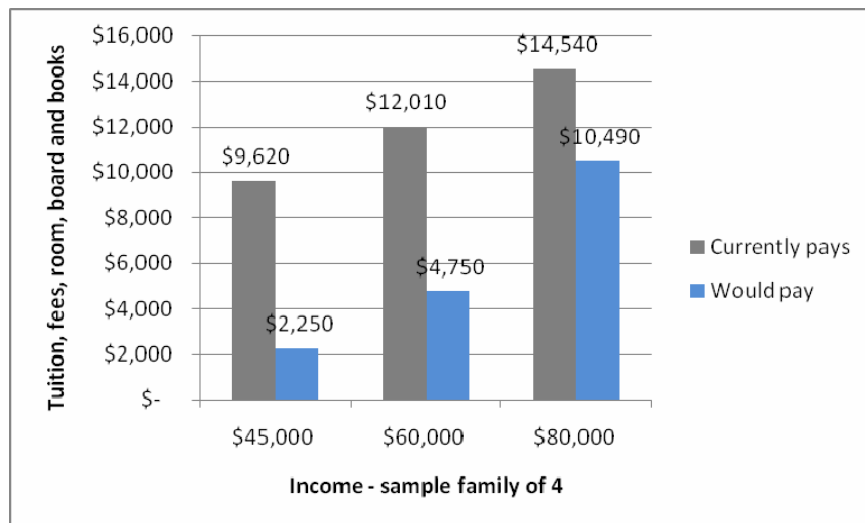
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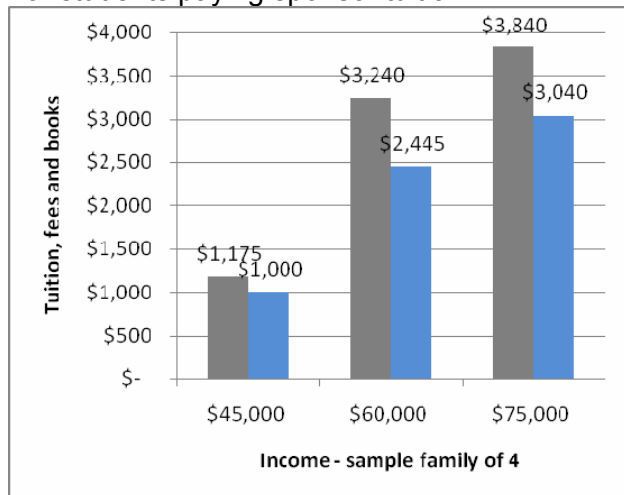
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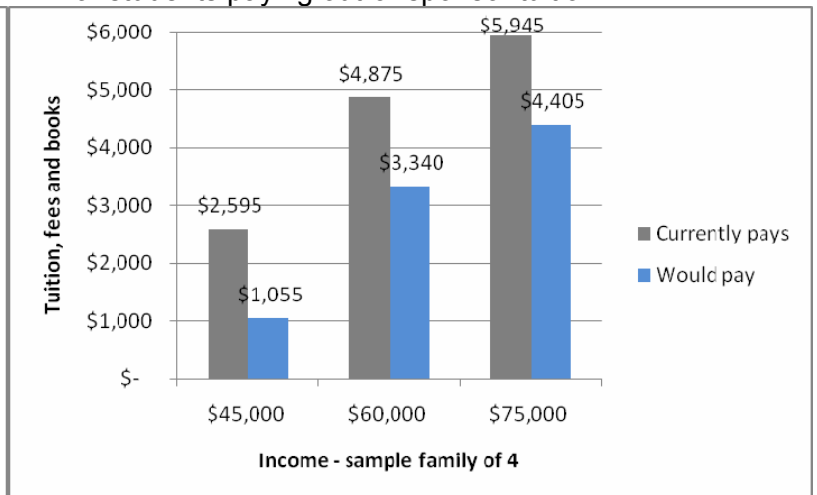
PASSHE families who do not qualify for PHEAA grants, but who earn less than \$100,000 a year, will receive a \$2,700 grant – equal to 50% of the cost of tuition.

At community colleges, for families eligible for PHEAA grants ...

For students paying sponsor tuition...



For students paying out-of-sponsor tuition...



Community college families that do not qualify for PHEAA grants but who earn less than \$100,000 a year will receive grants equal to 50% of the cost of tuition – an average of more than \$500 for students who pay sponsor tuition and more than \$1,000 for students who pay non-sponsor tuition.

In addition to proposing the plan for Tuition Relief, Governor Rendell’s budget protects all higher education sectors and students from the impact of the national recession...

- Penn State, Temple, Pitt and Lincoln – the state-related universities – are held harmless at their current state expenditure level and given \$100 million in funding for capital projects
- The State System of Higher Education is held harmless at its current state funding level, and its capital allocation is doubled to \$130 million
- State funding for PHEAA grants will increase by \$35 million to protect the grants that 174,624 students at public, state-related and private institutions receive from cuts made by PHEAA this year
- Community college students will receive \$10 million in additional PHEAA grants so 10,000 more students can be served, plus a \$5 million increase to support community college operating costs

For more information, please visit www.pde.state.pa.us.

FAST FACTS

What Is the Pennsylvania Tuition Relief Plan?

A grant program designed to make college affordable for working families by greatly reducing or eliminating reliance on student loans for those attending community colleges and the state system universities whose families make \$100,000 per year or less. With savings accounts wiped out for many hard-working families, it is **urgent** to get tuition relief started this Fall.

How Does It Work?

