



EDUCATION

[Home](#) / [Education](#) / [Colleges](#)

# Harvard University

#3 in [National Universities](#) (tie)

4 year • Cambridge, MA

★★★★★ 15 reviews

[Overview](#)[Rankings](#)[Admissions](#)[Cost](#)[Academics](#)[Student Box](#)[Add to List](#)[Show All Photos](#)

## Overview

Harvard University is a private institution that was founded in 1636. It has a total undergraduate enrollment of 7,240 (fall 2022), and the campus size is 5,076 acres. It utilizes a semester-based academic calendar. Harvard University's ranking in the 2024 edition of Best Colleges is National Universities, #3. Its tuition and fees are \$59,076.

[+ Show More](#)

## At-a-Glance

Setting **N/A**

 [Visit School Website](#) 

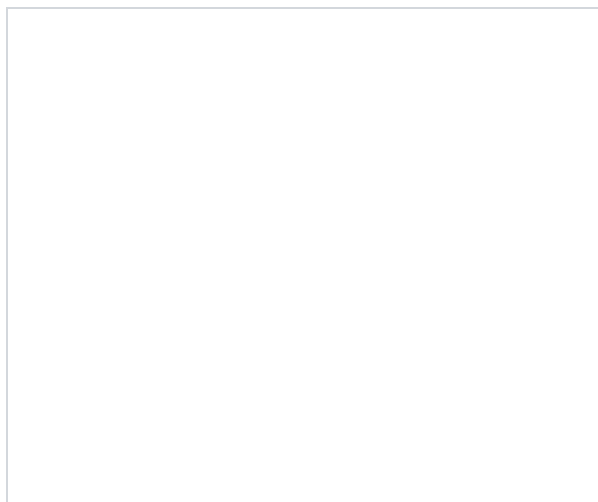
Tuition & Fees **\$59,076**

 Cambridge, MA, 02138

Undergraduate Enrollment **7,240**

 [Work at this school? Claim it here »](#)

Acceptance Rate **3%**



## 2024 Rankings

Schools are ranked according to their performance across a set of widely accepted indicators of excellence. Read more about [how we rank schools](#).

**#3 in National Universities** (tie)

**#1 in Best Value Schools**

**#30 in Engineering Programs**  
(doctorate) (tie)

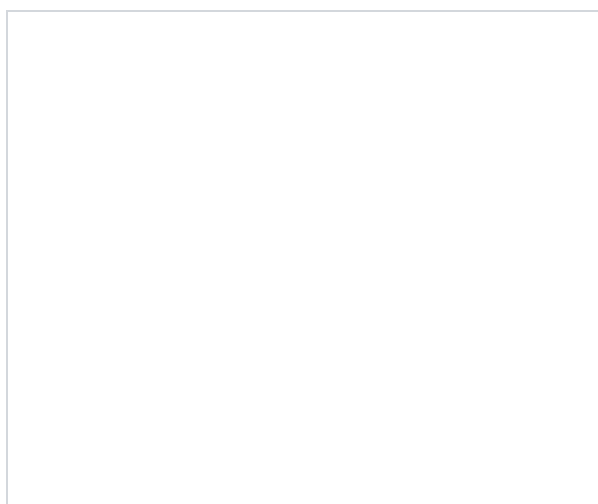


My Fit Score

### My Fit Custom College Ranking

Does this school fit your college needs?  
Receive a personalized ranking provided by  
U.S. News College Compass and find out. [Try It Now »](#)

[See All Rankings »](#)



## Admissions



Jan. 1

Application Deadline

3%

Acceptance Rate

[See Full Admissions Details »](#)

SAT Range\*

1490-1580

ACT Range\*

34-36

High School GPA\*

3.9

*\* These are the average scores of applications admitted to this school. Ranges represent admitted applicants who fell within the 25th and 75th percentile.*

## Will You Get Into Harvard University?

### College Admissions Calculator

**See How You Compare**

Sign up for a **free** U.S. News account to

Sign up for a free US News account to see how you stack up against applicants seeking admission at any school.

