## Student Aid and Debt Presentation

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## Facts About National Student Loan Debt, \$1.6 Trillion

- Includes all outstanding balances for federal and private student loans processed through financial aid, plus accrued interest.
- Accounts for the second largest household debt after mortgages since 2010.
- Forty-four percent of outstanding student loan debt is from public institutions.
- Forty percent of outstanding student loan debt is from graduate students.
- Non-completers are more likely to default on student loans than completers.
- 1 in 6 adults has some amount in an outstanding student loan balance.
- Default rates are much lower for those who earn credentials.
- In spite of all of the concerns about student debt levels, the fact remains, a college education pays off.


## Average Annual Earnings High School vs. Bachelor’s Degree



Note: Does not include possible earnings while pursuing Bachelor's degree.
Source: Average Annual Earning for full-time year round workers by education, U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2018 Annual Social and Economic Supplement.

## Colorado

## Financial Aid History by Source



Source: CU Financial Aid
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## Changes to Pell Eligible Populations (FY 2012 to FY2018)



CCHE's need based financial aid formula rewards retention and progress of Pell eligible students. Since the allocation was implemented in FY 2012, CU has retained Pell eligible students at a greater rate than most colleges thru FY 2018.

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## Average Undergraduate Student Debt by Fiscal Year

 All Bachelor Recibients. includes both Resident and Non-Resident Graduates


## Average Undergraduate Debt Load Upon Graduation (FY 2018) (only $52 \%$ of completers took loans at CU*)



Source: Colorado Department of Higher Education; includes Federal Direct, Federal Perkins, Federal Other, and private loans.
*Varies by campus.
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## Bachelor's Degree Recipients Loan Amounts in Colorado, 2018



Source: 2018 Student Loan Data from SURDS from the Colorado Department of Higher Education, public institutions. FY2018 graduates taking loans in prior 6 years;

College Loan vs. Car Loan: Value of Purchase Over Time

*Colorado Department of Higher Education, revised 2017-18 Financial Aid Report
**Kelley Blue Book Average Transaction Price December 2018
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## Annual Earnings vs Annual Loan Payment (by degree)



## Student Loan Default Rates



## CU Boulder Resident Undergraduate Financial Aid Applicants, 2019



Source: CU Financial Aid; Does not include private loans; Excludes exclusive parent loans; Number of students not applying for aid based on fall headcount compared to fiscal year financial aid;

# CU Boulder Resident Undergraduate Average Financial Assistance, 2019 (new cohort) 



Source: CU Financial Aid; Does not include private loans; Estimated Cost of Attendance is the average Nine Month Cost of Attendance for selected population;

## UCCS Resident Undergraduate Financial Aid Applicants, 2019



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## CU Denver Resident Undergraduate Financial Aid Applicants, 2019



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## CU Denver Resident Undergraduate Average Financial Assistance, 2019



## Closing the Cost Gap

## Ways to Reduce Cost

- Apply for scholarships
- Boost credit load (more than 12 per term or summer school)
- Transfer credit (high school concurrent, competency testing, other college)
- Live with family or with multiple roommates
- Cut back on personal expenses (use alternative transport)
- Remain on parents' insurance plan
- Meet with advisors to track degree progress


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## Other Means

- Part-time work
- College savings plans
- Parent/Private loans
- Credit cards


## Conclusions

- Out-of-pocket tuition and fee increases were mitigated for many low and middle income students.
- System-wide $42 \%$ of resident, undergraduates took student loans in FY 2019.
- System-wide $8 \%$ of resident, undergraduates had parent loans in FY 2019.
- On average, CU students have a loan default rate of 3.6\%, which is approximately 7 percentage points lower than the national and statewide average.


## Appendix

## CU Boulder Resident Undergraduate Average Financial Assistance, 2019 (FY 2017-18 cohort)



Source: CU Financial Aid; Does not include private loans; Estimated Cost of Attendance is the average Nine Month Cost of Attendance for selected population;

## CU Boulder Resident Undergraduate Average Financial Assistance, 2019 (FY 2016-17 cohort)



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