

Penn State University President Eric Barron far and away receives the highest compensation of all of Pennsylvania's public university presidents.

His compensation package also isn't too shabby compared to his peers across the country, according to The **Chronicle** of Higher Education's recently released 2015-16 executive compensation package for public university presidents. He ranked No. 6 on the report's list of 188 presidents employed by public institutions and is one of eight with compensation topping the \$1 million mark.

The average total compensation for public college presidents who served in their positions for the full year was \$501, 398, up 5.3 percent from the previous fiscal year. For comparison, the average private college presidential compensation for those who served a full year in 2014, the most recent year for which the **Chronicle** had information, was slightly higher: \$512, 987.

"While a nearly 5 percent raise might seem pretty generous, it's not out of the ordinary for college presidents," said **Dan Bauman**, author of the report and **Chronicle** database reporter.

Here is a look at the nation's public university executives with the 10 highest compensation packages, followed by a look at those leaders who round out Pennsylvania's top five. Michael Crow, Arizona State President since: 2002 Total compensation: \$1, 554, 058 Base salary: \$838, 458 Bonus pay: \$150,000 Other pay: \$550,000

William McRaven, Texas Chancellor since: January 2015 Total compensation: \$1,500,000 Base salary: \$1,200,000 Bonus pay: \$300,000

John Sharp, Texas A & M Chancellor since: September 2011 Total compensation: \$1,280, 438 Base salary: \$900,000 Bonus pay: \$200,000 Other pay: \$171,430

W. Ken Fuch, Florida President since: January 2015 Total compensation: \$1,160,480 Base salary: \$863, 295 Other pay: \$221, 411

Michael McRobbie, Indiana President since: July 2007 Total compensation: \$1,067,074 Base salary: \$600,000 Bonus pay: \$150,000 Other pay: \$306,659

Rankings Eric Barron, Penn State President since: May 2014 Total compensation: \$1,039,717 Base salary: \$800,000 Bonus pay: \$224,000

Michael Drake, Ohio State President since: June 2014 Total compensation: \$1,034,574 Base salary: \$813,334 Bonus pay: \$200,000 Other pay: \$360

Michael K. Young, Texas A & M, College Station Total compensation: \$1 million Base salary: \$1 million

Jean Robillard, Iowa Was interim president for: part of 2015 Total compensation: \$929, 045 Base salary: \$741, 260 Bonus pay: \$187, 785

Raymond Watts, Alabama at Birmingham President since: 2013 Total compensation: \$890,000 Base salary: \$469, 572 Bonus pay: \$105,000 Other pay: \$315, 428 In Pennsylvania

Neil Theobald, Temple President from: 2012 until forced departure in 2016 Total compensation: \$799, 468 (18 on the top 100 list) Base salary: \$725,000 Bonus pay: \$50,000

Patrick David Gallagher, Pittsburg Chancellor since: August 2014 Total compensation: \$536, 520 (85 on the top 100 list) Base salary: \$525,000

Frank Brogan, State System of Higher Education Chancellor since: October 2013 2015-16 compensation: \$353,674 (He did not rank in the top 100) Base salary: \$340,041 (currently \$345,758)

Michael Discoll, Indiana University of Pennsylvania President since: July 2012 Total 2015-16 compensation: \$310,586 (He did not rank in the top 100) Base salary: \$296,952 (currently \$301,945)

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