- Students and their families submit the traditional financial aid form
- Students apply for all federal and state grants for which they qualify
- Students and their families pay only what they can afford, as determined by the U.S. Department of Education, or no less than \$1,000
- If there is any gap between what they can be expected to pay and all available existing state and federal grant aid, the Tuition Relief Act will fill the gap
- Students who do not qualify for PHEAA grants but who come from families that make less than \$100k will receive a grant that is equal to 50% of the cost of tuition.
- Once in the program, students are eligible for total of four years of full-time study (equivalent in part-time study), or until receipt of a bachelor's degree—whichever comes first.

Note: Every student in the program has to pay at least \$1,000 to ensure that all students are investing in their education.

Who Is Eligible?

Tuition relief can start **this fall** with first-year students at the State System of Higher Education and community colleges whose families earn up to \$100,000 a year. The program will grow over the next four years to include each incoming class until all students are covered. When fully in place, tuition relief will cover an estimated 170,000+ undergraduate students at Pennsylvania's public community colleges and universities.

Other Participation Criteria:

- Includes all students in degree or certificate programs, no matter how few credits they take each semester
- Students who have some college but have been out of college for a significant amount of time will be eligible
- Students must maintain good academic standing once enrolled in order to continue to receive grants

What Expenses Does It Cover?

State System University students: tuition, fees, room, board, books

Community College students: tuition, fees, books

Key Messages

These are key messages that you can convey as you build legislative and public support. Feel free to change them as needed and use only the ones that resonate with you.

Everyone:

- Governor Ed Rendell is right. We need tuition relief and we need it now.
- Students are graduating with so much debt that they are unable to purchase homes, invest for the future, or work in public service areas.
- Investing in higher education makes economic sense:
 - A Pennsylvanian with a bachelor's degree will earn twice as much over the course of a lifetime as a person who has only a high school diploma.
 - College graduates tend to rely less on medical care due to fewer health problems and are more likely to have adequate health coverage than those without a college degree.
 - College graduates are less likely to depend on social welfare programs or commit crimes than those without a degree.
- The state system institutions and community colleges are supposed to offer an affordable education to the Pennsylvania tax payers. It is critical that you act quickly to ensure these schools remain within the reach of us ordinary citizens.
- We must increase the number of students who enroll in and graduate from college. Governor Rendell's Tuition Relief Act is a sure way of doing just that.

Parents:

- After working hard, saving, and planning we have seen college costs escalate, our 529s evaporate, and our savings disappear. We need help and we need help now.
- In order to afford to send my child to college I am going have to take out a second mortgage and turn to costly private loans. In other words I am giving up my retirement to send my daughter to college.
- Many families, like my own, have no idea how we are going to pay for college next year or the year after.

High School Students:

- The Tuition Relief Act will make it possible for students like me to afford a college education. Something I never believed before.
- Up till now I have considered not attending college because I did not believe I could afford it. Governor Rendell's plan gives me hope that I can go to college.
- After watching friends go to college and become swamped with debt I was afraid college was out of reach.

College Students:

- I am graduating with \$20,000 in debt [insert proper dollar figure] and have no idea how I will pay it back.
- I have seen my follow students choose majors and future careers based solely on whether they thought they would provide a large enough salary for them to pay back their loans.
- I want future students to be able to attend college without being overcome by debt like I and many of my friends have.

What can you do?

There are two ways that you can help build awareness of and support for the Tuition Relief Act. The first is building legislative support, which could involve contacting or meeting your legislator. The second is building public support, which could involve contacting local media, creating 'buzz' online, and circulating petitions. Leaders of organizations can be particularly influential, and they can rally others to advocate for issues.

CONTACT THE DECISIONMAKERS

In Pennsylvania, the decision makers are those elected officials in the House of Representatives and the Senate. It is important for them to know that you support Tuition Relief for Families. Your contact may make the difference between a 'yea' or 'nay' vote by your legislator.

USE THE LOCAL MEDIA

Every newspaper has a letter-to-the-editor page. State legislators or their staff read the local newspaper to find out what issues are important to their constituents. Letters to the editor also reach the general public and may inform others about this important issue.

SUGGESTIONS FOR LEADERS OF ORGANIZATIONS

If you are a leader of an organization, you can be a particularly effective advocate. In addition to contacting legislators and the local media, local leaders are often able to mobilize others to support the Tuition Relief Act.

Specifically you can:

1. Organize letter writing campaigns: Actively encourage those within your organization to write letters to their representatives supporting the Tuition Relief Act. Feel free to share this toolkit with your organization.
2. Write to your legislator: Letters from leaders in the community carry a special weight with public officials. Included in this toolkit is a sample letter which you can reference as you write your own letter.
3. Conduct a petition drive: Using the template provided in this toolkit, collect signatures supporting the Tuition Relief Act and deliver the signed petitions to your state representatives.
4. Write an op-ed for your local newspaper: Op-ed articles are generally longer and more informative than letters to the editor. They also attract more attention. As a leader, you are in a strong position to get an op-ed published. A sample op-ed is included in this toolkit along with key messages about the Tuition Relief Act.

Find Your Legislator

To find your legislators, their contact information, and their websites, visit the Pennsylvania General Assembly website. There, you can also find out your legislators' committee participation, their priority issues, and biographical information such as where they attended school,

Find your legislator by Zip Code or County:

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/find.cfm>

Write/E-mail Your Legislator

WRITE A LETTER

Letter writing is one of the most effective ways of making your opinion known and influencing the political process.

