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Executive Summary

The State of Colorado meets the requirements of C.R.S. 23-1-105.5 (2)(a) through this Tuition and Fees Report. As required in statute, the report includes the governing boards, fee policies, the collection and use of student fees, and tuition rates.

In the State there are 10 public governing boards, two local area colleges and three area technical colleges—30 institutions in total.

This report provides comparative data across similar institutions and details the average tuition rate increases Colorado students experienced between the 2024–2025 and 2025–2026 academic years.

Tuition increases are detailed each year by the General Assembly in a Long Bill footnote. From academic year 2024-25 to 2025-26, statewide resident undergraduate tuition and fees rates increased an average of 3.7%, with two-year institutions increasing an average of 4.1% and four-year institutions increasing an average of 3.5%. Statewide non-resident undergraduate tuition and fees rates increased an average of 4.0%, with two-year institutions increasing an average of 5.2% and four-year institutions increasing an average of 3.2%.

For graduate programs, statewide resident tuition and fees rates increased an average of 3.2%, and non-resident tuition and fees increased an average of 2.5%.

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Introduction

The tuition and fee data in this report will show the growth in student tuition and fees from Academic Year 2024-2025 to Academic Year 2025-2026 increased for all students at two and four-year public institutions of higher education.

Methodology and Definitions

Methodology

Tuition and fee data used in this report are collected annually by CDHE. Public institutions of higher education submit data on their base and differential tuition rates, separated by credit hour, student level (undergraduate and graduate) and student residency. The Department compiles this information for use in the report. Institutions verify that the data, as presented in the tables that follow, are correct prior to publication of this report.

Definitions

To assess trends in tuition and fees, it is important to understand some higher education terminology:

1. **Student Groups** encompasses the following:
 - a. In-district undergraduate, out-of-district undergraduate, resident undergraduate, non-resident undergraduate, resident graduate, non-resident graduate, resident professional and non-resident professional students.
 - b. In-district and out-of-district classifications are limited to the local district colleges (Aims and Colorado Mountain College), which have the ability to collect certain local taxes, thereby enabling a lower rate for those students who live within that tax district.
- **Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Student:** The number of full-time equivalent students at an institution. For undergraduate students, FTE is calculated by taking the total number of credit hours divided by 30 credit hours per year for a school following the semester system and 45 credit hours for a school following the quarter system. For graduate students, the total number of credit hours is divided by 24 hours in a semester system and 36 hours in a quarter system.
2. A student planning to attend a public college or university in Colorado should expect to pay the charges defined as follows:

- a. **Mandatory Fees:** A fixed sum charged to all students for items not covered by tuition and required by such a large proportion of all students that the student who does not pay the charge is an exception. Mandatory student charges can be used to support a range of activities and programs related to the student experience, including but not limited to instruction, research and public service, academic support, student health services, athletics, recreational activities, campus transportation and capital debt service.
- b. **Designated Fees:** Student charges assessed to specific students based on course enrollment, program participation or services used.
- c. **Tuition and Fees:** Sum of tuition and mandatory fees (designated fee data is submitted to CDHE as part of the Institutional Plan for Student Fees). This sum equates to the base charges for an institution of higher education.
- d. **Room and Board:** Optional charges used to support the on-campus housing and dining functions for students choosing to live and/or eat on campus.

- **Cost of Attendance:** The total expected cost to students and their families, excluding student financial aid. This total includes the sum of tuition, mandatory fees, room, and board.

3. Various financing mechanisms are employed by institutions of higher education to determine a student's final cost of attendance:
 - a. **Base Tuition:** A tuition minimum whereby institutions charge the lowest amount before all other tuition costs or fees.
 - b. **Tuition Differential:** A tuition setting strategy whereby an institution charges a higher per-credit-hour rate for programs that cost more to deliver.
 - c. **Credit Hour Window:** A tuition setting strategy whereby an institution charges a flat rate over a range of credit hours to encourage students to take a greater number of credit hours.
4. **Linear Tuition Structure:** A tuition setting strategy whereby students are charged the same amount per credit hour, regardless of the number of hours taken.
5. **Clocked Hours:** A tuition setting strategy based on the hours required by a student to practice or study.

