

Money Education (ME) Center

FACTS & FIGURES 2017-2018

With the support of the Office of the Provost, Scholarships & Financial Aid opened the ME Center in August 2016 to help students limit the net cost of attending college, navigate unexpected financial barriers to graduation, minimize student loan debt and default, and prepare for a lifetime of financial decisions.

14,446*

total customer contacts

8,202*

event attendees

2,355

AGEC 235 contacts

2,586*

walk-ins and appointments

1,194

students received online counseling

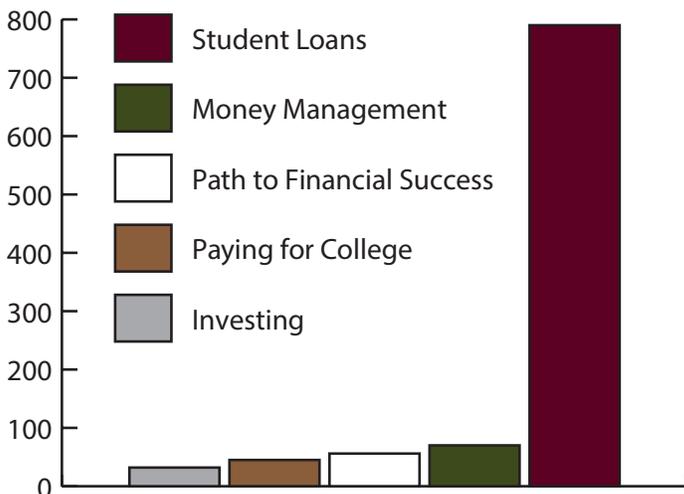
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delinquent borrowers reached

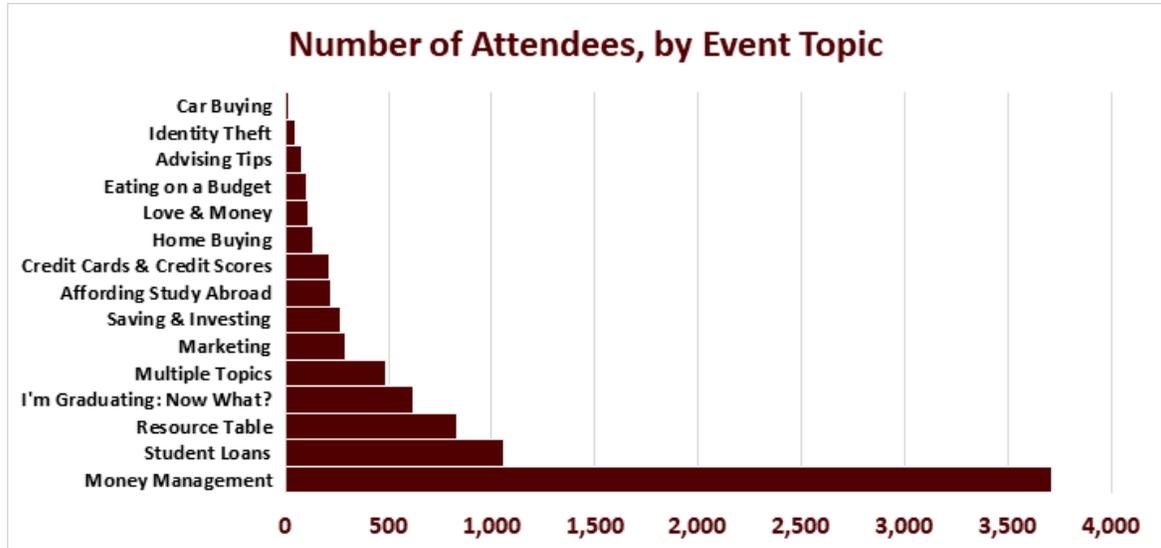
Annual Loan Counseling

Since being accepted into the Department of Education's Loan Counseling Experiment, the ME Center has provided Annual Loan Counseling 4,922 times to 3,460 different students through online trainings, group presentations, and appointments.

Top 5 Appointment Topics

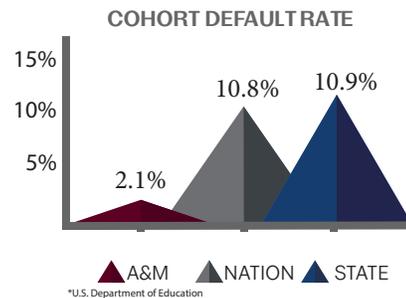


*Unique students with multiple ME Center contacts are duplicated in these figures.



Delinquent Borrower Outreach

ME Center advisors proactively reached out to delinquent federal student loan borrowers during the 2017-2018 academic year. Texas A&M's Official Cohort Default Rate dropped from 2.3% to 2.1% for FY 2015.



The Foundations of Money Education

In Fall 2017 the ME Center partnered with the Financial Planning Program to create the Foundations of Money Education Course (AGEC 235) so that students could learn about money while earning 3 hours of academic credit. Course enrollment grew 300% in a single semester, and student evaluations have averaged 4.97 out of 5.00.

"When I saw the opportunity to take this class, I was excited and relieved. The knowledge, strategies, and good finance practices that I learned in this class will last a lifetime. I now have the knowledge and courage to share what I've learned from you with my family and friends."

-Sade H, Economics Student