

 **WICHE**
Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

AY 2024-25 Student Access Programs **BY THE NUMBERS**



About WICHE

The Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) is a regional interstate higher education compact of 15 Western states and the U.S. Pacific Territories and Freely Associated States. Since 1953, WICHE has focused on its mission of expanding educational access and excellence for all residents of the West. By promoting innovation, cooperation, resource sharing, and sound public policy, WICHE strengthens higher education's contributions to the region's social, economic, and civic life.

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INTRODUCTION

We are pleased to present the *Student Access Programs: By the Numbers* report for the academic year (AY) 2024-25.

In this publication, you will find vital data from the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) about its three Student Access Programs, as well as participation and migration statistics for each program, shared in aggregate and by each WICHE-region state and eligible Pacific Island jurisdiction. You will also find data summaries that provide reference points for key stakeholders, including students and their families, school counselors and academic advisors, institutional leaders and enrollment management staff, and policymakers.

The benefits of postsecondary education are well-documented. A college degree not only benefits the individual receiving an education but also strengthens their community. However, the rising cost of postsecondary education may deter many from starting or completing their college education. WICHE's three Student Access Programs directly address this issue and provide a proven solution to reducing the cost barrier. Approximately 52,610 students have saved a total of \$671 million in AY 2024-25 through these programs:

- ▶ More than 49,000 undergraduate students have saved \$615.6 million through the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE).
- ▶ Nearly 3,000 graduate students have saved \$40 million through the Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP).
- ▶ More than 560 professional healthcare students have saved \$15 million through the Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP).

Through these programs, WICHE continues to expand educational opportunities for residents of the West that are both affordable and valuable, ensuring that policy and practice at every level are aligned with the needs of the region.

On behalf of the WICHE Programs and Services team, thank you for your dedication and commitment to serving our students and communities in the West.



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OVERVIEW OF STUDENT ACCESS PROGRAMS

WICHE manages three programs that significantly reduce tuition costs and expand educational opportunities for students pursuing undergraduate, graduate, and professional healthcare degrees across the Western region. States and eligible Pacific Island jurisdictions in the WICHE region pay annual dues on a fiscal year basis (July 1 – June 30). The dues for fiscal year (FY) 2025 were \$169,000 each for the 15 states and the joint U.S. Pacific Islands membership in the WICHE region.

🎓 THE WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE (WUE) — the nation’s largest regional tuition savings program in terms of student enrollment, estimated savings, and undergraduate majors — allows eligible students to attend college across state lines and pay reduced tuition. Working with 170 public institutions, students from WICHE states and eligible Pacific Island jurisdictions* can pursue their chosen major while paying no more than 150% of in-state tuition, generating significant savings compared to standard out-of-state tuition rates.

🎓 THE WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM (WRGP) makes graduate education more affordable and accessible throughout the WICHE region. The program allows qualified residents of WICHE states and eligible Pacific Island jurisdictions* to enroll in more than 2,100 graduate programs at 67 public institutions across the West. Students can pursue graduate certificates, master’s, and doctoral degrees while paying reduced tuition rates. While some institutions charge up to 150% of resident tuition, most offer WRGP students resident tuition rates, creating substantial savings for those pursuing advanced degrees.

🏥 THE PROFESSIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM (PSEP) helps develop the next generation of healthcare providers by reducing the financial barriers to professional health education. The program enables students from 12 Western states and territories to pursue degrees in 10 high-demand healthcare fields, including optometry, dentistry, and veterinary medicine. Students may enroll in any of the 135 participating programs across the WICHE region and apply for tuition assistance from their home state or Pacific Island jurisdiction. This support is particularly crucial for developing healthcare professionals in underserved rural and remote areas of the West, where access to health care remains a critical need.

Who benefits from WICHE’s Student Access Programs?

- ▶ Students gain from increased educational choices and tuition savings.
- ▶ Schools gain by optimizing their enrollment.
- ▶ States and eligible Pacific jurisdictions gain by growing their residents’ skills and strengthening their workforce.

*Residents of the following states and territories are eligible to apply for WUE and WRGP: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawai’i, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, as well as American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam. Effective July 1, 2024, citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Marshall Islands, and Republic of Palau may not be charged more than in-state tuition at public higher education institutions, per the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024 and Department of Education guidance.

WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE (WUE)

WUE allows eligible students in the West to attend college across state lines and pay no more than 150% of in-state tuition. Through WUE, residents of 15 states and three territories can expand their academic horizons without the typical financial burden of out-of-state tuition. During AY 2024-25, 49,177 students saved \$615.6 million in tuition costs through this program. Students also benefit from an increased choice in educational offerings. This is particularly significant for students seeking programs and majors not available in their home state or Pacific Island jurisdiction. While some high-demand majors may be excluded, many WUE institutions offer their full range of majors at the discounted rate. Transfer students can be considered for the WUE rate at nearly all participating institutions. Though institutions may set additional requirements for WUE eligibility beyond standard admission criteria, many schools offer the WUE rate to all admitted nonresident, WICHE-region applicants.

\$12,517

Average WUE savings in AY 2024-25

\$5,395

Average WUE savings for students at two-year institutions

\$13,111

Average WUE savings for students at four-year institutions

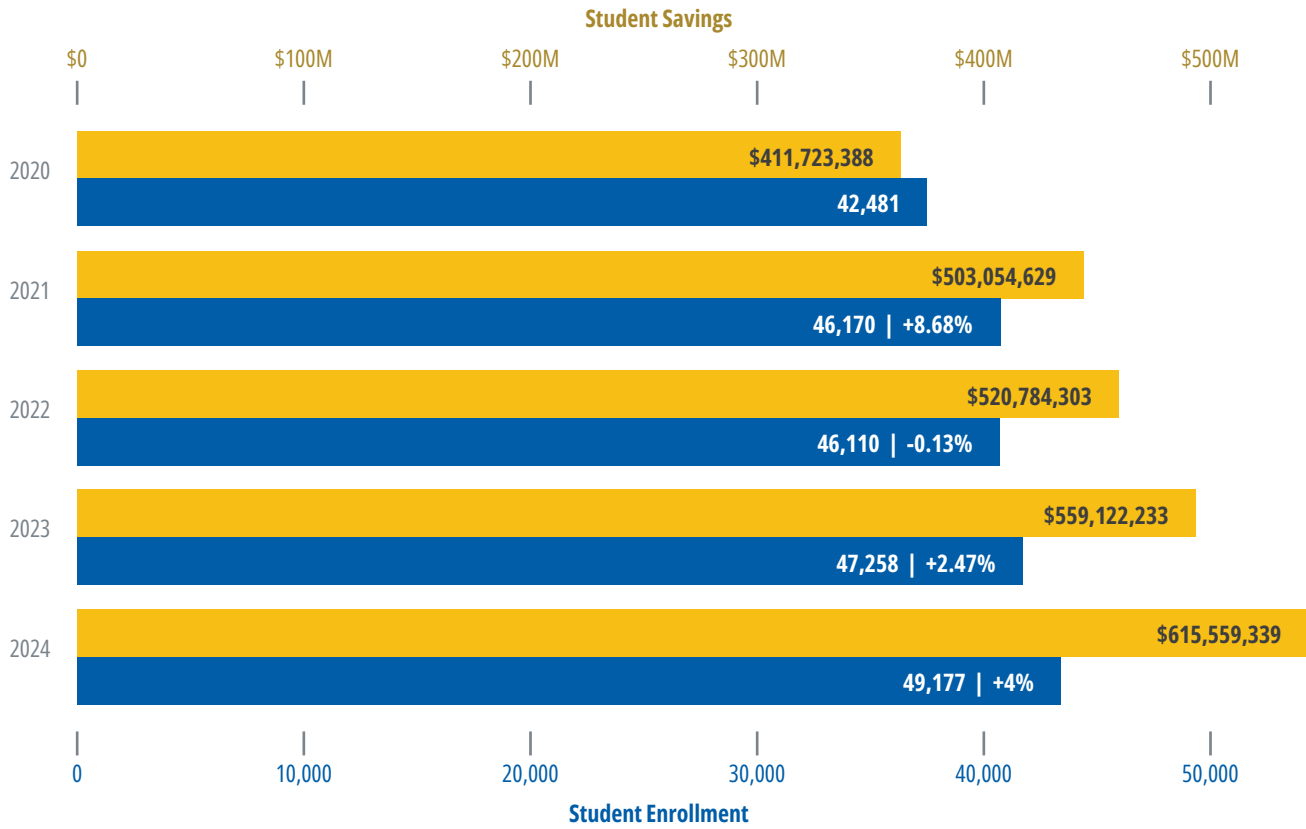
The program also serves the interests of Western states and territories. Participating public colleges and universities can leverage WUE to achieve their recruitment and enrollment objectives, with institutions maintaining control over their WUE award criteria and program eligibility. For regions facing capacity constraints in public higher education, WUE acts as an effective solution, providing residents access to postsecondary education without requiring states and territories to bear the full financial burden of expanding local capacity.

Comparing academic years 2023-24 and 2024-25, WUE saw several enrollment shifts as shown on the graph on page 7. Overall enrollment increased by 4%, with four-year universities experiencing a 5% growth while two-year colleges saw a 4% decrease. The enrollment reports track only total award recipients, without distinguishing between new first-year students, transfers, or continuing students, making it difficult to pinpoint exact causes for year-to-year enrollment changes.

The table on the following page shows where students are enrolled and their home state/territory. The bar graph shows the growth in WUE enrollment and savings over the past five years.

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WUE Enrollment and Student Savings, AY 2020-24



WUE Enrollment Summary, AY 2024-25

WHERE STUDENTS ARE COMING FROM																			
State/Jurisdiction (# of Institutions)	AK	AS*	AZ	CA	CO	CNMI*	GU*	HI	ID	MT	NV	NM	ND	OR	SD	UT	WA	WY	TOTAL
Alaska (3)	-	-	20	141	59	8	-	14	18	13	13	5	3	31	6	18	137	11	497
Arizona (24)	205	-	-	2,252	594	-	4	214	140	104	476	242	12	195	29	247	350	30	5,094
California (22)	57	-	139	-	143	1	2	164	52	15	259	25	3	182	2	45	312	1	1,402
Colorado (26)	251	-	775	2,165	-	-	3	241	138	97	185	683	52	305	95	269	456	180	5,895
CNMI (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guam (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawai'i (4)	56	41	142	2,143	348	7	44	-	51	32	86	33	8	192	12	54	409	11	3,669
Idaho (7)	143	-	88	1,334	124	7	-	25	-	147	150	12	6	538	7	87	1,718	33	4,419
Montana (12)	154	-	77	483	574	-	1	29	380	-	124	35	57	309	54	97	852	140	3,366
Nevada (7)	54	1	113	3,413	113	39	30	490	54	16	-	23	7	105	6	43	127	10	4,644
New Mexico (12)	26	-	54	364	44	-	-	15	9	9	36	-	2	55	8	20	98	11	751
North Dakota (11)	69	-	183	420	181	-	-	34	45	368	117	32	-	51	226	82	154	157	2,119
Oregon (7)	161	3	152	1,912	460	38	10	553	202	105	238	58	6	-	13	98	1,475	29	5,513
South Dakota (6)	17	-	61	170	583	-	-	9	14	103	29	5	299	28	-	25	65	332	1,740
Utah (9)	104	5	418	2,330	618	2	1	123	588	96	533	79	12	394	13	-	579	123	6,018
Washington (8)	176	5	109	820	211	7	7	231	269	127	66	44	3	537	4	54	-	13	2,683
Wyoming (9)	7	-	29	71	461	-	-	21	87	244	18	22	25	32	128	191	31	-	1,367
Total (169)	1,480	55	2,360	18,018	4,513	109	102	2,163	2,047	1,476	2,330	1,298	495	2,954	603	1,330	6,763	1,081	49,177

*AS is American Samoa, CNMI is the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, GU is Guam

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM (WRGP)

In AY 2024-25, 2,867 students saved \$40 million in tuition through WRGP. The program grew by 100 additional graduate programs. More than 2,100 offerings are now available at reduced cost across participating institutions.

Students enrolling through the program pay no more than 150% of in-state tuition, though most institutions extend resident tuition rates to WRGP students. Enrollment occurs directly through each institution's graduate studies department.

Among the most popular programs in AY 2024-25 were law, education, business management, and several professional health programs. The program's 310 online offerings further enhance accessibility, enabling placebound students to pursue advanced degrees while remaining in their home jurisdictions. This comprehensive approach to educational access ensures that geographical location and program availability do not limit students' academic and professional aspirations.

Participating public universities in the WICHE region also benefit from WRGP. By facilitating broader access to graduate education, WRGP helps institutions serve a broad range of student populations across a range of academic disciplines. This aspect has become increasingly valuable as institutions navigate enrollment challenges while also striving to maintain robust graduate programs.

Finally, WRGP promotes regional workforce development by creating pathways for students to pursue specialized graduate degrees that may not be available in their home states. This regional approach to graduate education helps address workforce shortages in critical fields while fostering interstate collaboration and academic excellence across the West.

The table on the following page shows where graduate students are enrolled and their home state/territory. The bar graph shows the variations in WRGP enrollment and savings over the past five years.

\$13,961

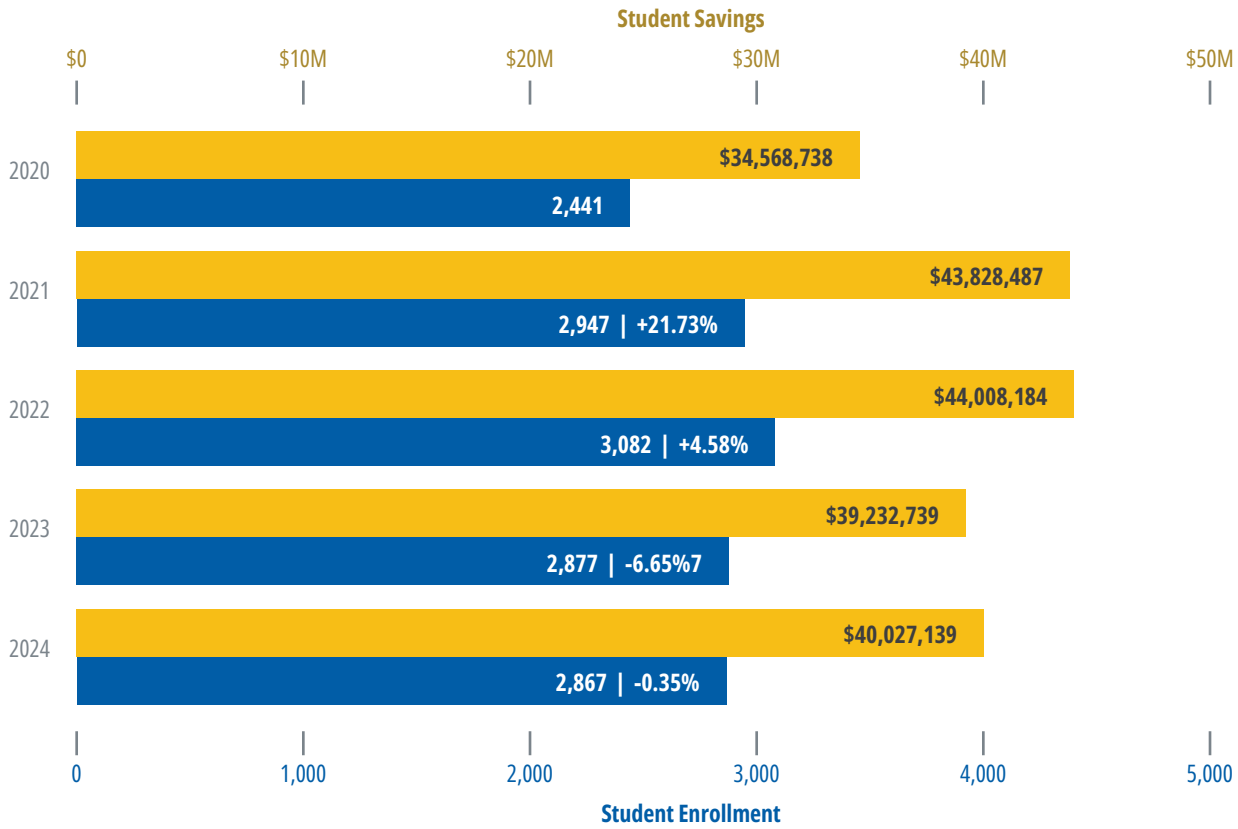
Average WRGP savings in AY 2024-25

2,136

Number of graduate programs available at the WRGP tuition rate

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WRGP Enrollment and Student Savings, AY 2020-24



WRGP Enrollment Summary, AY 2024-25

WHERE STUDENTS ARE COMING FROM																			
State/Jurisdiction (# of Institutions)	AK	AS*	AZ	CA	CO	CNMI*	GU*	HI	ID	MT	NV	NM	ND	OR	SD	UT	WA	WY	TOTAL
Alaska (3)	-	-	2	24	-	-	3	2	-	3	-	3	-	5	-	5	11	1	59
Arizona (5)	8	-	-	111	26	-	-	6	8	6	16	26	3	19	4	11	22	3	269
California (3)	2	-	3	-	7	-	-	1	1	1	7	1	-	13	-	4	13	-	53
Colorado (10)	13	-	83	277	-	1	-	16	22	18	19	43	8	43	14	60	96	27	740
Guam (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawai'i (2)	10	21	22	190	26	-	28	-	11	2	16	17	-	20	3	22	38	3	429
Idaho (3)	9	-	21	81	26	-	-	5	-	23	30	6	1	28	3	62	98	6	399
Montana (4)	4	-	2	11	13	-	-	1	6	-	1	-	2	9	2	6	19	7	83
Nevada (3)	-	-	1	11	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
New Mexico (5)	5	-	14	63	19	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	2	5	-	4	12	-	127
North Dakota (4)	2	-	9	27	13	-	1	-	2	17	4	4	-	5	33	6	8	4	135
Oregon (5)	1	-	1	46	4	1	-	3	3	3	3	5	2	-	-	3	43	-	118
South Dakota (6)	1	-	9	47	29	-	-	6	4	10	8	4	31	6	-	10	16	31	212
Utah (6)	3	-	14	27	15	-	-	1	34	6	6	2	2	15	1	-	12	3	141
Washington (6)	-	-	4	24	12	-	-	2	10	4	-	2	1	14	-	9	-	1	83
Wyoming (1)	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total (67)	58	21	185	939	196	2	32	44	103	93	111	113	52	182	60	202	388	86	2,867

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PROFESSIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM (PSEP)

The Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP) has supported healthcare education since 1953. By making professional healthcare degrees more affordable and accessible, PSEP has helped educate more than 16,100 Western healthcare professionals, creating a lasting impact on community health across the region.

