

Is psu.edu legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 90/100

psu.edu

Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

psu.edu appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Safe for Login

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-17 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

Official university site for The Pennsylvania State University offering navigation to academics, admissions, research, news, and contact details. Includes institutional contact information and social links.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN

- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
- Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

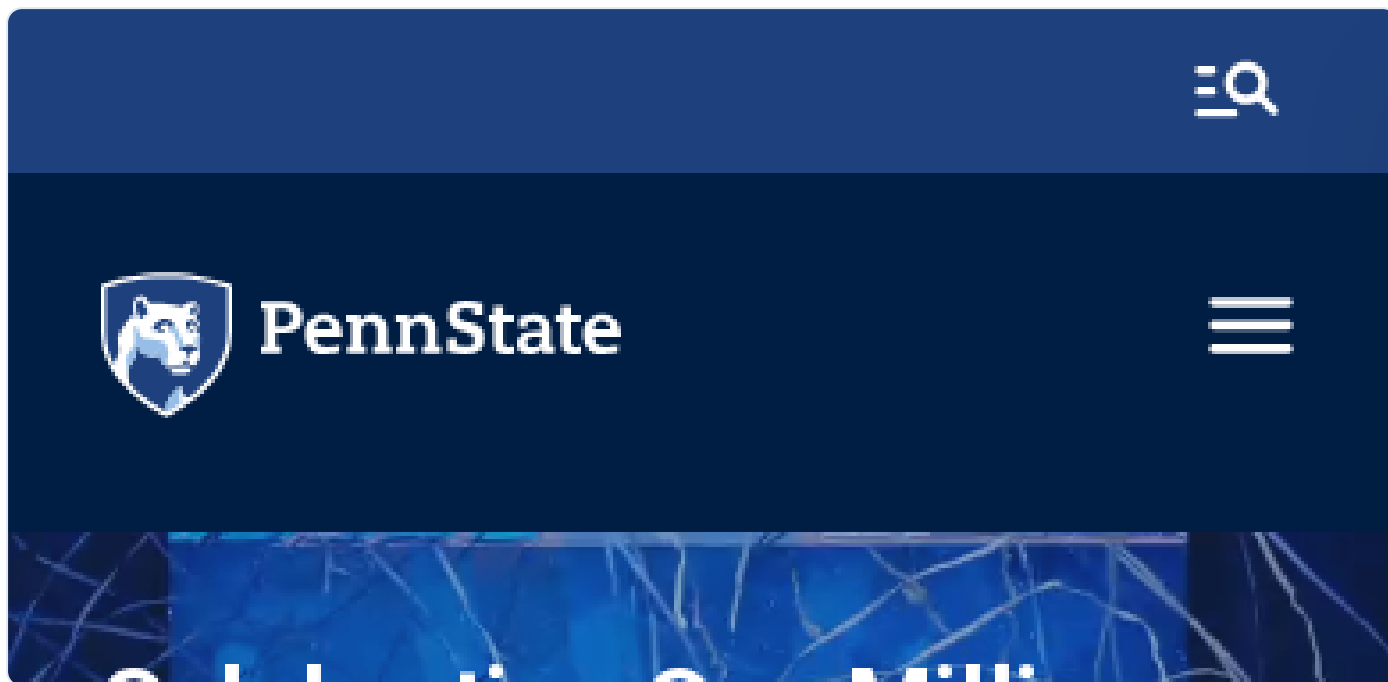
At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	40 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Never archived No public history of this site	WATCH
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by Amazon RSA 2048 M04	NOTED

The page as captured

<https://www.psu.edu/>



What psu.edu served when TrustSniffer captured it on 2026-08-17. The page may look different now.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

The Pennsylvania State University's website is an institutional higher-education information service presenting academics, admissions, financial aid, research, athletics, news, campus life, and contact resources. Its apparent purpose is to support prospective students, current students, researchers, faculty, and the wider university community rather than provide investment, custodial, or direct financial services.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No phishing, impersonation, malicious-content, or other scam contradictions were observed. The homepage and associated institutional navigation consistently present Penn State's academic and administrative functions, with contact details and links to established social platforms supporting the apparent institutional purpose. External reputation checks were clean, and the domain has a long-established registration history and a top-tier global traffic footprint. Runtime testing recorded hidden forms during both observed runs, but page inspection found no forms, no sensitive form, no external password submission, and no brand-impersonation indicators; this behavior is therefore not treated as evidence of an identity contradiction.

EVIDENCE

- Domain registration: created 14 July 1986; age 40.12 years; expiration 31 July 2027.
- Homepage: identifies “The Pennsylvania State University | Penn State” and provides structured navigation for academics, admissions, research, news, and contact functions.
- External reputation observations: 0 malicious detections, 0 suspicious detections, and no confirmed phishing or impersonation findings.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site presents an academic and informational business model, not a regulated financial service. Its homepage, About navigation, admissions materials, research content, and contact resources are consistent with a university website, while the on-page material does not independently prove the real-world operator’s identity. No financial-services license claim is indicated, and no such license would ordinarily be expected for the described institutional function. A separate broker-reputation dataset returned no match; this is contextual support only and is not a licensing determination.

EVIDENCE

- Hosting infrastructure: served from AS16509, Amazon.com, Inc. (AMAZON-02), US.
- Transport encryption: TLS certificate issued by Amazon RSA 2048 M04, domain validation (DV), valid through 29 October 2026.
- Homepage and institutional navigation: identify Penn State and expose dedicated Academics, Admissions, Research, About, News, and Contact areas.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions, independently confirm that the intended university service, admissions process, or payment request corresponds to Penn State through a known institutional directory or an independently sourced contact route. For any transaction, review the applicable admissions or payment terms and use payment methods that provide appropriate dispute and recovery protections. Contact details and institutional policies should be compared against information obtained through an independent channel rather than relying solely on a message or referral.

EVIDENCE

- Contact area: provides an institutional route suitable for independent channel comparison.
- Admissions and financial-aid areas: identify the relevant service context before any credential or payment step.
- Site purpose: is informational and educational, so any request outside that context warrants separate confirmation.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is high trust and low risk, and the available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate university website. The classification is strong, while the real-world operator identity remains likely rather than independently verified.

Infrastructure Integrity

The website is protected by a CDN/WAF layer, with observed addresses belonging to edge infrastructure rather than an identified origin server. Amazon hosting and the resolved AS16509 network provide a mainstream infrastructure context and mitigate direct origin exposure, although protective infrastructure is supporting evidence rather than proof of legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Normal informational use is proportionate; credential or payment activity should proceed after the ordinary independent identity, service-policy, and payment-protection checks described above.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-17 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	LIKELY
Identity score	80/100
Identity verification confidence	80%

- Identity verified on page
- Trusted social count=4

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of psu.edu.

- The request stayed on psu.edu. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- The registration is paid up to 2027-07-31. NOTED
- It is hosted on AMAZON-02, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Not available
Hosting	AMAZON-02 - Amazon.com, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	2600:9000:278f:ec00:18:7374:6240:93a1
Name servers	Not available
SSL issuer	Amazon RSA 2048 M04
SSL expiry	2026-10-29
Domain age	40.12 years (continuous registration)

Domain expiry	2027-07-31
Archive first seen	Not available
Archive snapshots	0
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about psu.edu at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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