



MIDWESTERN
HIGHER EDUCATION
— COMPACT —

2024-25
Midwest Student
Exchange Program
Data Report

ABOUT THE MSEP

INTRODUCTION

The Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC) helps improve access to postsecondary education through the Midwest Student Exchange Program (MSEP). Since 1994, the MSEP has provided more affordable opportunities for students to attend out-of-state institutions. The MSEP serves as the Midwest's largest multi-state tuition reciprocity program. Over 60 colleges and universities in Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, and Wisconsin have opened their doors to each other's citizens at more affordable rates for undergraduates and some graduate students. Although the MHEC is composed of 12 Midwestern states, the MSEP is a voluntary program (as are all MHEC programs) with Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, and South Dakota electing not to participate in the 2025 fiscal year.

This report shares data on the impact of MSEP on students and institutions, including student cost savings, enrollment by institution and by state, and degree program participation.

In recent years, however, MSEP participation has declined significantly, both in overall student numbers and in the total tuition savings realized across the region. While MHEC remains committed to advancing affordable interstate higher education options, this downward trend raises important questions about whether the current program model continues to serve states' evolving needs. As part of its mission to respond to shifting postsecondary landscapes and student

mobility patterns, MHEC will assess whether the MSEP structure still delivers value. If it no longer aligns with member states' strategic goals or enrollment realities, MHEC is prepared to reimagine the program to better advance affordability and opportunity across the region.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

MHEC makes it easy for counselors, parents and students to find information about institutions participating in the MSEP by using the online search tool at msep.mhec.org. Through the program, public institutions agree to charge students no more than 150% of the in-state resident tuition rate and private institutions offer a 10% reduction on their tuition¹ rates. Institutions may limit the MSEP to specific programs or degree levels. Students must enroll as a non-resident student at a participating MSEP campus to receive the discount. Actual savings through the program will vary from institution to institution depending upon the tuition rates.

TOTAL STUDENT SAVINGS FOR FY25

\$22,721,854

FY25 MSEP STUDENT SAVINGS AVERAGE

Overall	\$7,752
Community College	\$1,170
University	\$7,975

¹ The IPEDS Glossary defines tuition as the amount of money charged to students for instructional services. Tuition may be charged per term, per course, or per credit. Retrieved

April 18, 2025.
<https://surveys.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/public/glossary>

MSEP ENROLLMENT STATISTICS

MSEP ENROLLMENT

by students' home state of residence

STATE	Enrollment FY25	Difference from FY24
Illinois	874	-692
Indiana	136	-33
Kansas	253	-41
Michigan	78	-53
Minnesota	344	-169
Missouri	284	-105
Nebraska	458	-40
North Dakota	36	-4
Ohio	317	-40
Wisconsin	151	-214
Total	2,931	-1,391

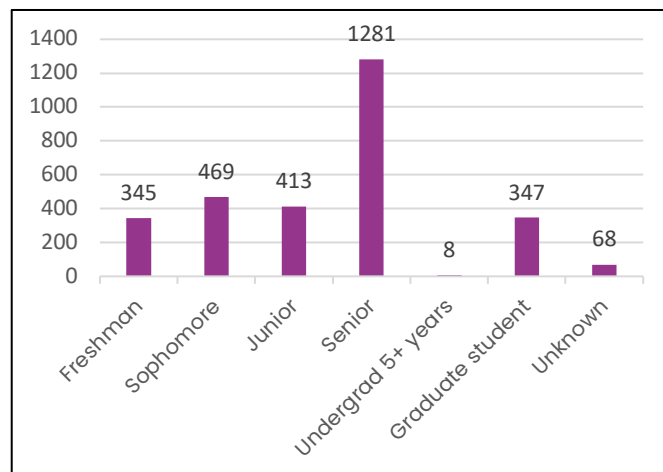
MSEP MIGRATION

STATE	IN MIGRATION	OUT MIGRATION
Illinois	0*	874
Indiana	632	136
Kansas	278	253
Michigan	0*	78
Minnesota	34	344
Missouri	712	284
Nebraska	17	458
North Dakota	100	36
Ohio	60	317
Wisconsin	1098	151

