

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26

\$29.0M

TOTAL SAVED
by Idaho students through
WICHE's Student Access
Programs.

\$27.3M
SAVED
through WUE

\$1.8M
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 (2,255)**
- ▶ **University of Idaho (1,858)**
- ▶ **Lewis-Clark State College (229)**

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

- ▶ **University of Utah (318)**
- ▶ **Washington State University (153)**
- ▶ **Oregon State University (129)**

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 (354)**
- ▶ **Idaho State University (95)**
- ▶ **Boise State University (13)**

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

- ▶ **Utah State University (15)**
- ▶ **University of Arizona (9)**
- ▶ **University of Utah (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.

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.

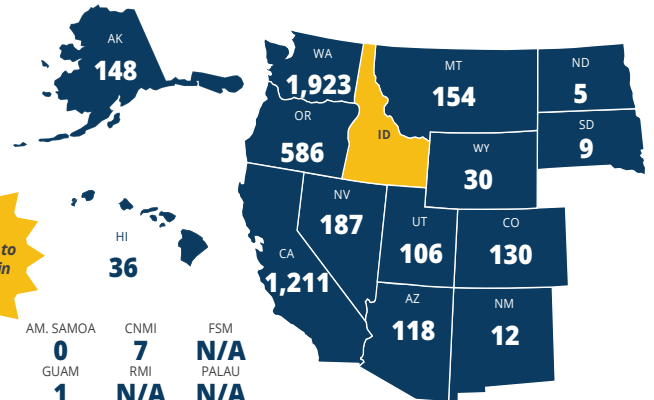
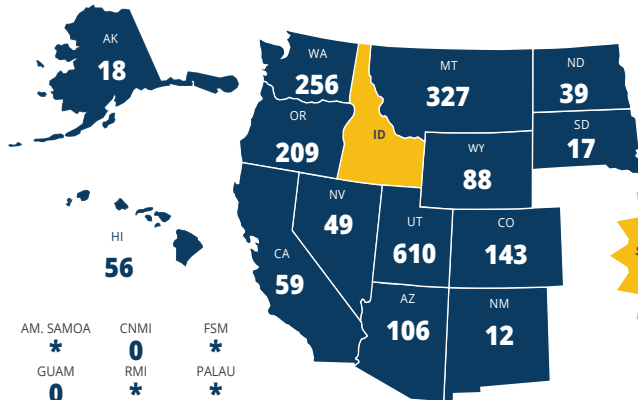
However, Idaho institutions and their local economies still benefit from PSEP. This year, two PSEP students enrolled in a program located in Idaho. The institution received \$42,550 in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

16,637% ROI Gained on Idaho's WICHE annual dues (\$174,500/FY 2026)

WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM IDAHO: **1,989**

WUE STUDENTS TO IDAHO: **4,663**



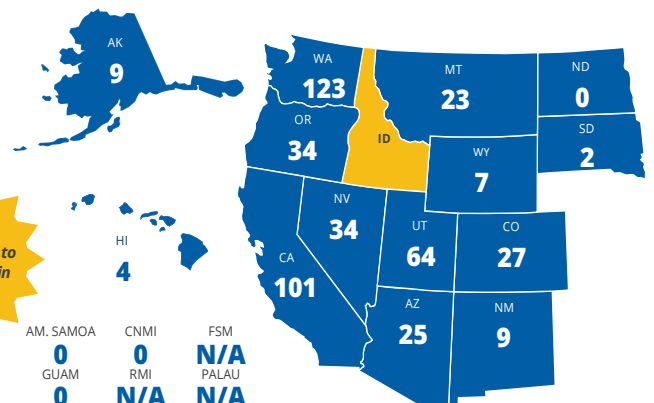
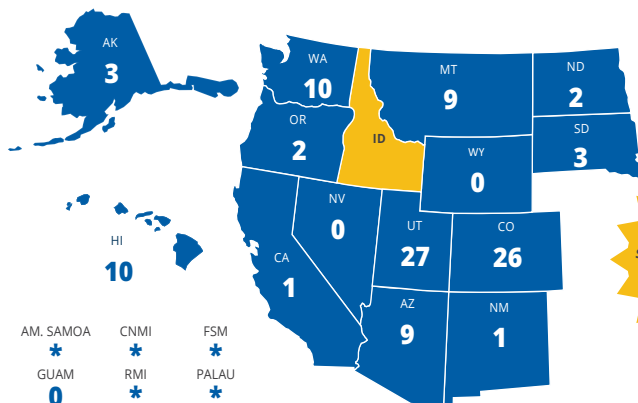
4,663 WUE students chose to attend school in Idaho

* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM IDAHO: **103**

WRGP STUDENTS TO IDAHO: **462**



462 WRGP students chose to attend school in Idaho

* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



“The Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program has been instrumental in helping the College of Southern Idaho expand access to higher education for students across the West. By offering affordable tuition to out-of-state students, WUE allows CSI to attract motivated learners who might not otherwise be able to attend college outside their home state.

