

WICHE  
Student Access Programs:  
By the Numbers  
2019-20

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## MESSAGE FROM WICHE PRESIDENT AND COMMISSION CHAIR

Offering programs that promote student access, affordability, and opportunity in higher education has been WICHE's hallmark for nearly seven decades. This important tradition continues during academic year 2019-20, resulting in record levels of tuition savings for students and families.

The largest of WICHE's three Student Access Programs, the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE), helps more than 42,500 Western undergraduates save on nonresident tuition – a record enrollment level for this important initiative. The Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP) allows nonresidents to pay resident tuition rates to study in some 900 graduate programs at 59 Western institutions. And the Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP) provides affordable access to professional health care programs (now in 10 fields) and increases the supply of health care practitioners including physicians, dentists, optometrists, physical therapists, veterinarians and other professionals since the early 1950s.

Collectively, WICHE's Student Access Programs helped students save \$451 million this year. The access programs that policymakers and institutional leaders had the foresight to create years ago continue to bring new students to participating campuses in the West and help states and territories meet the workforce needs of the region, including those in rural areas and in hard-to-staff professional niches.

This report outlines key data elements related to WUE, WRGP, and PSEP for the 2019-20 academic year across a range of categories. You'll find participation and migration statistics for each of WICHE's Student Access Programs, and state-by-state summaries that provide convenient reference for an array of stakeholders in each of WICHE's 16 states and territories, including students and their families, high school counselors and campus advisors, institutional leaders, and policymakers.

Our goal is to continue to anticipate the West's changing conditions and evolve our programs to best serve the region. In that spirit, we regularly welcome additional institutions and programs into WUE, WRGP, and PSEP and strive to make the programs more flexible and responsive to student and institutional needs. We are eager to partner with you in ways that help WICHE's Student Access Programs meet your goals. Thank you for all you do to support affordability, access, and resource-sharing in higher education in the West.



Demarée Michelau



Camille Preus

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President, WICHE

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Camille Preus  
Chair, WICHE Commission  
Executive Director, Oregon Community  
College Association (OCCA)

## WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE (WUE)

The Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)—the nation’s largest regional tuition-savings program—is celebrating its 32nd year. The program allows students from a WICHE state or territory to enroll in participating two- or four-year public colleges or universities located in another WICHE state or territory and pay up to 150 percent of that school’s resident tuition. Students can choose from 164 WUE-eligible institutions and hundreds of majors. In academic year 2019-20, 42,515 WUE students and their families saved over \$408.6 million in tuition (see chart below). This marks a five percent increase in WUE enrollment from the 2018-19 academic year.

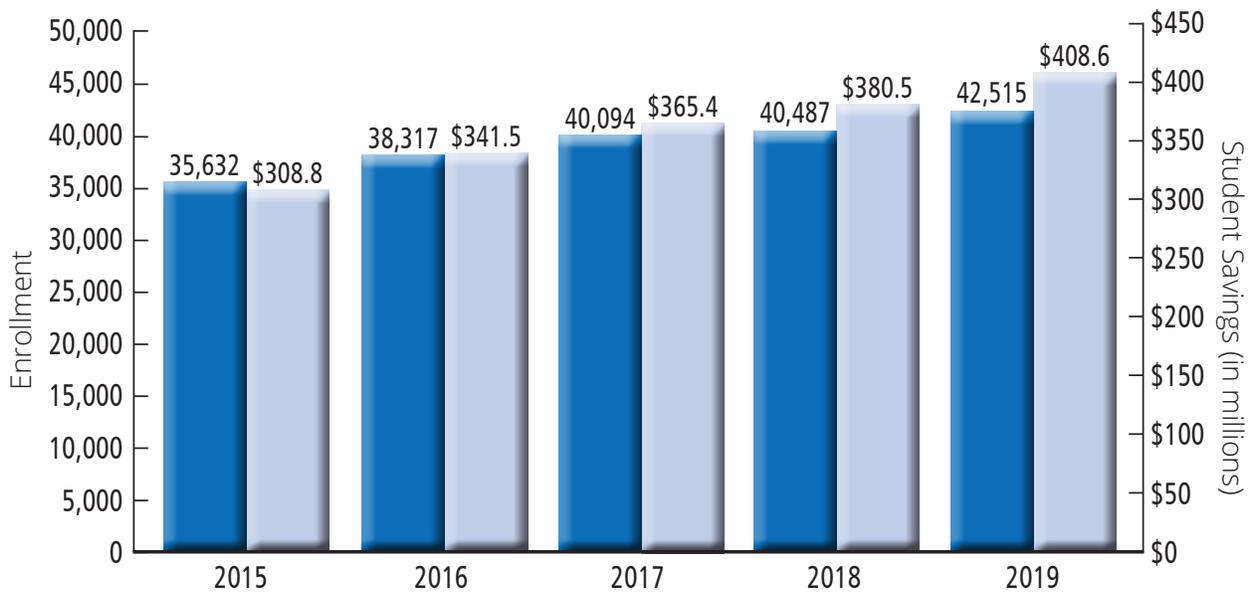


WUE students saved an average of \$9,610 in 2019-20. WUE savings at four-year institutions this year averaged \$9,125, and at two-year institutions the savings averaged \$4,610—but student savings can be as high as \$24,000 per academic year at certain campuses. Since 1988, WUE has provided Western students and families discounts on almost 625,000 annual tuition bills, saving them \$4.3 billion overall.

The significant savings WUE offers Western students is just one benefit of WUE. Some students can gain affordable access to majors not offered in their home state. Occasionally, when varying tuitions and cost-of-living are factored in, WUE makes out-of-state study more affordable than in-state study. Most WUE institutions make all or most majors available at the WUE rate, but some may exclude select high-demand majors. Transfer students can qualify for the WUE rate at most institutions. And though institutions may choose to set more stringent admissions standards for WUE students, most award the WUE rate to all nonresident WICHE-region applicants who would qualify under normal admissions criteria.

Western states also benefit greatly from their public colleges’ and universities’ participation in WUE. WUE helps these schools meet their recruitment and enrollment goals. WUE is flexible; schools can choose how many discounted seats they will offer, the admission standards required for WUE admission, and the eligible majors. Students apply directly to their preferred WUE institution(s). Some graduates end up staying in the state where they studied, a bonus for states seeking to bolster and diversify their college-educated workforce. For states with more demand for public higher education than supply, WUE is an ideal relief valve, allowing their residents access to a postsecondary education without having to add capacity at home.

**WUE Enrollment and Student Savings, 2015 -19**





“Thanks to WUE, I was able to choose the major I wanted and still participate in the ROTC program to earn a minor in military science. I will be able to commission as an officer in the military upon graduation.”

— Joseph, Idaho resident,  
Political Science/International Studies, Utah State University

## WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE (WUE)

### WUE Enrollment Summary, 2019-20

State/Territory (# Institutions)	State of Residence																	Totals
	AK	AZ	CA	CO	CNMI	Guam	HI	ID	MT	NV	NM	ND	OR	SD	UT	WA	WY	
Alaska (3)	—	25	99	36	3	0	19	8	12	9	9	2	31	4	4	104	8	373
Arizona (26)	233	—	4,819	589	2	6	364	95	63	506	357	21	228	22	174	367	34	7,880
California (16)	33	104	—	79	2	0	144	33	11	89	19	0	115	0	25	219	5	878
Colorado (25)	158	471	1,820	—	4	3	322	103	67	194	313	55	191	79	170	345	181	4,476
CNMI* (1)	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guam (1)	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hawai'i (4)	55	94	1,594	192	6	44	—	28	15	55	19	4	93	15	28	306	7	2,555
Idaho (6)	124	59	1,409	78	25	0	30	—	103	136	14	6	319	10	52	1,271	27	3,663
Montana (12)	124	50	351	379	0	0	36	330	—	90	29	46	223	52	68	649	140	2,567
Nevada (7)	49	106	2,431	84	18	21	584	28	18	—	23	7	53	5	31	126	19	3,603
New Mexico (12)	18	81	337	38	0	0	14	10	5	19	—	3	26	7	8	47	7	620
North Dakota (11)	68	153	535	194	0	1	53	41	110	75	33	—	36	145	64	194	187	1,889
Oregon (6)	141	83	1,554	123	38	4	426	100	41	142	17	8	—	6	31	654	12	3,380
South Dakota (6)	34	101	273	475	0	0	14	17	86	43	14	334	35	—	25	99	324	1,874
Utah (9)	47	285	1,218	205	1	0	124	360	32	361	41	4	136	2	—	176	60	3,052
Washington (10)	206	87	1,343	173	2	3	307	814	167	93	28	11	558	6	50	—	14	3,862
Wyoming (9)	14	31	110	787	0	0	13	84	301	37	12	14	32	160	186	62	—	1,843
<b>Total (164)</b>	<b>1,304</b>	<b>1,730</b>	<b>17,893</b>	<b>3,432</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2,450</b>	<b>2,051</b>	<b>1,031</b>	<b>1,849</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>2,076</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>4,619</b>	<b>1,025</b>	<b>42,515</b>

\*CNMI is the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Note: Data include both new and continuing students. For detailed WUE enrollment, see: [wiche.edu/sapreport](http://wiche.edu/sapreport).

### WUE and WRGP Savings Finders

WICHE makes it easy for students to find information about institutions participating in two tuition-savings programs, the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) and the Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP), via Savings Finders, two online search portals. These streamlined, database-driven interfaces allow students to refine their college searches by major, degree type, online course availability, eligibility requirements, and other filter criteria. The Finders also enhance the ability of admissions, recruitment, and enrollment managers at WICHE partner institutions to inform and connect with students about their institution.

The WUE Savings Finder helps prospective undergraduates find hundreds of eligible degree programs at 164 public colleges and universities in the West. The WRGP Savings Finder allows prospective students to search graduate certificate, master's, and doctoral programs offered at the resident-tuition rate by 59 public universities in the West.



## WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM (WRGP)

The Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP) allows graduate certificate, master's, and Ph.D. students who are residents of WICHE states and territories to affordably enroll in hundreds of graduate programs at 59 public institutions in the West.

Through WRGP, students can enroll in participating schools as nonresidents, yet pay resident tuition rates, leading to tuition savings that generally exceed 50 percent—and often far more. In academic year 2019-20, 1,907 students saved an estimated \$27.9 million in tuition through WRGP; students saved an average of \$14,616 in tuition costs. This marks a record 29 percent increase in WRGP enrollment from the 2018-19 academic year. Nonresident applicants apply directly to a participating institution's school of graduate studies to apply for the WRGP discount. Starting in summer/fall 2020, WRGP institutions will have the option of charging new students up to 150 percent of resident tuition. Enrolled students will continue to pay the resident tuition rate. WICHE members and their participating public universities also benefit from WRGP. The program helps attract and incentivize a broader and more diverse pool of students to pursue varied disciplines at their public institutions. WICHE members also help their residents take advantage of niche programs regionwide without them having to pay nonresident tuition premiums. This is particularly advantageous for sparsely populated Western states and territories that may offer fewer graduate programs than others.

WRGP remains a noteworthy option for students pursuing health care credentials (such as audiology, speech language pathology, nursing, public health, and psychology) not offered through WICHE's Professional Student Exchange Program. WRGP-eligible graduate programs include several programs with top-10 national rankings in their discipline, including the University of Arizona's optical sciences and the University of Colorado Boulder's aerospace engineering sciences programs. Some WRGP programs are offered online, enabling place-bound students to grow their educational credentials.