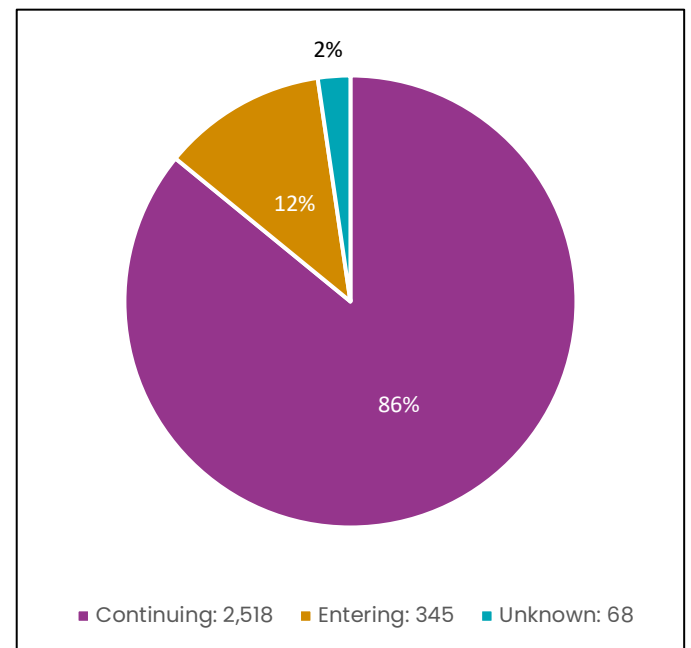
FY25 MSEP ENROLLMENT

Overall	2,931
Community College	96
University	2,835

MSEP STUDENT STANDING