**Get Started**

Already have an account? [Log in now.](#)

☐ Interested

☐ Applied

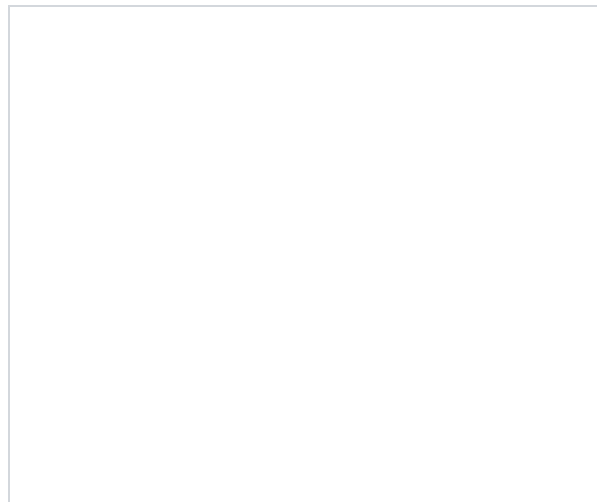
☐ Accepted

☐ Enrolled

☐ Rejected

☐ Waitlisted

Data provided by U.S. News College Compass Users. ⓘ



## Cost

Tuition & Fees **\$59,076**

Room & Board **\$20,374**



**\$13,259**

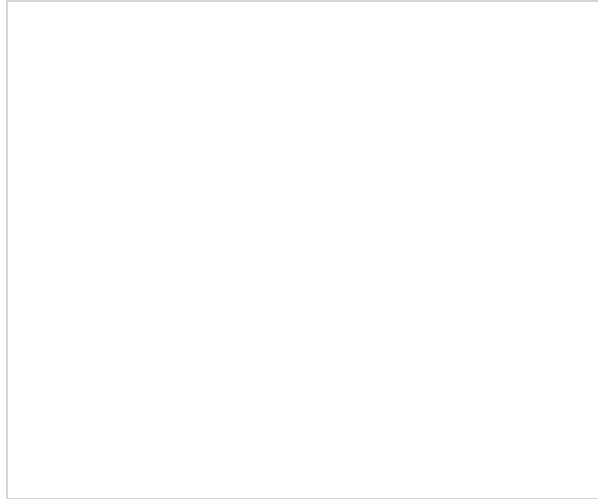
Average Need-Based Aid Package

**\$70,387**

Annual Cost\*

[See More Cost Details »](#)

*\*Average cost after aid*



## Academics



**87%**

4-Year Graduation Rate



**7:1**

Student/Faculty Ratio



71%

Classes With Fewer  
Than 20 Students

## Popular Majors

MAJOR	% OF GRADUATES	ALUMNI STARTING SALARY
Social Sciences, General	26%	N/A
Biology/Biological Sciences, General	14%	N/A
Mathematics, General	12%	N/A
Computer and Information Sciences, General	11%	N/A
History, General	9%	N/A

Data provided by  PayScale Last updated 2021.

\* In cases where salary data at the specific major level is unavailable, a general salary for the major category is displayed.

## Faculty Research Impact

Bibliometric Rank 3

Bibliometrics is the statistical analyses of publications and citations for the purpose of measuring faculty research impact.

Publications Cited in Top 25% of Journals 74

Publications Cited in Top 5% of Journals

29

Total Papers published between 2018-2022

137,657

Data provided by  Scopus® Last updated 2023.

[See Full Academic Details »](#)

### Pick the Perfect Major

Discover the perfect major for you based on your innate wiring. The Innate Assessment sets you up for success by pairing you with majors, colleges and careers that fit your unique skills and abilities.

[Take the Quiz](#)