A record number of graduate programs are now available—some 900—and the number continues to grow since WICHE lifted program restrictions that formerly required WRGP-eligible graduate programs to demonstrate “distinctiveness” and serve high-need or health care fields. Participating institutions may choose to enroll WRGP students in any (or all) of their graduate programs. WRGP is destined to grow even more as additional institutions take part. Students throughout the WICHE region can look forward to more graduate study options that fit their professional and intellectual interests, needs, and delivery preferences.

### WRGP Enrollment Summary, 2019-20

State of Attendance (# institutions)	Fall 2019	
	Received	Sent
Alaska (2)	57	37
Arizona (5)	335	86
California (3)	19	651
Colorado (10)	510	145
CNMI (0)	-	3
Guam (1)	-	5
Hawai'i (1)	71	36
Idaho (3)	146	101
Montana (4)	72	83
Nevada (2)	9	64
New Mexico (5)	25	84
North Dakota (3)	91	39
Oregon (5)	152	118
South Dakota (5)	160	46
Utah (4)	159	122
Washington (5)	92	204
Wyoming (1)	9	83
<b>Totals (59)</b>	<b>1,907</b>	<b>1,907</b>

Notes: Data includes both new and continuing students.  
For detailed WRGP enrollment, see: [wiche.edu/sapreport](http://wiche.edu/sapreport).



“WRGP gave me an affordable and convenient option to pursue a Master’s in Toxicology as I prepare to apply for medical school. My military experience as a flight medic in the Wyoming Air National Guard gave me the discipline to maintain the intensity of the master’s program and helped shape me into the type of healthcare provider I want to be for my future patients.”

— Daphne, Wyoming resident,  
Master’s in Toxicology, Colorado State University



“I coordinate a master’s/doctoral interdisciplinary biomedical research program. Thanks to WRGP, mentors have more flexible options for funding the students in their labs, without having to pay an out-of-state student’s full nonresident tuition. WRGP allows us to accept more students than we could otherwise, resulting in greater diversity of research and ultimately improved healthcare.”

— Kate Quinlan, Program Coordinator,  
Physiological Sciences Graduate Interdisciplinary Program,  
University of Arizona

## PROFESSIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM (PSEP)

Health professionals are in high demand, especially in underserved rural areas of the West. Educating more of them is crucial, but it doesn't make fiscal sense for less-populous states and territories to create their own programs in every health care field.

With out-of-state tuition for health care programs substantially exceeding resident tuition, this can be daunting for aspiring health professionals. It may saddle them in debt, force them to leave their community for more lucrative opportunities, or discourage them from pursuing their passion to be a health care practitioner.

WICHE collaborates with its members to provide a solution. Through the Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP), students from Western states and territories can pursue careers in 10 health fields—ranging from optometry to dentistry to veterinary medicine—and may enroll in participating programs across state lines, receiving substantial tuition support from their home state or territory.

Since the early 1950s, WICHE member states have educated more than 15,280 Western residents with affordable access to professional health care degrees. In 2019-20, 10 WICHE states and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands invested \$14.6 million to grow their health care workforce by reducing the educational costs of 611 students. Some 130 accredited programs are offered via PSEP at 60 institutions.

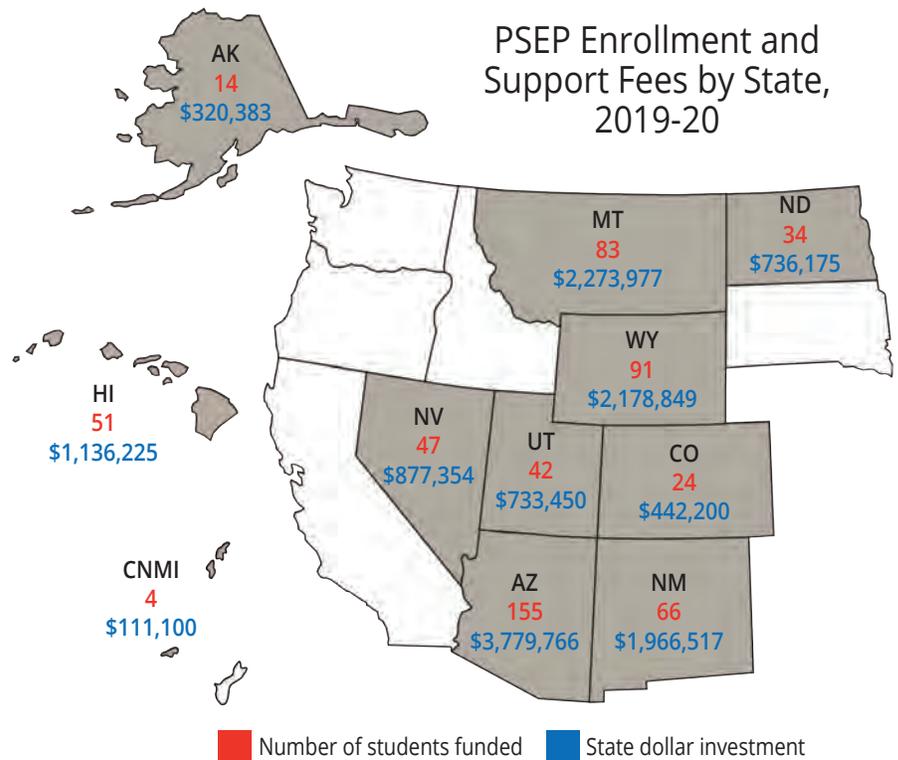
Thanks to PSEP, a student can save between \$32,600 and \$130,600 on tuition over the lifespan of a professional health degree program depending on the field of study—reducing financial pressures and possibly enabling them to afford to work in rural areas that typically have lower salaries compared to urban areas, or to pursue professional options that are less lucrative but sorely needed. And by participating in PSEP, Western states and territories benefit by inspiring and, in some participating states, requiring professionals to return home to practice and bolster their communities' professional health care.

Applicants must meet their home state or territory's residency requirements and be "certified" for PSEP participation by their state or territory's higher education system office. Learn more about eligibility requirements at [wiche.edu/psep](http://wiche.edu/psep).

Participating health care programs benefit from the geographic, economic, and ethnic diversity that PSEP students bring to their classrooms. Most states and territories that support PSEP students require graduates to return home and practice for up to four years, ensuring that the state's investment supports the health care professions its residents need most.

### PSEP Enrollment, Support Fees, and State Investment by Profession, 2019-20

Professional Field	Enrollment	Support Fee per Student	State Investment Paid on Behalf of Students
Dentistry	118	\$26,750	\$3,163,991
Medicine	38	32,650	1,204,211
Occupational Therapy	27	14,000	377,997
Optometry	116	18,425	2,094,309
Osteopathic Medicine	60	22,900	1,316,750
Pharmacy	17	8,150	176,588
Physical Therapy	41	15,400	631,400
Physician Assistant	13	18,250	237,250
Podiatry	29	15,900	461,100
Veterinary Medicine	152	32,400	4,892,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>611</b>		<b>\$14,555,996</b>



## PSEP Support Fee Revenue by State and Institution, 2019-20

Institution/Program	# Students	Support Fees
<b>Arizona</b>		
<b>PUBLIC</b>		
<b>Northern Arizona University</b>		
Occupational Therapy	0	\$0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>University of Arizona, Phoenix</b>		
Medicine	0	\$0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>University of Arizona, Tucson</b>		
Medicine	2	\$65,300
Pharmacy	0	0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$65,300</b>
<b>Public Institution Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$65,300</b>
<b>PRIVATE</b>		
<b>A.T. Still University Mesa Campus</b>		
Dentistry	8	\$214,000
Occupational Therapy	1	0
Osteopathic Medicine	5	91,600
Physical Therapy	0	0
Physician Assistant	0	0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>\$305,600</b>
<b>Midwestern University</b>		
Dentistry	17	\$454,750
Occupational Therapy	0	0
Optometry	47	822,984
Osteopathic Medicine	31	687,000
Pharmacy	2	21,734
Physical Therapy	5	77,000
Physician Assistant	1	18,250
Podiatry	19	302,100
Veterinary Medicine	2	64,800
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>\$2,448,618</b>
<b>Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine</b>		
Medicine	2	\$65,300
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$65,300</b>
<b>Private Institution Total</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>\$2,819,518</b>
<b>ARIZONA TOTAL</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>\$2,884,818</b>

<b>California</b>		
<b>PUBLIC</b>		
<b>California State University, Fresno</b>		
Physical Therapy	0	\$0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>University of California, Davis</b>		
Medicine	0	\$0
Veterinary Medicine	11	356,400
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>\$356,400</b>
<b>University of California, Irvine</b>		
Medicine	0	\$0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>University of California, Los Angeles</b>		
Dentistry	2	\$53,500
Medicine	0	0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$53,500</b>
<b>University of California, San Diego</b>		
Medicine	0	\$0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>University of California, San Francisco</b>		
Dentistry	2	\$53,500
Medicine	0	0
Pharmacy	0	0

Institution/Program	# Students	Support Fees
<b>University of California, San Francisco (cont.)</b>		
Physical Therapy (UCSF/SFSU)	0	0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$53,500</b>
<b>Public Institution Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>\$463,400</b>
<b>PRIVATE</b>		
<b>Chapman University</b>		
Physical Therapy	1	\$15,400
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$15,400</b>
<b>Loma Linda University</b>		
Dentistry	1	\$26,750
Medicine	1	32,650
Occupational Therapy	0	0
Physical Therapy	0	0
Physician Assistant	0	0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$59,400</b>
<b>Marshall B. Ketchum University</b>		
Optometry	20	\$368,500
Physician Assistant	1	18,250
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>\$386,750</b>
<b>Mount St. Mary's University</b>		
Physical Therapy	0	\$0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Samuel Merritt University</b>		
Occupational Therapy	0	\$0
Physical Therapy	0	0
Physician Assistant	0	0
Podiatry	7	111,300
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>\$111,300</b>
<b>Touro University, California</b>		
Osteopathic Medicine	0	\$0
Physician Assistant	0	0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>University of the Pacific</b>		
Dentistry	3	\$107,001
Pharmacy	0	0
Physical Therapy	0	0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$107,001</b>
<b>University of Southern California</b>		
Dentistry	1	\$26,750
Medicine	0	0
Occupational Therapy	2	46,666
Pharmacy	0	0
Physical Therapy	2	30,800
Physician Assistant	0	0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$104,216</b>
<b>University of St. Augustine</b>		
Physical Therapy	1	\$15,400
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$15,400</b>
<b>Western University of Health Sciences</b>		
Dentistry	3	\$80,250
Optometry	2	36,850
Osteopathic Medicine	7	148,850
Pharmacy	0	0
Physical Therapy	1	15,400
Physician Assistant	0	0
Podiatry	3	47,700
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>\$329,050</b>
<b>Private Institution Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>\$1,128,517</b>
<b>CALIFORNIA TOTAL</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>\$1,591,917</b>