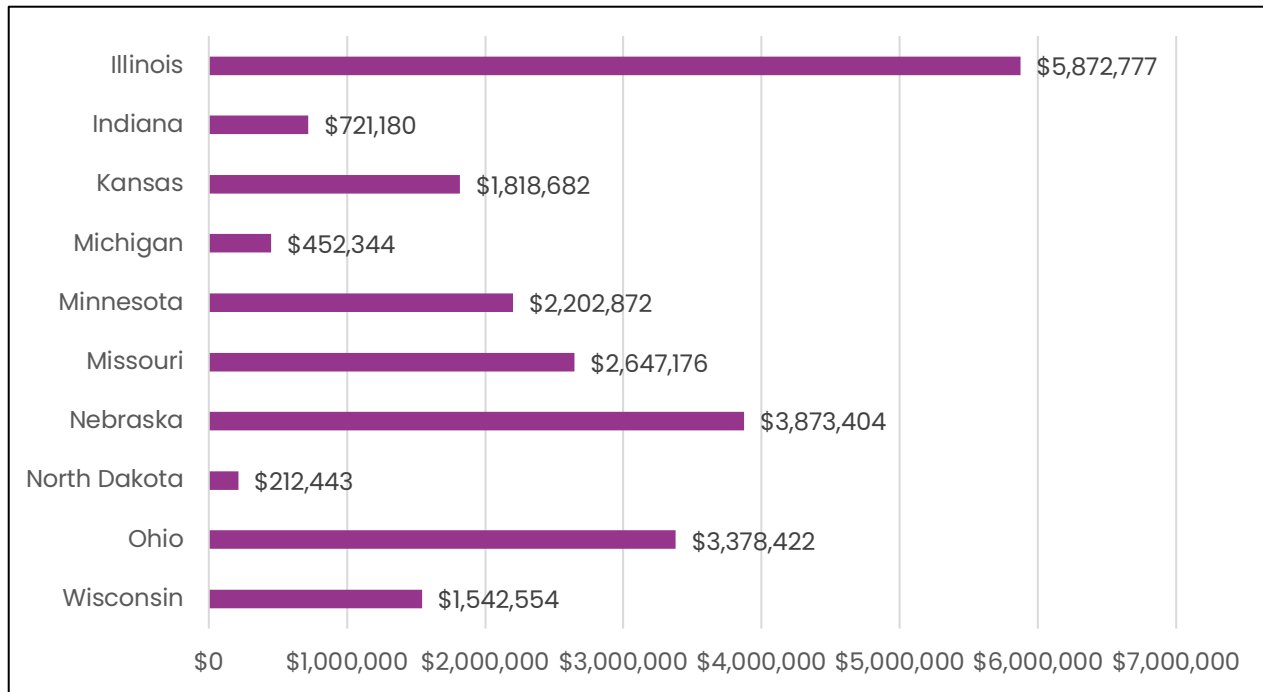
MSEP ENROLLMENT STATUS



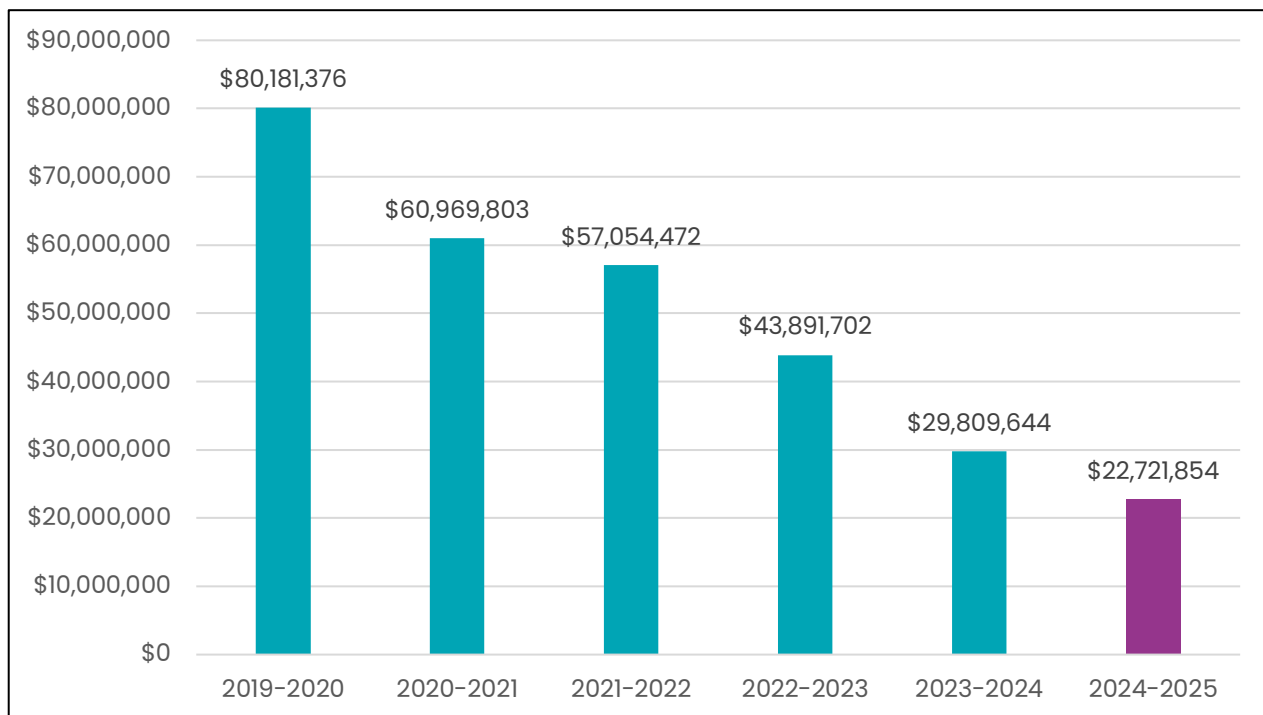
*Students were grandfathered in due to the states' inactive statuses.

