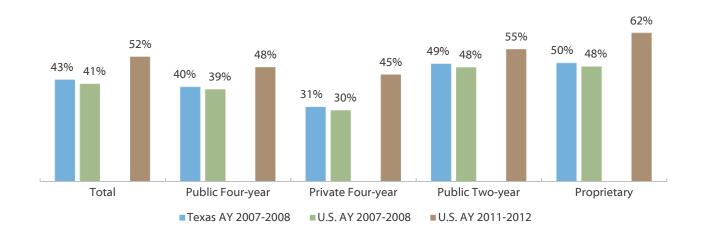
Students at Proprietary Institutions Most Likely to Carry Outstanding Credit Card Balance

Percentage of Undergraduates Who Carry a Credit Card Balance by Institution Sector (AY 2007-2008, AY 2011-2012)



Both nationally and in Texas, students at public two-year and at proprietary institutions were more likely to carry a credit card balance, followed by students at public four-year and private four-year institutions. Undergraduates in all sectors nationally were considerably more likely to carry credit card debt in award year (AY) 2011-2012 than in AY 2007-2008. This increase likely has several causes: more expensive tuition costs, reductions in funding for state and institutional aid programs, and economic factors like low wages. As of AY 2011-2012, 52 percent of undergraduates nationally carried balances on their credit cards. Given that Texas undergraduates carried credit card balances at slightly higher rates than the national average in AY 2007-2008, it is likely that more than half of Texas undergraduates carried credit card balances as of AY 2011-2012.

*Data for Texas for AY 2011-2012 are unavailable.

