

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Budget and Finance**  
**Consent**

**AGENDA ITEM: 5 – Q**  
**DATE: April 3-4, 2024**

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**SUBJECT**

**2023-2024 Regional Tuition and Fees Survey**

**CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY**

None

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION**

Annually, the Board office conducts a comprehensive tuition survey of the four-year public institutions in the surrounding states. The states participating are Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Wyoming. The survey compares mandatory tuition and fee costs and total costs using the following parameters:

1. Tuition and Fees – This represents tuition and any mandatory fees for 30 credit hours per year for undergraduate and 24 credit hours for graduate. This data is collected for undergraduates and graduates for residents and nonresidents.
2. Total Cost – This number is a combination of the tuition and fee costs plus the cost of housing and meals. Housing is based on a double occupancy room and the meal plan is based on a plan that provides 15 meals per week or one that is close to that.

The figures reflected in the study only include costs that are identified for all students. Special discipline fees are not included since they cannot be identified for all students. Therefore, a student could pay costs higher than those reflected in this report if he or she were enrolled in a discipline with special support fees.

It is important to also note that the nonresident rates do not reflect any reciprocity agreements or other tuition reduction programs between states. Therefore, a nonresident student could attend a given institution at a lower cost than indicated in this report.

**IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

When looking at how South Dakota tuition and fee rates rank in the region (ranking from lowest to highest), South Dakota ranks fifth highest out of seven states for undergraduate resident tuition and fees, and the fourth highest out of seven states for graduate resident tuition and fees. South Dakota is second lowest for undergraduate nonresident tuition and fees and second lowest for graduate nonresident tuition and fees.

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**INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

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Undergraduate Resident Tuition and Mandatory Fees										
	2023-2024		2022-2023		2021-2022		2020-2021		2019-2020	
	Rank	Average								
Iowa	6	\$10,396	6	\$9,966	6	\$9,543	6	\$9,286	5	\$9,288
Minnesota	7	\$11,739	7	\$11,593	7	\$11,153	7	\$10,555	7	\$10,582
Montana	2	\$7,333	2	\$6,890	2	\$6,728	2	\$6,653	2	\$6,631
Nebraska	3	\$8,632	3	\$8,371	3	\$8,256	3	\$8,218	3	\$8,028
North Dakota	4	\$9,335	4	\$9,283	5	\$9,394	4	\$8,775	4	\$8,250
<b>South Dakota</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$9,356</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$9,356</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$9,356</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$9,256</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$9,299</b>
Wyoming	1	\$6,698	1	\$6,442	1	\$6,097	1	\$5,792	1	\$5,579
<b>\$ Variance Between SD and #1</b>		<b>\$2,658</b>		<b>\$2,914</b>		<b>\$3,259</b>		<b>\$3,464</b>		<b>\$3,720</b>

Ranked lowest to highest

Undergraduate Non-Resident Tuition and Mandatory Fees										
	2023-2024		2022-2023		2021-2022		2020-2021		2019-2020	
	Rank	Average								
Iowa	7	\$27,294	7	\$26,499	7	\$25,701	7	\$25,184	7	\$25,185
Minnesota	4	\$16,602	4	\$16,339	4	\$15,685	4	\$16,350	4	\$16,326
Montana	6	\$24,778	6	\$23,226	6	\$22,527	6	\$22,021	6	\$21,640
Nebraska	3	\$15,467	3	\$14,971	3	\$14,866	3	\$15,768	3	\$15,326
North Dakota	1	\$12,601	1	\$12,549	1	\$12,678	1	\$12,233	1	\$11,385
<b>South Dakota</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$12,815</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$12,815</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$12,815</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$12,680</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$12,735</b>
Wyoming	5	\$22,478	5	\$21,592	5	\$20,647	5	\$19,532	5	\$18,149
<b>\$ Variance Between SD and #1</b>		<b>\$214</b>		<b>\$266</b>		<b>\$137</b>		<b>\$447</b>		<b>\$0</b>

Ranked lowest to highest

Graduate Resident Tuition and Mandatory Fees										
	2023-2024		2022-2023		2021-2022		2020-2021		2019-2020	
	Rank	Average								
Iowa	6	\$12,268	5	\$11,776	5	\$11,294	5	\$10,962	6	\$10,963
Minnesota	7	\$15,516	7	\$14,952	7	\$13,725	7	\$13,047	7	\$12,617
Montana	3	\$8,742	2	\$8,284	1	\$7,624	1	\$7,418	2	\$7,798
Nebraska	2	\$8,547	1	\$8,194	2	\$8,032	2	\$7,910	1	\$7,633
North Dakota	5	\$11,471	6	\$11,988	6	\$11,552	6	\$11,170	5	\$10,653
<b>South Dakota</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$9,178</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$9,178</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$9,178</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$9,042</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$9,107</b>
Wyoming	1	\$8,116	4	\$9,576	3	\$8,653	3	\$8,210	3	\$7,913
<b>\$ Variance Between SD and #1</b>		<b>\$1,062</b>		<b>\$894</b>		<b>\$1,554</b>		<b>\$1,132</b>		<b>\$1,309</b>

