

**Washburn University  
Tuition and Fees Report  
2022-23**



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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 2022-23, Table 1 and Chart 1

- Washburn University's total combined tuition and fees for academic year 2022-23 (\$9,770) 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 resident undergraduate tuition and fees index increased 2.1% since 2021-22, from \$9,568 to \$9,770. This is higher than the national average index increase for public four-year institutions (1.9%) and the Southwest (1.1%), and lower than the Midwest (2.7%); however, Washburn University's 2.1% increase was higher than the KBOR State Universities.

### 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 35.8%, which is higher than the National Public 4-year (23.1%), the Midwest (22.7%), but lower than the Southwest (34.0%).
- The 10-year trend for Washburn resident undergraduate tuition and fees (35.8%) is higher than the six KBOR State Universities (20.4%-31.6%).
- 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 (22.7%), and the Higher Education Price Index (26.3%). The exceptions were the National and Midwest Public 4-year which were less than the Higher Education Price Index by 3.2% and 3.6%, 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 \$110 since 2015-16. 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, from \$100 to \$110 per credit hour, a 10% increase. In the same time span, Allen Community College increased per credit hour tuition by \$62, a 86.1% increase. In comparison, Washburn University per credit hour tuition has increased by \$85, a 35.9% 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, 2013-14 through 2022-23

Table 2 - Resident Undergraduate Tuition as a Percentage of Tuition and Fees for Washburn University and KBOR State Universities, 2013-14 through 2022-23

Table 3 - Resident Undergraduate Tuition Per Credit Hour for Washburn University and Local Community Colleges, 2013-14 through 2022-23

Chart 1 - Resident Undergraduate Tuition and Fees for Washburn University and KBOR State Universities, 2013-14 through 2022-23

Table 1  
Resident Undergraduate Tuition and Fees<sup>[1]</sup> and Indexes<sup>[2]</sup>  
for Washburn University, National & Regional Public 4-Year, and KBOR State Universities  
2013-14 through 2022-23

Institution	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Change		
											1-Year	5-Year	10-Year
<b>Washburn University</b>	<b>\$7,196</b>	<b>\$7,526</b>	<b>\$7,910</b>	<b>\$8,300</b>	<b>\$8,540</b>	<b>\$8,870</b>	<b>\$9,110</b>	<b>\$9,380</b>	<b>\$9,568</b>	<b>\$9,770</b>	<b>\$203</b>	<b>\$900</b>	<b>\$2,574</b>
<b>Index</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>109.9</b>	<b>115.3</b>	<b>118.7</b>	<b>123.3</b>	<b>126.6</b>	<b>130.4</b>	<b>133.0</b>	<b>135.8</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>10.1%</b>	<b>35.8%</b>
Consumer Price Index (CPI)	239.4	241.1	242.8	247.2	252.8	258.0	262.2	268.1	287.3	293.7	2.2%	13.8%	22.7%
Higher Education Price Index (HEPI)	306.7	312.9	317.7	327.4	336.1	346.0	352.7	362.3	381.1	387.5	1.7%	12.0%	26.3%
<b>National &amp; Regional Public 4-Year<sup>[3]</sup></b>													
National	\$8,890	\$9,150	\$9,430	\$9,670	\$9,980	\$10,210	\$10,440	\$10,570	\$10,740	\$10,940	\$200	\$730	\$2,050
Index	100.0	102.9	106.1	108.8	112.3	114.8	117.4	118.9	120.8	123.1	1.9%	7.1%	23.1%
Midwest <sup>[4]</sup>	\$9,570	\$9,740	\$9,940	\$10,210	\$10,430	\$10,670	\$10,970	\$11,170	\$11,430	\$11,740	\$310	\$1,070	\$2,170
Index	100.0	101.8	103.9	106.7	109.0	111.5	114.6	116.7	119.4	122.7	2.7%	10.0%	22.7%
Southwest <sup>[5]</sup>	\$7,950	\$8,280	\$8,620	\$9,010	\$9,370	\$9,600	\$9,980	\$10,300	\$10,530	\$10,650	\$120	\$1,050	\$2,700
Index	100.0	104.2	108.4	113.3	117.9	120.8	125.5	129.6	132.5	134.0	1.1%	10.9%	34.0%
<b>KBOR State Universities</b>													
University of Kansas <sup>[6]</sup>	\$9,278	\$9,706	\$10,034	\$10,490	\$10,734	\$11,148	\$11,166	\$11,166	\$11,166	\$11,168	\$2	\$20	\$1,890
Index	100.0	104.6	108.1	113.1	115.7	120.2	120.3	120.3	120.3	120.4	0.0%	0.2%	20.4%
Kansas State University	\$8,585	\$9,034	\$9,350	\$9,874	\$10,135	\$10,263	\$11,040	\$10,440	\$10,420	\$10,448	\$28	\$185	\$1,863
Index	100.0	105.2	108.9	115.0	118.0	119.5	128.6	121.6	121.4	121.7	0.3%	1.8%	21.7%
Wichita State University	\$6,927	\$7,266	\$7,528	\$7,897	\$8,093	\$8,271	\$8,300	\$8,434	\$8,800	\$8,860	\$60	\$589	\$1,934
Index	100.0	104.9	108.7	114.0	116.8	119.4	119.8	121.8	127.0	127.9	0.7%	7.1%	27.9%
Emporia State University	\$5,614	\$5,746	\$5,936	\$6,178	\$6,345	\$6,468	\$6,798	\$6,971	\$7,000	\$7,010	\$10	\$542	\$1,396
Index	100.0	102.4	105.7	110.0	113.0	115.2	121.1	124.2	124.7	124.9	0.1%	8.4%	24.9%
Pittsburg State University	\$5,906	\$6,230	\$6,508	\$6,910	\$7,100	\$7,298	\$7,338	\$7,504	\$7,744	\$7,774	\$30	\$476	\$1,868
Index	100.0	105.5	110.2	117.0	120.2	123.6	124.2	127.1	131.1	131.6	0.4%	6.5%	31.6%
Fort Hays State University	\$4,358	\$4,469	\$4,654	\$4,884	\$5,009	\$5,133	\$5,274	\$5,449	\$5,444	\$5,444	\$0	\$311	\$1,086
Index	100.0	102.5	106.8	112.1	114.9	117.8	121.0	125.0	124.9	124.9	0.0%	6.1%	24.9%