## PSEP Support Fee Revenue by State and Institution, 2019-20 (cont.)

Institution/Program	# Students	Support Fees
<b>Colorado</b>		
<b>PUBLIC</b>		
<b>Colorado State University</b>		
Veterinary Medicine	65	\$2,073,600
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>\$2,073,600</b>
<b>Red Rocks Community College</b>		
Physician Assistant	0	\$0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>University of Colorado Denver</b>		
Dentistry	20	\$535,000
Medicine	6	195,900
Pharmacy	0	0
Physical Therapy	0	0
Physician Assistant	0	0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>\$730,900</b>
<b>Public Institution Total</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>\$2,804,500</b>
<b>PRIVATE</b>		
<b>Regis University</b>		
Physical Therapy	2	\$30,800
Pharmacy	0	0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$30,800</b>
<b>Rocky Vista University</b>		
Osteopathic Medicine	4	\$91,600
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$91,600</b>
<b>Private Institution Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$122,400</b>
<b>COLORADO TOTAL</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>\$2,926,900</b>

<b>Hawai'i</b>		
<b>University of Hawai'i at Mānoa</b>		
Medicine	3	\$97,950
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$97,950</b>
<b>University of Hawai'i at Hilo</b>		
Pharmacy	1	\$8,150
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$8,150</b>
<b>HAWAI'I TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$106,100</b>

<b>Idaho</b>		
<b>Idaho State University</b>		
Occupational Therapy	1	\$0
Pharmacy	0	0
Physical Therapy	0	0
Physician Assistant	4	73,000
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$73,000</b>
<b>IDAHO TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$73,000</b>

<b>Montana</b>		
<b>University of Montana</b>		
Pharmacy	1	\$8,150
Physical Therapy	1	15,400
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$23,550</b>
<b>MONTANA TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$23,550</b>

Institution/Program	# Students	Support Fees
<b>Nevada</b>		
<b>PUBLIC</b>		
<b>University of Nevada, Las Vegas</b>		
Dentistry	1	\$26,750
Physical Therapy	3	46,200
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$72,950</b>
<b>University of Nevada, Reno</b>		
Medicine	2	\$61,460
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$61,460</b>
<b>Public Institution Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$134,410</b>
<b>PRIVATE</b>		
<b>Roseman University of Health Sciences</b>		
Dentistry (So. Jordan UT Campus)	5	\$133,750
Pharmacy	12	130,404
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>\$264,154</b>
<b>Touro University, Nevada</b>		
Occupational Therapy	4	\$60,666
Osteopathic Medicine	1	22,900
Physical Therapy	3	46,200
Physician Assistant	6	109,500
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>\$239,266</b>
<b>Private Institution Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>\$503,420</b>
<b>NEVADA TOTAL</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>\$637,830</b>

<b>New Mexico</b>		
<b>University of New Mexico</b>		
Medicine	0	\$0
Occupational Therapy	1	0
Pharmacy	0	0
Physical Therapy	3	46,200
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$46,200</b>
<b>NEW MEXICO TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$46,200</b>

<b>North Dakota</b>		
<b>North Dakota State University</b>		
Pharmacy	0	\$0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>University of North Dakota</b>		
Medicine	9	\$277,525
Occupational Therapy	8	98,000
Physical Therapy	6	92,400
Physician Assistant	0	0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>\$467,925</b>
<b>NORTH DAKOTA TOTAL</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>\$467,925</b>

<b>Oregon</b>		
<b>PUBLIC</b>		
<b>Oregon Health &amp; Science University</b>		
Dentistry	13	\$347,750
Medicine	9	277,526
Physician Assistant	0	0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>\$625,276</b>
<b>Oregon State University</b>		
Pharmacy	1	\$8,150
Veterinary Medicine	13	421,200
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>\$429,350</b>
<b>Public Institution Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>\$1,054,626</b>

## PSEP Support Fee Revenue, by State and Institution, 2019-20 (cont.)

Institution/Program	# Students	Support Fees
<b>Oregon (cont.)</b>		
<b>PRIVATE</b>		
<b>George Fox University</b>		
Physical Therapy	2	\$30,800
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$30,800</b>
<b>Pacific University (PACU)</b>		
Occupational Therapy	4	\$51,333
Optometry	39	718,575
Pharmacy	0	0
Physical Therapy	8	123,200
Physician Assistant	0	0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>\$893,108</b>
<b>Private Institution Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>\$923,908</b>
<b>OREGON TOTAL</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>\$1,978,534</b>

<b>South Dakota</b>		
<b>University of South Dakota</b>		
Occupational Therapy	0	\$0
Physical Therapy	0	0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>Utah</b>		
<b>PUBLIC</b>		
<b>University of Utah</b>		
Dentistry	10	\$248,240
Medicine	4	130,600
Occupational Therapy	0	0
Physical Therapy	1	15,400
Physician Assistant	0	0
<b>Public Institution Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>\$394,240</b>

<b>PRIVATE</b>		
<b>Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions</b>		
Physical Therapy	2	\$30,800
<b>Private Institution Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$30,800</b>
<b>UTAH TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>\$425,040</b>

<b>Washington</b>		
<b>PUBLIC</b>		
<b>Eastern Washington University</b>		
Occupational Therapy	1	\$14,000
Physical Therapy	0	0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$14,000</b>
<b>University of Washington</b>		
Dentistry	6	\$160,500
Occupational Therapy	1	23,333
Pharmacy	0	0
Physical Therapy	0	0
Physician Assistant	1	18,250
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$202,083</b>
<b>Washington State University</b>		
Pharmacy	0	\$0
Veterinary Medicine	61	1,976,400
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>\$1,976,400</b>
<b>Public Institution Total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>\$2,192,483</b>

Institution/Program	# Students	Support Fees
<b>PRIVATE</b>		
<b>Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences</b>		
Osteopathic Medicine	12	\$274,800
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>\$274,800</b>
<b>University of Puget Sound</b>		
Occupational Therapy	4	\$83,999
Physical Therapy	0	0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$83,999</b>
<b>Private Institution Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>\$358,799</b>
<b>WASHINGTON TOTAL</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>\$2,551,282</b>

<b>Wyoming</b>		
<b>University of Wyoming</b>		
Pharmacy	0	\$0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>WYOMING TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>Out-of-Region*</b>		
<b>PUBLIC</b>		
<b>University of Missouri-Kansas City (Mo.)</b>		
Dentistry	6	\$160,500
<b>Institution total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$160,500</b>
<b>University of Nebraska Medical Center (Neb.)</b>		
Dentistry	2	\$53,500
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$53,500</b>
<b>Public Institution Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$214,000</b>

<b>PRIVATE</b>		
<b>Creighton University (Neb.)</b>		
Dentistry	18	\$481,500
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>\$481,500</b>
<b>Illinois College of Optometry (Ill.)</b>		
Optometry	5	\$92,125
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$92,125</b>
<b>Salus University (Penn.)</b>		
Optometry	2	\$36,850
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$36,850</b>
<b>Southern College of Optometry (Tenn.)</b>		
Optometry	1	\$18,425
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$18,425</b>
<b>Private Institution Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>\$628,900</b>
<b>OUT-OF-REGION TOTAL</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>\$842,900</b>

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>\$14,555,996</b>
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\*WICHE partners with health care programs located within its Western U.S. region. In the past, when fewer dentistry and optometry programs were available, WICHE agreed to work with a limited number of out-of-region programs in those fields to increase opportunities for Colorado, New Mexico, North Dakota, and Wyoming residents. At the supporting states' request, WICHE continues to administer these legacy arrangements.



## PSEP GRADUATE RETURN RATES, 2007-16

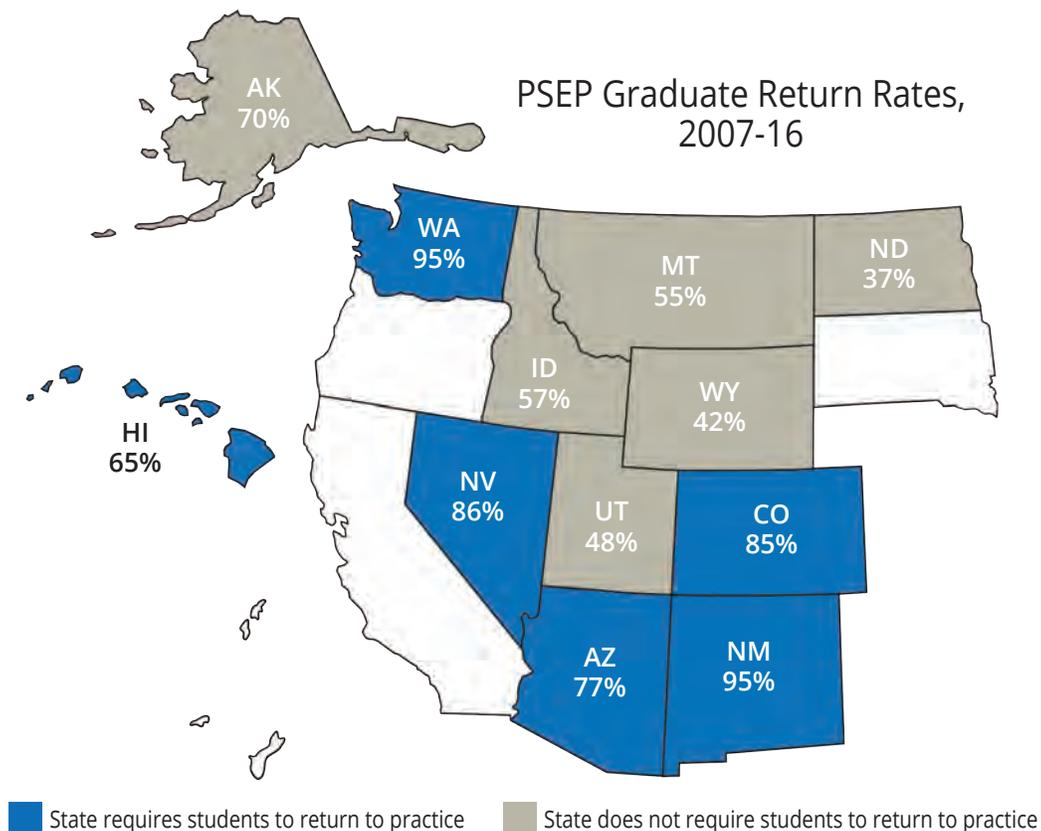
Because states supporting students through PSEP want their investments to bolster their health care workforces, every five years they calculate the percentage of PSEP graduates who return home to serve their communities. Return rates for students who graduated between 2007 and 2016 held relatively steady compared to the prior reporting period. The average student-return rate for PSEP states is now 67 percent (previously, 68 percent).

Seven states supporting PSEP students—Arizona, Colorado, Hawai'i, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, and Wyoming—now require graduates to return home to practice, or reimburse funds plus interest paid by states on their behalf. Hawai'i, North Dakota, and Wyoming recently implemented this requirement, known as “service payback,” so they were not included among service-payback states in this cycle’s calculations.

WICHE’s service-payback states get higher returns on investment from PSEP participation, averaging an 83 percent return rate. Washington required its graduates to return when it was still using the program through 2014, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands will require service payback for its future PSEP graduates.

“Honor-system” states (Alaska, Montana, and Utah) do not contractually require service payback, and their average return rate is 51 percent. Hawai'i, North Dakota, and Wyoming were included in this group for the most recent year statistics, but WICHE anticipates their return rates will improve markedly in future reporting cycles due to their switch to a service-payback model. Idaho was an “honor state” when it was using the program through 2013.

Find detailed return-rate information for each state’s PSEP graduates, in each eligible professional health care field, in the table on page 13.



