

TUITION AND FEES

IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Fiscal
Year
2019



**COMMUNITY COLLEGES &
WORKFORCE PREPARATION**
PROSPERITY THROUGH EDUCATION
www.educateiowa.gov/ccpublications

**IOWA DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION**



Grimes State Office Building

Phone: 515-281-8260
Fax: 515-242-5988
www.educateiowa.gov

Ryan Wise
Director, Iowa Department
of Education
515-281-3436
ryan.wise@iowa.gov

Jeremy Varner
Administrator, Division of
Community Colleges and
Workforce Preparation
515-281-8260
jeremy.varner@iowa.gov

Barbara Burrows
Chief, Bureau of
Community Colleges
515-281-0319
barbara.burrows@iowa.gov

Pradeep Kotamraju
Chief, Bureau of
Career and Technical Education
515-281-4716
pradeep.kotamraju@iowa.gov

Chris Russell
Consultant, Bureau of
Community Colleges
515-725-2247
chris.russell@iowa.gov

Published: 2018

**State of Iowa
Department of Education**
Grimes State Office Building
400 E. 14th Street
Des Moines, IA 50319-0146

State Board of Education

Brooke Axiotis, Des Moines
Michael Bearden, Gladbrook
Bettie Bolar, Marshalltown
Joshua Byrnes, Osage
Angela English, Dyersville
Michael L. Knedler, Council Bluffs
Mike May, Spirit Lake
Mary Ellen Miller, Wayne County
Kimberly Wayne, Des Moines
Fez Zafar, Student Member, Clive

Administration

Ryan M. Wise, Director and Executive Officer
of the State Board of Education

**Division of Community Colleges
and Workforce Preparation**

Jeremy Varner, Division Administrator

Bureau of Community Colleges

Barbara Burrows, Bureau Chief
Chris Russell, Education Program Consultant

Bureau of Career and Technical Education

Pradeep Kotamraju, Bureau Chief

It is the policy of the Iowa Department of Education not to discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, sex, disability, religion, age, political party affiliation, or actual or potential parental, family or marital status in its programs, activities, or employment practices as required by the Iowa Code sections 216.9 and 256.10(2), Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d and 2000e), the Equal Pay Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 206, et seq.), Title IX (Educational Amendments, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681 – 1688), Section 504 (Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. § 794), and the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. § 12101, et seq.). If you have questions or complaints related to compliance with this policy by the Iowa Department of Education, please contact the legal counsel for the Iowa Department of Education, Grimes State Office Building, 400 E. 14th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0146, telephone number: 515-281-5295, or the Director of the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, Citigroup Center, 500 W. Madison Street, Suite 1475, Chicago, IL 60661-4544, telephone number: 312-730-1560, FAX number: 312-730-1576, TDD number: 877-521-2172, email: OCR.Chicago@ed.gov.

Executive Summary

The annual community college tuition and fees report provides information about tuition and fees charged at each of Iowa's 15 community colleges. This report also provides trends in tuition and fees among Iowa's community colleges, sources of general operating revenue, and comparisons among states and institutions.

For fiscal year (FY) 2019, average in-state tuition for students attending Iowa's community colleges is \$168.42 per credit hour, a 3.9 percent increase from last year, and average mandatory fees are \$14.15 per credit hour, up 1.6 percent from last year. Therefore, the average total in-state cost of enrollment (tuition plus fees) is \$182.57 per credit hour, which represents a 3.7 percent increase from last year.

Tuition and fees accounted for approximately 52.3 percent of community colleges' unrestricted operating revenue during FY 2017, the latest year for which data are available. This percentage has gradually increased since FY 2008 when tuition and fees accounted for 47.5 percent. During this 10-year period, state general aid as a percentage of total college revenues declined slightly from 37.0 percent in FY 2008 to 35.4 percent in FY 2017.

Nationally, provisional data from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) suggest that Iowa's in-state cost of enrollment in FY 2017 (the latest year available) ranked in the 86th percentile. This indicates that Iowa's average cost of enrollment is greater than or equal to 86 percent of community colleges in the nation.

Regionally, the average IPEDS total in-state enrollment costs per credit hour during FY 2017 were higher in South Dakota and Minnesota than in Iowa. IPEDS data also suggest that the average total in-state enrollment cost at Iowa's community colleges was 12.9 percent higher than the regional average (\$4,361.17) during FY 2017.

