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# Student Exchange Programs Statistical Report

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## WICHE's Student Exchange Programs

Through the three student exchange programs administered by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE), some 25,000 residents of 15 Western states are enrolled at reduced levels of tuition in a broad spectrum of undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs. This report covers Fall 2008 enrollments in the three programs, as well as detailing the funds that flow between "sending" states and "receiving" institutions in the Professional Student Exchange Program.

Early in the 1950s, 13 Western states enacted the Western Regional Education Compact and created WICHE. WICHE's region was later expanded through the affiliation of North Dakota in 1985 and South Dakota in 1988. WICHE's founding principle was to encourage and assist the sharing of facilities and education programs among the Western states, especially through its student exchange programs.

The Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP) is the oldest of the WICHE exchange programs. In PSEP, students usually pay resident tuition at public institutions (except for the field of pharmacy), or reduced tuition at private institutions. For each PSEP student, sending states pay a "support fee" established by WICHE to the enrolling institution. Over the years since the program began in 1953, PSEP has grown beyond its original three disciplines: medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine. With this change, PSEP now provides students access to affordable education in 10 professional healthcare fields.

In May 2007, WICHE's commissioners approved several changes to the PSEP that became effective in the 2008-09 academic year. Few students were participating in the fields of architecture, graduate library studies, graduate nursing, and public health, therefore the fields were inactivated. Schools that were offering these programs through PSEP were invited to join WICHE's graduate exchange program, called "WRGP". Many graduate nursing and public health programs are now offering masters and PhDs through the WRGP network.

The Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP) came into operation in 1981 and now includes designated graduate programs in all WICHE states except California. To be included in WRGP, programs must undergo an extensive review intended to assure that they are of demonstrated high quality. Graduate programs not related to healthcare must be distinctive in the Western region. Healthcare-related programs are not subject to the "distinctiveness" criteria. Enrolling master's and PhD students pay resident tuition. As of Fall 2008, more than 200 programs at 39 institutions in the WICHE region participate in the exchange. Over 35 programs are offered in healthcare-related fields, including graduate nursing and public health.

The Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE), initiated in 1988, opened opportunities for undergraduate study in a wide range of programs in public two-year and four-year colleges and universities. In WUE, states include programs in which they are prepared to enroll residents of other participating states at a tuition rate equal to 150 percent of resident tuition. This special tuition rate is a significant savings over normal nonresident tuition. The WUE Online database ([www.wiche.edu/sep/wue](http://www.wiche.edu/sep/wue)) now lists more than 143 two-year and four-year public participating institutions in all WICHE states.

Through WICHE Scholars, any WICHE state may assist its residents at any degree level and in any field not covered by the other exchanges. To participate, states pay the difference between resident tuition (paid by the student) and the receiving institution's nonresident tuition. (In private institutions, as in PSEP, the student normally pays reduced tuition and the remainder is covered by the sending state.)

This annual Statistical Report provides enrollment and financial information for the Professional Student Exchange Program, and enrollment information for WRGP and WUE. Please note that there is no additional state payment in either WRGP nor WUE.

Further information on all three of our student exchange programs are available on WICHE's website at [www.wiche.edu/sep](http://www.wiche.edu/sep).



## Part I – Professional Student Exchange Program

### Table 1: Summary of Enrollments and Support Fees by Profession

Professional Field	2007-08		2008-09		2009-10 Approved Support Fee Rate
	Number of Students	Support Fee Rate per Student	Number of Students	Support Fee Rate per Student	
<b>Group A Fields</b>					
Dentistry	154	\$20,600	143	\$21,300	\$22,000
Medicine	41	26,500	44	27,400	28,300
Occupational Therapy	34	10,700	36	11,100	11,500
Optometry	147	14,100	133	14,600	15,100
Osteopathic Medicine	55	17,600	54	18,200	18,800
Physical Therapy	42	9,700	46	10,000	10,300
Physician Assistant	30	10,500	35	10,900	11,300
Podiatry	5	12,300	5	12,700	13,100
Veterinary Medicine	222	26,300	218	27,200	28,100
<b>Group B Fields</b>					
Architecture*	1	\$4,400	0	n/a	n/a
Graduate Library Studies*	0	n/a	0	n/a	n/a
Graduate Nursing*	0	n/a	0	n/a	n/a
Pharmacy	41	6,300	43	6,500	6,700
Public Health*	1	6,700	0	n/a	n/a
<b>Total Students</b>	<b>773</b>		<b>757</b>		
<b>Actual Support Fees Paid</b>		<b>\$14,583,855</b>		<b>\$14,546,064</b>	

\*Note: The fields of architecture, graduate library studies, graduate nursing and public health were inactivated, effective for the 2008 academic year. Graduate nursing and public health are now offered through WICHE's Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP).

### Institution and Program Totals

Number of Institutions	2008	2007	Number of Programs	2008	2007
Within WICHE region			Within WICHE region		
Public	26	28	Public	59	59
Private	16	17	Private	46	42
Outside WICHE region			Outside WICHE region		
Public	4	6	Public	4	6
Private	6	7	Private	6	7
<b>TOTAL INSTITUTIONS</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>TOTAL PROGRAMS</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>114</b>