Tuition-Setting Process

Governing boards have the responsibility and authority for the financial management of their institutions. A major component of sound financial management is setting tuition. Since institutions have unique roles and missions and differing student needs, governing boards are best equipped to set tuition and account for the fiduciary duty to their respective institutions. The Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) has a responsibility to exercise oversight and to ensure that educational quality and student access are maintained. While governing boards determine the tuition for the institutions they govern, they often do so within certain statutory parameters. For example, HB 16-1405 reestablished the appropriation of tuition and variable tuition rate limits through footnotes in the Long Bill.

Tuition setting usually occurs in the spring to allow incoming and returning students to make financial decisions in preparation for the upcoming year. The actual impact of tuition rate increases on individual students varies and depends on several factors, such as the student's area of study and eligibility for financial aid. A governing board's tuition price determination process includes a variety of aspects that depend on the pricing strategy at the institution.

In addition to setting tuition, governing boards are also able to determine the amounts and types of fees collected by their institution. In setting fees, CCHE's fee policy states that "student fees should be used to support and enhance the overall student experience." The student body must receive notice of any planned increase in fees, and governing boards must also establish methods of receiving student input regarding fees.

Governing boards must adopt an Institutional Plan for Student Fees containing information, guidance, policies, and procedures regarding all fees assessed at the institution, and are required to review that plan each year.

Undergraduate Tuition and Fee Rate Changes

Tuition and mandatory fees comprise the base charges for an institution of higher education. In academic year 2025-26, the long bill footnotes assumed higher education institutions had the ability to increase their undergraduate resident tuition by up to 3.5%.¹ Tables 1 through 4 detail the base tuition and fee rate increases by institution for resident and non-resident undergraduate students for the two most recent academic years. All rates are based on 30 credit hours per academic year.

Resident Undergraduate Tuition and Fees

From academic year 2024-25 to 2025-26, statewide resident undergraduate base tuition increased an average of 3.7%, with four-year institutions increasing an average of 3.7% and two-year institutions increasing an average of 3.6%. Statewide resident fees increased an average of 3.7%, with four-year institutions increasing an average of 2.2% and two-year institutions increasing an average of 8.9%. Combined, statewide resident undergraduate tuition and fees increased an average of 3.7%, with four-year institutions increasing an average of 3.5% and two-year institutions increasing an average of 4.1%.

¹ Senate Bill 25-206. Page 101.
<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb25-206>

