

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-24

**\$93.8M**

### TOTAL SAVED

by Washington students through WICHE Student Access Programs

**\$88.3M**

SAVED  
through WUE

**\$5.5M**

SAVED  
through WRGP

## WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE



Saves **UNDERGRADUATE** students on out-of-state tuition. They pay no more than 150% of in-state tuition at partner institutions across the West.

Top Washington WUE schools for out-of-state undergraduate students:

- ▶ Washington State University (1,423)
- ▶ Western Washington University (400)
- ▶ Central Washington University (290)

Top out-of-state WUE schools for Washington undergraduate students:

- ▶ University of Idaho (927)
- ▶ Boise State University, ID (660)
- ▶ Oregon State University (553)

## WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



Saves students on out-of-state **GRADUATE** certificate, master's, and doctoral programs. They pay no more than 150% of in-state tuition at partner institutions across the West.

Top Washington WRGP schools for out-of-state graduate students:

- ▶ University of Washington (27)
- ▶ Washington State University Spokane (15)
- ▶ Washington State University (10)

Top out-of-state WRGP schools for Washington graduate students:

- ▶ University of Idaho (90)
- ▶ University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (34)
- ▶ Oregon Health & Science University (25)

## PROFESSIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM



Helps students pursuing careers in **10 HEALTH FIELDS**. They can enroll in programs in the WICHE region and receive substantial tuition support from their home state/territory.

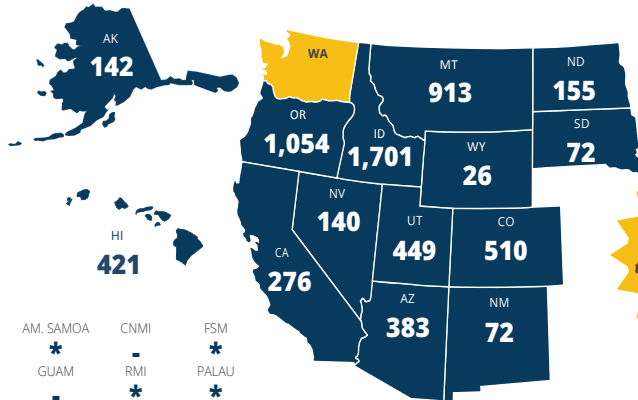
Washington has elected not to use **PSEP for its residents** because it operates public programs in most PSEP fields, with the exception of optometry, osteopathic medicine, and podiatry.

However, Washington institutions and their local economies still **benefit from PSEP**. This year, 63 PSEP students enrolled in programs located in Washington. Institutions received \$2M in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

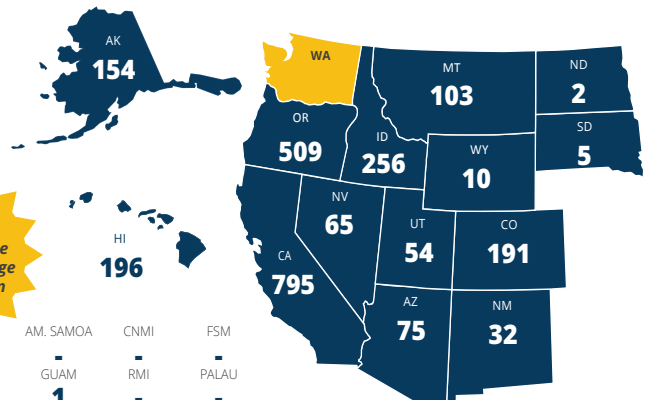
**57,199% ROI** Gained on Washington's WICHE annual dues (\$164,000/FY 2024)