## Part I – Professional Student Exchange Program

### Table 2: Student and Support Fee Totals by State, 2008-09

State	Number of Students Sent	Total Fees Paid	Number of Students Received			Total Fees Received by Enrolling Institutions		
			Public	Private	Total	Public	Private	Total
Alaska	22	\$ 293,330			0			\$ 0
Arizona	199	3,873,106	6	95	101	\$ 143,500	\$ 1,439,558	1,583,058
California	0	0	8	112	120	149,100	1,761,548	1,910,648
Colorado	26	379,600	202		202	5,127,932		5,127,932
Hawaii	75	970,348	1		1	27,400		27,400
Idaho	8	116,800	2		2	27,866		27,866
Montana	83	2,047,500	4		4	36,333		36,333
Nevada	44	757,953	3	10	13	82,200	112,023	194,223
New Mexico	88	2,104,300	2		2	18,500		18,500
North Dakota	33	616,500	12		12	212,931		212,931
Oregon	0	0	36	87	123	732,100	1,163,533	1,895,633
South Dakota	0	0			0			0
Utah	33	684,400	5		5	77,399		77,399
Washington	13	211,400	99	11	110	2,136,397	128,800	2,265,197
Wyoming	133	2,490,827	1		1	6,500		6,500
Out of Region	–	–	18	43	61	363,300	799,144	1,162,444
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>\$14,546,064</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>\$9,141,458</b>	<b>\$5,404,606</b>	<b>\$ 14,546,064</b>



## Part I – Professional Student Exchange Program

### Table 3: Enrollment and Support Fees by Profession, 2008-09

Sending State	Dentistry	Medicine	Occupational Therapy	Optometry	Osteopathic Medicine	Pharmacy	Physical Therapy	Physician Assistant	Podiatry	Veterinary Medicine	TOTALS
Alaska	5 \$106,500		3 \$37,000	3 \$43,800		4 \$28,165	5 \$63,332	2 \$14,533	0 \$0		22 \$293,330
Arizona	51 \$1,128,900		17 \$148,000	23 \$335,800	32 \$571,844			21 \$192,562		55 \$1,496,000	199 \$3,873,106
California											0 \$0
Colorado				26 \$379,600							26 \$379,600
Hawaii	7 \$177,500		9 \$70,300	7 \$87,600		25 \$165,750	16 \$169,998			11 \$299,200	75 \$970,348
Idaho				8 \$116,800							8 \$116,800
Montana	9 \$191,700	26 \$712,400	2 \$11,100	3 \$43,800	8 \$136,500				0 \$0	35 \$952,000	83 \$2,047,500
Nevada				7 \$102,200		14 \$106,155		6 \$87,198		17 \$462,400	44 \$757,953
New Mexico	43 \$944,300			4 \$58,400						41 \$1,101,600	88 \$2,104,300
North Dakota	11 \$234,300			15 \$219,000						7 \$163,200	33 \$616,500
Oregon											0 \$0
South Dakota											0 \$0
Utah				9 \$116,800					4 \$50,800	20 \$516,800	33 \$684,400
Washington				7 \$102,200	6 \$109,200						13 \$211,400
Wyoming	17 \$362,100	18 \$383,600	5 \$48,100	21 \$296,867	8 \$145,600		25 \$303,328	6 \$68,132	1 \$12,700	32 \$870,400	133 \$2,490,827
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>143 \$3,145,300</b>	<b>44 \$1,096,000</b>	<b>36 \$314,500</b>	<b>133 \$1,902,867</b>	<b>54 \$963,144</b>	<b>43 \$300,070</b>	<b>46 \$536,658</b>	<b>35 \$362,425</b>	<b>5 \$63,500</b>	<b>218 \$5,861,600</b>	<b>757 \$14,546,064</b>



## Part I – Professional Student Exchange Program

**Table 4: Student Distribution and Support Fee Payments by Profession, 2008-09**

Sending State	Receiving Schools											Total Number Students	Total Fees Paid by Sending State						
	AZHS	LL	UCLA	UCSF	UOP	USC	COLO	UNLV	ORE	WASH	Out of Region								
Alaska							3		2									5	\$106,500
Arizona	16	2	3	3	6	4	9		8									51	\$1,128,900
Hawaii				1	4				1	1								7	\$177,500
Montana	2						1		3	3								9	\$191,700
Nevada																		0	\$0
New Mexico	3				4		10		4								22	43	\$944,300
North Dakota							3		1								7	11	\$234,300
Wyoming						1	4		1								11	17	\$362,100
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4</b>						<b>40</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>\$3,145,300</b>	

Sending State	Receiving Schools																	Total Number Students	Total Fees Paid by Sending State
	ARIZ	LL	STAN	UCB/SF	UCD	UCI	UCLA	UCSD	UCSF	USC	COLO	HAW	NEV	UNM	UND	ORE	UTAH		
Montana	2	2									10		3		3	6		26	\$712,400
Wyoming	3								1		7	1		1	1	3	1	18	\$383,600
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>\$1,096,000</b>



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Table 4 (continued): Student Distribution and Support Fee Payments by Profession, 2008-09

Sending State	Receiving Schools															Total Number Students	Total Fees Paid by Sending State
	AZHS	MDWST	LL	SMC	USC	ISU	Touro-NV	UNM	UND	PACU	USD	UTAH	EWU	UPS	WASH		
Alaska								1					1	1		3	\$37,000
Arizona	5	9			2									1		17	\$148,000
Hawaii					3					2				4		9	\$70,300
Montana		1			1											2	\$11,100
Wyoming	1									2				1	1	5	\$48,100
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>\$314,500</b>

Sending State	Receiving Schools			Total Number Students	Total Fees Paid by Sending State
	SCCO	PACU	Out of Region		
Alaska	2	1		3	\$43,800
Arizona	13	8	2	23	\$335,800
Colorado	5	8	13	26	\$379,600
Hawaii	3	4		7	\$87,600
Idaho	3	5		8	\$116,800
Montana	0	3		3	\$43,800
Nevada	1	6		7	\$102,200
New Mexico	3	1		4	\$58,400
North Dakota	1	12	2	15	219,000
Utah	2	7		9	116,800
Washington	4	3		7	102,200
Wyoming	8	13		21	296,867
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>\$1,902,867</b>





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**Table 4 (continued): Student Distribution and Support Fee Payments by Profession, 2008-09**

Sending State	Receiving Schools					Total Number Students	Total Fees Paid by Sending State
	AZCOM	TOURO-CA	WU	TOURO-NV	Out of Region		
Arizona	25	2	1		4	32	\$ 571,844
Montana	2		4	2		8	136,500
New Mexico						0	0
Washington	1	1	4			6	109,200
Wyoming	4		3	1		8	145,600
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>\$963,144</b>