Here are some tips to make sure that your letters have the greatest impact:

- **Identify why you are writing**: Make it clear from the beginning of the letter why you are taking the time to write to your legislator.
- **The more personalized the better**: If you are writing from a template letter, always take the time to personalize the letter with your own opinions and experiences. Form letters may not show that constituents really understand and care about the issue.
- **Be brief**: Legislators and their staff are busy people, so state your point clearly but briefly.
- **Be specific**: The more specific your letter, the better. Specifics can inform legislators and demonstrate that you understand the issues. In addition, specific information can also impact how legislators think about the issue.
- **Tell a personal story**: Legislators are most moved when they hear how an issue impacts you and your family.

[Include any of the key messages above in the body of the letter and/or your own points]

SAMPLE LETTER

The Honorable Joe Smith
Pennsylvania State Senate
State Capitol Building Room 123
Harrisburg, PA 17126

March 5, 2009

Dear Senator Smith:

I am writing to make you aware of my support for the Tuition Relief Act.

[Include any of the key messages below in the body of the letter and/or your own points]

[Include a personal story if possible, such as, “We are currently planning on send our daughter to school and have no idea how we will be able to afford the cost,” or “I am graduating this spring with a total debt of \$30,000 dollars.”]

Please support Governor Rendell’s proposal and make college affordable.

Thank you very much,

Sally Concerned Citizen
123 Main Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
717-888-7777

SEND AN E-MAIL

Sending an e-mail can be a quick way of making your voice heard, especially if you are contacting your legislator right before a scheduled vote. The same points that guide letter writing also guide the drafting of an e-mail. Make it brief and personal. Feel free to use some of the key messages in your e-mail.

Call Your Legislator

You can also make a phone call to your legislator's local office to inform him or her of your view on the Tuition Relief Act.

When you call:

- Refer to some of the key messages listed above.
- Know that you may talk to a staff member instead of your legislator.
- State your views clearly and succinctly - time is precious for everyone.
- Conclude your message with a request for action, such as, "I ask you to vote in favor of the Tuition Relief Act."
- Be prepared to leave your name, address, and telephone number.

Here are some ideas of what to say when you call:

"I am calling to make you aware of my support for the Tuition Relief Act.

My family and many others need tuition relief because the cost of college has become too high. Governor Ed Rendell's plan will make college affordable right when we need it the most. The economic decline has hurt all of us, and many of us who are preparing to send kids to college have no idea how we are going to be able to afford it.

Please support Tuition Relief Act. Pennsylvania needs the help.

Thank you for your time."

You can also draw from some of the key messages provided above.

Visit Your Legislator

Visiting your legislator is an effective way to convey your message about the Tuition Relief Act. Meeting with legislators shows them that you really care about the issue, since it takes a lot of effort and time to tell them what you think in person.

Be aware that while you may not have the opportunity to visit your legislator in Harrisburg, legislators do have local offices. State legislators are often in their home district offices on Thursdays and Fridays, and when the General Assembly is out of session. Also, though you can try and meet with your legislator directly, you can also meet with a staff person.

SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

When you call the district office, state your name and indicate that you would like to schedule a meeting with the legislator to discuss the Tuition Relief Act. The scheduler may ask the names of the people who will be participating in the meeting. Feel free to bring along others, especially if they represent multiple perspectives (parents, teachers, school leadership, etc.).

PREPARE FOR THE MEETING

Think about what you plan to say in advance. Feel free to use the key messages and fact sheets, but be sure to include your own experiences. If more than one person is attending the meeting, select one person to be the main point person and plan who will discuss each issue.

HAVING A SUCCESSFUL MEETING

- **Be prompt**: Though you may have to wait for a legislator, don't make a legislator wait for you! Most meetings are scheduled to last about 15 minutes but may take longer if the legislator takes particular interest in your issue.
- **Be concise**: Be clear about why you are visiting and what you are asking the legislator to do – vote for the Tuition Relief Act to ensure that college is affordable.
- **Be pleasant**: If a legislator disagrees, try to highlight common ground rather than engage in an argument. For example, you can focus on the idea that we need a solution so students are burdened with debt when they graduate from college. You want to leave a positive impression on the legislator of you and your issue.
- **Stay focused**: Legislators may want to talk about other issues that are important to them. Be polite, but take the conversation back to the Tuition Relief Act.
- **Be personal**: The more personal experiences you share, the more compelling your argument will be to a legislator.
- **Leave information**: Leave fact sheets, a letter, personal stories, or other information. Make sure the materials are clear, concise, and informative.

FOLLOW UP

After your meeting, follow up with a thank you letter. Reinforce some of the points you made during your meeting and thank the legislator and/or staff person for taking the time to meet.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

One effective way to build public support is to write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper.

Generally, letters to the editor should:

1. Be no longer than 250 words.
2. Begin by clearly stating your position in the first line of the letter.
3. Make the case for why you are writing the letter.
4. Close by making a call to action (i.e. "Support the Tuition Relief Act").

Whenever you send a letter to the editor, you need to include your name, address and daytime telephone number.

Sample letter to the editor:

"I am writing to express my support of Governor Ed Rendell's Tuition Relief Act. The Tuition Relief Act will make college affordable for ordinary working Pennsylvanians. Making college affordable will help us recover from the economic downturn, educate the next generation of Pennsylvania workers, and allow thousands of students to graduate without the heavy burden of excessive debt.

I call on our lawmakers to join Governor Rendell in passing the Tuition Relief Act."

Feel free to also use the key messages to support your argument. Just remember to keep the letter to 250 words or less!

