

**WSJ #3** - In Minnesota (and across the nation), tuition and fees for state residents have more than doubled in the past decade....MN's tuition is \$13,524, the average public 4-year tuition in the nation is \$8,655, the average private 4-year tuition is \$29,056. (page 2, paragraph 1)

### Resident Undergraduate Tuition & Fees at Public Institutions in the WICHE Region

Academic Year Rates for Full-time Students (enrolled in 15 credit hours per semester or equivalent)

source: WICHE, Tuition and Fees in Public Higher Education in the West, 2012-2013

Tuition and Fees				% Change		
2012-13	2011-12	2007-08	2002-03	1-year 2011-12 to 2012-13	5-year 2007-08 to 2012-13	10-year 2002-03 to 2012-13

#### DOCTORAL GRANTING

<b>Montana</b>	<b>6,339</b>	<b>6,075</b>	<b>5,445</b>	<b>3,996</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>16.4%</b>	<b>58.6%</b>
Montana State University	6,705	6,428	5,749	3,959	4.3%	16.6%	69.4%
Univeristy of Montana*	5,973	5,722	5,141	4,033	4.4%	16.2%	48.1%
<b>WICHE Average</b>	<b>7,825</b>	<b>7,460</b>	<b>5,221</b>	<b>3,460</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>49.9%</b>	<b>126.1%</b>

\*lower division rate

#### 4-YEAR (MA/BA)

<b>Montana</b>	<b>5,268</b>	<b>5,058</b>	<b>4,707</b>	<b>3,601</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>46.3%</b>
MSU Billings	5,711	5,470	5,132	3,974	4.4%	11.3%	43.7%
MSU Northern*	4,817	4,643	4,356	3,315	3.7%	10.6%	45.3%
MT Tech*	6,435	6,175	5,682	4,085	4.2%	13.3%	57.5%
UM Western*	4,109	3,945	3,659	3,031	4.2%	12.3%	35.6%
<b>WICHE Average</b>	<b>6,085</b>	<b>5,753</b>	<b>4,274</b>	<b>2,871</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>42.4%</b>	<b>111.9%</b>

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2-YEAR							
<b>Montana</b>	<b>3,372</b>	<b>3,344</b>	<b>3,144</b>	<b>2,433</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>7.2%</b>	<b>38.6%</b>
Dawson CC*	3,083	3,083	2,736	1,802	0.0%	12.7%	71.1%
Flathead Valley CC*	3,730	3,657	3,080	1,922	2.0%	21.1%	94.1%
Miles CC*	3,720	3,630	3,420	1,950	2.5%	8.8%	90.8%
City College at MSUB	3,747	3,719	3,592	2,915	0.8%	4.3%	28.5%
Great Falls College MSU	3,077	3,069	2,982	2,493	0.3%	3.2%	23.4%
Highlands College of MT Tech	3,155	3,142	3,069	2,852	0.4%	2.8%	10.6%
Helena College UM	3,061	3,061	2,978	2,635	0.0%	2.8%	16.2%
Missoula College UM	3,404	3,392	3,297	2,891	0.4%	3.2%	17.7%
<b>WICHE Average</b>	<b>3,232</b>	<b>3,067</b>	<b>2,397</b>	<b>1,618</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>34.8%</b>	<b>99.7%</b>

\*in-district

public access to data:

<http://www.wiche.edu/pub/16527>

### MUS Summary Points

Over past 10 years (2003 – 2013) tuition and fees have grown at a slower pace in the Montana University System than any other state in the western region.

While the average ten year tuition increase across the region has more than doubled, rates in the MUS have grown at less than half those rates.