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S&P: 'Back To School' Will Take On New Meaning This Fall

Key Takeaways

- COVID-19 caused unprecedented drops in college and university enrollment numbers, but not all schools were affected similarly.
- Public universities fared better than private universities, on average, in fall 2020.
- Many schools will admit more students for fall 2021 to ensure their freshmen class, but the most selective schools will admit fewer and remain very competitive.
- The increased rate of vaccinations will reduce the spread of COVID, which will help enrollments.
- Credit quality disparity between higher rated and lower rated institutions continues to grow.

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