MSEP TUITION SAVINGS

MSEP STUDENT TUITION SAVINGS BY HOME STATE OF RESIDENCE*



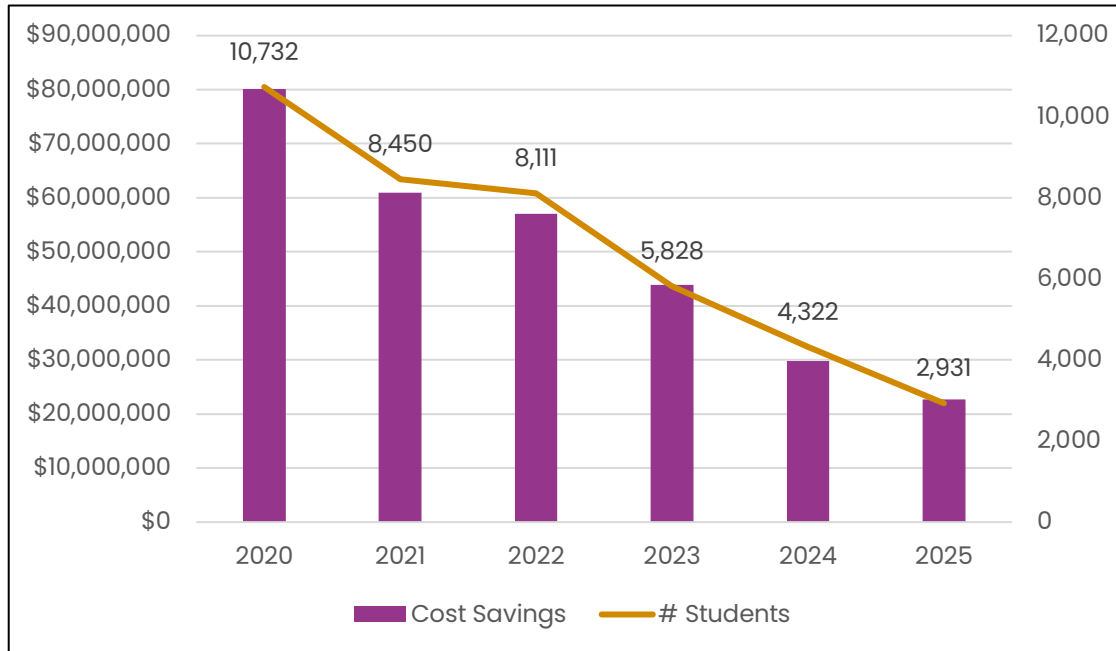
MSEP STUDENT TUITION SAVINGS BY YEAR*



*Tables reflect aggregate savings.

DETAILED MSEP ENROLLMENT – OVERALL PROGRAM

MSEP ENROLLMENT AND COST SAVING TRENDS (OVERALL PROGRAM)*



*Data as reported by participating institutions

DETAILED MSEP ENROLLMENT

by home state of residence

Institution Name	Illinois	Indiana	Kansas	Michigan	Minnesota	Missouri	Nebraska	North Dakota	Ohio	Wisconsin	TOTAL
Ball State University			1		3	10			45	7	66
Central Community College		1	7		1	5			1	1	16
Fort Hays State University		2			3			1	3	2	11
Indiana State University			6	10	12	36	2	1		23	90
Indiana University Columbus	1			1						1	3
Indiana University East			1						34	1	36
Indiana University Fort Wayne	1								3	1	5
Indiana University Indianapolis	65		5	6	22	36	1	3	91	37	266
Indiana University Kokomo						2			6		8
Indiana University Northwest					1						1
Indiana University South Bend				1	1	1		1	10		14
Indiana University Southeast	1					2			7		10
Kansas State University	13	4			14	3	55	2	4	13	108
Mayville State University	2	1			59		1			5	68
Metropolitan Community College			7								7
Minnesota State University, Mankato	3	2	5		1	12	9	2			34
Missouri Southern State University		1		1	1				2	1	6
Northwest Missouri State University	9	1	169	2	6	2	359	3		4	555
Purdue University Fort Wayne	39	15		4	3	5			55	12	133
Shawnee State University	1	8	2							1	12
St. Louis Community College	61	3	3		2		1			3	73
Truman State University	10	3	7		1		2				23
University of Akron	1	22	1	3	4	11	1			5	48
University of Kansas		1			7	81	21	1	4	9	124
University of Missouri - Kansas City	1	2	20		4	13	6		2		48
University of Nebraska at Kearney										1	1
UW-Eau Claire	41	5	1	7		2		2	1		59
UW-Green Bay	4	15	2	13		9		2	8		53
UW-La Crosse	11	1		2		4		2	1		21
UW-Milwaukee	438	25	7	16	159	26		2	19		692
UW-Oshkosh	6	2		3	1	1			1		14
UW-Parkside	8										8
UW-River Falls	13	3	2	1		3		4	2		28
UW-Stevens Point	80	11	2	4	1	12		2	7		119
UW-Stout	39	5	1	4	1	6		6	7		69
UW-Whitewater	26	3	2			2			2		35
Valley City State University			2		24			1	1	4	32
Wichita State University					13			1	1	20	35
TOTAL	874	136	253	78	344	284	458	36	317	151	2,931

