Most Expensive College Dorms

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The price of room and board at college continues to increase just as much as the rate of tuition. The average room and board expense for the 2008-2009 school year at public colleges is $7,748 and $8,989 at private colleges, an average cost that has gone up about 5% since last year. Looking at the rankings, many of the most expensive dorms are where you would expect them to be; in the heavily populated areas of California, New York and Washington DC.

Room and board is a huge expense. Take NYU for example, which ranks in with the 42nd highest tuition, but with room and board added in it gives NYU a total cost of over $50,000, placing it as the 3rd most expensive school in the nation. Take Sarah Lawrence College as another example; tuition at Sarah Lawrence is $39,450 making it the 8th highest tuition wise, but add in the whopping $13,716 for room and board and it easily becomes the most expensive college in the country.

These rankings are figured by taking the estimated cost of room and board for the school year. Prices are for a standard double room.

- Eugene Lang College
Room and Board: $15,460

- Cooper Union Room and Board: $14,000
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- Suffolk UniversityRoom and Board: $13,970

- Sarah Lawrence CollegeRoom and Board: $13,716
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- University of California - BerkeleyRoom and Board: $13,170

- Manhattanville CollegeRoom and Board: $13,040

- University of California - Santa CruzRoom and Board: $13,038

- UCLARoom and Board: $12,891
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- NYURoom and Board: $12,810
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- Marymount Manhattan CollegeRoom and Board: $12,660

The Top 15

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11. American University $12,418
12. Olin College of Engineering$12,400
13. Georgetown University$12,153
14. Drexel University$12,135
15. Smith College$12,050