OP-ED ARTICLE

These newspaper articles are based on the opinion of a writer unaffiliated with the editorial board of a newspaper. Many readers look closely at these articles to develop their own opinions, and they can be a particularly effective way of garnering public support for an issue.

Below are the following: a sample op-ed and some 'talking points' to consider.

SAMPLE OP-ED

“Governor Rendell is right. We need to address the economic downturn in both the short-term and the long-term. At the core of both is making college an affordable option for everyone. The Governor’s visionary proposal to give Pennsylvanians unprecedented access to higher education is an economic development tool that we should waste no time enacting.

While college affordability has long been a concern, the situation has worsened as the economy has soured. Many families have been operating in crisis mode, taking out second mortgages, amassing credit card debt or taking other drastic measures to make ends meet, while watching their college funds evaporate due to the floundering economy. Recent research shows that in times of economic difficulty, college costs often increase right when the need for improved access to college is the greatest.

For those families with students preparing to attend college in the fall of 2009, this truly is a financial emergency.

It also is a fiscal emergency for those Pennsylvanians who have recently lost jobs and see a postsecondary degree as a crucial stepping stone to get back into the workforce.

The impact of the economic downturn has been significant. From 2007 to December 2008, unemployment has increased by 36% statewide. Here in **[INSERT YOUR COUNTY]** county, unemployment has increased by **[SEE CHART IN APPENDIX]**%. Recent analysis of Pennsylvania data has shown that one of the primary predictors of increasing unemployment rates within a county is the percentage of county residents who have a college degree. The larger that percentage is the fewer people who are unemployed and the slower unemployment increases, even during these recessionary times.

Despite the best efforts of our state’s most affordable colleges and universities – state universities and community colleges, for example, have kept the rate of their tuition increases lower than the rate of inflation – college is still too expensive for many of Pennsylvanians. Some leave college with crushing student loan debt, while others defer their college dreams altogether because of the cost. A recent study found that in Pennsylvania the cost of college was the most significant factor causing potential students not to enroll in college.

This has to change if we want to build a world-class workforce in the commonwealth.

The Governor wants to dramatically increase the number of Pennsylvanians who are able to enroll in and successfully complete college. His plan would eliminate reliance on loans for nearly all students from families making \$100,000 a year or less who attend any of Pennsylvania’s 14 community colleges or the 14 public universities in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

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For the poorest students – whose families are earning under about \$32,000 a year – a family would pay at most \$1,000 a year, while the state would cover the rest of the total cost of attendance (including tuition, fees and books at all state universities and

community colleges, as well as room and board at all state universities).

Those students with greater financial means who are eligible for PHEAA grants would pay more, but access to college would still remain affordable. Under the Governor's plan, for instance, a family earning \$44,000 a year would save up to 77 percent at a state system university, and up to 15 percent at a community college.

By so doing the Governor is not only meeting the commonwealth's immediate needs he is planning for the long term health of our state. A college education is a gateway to a lifetime of greater job opportunities and stronger earning capability. The more degree-holders we have in Pennsylvania's workforce, the more attractive our commonwealth will be to the employers who provide the jobs in the emerging global economy.

Consider these benefits of a college education:

- A Pennsylvanian with a bachelor's degree will earn twice as much over the course of a lifetime as a person who has only a high school diploma.
- College graduates tend to rely less on medical care due to fewer health problems and are more likely to have adequate health coverage than those without a college degree.
- College graduates are less likely to depend on social welfare programs or commit crimes than those without a degree.

In short, a person with a college degree often means a more productive member of society.

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Our state lawmakers ought to act quickly to approve the Governor's Tuition Relief Act. It will help us build a smarter, stronger workforce that can get Pennsylvania back on its feet, ready to compete for generations to come."

OP-ED TALKING POINTS

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Create Buzz Online

Online communities and social networking websites can be a great way to build public support for the Tuition Relief Act. In particular, Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter are powerful resources for reaching hundreds – even thousands – of people.

Facebook

- **Create a group and invite friends:**

Group name: “Tuition Relief for All Pennsylvanians NOW”

Description: “Governor Rendell is proposing to deliver Tuition Relief starting this fall for families earning up to \$100,000 a year who attend the Commonwealth’s public colleges and universities: the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education and the 14 community colleges. Combined with expanded PHEAA grants in this year’s budget, 20,000 more Pennsylvanians will be able to afford to enroll in college.

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Post to group board: “We need to urge our state legislature to support Governor Rendell’s Tuition Relief Act. In this economy, far too many cannot afford to go to college. The Tuition Relief Act will make a college education a reality for thousands of high school students and allow adults to return to college.

Help me reach out to our state legislators to encourage them to pass this legislation NOW, so that Pennsylvanians can begin to benefit this fall.

Find your legislator (<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/find.cfm>) and tell your legislator – through a call, an e-mail, or a letter – to pass the Tuition Relief Act now.”

- **Create a Fan Page:**

Group name: “Tuition Relief for All Pennsylvanians NOW”

Description: “Be a fan of Tuition Relief!!

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- **Post a note:**

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- **Post newspaper articles on your wall:**

<http://www.pdenewsroom.state.pa.us/newsroom/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=148417>
<http://www.pdenewsroom.state.pa.us/newsroom/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=148382>
<http://www.whptv.com/news/local/story/Cutting-Tuition-Costs/j-gtaA17L0eiYc92UvxO-g.csp>
http://www.timesonline.com/articles/2009/02/19/news/top_stories/doc499e0309a999f673533231.txt

- **Change your status:**

“I’m trying to get the state legislature to pass the Tuition Relief Act now. Find your legislator (<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/find.cfm>) and help!!”