## PSEP GRADUATE RETURN RATES, 2007-16\*\*

State/Field	Total # Graduates	# Returned to State	Percentage Returned
<b>Alaska</b>			
Dentistry	14	10	71 %
Occupational Therapy	5	4	80
Optometry	5	2	40
Pharmacy	17	14	82
Physical Therapy	14	8	57
Physician Assistant	4	3	75
Podiatry	1	1	100
<b>Alaska Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>Arizona*</b>			
Dentistry	135	94	70%
Occupational Therapy	68	58	85
Optometry	57	47	82
Osteopathic Medicine**	38	20	53
Physician Assistant	82	71	87
Veterinary Medicine	135	108	80
<b>Arizona Total</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>77%</b>
<b>Colorado*</b>			
Optometry	62	53	85%
<b>Colorado Total</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>85%</b>
<b>Hawai'i</b>			
Dentistry	22	13	59%
Occupational Therapy	24	17	71
Optometry	23	20	87
Pharmacy	41	28	68
Physical Therapy	52	31	60
Veterinary Medicine	24	12	50
<b>Hawai'i Total</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>65%</b>
<b>Idaho</b>			
Optometry	14	8	57%
<b>Idaho Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>57%</b>
<b>Montana</b>			
Dentistry	19	11	58%
Allopathic Medicine**	34	10	29
Occupational Therapy	9	7	78
Optometry	9	5	56
Osteopathic Medicine**	8	3	38
Podiatry	0	0	0
Veterinary Medicine	89	56	63
<b>Montana Total</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>55%</b>
<b>Nevada*</b>			
Dentistry	5	5	100%
Optometry	17	13	76
Pharmacy	37	31	84
Physician Assistant	30	25	83
Veterinary Medicine	40	37	93
<b>Nevada Total</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>86%</b>
<b>New Mexico*</b>			
Dentistry	91	87	96%
Optometry	7	7	100
Veterinary Medicine	93	87	94
<b>New Mexico Total</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>95%</b>

State/Field	Total # Graduates	# Returned to State	Percentage Returned
<b>North Dakota</b>			
Dentistry	28	14	50%
Optometry	52	16	31
Veterinary Medicine	15	5	33
<b>North Dakota Total</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>37%</b>
<b>Utah</b>			
Optometry	29	14	48%
Podiatry	13	5	38
Veterinary Medicine	43	22	51
<b>Utah Total</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>48%</b>
<b>Washington*</b>			
Optometry	11	11	100%
Osteopathic Medicine**	10	9	90
<b>Washington Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>95%</b>
<b>Wyoming</b>			
Dentistry	33	19	58%
Allopathic Medicine**	19	1	5
Occupational Therapy	21	11	52
Optometry	54	16	30
Osteopathic Medicine**	12	1	8
Physical Therapy	67	34	51
Physician Assistant	34	20	59
Podiatry	4	0	0
Veterinary Medicine	73	31	42
<b>Wyoming Total</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>42%</b>

<b>WICHE Return Rates by Field</b>			
Dentistry	347	253	73%
Allopathic Medicine**	53	11	21
Occupational Therapy	127	97	76
Optometry	340	212	62
Osteopathic Medicine**	68	33	49
Pharmacy	95	73	77
Physical Therapy	133	73	55
Physician Assistant	150	119	79
Podiatry	18	6	33
Veterinary Medicine	512	358	70

<b>Total for All Reporting WICHE PSEP States</b>	<b>1,843</b>	<b>1,235</b>	<b>67%</b>
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<b>Total for Contractual Payback States</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>83%</b>
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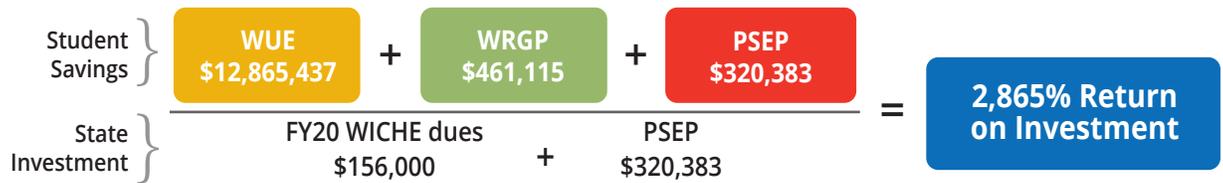
<b>Total for Honor System States</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>51%</b>
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\* Contractual payback state for entire reporting period. Hawai'i and Wyoming instituted service payback during the latter part of the reporting period. Therefore, they were counted as "honor states."

\*\* WICHE uses 2007 to 2011 return data for allopathic and osteopathic medical graduates, to allow time for them to return home and serve upon completion of their residency programs.

# ALASKA

Alaska students saved **\$13.6 million** through WICHE's Student Access Programs in 2019-20



## WUE

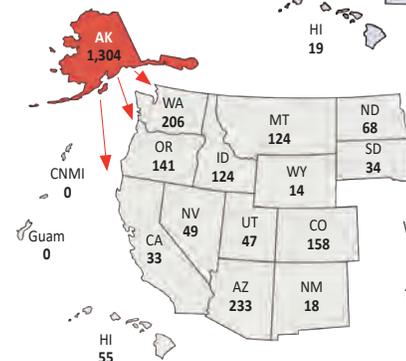
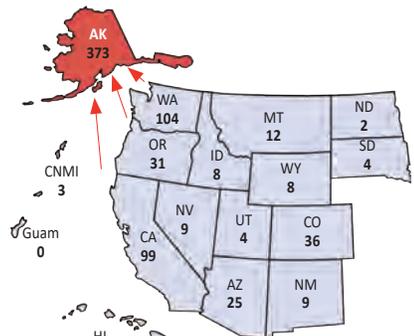
### Western Undergraduate Exchange

- 1,304 Alaska undergraduates saved \$12.9 million paying up to 150% of resident tuition.
- Most popular schools: Northern Arizona U. (166 Alaska residents) and Washington State U. (96 Alaska residents)
- Alaska residents have saved \$245.8 million since 1988.

#### Three Alaska institutions enrolled 373 WUE students from other WICHE states and territories

U. of Alaska, Anchorage (all UAA campuses and Prince William Sound College).....	138
U. of Alaska, Fairbanks.....	180
U. of Alaska, Southeast.....	55

WUE Student Distribution to Alaska



WUE Student Distribution from Alaska

## WRGP

### Western Regional Graduate Program

- Alaska universities enrolled 57 WRGP students from other states.
- 37 Alaska graduate students saved \$461,115 paying resident tuition in other Western states.

## PSEP

### Professional Student Exchange Program

- 14 students paid reduced tuition for health care studies not offered by public institutions in the home state and saved \$320,383. For Alaska residents, PSEP support is administered as a loan.
- 70% of Alaska's PSEP graduates (2007-16) returned home to practice. The state does not contractually require them to do so.

Field	# of Alaska students	Support fees paid
Dentistry	8	\$214,000
Occupational Therapy	1	23,333
Optometry	2	36,850
Physical Therapy	3	46,200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>\$320,383</b>

*Alaska also supports residents studying as physician assistants and in podiatry.*



"With WRGP I am able to continue my education in a Master's program to become a Speech-Language Pathologist. I would like to move back home and provide services there, and with WRGP, that goal is within reach."

— Morgan, Alaska resident,  
Master's of Speech-Language Pathology,  
Eastern Washington University



# CALIFORNIA

California residents saved **\$196.5 million** through WICHE's Student Access Programs in 2019-20



## WUE

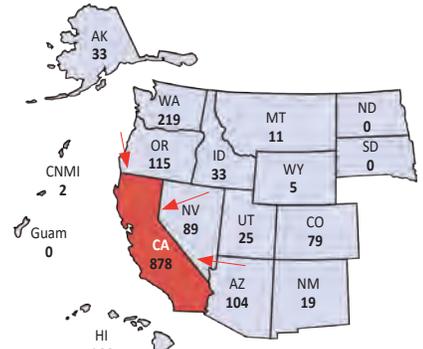
### Western Undergraduate Exchange

- 17,893 California undergraduates saved \$186.5 million paying up to 150% of resident tuition.
- Most popular schools: Northern Arizona U. (3,620 Calif. residents) and U. of Nevada, Reno (1,509 Calif. residents)
- California residents have saved \$1.54 billion since 1997.

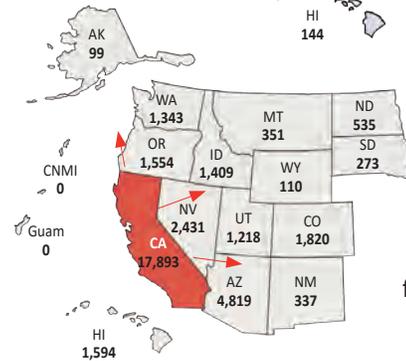
#### California institutions enrolled 878 WUE students from other WICHE states and territories

California State Polytechnic U., Pomona.....26	CSU, Monterey Bay.....38
California State U. (CSU), Bakersfield.....63	CSU, Northridge.....14
CSU, Channel Islands.....1	CSU, Sacramento.....131
CSU, Chico.....62	CSU, San Bernardino.....27
CSU, Dominguez Hills.....10	CSU, San Marcos.....23
CSU, East Bay.....76	CSU, Stanislaus.....21
CSU, Maritime Academy.....119	Humboldt State U.....245
	Sonoma State U.....18
	U. of California, Merced.....4

WUE Student Distribution to California



WUE Student Distribution from California



## WRGP

### Western Regional Graduate Program

- California universities enrolled 19 WRGP students from other WICHE states.
- 651 California graduate students saved \$10 million paying resident tuition in other Western states.

## PSEP

### Professional Student Exchange Program

- 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, 71 PSEP students enrolled in public and private programs located in California. Institutions received \$1.6 million in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

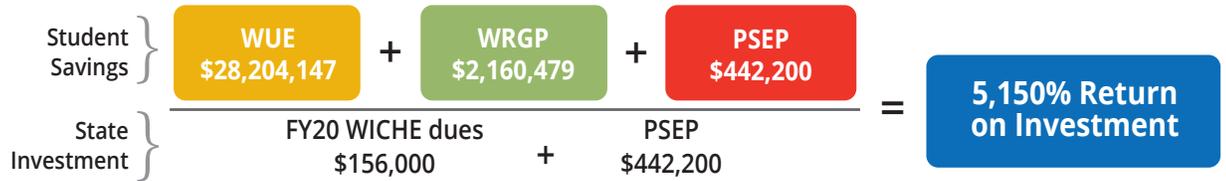


"College is expensive—there's no denying that. WUE meant that I could look a little farther from home to find the program I was looking for, as well as a school that both my twin sister Shannon and I could attend together."

– Sherri, California resident, Chemistry, Southern Utah University

# COLORADO

Colorado residents saved **\$30.8 million** through WICHE's Student Access Programs in 2019-20

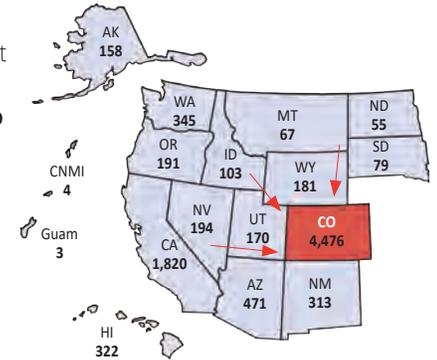


## WUE

### Western Undergraduate Exchange

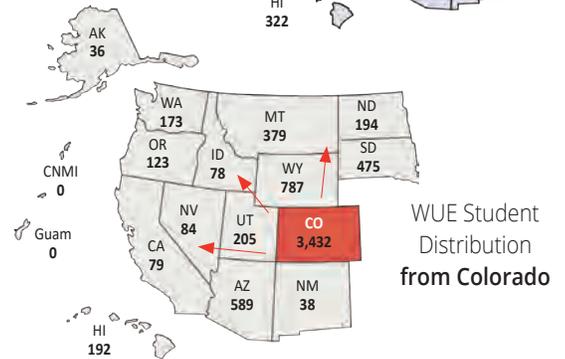
- 3,432 Colorado undergraduates saved \$28.2 million paying up to 150% of resident tuition.
- Most popular schools: Northern Arizona U. (441 Colo. residents) and U. of Wyoming (340 Colo. residents)
- Colorado residents have saved \$328.1 million since 1988.