Iowa Code stipulates that the highest tuition charged by Iowa's community colleges must be less than the lowest tuition charged at Iowa's public universities. In FY 2019, the highest community college in-state tuition for 24 credit hours (\$4,344.00) is 43.4 percent less than the lowest public university in-state tuition for the same number of credit hours (\$7,680.00).





Table of Contents

Tuition and Fees	1
<i>In-State (Resident) Tuition and Fees</i>	1
<i>Out-of-State (Non-Resident) Tuition and Fees</i>	2
<i>Other Out-of-State Tuition and Fees</i>	3
<i>Online Tuition</i>	3
<i>Mandatory Fees</i>	3
Cost of Enrollment	5
Revenue Sources	5
Comparisons	6
<i>National</i>	7
<i>Regional</i>	8
<i>Institutional</i>	8
References	10

Tuition and Fees

In-State (Resident) Tuition and Fees

Table 1 lists in-state tuition and fees for each community college during fiscal years 2018 and 2019. The average in-state tuition and fees for this year is \$182.57 per credit hour, which is a 3.7 percent increase from last year. Western Iowa Tech Community College has the lowest percentage increase in tuition and fees (1.7 percent) this fiscal year (FY 2019), whereas Hawkeye Community College has the highest percentage increase (5.2 percent).

Focusing just on tuition, the average in-state tuition for FY 2019 is \$168.42, which represents a 3.9 percent increase over last year. As for mandatory fees, the maximum is the same as last year, but the average has increased by 1.6 percent.

TABLE 1: IN-STATE TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES PER CREDIT HOUR BY COLLEGE

College	FY 2018			FY 2019			Change	
	Tuition (\$)	Fees (\$)	Total (\$)	Tuition (\$)	Fees (\$)	Total (\$)	(\$)	(%)
Northeast Iowa	163.00	22.00	185.00	170.00	24.00	194.00	9.00	4.9
North Iowa Area	147.75	26.00	173.75	154.25	26.00	180.25	6.50	3.7
Iowa Lakes	172.00	22.25	194.25	179.00	22.25	201.25	7.00	3.6
Northwest	162.00	28.00	190.00	169.00	28.00	197.00	7.00	3.7
Iowa Central	164.00	14.00	178.00	169.00	14.00	183.00	5.00	2.8
Iowa Valley	168.00	26.00	194.00	173.00	26.00	199.00	5.00	2.6
Hawkeye	170.00	7.75	177.75	179.00	8.00	187.00	9.25	5.2
Eastern Iowa	155.00	0.00	155.00	162.00	0.00	162.00	7.00	4.5
Kirkwood	162.00	0.00	162.00	169.00	0.00	169.00	7.00	4.3
Des Moines Area	151.00	0.00	151.00	156.00	0.00	156.00	5.00	3.3
Western Iowa Tech	146.00	29.00	175.00	149.00	29.00	178.00	3.00	1.7
Iowa Western	160.00	17.00	177.00	169.00	17.00	186.00	9.00	5.1
Southwestern	164.00	13.00	177.00	171.00	13.00	184.00	7.00	4.0
Indian Hills	170.00	0.00	170.00	176.00	0.00	176.00	6.00	3.5
Southeastern	176.00	4.00	180.00	181.00	5.00	186.00	6.00	3.3
Minimum	146.00	0.00	151.00	149.00	0.00	156.00	3.00	1.7
Median	163.00	14.00	177.00	169.00	14.00	184.00	7.00	3.7
Maximum	176.00	29.00	194.25	181.00	29.00	201.25	9.25	5.2
Average	162.05	13.93	175.98	168.42	14.15	182.57	6.58	3.8
Std. Dev.	8.87	11.26	12.71	9.43	11.30	13.05	1.71	-

Note: Change is between FY 2018 and FY 2019 totals.

Out-of-State (Non-Resident) Tuition and Fees

Table 2 lists out-of-state tuition and fees for each community college during fiscal years 2018 and 2019. The average out-of-state tuition and fees for this year is \$222.79 per credit hour, which represents a 3.6 percent increase over last year. Indian Hills Community College had no net change in its tuition and fees for out-of-state students this fiscal year, whereas Northeast Iowa Community College had the highest change with a 9.7 percent increase. Additionally, the average out-of-state tuition (only) is \$207.90 per credit hour for FY2019, indicating a 3.8 percent increase from last year.

