

**Washburn University
Tuition and Fees Report
2023-24**



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Executive Summary

This report contains 10-year trend data on tuition and fees at Washburn University, the six Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) state universities, Allen Community College, and Highland Community College.

Resident Undergraduate Tuition and Fees, Academic Year 2023-24, Table 1 and Chart 1

- Washburn University's total combined tuition and fees for academic year 2023-24 was \$10,254, which is lower than the National, Midwest and Southwest Public 4-Year Universities, and two KBOR State Universities: University of Kansas and Kansas State University, but higher than the four remaining KBOR State Universities: Wichita State University, Emporia State University, Pittsburg State University, and Fort Hays State University. This relationship has been consistent for at least the past 10 years.

1-Year Changes in Resident Undergraduate Tuition and Fees Index, Table 1

- Washburn University's resident undergraduate tuition and fees index increased 5.0% from the prior year, from \$9,770 to 10,254. This is higher than the national average index increase for public four-year institutions (2.9%) and the Southwest (1.0%), and similar to the increase for the Midwest (4.2%)
- Washburn University's 5.0% increase in tuition and fees was higher than most of the KBOR State Universities; the exception was Wichita State University (5.2%).

10-Year Changes in Resident Undergraduate Tuition and Fees, Table 1 and Chart 1

- The 10-year trend for Washburn resident undergraduate tuition and fees index shows an increase of 36.2%, which is higher than the National Public 4-year (23.1%), the Midwest (25.6%) and the Southwest (30.0%).
- The 10-year trend for Washburn resident undergraduate tuition and fees (36.2%) is higher than the six KBOR State Universities (20.5-30.9%).
- The 10-year trends documented in this report show similar trends and increases in resident undergraduate tuition and fees that matched or exceeded growth in the Consumer Price Index (27.9%), and the Higher Education Price Index (25.6%). The exceptions were the National and Midwest Public 4-year which were less and/or equal to the Higher Education Price Index by 2.5% and 0%, respectively.

Resident Undergraduate Tuition as a Percent of Tuition and Fees, Table 2

- Washburn University, as compared to the KBOR State Universities, has the highest percentage of tuition as a portion of tuition and fees (98.9%) as the annual fee has consistently been \$86-114 for the past 10 years. Emporia State University and Pittsburg State University have the lowest portion of tuition making up their tuition and fees (75.3% and 75.1%, respectively).

Resident Undergraduate Tuition Per Credit Hour, Local Community Colleges, Table 3

- Highland Community College has kept tuition relatively flat for 10 years, increasing per credit hour tuition by \$39, a 43.3% increase. In the same time span, Allen Community College increased by \$65, an 86.7% increase. In comparison, Washburn University per credit hour tuition has increased by \$90, a 36.3% increase in 10 years.

Supporting Documents

Table 1 - Resident Undergraduate Tuition and Fees and Indexes for Washburn University, National & Regional Public 4-Year, and KBOR State Universities, 2014-15 through 2023-24

Table 2 - Resident Undergraduate Tuition as a Percentage of Tuition and Fees for Washburn University and KBOR State Universities, 2014-15 through 2023-24

Table 3 - Resident Undergraduate Tuition Per Credit Hour for Washburn University and Local Community Colleges, 2014-15 through 2023-24

Chart 1 - Resident Undergraduate Tuition and Fees for Washburn University and KBOR State Universities, 2014-15 through 2023-24

Table 1
Resident Undergraduate Tuition and Fees^[1] and Indexes^[2]
for Washburn University, National & Regional Public 4-Year, and KBOR State Universities
2014-15 through 2023-24

