



# Resident Undergraduate Tuition and Fees

	Current 2002-03 Tuition and Fees			With Proposed Increases* 2003-04 Tuition and Fees		
		Peer Midpoint	Rank		Peer Midpoint**	Rank
UW-Madison	\$4,423	\$5,509	8th of 9	\$5,123	\$5,950	7th of 9
UW-Milwaukee	\$4,353	\$5,670	12th of 15	\$5,053	\$6,124	12th of 15
UW Comprehensives	\$3,604	\$4,462	34th of 35	\$4,104	\$4,826	31st of 35



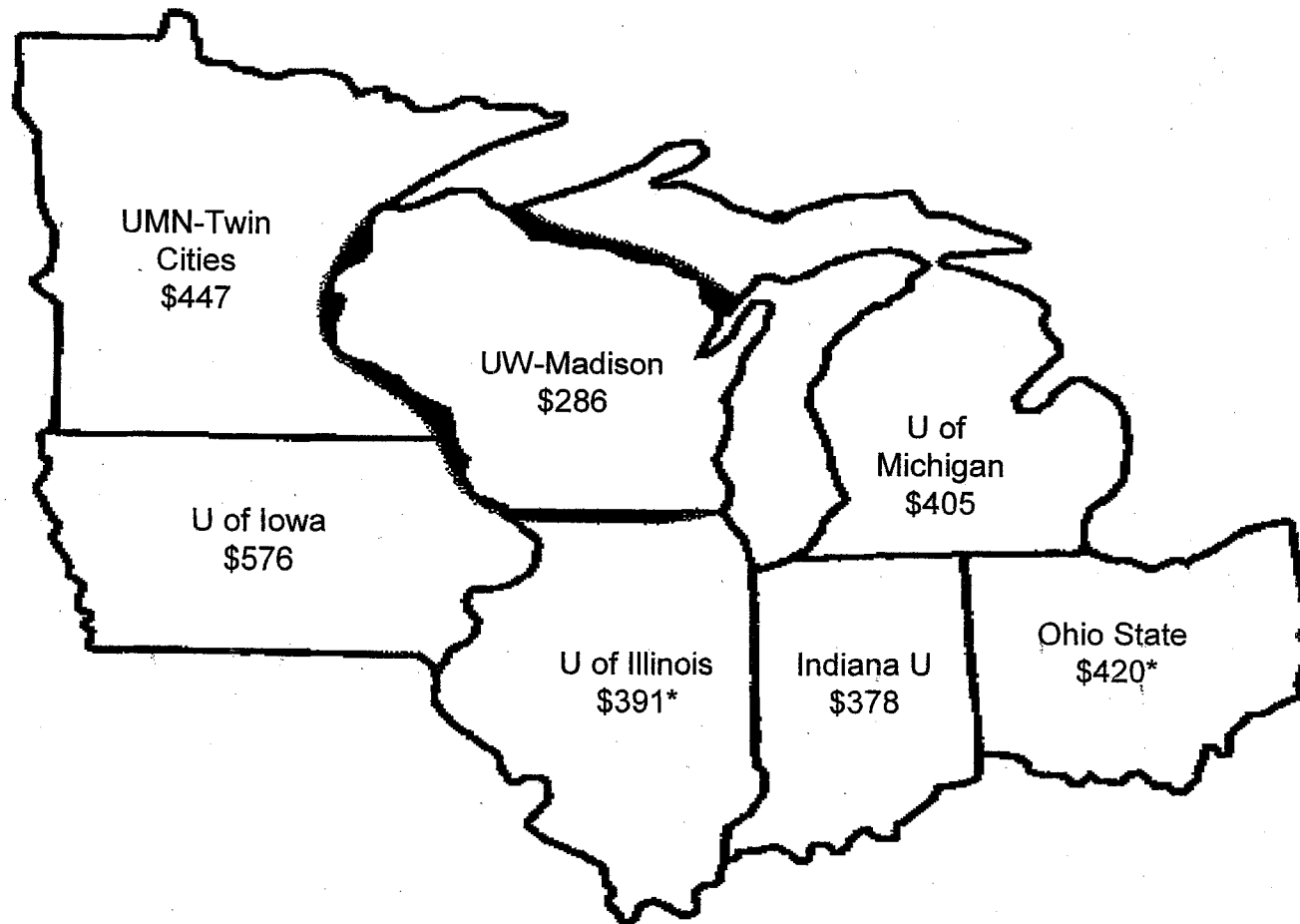
Offset in part by \$6.9 M increase in financial aid.