In AY 2024-25, 10 WICHE states and two Pacific Island territories committed more than \$15 million to support 566 future healthcare professionals. Students can choose from 135 accredited programs across 65 institutions, pursuing careers as physicians, dentists, optometrists, veterinarians, and other essential healthcare providers.

Over the course of their professional health education and depending on their field of study, students enrolling through PSEP save between \$36,500 to \$142,800 on tuition costs. Most participating states and territories ensure a return on investment through service requirements, typically asking graduates to practice in their home region for three to five years.

Through this program, students gain affordable access to quality healthcare education, while participating programs benefit from students with a range of perspectives and backgrounds.

The “support fee” is the amount that the PSEP student’s sponsoring state or territory appropriates annually, to reduce the student’s tuition costs.

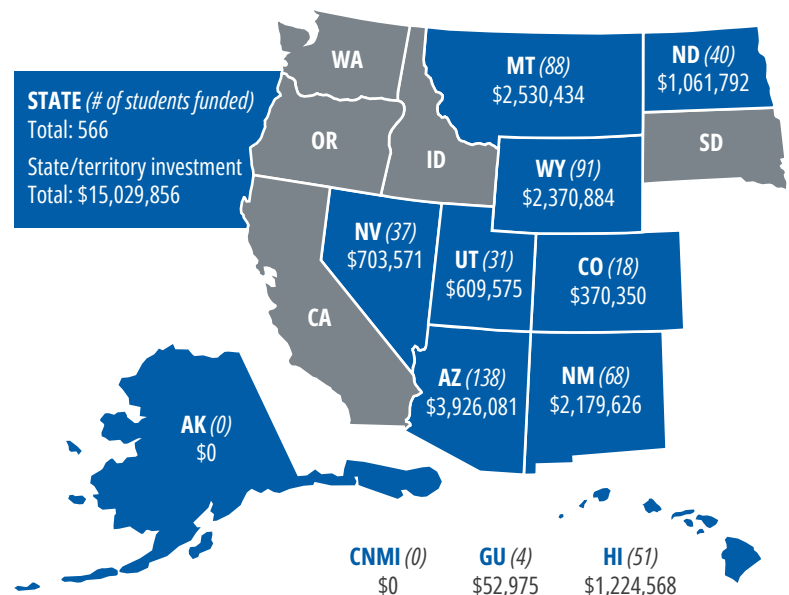
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PSEP Enrollment and Support Fees by Profession, AY 2024-25

PROFESSIONAL FIELD	ENROLLMENT	SUPPORT FEE PER STUDENT	STATE INVESTMENT PAID ON BEHALF OF STUDENTS
Dentistry*	121	\$29,900 (acc = \$39,867)	\$3,737,504
Medicine	39	\$35,700	\$1,356,600
Occupational Therapy	23	\$15,625	\$260,419
Optometry	106	\$20,575	\$2,170,663
Osteopathic Medicine	59	\$25,600	\$1,484,800
Pharmacy*	13	\$9,125 (acc = \$12,167)	\$149,045
Physical Therapy	43	\$17,225	\$740,675
Physician Assistant	14	\$20,400	\$285,600
Podiatry	13	\$17,750	\$230,750
Veterinary Medicine	135	\$35,400	\$4,613,800
Total	566		\$15,029,856

*Accelerated 3-year programs with higher fee noted in parantheses.

PSEP Enrollment and Support Fees by State/Territory, AY 2024-25



PSEP Support Fee Revenue by State and Institution, AY 2024-25

ARIZONA		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS		
Northern Arizona University (NAU)		
Occupational Therapy	0	\$0
Institution Total	0	\$0
University of Arizona, Phoenix (ARIZ-PHX)		
Medicine	0	\$0
Institution Total	0	\$0
University of Arizona, Tucson (ARIZ-TUC)		
Medicine	0	\$0
Pharmacy	0	\$0
Institution Total	0	\$0
PUBLIC TOTAL	0	\$0
PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS		
A.T. Still University Mesa Campus (ATSU MESA)		
Dentistry	13	\$388,700
Occupational Therapy	3	\$26,042
Osteopathic Medicine	5	\$128,000
Physical Therapy	1	\$17,225
Physician Assistant	1	\$20,400
Institution Total	23	\$580,367
Midwestern University (MDWST)		
Dentistry	29	\$867,100
Occupational Therapy	2	\$15,625
Optometry	55	\$1,131,625
Osteopathic Medicine	28	\$716,800
Pharmacy	0	\$0
Physical Therapy	1	\$17,225
Physician Assistant	0	\$0
Podiatry	11	\$195,250
Veterinary Medicine	18	\$613,600
Institution Total	144	\$3,557,225
Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine (MAYO-AZ)		
Medicine	0	\$0
Institution Total	0	\$0
PRIVATE TOTAL	167	\$4,137,592
ARIZONA TOTAL	167	\$4,137,592

CALIFORNIA		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS		
California State University, Fresno (CSF)		
Physical Therapy	0	\$0
Institution Total	0	\$0
University of California, Davis (UCD)		
Medicine	1	\$35,700
Institution Total	1	\$35,700
University of California, Irvine (UCI)		
Medicine	0	\$0
Institution Total	0	\$0
University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)		
Dentistry	3	\$89,700
Medicine	0	\$0
Institution Total	3	\$89,700
University of California, San Diego (UCSD)		
Medicine	0	\$0
Institution Total	0	\$0
University of California, San Francisco (UCSF)		
Dentistry	1	\$29,900
Medicine	0	\$0
Pharmacy	0	\$0
Physical Therapy	0	\$0
Institution Total	1	\$29,900
PUBLIC TOTAL	5	\$155,300
PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS		
Chapman University (CHAP)		
Physical Therapy	0	\$0
Institution Total	0	\$0
Loma Linda University (LLU)		
Dentistry	1	\$29,900
Medicine	4	\$142,800
Occupational Therapy	0	\$0
Physical Therapy	1	\$17,225
Physician Assistant	0	\$0
Institution Total	6	\$189,925
Marshall B. Ketchum University (MBKU)		
Optometry	12	\$246,900
Physician Assistant	0	\$0
Institution Total	12	\$246,900

PSEP Support Fee Revenue by State and Institution, AY 2024-25 (continued)

CALIFORNIA		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
Mount St. Mary's University (MSMU)		
Physical Therapy	0	\$0
Institution Total	0	\$0
Samuel Merritt University (SMU)		
Occupational Therapy	1	\$0
Physical Therapy	0	\$0
Physician Assistant	0	\$0
Podiatry	0	\$0
Institution Total	1	\$0
Touro University - California (TOURO-CA)		
Osteopathic Medicine	0	\$0
Physician Assistant	0	\$0
Institution Total	0	\$0
University of the Pacific (UOP)		
Dentistry	4	\$159,468
Pharmacy	0	\$0
Physical Therapy	1	\$17,225
Institution Total	5	\$176,693
University of Southern California (USC)		
Dentistry	0	\$0
Medicine	0	\$0
Occupational Therapy	1	\$15,625
Pharmacy	0	\$0
Physical Therapy	0	\$0
Physician Assistant	0	\$0
Institution Total	1	\$15,625
University of St. Augustine (USA)		
Physical Therapy	0	\$0
Institution Total	0	\$0
Western University of Health Sciences (WUHS)		
Dentistry	2	\$59,800
Optometry	2	\$30,863
Osteopathic Medicine	7	\$153,600
Pharmacy	1	\$9,125
Physical Therapy	0	\$0
Physician Assistant	0	\$0
Podiatry	2	\$35,500
Institution Total	14	\$288,888
PRIVATE TOTAL	39	\$918,031
CALIFORNIA TOTAL	44	\$1,073,331

COLORADO		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS		
Colorado State University (CSU)		
Veterinary Medicine	51	\$1,734,600
Institution Total	51	\$1,734,600
Red Rocks Community College (RRCC)		
Physician Assistant	1	\$20,400
Institution Total	1	\$20,400
University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus (COLO)		
Dentistry	16	\$478,400
Medicine	6	\$214,200
Pharmacy	0	\$0
Physical Therapy	1	\$17,225
Physician Assistant	0	\$0
Institution Total	23	\$709,825
PUBLIC TOTAL	75	\$2,464,825
PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS		
Regis University (REGIS)		
Physical Therapy	4	\$68,900
Pharmacy	0	\$0
Institution Total	4	\$68,900
Rocky Vista University		
Osteopathic Medicine	10	\$256,000
Institution Total	10	\$256,000
PRIVATE INSTITUTION TOTAL	14	\$324,900
COLORADO TOTAL	89	\$2,789,725

HAWAI'I		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
University of Hawai'i at Manoa (HAW)		
Medicine	1	\$35,700
Institution Total	1	\$35,700
University of Hawai'i at Hilo (HI-HILO)		
Pharmacy	0	\$0
Institution Total	0	\$0
HAWAI'I TOTAL	1	\$35,700

PSEP Support Fee Revenue by State and Institution, AY 2024-25 (continued)

IDAHO		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
Idaho State University (ISU)		
Occupational Therapy	0	\$0
Pharmacy	0	\$0
Physical Therapy	0	\$0
Physician Assistant	1	\$20,400
Institution Total	1	\$20,400
IDAHO TOTAL	1	\$20,400

MONTANA		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
University of Montana (MONT)		
Pharmacy	0	\$0
Physical Therapy	3	\$51,675
Institution Total	3	\$51,675
MONTANA TOTAL	3	\$51,675

NEVADA		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS		
University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV)		
Physical Therapy	2	\$34,450
Institution Total	2	\$34,450
University of Nevada, Reno (NEV)		
Medicine	1	\$35,700
Institution Total	1	\$35,700
PUBLIC TOTAL	3	\$70,150
PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS		
Roseman University of Health Sciences (RUHS)		
Dentistry (South Jordan, UT)	9	\$348,836
Pharmacy	10	\$121,670
Institution Total	19	\$470,506
Touro University, Nevada (TOURO-NV)		
Occupational Therapy	5	\$78,126
Osteopathic Medicine	2	\$51,200
Physical Therapy	1	\$17,225
Physician Assistant	8	\$163,200
Institution Total	16	\$309,751
PRIVATE TOTAL	35	\$780,257
NEVADA TOTAL	38	\$850,407

NEW MEXICO		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
University of New Mexico (UNM)		
Medicine	0	\$0
Occupational Therapy	1	0
Pharmacy	0	0
Physical Therapy	0	0
Institution Total	1	\$0
NEW MEXICO TOTAL	1	\$0

NORTH DAKOTA		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS		
North Dakota State University (NDSU)		
Pharmacy	0	\$0
Institution Total	0	\$0
University of North Dakota (UND)		
Medicine	4	\$142,800
Occupational Therapy	0	\$0
Physical Therapy	1	\$17,225
Physician Assistant	0	\$0
Institution Total	5	\$160,025
PUBLIC TOTAL	5	\$160,025
PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS		
University of Mary (UMARY)		
Occupational Therapy (Billings, MT)	2	\$41,667
Occupational Therapy (Bismark, ND)	0	\$0
Physical Therapy	3	\$51,675
Institution Total	5	\$93,342
PRIVATE TOTAL	5	\$93,342
NORTH DAKOTA TOTAL	10	\$253,367

OREGON		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS		
Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU)		
Dentistry	3	\$89,700
Medicine	7	\$214,200
Physician Assistant	0	\$0
Institution Total	10	\$303,900

PSEP Support Fee Revenue by State and Institution, AY 2024-25 (continued)

OREGON		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
Oregon State University (OSU)		
Pharmacy	1	\$9,125
Veterinary Medicine	19	672,600
Institution Total	20	\$681,725
PUBLIC TOTAL	30	\$985,625
PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS		
George Fox University (GFU)		
Physical Therapy	2	\$34,450
Institution Total	2	\$34,450
Pacific University (PACU)		
Occupational Therapy	3	\$15,625
Optometry	35	\$720,125
Pharmacy	0	\$0
Physical Therapy	4	\$68,900
Physician Assistant	0	\$0
Institution Total	42	\$804,650
PRIVATE TOTAL	44	\$839,100
OREGON TOTAL	74	\$1,824,725

SOUTH DAKOTA		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
University of South Dakota (USD)		
Occupational Therapy	1	\$26,042
Physical Therapy	1	\$17,225
Institution Total	2	\$43,267
SOUTH DAKOTA TOTAL	2	\$43,267

UTAH		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS		
University of Utah (UTAH)		
Dentistry	9	\$269,100
Medicine	15	\$535,500
Occupational Therapy	2	\$31,250
Physical Therapy	7	\$120,575
Physician Assistant	0	\$0
Institution Total	33	\$956,425
PUBLIC TOTAL	33	\$956,425

UTAH		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS		
Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions (RMUHP)		
Physical Therapy	7	\$120,575
Physician Assistant	0	\$0
Institution Total	7	\$120,575
PRIVATE TOTAL	7	\$120,575
UTAH TOTAL	40	\$1,077,000

WASHINGTON		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS		
Eastern Washington University (EWU)		
Occupational Therapy	1	\$10,417
Physical Therapy	0	\$0
Institution Total	1	\$10,417
University of Washington (WASH)		
Dentistry	1	\$29,900
Occupational Therapy	0	\$0
Pharmacy	1	\$9,125
Physical Therapy	1	\$17,225
Physician Assistant	3	\$61,200
Institution Total	6	\$117,450
Washington State University (WSU)		
Pharmacy	0	\$0
Veterinary Medicine	47	\$1,593,000
Institution Total	47	\$1,593,000
PUBLIC TOTAL	54	\$1,720,867
PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS		
Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences		
Osteopathic Medicine	7	\$179,200
Institution Total	7	\$179,200
University of Puget Sound (UPS)		
Occupational Therapy	1	\$0
Physical Therapy	2	\$34,450
Institution Total	3	\$34,450
PRIVATE TOTAL	10	\$213,650
WASHINGTON TOTAL	64	\$1,934,517

PSEP Support Fee Revenue by State and Institution, AY 2024-25 (continued)

WYOMING		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
University of Wyoming (WYO)		
Pharmacy	0	\$0
Institution Total	0	\$0
WYOMING TOTAL	0	\$0

OUT OF REGION		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS		
University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC), MO		
Dentistry	6	\$179,400
Institution Total	6	\$179,400
University of Nebraska Medical Center		
Dentistry	2	\$59,800
Institution Total	2	\$59,800
PUBLIC TOTAL	8	\$239,200
PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS		
Creighton University (CREI), NE		
Dentistry	22	\$657,800
Institution Total	22	\$657,800
Illinois College of Optometry (ILCO), IL		
Optometry	2	\$41,150
Institution Total	2	\$41,150
PRIVATE TOTAL	24	\$698,950
OUT OF REGION TOTAL	32	\$938,150

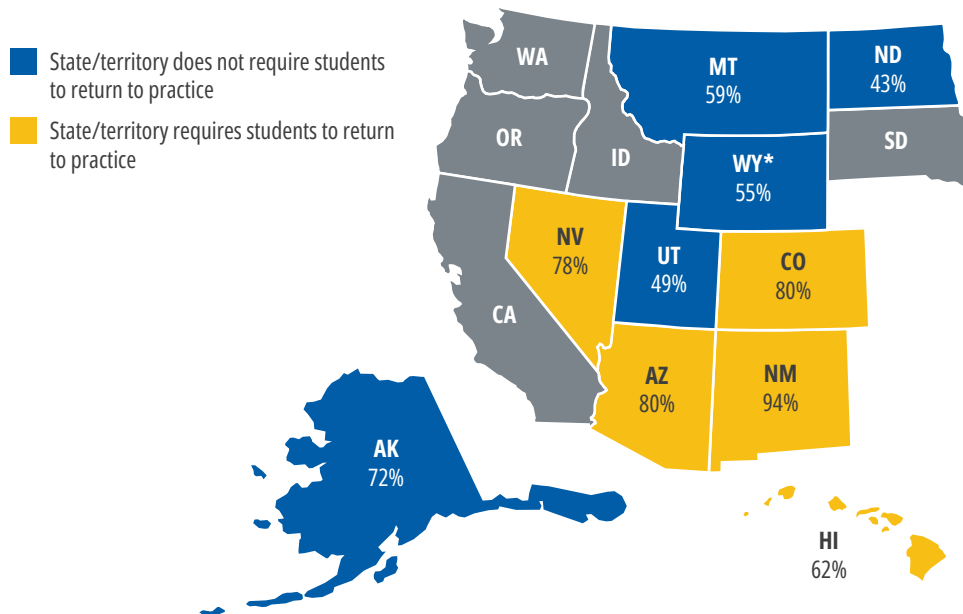
	Number of Students	Support Fees
TOTALS	566	\$15,029,856

PSEP Graduate Return Rates, AY 2012-21

Western states and territories supporting students through PSEP want their investments to bolster their healthcare workforces. Every five years, they calculate the percentage of PSEP graduates who return home to serve their communities, and report on those numbers in 10-year cohorts of graduates. Return rates for students who graduated during AY 2012-21 held relatively steady compared to the prior reporting period of AY 2007-16. The average student return rate for the AY 2012-21 graduating cohorts is 69%. During the previous reporting period of AY 2007-16, the average return rate was 67%. The next reporting cycle is AY 2017-26.