WUE Student Distribution to Colorado



### Colorado institutions enrolled 4,476 WUE students from other WICHE states and territories

4-Year	2-Year
Adams State U. .... 173	Aims C.C. .... 31
Colorado Mesa U. .... 688	Arapahoe C.C. .... 6
Colorado State U. - Fort Collins ..... 1,161	Colorado Mountain College ..... 22
Colorado State U. - Pueblo ..... 262	Colorado Northwestern C.C. .... 46
Fort Lewis College ..... 104	C.C. of Aurora ..... 52
Metropolitan State U. of Denver ..... 140	C.C. of Denver ..... 18
U. of Colorado, Colorado Springs ..... 451	Front Range C.C. .... 47
U. of Colorado Denver ..... 397	Lamar C.C. .... 21
U. of Northern Colorado ..... 666	Morgan C.C. .... 1
Western State Colorado U. .... 65	Northeastern Jr. College ..... 43
	Otero Jr. College ..... 43
	Pikes Peak C.C. .... 10
	Pueblo C.C. .... 5
	Red Rocks C.C. .... 10
	Trinidad State Jr. College ..... 14



## WRGP

### Western Regional Graduate Program

- Colorado universities enrolled 510 WRGP students from other WICHE states.
- 145 Colorado graduate students saved \$2.2 million paying resident tuition in other Western states.

## PSEP

### Professional Student Exchange Program

- 24 students paid reduced tuition and saved \$442,200 to study optometry in another state because it's not offered by a Colorado public institution.
- Colorado institutions and their local economies benefit too. This year, 97 PSEP students enrolled in public and private programs located in Colorado. Institutions received \$2.9 million in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.
- 85% of Colorado's PSEP graduates (2007-16) returned home to practice; students are required to return home to serve.

Field	# of Colorado students	Support fees paid
Optometry	24	\$442,200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>\$442,200</b>

# COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

CNMI residents saved **\$1.4 million** through WICHE's Student Access Programs in 2019-20

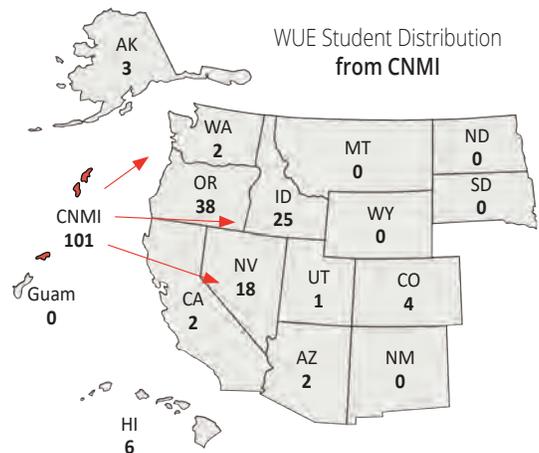


In 2012, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) joined WICHE and became the first member of the U.S. Pacific Territories and Freely Associated States membership. Guam joined in 2016. American Samoa, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau are also eligible to join WICHE and participate in its Student Access Programs under the same membership.

## WUE

### Western Undergraduate Exchange

- 101 CNMI undergraduates saved \$1.2 million paying up to 150% of resident tuition.
- Most popular schools: Boise State U. (25 CNMI residents), Eastern Oregon U. (17 CNMI residents), and U. of Nevada Las Vegas (17 CNMI residents)
- CNMI residents have saved \$3.5 million since 2013.
- Northern Marianas College participates in the WUE network and is eligible to enroll WUE students from other WICHE states at the reduced WUE rate.



## WRGP

### Western Regional Graduate Program

- 3 CNMI graduate students saved \$46,626 paying resident tuition in other Western states.

## PSEP

### Professional Student Exchange Program

The CNMI now has four students enrolled through PSEP this academic year. They're saving \$111,100 on tuition for their allopathic and osteopathic medical studies.

The CNMI passed legislation in 2017 that enables its residents to gain access to affordable health care education at some 135 participating programs in the Western United States. The CNMI is seeking qualified students to enroll in WICHE's partner programs in the fields of:

allopathic medicine, dentistry, occupational therapy, osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, physician assistant, physical therapy, and veterinary medicine.

Field	# of CNMI students	Support fees paid
Medicine (Allopathic)	2	\$65,300
Osteopathic Medicine	2	45,800
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$111,100</b>

*CNMI residents may also study dentistry, occupational therapy, pharmacy, physician assistant, physical therapy, and veterinary medicine.*

# GUAM

Guam residents saved **\$1.2 million** through WICHE's Student Access Programs in 2019-20

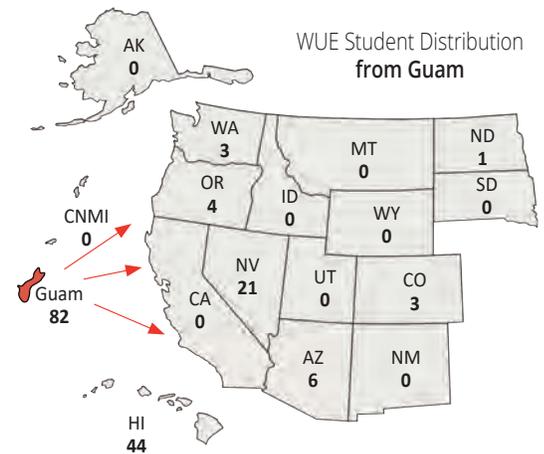


In 2016, Guam joined WICHE and became the second member of the U.S. Pacific Territories and Freely Associated States membership. The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) joined in 2012. American Samoa, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau are also eligible to join WICHE and participate in its Student Access Programs under the same membership.

## WUE

### Western Undergraduate Exchange

- 82 Guam undergraduates saved \$1.1 million paying up to 150% of resident tuition.
- Most popular schools: U. of Hawai'i at Mānoa (41 Guam residents) and U. of Nevada, Las Vegas (17 Guam residents)
- Guam residents have saved \$3.4 million since 2016.
- The University of Guam participates in the WUE network and is eligible to enroll WUE students from other WICHE states at a reduced WUE rate.



## WRGP

### Western Regional Graduate Program

- 5 Guam graduate students saved \$91,608 paying resident tuition in other Western states.
- The University of Guam has joined the WRGP network and is eligible to enroll WRGP students from other WICHE states at the reduced WRGP tuition rate. It currently offers three master's programs in the following disciplines: Micronesian Studies, Public Administration, and Business Administration.

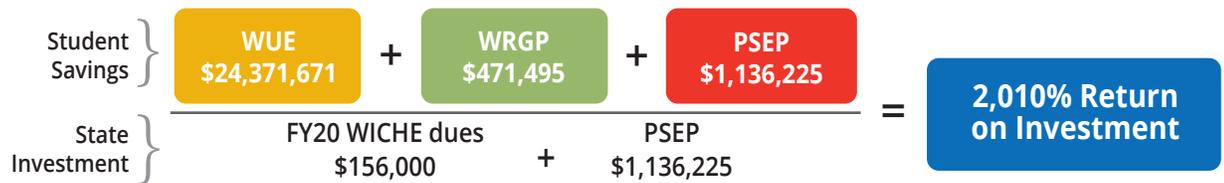
## PSEP

### Professional Student Exchange Program

Guam is not currently participating in PSEP, but if its legislature elects to do so, WICHE looks forward to facilitating its participation, with the goal of building Guam's health care workforce.

# HAWAII

Hawaii residents saved **\$26 million** through WICHE's Student Access Programs in 2019-20



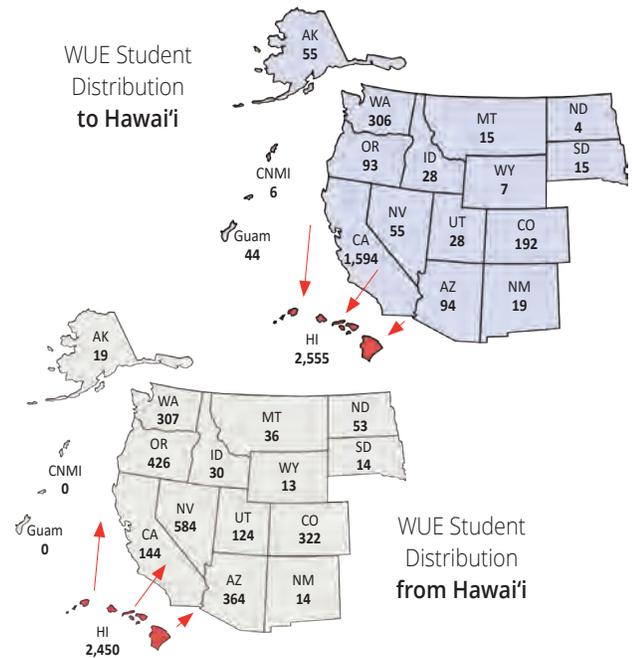
## WUE

### Western Undergraduate Exchange

- 2,450 Hawaii undergraduates saved \$24.4 million paying up to 150% of resident tuition.
- Most popular schools: U. of Nevada, Las Vegas (489 Hawaii residents) and Northern Arizona U. (283 Hawaii residents)
- Hawaii residents have saved \$295.7 million since 1988.

#### Hawaii institutions enrolled 2,555 WUE students from other WICHE states and territories

4-Year	2-Year
U. of Hawaii, Hilo..... 341	U. of Hawaii, Maui College ..... 10
U. of Hawaii, Manoa..... 2,184	
U. of Hawaii, West O'ahu..... 20	



## WRGP

### Western Regional Graduate Program

- Hawaii universities enrolled 71 WRGP students from other WICHE states.
- 36 Hawaii graduate students saved \$471,495 paying resident tuition in other Western states.

## PSEP

### Professional Student Exchange Program

- 51 students paid reduced tuition for health care studies not offered by public institutions in the home state and saved \$1,136,225.
- Hawaii institutions and their local economies benefit too. This year, 4 PSEP students enrolled in public programs located in Hawaii. Institutions received \$106,100 in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.
- 65% of Hawaii's PSEP graduates (from 2007-16) returned home to practice; students are required to return home and serve.

Field	# of Hawaii students	Support fees paid
Dentistry	10	\$276,417
Occupational Therapy	3	37,333
Optometry	11	202,675
Physical Therapy	15	231,000
Veterinary Medicine	12	388,800
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>\$1,136,225</b>



"I went into occupational therapy to offer services to unprivileged communities and tackle barriers to health access. I look forward to providing person-centered and culturally humble care to clients so they can engage in meaningful activities in their daily routine to improve their overall health and well-being. I intend to become a clinician, an advocate, and a confidante for the communities I serve. My home state of Hawaii's support through WICHE's PSEP has made this career a reality for me."