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 2012-13 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.
- [6] From 2007-08 to 2017-18, the University of Kansas implemented a tuition compact policy whereby tuition for first-time freshmen was set at a fixed rate for four years. Tuition and fees reflect the standard rate.

Sources: CPI: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor; HEPI: Commonfund Institute, *HEPI 2022 Update*; national and regional tuition and fees: The College Board, Trends in College Pricing 2022; KBOR State Universities tuition and fees: Kansas Board of Regents 2023 State University Data Book.

**Table 2**  
**Resident Undergraduate Tuition as a Percentage of Tuition<sup>[1]</sup> and Fees**  
**for Washburn University and KBOR State Universities**  
**2013-14 through 2022-23**

Institution	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Change							
											1-Year		5-Year		10-Year			
											\$	%	\$	%	\$	%		
<b>Washburn University</b>																		
Tuition	\$7,110	\$7,440	\$7,800	\$8,190	\$8,430	\$8,760	\$9,000	\$9,270	\$9,458	\$9,660	\$202	2.1%	\$900	10.3%	\$2,550	35.9%		
Fees	\$86	\$86	\$110	\$110	\$110	\$110	\$110	\$110	\$110	\$110	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$24	27.9%		
<b>Total Tuition &amp; Fees</b>	<b>\$7,196</b>	<b>\$7,526</b>	<b>\$7,910</b>	<b>\$8,300</b>	<b>\$8,540</b>	<b>\$8,870</b>	<b>\$9,110</b>	<b>\$9,380</b>	<b>\$9,568</b>	<b>\$9,770</b>	<b>\$202</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>\$900</b>	<b>10.1%</b>	<b>\$2,574</b>	<b>35.8%</b>		
<b>Tuition as a % of Tuition &amp; Fees</b>	<b>98.8%</b>	<b>98.9%</b>	<b>98.6%</b>	<b>98.7%</b>	<b>98.7%</b>	<b>98.8%</b>	<b>98.8%</b>	<b>98.8%</b>	<b>98.9%</b>	<b>98.9%</b>								
<b>KBOR State Universities</b>																		
<b>University of Kansas<sup>[2]</sup></b>																		
Tuition	\$8,396	\$8,806	\$9,124	\$9,580	\$9,818	\$10,092	\$10,092	\$10,092	\$10,092	\$10,092	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$1,696	20.2%		
Fees	\$882	\$900	\$911	\$910	\$916	\$1,056	\$1,074	\$1,074	\$1,074	\$1,076	\$2	0.2%	\$20	1.9%	\$194	22.0%		
<b>Total Tuition &amp; Fees</b>	<b>\$9,278</b>	<b>\$9,706</b>	<b>\$10,035</b>	<b>\$10,490</b>	<b>\$10,734</b>	<b>\$11,148</b>	<b>\$11,166</b>	<b>\$11,166</b>	<b>\$11,166</b>	<b>\$11,168</b>	<b>\$2</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>\$1,890</b>	<b>20.4%</b>		
<b>Tuition as a % of Tuition &amp; Fees</b>	<b>90.5%</b>	<b>90.7%</b>	<b>90.9%</b>	<b>91.3%</b>	<b>91.5%</b>	<b>90.5%</b>	<b>90.4%</b>	<b>90.4%</b>	<b>90.4%</b>	<b>90.4%</b>								
<b>Kansas State University</b>																		
Tuition	\$7,830	\$8,223	\$8,517	\$9,012	\$9,273	\$9,375	\$9,376	\$9,376	\$9,490	\$9,490	\$0	0.0%	\$115	1.2%	\$1,660	21.2%		
Fees	\$755	\$811	\$833	\$862	\$862	\$1,008	\$1,066	\$1,066	\$912	\$958	\$46	5.0%	-\$50	-5.0%	\$203	26.8%		
<b>Total Tuition &amp; Fees</b>	<b>\$8,585</b>	<b>\$9,034</b>	<b>\$9,350</b>	<b>\$9,874</b>	<b>\$10,135</b>	<b>\$10,383</b>	<b>\$10,442</b>	<b>\$10,442</b>	<b>\$10,402</b>	<b>\$10,448</b>	<b>\$46</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>\$65</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>\$1,863</b>	<b>21.7%</b>		
<b>Tuition as a % of Tuition &amp; Fees</b>	<b>91.2%</b>	<b>91.0%</b>	<b>91.1%</b>	<b>91.3%</b>	<b>91.5%</b>	<b>90.3%</b>	<b>89.8%</b>	<b>89.8%</b>	<b>91.2%</b>	<b>90.8%</b>								