- **Post articles or information on friends’ walls:**

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LinkedIn

- **If you are a PASSHE and/or CC alum, post a message to your alumni group:**

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- **Create a group and invite your contacts:**

Group name: “Tuition Relief for All Pennsylvanians NOW”

Description: “Governor Rendell is proposing to deliver Tuition Relief starting this fall for families earning up to \$100,000 a year who attend the Commonwealth’s public colleges and universities: the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education and the 14 community colleges. Combined with expanded PHEAA grants in this year’s budget, 20,000 more Pennsylvanians will be able to afford to enroll in college.

Pennsylvania’s Tuition Relief will reach nearly \$550 million by the time it is fully in place, and will be funded by taking video poker out of the shadows, regulating it to ensure public safety and taxing its proceeds in order to benefit Pennsylvanians.

Over 170,000 students will ultimately benefit, and an additional 10,000 students will be able to go to college who otherwise could not afford it or will stay in-state instead of leaving Pennsylvania.”

Post to group board: “We need to urge our state legislature to support Governor Rendell’s Tuition Relief Act. In this economy, far too many cannot afford to go to college. The Tuition Relief Act will make a college education a reality for thousands of high school students and allow adults to return to college.

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- **Start a discussion thread on a group:**

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- **Submit news articles to a group:**

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http://www.timesonline.com/articles/2009/02/19/news/top_stories/doc499e0309a999f673533231.txt

- **On your profile, update the ‘What are you working on?’ status:**

“I’m trying to get the state legislature to pass the Tuition Relief Act now. Find your legislator (<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/find.cfm>) and help!!”

- **Add a line to ‘Your Interests’ on your profile:**

“I am passionate about ensuring that all students have the opportunity to attend college. I support Governor Rendell’s Tuition Relief Plan, which will make college affordable for all Pennsylvanians.”

- **Send a message to your groups:**

“Dear Friends and Colleagues,

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Twitter

- **Update Twitter everyday:**

"XX days left for our legislature to make or break whether I can afford to go to college. PA state legislators: pass the Tuition Relief Act NOW so I can afford college!!"
(Exactly 140 characters.)

Circulate Petitions

Petitions are a great way to build public awareness and support for the Tuition Relief Act. The old adage that there is power in numbers rings true to legislators, and petitions can capture many of the supporters of the Tuition Relief Act.

There are some templates provided in the appendix or create your own petitions to circulate.

In addition, you can start an online petition. There are free resources available to help you get started, such as www.petitiononline.com.

Keep in mind:

- Pennsylvania residents should sign the petition.
- Individuals should only sign once.
- Anyone who signs the petition should include contact information.

Once you collect completed petitions, be sure to send them to your legislators! The petitions will have the most impact if legislators see them.

Key Legislator Contact Information

We encourage you to first contact the legislators in your district. Then, if you want to do more, below are several tables that include critical legislators that you and others can contact.

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California University of Pa	Senator	Richard A. Kasunic	458 Capitol Building	Senate Box 203032	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3032	(717) 787-7175	
	Representative	Peter J. Daley	214 Irvis Office Building	PO Box 202049	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2049	(717) 783-9333	
	Representative	Deberah Kula	G-05 Irvis Office Building	PO Box 202052	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2052	(717) 772-1858	
Cheyney University of Pa	Senator	Edwin B. Erickson	281 Capitol Building	Senate Box 203026	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3026	(717) 787-9684	eerickson@pasen.gov
	Senator	Dominic Pileggi	350 Capitol Building	Senate Box 203009	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3009	(717) 787-9684	dpileggi@pasen.gov
	Representative	Stephen Barrar	18 East Wing	PO Box 202160	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2160	(717) 783-3038	sbarrar@pahousegop.com
	Representative	Thomas H. Killion	403 Irvis Office Building	PO Box 202168	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2168	(717) 772-0855	tkillion@pahousegop.com
Clarion University of Pa (Main)	Senator	Mary Jo White	169 Capitol Building	Senate Box 203021	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3021	(717) 787-4236	mwhite@pasen.gov
	Representative	Donna Oberlander	405 Irvis Office Building	PO Box 202063	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2063	(717) 772-9908	Doberlan@pahousegop.com
Clarion University of Pa (Venango)	Senator	Mary Jo White	169 Capitol Building	Senate Box 203021	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3021	(717) 787-8927	mwhite@pasen.gov
	Representative	Scott E. Hutchinson	152 Main Capitol Building	PO Box 202064	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2064	(717) 783-8188	
East Stroudsburg University of Pa	Senator	Lisa M. Boscola	458 Capitol Building	Senate Box 203018	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3018	(717) 787-8724	boscola@pasenate.com
	Representative	Mario M. Scavello	143 East Wing	PO Box 202176	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2176	(717) 787-7732	
	Representative	John J. Siptroth	322 Irvis Office Building	PO Box 202189	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2189	(717) 787-6492	