MSEP DEGREE PROGRAM PARTICIPATION – OVERALL

Degree Program	# of Students
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services	477
Health Professions and Related Programs	348
Education	294
Visual and Performing Arts	196
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	180
Psychology	166
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	139
Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities	132
Physical Sciences	109
Engineering	100
Computer and Information Sciences and Support Services	99
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, Fitness, and Kinesiology	85
Social Sciences	74
Agricultural/Animal/Plant/Veterinary Science and Related Fields	68
Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting and Related Protective Services	58
Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs	49
Library Science	43
English Language and Literature/Letters	36
History	36
Undecided/Unknown	36
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	32
Mathematics and Statistics	29
Engineering/Engineering-Related Technologies/Technicians	28
Architecture and Related Services	26
Legal Professions and Studies	20
Natural Resources and Conservation	18
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	12
Communications Technologies/Technicians and Support Services	11
Philosophy and Religious Studies	8
Transportation and Materials Moving	7
Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences	5
Culinary, Entertainment, and Personal Services	2
Military Technologies and Applied Sciences	2
Science Technologies/Technicians	2
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians	2
Personal Awareness and Self-Improvement	1
Construction Trades	1
Total	2,931

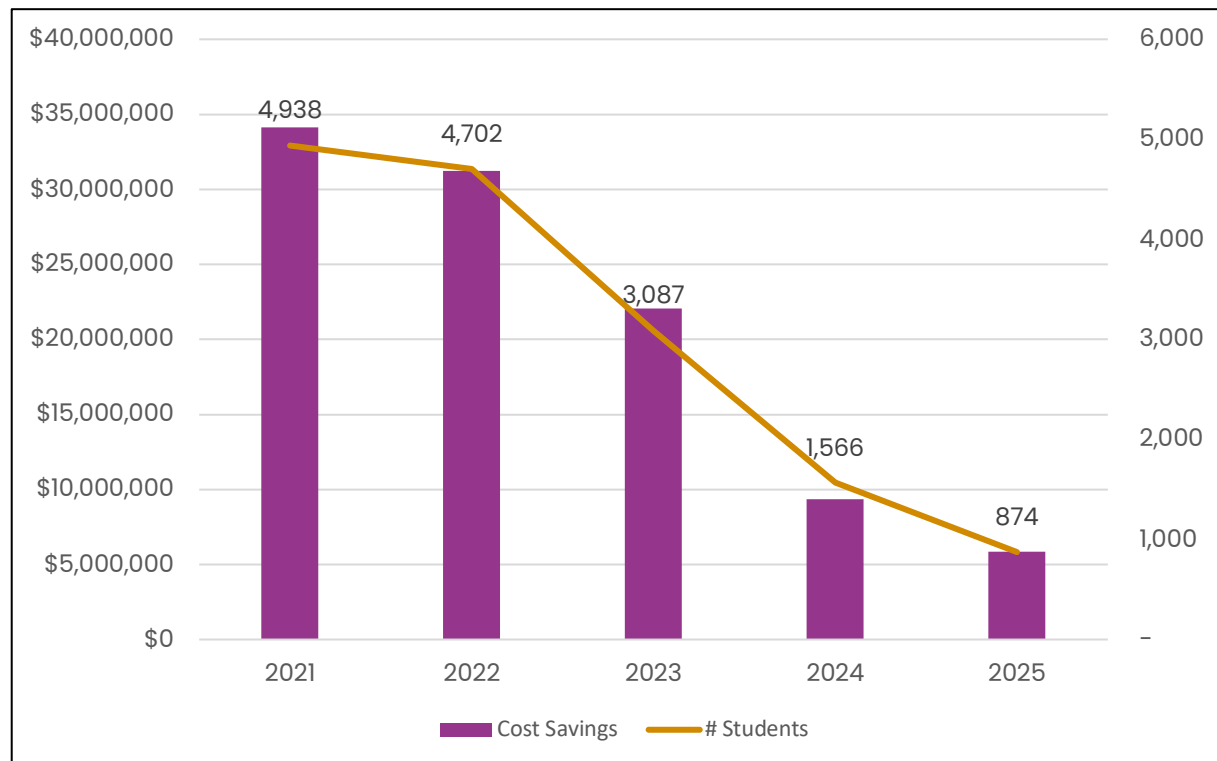
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DEGREE PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AND TUITION SAVINGS – ILLINOIS RESIDENTS