Institution	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	Change		
											1-Year	5-Year	10-Year
Washburn University	\$7,526	\$7,910	\$8,300	\$8,540	\$8,870	\$9,110	\$9,380	\$9,568	\$9,770	\$10,254	\$484	\$1,144	\$2,728
Index	100.0	105.1	110.3	113.5	117.9	121.0	124.6	127.1	129.8	136.2	5.0%	12.6%	36.2%
Consumer Price Index (CPI)	241.1	242.8	247.2	252.8	258.0	262.2	268.1	287.3	293.7	308.4	5.0%	17.6%	27.9%
Higher Education Price Index (HEPI)	312.9	317.7	327.4	336.1	346.0	352.7	362.3	381.1	387.5	393.1	1.4%	11.5%	25.6%
National & Regional Public 4-Year^[3]													
National	\$9,150	\$9,430	\$9,670	\$9,980	\$10,210	\$10,440	\$10,570	\$10,740	\$10,940	\$11,260	\$320	\$820	\$2,110
Index	100.0	103.1	105.7	109.1	111.6	114.1	115.5	117.4	119.6	123.1	2.9%	7.9%	23.1%
Midwest ^[4]	\$9,740	\$9,940	\$10,210	\$10,430	\$10,670	\$10,970	\$11,170	\$11,430	\$11,740	\$12,230	\$490	\$1,260	\$2,490
Index	100.0	102.1	104.8	107.1	109.5	112.6	114.7	117.4	120.5	125.6	4.2%	11.5%	25.6%
Southwest ^[5]	\$8,280	\$8,620	\$9,010	\$9,370	\$9,600	\$9,980	\$10,300	\$10,530	\$10,650	\$10,760	\$110	\$780	\$2,480
Index	100.0	104.1	108.8	113.2	115.9	120.5	124.4	127.2	128.6	130.0	1.0%	7.8%	30.0%
KBOR State Universities													
University of Kansas	\$9,706	\$10,034	\$10,490	\$10,734	\$11,148	\$11,166	\$11,166	\$11,166	\$11,168	\$11,700	\$532	\$534	\$1,994
Index	100.0	103.4	108.1	110.6	114.9	115.0	115.0	115.0	115.1	120.5	4.8%	4.8%	20.5%
Kansas State University	\$9,034	\$9,350	\$9,874	\$10,135	\$10,263	\$11,040	\$10,440	\$10,420	\$10,448	\$10,942	\$494	-\$98	\$1,908
Index	100.0	103.5	109.3	112.2	113.6	122.2	115.6	115.3	115.6	121.1	4.7%	-0.9%	21.1%
Wichita State University	\$7,266	\$7,528	\$7,897	\$8,093	\$8,271	\$8,300	\$8,434	\$8,800	\$8,860	\$9,322	\$462	\$1,022	\$2,056
Index	100.0	103.6	108.7	111.4	113.8	114.2	116.1	121.1	121.9	128.3	5.2%	12.3%	28.3%
Emporia State University	\$5,746	\$5,936	\$6,178	\$6,345	\$6,468	\$6,798	\$6,971	\$7,000	\$7,010	\$7,356	\$346	\$558	\$1,610
Index	100.0	103.3	107.5	110.4	112.6	118.3	121.3	121.8	122.0	128.0	4.9%	8.2%	28.0%
Pittsburg State University	\$6,230	\$6,508	\$6,910	\$7,100	\$7,298	\$7,338	\$7,504	\$7,744	\$7,774	\$8,156	\$382	\$818	\$1,926
Index	100.0	104.5	110.9	114.0	117.1	117.8	120.4	124.3	124.8	130.9	4.9%	11.1%	30.9%
Fort Hays State University	\$4,469	\$4,654	\$4,884	\$5,009	\$5,133	\$5,274	\$5,449	\$5,444	\$5,444	\$5,634	\$190	\$360	\$1,166
Index	100.0	104.2	109.3	112.1	114.9	118.0	121.9	121.8	121.8	126.1	3.5%	6.8%	26.1%

Notes:

- [1] Tuition is based on 30 credit hours for KU, KSU, WSU, and FHSU. ESU and PSU charge a flat rate tuition for students enrolled in 10 hours or more/semester.
- [2] University index values are calculated using 2014-15 as the base year (100.0).
- [3] College Board updates the average price from the previous year to account for corrected data and to assure the same set of schools are used for comparative purposes.
- [4] Midwest states include Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.
- [5] Southwest states include Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Sources: CPI: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor; HEPI: Commonfund Institute, *HEPI 2023 Update*; national and regional tuition and fees: The College Board, Trends in College Pricing 2023; KBOR State Universities tuition and fees: Kansas Board of Regents 2024 State University Data Book.