Table 1: Resident Undergraduate Base Tuition and Fees, AY 2024-25 to 2025-26

Institution	2024-25 Resident Tuition	2025-26 Resident Tuition	1-Year % Change Resident Tuition	2024-25 Resident Fees	2025-26 Resident Fees	1- Year % Change Resident Fees
Four-Year Institutions Average	\$10,708	\$11,108	3.7%	\$2,446	\$2,500	2.2%
Adams State University	\$6,120	\$6,264	2.4%	\$3,703	\$3,703	0.0%
Colorado Mesa University	\$9,436	\$9,766	3.5%	\$1,200	\$1,224	2.0%
Colorado School of Mines	\$22,410	\$22,980	2.5%	\$2,984	\$3,158	5.8%
Colorado State University	\$14,089	\$14,460	2.6%	\$2,699	\$2,736	1.4%
Colorado State University - Pueblo	\$8,846	\$9,155	3.5%	\$3,228	\$3,386	4.9%
Fort Lewis College	\$7,776	\$8,040	3.4%	\$2,118	\$2,547	20.3%
Metropolitan State University of Denver	\$9,135	\$9,456	3.5%	\$1,989	\$2,084	4.7%
University of Northern Colorado	\$9,047	\$9,365	3.5%	\$2,854	\$2,967	4.0%
Western Colorado University	\$7,308	\$7,476	2.3%	\$4,009	\$4,035	0.6%
University of Colorado - Boulder	\$12,312	\$13,566	10.2%	\$1,690	\$1,040	-38.5%
University of Colorado - Colorado Springs	\$10,318	\$10,680	3.5%	\$1,858	\$1,964	5.7%
University of Colorado - Denver	\$11,700	\$12,090	3.3%	\$1,023	\$1,163	13.6%
Two-Year Institutions (Aims, CMC, + CCCS) Average	\$4,769	\$4,938	3.6%	\$536	\$584	8.9%
Aims Community College	\$2,460	\$2,610	6.1%	\$350	\$410	17.1%
Colorado Mountain College	\$3,120	\$3,210	2.9%	\$150	\$150	0.0%
Colorado Community College System (CCCS)	\$5,073	\$5,250	3.5%	\$580	\$631	8.7%
Arapahoe Community College	\$5,073	\$5,250	3.5%	\$307	\$426	38.6%
Colorado Northwestern Community College	\$5,073	\$5,250	3.5%	\$574	\$824	43.5%
Community College of Aurora	\$5,073	\$5,250	3.5%	\$357	\$366	2.5%
Community College of Denver	\$5,073	\$5,250	3.5%	\$1,101	\$1,114	1.2%
Front Range Community College	\$5,073	\$5,250	3.5%	\$463	\$510	10.3%
Lamar Community College	\$5,073	\$5,250	3.5%	\$573	\$582	1.7%
Morgan Community College	\$5,073	\$5,250	3.5%	\$194	\$341	76.1%
Northeastern Junior College	\$5,073	\$5,250	3.5%	\$621	\$634	2.1%
Otero College	\$5,073	\$5,250	3.5%	\$550	\$562	2.3%
Pikes Peak State College (fka Pikes Peak Community College)	\$5,073	\$5,250	3.5%	\$552	\$564	2.2%
Pueblo Community College	\$5,073	\$5,250	3.5%	\$991	\$1,014	2.3%
Red Rocks Community College	\$5,073	\$5,250	3.5%	\$715	\$662	-7.4%
Trinidad State College	\$5,073	\$5,250	3.5%	\$550	\$604	10.0%
All Institutions Average	\$7,408	\$7,680	3.7%	\$1,385	\$1,436	3.7%

Notes: Rates based on 30 credit hours per academic year. **The University of Colorado** Boulder is allowed an exception for this fiscal year due to realigning fees as tuition, according to Footnote 29 in the Long bill: "except that mandatory student fees up to a total of \$794 for 30 credit hours at the University of Colorado Boulder may be incorporated into resident tuition rates, with no resulting effective combined tuition and mandatory fee increase to any student, and any incorporated fees shall never be reestablished as a student fee."

Source: Colorado Department of Higher Education Institutional Data Submissions

Table 2: Resident Undergraduate Combined Base Tuition and Fees, AY 2024-25 to 2025-26

Institution	2024-25 Resident Tuition & Fees	2025-26 Resident Tuition & Fees	1-Year % Change Resident Tuition & Fees
Four-Year Institutions Average	\$13,154	\$13,609	3.5%
Adams State University	\$9,823	\$9,967	1.5%
Colorado Mesa University	\$10,636	\$10,990	3.3%
Colorado School of Mines	\$25,394	\$26,138	2.9%
Colorado State University	\$16,788	\$17,196	2.4%
Colorado State University - Pueblo	\$12,074	\$12,541	3.9%
Fort Lewis College	\$9,894	\$10,587	7.0%
Metropolitan State University of Denver	\$11,124	\$11,540	3.7%
University of Northern Colorado	\$11,900	\$12,332	3.6%
Western Colorado University	\$11,317	\$11,511	1.7%
University of Colorado - Boulder	\$14,002	\$14,606	4.3%
University of Colorado - Colorado Springs	\$12,176	\$12,644	3.8%
University of Colorado - Denver	\$12,723	\$13,253	4.2%
Two-Year Institutions (Aims, CMC, + CCCS) Average	\$5,305	\$5,522	4.1%
Aims Community College	\$2,810	\$3,020	7.5%
Colorado Mountain College	\$3,270	\$3,360	2.8%
Colorado Community College System (CCCS)	\$5,653	\$5,881	4.0%
Arapahoe Community College	\$5,380	\$5,676	5.5%
Colorado Northwestern Community College	\$5,647	\$6,074	7.6%
Community College of Aurora	\$5,430	\$5,616	3.4%
Community College of Denver	\$6,174	\$6,364	3.1%
Front Range Community College	\$5,536	\$5,760	4.1%
Lamar Community College	\$5,646	\$5,832	3.3%
Morgan Community College	\$5,267	\$5,591	6.2%
Northeastern Junior College	\$5,694	\$5,884	3.3%
Otero College	\$5,623	\$5,812	3.4%
Pikes Peak State College (fka Pikes Peak Community College)	\$5,625	\$5,814	3.4%
Pueblo Community College	\$6,064	\$6,264	3.3%
Red Rocks Community College	\$5,788	\$5,912	2.1%
Trinidad State College	\$5,623	\$5,854	4.1%
All Institutions Average	\$8,794	\$9,116	3.7%