- Chelsie, Hawaii resident, Occupational Therapy, Pacific University

# IDAHO

Idaho residents saved **\$19.1 million** through WICHE's Student Access Programs in 2019-20



## WUE

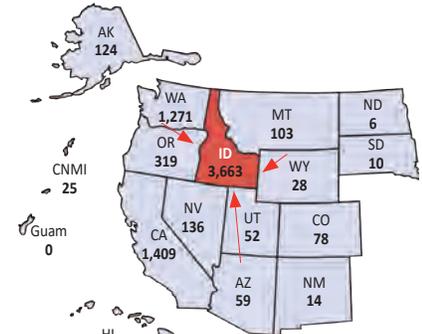
### Western Undergraduate Exchange

- 2,051 Idaho undergraduates saved \$17.5 million paying up to 150% of resident tuition.
- Most popular schools: Spokane C.C. (329 Idaho residents) and Spokane Falls C.C. (217 Idaho residents)
- Idaho residents have saved \$208.4 million since 1988.

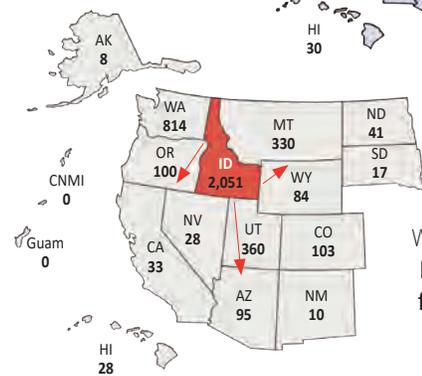
#### Idaho institutions enrolled 3,663 WUE students from other WICHE states and territories

4-Year	2-Year
Boise State U. .... 2,325	College of Southern Idaho ..... 47
Idaho State U. .... 132	North Idaho College ..... 102
Lewis-Clark State College ..... 39	
U. of Idaho ..... 1,018	

WUE Student Distribution to Idaho



WUE Student Distribution from Idaho



## WRGP

### Western Regional Graduate Program

- Idaho universities enrolled 146 WRGP students from other WICHE states.
- 101 Idaho graduate students saved \$1.5 million paying resident tuition in other Western states.

## PSEP

### Professional Student Exchange Program

- Idaho supported students studying optometry until 2013. Idaho has elected not to use PSEP for its residents because it partners directly with neighboring states or operates public programs in most PSEP fields, with the exception of optometry, osteopathic medicine, and podiatry.
- However, Idaho institutions and their local economies still benefit from PSEP. This year, 5 PSEP students enrolled at Idaho State University. The university received \$73,000 in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

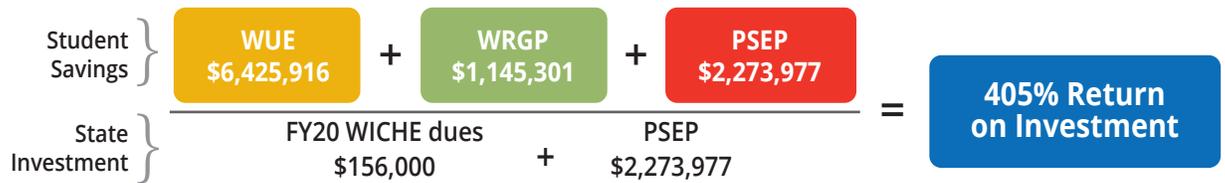


"Reduced tuition through WRGP allowed me to devote my time and energy to my studies. Without it, I would have had to work part-time while taking a full-time course load with three young children at home. This program provided tremendous support during what would have otherwise been a very financially stressful time."

– Michelle, Idaho resident,  
Communication Sciences and Disorders, Eastern Washington University

# MONTANA

Montana residents saved **\$9.8 million** through WICHE's Student Access Programs in 2019-20



## WUE

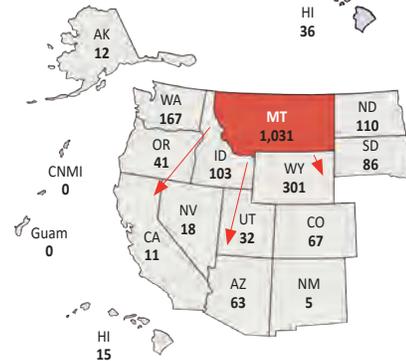
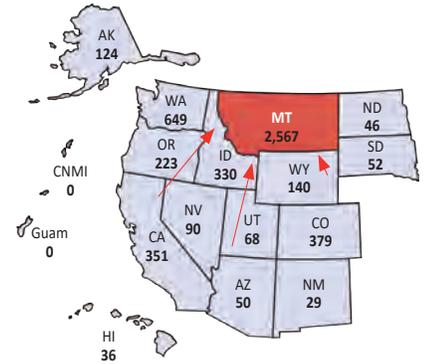
### Western Undergraduate Exchange

- 1,031 Montana undergraduates saved \$6.4 million paying up to 150% of resident tuition.
- Most popular schools: Sheridan College (129 Mont. residents) and Northwest College (94 Mont. residents)
- Montana residents have saved \$130.7 million since 1988.

#### Montana institutions enrolled 2,567 WUE students from other WICHE states and territories

4-Year	2-Year
Montana State U. (MSU)	Dawson C.C. .... 36
Billings ..... 252	Flathead Valley C.C. .... 12
MSU Bozeman ..... 998	Great Falls College, MSU ..... 3
MSU Northern ..... 115	Helena College of Tech,
Montana Tech U. .... 145	U of Montana ..... 13
U. of Montana, Missoula ..... 706	Highlands College of
U. of Montana, Western ..... 245	Montana Tech ..... 4
	Miles C.C. .... 38

WUE Student Distribution to Montana



WUE Student Distribution from Montana

## WRGP

### Western Regional Graduate Program

- Montana universities enrolled 72 WRGP students from other WICHE states.
- 83 Montana graduate students saved \$1.14 million paying resident tuition in other Western states.

## PSEP

### Professional Student Exchange Program

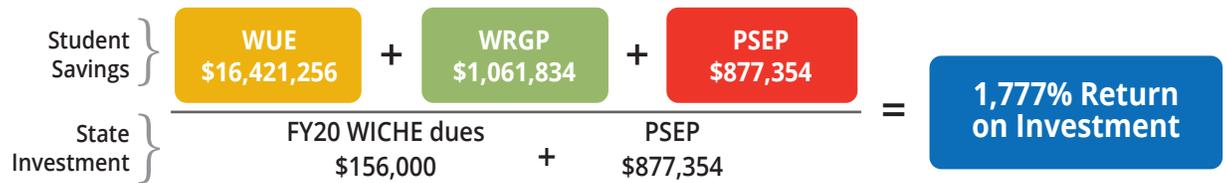
- 83 students paid reduced tuition for health care studies not offered by public institutions in the home state and saved \$2.3 million.
- Montana institutions and their local economies benefit too. This year, 2 PSEP students enrolled in public programs located in Montana. Institutions received \$23,550 in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.
- 55% of Montana's PSEP graduates (2007-11 for physicians, 2007-16 for all other fields) returned home to practice. Montana does not contractually require them to do so.

Field	# of Montana students	Support fees paid
Dentistry	14	\$374,500
Medicine (Allopathic)	26	812,411
Occupational Therapy	5	74,666
Optometry	6	110,550
Osteopathic Medicine	13	286,250
Veterinary Medicine	19	615,600
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>\$2,273,977</b>

*Montana residents may also study podiatry through PSEP.*

# NEVADA

Nevada residents saved **\$18.4 million** through WICHE's Student Access Programs in 2019-20



## WUE

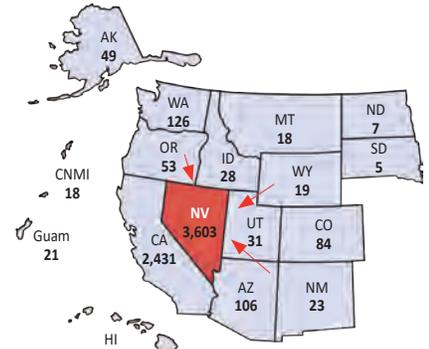
### Western Undergraduate Exchange

- 1,849 Nevada undergraduates saved \$16.4 million paying up to 150% of resident tuition.
- Most popular schools: Northern Arizona U. (279 Nev. residents) and Southern Utah U. (191 Nev. residents)
- Nevada residents have saved \$174.3 million since 1988.

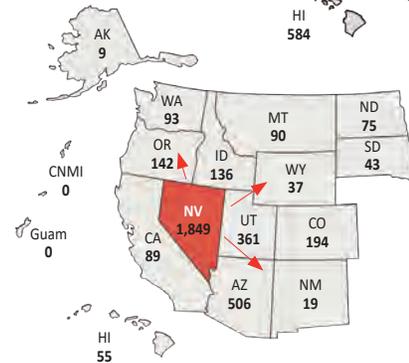
#### Nevada institutions enrolled 3,603 WUE students from other WICHE states and territories

4-Year	2-Year
Nevada State College.....24	College of Southern Nevada.. 117
U. of Nevada, Las Vegas..... 1,624	Great Basin College..... 15
U. of Nevada, Reno..... 1,635	Truckee Meadows C.C..... 160
	Western Nevada C.C..... 28

WUE Student Distribution to Nevada



WUE Student Distribution from Nevada



## WRGP

### Western Regional Graduate Program

- Nevada universities enrolled 9 WRGP students from other WICHE states.
- 64 Nevada graduate students saved \$1,061,834 paying resident tuition in other Western states.

## PSEP

### Professional Student Exchange Program

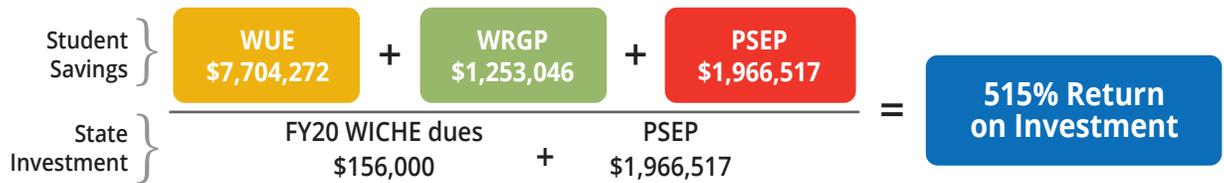
- 47 students paid reduced tuition for health care studies not offered by public institutions in their home state and saved \$877,354.
- Nevada institutions and their local economies benefit too. This year, 37 PSEP students enrolled in public and private programs located in Nevada. Institutions received \$637,830 in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.
- 86% of Nevada's PSEP graduates (2007-16) returned home to practice; students are contractually required to return and serve.

Field	# of Nevada students	Support fees paid
Occupational Therapy	5	\$60,666
Pharmacy	17	176,588
Physical Therapy*	5	77,000
Physician Assistant	6	109,500
Veterinary Medicine	14	453,600
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>\$877,354</b>

\*Although the University of Nevada, Las Vegas offers a doctor of physical therapy program, Nevada educates additional professionals through PSEP because of the state's tremendous workforce need for physical therapists.