## WUE

WUE STUDENTS **FROM** WASHINGTON: **6,314**



WUE STUDENTS **TO** WASHINGTON: **2,448**



2,448 WUE students chose to attend college in Washington

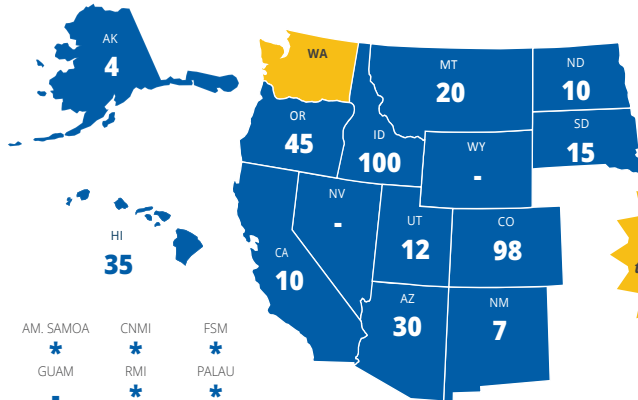
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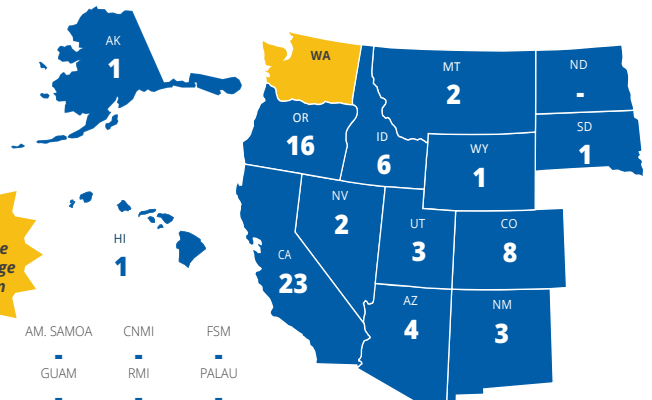
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## WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS **FROM** WASHINGTON: **386**



WRGP STUDENTS **TO** WASHINGTON: **71**



71 WRGP students chose to attend college in Washington

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## WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



“ I fell in love with Western Washington University while on a campus tour. The campus had this vibe, people were so kind and accepting. Their exceptional creative writing program made me feel like I could thrive there. WUE made enrolling at WWU possible, and I look forward to becoming a writer. ”

**DIEGO**, California resident, Bachelor of Arts in English, Western Washington University

## Regional collaboration

WICHE brings together senior academic leaders to foster dialogue about issues facing individual institutions through its leadership and professional development networks.

### WESTERN ALLIANCE OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE ACADEMIC LEADERS – 2-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

- ▶ Centralia College
- ▶ Clover Basin Technical College
- ▶ Spokane Community College
- ▶ Walla Walla Community College
- ▶ Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges

Valerie Sundby, Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, serves as the meeting chair on the Alliance executive committee

### WESTERN ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP FORUM – 4-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

- ▶ Central Washington University
- ▶ The Evergreen State College
- ▶ Washington Council of Presidents
- ▶ Washington State University Vancouver

Renny Christopher, Washington State University Vancouver, serves on the Forum executive committee.

**WESTERN ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY** is a yearlong professional development program for academic leaders aspiring to become chief academic officers in the WICHE region. Seven cohort members from Washington institutions have participated in the Academy since its inception in 2015.

Renny Christopher, Washington State University Vancouver, serves as a primary faculty member for the Academy.

**NO HOLDING BACK** Central Washington University is one of 12 WICHE institutions that participated in 2022-23 in analyzing data, policies and practices related to transcript and registration holds, contributing toward tools for other institutions to undertake this work.

**COSTS-SAVINGS PROGRAMS** Thanks to collaboration with the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC), one of four U.S. regional higher education compacts, WICHE-region educational institutions, nonprofits, and public education entities can benefit from three programs: MHECtech, which provides competitively bid purchasing contracts for an array of hardware, software, and technology services; MHECare, which provides a student health insurance plan and teletherapy services; and a MHEC Cyber Insurance Program, which offers risk transfer and advisory solutions.

Washington participates in the **STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT (SARA)** through WICHE. This

voluntary agreement provides reciprocity for the state authorization of distance education. WICHE Commissioners have been strong advocates for protecting the state voice in important governance decisions affecting this agreement and staff continue to support participating states and improving student protections while bolstering access.