Sending State	Receiving Schools																		Total Number Students	Total Fees Paid by Sending State
	ARIZ	MDWST	UCSF	USCD	UOP	USC	WU	COLO	ISU	MONT	USN	UNM	NDSU	OSU	UTAH	WASH	WSU	WYO		
Alaska		1								1				1		1			4	\$28,165
Hawaii	1				3	2		1						4		3	11		25	165,750
Nevada		3			1		1			1	6					1		1	14	106,155
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>\$300,070</b>

Sending State	Receiving Schools																			Total Number Students	Total Fees Paid by Sending State
	AZHS	CSF	CHAP	LL	MSMC	SMC	UOP	USC	WU	COLO	ISU	MONT	UNM	UND	PACU	UTAH	UPS	EWU	WASH		
Alaska										1	1	1			1			1		5	\$63,332
Hawaii	2			2	1			3							5		3			16	169,998
Wyoming	2									2		1		8	3	4	1	4		25	303,328
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>\$536,658</b>



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Table 4 (continued): Student Distribution and Support Fee Payments by Profession, 2008-09

Sending State	Receiving Schools														Total Number Students	Total Fees Paid by Sending State
	AZHS	MDWST	LL	SMC	UCD	USC	WU	COLO	ISU	TOURO-NV	PACU	ORE	UTAH	WASH		
Alaska		1									1				2	\$ 14,533
Arizona	2	15				2					1			1	21	192,562
Nevada							1		1	1	1			2	6	87,198
Wyoming	1					1		3						1	6	68,132
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>\$362,425</b>

Sending State	Receiving Schools		Total Number Students	Total Fees Paid by Sending State
	MDWST	CCPM		
Alaska			0	\$ 0
Montana			0	0
Utah	0	4	4	50,800
Wyoming	0	1	1	12,700
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$63,500</b>



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Table 4 (continued): Student Distribution and Support Fee Payments by Profession, 2008-09

Sending State	Receiving Schools					Total Number Students	Total Fees Paid by Sending State
	UCD	CSU	OSU	WSU	Out of Region		
Arizona		38	1	16		55	\$1,496,000
Hawaii		10		1		11	299,200
Montana		15		20		35	952,000
Nevada		9		8		17	462,400
New Mexico		38		3		41	1,101,600
North Dakota		6		1		7	163,200
Utah		6		14		20	516,800
Wyoming		26	1	5		32	870,400
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>\$5,861,600</b>

### Resources: Workforce Briefs and Incentives for Rural Healthcare Practitioners

The West's demographics present unique challenges in educating our future healthcare professionals. WICHE has developed a new series – *A Closer Look at Healthcare Needs in the West* – that looks specifically at our regional healthcare workforce needs. Downloadable PDFs are on our website.

Attracting healthcare professionals to rural areas is a challenge. Find out what incentives (loan repayment programs, etc.) your and other Western states are offering to rural practitioners. Download a copy of our *Inventory of Rural Practice Incentives in the Western WICHE States*, available on our website.

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## Part I – Professional Student Exchange Program

### Table 5: Receipt of Support Fees by State and Institution, 2008-09

ARIZONA		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
<b>PUBLIC</b>		
University of Arizona (ARIZ)		
Medicine	5	\$137,000
Pharmacy	1	6,500
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$143,500</b>
<b>Public Institution Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$143,500</b>
<b>PRIVATE</b>		
Arizona School of Health Sciences (AZHS)		
Dentistry	21	\$447,300
Occupational Therapy	6	59,200
Physical Therapy	4	49,999
Physician Assistant	3	43,599
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>\$600,098</b>
Midwestern University (MDWST)		
Occupational Therapy	10	\$81,400
Osteopathic Medicine	32	582,400
Pharmacy	4	30,330
Physician Assistant	15	145,330
Podiatry	0	0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>\$839,460</b>
<b>Private Institution Total</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>\$1,439,558</b>
<b>ARIZONA TOTAL</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>\$1,583,058</b>

CALIFORNIA		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
<b>PUBLIC</b>		
California State University, Fresno (CSF)		
Physical Therapy	0	\$0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
University of California, Berkeley (UCB)		
Medicine	0	\$0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
University of California, Davis (UCD)		
Medicine	0	\$0
Physician Assistant	0	0
Veterinary Medicine	0	0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

CALIFORNIA (continued)		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
University of California, Irvine (UCI)		
Medicine	0	\$0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)		
Dentistry	3	\$63,900
Medicine	0	0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$63,900</b>
University of California, San Diego		
Medicine	0	\$0
Pharmacy	0	0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
University of California, San Francisco (UCSF)		
Dentistry	4	\$85,200
Medicine	1	0
Pharmacy	0	0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$85,200</b>
<b>Public Institution Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$149,100</b>

PRIVATE		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
Chapman University (CHAP)		
Physical Therapy	0	\$0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Loma Linda University (LL)		
Dentistry	3	\$42,600
Medicine	2	54,800
Occupational Therapy	0	0
Physical Therapy	2	16,666
Physician Assistant	0	0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>\$114,066</b>
Mount St. Mary's College (MSMC)		
Physical Therapy	1	\$13,333
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$13,333</b>
Samuel Merritt College (SMC/CCPM)		
Occupational Therapy	0	\$0
Physical Therapy	0	0
Physician Assistant	0	0
Podiatry	5	63,500
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$63,500</b>

