WUE Colleges at a Glance

Western Undergraduate Exchange: Four-Year Public Universities Outside California

Data shown from the most recent available year — admissions + enrollment Fall 2024, costs 2025–26.

What is WUE? Participating public universities in other Western states charge eligible students no more than 150% of their in-state tuition — often thousands less than standard out-of-state rates. Each college sets its own eligibility, majors, deadlines, and award limits, so WUE is never guaranteed. Confirm the details with each school.

Alaska

COLLEGE	LOCATION	UNDERGRADS Fall 2024	ADMIT RATE Fall 2024	IN-STATE tuition + fees	OUT-OF-STATE tuition + fees	WUE EST. max 150% of in-state
University of Alaska Anchorage	Anchorage, AK	7,200	N/A	$8,000	$22,400	**$11,900**
University of Alaska Fairbanks	Fairbanks, AK	4,200	N/A	$9,000	$23,400	**$13,400**
University of Alaska Southeast	Juneau, AK	900	63%	$7,200	$21,600	**$10,800**

Arizona

COLLEGE	LOCATION	UNDERGRADS Fall 2024	ADMIT RATE Fall 2024	IN-STATE tuition + fees	OUT-OF-STATE tuition + fees	WUE EST. max 150% of in-state
Northern Arizona University	Flagstaff, AZ	22,900	90%	$13,400	$30,900	**$20,200**
University of Arizona	Tucson, AZ	42,500	86%	$13,900	$43,100	**$20,900**

Colorado

COLLEGE	LOCATION	UNDERGRADS Fall 2024	ADMIT RATE Fall 2024	IN-STATE tuition + fees	OUT-OF-STATE tuition + fees	WUE EST. max 150% of in-state
Adams State University	Alamosa, CO	1,200	N/A	$10,000	$22,400	**$15,000**
Colorado Mesa University	Grand Junction, CO	8,100	82%	$10,300	$26,000	**$15,400**
Colorado State University	Fort Collins, CO	25,500	89%	$13,800	$36,100	**$20,700**
Colorado State University Pueblo	Pueblo, CO	3,000	95%	$10,100	$18,600	**$15,100**
Fort Lewis College	Durango, CO	3,100	77%	$10,600	$22,600	**$15,900**
Metropolitan State University of Denver	Denver, CO	15,000	99%	$11,500	$31,800	**$17,300**
University of Colorado Colorado Springs	Colorado Springs, CO	8,700	97%	$10,300	$24,800	**$15,500**
University of Colorado Denver	Denver, CO	10,500	75%	$10,800	$30,200	**$16,300**
University of Northern Colorado	Greeley, CO	5,600	86%	$12,900	$28,400	**$19,300**
Western Colorado University	Gunnison, CO	1,600	100%	$11,500	$25,000	**$17,300**

Hawai‘i + Guam

COLLEGE	LOCATION	UNDERGRADS Fall 2024	ADMIT RATE Fall 2024	IN-STATE tuition + fees	OUT-OF-STATE tuition + fees	WUE EST. max 150% of in-state
University of Guam	Mangilao, GU	2,500	N/A	$6,100	$11,400	**$9,200**
University of Hawai‘i at Hilo	Hilo, HI	2,200	61%	$8,300	$21,200	**$12,400**
University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa	Honolulu, HI	15,000	87%	$12,400	$34,400	**$18,600**
University of Hawai‘i – West O‘ahu	Kapolei, HI	2,500	95%	$7,700	$20,700	**$11,600**

Idaho

COLLEGE	LOCATION	UNDERGRADS Fall 2024	ADMIT RATE Fall 2024	IN-STATE tuition + fees	OUT-OF-STATE tuition + fees	WUE EST. max 150% of in-state
Boise State University	Boise, ID	17,700	87%	$9,400	$28,500	**$14,000**
Idaho State University	Pocatello, ID	7,600	N/A	$8,900	$28,200	**$13,400**
Lewis-Clark State College	Lewiston, ID	2,400	88%	$7,900	$22,800	**$11,800**
University of Idaho	Moscow, ID	7,700	76%	$9,400	$28,600	**$14,100**