Legislators with State System Universities in their Districts

College	Title	Legislator	Address 1	Address 2	City, State, Zip	Phone #	Email
Edinboro University of Pa	Senator	Jane M. Earll	177 Capitol Building	Senate Box 203049	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3049	(717) 787-8724	jearl@pasen.gov
	Representative	John R. Evans	107 Ryan Office Building	PO Box 202005	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2005	(717) 772-9940	jevans@pahousegop.com
Indiana University of Pa (Main)	Senator	Donald C. White	286 Capitol Building	Senate Box 203041	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3041	(717) 787-7084	dwhite@pasen.gov
	Representative	Dave Reed	145A East Wing	PO Box 202062	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2062	(717) 705-7173	dreed@pahousegop.com
Indiana University of Pa (Northpointe)	Senator	Donald C. White	286 Capitol Building	Senate Box 203041	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3041	(717) 787-8925	dwhite@pasen.gov
	Representative	Jeffrey P. Pyle	147B East Wing	PO Box 202060	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2060	(717) 783-5327	jpyle@pahousegop.com
Indiana University of Pa (Punxsutawney)	Senator	Joseph B. Scarnati III	292 Capitol Building	Senate Box 203025	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3025	(717) 787-5400	jscarnati@pasen.gov
	Representative	Samuel H. Smith	423 Main Capitol Building	PO Box 202066	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2066	(717) 787-3845	shsmith@pahousegop.com
Kutztown University of Pa	Senator	Michael A. O'Pake	11 East Wing	Senate Box 203011	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3011	(717) 787-7084	opake@pasenate.com
	Representative	Gary Day	163-B East Wing	PO Box 202187	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2187	(717) 787-3017	Gday@pahousegop.com
Lock Haven University (Main)	Senator	John N. Wozniak	182 Capitol Building	Senate Box 203035	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3035	(717) 787-7084	wozniak@pasenate.com
	Representative	Michael K. Hanna	302 Main Capitol Building	PO Box 202076	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2076	(717) 772-2283	
Lock Haven University (Clearfield)	Senator	Joseph B. Scarnati III	292 Capitol Building	Senate Box 203025	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3025	(717) 787-6535	jscarnati@pasen.gov
	Representative	Camille Bud George	38B East Wing	PO Box 202074	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2074	(717) 787-7316	
Mansfield University of Pa	Senator	Joseph B. Scarnati III	292 Capitol Building	Senate Box 203025	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3025	(717) 787-4651	jscarnati@pasen.gov
	Representative	Matthew E. Baker	115 Ryan Office Building	PO Box 202068	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2068	(717) 772-5371	Gday@pahousegop.com

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Millersville University of Pa	Senator	Lloyd K. Smucker	185 Main Capitol	Senate Box 203013	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3013	(717) 787-8524	lsmucker@pasen.gov
	Representative	Scott W. Boyd	432 Irvis Office Building	PO Box 202043	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2043	(717) 783-6422	sboyd@pahousegop.com
	Representative	Bryan Cutler	147A East Wing	PO Box 202100	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2100	(717) 783-6424	bcutler@pahousegop.com
	Representative	Katie True	7 East Wing	PO Box 202041	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2041	(717) 705-7161	ktrue@pahousegop.com
Shippensburg University	Senator	Richard L. Alloway II	187 Main Capitol	Senate Box 203033	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3033	(717) 787-9684	alloway@pasen.gov
	Senator	Patricia H. Vance	168 Capitol Building	Senate Box 203031	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3031	(717) 787-5709	vance@pasen.gov
	Representative	Rob W. Kauffman	B13 Main Capitol Building	PO Box 202089	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2089	(717) 705-2004	rkauffma@pahousegop.com
Slippery Rock University of Pa	Senator	Mary Jo White	169 Capitol Building	Senate Box 203021	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3021	(717) 787-7305	mwhite@pasen.gov
	Representative	Jaret Gibbons	117A East Wing	PO Box 202010	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2010	(717) 705-2060	
West Chester University of Pa	Senator	Andrew E. Dinniman	183 Main Capitol	Senate Box 203019	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3019	(717) 787-7305	andy@pasenate.com
	Representative	Barbara McIlvaine Smith	121A East Wing	PO Box 202156	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2156	(717) 705-1922	

Legislators with Community Colleges in their Districts

College	Title	Legislator	Address 1	Address 2	City, State, Zip	Phone #	Email
Bucks Co. Community College (Main)	Senator	Charles T. McIlhinney, Jr.	187 Main Capitol	Senate Box 203010	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3010	(717) 787-9684	cmcilhinney@pasen.gov
	Representative	Steven J. Santarsiero	224 Irvis Office Building	PO Box 202031	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2031	(717) 787-5475	
Bucks Co. Community College (Upper Co.)	Senator	Charles T. McIlhinney, Jr.	187 Main Capitol	Senate Box 203010	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3010	(717) 787-5300	cmcilhinney@pasen.gov
	Representative	Paul I. Clymer	216 Ryan Office Building	PO Box 202145	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2145	(717) 783-3154	pclymer@pahousegop.com
Butler Co. Community College	Senator	Mary Jo White	169 Capitol Building	Senate Box 203021	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3021	(717) 787-3076	mwhite@pasen.gov
	Representative	John L. Ellis	145B East Wing	PO Box 202011	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2011	(717) 787-7686	
Community College of Allegheny Co.	Senator	Wayne D. Fontana	15 East Wing	Senate Box 203042	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3042	(717) 787-5662	fontana@pasenate.com
	Representative	Chelsa Wagner	109 Irvis Office Building	PO Box 202022	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2022	(717) 783-1582	
Community College of Beaver Co.	Senator	Elder A. Vogel, Jr.	457 Main Capitol	Senate Box 203047	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3047	(717) 787-1350	Evogel@pasen.gov
	Representative	Jim Christiana	53 B C East Wing	PO Box 202015	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2015	(717) 260-6144	jchristi@pahousegop.com
Community College of Philadelphia	Senator	Lawrence A. Farnese, Jr.	458 Main Capitol	Senate Box 203001	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3001	(717) 787-4651	
	Representative	Babette Josephs	300 Main Capitol Building	PO Box 202182	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2182	(717) 787-8529	
Delaware Co. Community College	Senator	Edwin B. Erickson	281 Capitol Building	Senate Box 203026	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3026	(717) 787-4420	eerickson@pasen.gov
	Representative	Bryan R. Lentz	106B East Wing	PO Box 202161	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2161	(717) 787-8574	

