

Most Expensive Dorms 2010-2011

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Room and board prices increased 4.6% at public and 3.9% at private colleges in 2010-2011. With average costs of \$8,535 and \$9,700 (respectively) it's clear that room and board is a big part of college costs.

This is a cost that is often overlooked, with tuition prices getting much of the attention. The example we like to use is with New York University, who has the 42nd highest tuition, but when factoring in room and board they become the 2nd most expensive college.

Most of the dorms on this list are found in the urban areas of New York, Boston, and along the California coast. Only 4 of the top 20 are located outside the states of California and New York.

Top 20 on the Map:

Most Expensive College Dorms for 2010-2011

These are prices a typical freshman will pay for room and board for the 2010-2011 school year. Prices are for a standard double room.

1. Eugene Lang College (The New School) - New York, NY

The Lang campus, located near Union Square and Washington Square Park, is contained in many buildings that are considered historical landmarks because of their innovative architecture. Most freshmen are placed in the Stuyvesant Park Dorm or the 13th Street Residence where the room alone runs \$13,590 (double). Stuyvesant Park, the newest and largest residence, is equipped with an abundance of large rooms and common spaces, including a main lounge, study room, gym, art room, and music practice space.

2. University of California - Berkeley - Berkeley, CA

The Unit 1 complex (pictured below) consists of six halls built around a large courtyard and a central building that contains the unit office, mail services, and rooms for meetings, events, and parties, and the Academic Services Center. Located 1 block from campus, the complex houses the most students at the college (1426 students).

3. Suffolk University - Boston, MA

Dorms at Suffolk University have the convenience of being just blocks from main academic buildings, and include sweeping views of Boston. Each dorm houses a dining hall, computer lab, and recreation room, and each room is wired for satellite television, telephone, and Internet.

4. Fordham University - Lincoln Center - New York, NY

Located in the heart of Manhattan's culturally rich Upper West Side neighborhood, McMahon Hall is home to over 740 Undergraduate and 140 Law students. The residence hall adjoins the world-renowned Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts and is just minutes from Central Park.

5. Fordham University - Rose Hill - New York, NY

Rose Hill, the main Fordham campus, adjacent to Little Italy, the Bronx Zoo, and the New York Botanical Garden, is situated on 85 acres in the north Bronx. A total of 6,678 undergraduates and graduates attend, with 3,143 living in University housing.

6. University of California - Santa Cruz - Santa Cruz, CA

At Santa Cruz there are a variety of housing themes and options for those who are interested. You can be placed into a residence of your choosing and paired with others with similar interests based on academic pursuits, hobbies, individual backgrounds, and lifestyle preferences. Some of these housing themes include Outdoor Recreation, Spirituality & Faith, Sustainable Living, Gaming, Night Owl, and a Coed Writers Hall. If you think the dorms are too expensive you could always live in the school's RV Park.

7. St. John's University - New York, NY

According to the website, "At St. John's University's Queens campus, you can enjoy living in some of the newest and most modern student residence halls on the East Coast." Each residence hall provides free or discounted tickets to major NYC events, such as Yankee games, museums and Broadway shows. The university does not allow first and second year residential students to bring cars on campus.

8. Manhattanville College - Purchase, NY

Spellman Hall (pictured below) is the freshman residence hall on Manhattanville's campus. The building is co-ed by room, meaning that female students might live next door to male students, and there are separate shower and bathroom facilities for males & females located on each floor.

9. Sarah Lawrence College - Yonkers, NY

At Sarah Lawrence 90% of undergraduate students live on campus in co-ed or single-sex residence halls, small apartments or town houses. The campus has three theme houses: Schmidt House is an Arts co-operative, Brebner is a Multicultural House and Perkins is the Good Life co-op.

10. Pace University - New York, NY

Approximately 1,800 students at Pace University in New York City live on campus. Most first-year students are placed in Maria's Tower or 55 John Street. Maria's Tower (pictured below) comprises floors five through seventeen and is just a short elevator ride away from classes, the library, and cafeterias. Dorms are equipped with complimentary Cable-TV, telephone, laundry, and High-Speed Internet access.

The Top 20

College Room/Board

1. Eugene Lang College \$17,110
2. University of California - Berkeley \$15,308
3. Suffolk University \$14,624
4. Fordham University - Lincoln Center \$14,614
5. Fordham University - Rose Hill \$14,491
6. University of California - Santa Cruz \$14,172
7. St. John's University (Queens) \$14,000
8. Manhattanville College \$13,920
9. Sarah Lawrence College \$13,820
10. Pace University \$13,800
11. UCLA \$13,734
12. Cooper Union \$13,700
13. Chapman University \$13,510
14. New York University \$13,507
15. Olin College \$13,500
16. American University \$13,430
17. Marymount Manhattan College \$13,416
18. Harvey Mudd College \$13,198
19. Drexel University \$13,125
20. University of California - Santa Barbara \$13,109