CALIFORNIA (continued)		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
Southern California College of Optometry (SCCO)		
Optometry	45	\$632,667
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>\$632,667</b>
Stanford University (STAN)		
Medicine	0	\$0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Touro University - California (TUMI)		
Osteopathic Medicine	3	\$54,600
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$54,600</b>
University of the Pacific (UOP)		
Dentistry	14	\$397,600
Pharmacy	4	35,750
Physical Therapy	0	0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>\$433,350</b>
University of Southern California (USC)		
Dentistry	5	\$106,500
Medicine	0	0
Occupational Therapy	6	29,600
Pharmacy	2	13,000
Physical Therapy	3	33,333
Physician Assistant	3	28,166
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>\$210,599</b>
Western University of Health Sciences (WU)		
Osteopathic Medicine	12	\$218,400
Pharmacy	1	6,500
Physical Therapy	0	0
Physician Assistant	1	14,533
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>\$239,433</b>
<b>Private Institution Total</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>\$1,761,548</b>
<b>CALIFORNIA TOTAL</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>\$1,910,648</b>

COLORADO		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
Colorado State University		
Veterinary Medicine	148	\$3,984,800
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>\$3,984,800</b>



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### Table 5 (continued): Receipt of Support Fees by State and Institution, 2008-09

COLORADO (continued)		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
University of Colorado Denver (COLO)		
Dentistry	30	\$639,000
Medicine	17	438,400
Pharmacy	1	0
Physical Therapy	3	36,666
Physician Assistant	3	29,066
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>\$1,143,132</b>
<b>COLORADO TOTAL</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>\$5,127,932</b>

HAWAII		
University of Hawaii at Manoa (HAW)		
Medicine	1	\$27,400
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$27,400</b>
<b>HAWAII TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$27,400</b>

IDAHO		
Idaho State University (ISU)		
Occupational Therapy	0	\$0
Pharmacy	0	0
Physical Therapy	1	13,333
Physician Assistant	1	14,533
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$27,866</b>
<b>IDAHO TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$27,866</b>

MONTANA		
University of Montana (MONT)		
Pharmacy	2	\$13,000
Physical Therapy	2	23,333
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$36,333</b>
<b>MONTANA TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$36,333</b>

NEVADA		
PUBLIC		
University of Nevada, Reno (NEV)		
Medicine	3	\$82,200
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$82,200</b>
University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV)		
Dentistry	0	\$0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Public Institution Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$82,200</b>

PRIVATE		
Touro University, Nevada (TUON)		
Occupational Therapy	0	\$0
Osteopathic Medicine	3	45,500
Physician Assistant	1	14,533
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$60,033</b>
University of Southern Nevada		
Pharmacy	6	\$51,990
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$51,990</b>
<b>Private Institution Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$112,023</b>
<b>NEVADA TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>\$194,223</b>

NEW MEXICO		
University of New Mexico (UNM)		
Medicine	1	\$0
Occupational Therapy	1	18,500
Pharmacy	0	0
Physical Therapy	0	0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$18,500</b>
<b>NEW MEXICO TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$18,500</b>

NORTH DAKOTA		
PUBLIC		
North Dakota State University (NDSU)		
Pharmacy	0	\$0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
University of North Dakota (UND)		
Medicine	4	\$109,600
Occupational Therapy	0	0
Physical Therapy	8	103,331
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>\$212,931</b>
<b>NORTH DAKOTA TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>\$212,931</b>

OREGON		
PUBLIC		
Oregon State University (OSU)		
Pharmacy	5	\$32,500
Veterinary Medicine	2	54,400
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>\$86,900</b>
Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU)		
Dentistry	20	\$426,000
Medicine	9	219,200
Physician Assistant	0	0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>\$645,200</b>
<b>Public Institution Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>\$732,100</b>

PRIVATE		
Pacific University (PACU)		
Occupational Therapy	4	\$37,000
Optometry	71	1,022,000
Physical Therapy	9	90,000
Physician Assistant	3	14,533
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>\$1,163,533</b>
<b>Private Institution Total</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>\$1,163,533</b>
<b>OREGON TOTAL</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>\$1,895,633</b>



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### Table 5 (continued): Receipt of Support Fees by State and Institution, 2008-09

SOUTH DAKOTA		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
<b>University of South Dakota (USD)</b>		
Occupational Therapy	0	\$0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

UTAH		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
<b>University of Utah (UTAH)</b>		
Medicine	1	\$27,400
Occupational Therapy	0	0
Pharmacy	0	0
Physical Therapy	4	49,999
Physician Assistant	0	0
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$77,399</b>
<b>UTAH TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$77,399</b>

WASHINGTON		
PUBLIC		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
<b>Eastern Washington University (EWU)</b>		
Occupational Therapy	1	\$0
Physical Therapy	5	66,665
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$66,665</b>
<b>University of Washington (WASH)</b>		
Dentistry	4	\$85,200
Occupational Therapy	1	0
Pharmacy	5	32,500
Physical Therapy	0	0
Physician Assistant	4	58,132
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>\$175,832</b>
<b>Washington State University (WSU)</b>		
Pharmacy	11	\$71,500
Veterinary Medicine	68	1,822,400
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>\$1,893,900</b>
<b>Public Institution Total</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>\$2,136,397</b>

WASHINGTON (continued)		
PRIVATE		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
<b>University of Puget Sound (UPS)</b>		
Occupational Therapy	7	\$88,800
Physical Therapy	4	40,000
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>\$128,800</b>
<b>Private Institution Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>\$128,800</b>
<b>WASHINGTON TOTAL</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>\$2,265,197</b>

WYOMING		
PRIVATE		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
<b>University of Wyoming (WYO)</b>		
Pharmacy	1	\$6,500
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$6,500</b>
<b>WYOMING TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$6,500</b>

OUT OF REGION		
PUBLIC		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
<b>Indiana University School of Optometry (INDU), IN</b>		
Optometry	1	\$14,600
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$14,600</b>
<b>University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC), MO</b>		
Dentistry	12	\$255,600
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>\$255,600</b>
<b>University of Nebraska (NEB), NE</b>		
Dentistry	3	\$63,900
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$63,900</b>
<b>Northeastern State University (NSU), OK</b>		
Optometry	2	\$29,200
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$29,200</b>
<b>Public Institution Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>\$363,300</b>
PRIVATE		
<b>Creighton University (CREI), NE</b>		
Dentistry	21	\$447,300
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>\$447,300</b>

