



## CSLF School Counselor eNews

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### The Most Popular Schools for Connecticut High School Seniors

If you want to know which schools seem to be on most Connecticut students' college lists, take a look at the most recent report from the College Board entitled, *2008 College-Bound Seniors: State Profile Report*. The report which tracks a wide range of SAT statistical data, includes a table which lists the colleges that received the most SAT score reports by Connecticut students. According to the report, Connecticut high school seniors sent SAT reports to 1,967 postsecondary institutions. The following schools received the most score reports.

Institution	Number of Students	Percent of Score Senders
University of CT	11,342	42.2%
Central CT State U	5,907	22.0%
Southern CT State U	5,051	18.8%
Eastern CT State U	3,385	12.6%
Quinnipiac U	3,105	11.6%
Northeastern U	2,845	10.6%
Western CT State U	2,810	10.5%
Boston U	2,534	9.4%
U of Rhode Island	2,426	9.0%
Boston College	2,098	7.8%
U of Hartford	1,990	7.4%
U of Vermont	1,913	7.0%
U of Mass. (Amherst)	1,868	7.0%
U of New Haven	1,741	6.5%
Fairfield U	1,667	6.2%

## How the Economic Stimulus Bill Will Impact Higher Education

Last week the House of Representatives passed a federal economic stimulus package. This week the Senate is refining its own plan. Both the Senate and the House legislation includes additional appropriations for higher education in the form of increases to the maximum Pell grants, changes to education tax credits, and new funds for facility improvements. Within the next few weeks the Senate should pass its bill and then the House and Senate will work together on a compromise bill. The key differences between the House and Senate Bills are as follows:

	House Bill	Senate Bill
Pell Grant	Would increase \$500 over one year	Would increase by a total of \$681 over two years
Work-Study Program	Would provide \$490 million	No provision
Perkins Loan Program	No provision	Would provide \$61 million
Tuition Tax Credits	Would allow families who do not owe taxes to claim \$1,000 of a new \$2,500 credit	Would allow families who do not owe taxes to claim \$750 of a new \$2,500 tax credit
Annual borrowing limits for unsubsidized Stafford loans	Would increase by \$2,000 for undergraduates	No provision
College facilities	Would provide \$7 billion	Would provide \$3.5 billion

(Source: Chronicle of Higher Education: January 30, 2009)

**Last Chance FAFSA Assistance Blitz** - Please let your students know that CSLF has set aside the week of November 9th to assist families with the completion of the FAFSA. Hours will be between 9:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. To schedule an appointment, students should call our hotline at 866-752-6443. All services are free of charge.

**About Connecticut Student Loan Foundation** – The Connecticut Student Loan Foundation is a non-profit corporation that administers, guarantees, and finances loans within the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP). CSLF promotes access to higher education by helping students and their families plan for and pursue a postsecondary education. CSLF has more than 40 years of experience providing assistance to students, parents, and industry partners.

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