<b>Wichita State University</b>																		
Tuition	\$5,622	\$5,870	\$6,081	\$6,385	\$6,545	\$6,708	\$6,708	\$6,843	\$6,842	\$6,842	\$0	0.0%	\$134	2.0%	\$1,220	21.7%		
Fees	\$1,305	\$1,397	\$1,447	\$1,511	\$1,549	\$1,562	\$1,590	\$1,591	\$1,958	\$2,018	\$60	3.1%	\$456	29.2%	\$714	54.7%		
<b>Total Tuition &amp; Fees</b>	<b>\$6,927</b>	<b>\$7,266</b>	<b>\$7,528</b>	<b>\$7,897</b>	<b>\$8,093</b>	<b>\$8,270</b>	<b>\$8,298</b>	<b>\$8,434</b>	<b>\$8,800</b>	<b>\$8,860</b>	<b>\$60</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>\$590</b>	<b>7.1%</b>	<b>\$1,934</b>	<b>27.9%</b>		
<b>Tuition as a % of Tuition &amp; Fees</b>	<b>81.2%</b>	<b>80.8%</b>	<b>80.8%</b>	<b>80.9%</b>	<b>80.9%</b>	<b>81.1%</b>	<b>80.8%</b>	<b>81.1%</b>	<b>77.8%</b>	<b>77.2%</b>								
<b>Emporia State University</b>																		
Tuition	\$4,368	\$4,500	\$4,662	\$4,893	\$5,027	\$5,154	\$5,154	\$5,278	\$5,278	\$5,278	\$0	0.0%	\$124	2.4%	\$910	20.8%		
Fees	\$1,246	\$1,246	\$1,274	\$1,286	\$1,318	\$1,604	\$1,644	\$1,693	\$1,722	\$1,732	\$10	0.6%	\$128	8.0%	\$486	39.0%		
<b>Total Tuition &amp; Fees</b>	<b>\$5,614</b>	<b>\$5,746</b>	<b>\$5,936</b>	<b>\$6,178</b>	<b>\$6,345</b>	<b>\$6,758</b>	<b>\$6,798</b>	<b>\$6,971</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>	<b>\$7,010</b>	<b>\$10</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>\$252</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>\$1,396</b>	<b>24.9%</b>		
<b>Tuition as a % of Tuition &amp; Fees</b>	<b>77.8%</b>	<b>78.3%</b>	<b>78.5%</b>	<b>79.2%</b>	<b>79.2%</b>	<b>76.3%</b>	<b>75.8%</b>	<b>75.7%</b>	<b>75.4%</b>	<b>75.3%</b>								
<b>Pittsburg State University</b>																		
Tuition	\$4,710	\$4,936	\$5,114	\$5,396	\$5,548	\$5,694	\$5,694	\$5,836	\$5,836	\$5,836	\$0	0.0%	\$142	2.5%	\$1,126	23.9%		
Fees	\$1,196	\$1,294	\$1,394	\$1,514	\$1,552	\$1,604	\$1,644	\$1,668	\$1,908	\$1,938	\$30	1.6%	\$334	20.8%	\$742	62.0%		
<b>Total Tuition &amp; Fees</b>	<b>\$5,906</b>	<b>\$6,230</b>	<b>\$6,508</b>	<b>\$6,910</b>	<b>\$7,100</b>	<b>\$7,298</b>	<b>\$7,338</b>	<b>\$7,504</b>	<b>\$7,744</b>	<b>\$7,774</b>	<b>\$30</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>\$476</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>\$1,868</b>	<b>31.6%</b>		
<b>Tuition as a % of Tuition &amp; Fees</b>	<b>79.7%</b>	<b>79.2%</b>	<b>78.6%</b>	<b>78.1%</b>	<b>78.1%</b>	<b>78.0%</b>	<b>77.6%</b>	<b>77.8%</b>	<b>75.4%</b>	<b>75.1%</b>								
<b>Fort Hays State University</b>																		
Tuition	\$3,360	\$3,450	\$3,574	\$3,789	\$3,900	\$3,998	\$3,998	\$4,148	\$4,148	\$4,148	\$0	0.0%	\$150	3.8%	\$788	23.5%		
Fees	\$998	\$1,019	\$1,080	\$1,095	\$1,108	\$1,134	\$1,276	\$1,302	\$1,296	\$1,296	\$0	0.0%	\$162	14.3%	\$298	29.8%		
<b>Total Tuition &amp; Fees</b>	<b>\$4,358</b>	<b>\$4,469</b>	<b>\$4,654</b>	<b>\$4,884</b>	<b>\$5,008</b>	<b>\$5,132</b>	<b>\$5,274</b>	<b>\$5,449</b>	<b>\$5,444</b>	<b>\$5,444</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>\$312</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>\$1,086</b>	<b>24.9%</b>		
<b>Tuition as a % of Tuition &amp; Fees</b>	<b>77.1%</b>	<b>77.2%</b>	<b>76.8%</b>	<b>77.6%</b>	<b>77.9%</b>	<b>77.9%</b>	<b>75.8%</b>	<b>76.1%</b>	<b>76.2%</b>	<b>76.2%</b>								