TOP TEN PROGRAMS OF STUDY (ILLINOIS RESIDENTS)

Degree Program	# of students
Health Professions and Related Programs	125
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services	121
Visual and Performing Arts	72
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	71
Education	58
Physical Sciences	52
Psychology	48
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	46
Engineering	35
Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities	32

MSEP ENROLLMENT AND COST SAVING TRENDS (ILLINOIS RESIDENTS)*



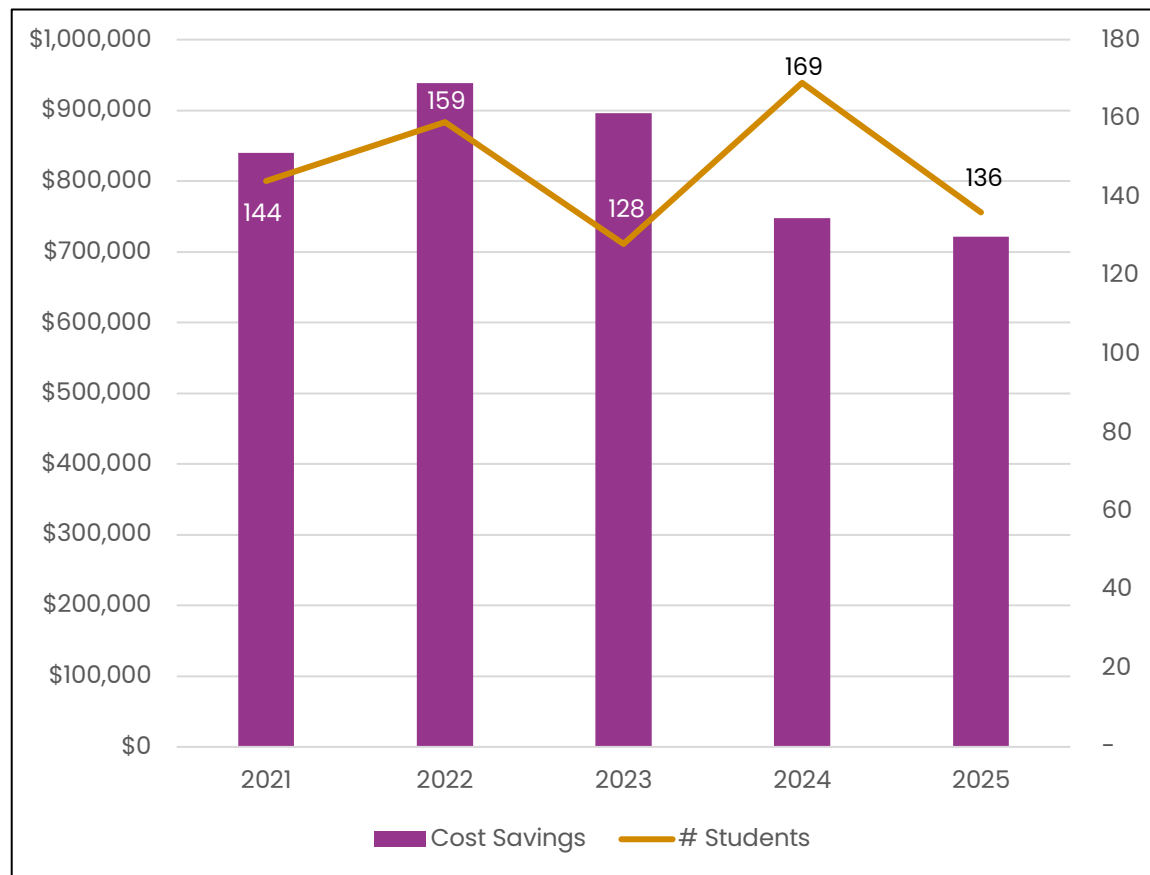
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DEGREE PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AND TUITION SAVINGS – INDIANA RESIDENTS

