

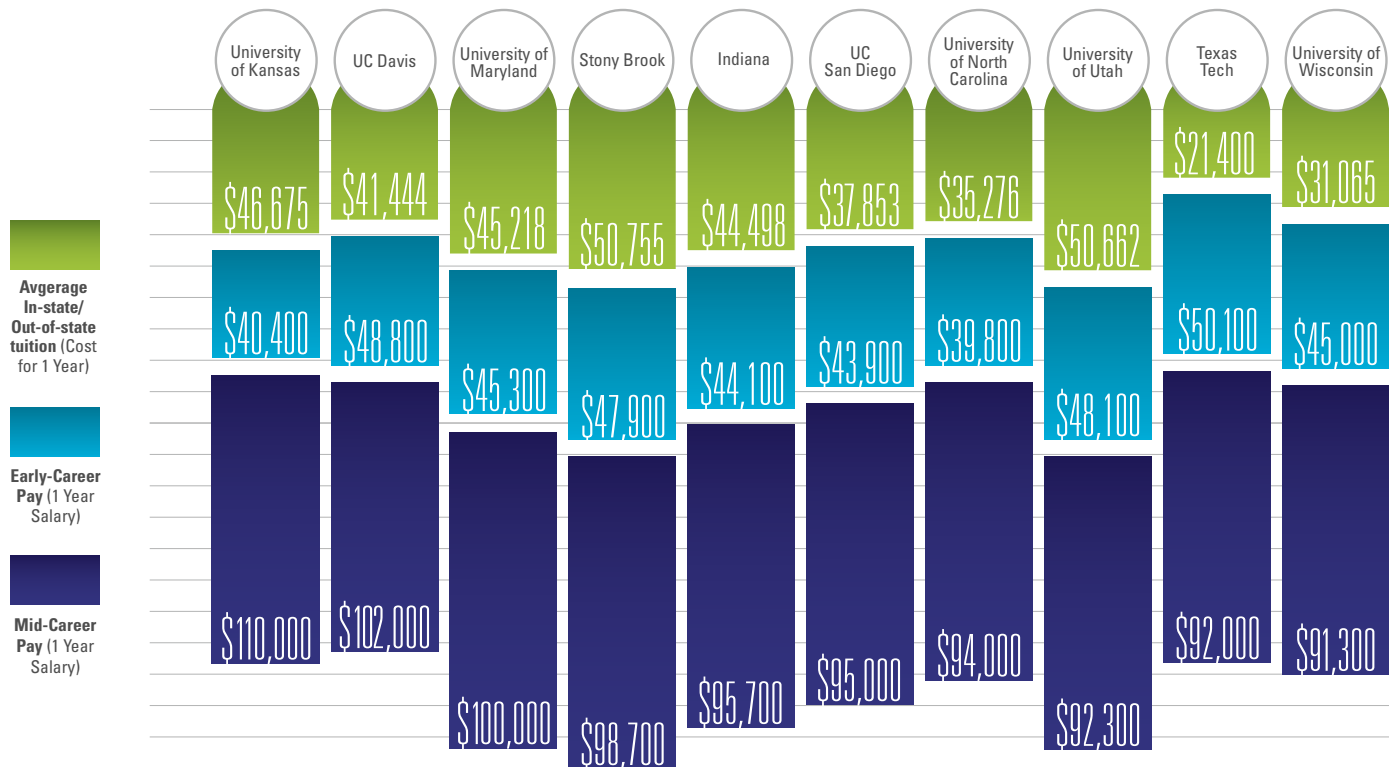
Med School Rankings vs. Post Graduate Salaries By Chelsea Lacey-Mabe

Does a medical school's ranking impact its graduates' salaries? How does tuition compare to graduates' salaries?

Cost is a major factor in choosing a college to attend given that in addition to a degree most schools will leave graduates thousands of dollars in debt they will be paying into the next decade. Debt increases exponentially when medical school loans get added into the equation on top of undergraduate debt.

On the other hand, once students graduate from med school,

these new medical professionals have the potential to earn a reasonable income with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimating an average salary of \$187,200 a year for physicians. An income like this can help chip away at their educational loan debt but what if a student could lower their debt in the first place by going to a more affordable school? Does that come with the tradeoff of earning less once they enter the work force? Or does the cost of tuition have zero effect on graduates' salaries?



- **Kansas #1** for best mid-career pay
- **UC Davis #1** for best early-career pay
- Only 2 of these schools made it in the **top 10 of U.S. News 2016 Best Medical Schools** for primary care (NC ranked #2 and Wisconsin ranked #9)
- Average tuition for in-state and out-of-state medical schools **up 3.6%** from last year
- The **average cost of tuition** at public colleges cost nearly ½ as much as the average cost of tuition at private colleges (\$16,652—average of in-state and out-of-state—versus \$32,405)
- \$172,751 average debt for **public med schools** class of 2015
- \$193,483 average debt for **private med schools** class of 2015

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