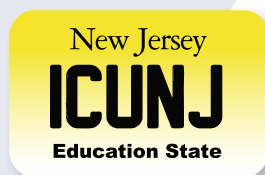


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LIVE.

New Jersey is the best place to live in the nation, according to a recent WalletHub survey.

New Jersey: Best Place to Live in the US **W** WalletHub

There are all kinds of reasons:

A great location, offering both the beauty of the mountains and the sandy beaches of the Jersey Shore. From any of the independent colleges, it is a short commute to the metropolitan centers of New York and Philadelphia. Students can find among our colleges the benefits of small towns or the energy of urban living.

Plenty of job opportunities with 15 Fortune 500 companies headquartered in New Jersey along with state and regional businesses representing a wealth of industries.

Competitive salaries demonstrated by New Jersey consistently ranking among the top five states for earnings.

And, of course, **the nation's top educational system**.

When students go to college in New Jersey, they are more likely to remain in state after graduating to start a career and raise a family. This highly trained workforce brings big benefits to our state's economy in attracting new businesses, generating tax revenues and enriching cultural, entertainment and athletic offerings.

ICUNJ is proud to support a strong system of independent colleges and universities to meet the needs of a richly diverse student population. The partnerships we have formed with New Jersey businesses and benefactors—who provide scholarships, internships and career opportunities—will continue to contribute to the rich economic and cultural landscape in our state.



ICUNJ EDUCATIONAL IMPACT



12:1

Faculty:Student Ratio



\$1.1 billion

Institutional aid



95%

Students receiving financial assistance

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LEARN.

It's official—New Jersey is the #1 state in the nation to get an education. A big reason is the incredible network of schools, colleges and universities that call the Garden State home.

At the Independent Colleges and Universities of New Jersey, we're proud of the outstanding educational opportunities provided by our 14 member institutions. Through the generosity of donors, we provide significant scholarships—based on academic success and need—to support the college aspirations of a diverse group of students.

New Jersey ranked #1 in the nation for education by



*2020-2021

Students seek a degree for a variety of reasons—some want to change their economic position while others want to change the world. All students want to pursue their interests and academic choices. They can find their chosen area of study among our member institutions.

They will also find smaller class sizes, which help students excel. Among New Jersey's 27 four-year institutions, our members consistently rank highly for their lower student faculty ratios. In fact, the 12 schools with the lowest student to faculty ratios among those 27 institutions are all ICUNJ schools!

The proven benefits of smaller class sizes:

- Coursework can be adapted to fit class.
- Assignments are more hands-on and engaging.
- Student participation is sought and encouraged.
- Students receive more instructor feedback.
- There are more opportunities to learn from peers.

Access

High school students need to explore the opportunities for higher education available to them in New Jersey. The goal of the independent colleges is to extend the many benefits of higher education to people from all walks of life. Each independent college sets itself apart with a diverse offering of academics, clubs, sports, arts and service opportunities.

Students now have more flexibility in accessing academic opportunities via online learning and through the introduction of new technologies. Educational equity remains a priority at all the independent colleges.

Affordability

Making a change in economic mobility, commitment and interest in a subject, and fulfilling a dream, all provide the impetus for pursuing college, but these factors alone cannot afford a student a college degree. **Over 95% of New Jersey's independent college students rely on some form of financial aid**—scholarships, grants, loans and work study—to meet the cost of higher education.

Looking beyond the listed tuition and fees to determine the actual cost to attend college is a step every student must undertake. ICUNJ and its member institutions believe that every student should have a choice in the college they attend to attain the best fit. **Last year our schools invested over \$1.1 billion in their students through institutional grants in support of student choice to attend a private college.**

To learn more about going to college in New Jersey and financial options to address expenses, please visit the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) at [hesaa.org](https://www.hesaa.org) and access the latest resource brochure at <https://www.hesaa.org/Documents/GTCNJ.pdf>.



SUCCEED.

New Jersey has the highest average income among all 50 US states, according to World Population Review. A key reason: High educational attainment and 4-year graduation rates of our state's students which are both ranked among the top 5 in the US by US News and World Reports.

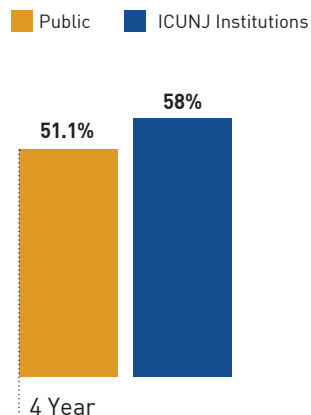
Yet, the greatest success independent college graduates achieve goes beyond individual income. With superior analytical reasoning skills and a strong ethical foundation, ICUNJ graduates make a transformative impact on our state's economy. They are the scientists, physicians, nurses, teachers, business professionals and more who are meeting emerging market needs and continuing to position New Jersey as the best place to advance your career.

With the majority of independent college alumni continuing to reside in New Jersey, our graduates are also contributing to the social, artistic and intellectual fabric of the state's communities.

The majority of students at New Jersey's private colleges achieve success earlier by completing their degrees in four years. As of 2020-21, only 41% of American college students graduated from college in four years. Finishing an undergraduate degree in four years saves students funds and decreases debt. By finishing in four years, graduates can take advantage of job opportunities, enter the workforce sooner and begin to earn a salary.



Graduation rates for first-time, full-time, degree-seeking students in BA programs (2015-2021)



Fostering Diversity and Prosperity

Growing up in Irvington, NJ, cousins Clerson Xavier and Jefferson Jean-Paul were painfully aware that opportunities for college and career could be limited. Xavier once noted, "We come from a high school where people don't expect much from the students."

Thanks to financial assistance, ICUNJ scholarships and great mentors, today they know that New Jersey is the perfect place to get a great education and start a successful career. Graduates of Centenary University—an ICUNJ member institution—Xavier and Jean-Paul excelled as undergraduates. Recognizing their potential, mentors at Centenary connected them with internships, as well as opportunities to conduct environmental and medical research. In fact, they were among a group of four Centenary students to place among the top 10 in an international research competition in Texas, besting more than 750 entries from research powerhouses including Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Stanford and Johns Hopkins.

A year after receiving their degrees from Centenary, the pair are earning great salaries working at a research lab while they prepare their applications to medical school. Jean-Paul said, "When I was a freshman, I never envisioned having a paid internship, doing research in Florida or traveling to Texas to present my own independent research. I just never thought things like that were possible. Centenary has a lot of opportunities to do different things. It's a very supportive and motivating university."

These are just two incredible students among many at ICUNJ's 14 member institutions.



From left, Jefferson Jean-Paul of Irvington, Aakash Shah, M.D., White House Fellow at the US Department of Health and Human Services, and Clerson Xavier of Irvington.



About ICUNJ

The Independent Colleges and Universities of New Jersey (ICUNJ) represents a diverse set of private, nonprofit higher education institutions and the students who choose independent higher education as an opportunity for educational equity, career possibilities and economic mobility. We accomplish our mission of promoting access, affordability and student success through research, government liaison, innovative programs investment, grant development, scholarships fundraising, public relations and professional development.



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