Certain states and Pacific Island territories supporting PSEP students — Arizona, Colorado, Hawai'i, Nevada, New Mexico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), and Guam — require graduates to return home to practice, or reimburse support fees plus interest. CNMI graduated its first cohort in spring 2023; its graduates are still on practice deferment, primarily for medical residencies, so their initial return rates are unknown at this time. Guam's first cohort began its studies in fall 2024, so its return rate is also currently unknown. Areas that require a return-for-service receive higher returns on investment from PSEP participation, averaging an 80% return rate. "Honor system" states (Alaska, Montana, North Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming*) do not contractually require service payback, and their average return rate is 55%.

Find detailed return rate information for each WICHE-region member's PSEP graduates, in each eligible professional healthcare field, in the table on pages 17-18.



*Wyoming instituted service payback for students enrolling fall 2013 and later, except in veterinary medicine. Wyoming is listed as an honor state because less than half of its graduates in the current cycle have a contractual service payback; it will be reclassified as a contractual payback state in 2027 during the next reporting cycle.

PSEP Graduate Return Rates by State and by Field, AY 2012-21

ALASKA			
Field	Total Number of Graduates	Number Returned to State	Percentage Returned
Dentistry	15	6	40%
Occupational Therapy	2	1	50%
Optometry	4	4	100%
Pharmacy	13	11	85%
Physical Therapy	10	9	90%
Physician Assistant	2	2	100%
Podiatry	1	1	100%
Alaska Total	47	34	72%

ARIZONA*			
Field	Total Number of Graduates	Number Returned to State	Percentage Returned
Dentistry	125	102	82%
Occupational Therapy	46	38	83%
Optometry	66	59	89%
Osteopathic Medicine**	59	42	71%
Physical Assistant	29	22	76%
Podiatry	14	9	64%
Veterinary Medicine	114	92	81%
Arizona Total	453	364	80%

COLORADO			
Field	Total Number of Graduates	Number Returned to State	Percentage Returned
Optometry	61	49	80%
Colorado Total	61	49	80%

HAWAI'I*			
Field	Total Number of Graduates	Number Returned to State	Percentage Returned
Dentistry	20	12	60%
Occupational Therapy	17	10	59%
Optometry	25	18	72%
Pharmacy	11	7	64%
Physical Therapy	45	27	60%
Veterinary Medicine	26	15	58%
Hawai'i Total	144	89	62%

MONTANA			
Field	Total Number of Graduates	Number Returned to State	Percentage Returned
Dentistry	23	10	43%
Medicine**	33	15	45%
Occupational Therapy	15	8	53%
Optometry	11	10	91%
Osteopathic Medicine**	9	3	33%
Podiatry	1	1	100%
Veterinary Medicine	81	55	68%
Montana Total	173	102	59%

NEVADA*			
Field	Total Number of Graduates	Number Returned to State	Percentage Returned
Occupational Therapy	4	4	100%
Optometry	13	10	77%
Pharmacy	43	33	77%
Physical Therapy	11	9	82%
Physician Assistant	30	24	80%
Veterinary Medicine	39	29	74%
Nevada Total	140	109	78%

NEW MEXICO*			
Field	Total Number of Graduates	Number Returned to State	Percentage Returned
Dentistry	103	96	93%
Veterinary Medicine	83	78	94%
New Mexico Total	186	174	94%

NORTH DAKOTA			
Field	Total Number of Graduates	Number Returned to State	Percentage Returned
Dentistry	21	11	52%
Optometry	71	31	44%
Veterinary Medicine	14	4	29%
North Dakota Total	106	46	43%

PSEP Graduate Return Rates by State and by Field, AY 2012-21 (continued)

UTAH			
Field	Total Number of Graduates	Number Returned to State	Percentage Returned
Optometry	53	28	53%
Podiatry	33	12	36%
Veterinary Medicine	18	11	61%
Utah Total	104	51	49%

WYOMING			
Field	Total Number of Graduates	Number Returned to State	Percentage Returned
Dentistry	20	11	55%
Medicine**	11	1	9%
Occupational Therapy	24	18	75%
Optometry	33	15	45%
Osteopathic Medicine**	5	0	0%
Physical Therapy	81	62	77%
Physician Assistant	35	22	63%
Podiatry	2	1	50%
Veterinary Medicine	82	32	39%
Wyoming Total	293	162	55%

WICHE RETURN RATES BY FIELD			
Field	Total Number of Graduates	Number Returned to State	Percentage Returned
Dentistry	327	248	76%
Medicine**	44	16	36%
Occupational Therapy	108	79	73%
Optometry	337	224	66%
Osteopathic Medicine**	73	45	62%
Pharmacy	67	51	76%
Physical Therapy	147	107	73%
Physician Assistant	96	70	73%
Podiatry	37	15	41%
Veterinary Medicine	357	233	65%

TOTALS			
	Total Number of Graduates	Number Returned to State	Percentage Returned
Total for All Reporting WICHE PSEP States	1,707	1,180	69%
Total for Contractual Payback States	984	785	80%
Total for Honor System States	723	395	55%

* Contractual payback state for all of reporting period. Wyoming instituted service payback for students enrolling Fall 2013 and later, except in veterinary medicine. Wyoming is listed as an honor state for this cycle because less than half of its graduates in current cycle have a contractual service payback. WY will be reclassified as a contractual payback state in the next reporting cycle, in ~ 2027.

** WICHE uses AY 2012-16 return data for allopathic and osteopathic medical graduates, to allow time for them to return home and serve upon completion of their residency programs.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25

\$671M

TOTAL SAVED

by students through WICHE Student Access Programs.

\$616M

SAVED
through WUE

\$40M

SAVED
through WRGP

\$15M

SAVED
through PSEP

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.

49,177

STUDENTS
chose WUE schools
in the West

\$12,517

AVERAGE SAVINGS
for undergraduate
students

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



WRGP

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

2,867

STUDENTS
chose WRGP schools
in the West

\$13,961

AVERAGE SAVINGS
for graduate
students

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.

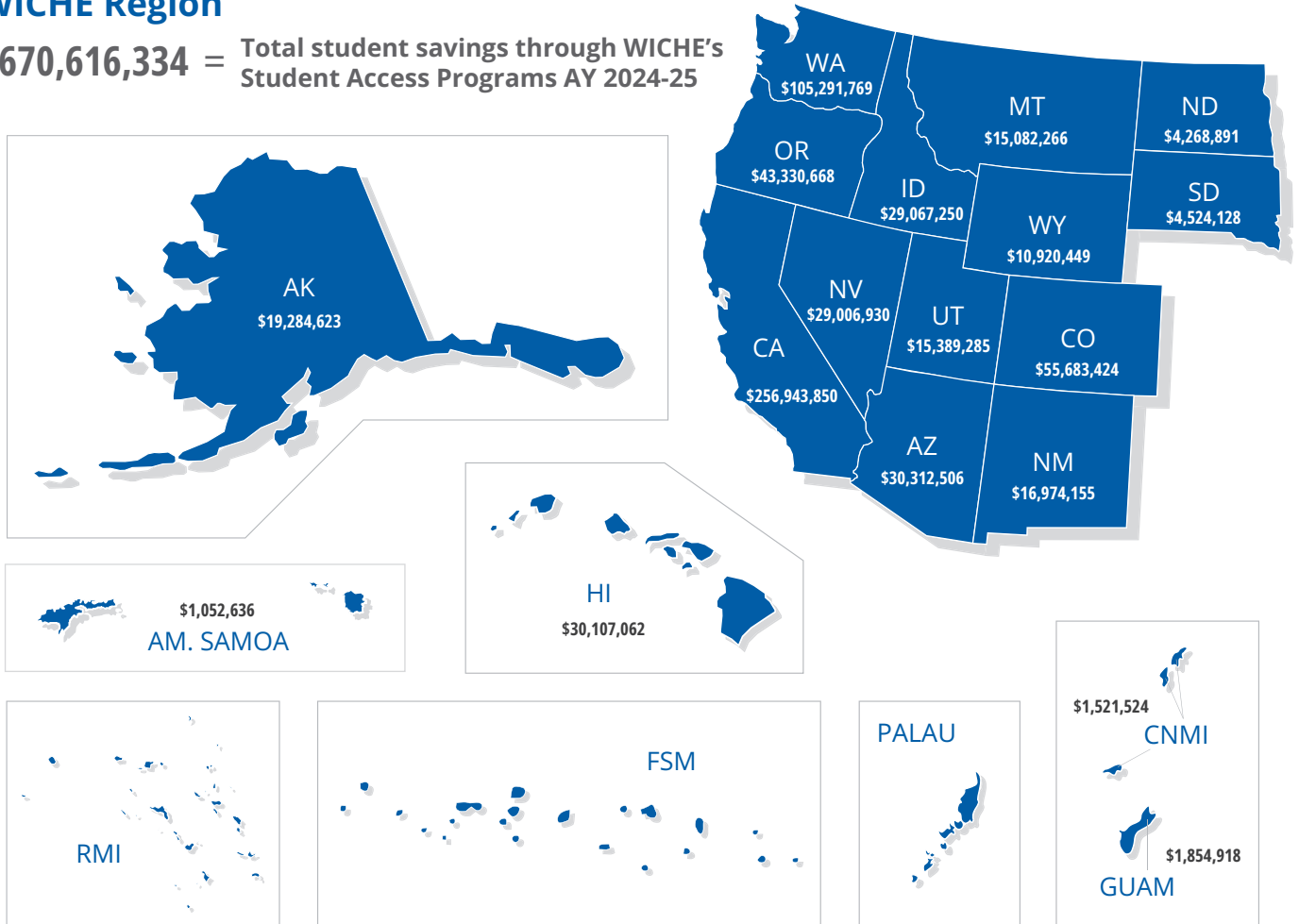
10 WICHE states and two Pacific Island territories **invested \$15 million to grow their healthcare workforce and reduced the educational costs of 566 students.**

135 accredited programs are offered through PSEP at 65 institutions.

A student can save between \$36,500 and \$142,800 on tuition over the lifespan of a professional health degree program, depending on the field of study.

WICHE Region

\$670,616,334 = Total student savings through WICHE's Student Access Programs AY 2024-25



ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25

\$19.3M

TOTAL SAVED

by Alaska students through WICHE Student Access Programs.

\$18.4M

SAVED
through WUE

\$839,251

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

- ▶ **University of Alaska Fairbanks (273)**
- ▶ **University of Alaska Anchorage (156)**
- ▶ **University of Alaska Southeast (68)**

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

- ▶ **Northern Arizona University (146)**
- ▶ **Montana State University, Bozeman (85)**
- ▶ **Fort Lewis College, CO (83)**

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



WRGP

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

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

- ▶ **University of Alaska Anchorage (54)**
- ▶ **University of Alaska Fairbanks (4)**
- ▶ **University of Alaska Southeast (1)**

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

- ▶ **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (8)**
- ▶ **University of Idaho (8)**
- ▶ **Northern Arizona University (5)**

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.

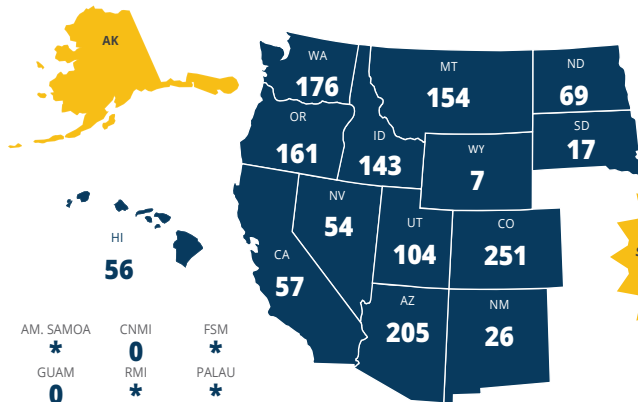
72% of Alaska's PSEP graduates returned home to practice (2012-21). Students are not contractually required to return.

Alaska did not have any students enrolled through PSEP in AY 2024-25. The state of Alaska offers support to its residents in seven healthcare professions offered through PSEP.

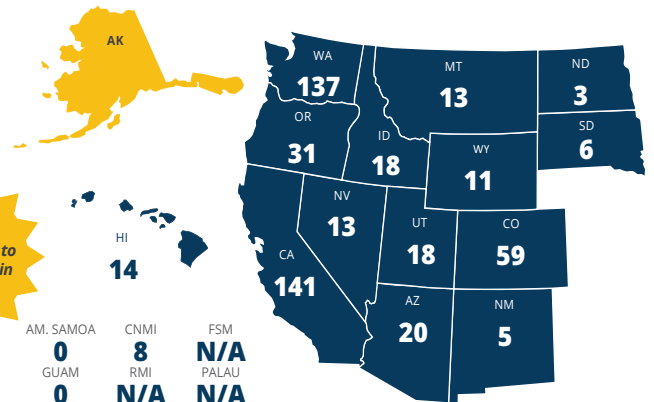
11,411% ROI gained on Alaska's WICHE annual dues (\$169,000/FY 2025)

WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM ALASKA: **1,480**



WUE STUDENTS TO ALASKA: **497**

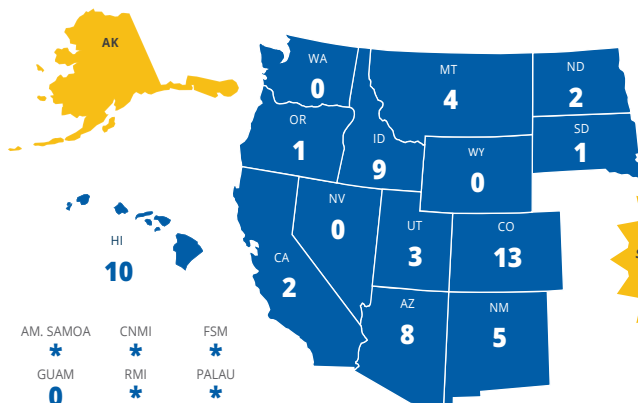


497 WUE students chose to attend college in Alaska

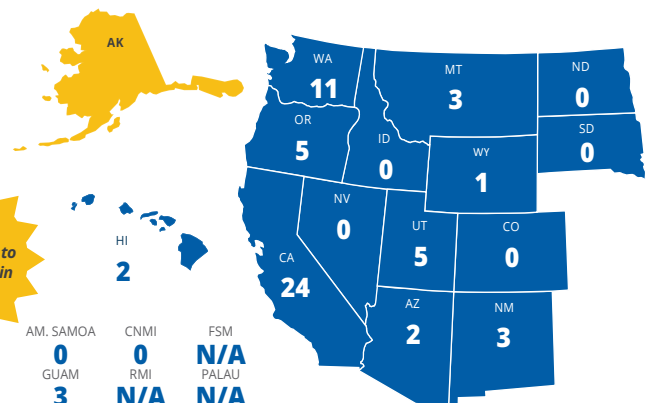
* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM ALASKA: **58**



WRGP STUDENTS TO ALASKA: **59**



59 WRGP students chose to attend college in Alaska

* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

PSEP

Alaska did not have any students enroll through PSEP during the current academic year. However, Alaska residents can use PSEP for these healthcare professions:

- ▶ Dentistry
- ▶ Occupational Therapy
- ▶ Optometry
- ▶ Pharmacy
- ▶ Physician Assistant
- ▶ Physical Therapy
- ▶ Podiatry

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



"Thanks to WUE, I was able to attend the University of Alaska Fairbanks, where I found the perfect setting to pursue my college education. The program expanded my horizons and allowed me to choose a university that truly aligns with my interests and goals."

LEVENTE, Washington resident, Communications, University of Alaska Fairbanks

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25

\$30.3M

TOTAL SAVED

by Arizona students through WICHE Student Access Programs.

\$23.8M

SAVED
through WUE

\$2.6M

SAVED
through WRGP

\$3.9M

SAVED
through PSEP
appropriated by the legislature

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

- ▶ Northern Arizona University (3,415)
- ▶ Mohave Community College (340)
- ▶ Arizona State University West Valley (268)

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

- ▶ Fort Lewis College, CO (311)
- ▶ Utah Valley University (184)
- ▶ Colorado State University (160)

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



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

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

- ▶ University of Arizona (175)
- ▶ Northern Arizona University (61)
- ▶ Arizona State University (17)

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

- ▶ University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (22)
- ▶ University of Colorado Denver (19)
- ▶ University of Idaho (15)

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.

138 Arizona students paid reduced tuition for health care studies not offered by public institutions in their home state.

80% of Arizona's PSEP graduates returned home to practice (2012-16 for physicians, 2012-21 for all other fields). Students are contractually required to return.