Notes: Rates based on 30 credit hours per academic year.

Source: Colorado Department of Higher Education Institutional Data Submissions

Non-Resident Undergraduate Tuition and Fees

During budget deliberations it was assumed public institutions would cap non-resident undergraduate tuition rate increases at 4%. From academic year 2024-25 to 2025-26, statewide non-resident undergraduate base tuition increased an average of 4.0%, with four-year institutions increasing an average of 3.3% and two-year institutions increasing an average of 5.0%. Statewide fees increased an average of 3.7%, with four-year institutions increasing an average of 2.2% and two-year institutions increasing an average of 8.9%. Combined, statewide non-resident undergraduate tuition and fees increased an average of 4.0%, with four-year institutions increasing an average of 3.2% and two-year institutions increasing an average of 5.2%.

Table 3: Non-Resident Undergraduate Base Tuition and Fees, AY 2024-25 to 2025-26

Institution	2024-25 Non- Resident Tuition	2025-26 Non- Resident Tuition	1-Year % Change Non- Resident Tuition	2024-25 Non- Resident Fees	2025-26 Non- Resident Fees	1- Year % Change Non- Resident Fees
Four-Year Institutions Average	\$28,021	\$28,938	3.3%	\$2,446	\$2,501	2.2%
Adams State University	\$18,240	\$18,696	2.5%	\$3,703	\$3,703	0.0%
Colorado Mesa University	\$25,719	\$26,619	3.5%	\$1,200	\$1,224	2.0%
Colorado School of Mines	\$42,840	\$44,130	3.0%	\$2,984	\$3,158	5.8%
Colorado State University	\$32,297	\$33,589	4.0%	\$2,699	\$2,736	1.4%
Colorado State University - Pueblo	\$19,125	\$19,794	3.5%	\$3,228	\$3,386	4.9%
Fort Lewis College	\$19,344	\$20,016	3.5%	\$2,118	\$2,547	20.3%
Metropolitan State University of Denver	\$28,695	\$29,700	3.5%	\$1,989	\$2,084	4.7%
University of Northern Colorado	\$24,125	\$25,091	4.0%	\$2,854	\$2,967	4.0%
Western Colorado University	\$20,424	\$20,928	2.5%	\$4,009	\$4,035	0.6%
University of Colorado - Boulder	\$41,932	\$43,708	4.2%	\$1,690	\$1,040	-38.5%
University of Colorado - Colorado Springs	\$28,050	\$28,710	2.4%	\$1,858	\$1,964	5.7%
University of Colorado - Denver	\$35,460	\$36,270	2.3%	\$1,023	\$1,163	13.6%
Two-Year Institutions (Aims, CMC, + CCCS) Average	\$15,799	\$16,593	5.0%	\$536	\$584	8.9%
Aims Community College	\$14,370	\$16,350	13.8%	\$350	\$410	17.1%
Colorado Mountain College	\$15,900	\$16,350	2.8%	\$150	\$150	0.0%
Colorado Community College System (CCCS)	\$15,901	\$16,630	4.6%	\$580	\$631	8.7%
Arapahoe Community College	\$20,823	\$21,551	3.5%	\$307	\$426	38.6%
Colorado Northwestern Community College	\$8,460	\$8,756	3.5%	\$574	\$824	43.5%
Community College of Aurora	\$20,823	\$21,551	3.5%	\$357	\$366	2.5%
Community College of Denver	\$20,823	\$21,551	3.5%	\$1,101	\$1,114	1.2%
Front Range Community College	\$20,823	\$21,551	3.5%	\$463	\$510	10.3%
Lamar Community College	\$8,460	\$8,756	3.5%	\$573	\$582	1.7%
Morgan Community College	\$19,254	\$21,551	11.9%	\$194	\$341	76.1%
Northeastern Junior College	\$8,460	\$8,756	3.5%	\$621	\$634	2.1%
Otero College	\$8,460	\$8,756	3.5%	\$550	\$562	2.3%
Pikes Peak State College (fka Pikes Peak Community College)	\$20,823	\$21,551	3.5%	\$552	\$564	2.2%
Pueblo Community College	\$20,823	\$21,551	3.5%	\$991	\$1,014	2.3%
Red Rocks Community College	\$20,217	\$21,551	6.6%	\$715	\$662	-7.4%
Trinidad State College	\$8,460	\$8,756	3.5%	\$550	\$604	10.0%
All Institutions Average	\$21,231	\$22,079	4.0%	\$1,385	\$1,436	3.7%