Table 2
Resident Undergraduate Tuition as a Percentage of Tuition^[1] and Fees
for Washburn University and KBOR State Universities
2014-15 through 2023-24

Institution	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	Change							
											1-Year		5-Year		10-Year			
											\$	%	\$	%	\$	%		
Washburn University																		
Tuition	\$7,440	\$7,800	\$8,190	\$8,430	\$8,760	\$9,000	\$9,270	\$9,458	\$9,660	\$10,140	\$480	5.0%	\$1,140	12.7%	\$2,700	36.3%		
Fees	\$86	\$110	\$110	\$110	\$110	\$110	\$110	\$110	\$110	\$114	\$4	3.2%	\$4	3.2%	\$28	32.0%		
Total Tuition & Fees	\$7,526	\$7,910	\$8,300	\$8,540	\$8,870	\$9,110	\$9,380	\$9,568	\$9,770	\$10,254	\$484	4.9%	\$1,144	12.6%	\$2,728	36.2%		
Tuition as a % of Tuition & Fees	98.9%	98.6%	98.7%	98.7%	98.8%	98.8%	98.8%	98.9%	98.9%	98.9%								
KBOR State Universities																		
University of Kansas																		
Tuition	\$8,806	\$9,124	\$9,580	\$9,818	\$10,092	\$10,092	\$10,092	\$10,092	\$10,092	\$10,596	\$504	5.0%	\$504	5.0%	\$1,790	20.3%		
Fees	\$900	\$911	\$910	\$916	\$1,056	\$1,074	\$1,074	\$1,074	\$1,076	\$1,104	\$28	2.6%	\$30	2.8%	\$204	22.7%		
Total Tuition & Fees	\$9,706	\$10,035	\$10,490	\$10,734	\$11,148	\$11,166	\$11,166	\$11,166	\$11,168	\$11,700	\$532	4.8%	\$534	4.8%	\$1,994	20.5%		
Tuition as a % of Tuition & Fees	90.7%	90.9%	91.3%	91.5%	90.5%	90.4%	90.4%	90.4%	90.4%	90.6%								
Kansas State University																		
Tuition	\$8,223	\$8,517	\$9,012	\$9,273	\$9,375	\$9,376	\$9,376	\$9,490	\$9,490	\$9,964	\$474	5.0%	\$588	6.3%	\$1,741	21.2%		
Fees	\$811	\$833	\$862	\$862	\$1,008	\$1,066	\$1,066	\$912	\$958	\$978	\$20	2.1%	-\$88	-8.2%	\$167	20.6%		
Total Tuition & Fees	\$9,034	\$9,350	\$9,874	\$10,135	\$10,383	\$10,442	\$10,442	\$10,402	\$10,448	\$10,942	\$494	4.7%	\$500	4.8%	\$1,908	21.1%		
Tuition as a % of Tuition & Fees	91.0%	91.1%	91.3%	91.5%	90.3%	89.8%	89.8%	91.2%	90.8%	91.1%								
Wichita State University																		
Tuition	\$5,870	\$6,081	\$6,385	\$6,545	\$6,708	\$6,708	\$6,843	\$6,842	\$6,842	\$7,247	\$405	5.9%	\$539	8.0%	\$1,377	23.5%		
Fees	\$1,397	\$1,447	\$1,511	\$1,549	\$1,562	\$1,590	\$1,591	\$1,958	\$2,018	\$2,075	\$57	2.8%	\$485	30.5%	\$679	48.6%		
Total Tuition & Fees	\$7,266	\$7,528	\$7,897	\$8,093	\$8,270	\$8,298	\$8,434	\$8,800	\$8,860	\$9,322	\$462	5.2%	\$1,024	12.3%	\$2,056	28.3%		
Tuition as a % of Tuition & Fees	80.8%	80.8%	80.9%	80.9%	81.1%	80.8%	81.1%	77.8%	77.2%	77.7%								
Emporia State University																		
Tuition	\$4,500	\$4,662	\$4,893	\$5,027	\$5,154	\$5,154	\$5,278	\$5,278	\$5,278	\$5,542	\$264	5.0%	\$388	7.5%	\$1,042	23.2%		
Fees	\$1,246	\$1,274	\$1,286	\$1,318	\$1,604	\$1,644	\$1,693	\$1,722	\$1,732	\$1,814	\$82	4.7%	\$170	10.3%	\$568	45.6%		
Total Tuition & Fees	\$5,746	\$5,936	\$6,178	\$6,345	\$6,758	\$6,798	\$6,971	\$7,000	\$7,010	\$7,356	\$346	4.9%	\$558	8.2%	\$1,610	28.0%		
Tuition as a % of Tuition & Fees	78.3%	78.5%	79.2%	79.2%	76.3%	75.8%	75.7%	75.4%	75.3%	75.3%								
Pittsburg State University																		
Tuition	\$4,936	\$5,114	\$5,396	\$5,548	\$5,694	\$5,694	\$5,836	\$5,836	\$5,836	\$6,128	\$292	5.0%	\$434	7.6%	\$1,192	24.1%		
Fees	\$1,294	\$1,394	\$1,514	\$1,552	\$1,604	\$1,644	\$1,668	\$1,908	\$1,938	\$2,028	\$90	4.6%	\$384	23.4%	\$734	56.7%		
Total Tuition & Fees	\$6,230	\$6,508	\$6,910	\$7,100	\$7,298	\$7,338	\$7,504	\$7,744	\$7,774	\$8,156	\$382	4.9%	\$818	11.1%	\$1,926	30.9%		
Tuition as a % of Tuition & Fees	79.2%	78.6%	78.1%	78.1%	78.0%	77.6%	77.8%	75.4%	75.1%	75.1%								
Fort Hays State University																		
Tuition	\$3,450	\$3,574	\$3,789	\$3,900	\$3,998	\$3,998	\$4,148	\$4,148	\$4,148	\$4,258	\$110	2.6%	\$260	6.5%	\$808	23.4%		
Fees	\$1,019	\$1,080	\$1,095	\$1,108	\$1,134	\$1,276	\$1,302	\$1,296	\$1,296	\$1,196	-\$100	-7.7%	-\$80	-6.3%	\$178	17.4%		
Total Tuition & Fees	\$4,469	\$4,654	\$4,884	\$5,008	\$5,132	\$5,274	\$5,449	\$5,444	\$5,444	\$5,454	\$10	0.2%	\$180	3.4%	\$985	22.1%		
Tuition as a % of Tuition & Fees	77.2%	76.8%	77.6%	77.9%	77.9%	75.8%	76.1%	76.2%	76.2%	78.1%								

