

Cost of Tuition and Fees for Attending College

Questions: What are tuition and fee costs for students attending a state-supported college in Ohio? How do state tuition and fees compare to national averages? Do student tuition and fees vary by sector or by institution?

Why ask about college tuition and fees? College represents a sound investment. It is well established that average family income increases with the education level. Further, per capita income and college degree attainments have been highly related since 1940: a worker's lifetime earnings can increase by as much as \$1 million with attainment of a college degree. Despite these facts, the real cost of tuition and fees and perceived cost of tuition and fees of college can be a barrier to many families. In recent national surveys the public overestimated the cost of tuition and fees of attending a public two-year institution by eighty percent, and overestimated the cost of tuition and fees of attending a public four year college by one hundred forty-five percent. Ohio policy makers have been concerned that the price of college, particularly for students at two-year colleges, is preventing access to higher education. A plan was implemented in 1998-1999 to contain college costs of tuition and fees and eventually reduce the cost of tuition and fees of attending Ohio's access campuses, which includes all two-year colleges. In academic year 1999-2000 the cost of tuition and fees to attend Ohio's state-supported two-year colleges was not increased from the previous year, and in 2000-2001 tuition and fees were reduced by five percent. Further tuition cuts have been proposed for subsequent years. In addition to restraining tuition costs, policy makers in Ohio have been increasing the amount of financial aid available to Ohio residents to attend both state-supported and independent colleges and universities. Policy makers have also been increasing public awareness of the availability of financial aid in the form of grants, scholarships and loans.

National Answers: *The College Board reported the national 2000-2001 average undergraduate in-state annualized tuition and fees for public four year colleges to be \$3,510 and for public two-year colleges to be \$1,705.*

- The cost of books, supplies, dormitories, and living expenses are in addition to the cost of tuition and fees.

Statewide Answers: *The statewide 2000-2001 average undergraduate in-state annualized tuition and fees for state-supported four year colleges is \$4,616 and for state-supported two-year colleges is \$ 2,704. The average graduate in-state annualized tuition and fees is \$ 6,113.*

Ohio's relatively high fees help offset relatively low public support for higher education. In 1997, Ohio ranked 40th in terms of state and local tax support per higher education student. Ohio's \$4,348 average per student lagged the national average of \$5,058 by more than \$700 per student.

- Out-of-state fees for undergraduate and graduate students in Ohio's state-supported colleges and universities are typically double the fees charged to in-state students.
- A wide variety of financial aid is available from a number of sources – federal, state, local, and institutional sources provides billions of dollars in aid annually.
- The federal Pell Grant provides grants of up to \$3,125 per undergraduate student per year. Federal loans and tax credits are also available.
- State aid includes the following important programs:

Scholarships/Grants available in 2000-2001 to Ohio residents	Students	Type and amount available
Ohio Instructional Grant	90,000	Need-based aid, \$162 - \$4,872 per year.
Part-time Student Instructional Grant	28,000	Need-based aid. Amount determined by each campus. Not to exceed the cost of tuition.
Ohio Student Choice Grant	50,500	Not need-based. \$1,062 for Ohio residents enrolled in Ohio independent, not-for-profit, Colleges & Universities Only.
Ohio Academic Scholarship	4,000	Merit-based aid, \$2000 per year for up to four years.
Regents Graduate/Professional Fellowship Program	80	Full Tuition – Ohio Public Colleges & Universities \$3,500 per year for two years.

Sector Answers: College costs vary greatly by sector, with tuition and fees being the lowest at community college campuses and highest at university main campuses.

- The 2000-2001 annualized undergraduate in-state tuition and fees for community colleges is \$2,133; for technical colleges the average is \$2,443; for regional campuses the average is \$3,158; and for university main campuses the average is \$4,616.

Campus Answers: There is great variation in the tuition and fees charged by Ohio's state-supported colleges and universities.

Annualized Full-time Undergraduate Tuition and Fees, Community Colleges, 2000-2001*

Community Colleges	In-district**	Out-of-district	Out-of-state
Cuyahoga	\$1,752	\$2,327	\$4,797
Jefferson	\$1,740	\$1,890	\$2,550
Lakeland	\$1,888	\$2,316	\$4,948
Lorain	\$1,885	\$2,275	\$4,628
Sinclair	\$1,326	\$2,181	\$3,666
Rio Grande	\$2,543	\$2,970	Not Applicable

* Based on Fall 2000 full-time charges or fifteen credit hours and either two semesters or three-quarters. Amounts shown include both instructional and general/facilities fees.