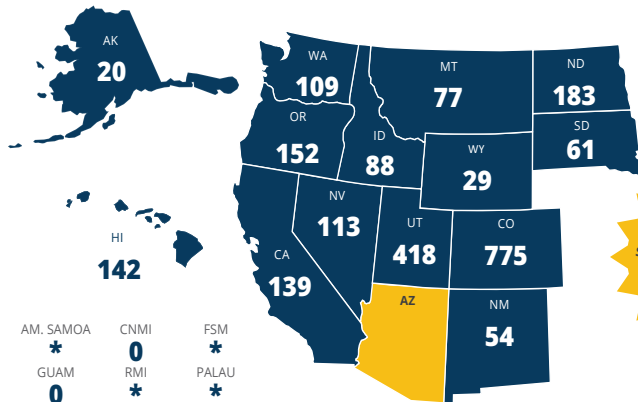
Arizona institutions and their local economies benefit too. This year 167 PSEP students enrolled in programs located in Arizona. Institutions received \$4.1M in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

740% ROI gained on Arizona's WICHE annual dues (\$169,000/FY 2025)

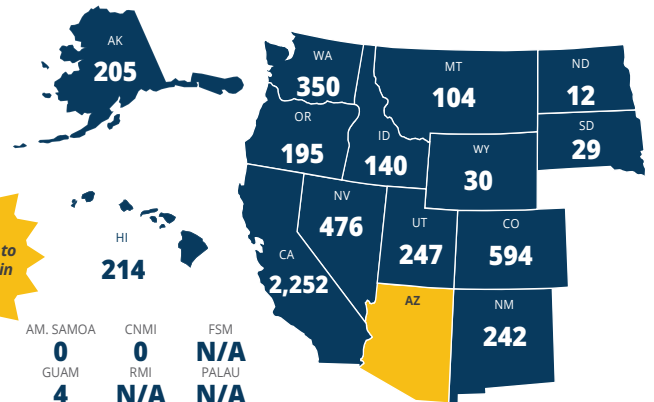
WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM ARIZONA: **2,360**

WUE STUDENTS TO ARIZONA: **5,094**



5,094 WUE students chose to attend college in Arizona

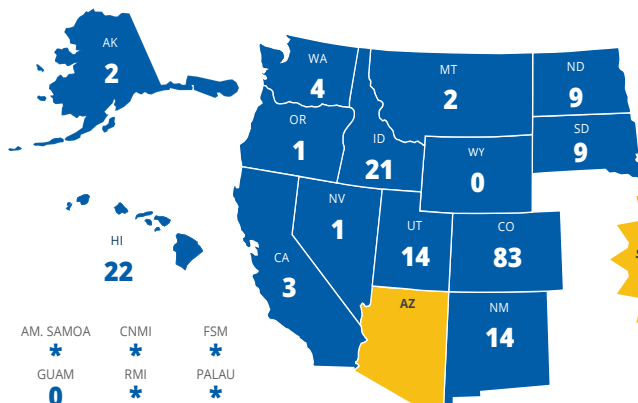


* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

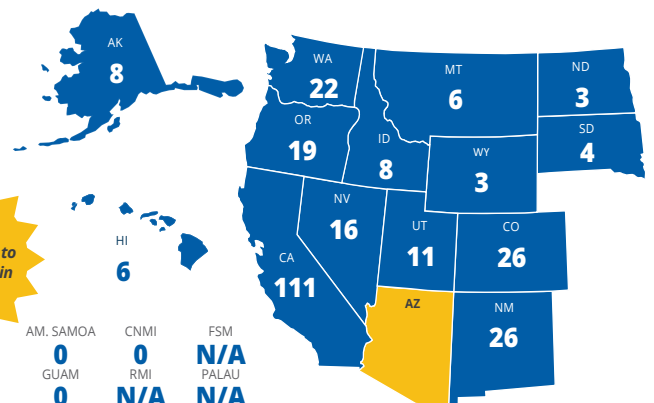
WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM ARIZONA: **185**

WRGP STUDENTS TO ARIZONA: **269**



269 WRGP students chose to attend college in Arizona



* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

PSEP

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

FIELD	STUDENTS	FEES PAID
Dentistry	45	\$1,385,368
Optometry	18	\$360,063
Osteopathic Medicine	43	\$1,100,800
Podiatry	3	\$53,250
Veterinary Medicine	29	\$1,026,600
TOTAL	138	\$3,926,081

PSEP students from Arizona saved \$3,926,081 in tuition



"WRGP and WUE have enabled me to study architecture across diverse landscapes, from Idaho's fire lookout towers to Arizona's adobe thermal masses. By reducing financial obstacles, these programs have expanded my educational horizons and provided crucial opportunities for my academic and professional growth."

STEVEN, Washington resident, Architecture, University of Arizona

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25

\$256.9M

TOTAL SAVED

by California students through WICHE Student Access Programs.

\$244.1M

SAVED through WUE

\$12.9M

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

- ▶ Cal Poly Humboldt (251)
- ▶ California State University, Sacramento (146)
- ▶ California State University, Chico (127)

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

- ▶ University of Nevada Reno (2,614)
- ▶ University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (2,012)
- ▶ University of Utah (1,743)

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



WRGP

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

- ▶ Cal Poly Humboldt (27)
- ▶ San Francisco State University (20)
- ▶ California State University, Monterey Bay (6)

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

- ▶ University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (185)
- ▶ University of Arizona (71)
- ▶ University of Colorado Denver (62)

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.

California doesn't use PSEP for its residents because it operates public programs in most PSEP fields, with the exception of osteopathic medicine and podiatry.

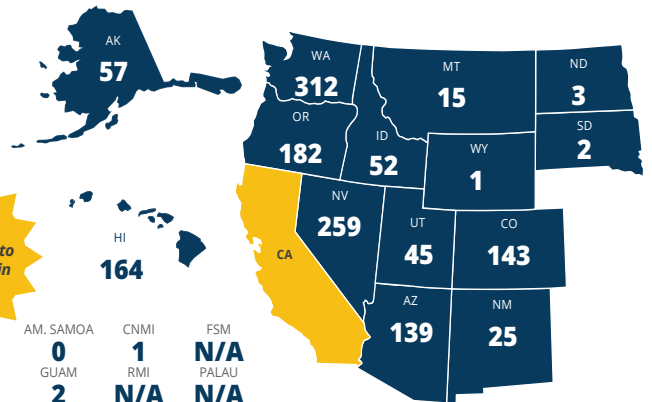
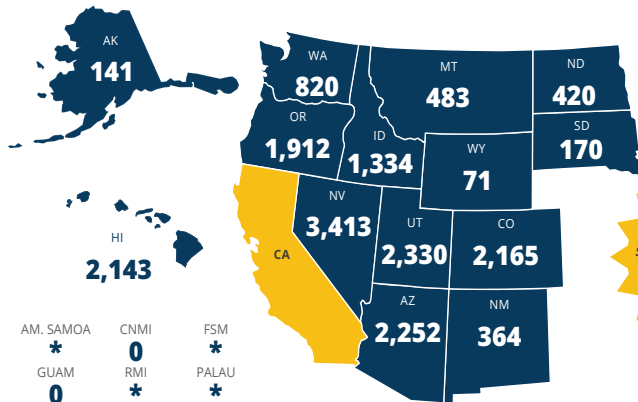
However, California institutions and their local economies still benefit from PSEP. This year, 44 PSEP students enrolled in programs located in California. Institutions received \$1M in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

152,038% ROI gained on CA's WICHE annual dues (\$169,000/FY 2025)

WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM CALIFORNIA: **18,018**

WUE STUDENTS TO CALIFORNIA: **1,402**



1,402 WUE students chose to attend college in California

AM. SAMOA *
CNMI 0
GUAM 0
FSM *
RMI *
PALAU *

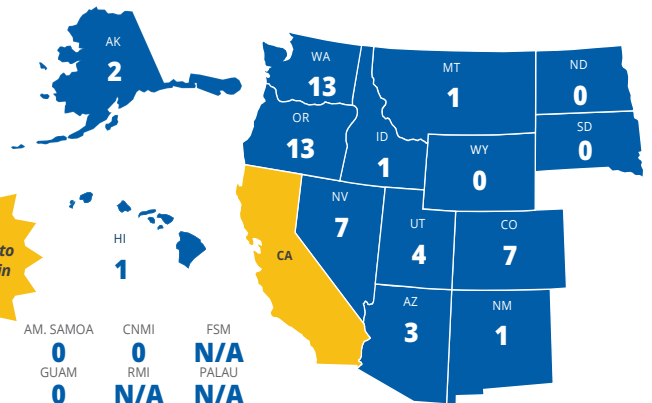
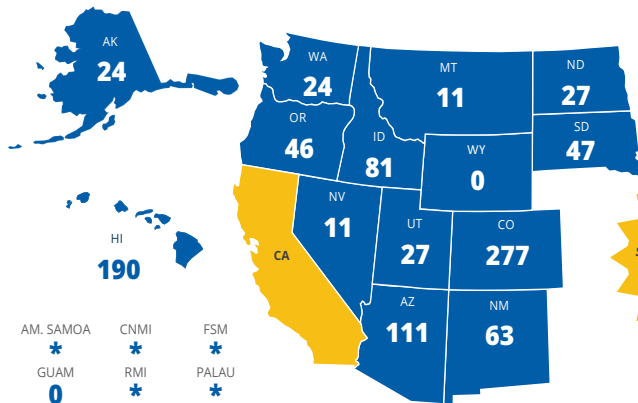
AM. SAMOA 0
CNMI 1
GUAM 2
FSM N/A
RMI N/A
PALAU N/A

* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM CALIFORNIA: **939**

WRGP STUDENTS TO CALIFORNIA: **53**



53 WRGP students chose to attend college in California

AM. SAMOA *
CNMI *
GUAM 0
FSM *
RMI *
PALAU *

AM. SAMOA 0
CNMI 0
GUAM 0
FSM N/A
RMI N/A
PALAU N/A

* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



“As a first-generation college student, thanks to WUE, I have access to a quality and affordable nursing education, in a diverse cultural setting. It has allowed me to pursue comprehensive clinical training and participate in valuable extracurricular activities, preparing me to address healthcare disparities in underserved communities.”

ADRIAN, California resident, Nursing, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25

\$55.7M

TOTAL SAVED

by Colorado students through WICHE Student Access Programs.

\$52.8M

SAVED
through WUE

\$2.5M

SAVED
through WRGP

\$370,350

SAVED
through PSEP
appropriated by the legislature

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

- ▶ **Colorado State University (2,348)**
- ▶ **Fort Lewis College (1,017)**
- ▶ **Colorado Mesa University (613)**

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

- ▶ **Northern Arizona University (433)**
- ▶ **Montana State University, Bozeman (427)**
- ▶ **University of Utah (393)**

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



WRGP

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

- ▶ **University of Colorado Denver (171)**
- ▶ **University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus (140)**
- ▶ **University of Northern Colorado (102)**

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

- ▶ **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (26)**
- ▶ **University of Idaho (20)**
- ▶ **Eastern New Mexico University (18)**

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.

18 Colorado students paid reduced tuition for health care studies not offered by public institutions in their home state.

80% of Colorado's PSEP graduates returned home to practice (2012-21). Students are contractually required to return.

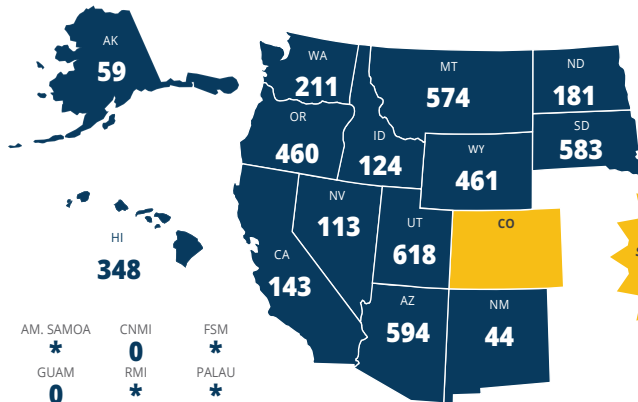
Colorado institutions and their local economies benefit too. This year, 89 PSEP students enrolled in programs located in Colorado. Institutions received \$2.8M in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

10,324% ROI gained on Colorado's WICHE annual dues (\$169,000/FY 2025)

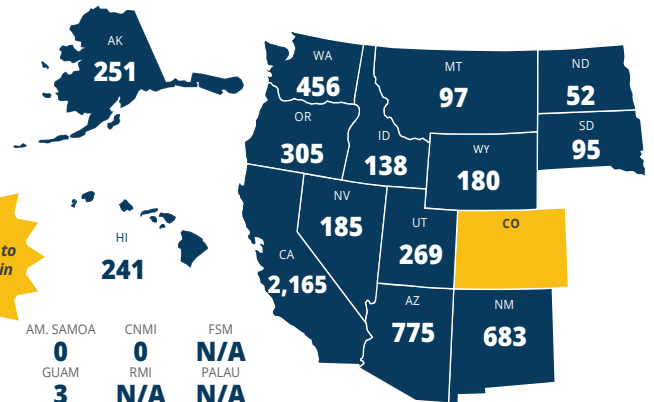
WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM COLORADO: **4,513**

WUE STUDENTS TO COLORADO: **5,895**



5,895 WUE students chose to attend college in Colorado



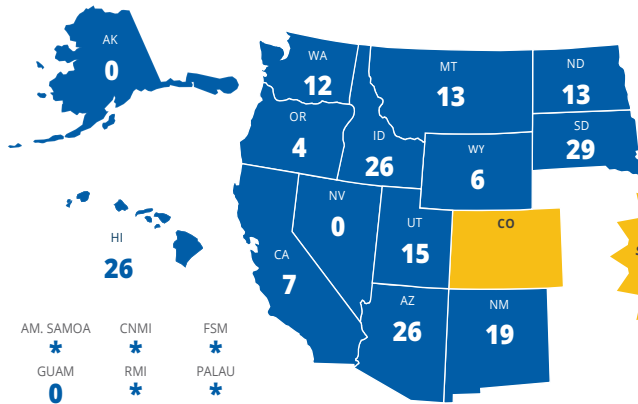
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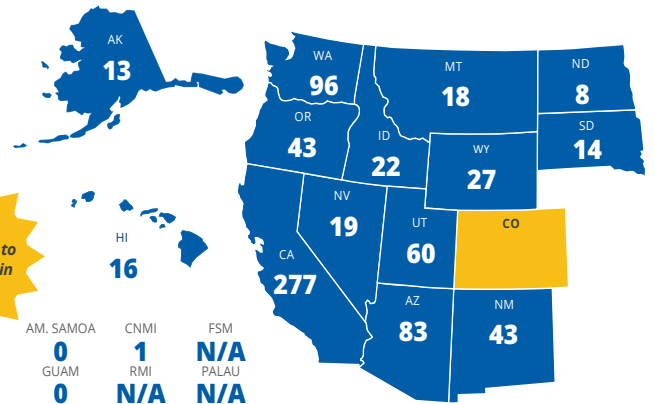
WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM COLORADO: **196**

WRGP STUDENTS TO COLORADO: **740**



740 WRGP students chose to attend college in Colorado



* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

PSEP

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

FIELD	STUDENTS	FEES PAID
Optometry	18	\$370,350
TOTAL	18	\$370,350

PSEP students from Colorado saved \$370,350 in tuition



"My eye doctor noted my interest in optometry and told me about WICHE's PSEP program when I was in eighth grade. PSEP has significantly reduced the financial stress of graduate education, allowing me to focus on becoming an excellent optometrist. I look forward to returning to Colorado to serve my home community. PSEP's support has made this career path possible and for that I am very grateful."

MIRIAM, Colorado resident, Doctor of Optometry, Midwestern University, AZ

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25

\$30.1M

TOTAL SAVED

by Hawai'i students through WICHE Student Access Programs.

\$28.2M

SAVED
through WUE

\$667,581

SAVED
through WRGP

\$1.2M

SAVED
through PSEP
appropriated by the legislature

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 Hawai'i WUE schools for out-of-state undergraduate students:

- ▶ University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (3,379)
- ▶ University of Hawai'i at Hilo (282)
- ▶ University of Hawai'i-West O'ahu (6)

Top out-of-state WUE schools for Hawai'i undergraduate students:

- ▶ University of Nevada, Las Vegas (411)
- ▶ Oregon State University (347)
- ▶ Washington State University (160)

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



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

Top Hawai'i WRGP schools for out-of-state graduate students:

- ▶ University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (411)
- ▶ University of Hawai'i at Hilo (21)

Top out-of-state WRGP schools for Hawai'i graduate students:

- ▶ University of Arizona (5)
- ▶ University of Northern Colorado (5)
- ▶ Dakota State University, SD (5)

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.

51 Hawai'i students paid reduced tuition for health care studies not offered by public institutions in their home state.

62% of Hawaii's PSEP graduates returned home to practice (2012-21). Students are contractually required to return.