Notes: Rates based on 30 credit hours per academic year

Source: Colorado Department of Higher Education Institutional Data Submissions

Table 4: Non-Resident Undergraduate Combined Base Tuition and Fees, AY 2024-25 to 2025-26

Institution	2024-25 Non-Resident Tuition & Fees	2025-26 Non-Resident Tuition & Fees	1-Year % Change Non-Resident Tuition & Fees
Four-Year Institutions Average	\$30,467	\$31,438	3.2%
Adams State University	\$21,943	\$22,399	2.1%
Colorado Mesa University	\$26,919	\$27,843	3.4%
Colorado School of Mines	\$45,824	\$47,288	3.2%
Colorado State University	\$34,997	\$36,325	3.8%
Colorado State University - Pueblo	\$22,353	\$23,180	3.7%
Fort Lewis College	\$21,462	\$22,563	5.1%
Metropolitan State University of Denver	\$30,684	\$31,784	3.6%
University of Northern Colorado	\$26,979	\$28,058	4.0%
Western Colorado University	\$24,433	\$24,963	2.2%
University of Colorado - Boulder	\$43,622	\$44,748	2.6%
University of Colorado - Colorado Springs	\$29,908	\$30,674	2.6%
University of Colorado - Denver	\$36,483	\$37,433	2.6%
Two-Year Institutions (Aims, CMC, + CCCS) Average	\$16,335	\$17,177	5.2%
Aims Community College	\$14,720	\$16,760	13.9%
Colorado Mountain College	\$16,050	\$16,500	2.8%
Colorado Community College System (CCCS)	\$16,481	\$17,261	4.7%
Arapahoe Community College	\$21,130	\$21,977	4.0%
Colorado Northwestern Community College	\$9,034	\$9,580	6.0%
Community College of Aurora	\$21,180	\$21,917	3.5%
Community College of Denver	\$21,924	\$22,665	3.4%
Front Range Community College	\$21,286	\$22,061	3.6%
Lamar Community College	\$9,033	\$9,338	3.4%
Morgan Community College	\$19,448	\$21,892	12.6%
Northeastern Junior College	\$9,081	\$9,390	3.4%
Otero College	\$9,010	\$9,318	3.4%
Pikes Peak State College (fka Pikes Peak Community College)	\$21,375	\$22,115	3.5%
Pueblo Community College	\$21,814	\$22,565	3.4%
Red Rocks Community College	\$20,932	\$22,213	6.1%
Trinidad State College	\$9,010	\$9,360	3.9%
All Institutions Average	\$22,616	\$23,515	4.0%

Notes: Rates based on 30 credit hours per academic year.

Source: Colorado Department of Higher Education Institutional Data Submissions

Graduate Tuition and Fee Rate Changes

Tables 5 through 8 detail the base tuition and fee rate increases by institution for resident and non-resident graduate students for the two most recent academic years.