** Community colleges receive revenues from local property taxes that enable them to provide lower fees to their students who reside within the taxing district.

Annualized Full-time Undergraduate Fees, State Community Colleges 2000-2001*

State Community Colleges	In-state	Out-of-state
Cincinnati State	\$2,478	\$4,956
Clark State	\$2,427	\$4,632
Columbus State	\$2,085	\$4,824
Edison State	\$2,309	\$4,289
Northwest State	\$2,850	\$5,520
Owens State	\$1,800	\$3,360
Southern State	\$2,487	\$4,545
Terra State	\$1,944	\$4,824
Washington State	\$2,486	\$5,108

* Based on Fall 2000 full-time charges or fifteen credit hours and either two semesters or three-quarters. Amounts shown include both instructional and general/facilities fees.

Annualized Full-time Undergraduate Fees, Technical Colleges, 2000-2001*

Technical Colleges	In-state	Out-of-state
Belmont	\$2,191	\$3,285
Central Ohio	\$2,412	\$4,572
Hocking	\$2,151	\$4,302
Lima	\$2,298	\$4,530
Marion	\$2,295	\$4,635
Muskingum	\$2,430	\$4,680
North Central	\$2,328	\$4,377
Stark	\$2,535	\$3,435
Agricultural Tech	\$3,351	\$11,700

* Based on Fall 2000 full-time charges or fifteen credit hours and either two semesters or three-quarters. Amounts shown include both instructional and general/facilities fees.

Annualized Full-time Undergraduate Fees, Regional Campuses, 2000-2001

Institution	Campus	In-state	Out-of-state
Bowling Green State University:	Firelands	\$3,202	\$9,100
Kent State University:	Ashtabula***	\$3,004	\$8,180
	East Liverpool		
	Geauga		
	Salem		
	Stark		
	Trumbull		
	Tuscarawas		
Miami University:	Hamilton	\$3,020	\$10,060
	Middletown		
Ohio State University:	Agricultural Technical Institute***	\$3,351	\$11,700
	Lima		
	Mansfield		
	Marion		
	Newark		
Ohio University:	Chillicothe***	\$2,793	\$3,108
	Eastern***	\$3,033	\$7,782
	Southern		
	Zanesville		
University of Akron:	Wayne Campus	\$3,272	\$8,316
University of Cincinnati:	Clermont College	\$2,940	\$7,563
	Raymond Walters College	\$3,393	\$8,994
	University College	\$4,401	\$13,614
Wright State University:	Lake Campus	\$3,198	\$7,533
Youngstown State University:	Main Campus Associate Degree***	\$3,744	\$8,112

*** Denotes campuses having a two-tiered fee structure; the amounts shown here reflect lower division undergraduate fees only.

Annualized Full-time Undergraduate and Graduate Fees, University Main Campuses, 2000 – 2001*

UNIVERSITY Institution	UNDERGRADUATE		GRADUATE	
	In-State	Out-of-State	In-State	Out-of-State
Bowling Green State University	\$5,184	\$11,082	\$6,766	\$12,664
Central State University	\$3,573	\$7,830	\$5,760	\$9,900
Cleveland State University	\$4,095	\$8,190	\$5,925	\$11,850
Kent State University	\$5,286	\$10,462	\$5,622	\$10,798
Miami University	\$6,403	\$13,443	\$6,549	\$13,589
Ohio State University	\$4,383	\$12,732	\$6,048	\$15,639
Ohio University	\$5,085	\$10,704	\$6,096	\$11,715
Shawnee State University	\$3,162	\$5,565	NA	NA
University of Akron	\$4,496	\$10,698	\$6,236	\$11,166
University of Cincinnati	\$5,337	\$13,614	\$6,264	\$11,709
University of Toledo	\$4,680	\$11,432	\$6,664	\$13,416
Wright State University	\$4,335	\$8,670	\$5,847	\$10,182
Youngstown State University	\$3,989	\$8,357	\$5,848	\$11,698
Medical College of Ohio at Toledo (Ph.D.)	NA	NA	\$5,850	\$12,654

* Based on Fall 2000 full-time charges or fifteen credit hours and either two semesters or three-quarters. Amounts shown include both instructional and general/facilities fees.