TABLE 2: OUT-OF-STATE TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES PER CREDIT HOUR BY COLLEGE

College	FY 2018			FY 2019			Change	
	Tuition (\$)	Fees (\$)	Total (\$)	Tuition (\$)	Fees (\$)	Total (\$)	(\$)	(%)
Northeast Iowa	173.00	22.00	195.00	190.00	24.00	214.00	19.00	9.7
North Iowa Area	221.63	26.00	247.63	231.38	26.00	257.38	9.75	3.9
Iowa Lakes	183.00	22.25	205.25	190.00	22.25	212.25	7.00	3.4
Northwest	172.00	28.00	200.00	179.00	28.00	207.00	7.00	3.5
Iowa Central	241.50	14.00	255.50	249.00	14.00	263.00	7.50	2.9
Iowa Valley	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ellsworth	207.00	26.00	233.00	212.00	26.00	238.00	5.00	2.1
Marshalltown	182.00	26.00	208.00	187.00	26.00	213.00	5.00	2.4
Hawkeye	195.00	7.75	202.75	204.00	8.00	212.00	9.25	4.6
Eastern Iowa	222.00	0.00	222.00	229.00	0.00	229.00	7.00	3.2
Kirkwood	202.00	0.00	202.00	215.00	0.00	215.00	13.00	6.4
Des Moines Area	302.00	0.00	302.00	312.00	0.00	312.00	10.00	3.3
Western Iowa Tech	147.00	29.00	176.00	150.00	29.00	179.00	3.00	1.7
Iowa Western	165.00	17.00	182.00	174.00	17.00	191.00	9.00	4.9
Southwestern	171.00	13.00	184.00	178.00	13.00	191.00	7.00	3.8
Indian Hills	240.00	0.00	240.00	240.00	0.00	240.00	0.00	0.0
Southeastern	181.00	4.00	185.00	186.00	5.00	191.00	6.00	3.2
Minimum	147.00	0.00	176.00	150.00	0.00	179.00	0.00	0.0
Median	189.00	15.50	204.00	197.00	15.50	213.50	7.00	3.4
Maximum	302.00	29.00	302.00	312.00	29.00	312.00	19.00	9.7
Average	200.32	14.69	215.01	207.90	14.89	222.79	7.78	3.7
Std. Dev.	38.40	11.29	33.50	38.66	11.31	33.66	4.24	-

Note: Change is between FY 2018 and FY 2019 totals.

Other Out-of-State Tuition and Fees

With the approval from Iowa Department of Education (Department), a community college may establish a tuition rate for eligible non-residents that is lower than its standard non-resident tuition. Under this provision, the Department has approved the following requests:

- » Iowa Lakes Community College--\$184.00 per credit hour for students who are residents of Minnesota.
- » Northwest Iowa Community College--\$174.00 per credit hour for students who are residents of Minnesota, Nebraska, or South Dakota.
- » Iowa Central Community College--Residents of Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wisconsin and have a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher are eligible for \$174.00 per credit hour.
- » Eastern Iowa Community Colleges--\$184.00 per credit hour for students who are residents of adjacent Illinois counties.

Online Tuition

State policy allows community colleges to establish separate tuition rates for distance education courses that are delivered by the Iowa Community College Online Consortium (ICCO) according to an agreement approved by the Department. Under this agreement, ICCOC sets tuition and fees for online courses on behalf of its members.* For FY 2019, ICCOC set tuition and fees at \$184.00 per credit hour. Community colleges that do not participate in the consortium set their own tuition and fees for online courses.

Mandatory Fees

Table 3 itemizes mandatory fees that are typically assessed per credit hour at each of Iowa's 15 community colleges. Mandatory fees do not include fees assessed for specific programs such as nursing or welding.

Southeastern, Northeast Iowa, and Hawkeye Community College respectively increased their mandatory fees by 25.0 percent, 9.1 percent, and 3.2 percent. Eight (8) other community colleges made no net changes to their fee schedules. Four community colleges – Des Moines Area, Eastern Iowa, Indian Hills, and Kirkwood – continued to assess no mandatory fees per credit hour.

* The following community colleges are members of ICCOC: Eastern Iowa, Iowa Lakes, North Iowa Area, Northwest Iowa, Southeastern, Southwestern, and Western Iowa Tech.

