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40 Million Will Receive Student Loan Forgiveness Under Biden Plan

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An estimated 3.55 million California borrowers are eligible for student debt relief under President Joe Biden's recent loan forgiveness plan, including more than 2.3 million Pell Grant recipients.

In Texas, those figures stand at 3.3 million and 2.3 million respectively, while in New York, more

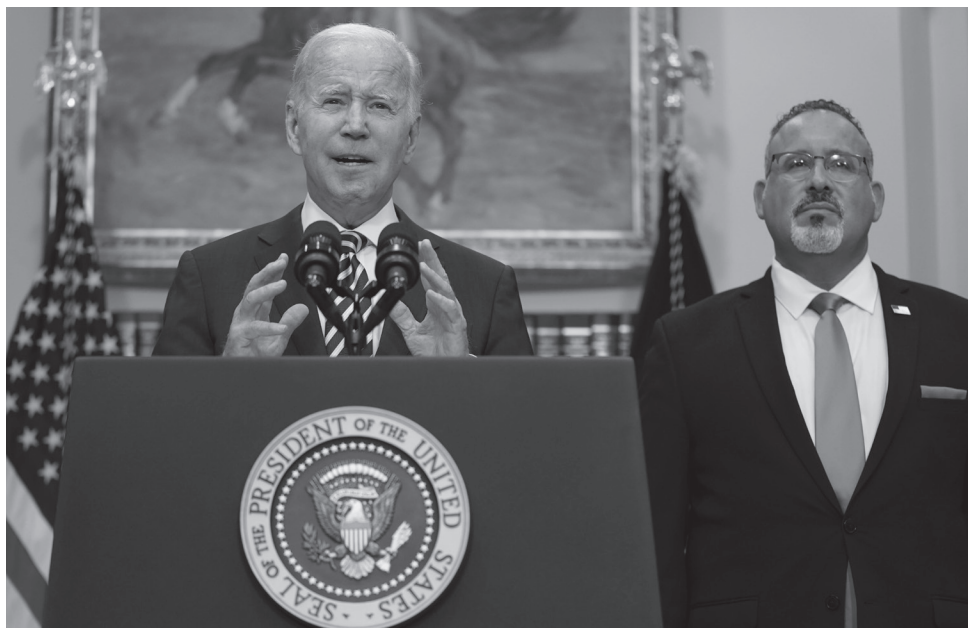
“Estimated Number of Borrowers Eligible for Student Debt Relief (rounded to the nearest hundred) in Oregon: 499,000

than 2.2 million are eligible for forgiveness, including 1.3 million Pell Grant recipients.

Students and borrowers across the country are preparing to cash in

on the president's plan.

About 165,900 borrowers from the District of Columbia are eligible for student debt relief under President Joe Biden's recent loan forgiveness



President Joe Biden speaks about student loan debt forgiveness in the Roosevelt Room of the White House, Aug. 24, 2022, in Washington. Education Secretary Miguel Cardona listens at right. The Biden administration says it will cancel any federal student loans used to attend the for-profit Westwood College from 2002 through 2015 after officials found that the school exaggerated the job prospects of graduates. The action will automatically erase \$1.5 billion in federal student debt for 79,000 borrowers who attended the now-defunct college. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci, File)

plan, including 60,300 Pell Grant recipients.

Those figures swell in comparison in Virginia and Maryland.

In Virginia, 965,100 borrowers are eligible for relief, including 566,500 Pell Grant recipients. In Maryland, 747,100 enjoy eligibility, including 419,400 Pell Grant recipients.

In state-by-state data released on Tuesday, Sept. 20, by the U.S. Department of Education, its estimated that more than 40 million borrowers nationwide could benefit from the student debt relief plan, and nearly 20 million might see their entire remaining balance discharged.

Last month, Biden announced his plan to forgive borrowers up to \$10,000 in debt relief, and up to \$20,000 for Pell Grant recipients.

“The Biden Administration's student debt relief plan will help borrowers and families recover from the pandemic and prepare to resume student loan payments in January 2023,” admin-

istration officials wrote in a fact sheet.

They said about 90% of relief dollars will go to those earning less than \$75,000 per year – and no relief will go to any individual or household in the top 5% of incomes in the United States.

Officials said by targeting relief to borrowers with the highest economic need, the administration's actions are also likely to help narrow the racial wealth gap.

The White House noted that nearly 71% of Black undergraduate borrowers are Pell Grant recipients, and 65% of Latino undergraduate borrowers are Pell Grant

recipients.

The Department of Education plans to soon release additional details on how individuals across the country can benefit from the Administration's student debt relief plan.

“During the campaign, he promised to provide student debt relief. Today, the Biden Administration is following through on that promise and providing families breathing room as they prepare to start repaying loans after the economic crisis brought on by the pandemic.”

For more information, visit StudentAid.gov/debtrelief.

Man Pleads Guilty to Breaking Windows at Planned Parenthood

The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) – A man who broke windows and security cameras at a Planned Parenthood clinic in southwestern Oregon because he opposed abortion has pleaded guilty to two counts of violating the federal Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act.

Devin Kruse, 27, of Grants Pass, Oregon, pleaded guilty Monday, The Oregonian/OregonLive reported.

Kruse admitted he broke five security cameras, a window and a sign at the Grants Pass clinic on Nov. 23, according to his plea agreement. He also said he returned several days later and threw a concrete block through a window, tore down an intercom system and broke lightbulbs, docu-

ments said.

He told officers who arrested him that all Planned Parenthood facilities needed to be shut down, according to the agreement.

“The First Amendment does not allow individuals to violate the civil rights of others. In this case, Mr. Kruse's destructive and intimidating acts prevented women from accessing vital reproductive and pregnancy health services,” Natalie Wight, Oregon's U.S. attorney, said in a statement.

At a sentencing set for early next year, prosecutors will recommend that he face two years of probation, one for each count.

He has also agreed to pay restitution to Planned Parenthood in an amount to be determined.

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