

# 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 4.2 years (4.20) for the Class of 2020 UPIKE graduates, compared to 4.1 years (4.10) for the Class of 2019 UPIKE graduates. The "EMC" student, Emily 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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- 76% are from Appalachia, which is higher than last year's class.