Resident Graduate Tuition and Fees

From academic year 2024-25 to 2025-26, statewide resident graduate base tuition increased an average of 3.4% and student fees increased an average of 2.3%. Combined, statewide resident graduate tuition and fees increased an average of 3.2%.

Table 5: Resident Graduate Base Tuition and Fees, AY 2024-25 to 2025-26

Institution	2024-25 Resident Tuition	2025-26 Resident Tuition	1-Year % Change Resident Tuition	2024-25 Resident Fees	2025-26 Resident Fees	1- Year % Change Resident Fees
Adams State University	\$9,912	\$9,912	0.0%	\$3,628	\$3,509	-3.3%
Colorado Mesa University	\$13,573	\$14,048	3.5%	\$960	\$979	2.0%
Colorado School of Mines	\$25,488	\$26,256	3.0%	\$2,984	\$3,158	5.8%
Colorado State University	\$11,494	\$11,839	3.0%	\$2,557	\$2,823	10.4%
Colorado State University - Pueblo	\$9,894	\$10,240	3.5%	\$2,644	\$2,709	2.5%
Fort Lewis College	\$9,720	\$10,056	3.5%	\$1,722	\$2,038	18.3%
Metropolitan State University of Denver	\$9,276	\$9,552	3.0%	\$1,760	\$1,667	-5.3%
University of Colorado - Boulder	\$13,392	\$14,482	8.1%	\$1,664	\$1,389	-16.6%
University of Colorado - Colorado Springs	\$14,976	\$15,504	3.5%	\$1,486	\$1,571	5.7%
University of Colorado - Denver	\$11,136	\$11,520	3.4%	\$946	\$930	-1.7%
University of Northern Colorado	\$15,432	\$16,200	5.0%	\$2,770	\$2,880	4.0%
Colorado Community College System	\$13,711	\$13,711	0.0%	\$513	\$531	3.4%
All Institutions Average	\$13,167	\$13,610	3.4%	\$1,970	\$2,015	2.3%

Notes: Red Rocks Community College provides a Master's in Physician Assistant Studies degree.

Source: Colorado Department of Higher Education Institutional Data Submissions.

Table 6: Resident Graduate Combined Base Tuition and Fees, AY 2024-25 to 2025-26

Institution	2024-25 Resident Tuition & Fees	2025-26 Resident Tuition & Fees	1-Year % Change Resident Tuition & Fees
Adams State University	\$13,540	\$13,421	-0.9%
Colorado Mesa University	\$14,533	\$15,027	3.4%
Colorado School of Mines	\$28,472	\$29,414	3.3%
Colorado State University	\$14,051	\$14,662	4.4%
Colorado State University - Pueblo	\$12,538	\$12,949	3.3%
Fort Lewis College	\$11,442	\$12,094	5.7%
Metropolitan State University of Denver	\$11,036	\$11,219	1.7%
University of Colorado - Boulder	\$15,056	\$15,871	5.4%
University of Colorado - Colorado Springs	\$16,462	\$17,075	3.7%
University of Colorado - Denver	\$12,082	\$12,450	3.0%
University of Northern Colorado	\$18,202	\$19,080	4.8%
Colorado Community College System	\$14,225	\$14,242	0.1%
All Institutions Average	\$15,137	\$15,625	3.2%

Notes: Red Rocks Community College provides a Master's in Physician Assistant Studies degree.

Source: Colorado Department of Higher Education Institutional Data Submissions.

Non-Resident Graduate Tuition and Fees

For academic year 2024-25 to 2025-26, statewide non-resident graduate base tuition increased an average of 2.6% and student fees increased an average of 2.3%. Combined, statewide non-resident graduate tuition and fees increased an average of 2.5%