TOP FIVE PROGRAMS OF STUDY (INDIANA RESIDENTS)

Degree Program	# of students
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	14
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services	14
Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities	13
Health Professions and Related Programs	12
Visual and Performing Arts	11

MSEP ENROLLMENT AND COST SAVING TRENDS (INDIANA RESIDENTS)*



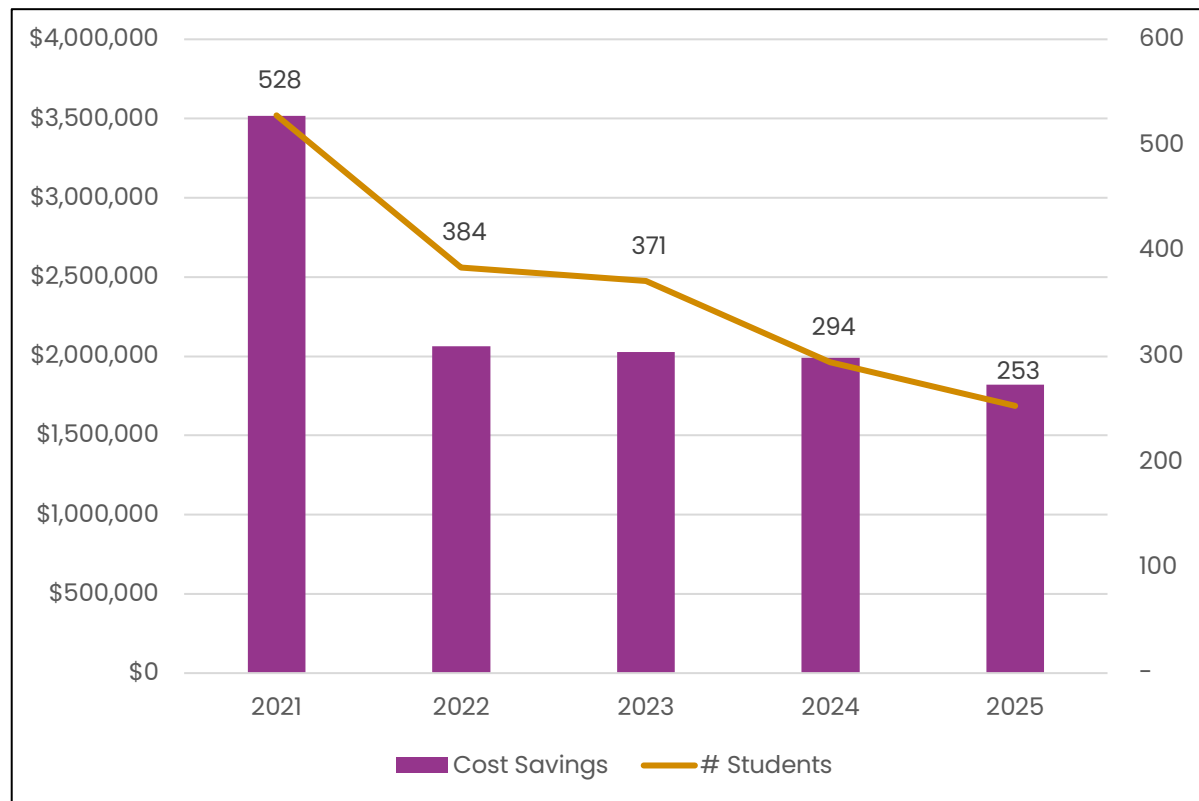
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DEGREE PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AND TUITION SAVINGS – KANSAS RESIDENTS

