

# What Do We Know about the Undergraduate Class of 2020?

There was a change in the number of years it took to complete a bachelor's degree. The number of years to complete a bachelor's degree was less than 4 years for 40% of the Class of 2020 UPIKE graduates. (The "EMC" Curator/Boyd/McDowell/Jessie/Campbell (BS in Psychology), who is graduating today after originally beginning her studies at Pikeville College in spring 2008.

More than 4 out of 5 (82%) of the graduates who started at UPIKE as first-time students and receiving bachelor's degrees took out student loans to pay for their education. The average per borrower cumulative principal borrowed for the Class of 2020 UPIKE graduates is \$24,198 (the same as last year's class). [The average student loan debt nationally for the Class of 2019 was \$32,300. (Source: <https://studentloanhero.com/student-loan-debt-statistics/>)

almost a quarter (22.9%) of the Class of 2020 UPIKE graduates completed their degree in a distance learning format (HIGHER than last year's class).

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