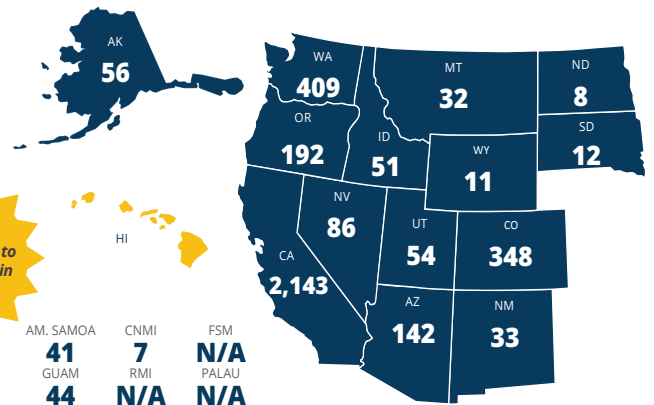
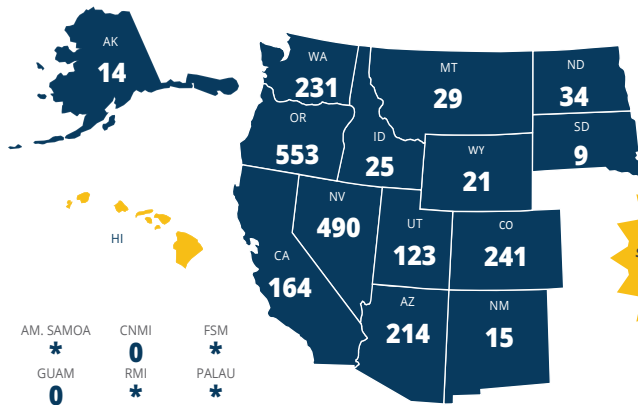
Hawai'i's institutions and their local economies benefit too. This year, 1 PSEP student enrolled in a program located in Hawai'i. The institution received \$35,700 in support fees to reduce the student's tuition costs.

2,160% ROI gained on Hawai'i's WICHE annual dues (\$169,000/FY 2025)

WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM HAWAII: **2,163**

WUE STUDENTS TO HAWAII: **3,669**



3,669 WUE students chose to attend college in Hawaii

AM. SAMOA *
GUAM 0
CNMI 0
RMI *
FSM *
PALAU *

AM. SAMOA 41
GUAM 44
CNMI 7
RMI N/A
FSM N/A
PALAU N/A

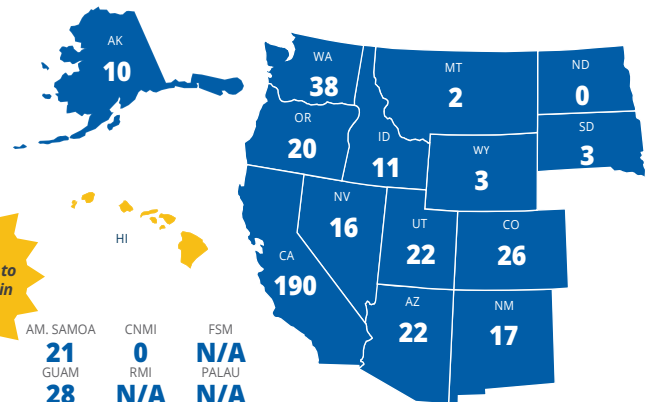
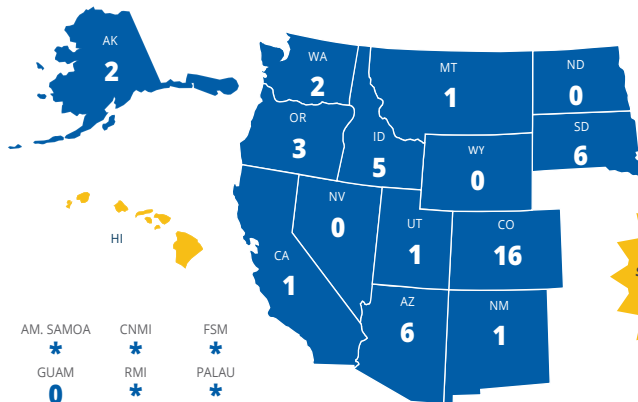
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Note: Students from American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and some Guam students are eligible for the University of Hawai'i Pacific Islander rate, which is the equivalent of the WUE rate. These students are also reported here as WUE students.

WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM HAWAII: **44**

WRGP STUDENTS TO HAWAII: **429**



429 WRGP students chose to attend college in Hawaii

AM. SAMOA *
GUAM 0
CNMI *
RMI *
FSM *
PALAU *

AM. SAMOA 21
GUAM 28
CNMI 0
RMI N/A
FSM N/A
PALAU N/A

* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

PSEP

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

FIELD	STUDENTS	FEES PAID
Dentistry	8	\$269,101
Occupational Therapy	5	\$41,667
Optometry	12	\$246,900
Physical Therapy	12	\$206,700
Veterinary Medicine	14	\$460,200
TOTAL	51	\$1,224,568

PSEP students from Hawaii saved \$1,224,568 in tuition



“ PSEP was instrumental in helping me achieve my goal of becoming a physical therapist. The financial support significantly reduced my financial stress, and I'm forever thankful for the support. ”

BRYSON, Hawai'i resident, Doctor of Physical Therapy, Touro University Nevada

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25

\$29M

TOTAL SAVED

by Idaho students through WICHE Student Access Programs.

\$27.4M

SAVED
through WUE

\$1.6M

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 (2,172)**
- ▶ **University of Idaho (1,767)**
- ▶ **Idaho State University (170)**

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

- ▶ **University of Utah (308)**
- ▶ **Washington State University (164)**
- ▶ **Montana State University, Bozeman (130)**

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



WRGP

Saves **GRADUATE** students on out-of-state 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 (274)**
- ▶ **Idaho State University (110)**
- ▶ **Boise State University (15)**

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

- ▶ **Utah State University (19)**
- ▶ **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (10)**
- ▶ **University of Utah (10)**

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 doesn't use PSEP for its residents because it operates public programs in most PSEP fields, with the exception of optometry, osteopathic medicine, and podiatry.

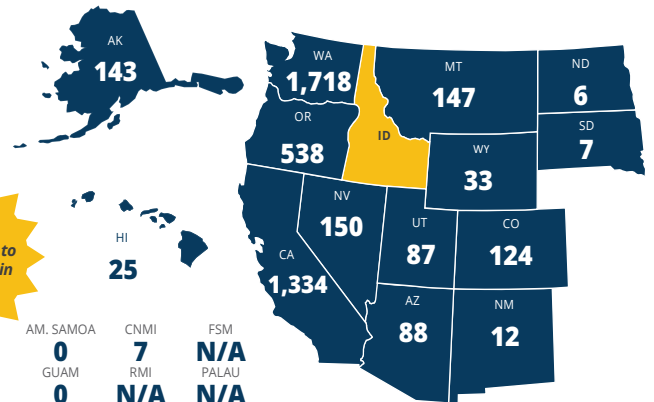
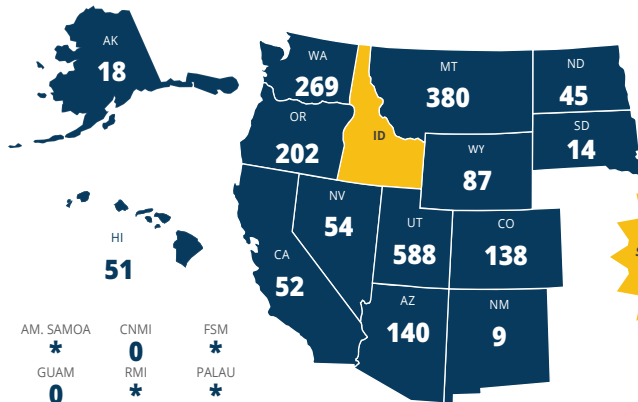
However, Idaho institutions and their local economies still benefit from PSEP. This year, 1 PSEP student enrolled in a program located in Idaho. The institution received \$20,400 in support fees to reduce the student's tuition costs.

17,200% ROI gained on Idaho's WICHE annual dues (\$169,000/FY 2025)

WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM IDAHO: **2,047**

WUE STUDENTS TO IDAHO: **4,419**



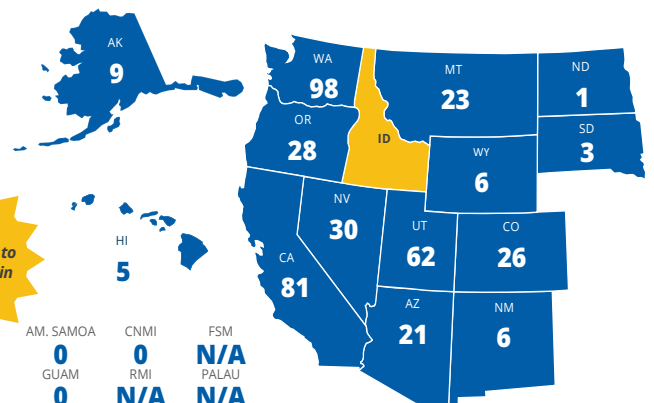
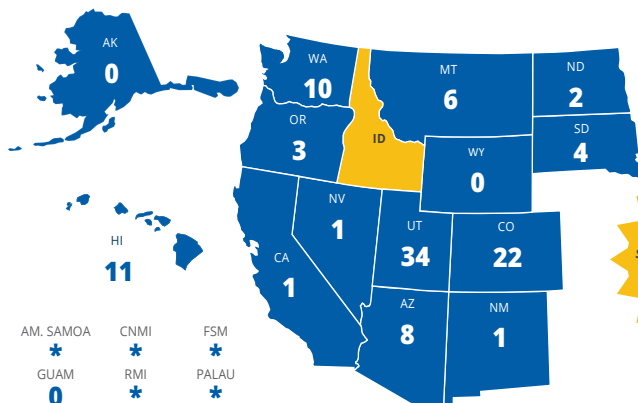
4,419 WUE students chose to attend college in Idaho

* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM IDAHO: **103**

WRGP STUDENTS TO IDAHO: **399**



399 WRGP students chose to attend college in Idaho

* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



“ Thanks to WUE, I’m able to attend Idaho State University and pursue my dream of becoming a marriage and family therapist. As an out-of-state student, I was concerned about college costs, especially since I need six years of school. I’m so grateful for WUE — it transformed my dream of attending college into reality. ”

AYLA, Oregon resident, Social Work, Idaho State University

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25

\$15M

TOTAL SAVED

by Montana students through WICHE Student Access Programs.

\$11.3M

SAVED
through WUE

\$1.2M

SAVED
through WRGP

\$2.5M

SAVED
through PSEP
appropriated by the legislature

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

- ▶ **Montana State University, Bozeman (1,715)**
- ▶ **University of Montana (700)**
- ▶ **University of Montana Western (293)**

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

- ▶ **Dickinson State University, ND (253)**
- ▶ **Northwest College, WY (110)**
- ▶ **Sheridan College, WY (77)**

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



WRGP

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

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

- ▶ **University of Montana (54)**
- ▶ **Montana State University Billings (12)**
- ▶ **Montana State University, Bozeman (10)**

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

- ▶ **University of Idaho (17)**
- ▶ **Minot State University, ND (9)**
- ▶ **North Dakota State University (8)**

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.

88 Montana students paid reduced tuition for health care studies not offered by public institutions in their home state.

59% of Montana's PSEP graduates returned home to practice (2012-16 for physicians, 2012-21 for all other fields). Students are not contractually required to return.

Montana's institutions and their local economies benefit, too.

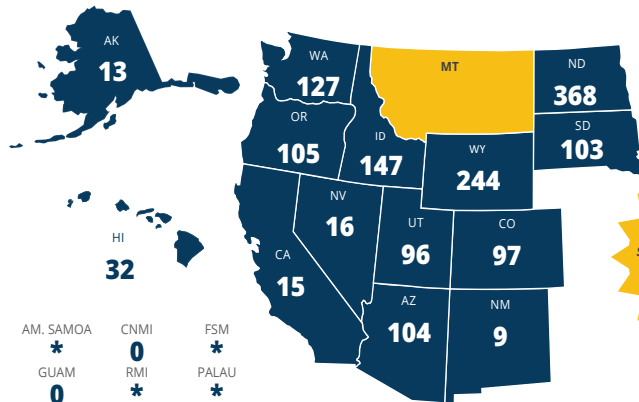
This year, 3 PSEP students enrolled in programs located in Montana. Institutions received \$51,675 in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

559% ROI gained on Montana's WICHE annual dues (\$169,000/FY 2025)

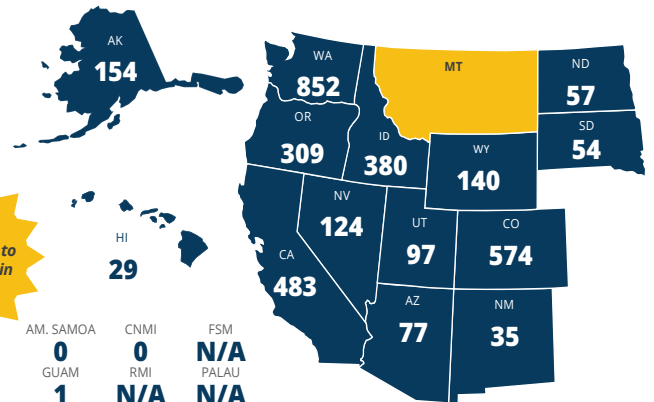
WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM MONTANA: **1,476**

WUE STUDENTS TO MONTANA: **3,366**



3,366 WUE students chose to attend college in Montana



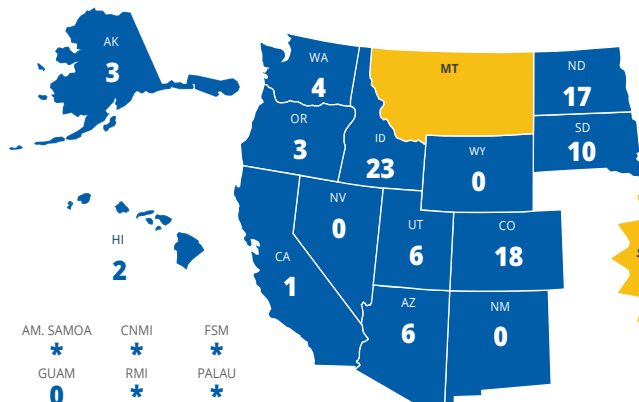
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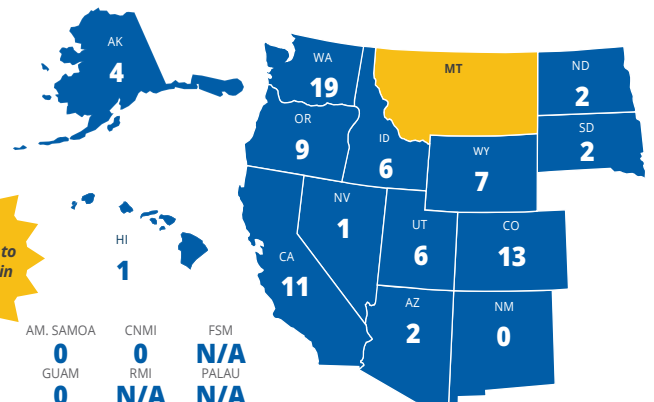
WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM MONTANA: **93**

WRGP STUDENTS TO MONTANA: **83**



83 WRGP students chose to attend college in Montana



* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

PSEP

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

FIELD	STUDENTS	FEES PAID
Dentistry	17	\$518,267
Medicine	28	\$963,900
Occupational Therapy	6	\$41,667
Optometry	8	\$164,600
Osteopathic Medicine	9	\$204,800
Veterinary Medicine	20	\$637,200
TOTAL	88	\$2,530,434

PSEP students from Montana saved \$2,530,434 in tuition



“ PSEP has enabled me to pursue my dental career even though my home state did not offer a degree in dentistry. It has alleviated the financial burdens typically faced by out-of-state students, allowing me to confidently plan for both dental school and a potential residency after graduation. ”

KAMDEN, Montana resident, Dentistry, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25

\$29M

TOTAL SAVED

by Nevada students through WICHE Student Access Programs.

\$26.6M

SAVED
through WUE

\$1.7M

SAVED
through WRGP

\$703,571

SAVED
through PSEP
appropriated by the legislature

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

- ▶ **University of Nevada, Reno (2,916)**
- ▶ **University of Nevada, Las Vegas (1,460)**
- ▶ **Truckee Meadows Community College (114)**

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

- ▶ **Northern Arizona University (259)**
- ▶ **Southern Utah University (189)**
- ▶ **University of Utah (184)**

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



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

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

- ▶ **University of Nevada Reno (8)**
- ▶ **Nevada State University (5)**

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

- ▶ **University of Idaho (27)**
- ▶ **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (16)**
- ▶ **University of Arizona (11)**

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.

37 Nevada students paid reduced tuition for health care studies not offered by public institutions in their home state.

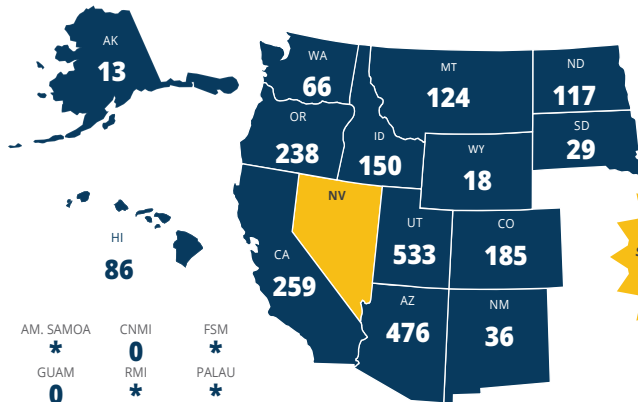
78% of Nevada's PSEP graduates returned home to practice (2012-21). Students are contractually required to return.