[1] Tuition is based on 30 credit hours for KU, KSU, WSU, and FHSU. ESU and PSU charge a flat rate.

[2] From 2007-08 to 2017-18, the University of Kansas implemented a tuition compact policy whereby tuition for first-time freshmen was set at a fixed rate for four years. Tuition and fees reflect the standard rate.

Source: Kansas Board of Regents 2023 State University Data Book.

Table 3  
Resident Undergraduate Tuition Per Credit Hour  
for Washburn University and Local Community Colleges  
2013-14 through 2022-23

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Change		
											1-Year	5-Year	10-Year
<b>Washburn University</b>	\$237	\$248	\$260	\$273	\$281	\$292	\$300	\$309	\$315	\$322	\$7	\$30	\$85
<i>Percentage Change</i>											2.1%	10.3%	35.9%
<b><u>Local Community Colleges</u><sup>[1]</sup></b>													
Allen Community College	\$72	\$75	\$85	\$95	\$112	\$119	\$124	\$124	\$124	\$134	\$10	\$15	\$62
<i>Percentage Change</i>											8.1%	12.6%	86.1%
Highland Community College <sup>[2]</sup>	\$100	\$90	\$97	\$97	\$99	\$101	\$106	\$105	\$105	\$110	\$5	\$9	\$10
<i>Percentage Change</i>											4.8%	8.9%	10.0%

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

[2] Highland Community College also charges an in-district rate, which is substantially lower than its resident rate. The higher resident rate is reflected here.

Chart 1  
 Resident Undergraduate Tuition and Fees  
 for Washburn University and KBOR State Universities  
 2013-14 through 2022-23