Ranked lowest to highest

Graduate Non-Resident Tuition and Mandatory Fees										
	2023-2024		2022-2023		2021-2022		2020-2021		2019-2020	
	Rank	Average								
Iowa	6	\$28,025	7	\$27,187	7	\$26,335	7	\$25,756	7	\$25,757
Minnesota	4	\$19,889	4	\$19,162	4	\$17,273	4	\$17,050	4	\$16,828
Montana	7	\$28,457	6	\$26,740	6	\$24,056	6	\$23,855	6	\$24,420
Nebraska	3	\$17,407	3	\$16,605	2	\$16,443	3	\$16,321	2	\$15,714
North Dakota	1	\$14,231	1	\$15,688	1	\$15,089	1	\$14,572	1	\$13,912
<b>South Dakota</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$16,522</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$16,522</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$16,522</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$16,312</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$16,408</b>
Wyoming	5	\$20,996	5	\$24,432	5	\$22,933	5	\$21,674	5	\$20,873
<b>\$ Variance Between SD and #1</b>		<b>\$2,291</b>		<b>\$834</b>		<b>\$1,433</b>		<b>\$1,740</b>		<b>\$2,496</b>

Ranked lowest to highest

While South Dakota’s ranking for graduate and undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees has not changed dramatically in the last five years, the gap between South Dakota and the lowest ranked state for resident rates is the lowest in the last five years, showing the importance of the tuition and fee freezes implemented in recent years.

South Dakota’s undergraduate and graduate resident and nonresident total costs are the lowest or second lowest in the seven-state comparison. The low nonresident rates reflect the goal of recruiting nonresident students to build the SD workforce.

Undergraduate Resident Total Cost										
	2023-2024		2022-2023		2021-2022		2020-2021		2019-2020	
	Rank	Average								
Iowa	6	\$21,042	6	\$20,151	6	\$19,461	6	\$19,087	6	\$18,943
Minnesota	7	\$21,861	7	\$21,414	7	\$20,367	7	\$19,602	7	\$19,850
Montana	2	\$17,304	1	\$15,937	1	\$15,247	1	\$14,973	1	\$15,021
Nebraska	4	\$19,357	5	\$18,590	5	\$17,670	5	\$17,093	5	\$17,946
North Dakota	3	\$18,067	3	\$17,768	4	\$17,319	3	\$16,762	2	\$15,933
<b>South Dakota</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$17,213</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$16,810</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$16,904</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$16,857</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$16,674</b>
Wyoming	5	\$20,038	4	\$18,052	2	\$16,427	2	\$16,012	3	\$16,016
<b>\$ Variance Between SD and #1</b>		<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$873</b>		<b>\$1,657</b>		<b>\$1,884</b>		<b>\$1,653</b>

*Ranked lowest to highest*

Undergraduate Non-Resident Total Cost										
	2023-2024		2022-2023		2021-2022		2020-2021		2019-2020	
	Rank	Average								
Iowa	7	\$37,939	7	\$36,685	7	\$35,619	7	\$34,985	7	\$34,840
Minnesota	4	\$27,210	4	\$26,635	4	\$25,353	4	\$25,234	4	\$25,437
Montana	5	\$34,750	5	\$32,274	6	\$31,046	6	\$30,341	6	\$30,029
Nebraska	3	\$26,192	3	\$25,190	3	\$24,280	3	\$24,643	3	\$25,243
North Dakota	2	\$21,333	2	\$21,034	2	\$20,603	1	\$20,220	1	\$19,069
<b>South Dakota</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$20,672</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$20,268</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$20,363</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$20,281</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$20,110</b>
Wyoming	6	\$35,818	6	\$33,202	5	\$30,977	5	\$29,752	5	\$28,586
<b>\$ Variance Between SD and #1</b>		<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$61</b>		<b>\$1,041</b>

*Ranked lowest to highest*

Graduate Resident Total Cost										
	2023-2024		2022-2023		2021-2022		2020-2021		2019-2020	
	Rank	Average								
Iowa	6	\$22,913	6	\$21,961	6	\$21,212	6	\$20,762	6	\$20,618
Minnesota	7	\$25,853	7	\$24,985	7	\$23,045	7	\$21,994	7	\$22,077
Montana	2	\$18,887	2	\$17,456	1	\$16,350	1	\$15,950	1	\$16,229
Nebraska	3	\$19,271	3	\$18,413	3	\$17,445	3	\$16,785	3	\$17,551
North Dakota	4	\$20,485	4	\$20,571	5	\$19,982	5	\$19,686	5	\$19,069
<b>South Dakota</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$17,035</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$16,632</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$16,726</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$16,642</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$16,482</b>
Wyoming	5	\$21,456	5	\$21,186	4	\$18,983	4	\$18,430	4	\$18,350
<b>\$ Variance Between SD and #1</b>		<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$376</b>		<b>\$692</b>		<b>\$253</b>

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Graduate Non-Resident Total Cost										
	2023-2024		2022-2023		2021-2022		2020-2021		2019-2020	
	Rank	Average								
Iowa	7	\$38,670	7	\$37,373	7	\$36,253	7	\$35,557	7	\$35,412
Minnesota	4	\$30,773	4	\$29,721	4	\$27,036	3	\$24,893	3	\$25,602
Montana	6	\$38,602	5	\$35,911	5	\$32,782	6	\$32,387	6	\$32,851
Nebraska	3	\$28,131	3	\$26,824	3	\$25,856	4	\$25,196	4	\$25,632
North Dakota	1	\$23,245	2	\$24,250	1	\$23,519	1	\$23,088	1	\$22,327
<b>South Dakota</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$24,379</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$23,975</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$24,070</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$23,912</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$23,783</b>
Wyoming	5	\$34,336	6	\$36,042	6	\$33,263	5	\$31,894	5	\$31,310
<b>\$ Variance Between SD and #1</b>		<b>\$1,134</b>		<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$551</b>		<b>\$824</b>		<b>\$1,456</b>
<i>Ranked lowest to highest</i>										

**ATTACHMENTS**

None