

HOW MUCH DOES COLLEGE SIZE MATTER?

Explore the pros and cons of small, medium, and large schools as you decide which option is best for you.

SMALL COLLEGES

PROS

- + Strong sense of community and camaraderie among students.
- + Close relationships with both peers and professors.
- + Small class sizes leading to individualized support and tutoring.

CONS

- Limited resources and funding compared to larger schools.
- Fewer research opportunities available.
- May not offer graduate degree programs or accelerated degree programs.
- Susceptible to budget cuts and decreased funding for student resources.

MEDIUM COLLEGES

PROS

- + More resources and opportunities due to increased funding
- + More majors, courses, and extracurricular activities than smaller colleges.
- + Blending of resources of larger schools with personalized support of smaller school.
- + Wider range of sports teams available with less competition for athletes.

CONS

- Susceptible to budget cuts and decreased funding for student resources.
- Limited range of programs and majors compared to larger schools.
- May not offer as many opportunities as larger schools.
- Fewer programs for students still exploring academic interests.

LARGE COLLEGES

PROS

- + Diverse range of academic programs and extracurricular activities available.
- + Large universities have more resources and facilities than smaller schools.
- + Programs like Honors Colleges can provide close knit communities.
- + More diverse student body with exposure to different cultures and perspectives.

CONS

- Large class sizes make it harder for students to get individual attention from professors.
- It may be more challenging to build meaningful relationships with classmates.
- Navigating a large campus can be overwhelming.
- Students may need a car to get around campus and deal with packed parking lots.

