IDAHO *partner* ***since 1953***

WICHE
Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023–24

$24.6M
TOTAL SAVED
by Idaho students through WICHE Student Access Programs

$23.2M
SAVED
through WUE

$1.4M
SAVED
through WRGP

WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE

WUE

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 Idaho WUE schools for out-of-state undergraduate students:

- **Boise State University (2,193)**
- **University of Idaho (1,791)**
- **Idaho State University (140)**

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

- **University of Utah (234)**
- **Washington State University (167)**
- **Montana State University, Bozeman (128)**

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM

WRGP

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 Idaho WRGP schools for out-of-state graduate students:

- **University of Idaho (279)**
- **Idaho State University (86)**
- **Boise State University (21)**

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

- **University of Utah (15)**
- **Utah State University (8)**
- **University of Arizona (6)**

PROFESSIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

PSEP

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.

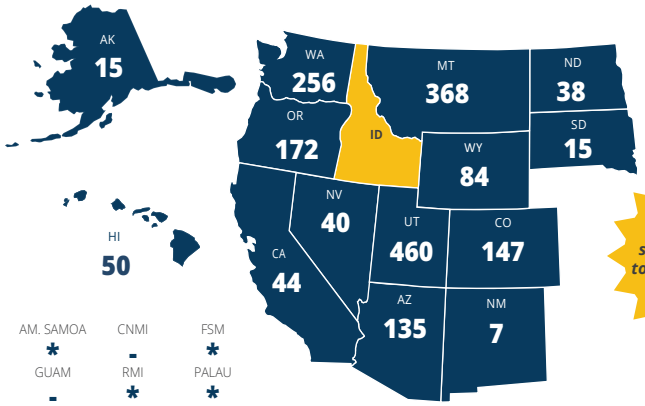
Idaho has elected not to use PSEP for its residents because it partners directly with neighboring states or operates public programs in most PSEP fields, with the exception of optometry, osteopathic medicine, and podiatry.

However, Idaho institutions and their local economies still benefit from PSEP. This year, 2 PSEP students enrolled in programs located in Idaho. Institutions received $36,800 in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

