

The 10 Highest Paid College Presidents

Via [the Chronicle of Higher Education](#):

"The Chronicle's executive-compensation package includes the latest data on more than 1,200 chief executives at more than 600 private colleges from 2008-14 and nearly 250 public universities and systems from 2010-16. Hover over bars to show total compensation as well as pay components including base, bonus and retirement. Click bars to see details including other top-paid college employees, how presidents compare with their peers, and how presidential pay looks in context to their institution's expenses, tuitions and pay for professors."

Here is a look at the top compensated college presidents:



These numbers might be staggering, but they are actually down considerably from recent years.

In 2010, for example, former Governor and U.S. Senator Bob Kerrey took home a whopping \$3.05 million as president of [New School](#) in New York City, Forbes [reported at the time](#). Several other presidents earned annual packages in excess of \$2 million that year.

The Chronicle's latest figures breakdown salaries into four categories: total compensation, base pay, bonus pay, and other pay. (Just [hover over the graphic in the article](#) to get the summary.)

Eight of the presidents in the top ten had six-figure bonuses. William H. McRaven, president of the University of Texas System, claimed the biggest bonus: \$300,000, one-fourth of his

base pay.

According to the Federal Reserve, median income of an American household was \$56,516 in 2015.

According to U.S. Census Bureau statistics, Americans with doctorates earn income of roughly \$81,400. The average for an advanced degree is \$72,824.