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Harrisburg Area Community College (Gettysburg)	Senator	Richard L. Alloway II	187 Main Capitol	Senate Box 203033	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3033	(717) 787-6535	alloway@pasen.gov
	Representative	Dan Moul	G-32 Irvis Office Building	PO Box 202091	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2091	(717) 783-5217	dmoul@pahousegop.com
	Representative	Will Tallman	5 East Wing	PO Box 202193	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2193	(717) 783-8875	Wtallman@pahousegop.com
Harrisburg Area Community College (Lancaster)	Senator	Michael W. Brubaker	16 East Wing	Senate Box 203036	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3036	(717) 787-5708	mbrubaker@pasen.gov
	Senator	Lloyd K. Smucker	185 Main Capitol	Senate Box 203013	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3013	(717) 787-6801	lsmucker@pasen.gov
	Representative	Scott W. Boyd	432 Irvis Office Building	PO Box 202043	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2043	(717) 783-6422	sboyd@pahousegop.com
	Representative	Bryan Cutler	147A East Wing	PO Box 202100	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2100	(717) 783-6424	bcutler@pahousegop.com
	Representative	P. Michael Sturla	120 Main Capitol Building	PO Box 202096	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2096	(717) 787-3555	
Harrisburg Area Community College (Lebanon)	Senator	Mike Folmer	170 Main Capitol	Senate Box 203048	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3048	(717) 787-6801	mfolmer@pasen.gov
	Representative	Mauree Gingrich	430 Irvis Office Building	PO Box 202101	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2101	(717) 783-1815	mgingric@pahousegop.com
	Representative	RoseMarie Swanger	423 Irvis Office Building	PO Box 202102	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2102	(717) 787-2686	rswanger@pahousegop.com
Harrisburg Area Community College (Main)	Senator	Jeffrey E. Piccola	173 Capitol Building	Senate Box 203015	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3015	(717) 787-3817	jpiccola@pasen.gov
	Representative	Ron Buxton	512E Main Capitol Building	PO Box 202103	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2103	(717) 783-9342	

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Harrisburg Area Community College (York)	Senator	Jeffrey E. Piccola	173 Capitol Building	Senate Box 203015	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3015	(717) 787-1349	jpiccola@pasen.gov
	Senator	Michael L. Waugh	9 East Wing	Senate Box 203028	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3028	(717) 787-7105	mwaugh@pasen.gov
	Representative	Eugene DePasquale	111A East Wing	PO Box 202095	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2095	(717) 787-7514	
	Representative	Keith Gillespie	54B East Wing	PO Box 202047	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2047	(717) 705-7167	kgillesp@pahousegop.com
	Representative	Seth M. Grove	52-A East Wing	PO Box 202196	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2196	(717) 783-2655	
Lehigh Carbon Community College	Senator	Patrick M. Browne	171 Capitol Building	Senate Box 203016	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3016	(717) 787-1398	pbrowne@pasen.gov
	Representative	Gary Day	163-B East Wing	PO Box 202187	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2187	(717) 787-3017	Gday@pahousegop.com
Luzerne Co. Community College	Senator	Raphael J. Musto	17 East Wing	Senate Box 203014	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3014	(717) 787-1398	musto@pasenate.com
	Representative	John T. Yudichak	324 Main Capitol	PO Box 202119	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2119	(717) 787-1751	
Montgomery Co. Community College (Main)	Senator	John C. Rafferty, Jr.	20 East Wing	Senate Box 203044	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3044	(717) 787-4236	jrafferty@pasen.gov
	Representative	Michael Gerber	105A East Wing	PO Box 202148	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2148	(717) 787-9475	
Montgomery Co. Community College (West Campus)	Senator	John C. Rafferty, Jr.	20 East Wing	Senate Box 203044	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3044	(717) 787-1349	jrafferty@pasen.gov
	Representative	Thomas J. Quigley	51A East Wing	PO Box 202146	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2146	(717) 772-9963	tquigley@pahousegop.com