14,979% ROI **Gained on Idaho's WICHE annual dues ($164,000/FY 2024)**

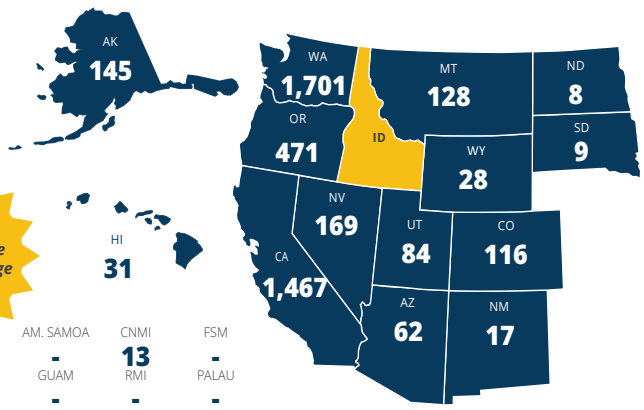
WUE

WUE STUDENTS **FROM** IDAHO: **1,831**



4,449 WUE students chose to attend college in Idaho

WUE STUDENTS **TO** IDAHO: **4,449**



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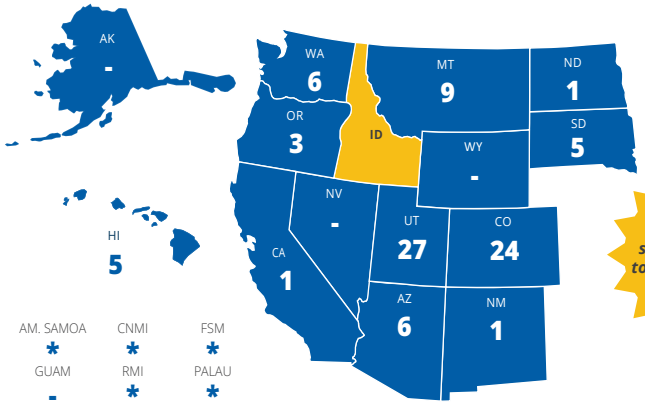
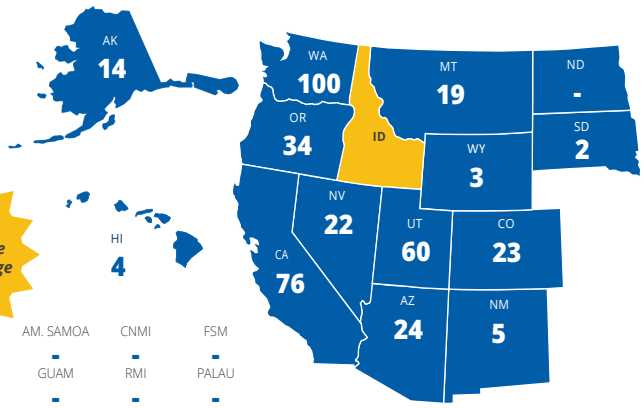
WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS **FROM** IDAHO: **88**



386 WRGP students chose to attend college in Idaho

WRGP STUDENTS **TO** IDAHO: **386**



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WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

"My home state didn't offer my program of study, and the cost of out-of-state tuition was too much for my family. WUE made it possible for me to afford and to pursue my dream career."

DELANEY, Wyoming resident, Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics, Idaho State 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

- College of Eastern Idaho
- College of Southern Idaho
- College of Western Idaho
- North Idaho College

Todd Schwarz, College of Southern Idaho, is a member of the Alliance executive committee.

WESTERN ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP FORUM – 4-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

- Boise State University
- Idaho State Board of Education
- Idaho State University
- Lewis-Clark State College
- University of Idaho

TJ Bliss, Idaho State Board of Education, is a member of 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. Fourteen cohort members from Idaho institutions have participated in the Academy since its inception in 2015.

Todd Schwarz, College of Southern Idaho, serves as a primary faculty member for the Academy.

NO HOLDING BACK Idaho State 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.

Idaho 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.

WICHE ACADEMY FOR LEADERS IN THE HUMANITIES is a leadership development program for aspiring academic leaders with a background in the humanities. The two-year fellowship consists of campus-based and external mentoring, a three-day in-person seminar, and an extended project. Greg Wilson, College of Western Idaho is participating in the 2023-25 cohort.

Optimal behavioral health care

WICHE Behavioral Health Program (BHP) works with partner agencies to develop a broad and culturally relevant training program to support the preparation and retention of doctoral-level psychologists through the **IDAHO PSYCHOLOGY INTERNSHIP CONSORTIUM (ID-PIC)**. BHP facilitates the program's development, ensures it meets American Psychological Association (APA) accreditation standards, and assists in the accreditation process. In November 2023, the APA granted the ID-PIC full APA accreditation for three years. They currently have four interns in the program, and plan to expand to five interns in the 2025 training year.

BHP also 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, including opioid use and psychostimulant use disorders. BHP provides technical assistance to 76 grantees across the U.S., supporting 36 grantees in the WICHE region. The RCORP program supports one grantee in Idaho – Public Health District No. 1.

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 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 In 2023, WICHE completed an analysis of the education and workforce pipeline in engineering and computer science, culminating in recommendations for how the state can approach growing its workforce in these two crucial areas.

CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICERS NETWORK Staff from the State Board of Education also participate in regular collaborative calls with colleagues around the region.

Innovative solutions

WICHE has collaborated with the Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to provide a **CYBERSECURITY LEADERSHIP TABLETOP EXERCISE** for postsecondary senior nontechnical leaders in Idaho to be held at Boise State University in February 2023.

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:

- Boise State University
- College of Eastern Idaho
- Idaho State University
- Lewis-Clark State College
- University of Idaho

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

- Boise Bible College
- Boise State University
- Brigham Young University – Idaho
- College of Southern Idaho
- College of Eastern Idaho
- College of Western Idaho
- Idaho State Board of Education
- Idaho State University
- Lewis-Clark State College
- Mercy In Action College of Midwifery
- Northern Idaho College
- Northwest Nazarene University
- University of Idaho

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.

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