

Nearly 1.5 million college students to use free textbooks this school year

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OpenStax at a Glance



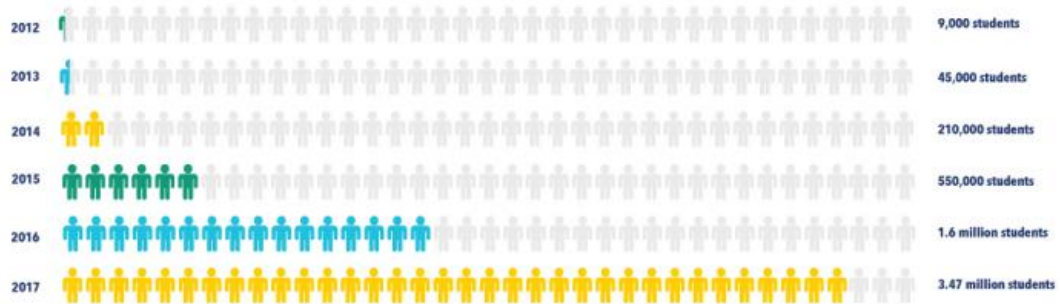
OpenStax provides free, peer-reviewed, openly licensed textbooks for introductory college and advanced placement courses, as well as low-cost, personalized courseware that helps students learn.

A nonprofit ed tech initiative based at Rice University, we're committed to helping students access the tools they need to complete their courses and meet their educational goals.

Student impact

3.47 million students have used OpenStax textbooks since 2012.

Nearly 1.5 million students will be using at least one OpenStax textbook this year.



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Nearly 1.5 million U.S. college students are expected to save an estimated \$145 million in the 2017-18 academic year by using free textbooks from [OpenStax](#), the Rice University-based publisher of open education resource materials.

"The adoption of OpenStax nationally is taking hold and saving students and families money," said Daniel Williamson, managing director of OpenStax. "Individual faculty as well as institutions can make tremendous gains in [college](#) affordability by using OpenStax textbooks."

OpenStax projects this year's savings to be nearly double last year's impact on students' wallets. Since 2012 OpenStax has saved nearly 3.5 million students more than \$340 million by offering [29 textbooks](#) for the most-attended college courses. The free, peer-reviewed, openly licensed books include College Physics, Biology, Concepts of Biology, University Physics, Principles of Microeconomics, Psychology, American Government and College Algebra, among others.

By this fall more than 11,000 faculty members at 4,200 universities or colleges will have adopted OpenStax textbooks for 8,500 courses.

"Free, peer-reviewed and openly licensed textbooks used at scale are only the first step," Williamson said. "Quality, openly licensed content enables further innovation in ways that we've already seen: faculty are localizing it to meet their needs and building communities of practice, and partner companies are using it to build the next generation of adaptive learning tools. And yet, there are more opportunities to innovate and improve [student](#) learning with OpenStax that are still to be discovered or explored. This promise of innovation is the real value of OpenStax."

OpenStax is committed to improving access to quality learning materials. As a nonprofit education technology initiative that is supported by

philanthropic foundations, OpenStax also provides [Advanced Placement textbooks](#) that are developed and peer-reviewed by educators along with low-cost, personalized courseware that helps students learn. OpenStax expects to meet or beat its goal of saving U.S. college students \$500 million by 2020.

More information: For more information, visit openstax.org.

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