Nevada's institutions and their local economies benefit, too. This year, 38 PSEP students enrolled in programs located in Nevada. Institutions received \$850,407 in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

3,324% ROI gained on Nevada's WICHE annual dues (\$169,000/FY 2025)

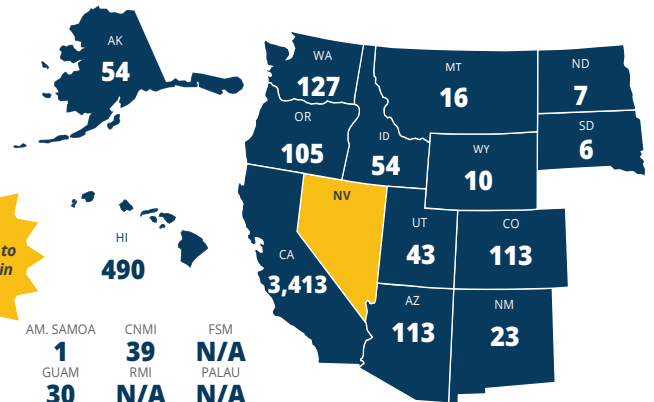
WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM NEVADA: **2,330**



4,644 WUE students chose to attend college in Nevada

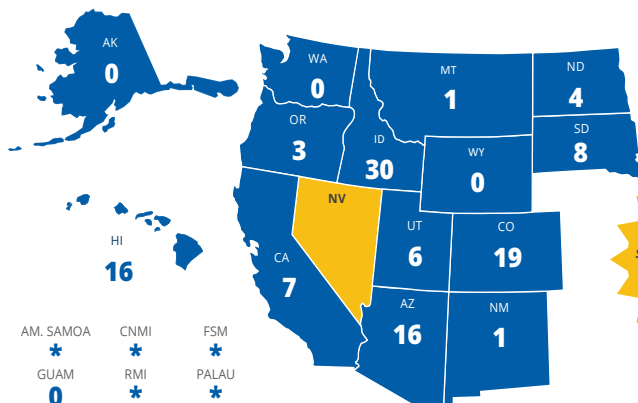
WUE STUDENTS TO NEVADA: **4,644**



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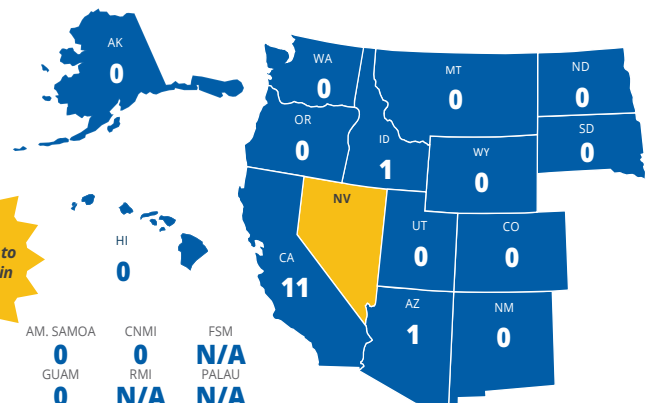
WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM NEVADA: **111**



13 WRGP students chose to attend college in Nevada

WRGP STUDENTS TO NEVADA: **13**



* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

PSEP

FIELD	STUDENTS	FEES PAID
Occupational Therapy**	6	\$109,376
Pharmacy	10	\$121,670
Physician Assistant	12	\$244,800
Physical Therapy	5	\$86,125
Veterinary Medicine	4	\$141,600
TOTAL	37	\$703,571

PSEP students from Nevada saved \$703,571 in tuition

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



“ PSEP is facilitating my journey toward becoming a pharmacist, a field with noticeable staffing shortages. Upon graduation, I plan to focus on promoting healthcare in Spanish-speaking communities and enhancing the cultural competency of professionals that serve Latino communities. ”

VANESSA, Nevada resident, Pharmacy, Roseman University of Health Sciences

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25

\$17M

TOTAL SAVED

by New Mexico students through WICHE Student Access Programs.

\$13.1M

SAVED
through WUE

\$1.7M

SAVED
through WRGP

\$2.2M

SAVED
through PSEP
appropriated by the legislature

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 New Mexico WUE schools for out-of-state undergraduate students:

- ▶ University of New Mexico (401)
- ▶ Eastern New Mexico University (152)
- ▶ New Mexico State University (134)

Top out-of-state WUE schools for New Mexico undergraduate students:

- ▶ Fort Lewis College, CO (419)
- ▶ Northern Arizona University (169)
- ▶ Colorado State University (126)

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



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

Top New Mexico WRGP schools for out-of-state graduate students:

- ▶ Eastern New Mexico University (112)
- ▶ University of New Mexico (9)
- ▶ New Mexico State University (6)

Top out-of-state WRGP schools for New Mexico graduate students:

- ▶ University of Arizona (18)
- ▶ University of Colorado Denver (10)
- ▶ University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (9)

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.

68 New Mexico students paid reduced tuition for health care studies not offered by public institutions in their home state.

94% of New Mexico's PSEP graduates returned home to practice (2012-21). Students are contractually required to return.

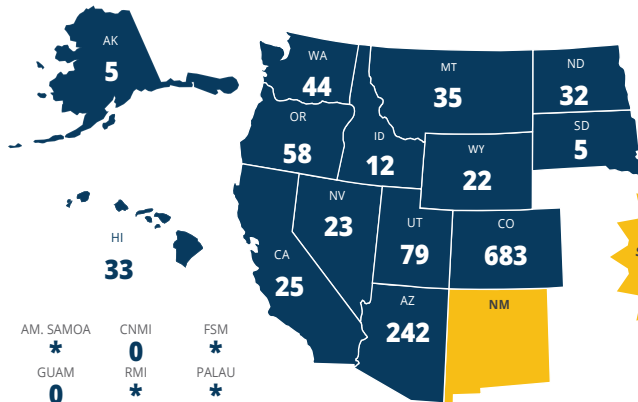
New Mexico's institutions and their local economies benefit too. This year, 1 PSEP student enrolled in a program located in New Mexico.

723% ROI gained on New Mexico's WICHE annual dues (\$169,000/FY 2025)

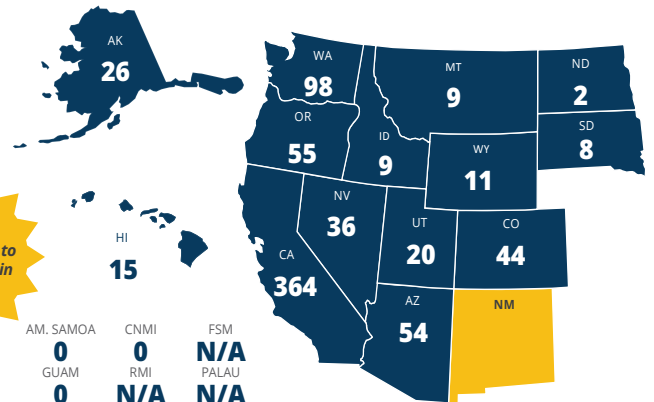
WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM NEW MEXICO: **1,298**

WUE STUDENTS TO NEW MEXICO: **751**



751 WUE students chose to attend college in New Mexico

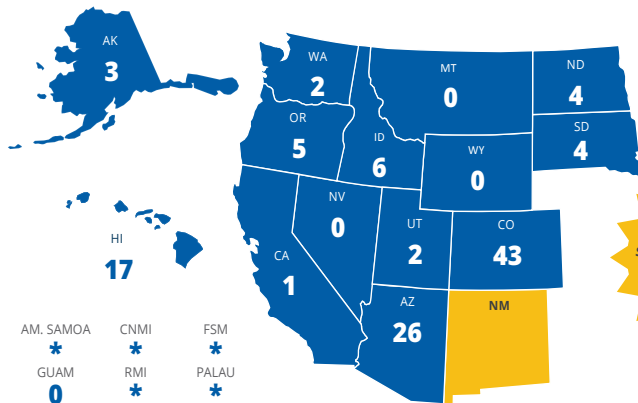


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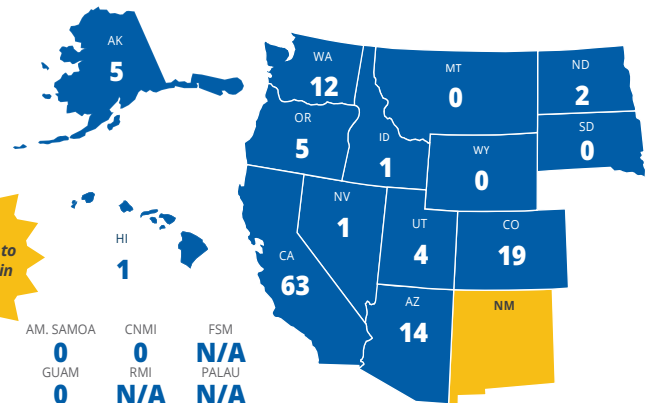
WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM NEW MEXICO: **113**

WRGP STUDENTS TO NEW MEXICO: **127**



127 WRGP students chose to attend college in New Mexico



* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

PSEP

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

FIELD	STUDENTS	FEES PAID
Dentistry	28	\$867,101
Optometry	3	\$61,725
Veterinary Medicine	37	\$1,250,800
TOTAL	68	\$2,179,626

PSEP students from New Mexico saved \$2,179,626 in tuition



“ PSEP has provided exceptional opportunities in veterinary medicine, particularly in bovine medicine. The program’s support has lessened the worry about student loan indebtedness and enabled me to seek out specialized training and hands-on experience, sparking my interest in beef cattle theriogenology. I look forward to bringing these skills back to New Mexico as a practicing veterinarian. ”

TEAH, New Mexico resident, Veterinary Medicine, Washington State University

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25

\$4.3M

TOTAL SAVED

by North Dakota students through WICHE Student Access Programs.

\$2.6M
SAVED
through WUE

\$583,509
SAVED
through WRGP

\$1.1M
SAVED
through PSEP
appropriated by the legislature

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 North Dakota WUE schools for out-of-state undergraduate students:

- ▶ **University of North Dakota (539)**
- ▶ **Dickinson State University (440)**
- ▶ **North Dakota State University (320)**

Top out-of-state WUE schools for North Dakota undergraduate students:

- ▶ **South Dakota State University (86)**
- ▶ **South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (65)**
- ▶ **Northern State University, SD (61)**

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



WRGP

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

Top North Dakota WRGP schools for out-of-state graduate students:

- ▶ **North Dakota State University (88)**
- ▶ **Minot State University (39)**
- ▶ **University of North Dakota (8)**

Top out-of-state WRGP schools for North Dakota graduate students:

- ▶ **University of South Dakota (13)**
- ▶ **South Dakota State University (6)**
- ▶ **Dakota State University, SD (5)**

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.

40 North Dakota students paid reduced tuition for health care studies not offered by public institutions in their home state.

43% of North Dakota's PSEP graduates returned home to practice (2012-21). Students are not contractually required to return.

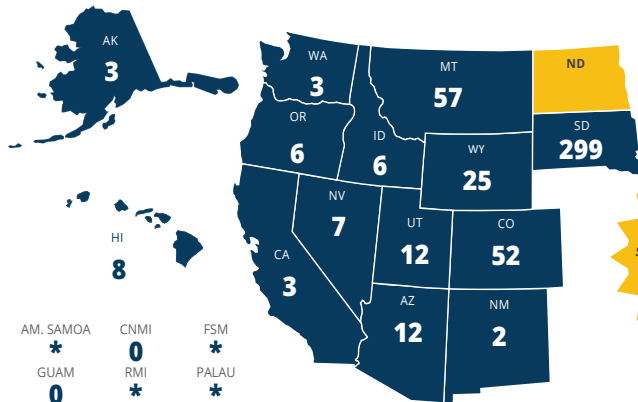
North Dakota's institutions and their local economies benefit, too. This year, 10 PSEP students enrolled in programs located in North Dakota. Institutions received \$253,367 in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

347% ROI gained on North Dakota's WICHE annual dues (\$169,000/FY 2025)

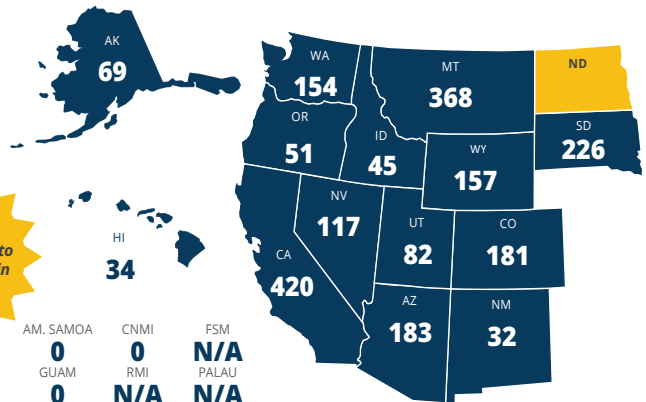
WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM N. DAKOTA: **495**

WUE STUDENTS TO N. DAKOTA: **2,119**



2,119 WUE students chose to attend college in North Dakota



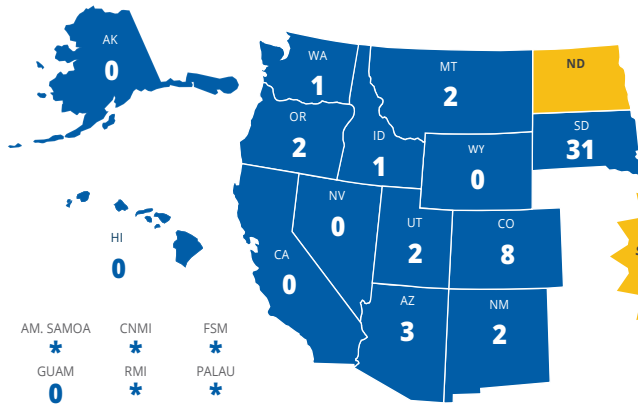
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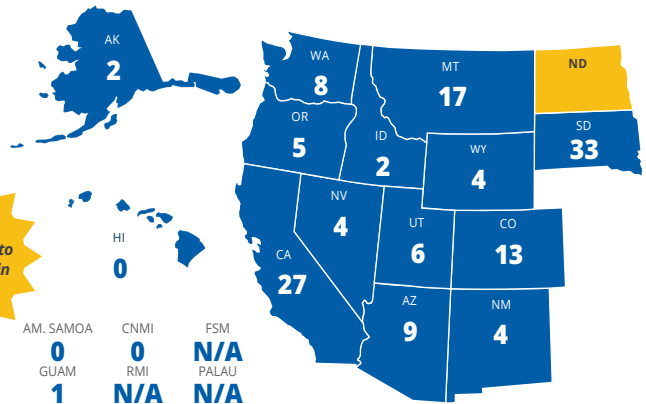
WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM N. DAKOTA: **52**

WRGP STUDENTS TO N. DAKOTA: **135**



135 WRGP students chose to attend college in North Dakota



* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

PSEP

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

FIELD	STUDENTS	FEES PAID
Dentistry	15	\$458,467
Optometry	19	\$390,925
Veterinary Medicine	6	\$212,400
TOTAL	40	\$1,061,792

PSEP students from North Dakota saved \$1,061,792 in tuition



“ PSEP has been transformative in my optometry education, alleviating financial burdens and enabling me to focus on academic excellence.

The program has connected me with valuable research collaborations and networking opportunities, establishing a strong foundation for my professional career. ”

TAYLOR, North Dakota resident, Optometry, Midwestern University, AZ

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25

\$43.3M

TOTAL SAVED

by Oregon students through WICHE Student Access Programs.

\$40.6M

SAVED
through WUE

\$2.7M

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

- ▶ Oregon State University (3,112)
- ▶ Portland State University (781)
- ▶ Southern Oregon University (680)

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

- ▶ University of Utah (285)
- ▶ University of Idaho (248)
- ▶ Boise State University, ID (213)

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



WRGP

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

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

- ▶ Portland State University (66)
- ▶ Oregon Health & Science University (27)
- ▶ Oregon State University (19)

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

- ▶ University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (20)
- ▶ University of Idaho (18)
- ▶ University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus (12)

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.

Oregon doesn't use PSEP for its residents because it operates public programs in most PSEP fields, with the exception of optometry, osteopathic medicine, and podiatry.