Among those colleges that do assess mandatory fees per credit hour, Western Iowa Tech has the highest (\$29.00 per credit hour) and Southeastern Community College has the lowest (\$5.00 per credit hour). Although Kirkwood Community College and Des Moines Area have no mandatory fees per credit hour, a \$50.00 technology fee per semester is assessed in Kirkwood, and \$15.00/\$30.00 technology fee per credit is charged for blended/online courses in Des Moines Area.

TABLE 3: MANDATORY FEES PER SEMESTER CREDIT HOUR BY COLLEGE

College	Description	Amount (\$)	
		FY 2018	FY 2019
Northeast Iowa	General	22.00	24.00
North Iowa Area	Material/Lab/Supplies	12.00	12.00
	Student activities	4.00	4.00
	Technology	10.00	10.00
Iowa Lakes	Activity	2.25	2.25
	General	10.00	10.00
	Technology	10.00	10.00
Northwest Iowa	Course	10.00	10.00
	Student	10.00	10.00
	Technology	8.00	8.00
Iowa Central	Student	14.00	14.00
Iowa Valley	Facility	2.00	2.00
	Materials/Technology	18.50	18.50
	Student	5.50	5.50
Hawkeye	Student Activity /Computer	7.75	8.00
Eastern Iowa	No fees	0.00	0.00
Kirkwood	No fees	0.00	0.00
Des Moines Area	No fees	0.00	0.00
Western Iowa Tech	Matriculation	8.00	8.00
	Technology	21.00	21.00
Iowa Western	College Service	17.00	17.00
Southwestern	Service/Technology	13.00	13.00
Indian Hills	No fees	0.00	0.00
Southeastern	Technology	4.00	5.00

Cost of Enrollment

As previously stated, the sum of tuition and mandatory fees defines the cost of enrollment per credit hour. This cost does not include expenses such as books, room and board, transportation, or other additional fees. The average in-state cost of enrollment per credit hour for FY 2019 is \$182.57 (Table 1). Among Iowa's 15 community colleges, Des Moines Area Community College (\$156.00) and Eastern Iowa Community Colleges (\$162.00) have the lowest costs of enrollment per credit hour. Neither college assesses mandatory fees, which helps minimize costs. By comparison, Iowa Lakes Community College has the highest cost of enrollment per credit hour (\$201.25), followed by Iowa Valley Community College District (\$199.00).

During FY 2019, a full-time Iowa resident pays between \$4,680.00 and \$6037.50 for 30 semester credit hours, depending upon which community college the student attends. The average net change for total cost of in-state enrollment at an Iowa community college increased \$6.58 (3.7 percent) per credit hour from FY 2018.