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Northampton Community College (Main)	Senator	Lisa M. Boscola	458 Capitol Building	Senate Box 203018	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3018	(717) 787-7105	boscola@pasenate.com
	Senator	Patrick M. Browne	171 Capitol Building	Senate Box 203016	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3016	(717) 787-5400	pbrowne@pasen.gov
	Representative	Craig A. Dally	43A East Wing	PO Box 202138	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2138	(717) 783-8573	
	Representative	Robert Freeman	207 Irvis Office Building	PO Box 202136	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2136	(717) 783-3815	
	Representative	Steve Samuelson	111 Irvis Office Building	PO Box 202135	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2135	(717) 705-1881	
Northampton Community College (Monroe)	Senator	Raphael J. Musto	17 East Wing	Senate Box 203014	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3014	(717) 787-8925	musto@pasenate.com
	Representative	Mario M. Scavello	143 East Wing	PO Box 202176	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2176	(717) 787-7732	
Pennsylvania Highlands Community College	Senator	John N. Wozniak	182 Capitol Building	Senate Box 203035	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3035	(717) 787-6063	wozniak@pasenate.com
	Representative	Bryan Barbin	4 East Wing	PO Box 202071	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2071	(717) 783-1491	
	Representative	Frank Burns	104A East Wing	PO Box 202072	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2072	(717) 772-8056	
	Representative	Gary Haluska	114 Irvis Office Building	PO Box 202073	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2073	(717) 787-3532	
Reading Area Community College	Senator	Michael A. O'Pake	11 East Wing	Senate Box 203011	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3011		opake@pasenate.com
	Representative	Dante Santoni, Jr.	317 Irvis Office Building	PO Box 202126	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2126	(717) 783-3290	
Westmoreland Co. Community College	Senator	Kim L. Ward	459 Main Capitol	Senate Box 203039	Harrisburg, PA 17120-3039		
	Representative	Tim Krieger	404 Irvis Office Building	PO Box 202057	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2057	(717) 260-6146	Tkrieger@pahousegop.com
	Representative	Mike Reese	409 Irvis Office Building	PO Box 202059	Harrisburg, PA 17120-2059	(717) 783-9311	Mreese@pahousegop.com

Unemployment Data, by county

County	Unemployment, November, 2008	Unemployment Rate, 2007	Percent Increase	Percent w/college degree
Adams County	5	3.3	52%	26.60%
Allegheny County	5.2	4.1	27%	51.60%
Armstrong County	6.7	4.9	37%	25.90%
Beaver County	5.8	4.5	29%	36.00%
Bedford County	8.3	5.6	48%	20.60%
Berks County	6.2	4.2	48%	30.20%
Blair County	5.9	4.2	40%	29.00%
Bradford County	5.4	4.7	15%	24.40%
Bucks County	5.3	3.8	39%	46.70%
Butler County	5	4	25%	43.30%
Cambria County	6.8	5.3	28%	29.80%
Cameron County	10.7	5.9	81%	16.60%
Carbon County	7.4	5.3	40%	25.50%
Centre County	4.6	3.4	35%	52.70%
Chester County	4.6	3.1	48%	53.70%
Clarion County	6.8	4.7	45%	28.60%
Clearfield County	7.3	5.4	35%	23.70%
Clinton County	6.1	5.2	17%	25.70%
Columbia County	6.2	5	24%	29.40%
Crawford County	6.1	4.9	24%	23.60%
Cumberland County	4.7	3.2	47%	39.80%
Dauphin County	5.3	3.9	36%	38.50%
Delaware County	5.5	4	38%	46.20%
Elk County	7.6	4.7	62%	32.70%
Erie County	6.1	4.8	27%	34.10%
Fayette County	7	5.6	25%	24.80%
Forest County	9.3	6.8	37%	17.00%
Franklin County	5.1	3.4	50%	23.20%
Fulton County	9.5	5.5	73%	19.70%
Greene County	5.9	5	18%	19.10%
Huntingdon County	8.3	5.1	63%	18.90%
Indiana County	5.4	4.6	17%	29.20%
Jefferson County	6.1	4.6	33%	27.80%
Juniata County	6.1	4.2	45%	18.00%
Lackawanna County	6.2	4.8	29%	36.40%
Lancaster County	4.8	3.4	41%	29.80%
Lawrence County	6.3	5.1	24%	32.00%
Lebanon County	4.6	3.4	35%	22.60%
Lehigh County	6.1	4.4	39%	38.00%
Luzerne County	6.9	5	38%	33.40%
Lycoming County	6.4	4.9	31%	26.40%
Mc Kean County	6.9	5	38%	23.20%
Mercer County	7.4	5.6	32%	30.90%
Mifflin County	7.4	5.1	45%	19.30%
Monroe County	6.7	4.9	37%	31.20%
Montgomery County	5	3.4	47%	55.60%
Montour County	5.3	3.8	39%	31.70%
Northampton County	6.1	4.4	39%	35.70%
Northumberland County	7.5	5	50%	23.40%
Perry County	5.8	4	45%	22.50%
Philadelphia County	7.9	6	32%	32.60%
Pike County	5.7	5.5	4%	28.20%
Potter County	7.5	7.2	4%	25.60%
Schuylkill County	7	5	40%	23.10%
Snyder County	6.7	4.6	46%	20.70%
Somerset County	7.4	5.5	35%	22.30%
Sullivan County	6.9	4.6	50%	24.50%
Susquehanna County	5.5	4.3	28%	20.50%
Tioga County	6.4	5.4	19%	23.00%
Union County	6.6	5.2	27%	20.60%
Venango County	6.3	4.9	29%	27.10%
Warren County	5.7	4.5	27%	25.90%
Washington County	5.6	4.5	24%	36.20%
Wayne County	5.3	4.1	29%	24.20%
Westmoreland County	5.7	4.5	27%	39.10%
Wyoming County	6.2	5.2	19%	27.70%
York County	5.4	3.8	42%	32.40%
Average	6.3	4.7	36%	29.53%

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Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
California University of Pennsylvania
Cheyney University of Pennsylvania
Clarion University of Pennsylvania
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania
Indiana University of Pennsylvania-Main Campus
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania
Mansfield University of Pennsylvania
Millersville University of Pennsylvania
Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania
Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania
West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Community Colleges:

Community College of Allegheny County
Community College of Beaver County
Bucks County Community College
Butler County Community College
Delaware County Community College
Harrisburg Area Community College
Lehigh Carbon Community College
Luzerne County Community College
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