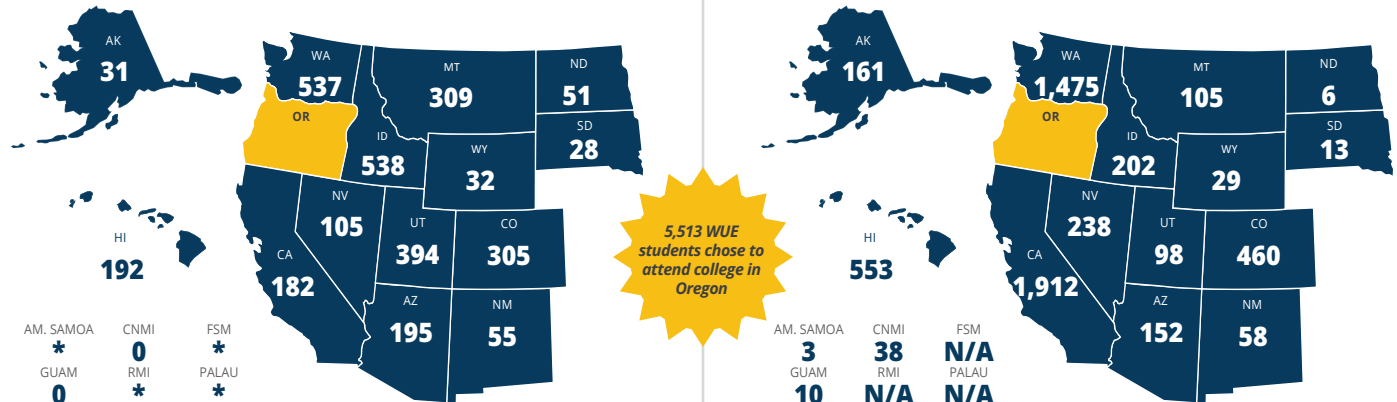
However, Oregon institutions and their local economies still benefit from PSEP. This year, 74 PSEP students enrolled in programs located in Oregon. Institutions received \$1.8M in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

25,639% ROI gained on Oregon's WICHE annual dues (\$169,000/FY 2025)

WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM OREGON: **2,954**

WUE STUDENTS TO OREGON: **5,513**

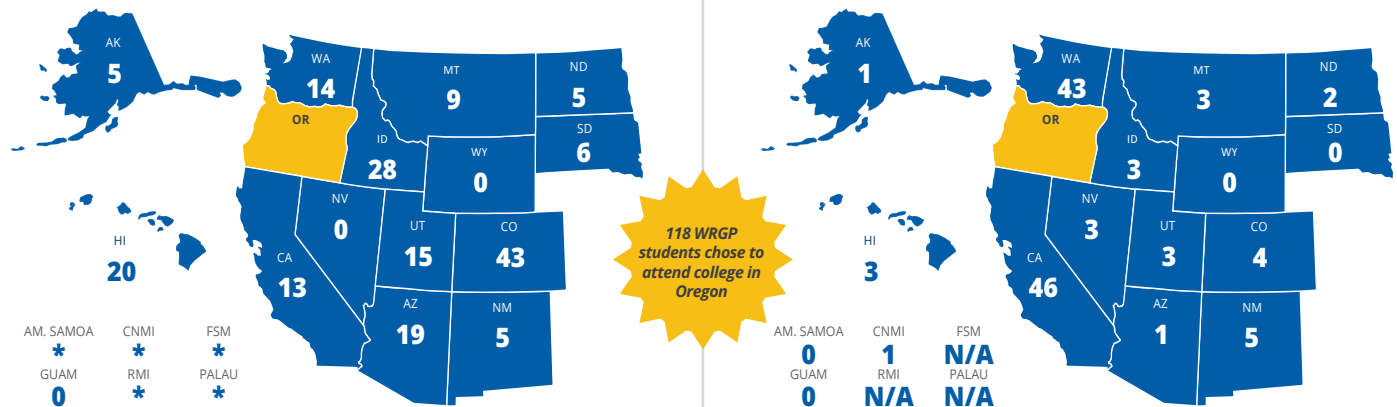


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WRGP

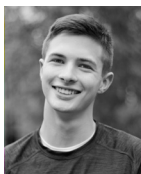
WRGP STUDENTS FROM OREGON: **182**

WRGP STUDENTS TO OREGON: **118**



* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



“ I would not have been able to attend my dream college without WUE. It alleviated my financial worries and allowed me to concentrate on what truly matters: my academics. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunities WUE has provided me. ”

COLTON, Washington resident, Biochemistry and Advanced Molecular Biology, Oregon State University

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25

\$4.5M

TOTAL SAVED

by South Dakota students through WICHE Student Access Programs.

\$3.9M

SAVED through WUE

\$597,218

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 South Dakota WUE schools for out-of-state undergraduate students:

- ▶ **South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (555)**
- ▶ **Black Hills State University (527)**
- ▶ **South Dakota State University (296)**

Top out-of-state WUE schools for South Dakota undergraduate students:

- ▶ **North Dakota State University (180)**
- ▶ **Dickinson State University, ND (38)**
- ▶ **Colorado State University (37)**

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



WRGP

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

Top South Dakota WRGP schools for out-of-state graduate students:

- ▶ **University of South Dakota (83)**
- ▶ **Dakota State University (54)**
- ▶ **South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (35)**

Top out-of-state WRGP schools for South Dakota graduate students:

- ▶ **North Dakota State University (28)**
- ▶ **University of Colorado Denver (5)**
- ▶ **Minot State University, ND (5)**

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.

South Dakota doesn't use PSEP for its residents because students typically enroll in the state's public programs for several PSEP fields, or use agreements with neighboring states for programs not offered by their public institutions.

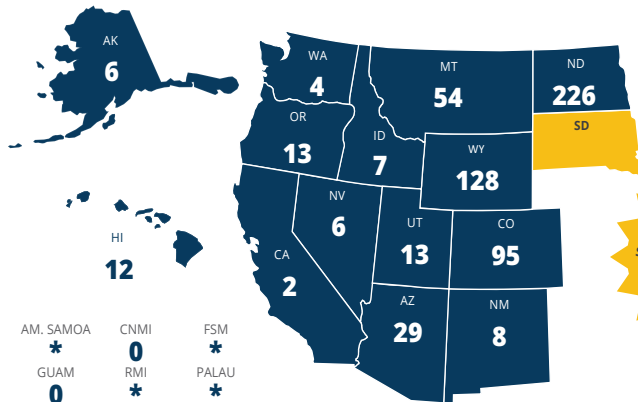
However, **South Dakota institutions and their local economies still benefit** from PSEP. This year, 2 PSEP students enrolled in programs located in South Dakota. Institutions received \$43,267 in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

2,677% ROI gained on S. Dakota's WICHE annual dues (\$169,000/FY 2025)

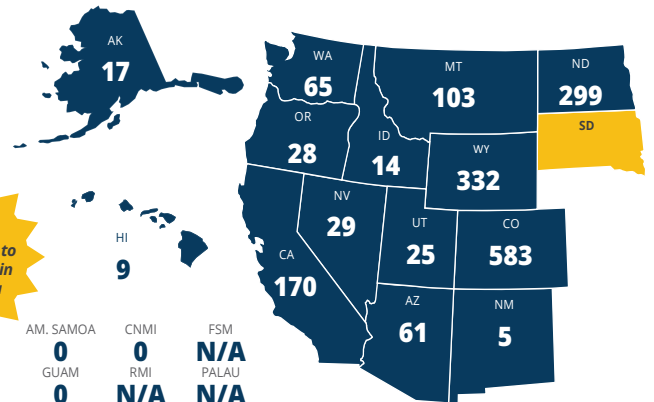
WUE

WUE STUDENTS **FROM** S. DAKOTA: **603**

WUE STUDENTS **TO** S. DAKOTA: **1,740**



1,740 WUE students chose to attend college in South Dakota



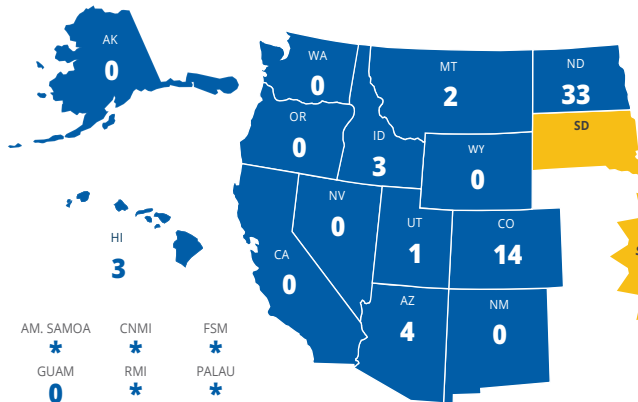
* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

Note: Students from Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, and Wyoming are eligible for the South Dakota Advantage Program and are assessed resident on-campus tuition rates. These students are also reported as WUE students.

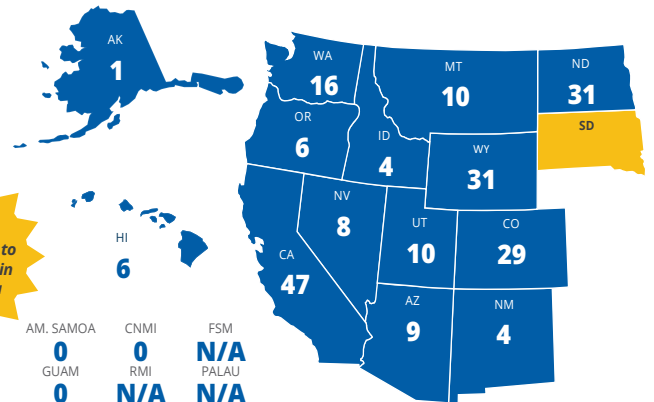
WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS **FROM** S. DAKOTA: **60**

WRGP STUDENTS **TO** S. DAKOTA: **212**



212 WRGP students chose to attend college in South Dakota



* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING



“Offering the Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP) rate helps us attract students who couldn’t otherwise afford our programs. We are always looking for ways to recruit graduate students. When WICHE region students learn they get the discounted WRGP rate here, they’re absolutely blown away, and we immediately go to the top of their list.”

BRITTANY, Director of Graduate Education, University of South Dakota Graduate School

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25

\$15.4M

TOTAL SAVED
by Utah students through
WICHE Student Access
Programs.

\$11.7M

SAVED
through WUE

\$3.1M

SAVED
through WRGP

\$609,575

SAVED
through PSEP
appropriated by the legislature

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

- ▶ **University of Utah (3,680)**
- ▶ **Utah Valley University (905)**
- ▶ **Southern Utah University (446)**

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

- ▶ **Mohave Community College, AZ (147)**
- ▶ **Colorado Mesa University (66)**
- ▶ **Western Wyoming Community College (58)**

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



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

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

- ▶ **University of Utah (70)**
- ▶ **Utah State University (42)**
- ▶ **Weber State University (18)**

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

- ▶ **University of Idaho (36)**
- ▶ **Idaho State University (23)**
- ▶ **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (22)**

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.

31 Utah students paid reduced tuition for health care studies not offered by public institutions in their home state.

49% of Utah's PSEP graduates returned home to practice (2012-21). Students are not contractually required to return.

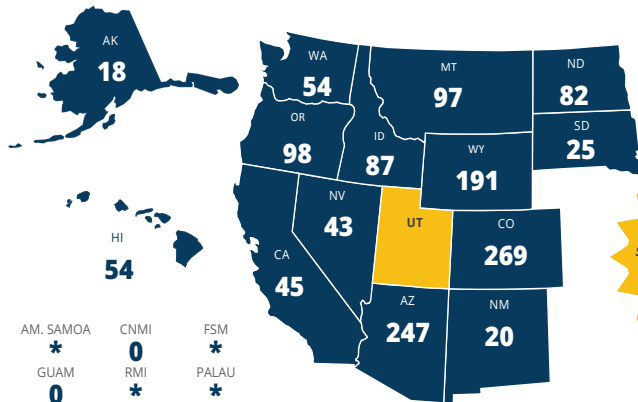
Utah's institutions and their local economies benefit, too. This year, 40 PSEP students enrolled in programs located in Utah. Institutions received \$1M in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

1,977% ROI gained on Utah's WICHE annual dues (\$169,000/FY 2025)

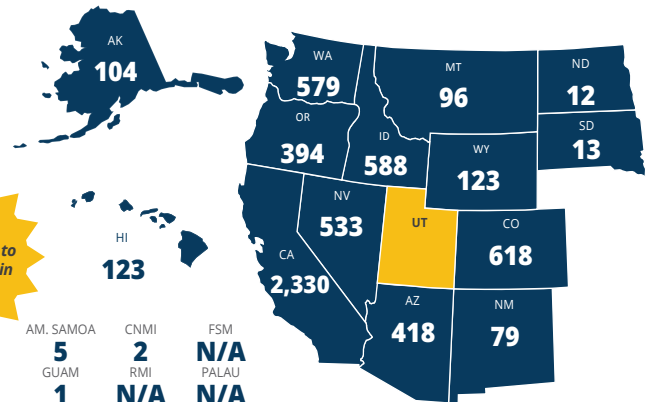
WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM UTAH: **1,330**

WUE STUDENTS TO UTAH: **6,018**



6,018 WUE students chose to attend college in Utah

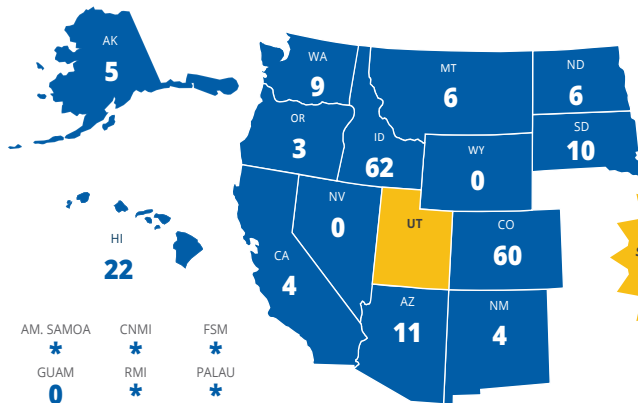


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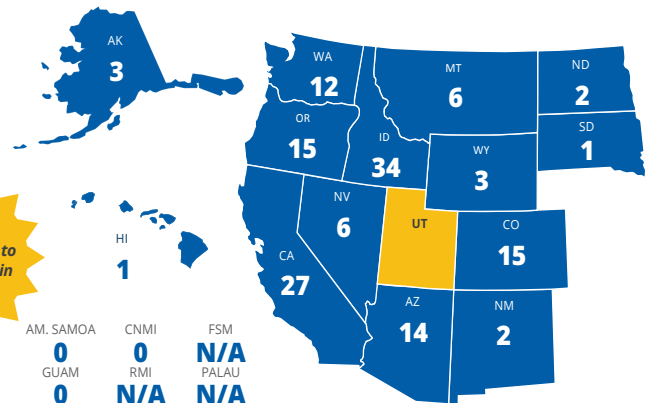
WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM UTAH: **202**

WRGP STUDENTS TO UTAH: **141**



141 WRGP students chose to attend college in Utah



* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

PSEP

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

FIELD	STUDENTS	FEES PAID
Optometry	21	\$432,075
Podiatry	10	\$177,500
TOTAL	31	\$609,575

PSEP students from Utah saved \$609,575 in tuition



“ PSEP made it possible for me to attend an excellent program near my home state. Staying in the West has allowed me to develop professional networks that will make it easier to find job opportunities close to home. This support has been an incredible gift for me and my family. ”

DEREK, Utah resident, Podiatry, Midwestern University, AZ

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25

\$105.3M

TOTAL SAVED

by Washington students through WICHE Student Access Programs.

\$99.6M

SAVED
through WUE

\$5.7M

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

- ▶ **Washington State University (1,391)**
- ▶ **Western Washington University (554)**
- ▶ **Central Washington University (299)**

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

- ▶ **Oregon State University (986)**
- ▶ **University of Idaho (938)**
- ▶ **Boise State University, ID (658)**

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



WRGP

Saves **GRADUATE** students on out-of-state 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 (34)**
- ▶ **Central Washington University (27)**
- ▶ **Washington State University Spokane (13)**

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

- ▶ **University of Idaho (80)**
- ▶ **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (37)**
- ▶ **University of Colorado Denver (24)**

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.

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.

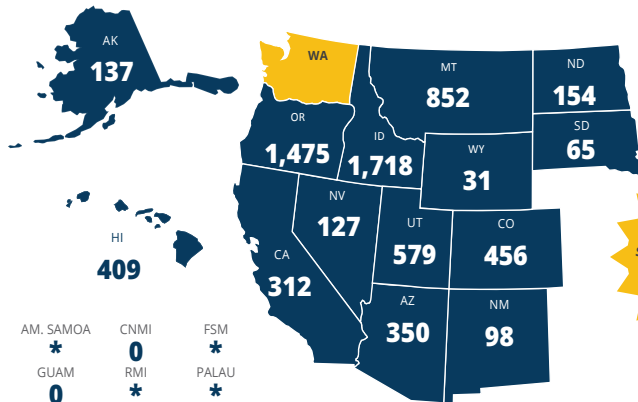
However, **Washington institutions and their local economies still benefit from PSEP**. This year, 64 PSEP students enrolled in programs located in Washington. Institutions received \$2M in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

62,303% ROI gained on WA's WICHE annual dues (\$169,000/FY 2025)

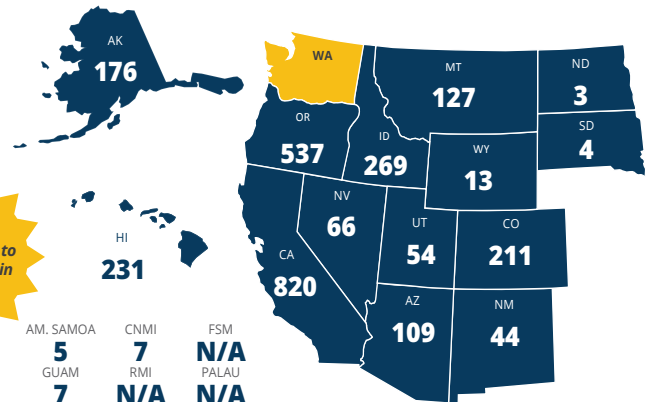
WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM WASHINGTON: **6,763**

WUE STUDENTS TO WASHINGTON: **2,683**



2,683 WUE students chose to attend college in Washington

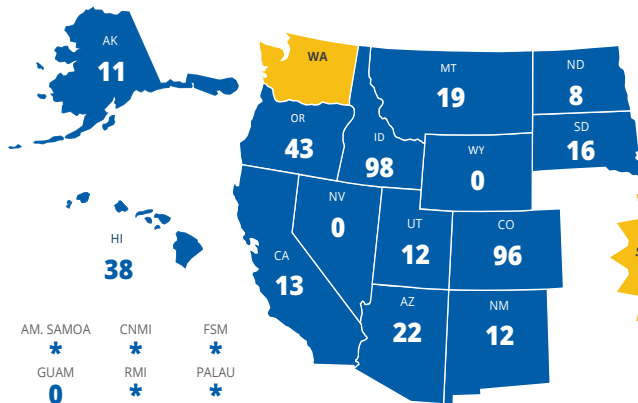


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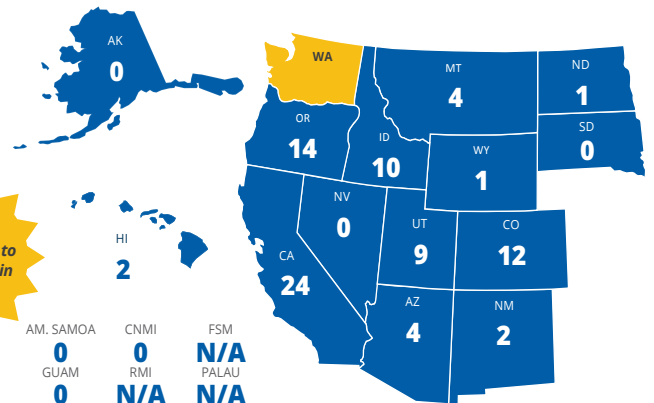
WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM WASHINGTON: **388**

WRGP STUDENTS TO WASHINGTON: **83**



83 WRGP students chose to attend college in Washington



* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



“ WUE gave me the chance to pick where I wanted to go to college. It made it easier for me to move to a different state without the usual money worries that come with out-of-state tuition. ”

KURTIS, California resident, Journalism, Western Washington University

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25

\$10.9M

TOTAL SAVED

by Wyoming students through WICHE Student Access Programs.