OUT OF REGION (continued)		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
<b>Illinois College of Optometry (ILL), IL</b>		
Optometry	5	\$73,000
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$73,000</b>
<b>A.T. Still University (KCOM), MO</b>		
<b>Kirkville College of Osteopathic Medicine</b>		
Osteopathic Medicine	4	\$62,244
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$62,244</b>
<b>Marquette University (MARQ), WI</b>		
Dentistry	4	\$85,200
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$85,200</b>
<b>Nova Southeastern University (NOVA), FL</b>		
Optometry	3	\$43,800
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$43,800</b>
<b>Southern College of Optometry (SCO), IN</b>		
Optometry	6	\$87,600
<b>Institution Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$87,600</b>
<b>Private Institution Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>\$799,144</b>
<b>OUT OF REGION TOTAL</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>\$1,162,444</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS OF SUPPORT FEES</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>\$14,546,064</b>



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**Table 6: New and Continuing Students by Gender and Race/Ethnicity, 2008-09**

State	Total	Gender		Race/Ethnicity					
		Male	Female	AA	BL	LA	NA	WH	UK
Alaska	22	7	15	1				6	15
Arizona	199	85	114	14		16		168	1
Colorado	26	14	12	1		1		22	2
Hawaii	75	20	55	61	1	2		3	8
Idaho	8	6	2					8	
Montana	83	28	55			1		80	2
Nevada	44	12	32	1		2		20	21
New Mexico	88	34	54	5	1	15		64	3
North Dakota	33	11	22	1				29	3
Utah	33	21	12			1		29	3
Washington	13	7	6	4				6	3
Wyoming	133	54	79	2				131	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>61</b>

NOTE: Race/ethnicity information is self-reported when applicants apply for state certification.

ABBREVIATIONS: AA = Asian American; BL = Black; LA = Latino/a; NA = Native American; WH = White; UK = Unknown



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### Return Rates of WICHE PSEP Graduates

In fall 2006, Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP) supporting states renewed their efforts to collect return rate data on their PSEP graduates. WICHE's PSEP provides affordable access to healthcare education in neighboring Western states that have excess capacity in their programs. PSEP helps states that don't have professional schools in certain fields to leverage their resources so they don't have to invest in costly institutional infrastructure and faculty for educational programs for which there may not be sufficient ongoing demand from state residents. Funding states pay a "support fee" for each student, allowing the student to pay reduced tuition at the enrolling institution.

Healthcare workforce needs are at an all-time high, regionally and nationally. State policymakers are looking for the best investments of limited tax dollars, and sharing educational resources within the West is a fiscally responsible approach. Are states getting a good return on their PSEP investment dollar?

Six states contractually require their PSEP graduates to return and serve state residents: Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii (effective for students enrolling in fall 2008 and thereafter), New Mexico, Nevada, and Washington. These states are labeled "contractual payback states" in the survey results. Alaska, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming *encourage* their graduates to return to their home state but do not contractually require them to do so; these are labeled "honor system states." Alaska's participation in PSEP is distinctive in another way: to make the benefits of PSEP available to its residents in the absence of state funding, Alaska treats the support fee as a loan to each PSEP student. Graduates must repay the loan, whether or not they return to Alaska.

"Payback states" found it relatively easy to provide return-rate information for graduates who were still in the process of paying off their service debt because they were already tracking them. The same holds true for Alaska, a "loan" state. Other state offices used one or more of the following resources:

- a. State licensing boards.
- b. State professional associations.
- c. Collections services.
- d. Records from the state department of labor.

The state higher education offices were not able to locate all PSEP graduates; those that could not be located were counted as nonreturning. Some female graduates no longer had the same name due to changes in marital status. States that were able to use Social Security numbers were typically able to find more graduates and consequently demonstrated an improved return rate.

The chart on the next page gives a "snapshot" in time of PSEP alumni who graduated between 2001 and 2005 and who were licensed and/or practicing in their home state (as of December 2006 to November 2007, depending on when the state researched its graduates and returned its data). **Some of our PSEP states may report slightly different return percentages than those you find in this survey, due to different time frames during which return to the home state is measured.** Our calculations look at a specific point in time and are likely to be slightly lower than the actual number of PSEP graduates who return and serve their state. Payback states that measure return rates over a longer time frame will demonstrate higher return rates. This is especially true for fields where graduates may be completing a residency, internship, or clinical experience, or may be on deferment for other reasons, though they will ultimately return to serve their state at a later date.

For allopathic and osteopathic medicine, recent graduates must complete three- to four-year residencies. Some complete their residencies in state, while others go elsewhere, though the latter may plan to return to their home state at a later date. For these professions, WICHE counted PSEP alumni who graduated between 1997 and 2001, in order to allow time for them to complete their residencies and set up practice in their home state.

The average return rate for all reporting WICHE states was 59 percent. Return rates for payback states were the highest, averaging 74 percent and ranging as high as 94 percent, depending on the profession. Return rates for "honor system" states were lower, averaging 39 percent and ranging up to 75 percent, depending on the profession. Return rates were the lowest in primarily rural states that do not require a service payback from their residents, like Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. Some of these "honor states" see PSEP primarily as an access program. Hawaii and North Dakota did not submit return data for





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this survey but plan to participate in the future. Unfortunately, WICHE and its states lacked the resources to compile regional return data. However, we have anecdotal evidence that graduates who did not return to their home state often choose to practice their profession in another WICHE state.

