



State by State Data

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Roughly 240,000 Borrowers Still Are Awaiting Debt Relief

How Many Defrauded Borrowers Live in Your State?

Under the Borrower Defense provision of the *Higher Education Act*, Secretary DeVos has the authority to provide full and immediate debt relief to student borrowers who were defrauded by predatory colleges. Instead, she halted loan relief for defrauded borrowers for 18 months and changed the rules to deprive them of the relief they desperately need.

As of December 2019, 240,000 borrowers are still waiting for Secretary DeVos to take action on their Borrower Defense claims.

IMPORTANT NOTE: These borrowers will not be affected by the 2019 DeVos rewrite of the Borrower Defense rule or the CRA resolution that reverses it. The DeVos rule that will be blocked by enactment of H.J. Res. 76 only applies to claims filed after the 2019 rule goes into effect (July 1, 2020).

Accordingly, these numbers should only be used to illustrate the scale of fraud committed by predatory schools in your state and Congress' responsibility to crackdown on schools that cheat students and taxpayers.

For example: "Nearly 3,000 students in my state are currently seeking relief because they were cheated by predatory colleges. These schools will continue to defraud students and taxpayers until Congress passes a comprehensive bill to stop them. That's why I support the College Affordability Act, which cuts the cost of college and cracks down on low-quality schools that enrich themselves at the expense of students, veterans, and taxpayers."

State	Received	Pending
Alabama	3,140	2,740
Alaska	307	231
Arizona	5,325	4,888
Arkansas	1,515	1,213
California	60,822	41,736
Colorado	4,842	3,836
Connecticut	1,273	1,105
Delaware	505	414
District of Columbia	669	522
Florida	24,448	19,879
Georgia	12,958	10,174
Hawaii	2,879	1,586
Idaho	992	864
Illinois	14,584	11,511

Indiana	5,806	5,019
Iowa	1,241	1,052
Kansas	1,573	1,394
Kentucky	2,835	2,584
Louisiana	2,447	2,079
Maine	467	385
Maryland	4,449	3,754
Massachusetts	7,274	3,133
Michigan	7,916	6,005
Minnesota	4,701	3,921
Mississippi	2,258	1,774
Missouri	5,600	4,606
Montana	464	379
Nebraska	876	742
Nevada	3,853	3,188
New Hampshire	561	443
New Jersey	4,822	4,128
New Mexico	1,050	947
New York	8,558	7,500
North Carolina	7,467	6,193
North Dakota	283	233
Ohio	9,042	7,867
Oklahoma	1,801	1,600
Oregon	4,108	2,950
Pennsylvania	8,559	7,127
Puerto Rico	126	114
Rhode Island	397	341
South Carolina	3,395	2,911
South Dakota	372	311
Tennessee	4,421	3,950
Texas	22,704	17,818
US Virgin Islands	76	51
Utah	1,836	1,572
Vermont	154	109
Virginia	6,686	5,281
Washington	9,673	6,701
West Virginia	1,397	1,087
Wisconsin	3,403	3,000
Wyoming	383	262
California	60,822	262

*These numbers are from the Department's [September 2019 Borrower Defense Quarterly Report](#).