## Students



7,240

Undergraduate Enrollment

Graduate Enrollment

14,373

Total Enrollment

21,613

Full-Time Degree-Seeking Students

7,178

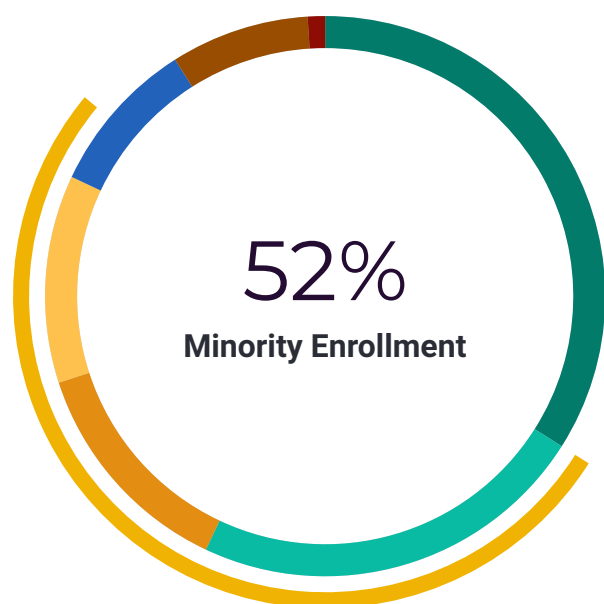
## Student Diversity

### Gender Distribution

Male 48%

Female 52%

## Ethnic Diversity



52% Minority Enrollment

34% White

23% Asian

13% International

12% Hispanic

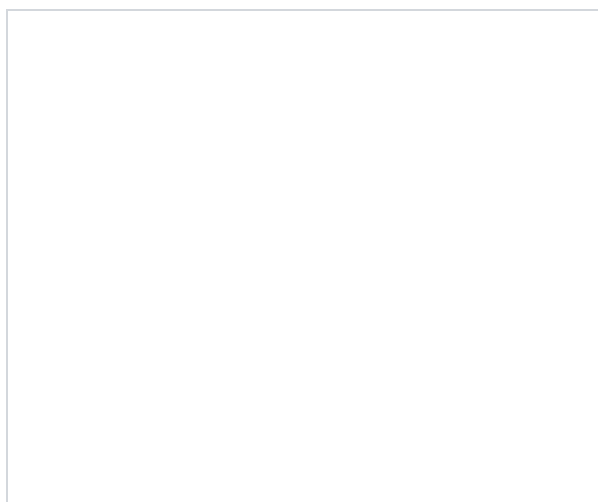
9% Black

8% Two or more races

1% Unknown

Not Specified is not included in this breakdown due to an enrollment of 0%.

[See Full Student Life Details »](#)



## Campus Life

### Housing and Dorms

Types of campus housing available:



- coed dorms
- apartments for married students
- apartment for single students
- special housing for disabled students
- cooperative housing

## Student Activities

111+

Sports Teams

N/A

Fraternities

N/A

Sororities

[See Full Campus Life Details »](#)

## After College

Graduation Rate **87%**

Graduating Students Who Have Borrowed (any loan type, 2021) **15%**

Average Debt at Graduation **\$13,683**




**\$86,549**

Median Starting Salary of Alumni

**Schools You Might Also Like**

**Compare**



SPONSORED

**Yeshiva University**  
New York, NY

☐ Add to Compare



SPONSORED

**Western Michigan University**  
Kalamazoo, MI

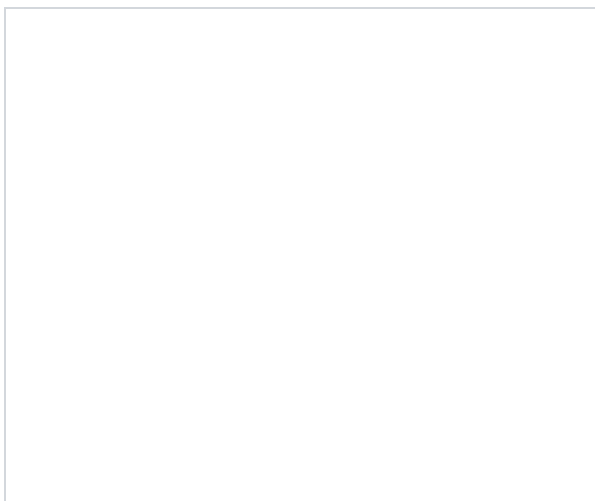
☐ Add to Compare



SPO

**U**  
De

☐



## Reviews & Ratings

See reviews and ratings of this school from students, alumni, staff and others. These reviews are not written by U.S. News and have no impact on any of the Best Colleges rankings. Read an [explanation of user ratings](#).

## 15 reviews

[Write a Review](#)

Activities & Social Life

City & Setting

Classes & Teachers

Dining & Food

Dorms & Housing

Health & Safety

### Reviewed by 15 users

#### Went to this school & got my PH.D in biology & astronomy.

2 months ago

Dee Lam, Phoenix, AZ

Good life there. I regret not being able to go to Jupiter to collect diamonds despite being an engineer.

Yes, I would recommend this school to a friend

[Flag this review](#)

Was this review helpful to you?

 6

 8

#### Smartest classmates possible

7 months ago

MechanicalMike, Santa Fe, NM

Outstanding academic experience. You have to work for it, and it's worth the effort.

Yes, I would recommend this school to a friend

[Flag this review](#)

Was this review helpful to you?



4



19

### Great school

2 years ago

Carey 2020, Maryland

One of the best schools in the world academically and one of the best campus cultures

Yes, I would recommend this school to a friend

[Flag this review](#)

Was this review helpful to you?



20



35

### Life Changing Experience

2 years ago

Harvard x 2, Southwest

Our daughters have enjoyed their experience at the college, which has been a life changing experience. Their diverse group of friends, supportive and challenging faculty, bonding with their communities has provided them with growth beyond academia. The narrative about qualified students not getting in due to discriminatory practices, Harvard reviews the full student and the boxes of admissions is not just test scores and GPA's. This approach allows for a diverse environment that reflects a world of post undergraduate study. It's not about being smart, many applicants are smart, but how your voice and ideas will contribute to the community, can you work with others, lead and follow? More importantly will your voice and a difference in the lives of others or the world? As a result, of course, many other stellar students are not admitted, I'm sure they thrive and learn at their chosen institutions as well, more importantly Harvard's admission approach of equity and inclusion, is a modeled approach that we hope will fuel the public and private sectors to do the same. Is it expensive for middle income families? Yes! But, this isn't an isolated event, all higher education is expensive for middle income families, unless you select to attend an in-state Public School. So the question isn't am I paying too much, it's what is the ROI on this investment in our students' future. From our experience it's worth paying the full attendance amount times two.