\* \$350/sem. Madison & Milwaukee; \$250/sem. Comps

\*\* Calculated using estimated tuition increases for peers



## 2002-03 Tuition Increase (Flagship Institutions)



\* Tuition Increase for Returning Students



## *Facts about Tuition*

### How much is UW System undergraduate tuition?

Currently, annual tuition in the UW System ranges from \$3,854 at UW-Madison to an average of about \$3,000 at UW comprehensive campuses to roughly \$2,700 at the two-year UW Colleges.

#### *2002-03 Undergraduate Tuition*

<b>Doctoral</b>		
	<i>Resident</i>	<i>Nonresident</i>
Madison	\$3,854	\$17,854
Milwaukee	\$3,738	\$16,490
<b>Comprehensive campuses</b>		
	<i>Resident</i>	<i>Nonresident</i>
Eau Claire	\$3,110	\$13,156
Green Bay	\$3,000	\$13,046
La Crosse	\$3,000	\$13,046
Oshkosh	\$3,000	\$13,046
Parkside	\$3,000	\$13,046
Platteville	\$3,000	\$13,046
River Falls	\$3,000	\$13,046
Stevens Point	\$3,000	\$13,046
Stout	\$3,150	\$13,196
Superior	\$3,000	\$13,046
Whitewater	\$3,105	\$13,151
<b>UW Colleges</b>		
	<i>Resident</i>	<i>Nonresident</i>
All	\$2,700	\$11,400

### How do UW System tuition and fees compare to those of similar universities?

UW System resident tuition and fees are substantially lower than resident tuition and fees at most other public universities of similar size and mission.

#### **2002-03 Resident Undergraduate Tuition and Fees**

	UW Tuition & Fees	Peer Midpoint	Distance From Midpoint	Rank
UW-Madison	\$4,423	\$5,509	-\$1,086	8th of 9
UW-Milwaukee	\$4,353	\$5,670	-\$1,317	12th of 15
UW Comprehensives	\$3,604	\$4,462	-\$858	34th of 35

Meanwhile, non-resident (out-of-state) tuition and fees in the UW System are among the highest compared to similar universities.

**2002-03 Non-Resident Undergraduate  
Tuition and Fees**

	UW Tuition & Fees	Peer Midpoint	Distance From Midpoint	Rank
UW-Madison	\$18,423	\$15,342	\$3,081	2nd of 9
UW-Milwaukee	\$17,105	\$11,578	\$5,527	2nd of 15
UW Comprehensives	\$13,650	\$10,140	\$3,510	4th of 35

**How is tuition set for UW institutions?**

Tuition for the UW System is established for categories of students by the UW System Board of Regents. However, resident undergraduate tuition rates are set within limits established by the Legislature.

When it proposes increases in tuition, the Board of Regents strives to balance educational quality, access and ability to pay. The regents recommend tuition increases should be moderate and predictable, subject to the need to maintain quality. For many years, the regents encouraged legislators to keep state financial aid commensurate with general tuition increases, and that change was included in state law last year.

**How does state funding affect tuition?**

Tuition paid by Wisconsin undergraduates covers 39.1 percent of the cost of their education. State taxpayers provide the remainder (60.9 percent).

Non-resident students do not receive a state subsidy, and therefore, pay much higher tuition. For example, non-resident students at UW-Madison pay about 186 percent of the cost of their education. Non-resident students provide more than \$26 million in tuition to subsidize the tuition of about 5,200 resident students each year.

**How does UW System tuition compare to other types of expenses?**

- One year's tuition at UW-Madison (\$3,854) is about half the average annual cost of childcare for a Wisconsin 4-year-old (\$7,526).
- One year's tuition at UW-Madison is also about the cost of a Sony big screen TV (\$3,499).
- One semester's tuition at UW-Madison is equivalent to the cost of a Macintosh PowerBook computer (\$1,927).
- One day's tuition at UW-Madison is less than the cost of tickets to a first-run movie for a family of four (\$26).

**How valuable is a UW System degree?**

According to the U. S. Department of Commerce, college graduates will earn nearly \$1 million more during their working careers than individuals with just high school diplomas.