We hope this survey will prompt our member states to consider:

- **Establishing a service payback requirement if your state does not currently require one.** Although there is an ongoing administrative cost to track graduates, it may be in the state residents' best interest to stimulate higher return rates.
- **Partnering with state professional associations** and asking them to mentor returning graduates and help them develop a sense of belonging to the local professional community, so that returning graduates will be more likely to remain in the state.
- **Using repayment monies paid by non-returning graduates to fund loan repayment incentives** for graduates who return to their home state to practice in rural and underserved areas (for states with service payback requirements).
- **Creating or increasing rural or underserved incentive programs,** such as loan repayment programs or practice establishment subsidies that will encourage graduates in the healthcare fields to return to their home state and will make it affordable for them to live and work in these areas. WICHE's *Inventory of Rural Health Practice Incentives in the Western WICHE States* (October 2007, accessible at <http://www.wiche.edu/sep/psep/stateInventory.pdf>) shows that the incentive programs offered to healthcare professionals in most of the Western states are financially insignificant when compared to the shortages of healthcare professionals and the high debt loads that new graduates carry.

These data are identical to those published in last year's report. WICHE's PSEP state certifying offices plan to update their return rate data again in 2009. For further information about these survey results, please call 303.541.0214.

**Table 7: PSEP Five-Year Return Rates by State and Profession: 2001-2005 (or 1997-2001 for DOs/MDs)**

State	Field	Total number of students	Number returning to state	Percentage returning
<b>Alaska</b>	Dentistry	4	3	75%
	Occupational Therapy	1	0	0%
	Optometry	0	0	0%
	Pharmacy	0	0	0%
	Physical Therapy	2	1	50%
	Physician Assistant	7	3	43%
	Podiatry	0	0	0%
<b>Alaska Total</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Arizona*</b>	Dentistry	60	48	80%
	Occupational Therapy	20	16	80%
	Optometry	22	17	77%
	Osteopathic Medicine **	27	13	48%
	Physician Assistant	36	34	94%
	Veterinary Medicine	87	63	72%
	<b>Arizona Total</b>		<b>252</b>	<b>191</b>
<b>Colorado*</b>	Optometry	31	22	71%
	<b>Colorado Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>71%</b>
<b>Idaho</b>	Optometry	11	4	36%
<b>Idaho Total</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>36%</b>
<b>Montana</b>	Dentistry	12	5	42%
	Medicine **	26	10	38%
	Occupational Therapy	6	3	50%
	Optometry	8	4	50%
	Osteopathic Medicine **	3	1	33%
	Podiatry	0	0	0%
	Veterinary Medicine	39	22	56%
<b>Montana Total</b>		<b>94</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>48%</b>

\* Contractual payback states

\*\* 1997-2001 DO and MD graduates



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Table 7 (cont.): PSEP Five-Year Return Rates by State and Profession: 2001-2005 (or 1997-2001 for DOs/MDs)

State	Field	Total number of students	Number returning to state	Percentage returning
<b>Nevada*</b>	Optometry	12	8	67%
	Pharmacy	17	14	82%
	Physician Assistant	12	8	67%
	Veterinary Medicine	18	11	61%
<b>Nevada Total</b>		<b>59</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>69%</b>
<b>New Mexico*</b>	Dentistry	26	24	92%
	Optometry	4	2	50%
	Osteopathic Medicine **	12	5	42%
	Podiatry	1	0	0%
	Veterinary Medicine	46	34	74%
<b>New Mexico Total</b>		<b>89</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>73%</b>
<b>Utah</b>	Optometry	19	14	74%
	Podiatry	9	2	22%
	Veterinary Medicine	31	17	55%
<b>Utah Total</b>		<b>59</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>56%</b>
<b>Washington*</b>	Optometry	18	14	78%
	Osteopathic Medicine **	5	2	40%
<b>Washington Total</b>		<b>23</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>Wyoming</b>	Dentistry	26	13	50%
	Medicine **	30	6	20%
	Occupational Therapy	4	1	25%
	Optometry	22	7	32%
	Osteopathic Medicine **	3	0	0%
	Physical Therapy	33	6	18%
	Physician Assistant	5	1	20%
	Podiatry	2	0	0%
	Veterinary Medicine	33	9	27%
<b>Wyoming Total</b>		<b>158</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>27%</b>

State	Field	Total number of students	Number returning to state	Percentage returning
<b>WICHE Return Rates by Profession</b>	Dentistry	128	93	73%
	Medicine **	56	16	29%
	Occupational Therapy	31	20	65%
	Optometry	147	92	63%
	Osteopathic Medicine **	50	21	42%
	Pharmacy	17	14	82%
	Physical Therapy	35	7	20%
	Physician Assistant	60	46	77%
	Podiatry	12	2	17%
	Veterinary Medicine	254	156	61%

**Total for all reporting WICHE PSEP states**    **790**    **467**    **59%**

**Total for contractual payback states**    **454**    **335**    **74%**

**Total for honor system states**    **336**    **132**    **39%**

**IMPORTANT:** Return rates reported by state offices may vary from WICHE calculations, due to different time frames over which the return is measured.

*Not reporting as of December 2007: Hawaii and North Dakota*

*\* Contractual payback states*

*\*\* 1997-2001 DO and MD graduates*



## Part II – Western Regional Graduate Program

The Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP) was initiated in 1981 in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. As of Fall 2008, the WRGP includes more than 200 programs in 39 institutions in all WICHE states except California.

The WRGP consists of high quality masters and doctoral degree programs that are not widely available throughout the West. To be eligible for WRGP, programs must be of demonstrated quality. Programs that are not related to healthcare must be offered at no more than four institutions in the WICHE region (exclusive of California). WRGP is particularly strong in programs targeted to the emerging social, environmental, and resource development needs of the West, and innovative interdisciplinary programs.

In the past, WICHE accepted only distinctive programs to WRGP. However, given the severe workforce shortages in the healthcare professions, the WICHE Commission voted in May 2007 to waive the previous four-program maximum limitation on the number of healthcare-related programs offered through WRGP. WICHE encourages *all* high-quality healthcare-related programs in WICHE states that have excess capacity or that wish to diversify their enrollments to join the WRGP network of cooperating programs.