# NEW MEXICO

New Mexico students saved **\$10.9 million** through WICHE's Student Access Programs in 2019-20



## WUE

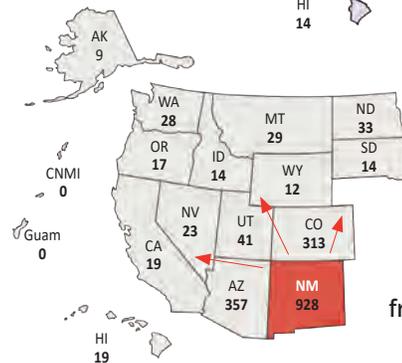
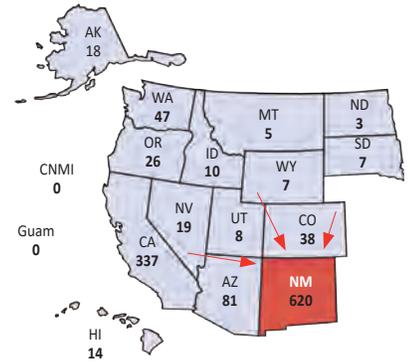
### Western Undergraduate Exchange

- 928 New Mexico undergraduates saved \$7.7 million paying up to 150% of resident tuition.
- Most popular schools: Northern Arizona U. (246 N.M. residents) and Colorado State U. (88 N.M. residents)
- New Mexico residents have saved \$103.8 million since 1988.

#### New Mexico institutions enrolled 620 WUE students from other WICHE states and territories

4-Year	2-Year
Eastern New Mexico U. - Portales.....172	Eastern New Mexico U. - Roswell.....7
New Mexico Highlands U.....13	New Mexico Junior College.....0
New Mexico Institute of Mining & Technology.....9	New Mexico Military Institute.....4
New Mexico State U.....171	New Mexico State U. - Alamogordo.....2
Northern New Mexico College...1	Santa Fe C.C.....0
U. of New Mexico.....204	
Western New Mexico U.....37	

WUE Student Distribution to New Mexico



WUE Student Distribution from New Mexico

## WRGP

### Western Regional Graduate Program

- New Mexico universities enrolled 25 WRGP students from other WICHE states.
- 84 New Mexico graduate students saved \$1.25 million paying resident tuition in other Western states.

## PSEP

### Professional Student Exchange Program

- New Mexico's \$1.97 million investment enabled 66 students to pay reduced tuition in dentistry and veterinary medicine programs (for which no public New Mexico programs exist) outside the state.
- New Mexico institutions and their local economies benefit too. This year, 4 PSEP students enrolled in public programs located in New Mexico. Institutions received \$46,200 in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.
- 95% of New Mexico's PSEP graduates (2007-16) returned home to practice; New Mexico students are contractually required to do so.

Field	# of New Mexico students	Support fees paid
Dentistry	32	\$864,917
Veterinary Medicine	34	1,101,600
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>\$1,966,517</b>

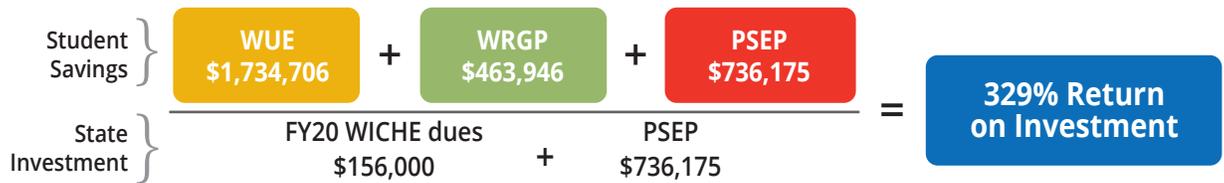


"I am grateful to WICHE and the State of New Mexico for helping me achieve my higher education goals. I used WUE for my undergraduate education at Colorado State University. While I was there, I realized my interests were in veterinary medicine. I'm currently in my third year of the veterinary program at CSU and am excited to return to my home state upon graduation! Attending veterinary school as a WICHE PSEP-funded student has been key, as our profession struggles to address increasing student debt."

—Kelsey, New Mexico resident, Veterinary Medicine, Colorado State University

# NORTH DAKOTA

No. Dakota residents saved **\$2.9 million** through WICHE's Student Access Programs in 2019-20



## WUE

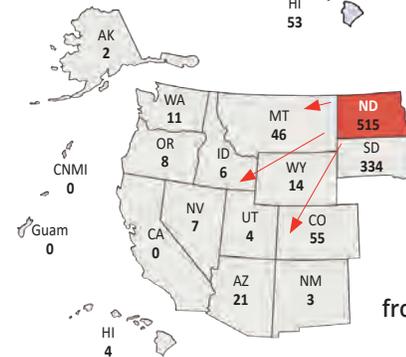
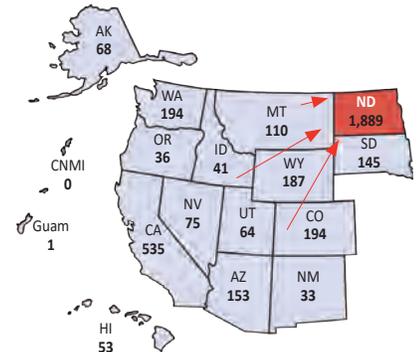
### Western Undergraduate Exchange

- 515 North Dakota undergraduates saved \$1.7 million paying up to 150% of resident tuition.
- Most popular schools: Northern State U. (98 N.D. residents) and South Dakota State U. (70 N.D. residents)
- North Dakota residents have saved \$40.4 million since 1988.

#### North Dakota institutions enrolled 1,889 WUE students from other WICHE states and territories

4-Year	2-Year
Dickinson State U. .... 122	Bismarck State College..... 153
Mayville State U.....85	Dakota College at Bottineau.....51
Minot State U.....329	Lake Region State College.....42
North Dakota State U. .... 253	North Dakota State College of Science.....30
U. of North Dakota ..... 585	Williston State College.....50
Valley City State U..... 189	

WUE Student Distribution to North Dakota



WUE Student Distribution from North Dakota

## WRGP

### Western Regional Graduate Program

- North Dakota universities enrolled 91 WRGP students from other WICHE states.
- 39 North Dakota graduate students saved \$463,946 paying resident tuition in other Western states.

## PSEP

### Professional Student Exchange Program

- 34 students paid reduced tuition for health care studies not offered by public institutions in their home state and saved \$736,175.
- North Dakota institutions and their local economies benefit too. This year, 23 PSEP students enrolled in public programs located in North Dakota. Institutions received \$467,925 in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.
- 37% of North Dakota's PSEP graduates (2007-16) returned home to practice. North Dakota does not contractually require them to do so.

Field	# of North Dakota students	Support fees paid
Dentistry	7	\$187,250
Optometry	22	386,925
Veterinary Medicine	5	162,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>\$736,175</b>



"Growing up in North Dakota taught me to work hard, appreciate the opportunities presented to me, and to pay those opportunities forward to those less fortunate than myself. WICHE PSEP gave me the opportunity to attend one of the most public health-oriented dental schools in the country. I can't wait to give back to my community."

—Kylie, North Dakota resident, Dentistry, A.T. Still University

# OREGON

Oregon residents saved **\$23.4 million** through WICHE's Student Access Programs in 2019-20



## WUE

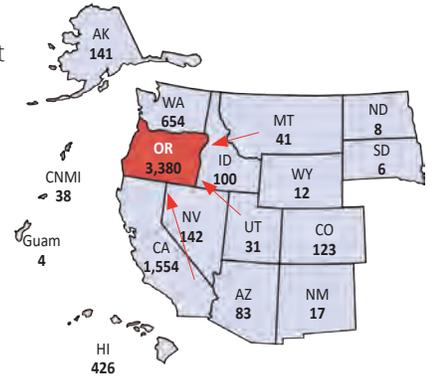
### Western Undergraduate Exchange

- 2,076 Oregon undergraduates saved \$21.6 million paying up to 150% of resident tuition.
- Most popular schools: Washington State U. (260 Ore. residents) and Northern Arizona U. (167 Ore. residents)
- Oregon residents have saved \$250.3 million since 1989.

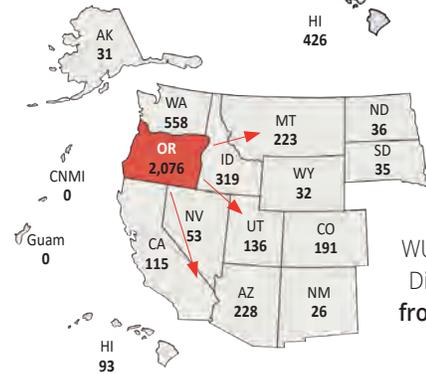
Oregon institutions enrolled 3,380 WUE students from other WICHE states and territories

4-Year	2-Year
Eastern Oregon U..... 189	Klamath C.C..... 13
Oregon Institute of Tech..... 299	
Portland State U..... 1,138	
Southern Oregon U. .... 1,023	
Western Oregon U..... 718	

WUE Student Distribution to Oregon



WUE Student Distribution from Oregon



## WRGP

### Western Regional Graduate Program

- Oregon universities enrolled 152 WRGP students from other WICHE states.
- 118 Oregon graduate students saved \$1.8 million paying resident tuition in other Western states.

## PSEP

### Professional Student Exchange Program

- Oregon doesn't use PSEP for its residents because it operates public programs in most PSEP fields, with the exception of occupational therapy, optometry, osteopathic medicine, and podiatry.
- However, Oregon institutions and their local economies still benefit from PSEP. This year, 89 PSEP students enrolled in public and private programs located in Oregon. Institutions received \$1.98 million in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.



"The WICHE PSEP program has completely changed my life. Without it, I wouldn't have been able to consider a career in veterinary medicine. I am so grateful and excited for this opportunity and look forward to bringing my knowledge and passion for animals back to Wyoming in four short years."

– Salene, Wyoming resident,  
Veterinary Medicine, Oregon State University

# SOUTH DAKOTA

So. Dakota residents saved **\$3.5 million** through WICHE's Student Access Programs in 2019-20



## WUE

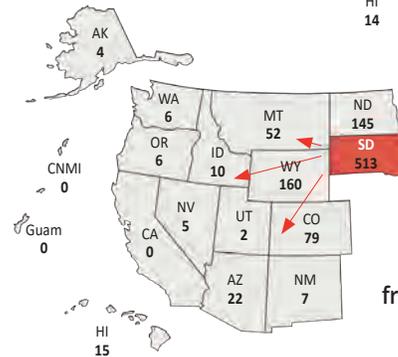
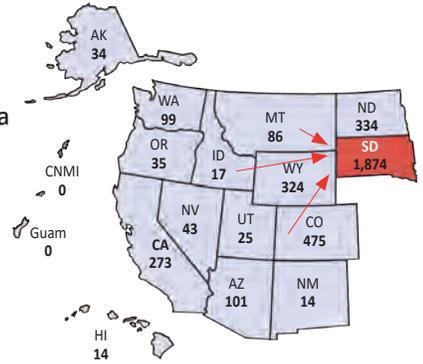
### Western Undergraduate Exchange

- 513 South Dakota undergraduates saved \$2.96 million paying 150% or less of resident tuition.
- Most popular schools: North Dakota State U. (132 S.D. residents) and Casper College (42 S.D. residents)
- South Dakota residents have saved \$90.4 million since 1989.

South Dakota institutions enrolled 1,874 WUE students from other WICHE states and territories

Black Hills State U.....	487
Dakota State U. ....	196
Northern State U. ....	191
South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.....	533
South Dakota State U. ....	266
U. of South Dakota .....	201

WUE Student Distribution to South Dakota



WUE Student Distribution from South Dakota

## WRGP

### Western Regional Graduate Program

- South Dakota universities enrolled 160 WRGP students from other WICHE states.
- 46 South Dakota graduate students saved \$516,579 paying resident tuition in other Western states.