Yes, I would recommend this school to a friend

[Flag this review](#)

---

Was this review helpful to you?

 43

 61

### Incredible school!

3 years ago

James B, 2020, Cambridge, MA

The school is truly transformative.

Yes, I would recommend this school to a friend

[Flag this review](#)

---

Was this review helpful to you?

 20

 48

### Great University

3 years ago

Robert, Hawaii

I went here for an NYFA program in the summer of 2007. I stayed in Hastings Hall and ate at Annenberg Hall. The campus is awesome and the food at Annenberg Hall was delicious.

Yes, I would recommend this school to a friend

[Flag this review](#)

---

Was this review helpful to you?

 19

 59

### The best of the best

3 years ago

Annie, Hawaii, NY

Harvard University is an amazing university with a unique experience. I love them and it is because they show a commitment to excellence.

Yes, I would recommend this school to a friend

[Flag this review](#)

---

Was this review helpful to you?

 19

 44

### Very inclusive educational environment

4 years ago

John Jr, Atlanta, GA


My daughter has enjoyed her experience at the school. Contradictory to the uneducated narrative about qualified students not getting in due to alleged racial discrimination, Harvard reviews the full resume of all people groups which creates a great transition into the world post undergraduate study. All admitted students have stellar academic resumes, but they also have displayed character driven successes outside of the classroom. My other daughter, her twin sister, is at Princeton, so I have learned a lot about the "Ivy's."

Yes, I would recommend this school to a friend

[Flag this review](#)

---

Was this review helpful to you?

 38  110

### Excellent school but racial discrimination on admission

4 years ago



Thien N, Houston, TX

My son went there and had a great experience. It costs too much for middle class family (we paid full tuition costs). The admission process is relying on too much quotas and racial discrimination on admission against Asian American kids. My son's friends didn't get accepted even though they had top notch resume. Most of them ended up in the top 10 universities anyway.

[Flag this review](#)

---

Was this review helpful to you?

 76  80

### Becoming More Student Focused

4 years ago

New Parent, Santa Barbara, CA

My child attends and the school has an abundance of resources for the students. They also have so many "eyes" on each student with deans, proctors, advisors, peer mentors and great office hours of faculty that students have many avenues for getting advice and direction. There are so many opportunities for involvement and engagement in any area of study or community action or political action. Since virtually all students live on campus for all four years the campus appears to be fully alive, engaged and active. A good place to learn and

spend your formative years.

Yes, I would recommend this school to a friend

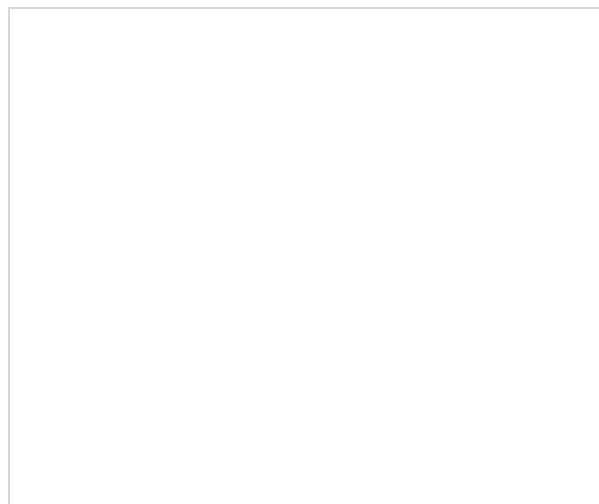
[Flag this review](#)

Was this review helpful to you?

 44

 27

Next



**Read More**

---

## MORE FROM THIS SCHOOL

Colleges

Graduate Schools

Global Universities

**BEST COLLEGES**

**GRAD SCHOOLS**

**ONLINE COLLEGES**

**GLOBAL**

**K-12 SCHOOLS**

**COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

**PREMIUM TOOLS**



[About](#) [Editorial Guidelines](#) [Contact](#) [Press](#) [Advertise](#) [Newsletters](#) [Jobs](#)  
[Site Map](#) [Store](#)

*Undergraduate data are based on the 2022 school year.*

Copyright 2023 © U.S. News & World Report L.P.

[Terms & Conditions/Privacy Policy and Cookie Notice/US State Privacy Notice/Your Privacy Choices](#) 