Through WRGP, graduate students who are residents of the 14 participating states may enroll in participating programs in public institutions on a resident tuition basis. Along with this obvious benefit to students, WRGP offers states

and institutions a means to foster the development and support of innovative programs by enlarging the potential student pool. Like all WICHE student exchanges, WRGP has enjoyed strong support from policymakers in the states as a way to better utilize regional educational resources.

Eligible master's and PhD students can enroll in participating programs outside their home state pay resident tuition rates. To receive WRGP tuition status, students apply directly through the graduate school or academic department offering the WRGP program, and identify themselves as WICHE WRGP applicants.

WRGP programs are not available to California students at this time, because currently no California programs receive WRGP students through this arrangement. WICHE would be pleased to welcome California programs and encourages interested ones to apply in the future.

New WRGP programs are typically nominated for inclusion every two years. WICHE launched a special nomination round in fall 2008 with an emphasis on healthcare-related degrees and Professional Science Masters (PSMs). Approximately 20 program nominations are now under review for participation in the WRGP network beginning in fall 2009. New programs will be announced in spring 2009 and their descriptions will be available on our website. We invite you to consult our WRGP brochure (available as a PDF) that lists currently participating programs. Our online database lists full descriptions of each program. Both are available at [www.wiche.edu/sep/wrgp](http://www.wiche.edu/sep/wrgp).



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Table 8: Five-Year Enrollment Summary, New and Continuing Students, 2004-2008

State	2004		2005		2006		2007		2008	
	Received	Sent	Received	Sent	Received	Sent	Received	Sent	Received	Sent
Alaska	5	29	10	33	12	35	12	27	13	22
Arizona	41	37	37	32	35	36	38	36	33	32
California*	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Colorado	133	42	127	32	127	42	125	43	107	47
Hawaii	24	11	22	14	23	12	30	20	24	10
Idaho	41	54	23	49	35	54	2	44	8	36
Montana	33	25	37	30	25	29	46	28	8	22
Nevada	7	13	6	17	7	15	6	14	7	16
New Mexico	18	31	27	22	35	21	27	26	36	24
North Dakota	1	11	3	11	1	8	0	10	6	9
Oregon	50	46	45	38	56	38	64	39	51	37
South Dakota	3	10	1	15	6	13	5	23	5	6
Utah	28	47	40	42	37	49	42	45	39	31
Washington	67	66	55	71	55	68	53	69	44	79
Wyoming	5	34	5	32	3	37	10	36	13	23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>394</b>

\* California residents are not eligible to enroll through WRGP at this time because the state does not currently offer programs through WRGP to residents of other WICHE states.

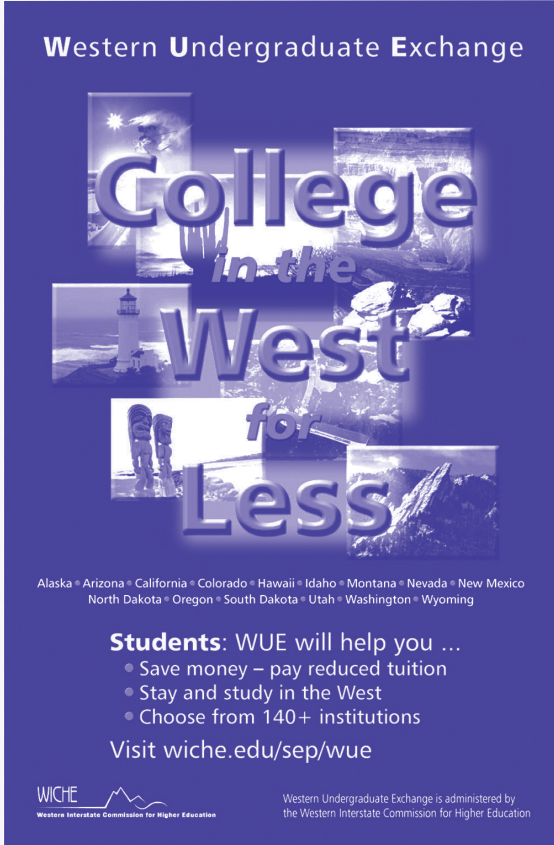


## Part III – Western Undergraduate Exchange

Now celebrating 21 years, WUE, the Western Undergraduate Exchange, is WICHE's largest student exchange program. When compared to similar regional exchange programs in the nation, it is the largest of its kind. Through WUE, students from participating states may enroll in designated two-year and four-year public institutions in other participating states at a special reduced tuition level – 150 percent of resident tuition. In all programs, this amount is substantially less than nonresident tuition.

All WICHE states now receive and send students through the Western Undergraduate Exchange. They include: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. California became a fully reciprocal partner in November 2005, and an increasing number of California institutions are discovering the benefits of joining the WUE network. As of 2008, Hawaii residents are now eligible to enroll at both two- and four-year WUE institutions. Each state controls their level of participation in WUE. Some states set limits on the total number of students admitted. Each state and institution chooses which programs they wish to make available to WUE students, and under what conditions. In many cases, institutions have opened all of their programs on a space-available basis. In other cases, institutions have excluded some programs or have listed only specific programs that are open to WUE students.

WUE continues to grow because it offers states a way to greatly expand the range of educational opportunities available to their students at a minimal cost to the state. From a total of 643 students in Fall 1988, WUE now enrolls more than 23,600 students in 143 institutions across the West. A complete report on WUE enrollments, including information about the specific programs in which students are enrolled, is available at [www.wiche.edu/sep/wue](http://www.wiche.edu/sep/wue).