## Optimal behavioral healthcare

WICHE Behavioral Health Program (BHP) administers the **RURAL COMMUNITIES OPIOID RESPONSE PROGRAM (RCORP)**, a multiyear initiative supported by the Health Resources & Services Administration to identify treatment barriers and best practices for preventing and treating substance use disorder. BHP provides technical assistance to 76 grantees across the U.S., supporting 36 grantees in the WICHE region. The RCORP program supports three grantees in Washington (across four sites): Kittitas County Health Network; Mason County Health; and Northwest Medical Foundation of Tillamook.

## Sound public policy

**KNOCKING AT THE COLLEGE DOOR** is the leading U.S. resource for projections of college-ready students. *Knocking*, which includes a quadrennial publication with additional analysis, is essential for postsecondary policymakers, planning and workforce efforts, and economic development. Visit [knocking.wiche.edu](http://knocking.wiche.edu) to access reports, interactive dashboards, webinars, presentations, as well as state-level data.

**DATA RESOURCES** WICHE offers curated data and policy resources to support better-informed decision-making. WICHE's research projects and collaborations cover postsecondary completion, health workforce development, behavioral health in postsecondary education, open educational resources (OER), state finance, prior learning assessment, and more.

- ▶ **Tuition and Fees in the West** includes tuition, fees, and enrollment data about 350+ public institutions in the West.
- ▶ **Benchmarks: WICHE Region** presents information on the West's progress in improving access to, success in, and financing of higher education.
- ▶ Data on over 35 indicators in WICHE's **Regional Fact Book for Higher Education in the West**.

**DATA EXPERTS** WICHE staff provide analysis on finance, financial aid, articulation and transfer, strategic planning, student demographics, and more, as well as host peer-to-peer calls of state, system, and institutional chief academic officers to identify areas of potential collaboration and resource sharing across the West.

**STATE PROJECTS** WICHE staff have presented to Washington's House College and Workforce Development Committee on evidence-based policies to support student success in these

challenging times. The presentation and information shared has been an important part of ongoing policy discussions within the state to improve student outcomes.

**CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICERS NETWORK** Staff from the Washington Student Achievement Council also participate in regular collaborative calls with colleagues around the region.

## Innovative solutions

**WCET – THE WICHE COOPERATIVE FOR EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES** is the leader in the practice, policy, and advocacy of technology-enhanced learning in higher education. Its growing membership includes institutions, higher education agencies and systems, nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and corporations in all U.S. states and several Canadian provinces. WCET members include:

- ▶ Bellevue College
- ▶ Central Washington University
- ▶ Community Colleges of Spokane
- ▶ Eastern Washington University
- ▶ Pierce College
- ▶ Seattle Central College
- ▶ Seattle Pacific University
- ▶ Seattle University
- ▶ Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges
- ▶ Washington State University

Chantae Recasner of Seattle Central College serves as the WCET Steering Committee chair and also serves on the Executive Council.

**STATE AUTHORIZATION NETWORK (SAN)** helps guide institutions through state regulations around online courses and programs. SAN members include:

- ▶ Bates Technical College
- ▶ Bellevue College
- ▶ Big Bend Community College
- ▶ Cascadia Community College
- ▶ Clark College
- ▶ Columbia Basin College
- ▶ Community Colleges of Spokane
- ▶ Eastern Washington University
- ▶ Everett Community College
- ▶ Grays Harbor College
- ▶ Green River College
- ▶ Heritage University
- ▶ Highline College
- ▶ Lower Columbia College
- ▶ Olympia College
- ▶ Peninsula College
- ▶ Pierce College
- ▶ Seattle Central College
- ▶ Seattle University
- ▶ Shoreline Community College
- ▶ Skagit Valley College
- ▶ Tacoma Community College
- ▶ Walla Walla Community College
- ▶ Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges

WICHE has convened the **OERWEST NETWORK**, which is part of a nationwide collaborative to scale the development and adoption of free course materials. Open educational resources (OER) have shown promise in improving student outcomes, particularly for poverty-affected students, for whom the high cost of textbooks can be a barrier to postsecondary success.

## WASHINGTON COMMISSIONERS



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