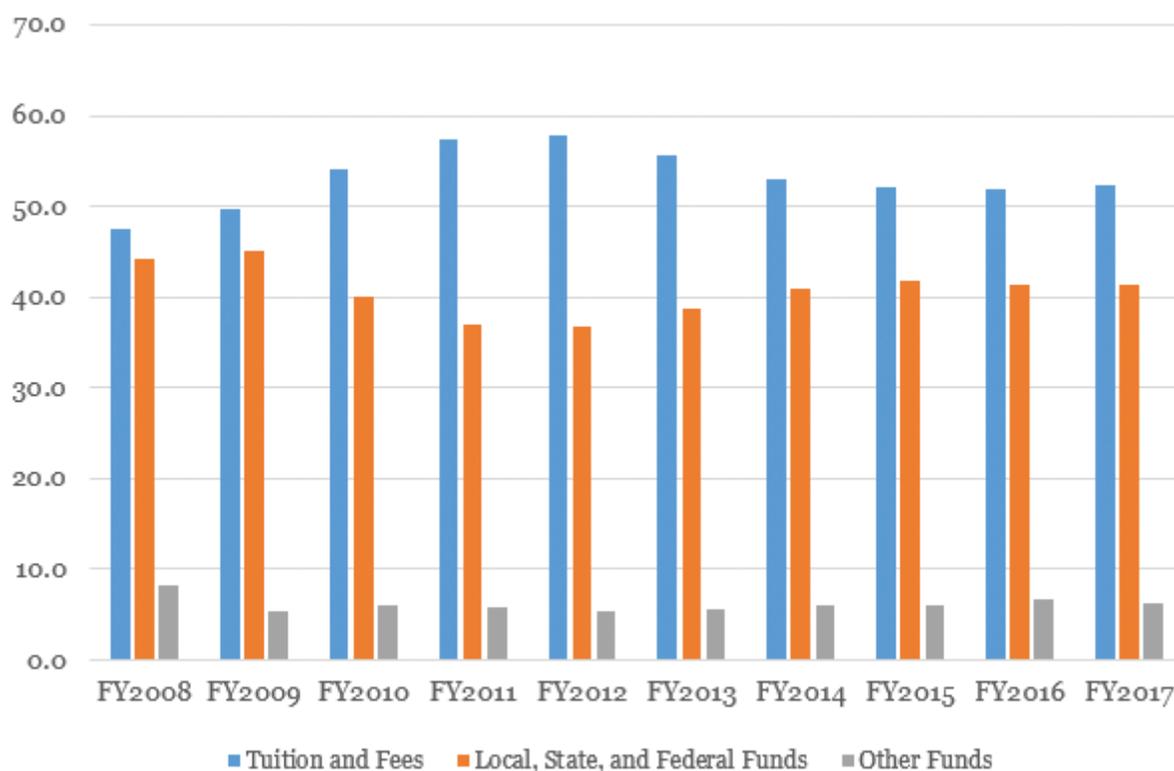
Revenue Sources

Primary revenue sources for public community colleges in Iowa are public funds (local, state, and federal) and tuition and fees, with tuition and fees accounting for the largest proportion. During FY 2017, the latest year for which data are available, tuition and fees accounted for 52.3 percent of total general operating revenue.

Figure 1, on the following page, illustrates how tuition and fees have fluctuated since FY 2008 in response to changes in funding from public and other sources. During FY 2008, tuition and fees accounted for 47.5 percent of total general operating revenue. By FY 2017, this percentage had increased to approximately 52.3 percent.



FIGURE 1: TEN-YEAR TREND OF REVENUE SOURCES AS PERCENTAGES OF TOTAL



Comparisons

National and regional comparisons are based upon provisional IPEDS data collected from 913 public two-year institutions that award associate degrees [2]. FY 2017 is the latest year available for this report.

Some states allow community colleges to set tuition and fees depending upon whether a student lives within a college district (in-district); outside the district, but within the state (in-state); or outside the state (out-of-state). Using the lowest applicable classification for a given community college, IPEDS calculates total tuition and fees based upon 30 semester credit hours per academic year. For purposes of this section, “in-state” encompasses IPEDS’ “in-district” and “in-state”.