For our students, WUE has reduced financial barriers, encouraged degree completion, and provided a pathway to explore academic programs uniquely available at CSI. For our institution, it has strengthened regional collaboration, enriched our student body, and contributed to a richer learning environment.

Overall, WUE has been a win-win for both our students and our college community — it helps us live out our mission of expanding opportunity and supporting student success.”

MONZE STARK, Administrator, College of Southern Idaho

STRENGTHENING IDAHO AND THE WEST

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

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

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

Angela Sackett, College of Eastern Idaho, serves on the Alliance executive committee.

WESTERN ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP FORUM – 4-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

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

Heidi Estrem, Idaho State Board of Education, serves on the Forum executive committee.

WESTERN ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY is a yearlong professional development program for academic leaders aspiring to become chief academic officers in the WICHE region. Nineteen cohort members from Idaho institutions have participated in the Academy since its inception in 2015. Todd Schwarz, University of Idaho (retired), serves as a primary faculty member for the Academy.

WICHE convenes the **OERWEST NETWORK** as part of a national effort to expand free course materials and other open educational resources (OER) that reduce textbook costs and support student success. WICHE is also conducting a regional landscape analysis examining how textbook price transparency and affordability policies are being implemented across the West.

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

Created by the WICHE Commission in 1995, the **LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAC)** works to strengthen state-level postsecondary policymaking across the West. Members are state legislators appointed by the WICHE Commissioners in the region to explore emerging policy issues and develop strategies for interstate collaboration.

- ▶ **Senator Kevin Cook**
- ▶ **Representative Soñia Galaviz**
- ▶ **Representative Steve Miller**
- ▶ **Senator Janie Ward-Engelking**

RURAL COMMUNITIES OPIOID RESPONSE PROGRAM (RCORP)

is a multiyear initiative supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to identify treatment barriers and best practices for preventing and treating substance use disorder. In Idaho, the RCORP program supports one grantee.

WCET – THE WICHE COOPERATIVE FOR EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES

is the leader in the practice, policy, and advocacy of technology-enhanced digital learning in higher education. Its growing membership includes institutions, higher education agencies and systems, nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and corporations in all U.S. states and several Canadian provinces. Boise State University, College of Eastern Idaho, Idaho State University, and Lewis-Clark State College are WCET members. Ryan Faulkner of the College of Eastern Idaho serves as vice chair on the WCET Steering Committee.

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

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

Idaho Commissioners



L. Dean Fisher
President, College of
Southern Idaho



Jennifer White
Executive Director,
Office of the State
Board of Education
of Idaho



Vacant

Distance Education Reciprocity

Idaho institutions save money on out-of-state authorization fees by participating in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) through WICHE. This voluntary agreement provides reciprocity for the state authorization of distance education, while ensuring meaningful consumer protections for students and reducing regulatory red-tape for institutions.

\$2.5M IDAHO ESTIMATED
ANNUAL SAVINGS

Cost-savings Partnerships

WICHE offers pre-negotiated student health and technology contracts to colleges and universities, K-12 school districts, state and local governments, and education-related nonprofits through a cost-savings program with the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC). Last year, participating entities saved an average of 9% compared with other purchasing options.

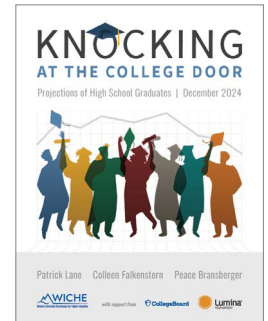
\$99.4k IDAHO ESTIMATED
ANNUAL SAVINGS

Data and Policy Resources for Idaho

Policymakers and campus leaders in Idaho can explore WICHE's data and policy resources to better understand what's happening at home and across the West. These resources provide reliable state-level and regional insights to help make informed, strategic decisions that strengthen postsecondary education and workforce outcomes.

- ▶ **Knocking at the College Door** is the leading U.S. resource for projections of high school graduates. Visit wiche.edu/knocking to access reports, interactive dashboards, webinars, presentations, as well as state-level data.
- ▶ **Tuition and Fees in the West** includes tuition, fees, and enrollment data about 350+ public institutions in the West.
- ▶ **Benchmarks: WICHE Region** presents information on the West's progress in improving access to, success in, and financing of higher education.
- ▶ Data on over 35 indicators in WICHE's **Regional Fact Book for Higher Education in the West**.
- ▶ With support from the ECMC Foundation, WICHE equips state leaders with analysis and resources on **Completion Strategies in the West** to increase credential completion and improve student success across states.

Our data experts provide research, analysis, and peer collaboration opportunities on key higher education issues, including workforce development, state finance, transfer, student success strategies, and more, to help decision-makers develop evidence-based, effective policy solutions.



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. Visit wiche.edu.