[1] Tuition is based on 30 credit hours for KU, KSU, WSU, and FHSU. ESU and PSU charge a flat rate.
Source: Kansas Board of Regents State University Data Book, January 2024

Table 3
Resident Undergraduate Tuition and Fees Per Credit Hour
for Washburn University and Local Community Colleges
2014-15 through 2023-24

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	Change		
											1-Year	5-Year	10-Year
Washburn University	\$248	\$260	\$273	\$281	\$292	\$300	\$309	\$315	\$322	\$338	\$16	\$38	\$90
<i>Percentage Change</i>											5.0%	12.7%	36.3%
<u>Local Community Colleges^[1]</u>													
Allen Community College	\$75	\$85	\$95	\$112	\$119	\$124	\$124	\$124	\$134	\$140	\$6	\$16	\$65
<i>Percentage Change</i>											4.5%	12.9%	86.7%
Highland Community College	\$90	\$97	\$97	\$99	\$101	\$106	\$105	\$105	\$110	\$129	\$19	\$23	\$39
<i>Percentage Change</i>											17.3%	21.7%	43.3%

[1] Allen and Highland Community Colleges charge per-credit-hour fees, which have been added into the total credit hour cost.

Chart 1
 Resident Undergraduate Tuition and Fees
 for Washburn University and KBOR State Universities
 2014-15 through 2023-24