The graphic features the text "Western Undergraduate Exchange" at the top. Below it, the phrase "College In the West for Less" is written in large, stylized letters, with "In the" and "for" in smaller font. The background is a collage of images including a lighthouse, a person on a beach, and a mountain range. At the bottom, it lists participating states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. It also includes the text "Students: WUE will help you ..." followed by a bulleted list of benefits: "Save money – pay reduced tuition", "Stay and study in the West", and "Choose from 140+ institutions". The WICHE logo and the text "Western Undergraduate Exchange is administered by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education" are at the bottom left.

WICHE's **WUE** website offers a wealth of tools for the prospective undergraduate and their parents, for high school counselors, for admissions recruiters and enrollment planners of WUE institutions.

Visit our website at **[www.wiche.edu/sep/wue](http://www.wiche.edu/sep/wue)** where you'll find:

- Our **WUE Online Database** with complete profiles for WUE institutions. Find out exactly which programs are offered at the WUE rate, the institution's WUE enrollment requirements, and more.
- **Promotional tools**, such as downloadable WUE handouts, postcards, posters, and more.
- Our **WUE FAQ** offers sound advice for current and prospective WUE institutions. Find out how to make WUE work best for your institution, and your state.



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### Table 9: Fall 2008 Enrollment Summary, New and Continuing Students

State Of Attendance (Number of Institutions enrolling WUE students)	State of Residence															Attendance Totals
	AK	AZ	CA	CO	HI	ID	MT	NV	NM	ND	OR	SD	UT	WA	WY	
Alaska (4)	–	23	128	63	18	18	22	16	15	6	41	3	22	111	13	499
Arizona (22)	225	–	1,147	404	238	74	38	288	228	5	156	31	228	189	41	3,292
California (9)	62	32	–	41	80	28	20	27	13	3	88	9	14	125	11	553
Colorado (23)	89	172	313	–	121	56	54	61	196	33	77	55	90	93	152	1,562
Hawaii (2)	82	69	1,019	217	–	31	19	45	34	3	135	17	29	283	15	1,998
Idaho (6)	254	32	201	42	20	–	224	126	13	4	389	9	41	1,153	42	2,550
Montana (12)	142	19	74	155	46	284	–	38	16	65	141	39	37	364	217	1,637
Nevada (7)	244	151	936	166	479	92	36	–	42	17	161	29	76	266	42	2,737
New Mexico (10)	25	82	133	70	15	7	10	25	–	1	22	1	10	51	8	460
North Dakota (11)	98	95	281	137	29	39	67	57	13	–	55	239	27	189	111	1,437
Oregon (5)	210	47	418	80	263	103	47	35	25	2	–	4	26	662	17	1,939
South Dakota (6)	44	45	154	178	5	20	112	22	9	191	18	–	6	77	408	1,289
Utah (9)	37	45	69	65	30	110	19	155	26	1	47	1	–	48	62	715
Washington (4)	125	20	97	31	86	165	86	25	15	5	138	0	11	–	14	818
Wyoming (8)	43	33	112	842	12	103	414	24	23	21	38	258	178	45	–	2,146
Two-Year	168	111	582	585	154	181	500	231	163	37	155	182	420	375	92	3,936
Four-Year	1,512	754	4,500	1,906	1,288	949	668	713	505	320	1,351	513	375	3,281	1,061	19,696
GRAND TOTAL (138)	1,680	865	5,082	2,491	1,442	1,130	1,168	944	668	357	1,506	695	795	3,656	1,153	23,632



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**Table 10: Five-Year Enrollment Summary, New and Continuing Students, 2004 - 2008**

State	2004		2005		2006		2007		2008	
	Received	Sent	Received	Sent	Received	Sent	Received	Sent	Received	Sent
Alaska	328	1,708	432	1,613	464	1,664	446	1,610	499	1,680
Arizona	1,870	724	1,873	742	2,348	789	2,736	893	3,292	865
California	112	1,844	109	1,933	314	2,973	408	3,807	553	5,082
Colorado	1,929	2,153	1,607	2,286	1,507	2,496	1,486	2,632	1,562	2,491
Hawaii	2,121	1,299	1,983	1,337	2,083	1,363	2,050	1,403	1,998	1,442
Idaho	1,403	1,237	1,524	1,260	1,931	1,192	1,908	1,107	2,550	1,130
Montana	1,471	1,399	1,670	1,359	1,688	1,321	1,724	1,162	1,637	1,168
Nevada	2,806	752	2,776	750	2,946	864	2,726	874	2,737	944
New Mexico	145	826	96	684	197	654	402	671	460	668
North Dakota	1,797	483	1,735	440	1,386	462	1,408	402	1,437	357
Oregon	1,210	1,510	1,326	1,427	1,504	1,516	1,659	1,506	1,939	1,506
South Dakota	1,308	1,163	1,330	1,083	1,373	818	1,286	749	1,289	695
Utah	944	834	872	752	844	761	768	778	715	795
Washington	690	2,609	774	2,957	759	3,280	717	3,257	818	3,656
Wyoming	1,938	1,531	2,084	1,568	2,234	1,425	2,370	1,243	2,146	1,153
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,072</b>	<b>20,072</b>	<b>20,191</b>	<b>20,191</b>	<b>21,578</b>	<b>21,578</b>	<b>22,094</b>	<b>22,094</b>	<b>23,632</b>	<b>23,632</b>

Note: University of Wyoming’s WUE enrollment numbers are based on end of Fall data from the previous year.

## Part IV – WICHE Scholars Program

The WICHE Scholars program offers a way for states to extend tuition assistance to their residents for programs not available in either public institutions in the home state or other WICHE exchange programs. The student pays resident tuition (or the balance of the standard tuition charge in private institutions).

The sending state pays, through WICHE, the remainder of either the nonresident tuition charge or the standard tuition in private institutions. In 2008-09, no students were enrolled as WICHE Scholars.



The fifteen member states of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) work collaboratively to expand educational access and excellence for all citizens of the West.

By promoting innovation, cooperation, resource sharing, and sound public policy among states and institutions, WICHE strengthens higher education's contributions to the region's social, economic, and civic life.

Member states are Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

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