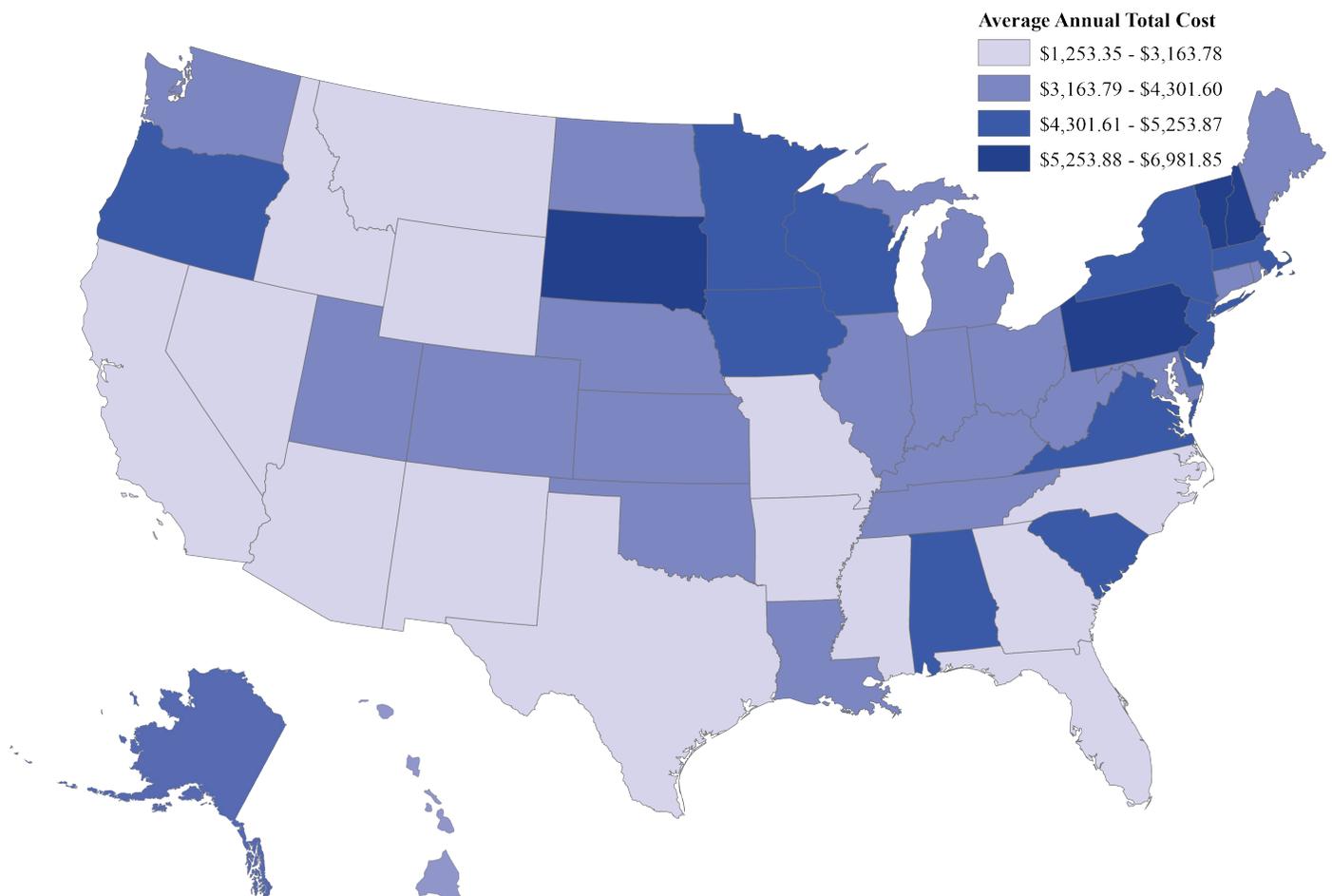
For institutional comparisons, data for Iowa’s public universities were collected from current and historical tuition tables published by the Iowa Board of Regents [3] and the official websites of Iowa’s public universities. Data for Iowa’s community colleges were collected from an annual survey of community college business officers and from historical records available from the Iowa Department of Education [1].

National

According to IPEDS data, the average annual in-state total cost of enrollment in Iowa during FY 2017 was \$4,924.81, placing Iowa in the 86th percentile. This means Iowa's average annual in-state total cost of enrollment was greater than or equal to 86 percent of all reporting states. The national average was \$3,453.58.

Figure 2 shows a color-range distribution of average total in-state costs of enrollment for 30 semester hours in FY 2017, with dark purple representing the highest cost of enrollment. New Hampshire (\$6,981.86), Vermont (\$6,222.00), and South Dakota (\$5,691.60) had the highest average total costs of in-state enrollment. By comparison, California (\$1,251.80), New Mexico (\$1,753.00), and Arizona (\$2,122.80) had the lowest averages.

FIGURE 2: FY 2017 DISTRIBUTION OF AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL COST OF IN-STATE ENROLLMENT



Source: [2]

Note: Amounts are based on 30 semester hours per academic year.

Regional

Provisional 2017 data from IPEDS [2], shown in Table 4, suggest that Iowa had the third highest average cost of in-state enrollment in the region (\$4,924.81), following South Dakota (\$5,691.60) and Minnesota (\$5,253.87). Missouri (\$3,163.79) and Nebraska (\$3,339.88) had the lowest regional averages.

TABLE 4: REGIONAL AVERAGE TOTAL COST OF IN-DISTRICT ENROLLMENT (\$) FOR 30 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS PER ACADEMIC YEAR

Fiscal Year	IA	IL	MN	MO	NE	SD	WI
2012	\$4,128	\$3,031	\$5,146	\$2,758	\$2,922	\$4,876	\$3,745
2013	\$4,249	\$3,130	\$5,320	\$2,870	\$3,021	\$5,046	\$3,945
2014	\$4,417	\$3,258	\$5,344	\$3,012	\$3,067	\$4,806	\$4,116
2015	\$4,480	\$3,403	\$5,309	\$3,010	\$3,189	\$5,020	\$4,240
2016	\$4,697	\$3,579	\$5,284	\$3,203	\$3,211	\$5,339	\$4,293
2017	\$4,925	\$3,786	\$5,254	\$3,164	\$3,340	\$5,692	\$4,368

Source: [2]

Note: Averages are rounded to the nearest dollar.