## PSEP

### Professional Student Exchange Program

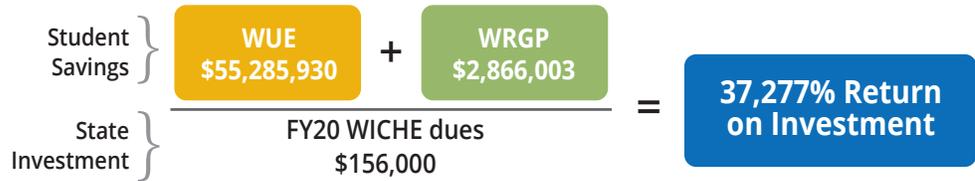
- South Dakota doesn't use PSEP for its residents because they typically enroll in the state's public programs for several PSEP fields, or have agreements with neighboring states for programs not offered by their public institutions.
- South Dakota institutions and their local economies can benefit from PSEP. For example, the U. of South Dakota's physical therapy and occupational therapy doctorate programs enroll students from other WICHE states. The institution receives a support fee paid by the student's home states to reduce their tuition costs.

"WUE has helped me save a *lot* of money. As an education major, I won't be making much, so WUE has taken some of the stress off my shoulders."  
 – Jordan, South Dakota resident, Blended Early Childhood Education, Idaho State University



# WASHINGTON

Washington residents saved **\$58.1 million** through WICHE's Student Access Programs in 2019-20



## WUE

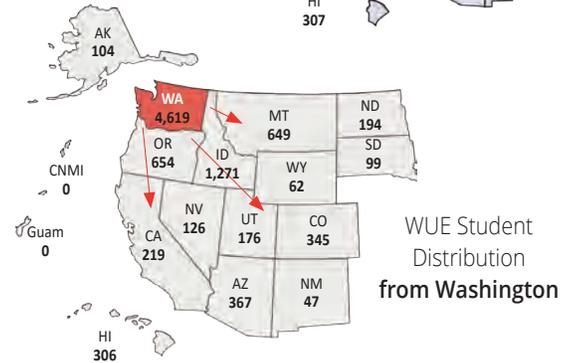
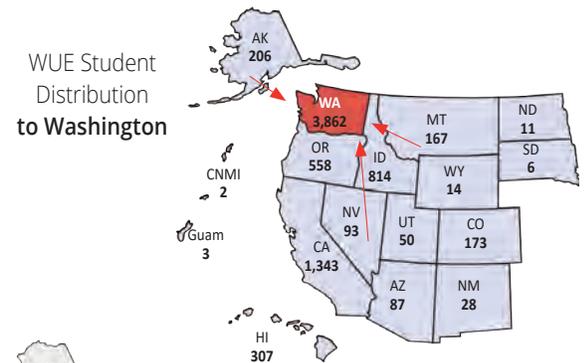
### Western Undergraduate Exchange

- 4,619 Washington undergraduates saved \$55.3 million paying 150% or less of resident tuition.
- Most popular schools: Boise State U. (628 Wash. residents) and U. of Idaho (610 Wash. residents)
- Washington residents have saved \$550.8 million since 1997.

#### Washington institutions enrolled 3,862 WUE students from other WICHE states and territories

4-Year	2-Year
Central Washington U. .... 369	Spokane C.C. .... 559
Eastern Washington U. .... 44	Spokane Falls C.C. .... 315
Evergreen State College .... 22	
Washington State U. (WSU) ... 2,191	
Western Washington U. .... 322	
WSU Everett* ..... 0	
WSU Tri-Cities ..... 14	
WSU Vancouver ..... 26	

\* New WUE institution, Fall 2019



## WRGP

### Western Regional Graduate Program

- Washington universities enrolled 92 WRGP students from other WICHE states.
- 204 Washington graduate students saved \$2.9 million paying resident tuition in other Western states.

## PSEP

### Professional Student Exchange Program

- Washington supported students studying optometry and osteopathic medicine until 2013. 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, 86 PSEP students enrolled in public and private programs located in Washington. Institutions received \$2.5 million in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

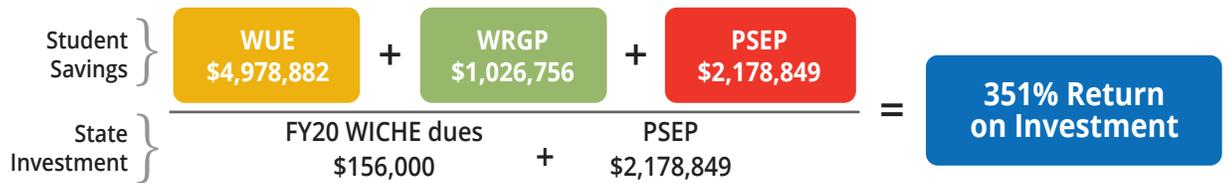


"I earned my Associate's transfer degree at a community college in my home state. With little money to further my college education, my life was at a stand-still. Then I learned about University of Idaho's Natural Resource Conservation program. When I learned I qualified for WUE, enrolling was a no-brainer. I'll graduate with very little debt; WUE has saved me thousands!"

– Natalie, Washington resident,  
Natural Resource Conservation, University of Idaho

# WYOMING

Wyoming residents saved **\$8.2 million** through WICHE's Student Access Programs in 2019-20



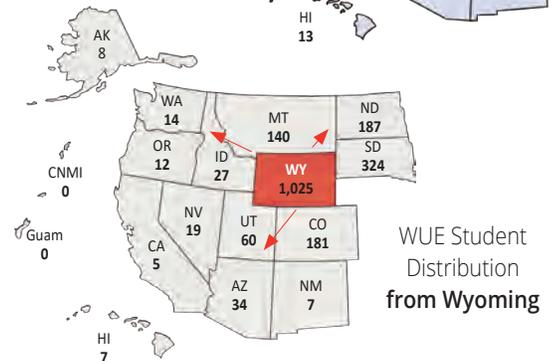
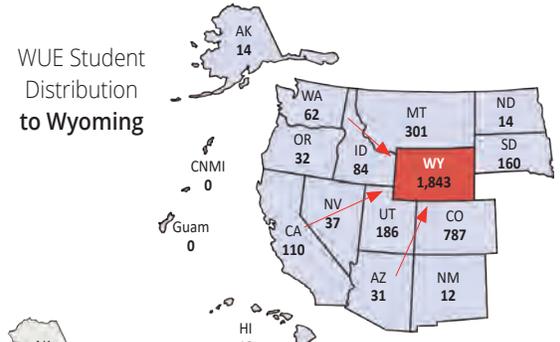
## WUE

### Western Undergraduate Exchange

- 1,025 Wyoming undergraduates saved \$5 million paying 150% or less of resident tuition.
- Most popular schools: Black Hills State U. (208 Wyo. residents) and Valley City State U. (77 Wyo. residents)
- Wyoming residents have saved \$140.7 million since 1988.

#### Wyoming institutions enrolled 1,843 WUE students from other WICHE states and territories

4-Year	2-Year
U. of Wyoming..... 445	Casper College ..... 220
	Central Wyoming College ..... 99
	Eastern Wyoming College..... 69
	Gillette College ..... 76
	Laramie County C.C..... 361
	Northwest College..... 186
	Sheridan College..... 231
	Western Wyoming C.C..... 156



## WRGP

### Western Regional Graduate Program

- Wyoming universities enrolled 9 WRGP students from other WICHE states.
- 83 Wyoming graduate students saved \$1,026,756 paying resident tuition in other Western states.

## PSEP

### Professional Student Exchange Program

- 91 students paid reduced tuition for health care studies not offered by public institutions in the home state and saved \$2.2 million.
- The University of Wyoming and the local economy can benefit from PSEP; its doctor of pharmacy program can enroll students from other WICHE states. The institution receives a support fee paid by the students' home states to reduce their tuition costs.
- 42% of Wyoming's PSEP graduates (2007-11 for physicians, 2007-16 for all other fields) returned home to practice. Wyoming now requires students (enrolling as of Fall 2013 or later) to return home and practice upon graduation. Students studying veterinary medicine are currently exempt.

Field	# of Wyoming students	Support fees paid
Dentistry	6	\$160,500
Medicine (Allopathic)	10	326,500
Occupational Therapy	13	181,999
Optometry	4	73,700
Osteopathic Medicine	4	91,600
Physical Therapy	18	277,200
Physician Assistant	7	127,750
Veterinary Medicine	29	939,600
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>\$2,178,849</b>

*Wyoming residents may also study podiatry through PSEP.*

## ABOUT WICHE

For more than 65 years, the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) has been strengthening higher education, workforce development, and behavioral health throughout the region. As an interstate compact, WICHE partners with states, territories, and postsecondary institutions to share knowledge, create resources, and develop innovative solutions that address some of our society's most pressing needs. From promoting high-quality, affordable postsecondary education to helping states get the most from their technology investments and addressing behavioral health challenges, WICHE improves lives across the West through innovation, cooperation, resource sharing, and sound public policy.

## PARTICIPATE IN WICHE'S STUDENT ACCESS PROGRAMS

If you're a WICHE-region stakeholder, we welcome your participation in our programs. Reach out to us to learn how you can become part of WUE, WRGP, or PSEP. Or check out our WICHE Savings Finder databases for WUE ([wuesavingsfinder.wiche.edu](http://wuesavingsfinder.wiche.edu)) and WRGP ([wrgpsavingsfinder.wiche.edu](http://wrgpsavingsfinder.wiche.edu)) for detail on participating colleges, universities and programs, and how much students can save.

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"Student loans are daunting, but knowing that I have significant financial support from my home state eases my anxiety. The ability to focus on learning and knowing that I am supported by my home state is a great feeling. The WICHE PSEP students at my school have even formed a small community. I can't wait to return and practice medicine in Montana!"

– Ciara, Montana resident,  
Osteopathic Medicine,  
Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences



"WRGP has been enormously helpful in allowing us to recruit top quality students into our Biostatistics PhD, MS, and MPH/AB programs at the University of Colorado Anschutz. In just the last two to three years, around 30 percent of the students entering our programs have taken advantage of WRGP. WRGP has greatly strengthened our programs and has provided education in Biostatistics to many great students. Thank you!"

— Gary Grunwald, professor,  
School of Public Health,  
University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus



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"Financial stress contributes greatly to the mental health struggles facing today's veterinarians. I was able to significantly reduce the amount of student loans I needed, thanks to WICHE support. With reduced financial stress, I can partake in more learning opportunities to advance my career and get the most out of my four years at Colorado State. WICHE PSEP support has also brought about a sense of pride towards my home state of Montana, motivating me to return upon graduation and practice in areas of need."

- Anne, Montana resident,  
Veterinary Medicine, Colorado State University



"Getting accepted into Physician Assistant school was one of the greatest accomplishments in my life, and WICHE's PSEP has been a game-changer as PA school can be very costly. Being born and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada, I strive to become the best physician assistant possible, so that I can provide medical care in the community in which I was raised."

- Satinderpreet, Nevada resident,  
Physician Assistant Studies, Marshall B. Ketchum University



"PSEP took a huge weight off my shoulders. I'm attending my dream school without worrying about getting into too much in debt. Besides excelling my classes, I've been able to take advantage of leadership and specialized learning opportunities outside the classroom. I am currently volunteering as the Clinical Translator Director for the Hispanic Dental Student Association (HSDA), as well as taking advantage of many other opportunities."

- Fernanda, Arizona resident,  
Dentistry, University of California Los Angeles