Montana

COLLEGE	LOCATION	UNDERGRADS Fall 2024	ADMIT RATE Fall 2024	IN-STATE tuition + fees	OUT-OF-STATE tuition + fees	WUE EST. max 150% of in-state
Montana State University	Bozeman, MT	14,500	82%	$8,900	$33,800	**$13,400**
Montana State University Billings	Billings, MT	2,600	N/A	$7,700	$23,300	**$11,500**
Montana State University Northern	Havre, MT	800	N/A	$7,500	$22,400	**$11,200**
Montana Tech	Butte, MT	1,500	91%	$8,800	$26,600	**$13,200**
University of Montana	Missoula, MT	7,500	96%	$9,200	$34,300	**$13,800**
University of Montana Western	Dillon, MT	1,200	100%	$7,100	$20,600	**$10,700**

Nevada

COLLEGE	LOCATION	UNDERGRADS Fall 2024	ADMIT RATE Fall 2024	IN-STATE tuition + fees	OUT-OF-STATE tuition + fees	WUE EST. max 150% of in-state
Nevada State University	Henderson, NV	3,800	87%	$7,300	$22,800	**$10,900**
University of Nevada, Las Vegas	Las Vegas, NV	24,600	96%	$10,300	$28,200	**$15,400**
University of Nevada, Reno	Reno, NV	15,600	74%	$10,300	$28,900	**$15,400**

New Mexico

COLLEGE	LOCATION	UNDERGRADS Fall 2024	ADMIT RATE Fall 2024	IN-STATE tuition + fees	OUT-OF-STATE tuition + fees	WUE EST. max 150% of in-state
Eastern New Mexico University	Portales, NM	3,400	92%	$7,200	$9,200	**$9,200**
New Mexico Highlands University	Las Vegas, NM	1,500	N/A	$7,300	$12,200	**$10,900**
New Mexico State University	Las Cruces, NM	11,900	89%	$8,200	$25,400	**$12,300**
New Mexico Tech	Socorro, NM	1,000	44%	$10,100	$31,700	**$15,200**
Northern New Mexico College	Espanola, NM	900	N/A	$6,400	$14,300	**$9,600**
University of New Mexico	Albuquerque, NM	17,200	95%	$10,400	$33,500	**$15,600**
Western New Mexico University	Silver City, NM	2,000	N/A	$7,900	$14,300	**$11,800**

North Dakota

COLLEGE	LOCATION	UNDERGRADS Fall 2024	ADMIT RATE Fall 2024	IN-STATE tuition + fees	OUT-OF-STATE tuition + fees	WUE EST. max 150% of in-state
Dickinson State University	Dickinson, ND	1,100	37%	$9,400	$11,600	**$11,600**
Mayville State University	Mayville, ND	700	N/A	$8,300	$11,800	**$11,800**
Minot State University	Minot, ND	2,100	65%	$9,200	$9,200	**$9,200**
North Dakota State University	Fargo, ND	9,500	95%	$11,700	$16,700	**$16,700**
University of North Dakota	Grand Forks, ND	10,000	77%	$11,600	$16,500	**$16,500**
Valley City State University	Valley City, ND	1,000	99%	$9,000	$14,200	**$13,500**

Oregon

COLLEGE	LOCATION	UNDERGRADS Fall 2024	ADMIT RATE Fall 2024	IN-STATE tuition + fees	OUT-OF-STATE tuition + fees	WUE EST. max 150% of in-state
Eastern Oregon University	La Grande, OR	2,200	98%	$11,600	$25,900	**$17,500**
Oregon Tech	Klamath Falls, OR	2,900	95%	$13,800	$38,700	**$20,600**
Oregon State University	Corvallis, OR	30,700	77%	$15,100	$40,100	**$22,700**
Oregon State University – Cascades	Bend, OR	1,000	63%	$14,300	$39,200	**$21,400**
Portland State University	Portland, OR	13,200	91%	$12,300	$32,600	**$18,500**
Southern Oregon University	Ashland, OR	2,800	89%	$13,300	$33,300	**$19,900**
Western Oregon University	Monmouth, OR	3,100	98%	$12,100	$32,800	**$18,100**