In Iowa, the average total cost of in-state enrollment increased 4.9 percent from FY 2016 to FY 2017. By comparison, South Dakota and Illinois had the highest average percentage change at 6.6 percent and 5.8 percent respectively. Although Minnesota had the second highest average total cost of enrollment in FY 2017, its average total cost of enrollment declined from FY 2016 to FY 2017 (0.6 percent). The average total cost of enrollment in Missouri also declined from FY 2016 to FY 2017 (1.2 percent)

Institutional

Iowa Code §260C.14 §§2 [4] states that “tuition for residents of Iowa shall not exceed the lowest tuition rate per semester, or the equivalent, charged by an institution of higher education under the state board of regents for a full-time resident student.” Table 5 illustrates Iowa’s compliance with this requirement. In FY 2019, the highest tuition per credit hour at Iowa community colleges (\$181.00) is 43.4 percent lower than the lowest base tuition at Iowa’s public universities (\$320.00).

TABLE 5: COMPARISON OF IN-STATE TUITION PER SEMESTER CREDIT HOUR BY TYPE OF INSTITUTION

FY	Community Colleges (Highest, \$)	Public Universities (Lowest, \$)
2015	155.00	277.00
2016	162.00	278.25
2017	170.00	295.75
2018	176.00	301.67
2019	181.00	320.00

Source: [1] [3]

Note: Base tuition per-credit-hour for Iowa’s public universities is derived from 24 semester credit hours per academic year.

The average cost of in-state enrollment (tuition plus fees) per credit hour at Iowa’s community colleges increased from \$157.78 in FY 2015, to \$181.39 in FY 2018 (Table 6), representing a 15.0 percent increase. This is equivalent to an annualized rate of 3.5 percent. During the same time period, average cost of in-state enrollment at Iowa’s public universities increased 15.4 percent, from \$327.21 per credit hour to \$377.68 per credit hour. This is equivalent to an annualized rate of 3.7 percent.

TABLE 6: AVERAGE PER-CREDIT-HOUR COST OF IN-STATE ENROLLMENT (\$) BY TYPE OF INSTITUTION

FY	Community Colleges (Average, \$)	Public Universities (Average, \$)
2015	157.78	327.21
2016	164.13	334.12
2017	171.31	348.66
2018	175.98	356.27
2019	181.39	377.68

Source: [1] [3]

Note: Average per-credit-hour cost of in-state enrollment for Iowa’s public universities is derived from 24 semester credit hours per academic year.



References

- [1] Division of Community Colleges & Workforce Preparation. Tuition and Fees Report, 2018. Iowa Department of Education, Des Moines, IA. Available at <https://educateiowa.gov/sites/files/ed/documents/FY2018%20Tuition%20and%20fees%20FINAL.pdf>.
- [2] Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System. IPEDS Data Center. Retrieved from <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/datacenter/login.aspx> on August 9, 2018.
- [3] Iowa Board of Regents. Index of reports. Retrieved from http://www.iowaregents.edu/media/cms/0618_ITEM12_Tuition_FINAL_68D485F5E5979.pdf on August 9, 2018.
- [4] U.S. Inflation Calculator. Historical inflation rates: 1913—2018. Retrieved from <http://www.usinflationcalculator.com/> on August 9, 2018. Interactive database.

THIS PAGE LEFT INTENTIONALLY BLANK



COMMUNITY COLLEGES & WORKFORCE PREPARATION

PROSPERITY THROUGH EDUCATION

The Division of Community Colleges and Workforce Preparation within the Iowa Department of Education administers a variety of diverse programs that enhance Iowa's educational system and help to prepare a skilled and knowledgeable workforce. Divided between two bureaus — the Bureau of Community Colleges and the Bureau of Career and Technical Education — the division is committed to providing and supporting opportunities for lifelong learning. In addition to working with Iowa's 15 public community colleges on state accreditation, program approval, equity review, and data reporting, guidance is also provided in the areas of career and technical education, workforce training and economic development, adult education and literacy, military education, the state mandated OWI education program, the GAP Tuition and PACE programs, Senior Year Plus, the National Crosswalk Service Center, and the Statewide Intermediary Network program.