Table 7: Non-Resident Graduate Base Tuition and Fees, AY 2024-25 to 2025-26

Institution	2024-25 Non- Resident Tuition	2025-26 Non- Resident Tuition	1-Year % Change Non- Resident Tuition	2024-25 Non- Resident Fees	2025-26 Non- Resident Fees	1- Year % Change Non- Resident Fees
Adams State University	\$10,656	\$10,656	0.0%	\$3,628	\$3,509	-3.3%
Colorado Mesa University	\$20,852	\$21,582	3.5%	\$960	\$979	2.0%
Colorado School of Mines	\$57,120	\$57,120	0.0%	\$2,984	\$3,158	5.8%
Colorado State University	\$28,182	\$29,028	3.0%	\$2,557	\$2,823	10.4%
Colorado State University - Pueblo	\$18,720	\$19,375	3.5%	\$2,644	\$2,709	2.5%
Fort Lewis College	\$9,720	\$10,056	3.5%	\$1,722	\$2,038	18.3%
Metropolitan State University of Denver	\$12,816	\$12,600	-1.7%	\$1,760	\$1,667	-5.3%
University of Colorado - Boulder	\$35,514	\$37,108	4.5%	\$1,664	\$1,389	-16.6%
University of Colorado - Colorado Springs	\$32,472	\$33,216	2.3%	\$1,486	\$1,571	5.7%
University of Colorado - Denver	\$34,944	\$35,736	2.3%	\$946	\$930	-1.7%
University of Northern Colorado	\$30,600	\$32,136	5.0%	\$2,770	\$2,880	4.0%
Colorado Community College System	\$17,990	\$18,890	5.0%	\$513	\$531	3.4%
All Institutions Average	\$25,799	\$26,459	2.6%	\$1,970	\$2,015	2.3%

Notes: Red Rocks Community College provides a Master's in Physician Assistant Studies degree.

Source: Colorado Department of Higher Education Institutional Data Submissions.

Table 8: Non-Resident Graduate Combined Base Tuition and Fees, AY 2024-25 to 2025-26

Institution	2024-25 Non-Resident Tuition & Fees	2025-26 Non-Resident Tuition & Fees	1-Year % Change Non-Resident Tuition & Fees
Adams State University	\$14,284	\$14,165	-0.8%
Colorado Mesa University	\$21,812	\$22,561	3.4%
Colorado School of Mines	\$60,104	\$60,278	0.3%
Colorado State University	\$30,739	\$31,851	3.6%
Colorado State University - Pueblo	\$21,364	\$22,084	3.4%
Fort Lewis College	\$11,442	\$12,094	5.7%
Metropolitan State University of Denver	\$14,576	\$14,267	-2.1%
University of Colorado - Boulder	\$37,178	\$38,497	3.5%
University of Colorado - Colorado Springs	\$33,958	\$34,787	2.4%
University of Colorado - Denver	\$35,890	\$36,666	2.2%
University of Northern Colorado	\$33,370	\$35,016	4.9%
Colorado Community College System	\$18,504	\$19,421	5.0%
All Institutions Average	\$27,768	\$28,474	2.5%

Notes: Red Rocks Community College provides a Master's in Physician Assistant Studies degree.

Source: Colorado Department of Higher Education Institutional Data Submissions.

Area Technical Colleges

For the fiscal year 2026 report, the Department worked with the area technical colleges (ATC) to ensure representation. The working group concluded that the data format that works for four and two-year institutions is not an accurate representation of the tuition structure for the ATCs.

The area technical colleges include Emily Griffith Technical College, Pickens Technical College and Technical College of the Rockies. These institutions set tuition rates based on the actual cost of delivering programs, or a break-even cost recovery model. Thus, each program is set at the rate of program costs divided by the number of students, with each program is calculated separately. The costs of each program range from \$1,000 to \$15,000 for the 2025-2026 academic year.

Costs that contribute to this model generally include faculty and staff, instructional materials and other program-specific expenses. All costs associated with tuition are necessary to meet industry certification standards. Mandatory fees to students generally include technology fees, liability fees, and administration fees. Some ATCs charge fees by term and some by clocked hours.

Conclusion

The data in this report show that tuition and fees rates from academic year 2024-2025 to academic year 2025-2026 increased for all students at two and four-year public institutions of higher education; 3.7% for resident undergraduate students and 4.0% for non-resident undergraduate students. Tuition and fees rates also increased 3.2% for resident graduate students, and 2.5% for non-resident graduate students on average.