

2026 U.S. College Tuition & Fees

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Average published tuition and fees for the 2025–26 academic year by institution type and by state for public 4-year in-state. Federal baseline: total cost of attendance also includes room, board, books, and transport; here we isolate tuition & fees. National averages are enrollment-weighted published (sticker) prices from the College Board 'Trends in College Pricing and Student Aid 2025' report. State-by-state figures are the College Board Table CP-5 enrollment-weighted averages (as cross-checked against the College Board published state range extremes: FL \$6,360, WY \$7,430, NH \$18,000, VT \$18,090).

by-type

Institution type	Public 4-yr in-state (\$)	Public 4-yr out-of-state (\$)	Private nonprofit 4-yr (\$)	Public 2-yr (\$)
Public 4-year, in-state	11950	0	0	0
Public 4-year, out-of-state	0	31880	0	0
Private nonprofit 4-year	0	0	45000	0
Public 2-year	0	0	0	4150

by-state

State	Avg in-state tuition & fees, public...	Avg out-of-state tuition & fees,...	Notes
Alabama	10590	27270	
Alaska	9800	28050	
Arizona	12630	29950	
Arkansas	9380	21440	
California	9990	32110	
Colorado	12460	34620	
Connecticut	14050	36800	
Delaware	13010	34070	
Florida	6360	22100	
Georgia	9540	28820	
Hawaii	10880	29040	
Idaho	8340	25760	
Illinois	14720	31950	
Indiana	10300	29880	
Iowa	9660	27480	
Kansas	9860	24920	
Kentucky	10200	24030	
Louisiana	9350	22550	
Maine	11870	31240	
Maryland	11480	32720	
Massachusetts	14290	36060	
Michigan	13650	38200	
Minnesota	13070	30940	
Mississippi	8720	22330	
Missouri	10460	26850	
Montana	9120	28960	
Nebraska	9410	24870	
Nevada	8860	24310	
New Hampshire	18000	34400	
New Jersey	14580	30090	
New Mexico	7620	22400	
New York	9730	24760	
North Carolina	7580	28840	
North Dakota	8980	23110	
Ohio	11390	28840	
Oklahoma	8920	22470	
Oregon	10830	31780	
Pennsylvania	15080	30920	
Rhode Island	13400	34280	
South Carolina	13120	31480	
South Dakota	9450	12930	Out-of-state average is unusually low...
Tennessee	9760	27290	
Texas	9440	27640	
Utah	8120	27590	
Vermont	18090	40040	
Virginia	14480	34580	
Washington	10940	32450	
West Virginia	9060	23280	
Wisconsin	9730	30560	

State	Avg in-state tuition & fees, public...	Avg out-of-state tuition & fees,...	Notes
Wyoming	7430	22370	
Washington, D.C.	6152	13004	FLAGGED ESTIMATE: College...

Sources

- College Board — Trends in College Pricing and Student Aid 2025 (full report, Table CP-1 and state Table CP-5) (https://research.collegeboard.org/media/pdf/Trends-in-College-Pricing-and-Student-Aid-2025-final_1.pdf)
- College Board — Trends in College Pricing: Highlights (2025–26 published prices, state ranges) (<https://research.collegeboard.org/trends/college-pricing/highlights>)
- NCES (National Center for Education Statistics) — College Navigator (institution-level tuition verification) (<https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>)
- Education Data Initiative — Average In-State vs. Out-of-State Tuition (used for District of Columbia, which the College Board state table as compiled omits) (<https://educationdata.org/average-in-state-vs-out-of-state-tuition>)

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This dataset is provided for general informational reference only and is not financial-aid advice, a cost estimate for any specific student, or an offer of admission or pricing. Published (sticker) tuition and fees are not what most students pay—the majority receive grant aid that lowers the net price, and total cost of attendance also includes housing, food, books, transportation, and personal expenses. Always verify current figures directly with the college's financial aid office, the College Board 'Trends in College Pricing' report, and by completing the FAFSA at StudentAid.gov before making any enrollment or borrowing decision.