South Dakota

COLLEGE	LOCATION	UNDERGRADS Fall 2024	ADMIT RATE Fall 2024	IN-STATE tuition + fees	OUT-OF-STATE tuition + fees	WUE EST. max 150% of in-state
Black Hills State University	Spearfish, SD	1,900	96%	$9,000	$12,200	**$12,200**
Dakota State University	Madison, SD	2,100	88%	$9,900	$13,100	**$13,100**
Northern State University	Aberdeen, SD	1,300	93%	$9,800	$12,100	**$12,100**
South Dakota Mines	Rapid City, SD	2,100	80%	$11,500	$16,200	**$16,200**
South Dakota State University	Brookings, SD	9,200	98%	$9,600	$13,200	**$13,200**
University of South Dakota	Vermillion, SD	5,400	99%	$9,700	$13,300	**$13,300**

Utah

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Southern Utah University	Cedar City, UT	9,300	82%	$7,100	$21,600	**$10,600**
University of Utah	Salt Lake City, UT	27,300	86%	$9,800	$31,800	**$14,700**
Utah State University	Logan, UT	20,300	92%	$9,400	$26,300	**$14,100**
Utah Tech University	Saint George, UT	8,600	N/A	$6,500	$18,700	**$9,700**
Utah Valley University	Orem, UT	28,500	N/A	$6,700	$19,000	**$10,000**
Weber State University	Ogden, UT	16,400	N/A	$6,600	$17,700	**$9,900**

Washington

COLLEGE	LOCATION	UNDERGRADS Fall 2024	ADMIT RATE Fall 2024	IN-STATE tuition + fees	OUT-OF-STATE tuition + fees	WUE EST. max 150% of in-state
Central Washington University	Ellensburg, WA	7,800	91%	$9,700	$28,400	**$14,500**
Eastern Washington University	Cheney, WA	6,200	91%	$8,900	$26,100	**$13,300**
The Evergreen State College	Olympia, WA	2,200	96%	$9,500	$32,900	**$14,300**
Washington State University	Pullman, WA	21,100	87%	$13,900	$31,000	**$20,800**
Washington State University Tri-Cities	Richland, WA	N/A	N/A	$12,600	$29,700	**$19,000**
Washington State University Vancouver	Vancouver, WA	N/A	N/A	$12,300	$29,400	**$18,500**
Western Washington University	Bellingham, WA	13,500	93%	$9,900	$29,100	**$14,900**

Wyoming

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University of Wyoming	Laramie, WY	7,900	97%	$8,400	$25,000	**$12,600**

Understanding the Numbers

WUE EST.

Our estimate of the WUE tuition ceiling: 150% of in-state tuition and fees, or the out-of-state rate if lower. Many schools charge less, and some apply WUE to tuition only. Check each college's published WUE rate.

IN-STATE VS. OUT-OF-STATE

Published annual tuition and required fees before financial aid, 2025–26. Housing, meals, and travel are not included.

ELIGIBILITY

California residents are eligible. Most schools award WUE automatically at admission; others require a minimum GPA, a separate application, or limit it to certain majors or a set number of students.

ADMIT RATES + UNDERGRADS

Fall 2024 federal data. Undergrads are degree-seeking students, rounded to the nearest 100. Admit rates vary by major and program.

WUE VS. MERIT AID

At some schools, WUE replaces other merit scholarships rather than adding to them. Compare the full offer, and use each college's Net Price Calculator.

CALIFORNIA CAMPUSES IN WUE

UC Merced and 18 CSU campuses also participate in WUE, for students from other Western states. California residents already pay in-state tuition there, so they are not listed here. They are marked ◆ in *California Colleges at a Glance*.

Sources: WICHE, WUE List of Schools (wiche.edu/wue), and U.S. Department of Education, College Scorecard (most recent release). Four-year universities only; two-year colleges and graduate-only campuses are not listed. College names link to each institution's website. **Data compiled: October 2026.**

WUE can make an out-of-state school surprisingly affordable. Fit still comes first.