\$7.5M
SAVED
through WUE

\$1.1M
SAVED
through WRGP

\$2.4M
SAVED
through PSEP
appropriated by the legislature

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

- ▶ Laramie County Community College (403)
- ▶ Northwest College (185)
- ▶ Casper College (173)

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

- ▶ Black Hills State University, SD (199)
- ▶ South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (82)
- ▶ Montana State University Billings (46)

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



WRGP

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

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

- ▶ University of Wyoming (6)

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

- ▶ University of Northern Colorado (10)
- ▶ University of South Dakota (9)
- ▶ Black Hills State University, SD (9)

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.

91 Wyoming students paid reduced tuition for health care studies not offered by public institutions in their home state.

55% of Wyoming's PSEP graduates returned home to practice (2012-16 for physicians, 2012-21 for all other fields). Students are contractually required to return, except for those studying veterinary medicine.

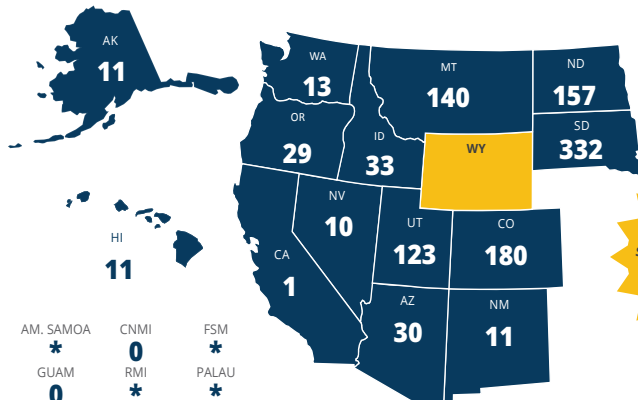
The University of Wyoming and the local economy can benefit from PSEP. Its doctor of pharmacy program can enroll students from other WICHE states. Enrolling institutions receive a support fee paid by the students' home states to reduce their tuition costs.

430% ROI gained on Wyoming's WICHE annual dues (\$169,000/FY 2025)

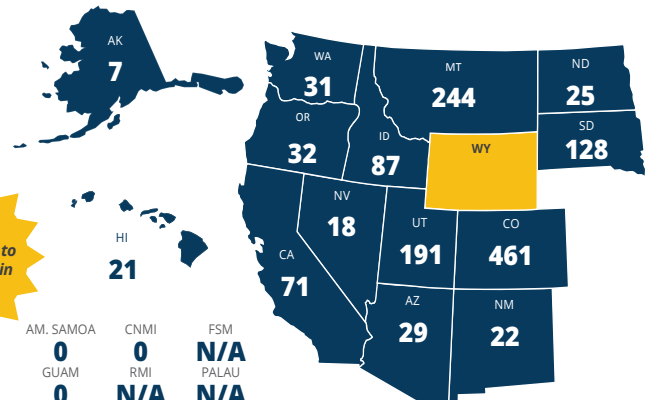
WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM WYOMING: **1,081**

WUE STUDENTS TO WYOMING: **1,367**



1,367 WUE students chose to attend college in Wyoming



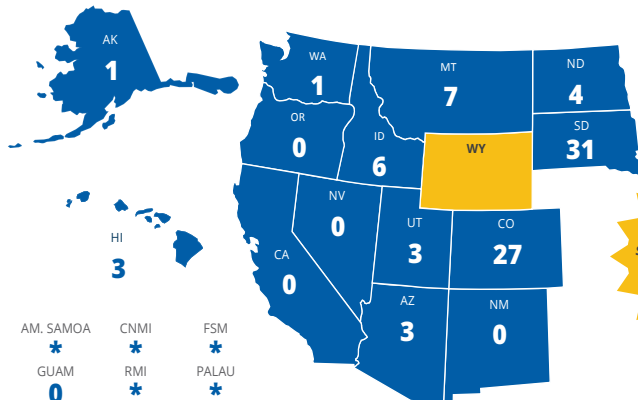
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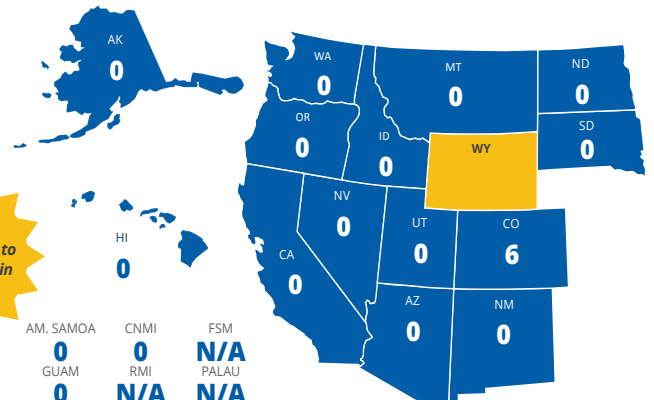
WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM WYOMING: **86**

WRGP STUDENTS TO WYOMING: **6**



6 WRGP students chose to attend college in Wyoming



* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

PSEP

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

FIELD	STUDENTS	FEES PAID
Dentistry	8	\$239,200
Medicine	11	\$392,700
Occupational Therapy	6	\$67,709
Optometry	7	\$144,025
Osteopathic Medicine	6	\$153,600
Physician Assistant	2	\$40,800
Physical Therapy	26	\$447,850
Veterinary Medicine	25	\$885,000
TOTAL	91	\$2,370,884

PSEP students from Wyoming saved \$2,370,884 in tuition



“ PSEP made my dream of becoming a dentist possible by alleviating the financial stress of dental school. Now I can focus on becoming the best dental professional I can be, and I look forward to returning to my rural community to give back to my home state of Wyoming. ”

CAMERON, Wyoming resident, Dentistry, University of Utah

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25

\$1M

TOTAL SAVED

by American Samoa students through WICHE Student Access Programs.

\$837,428

SAVED through WUE

\$215,208

SAVED through WRGP

WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE



Saves **UNDERGRADUATE**

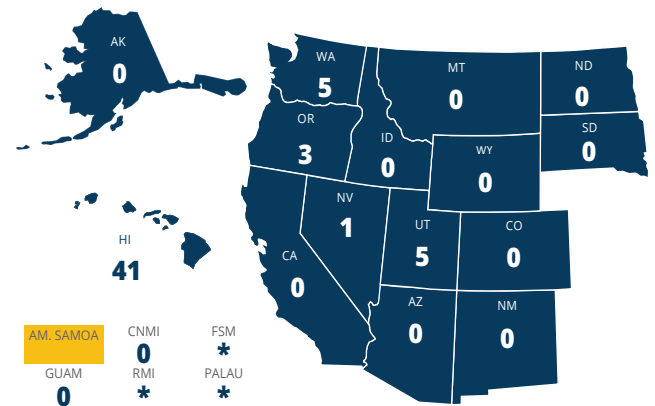
students on out-of-state tuition. They pay no more than 150% of in-state tuition at partner institutions across the West.

Note: Students from American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and some Guam students are eligible for the University of Hawai'i Pacific Islander rate, which is the equivalent of the WUE rate. These students are also reported here as WUE students.

Top out-of-state WUE schools for American Samoa undergraduate students:

- ▶ **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (41)**
- ▶ **Southern Utah University (5)**
- ▶ **Washington State University (4)**

WUE STUDENTS FROM AM. SAMOA: **55**



* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



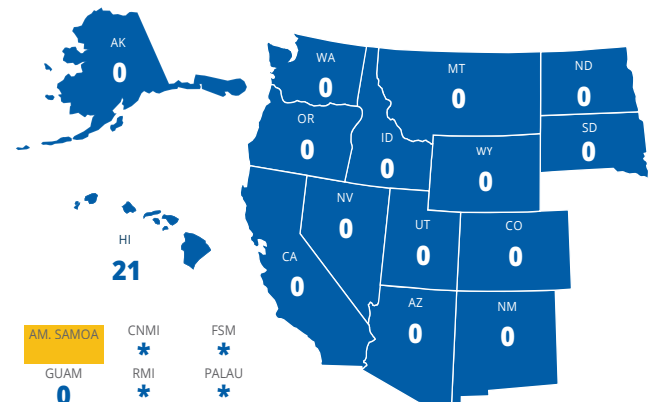
Saves **GRADUATE**

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

Top out-of-state WRGP schools for American Samoa graduate students:

- ▶ **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (21)**

WRGP STUDENTS FROM AM. SAMOA: **21**



* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

3,737% ROI gained on Am. Samoa's WICHE annual dues (\$28,167/FY 2025)

U.S. PACIFIC TERRITORY COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS *partner since 2012*

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25

\$1.5M

TOTAL SAVED
by CNMI students through
WICHE Student Access
Programs.

\$1.5M
SAVED
through WUE

\$23,592
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 out-of-state WUE schools for CNMI undergraduate students:

- ▶ **University of Nevada, Las Vegas (37)**
- ▶ **Portland State University, OR (24)**
- ▶ **Western Oregon University (11)**

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



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

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

- ▶ **University of Northern Colorado (1)**
- ▶ **Portland State University, OR (1)**

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.

**CNMI did not have any students
enrolled through PSEP** in AY
2024-25.

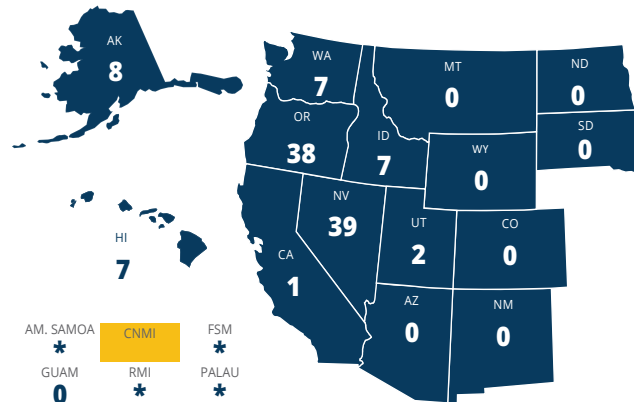
**Residents can access affordable
health care education** at more
than 130 participating programs in
the Western United States due to
legislation passed by the CNMI in
2017.

CNMI considers applicants in
the fields of allopathic medicine,
dentistry, occupational therapy,
osteopathic medicine, pharmacy,
physician assistant, physical
therapy, and veterinary medicine.

5,402% ROI gained on CNMI's WICHE annual dues (\$28,167/FY 2025)

WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM CNMI: **109**

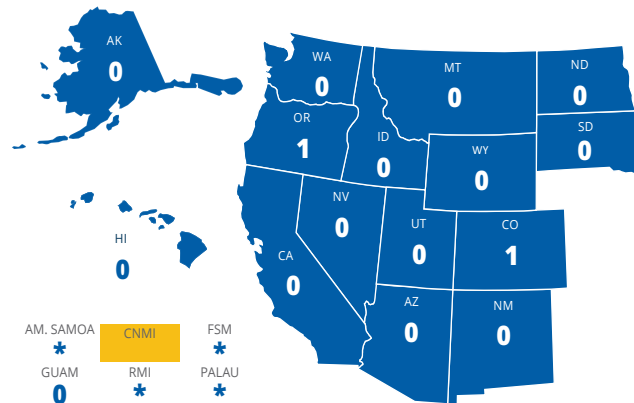


Note: Students from American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and some Guam students are eligible for the University of Hawai'i Pacific Islander rate, which is the equivalent of the WUE rate. These students are also reported here as WUE students.

* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM CNMI: **2**



* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25

\$1.9M

TOTAL SAVED
 by Guam students through
 WICHE Student Access
 Programs.

\$1.5M
SAVED
 through WUE

\$307,944
SAVED
 through WRGP

\$52,975
SAVED
 through PSEP

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

- ▶ **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (43)**
- ▶ **University of Nevada, Las Vegas (26)**
- ▶ **Oregon State University (6)**

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



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

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

- ▶ **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (27)**
- ▶ **University of Alaska Anchorage (3)**
- ▶ **University of Hawai'i at Hilo (1)**

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.

Guam's legislature signed Bill 158, known as the Birāda Act, on April 7, 2022. The Birāda Act supports PSEP in Guam as a way to grow its healthcare workforce.

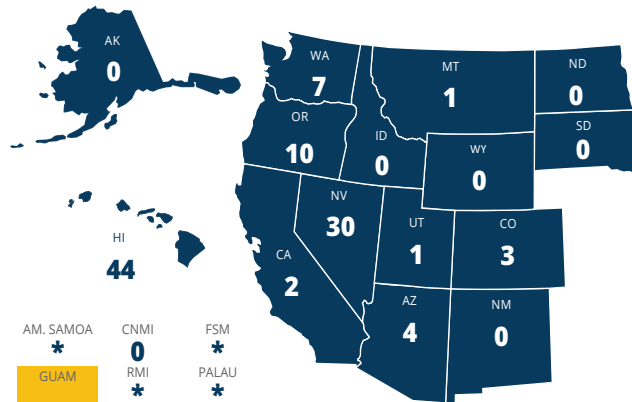
4 Guam students paid reduced tuition for health care studies not offered by public institutions on Guam.

Guam considers applicants in the fields of allopathic medicine, dentistry, occupational therapy, optometry, osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, physical therapy, physician assistant, podiatry, and veterinary medicine.

2,286% ROI gained on Guam's WICHE annual dues (\$28,167/FY 2025)

WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM GUAM: **102**

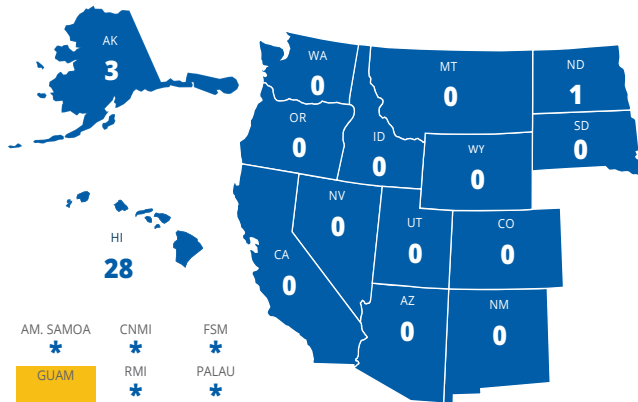


Note: Students from American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and some Guam students are eligible for the University of Hawai'i Pacific Islander rate, which is the equivalent of the WUE rate. These students are also reported here as WUE students.

* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM GUAM: **32**



* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



“ Growing up on Guam, I witnessed firsthand the challenges of healthcare shortages and their impact on our community. These experiences sparked my passion for medicine. While many students from Guam dream of becoming healthcare professionals, financial constraints and limited educational opportunities often stand in their way.

Thanks to WICHE’s PSEP support, I am now studying at Western University of Health Sciences in Oregon, where I’ve met incredible individuals who share my commitment to medicine. While the journey is challenging, I stay focused by remembering my purpose.

My goal is to return to Guam after completing my education to serve as a compassionate physician in my home community. This program hasn’t just made my dreams possible — it’s inspired me to work toward a future where quality healthcare is accessible to everyone in Guam. To future PSEP applicants: remember your roots and strive to give back to the communities that shaped you. ”

GINO, Guam resident, Osteopathic Medicine, Western University of Health Sciences, OR

PSEP

FIELD	STUDENTS	FEES PAID
Osteopathic Medicine	1	\$25,600
Pharmacy	3	\$27,375
TOTAL	4	\$52,975

PSEP students from Guam saved \$52,975 in tuition

CONTACT US

If you reside in the WICHE region, we welcome your participation in our programs. Learn how you can become part of WUE, WRGP, or PSEP at wiche.edu/tuition-savings, or contact the Student Access Programs team.



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