TOP TEN PROGRAMS OF STUDY (KANSAS RESIDENTS)

Degree Program	# of students
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services	42
Health Professions and Related Programs	40
Education	35
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	19
Psychology	14
Visual and Performing Arts	14
Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs	12
Computer and Information Sciences and Support Services	12
Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities	11
Agricultural/Animal/Plant/Veterinary Science and Related Fields	10

MSEP ENROLLMENT AND COST SAVING TRENDS (KANSAS RESIDENTS)*



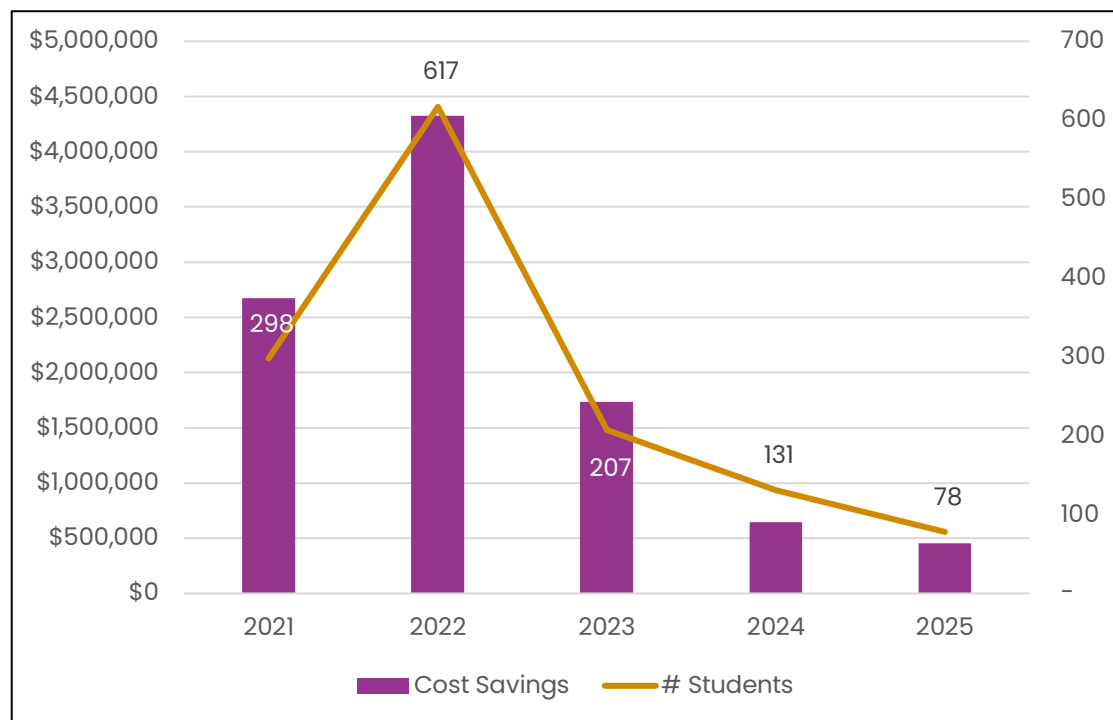
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DEGREE PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AND TUITION SAVINGS – MICHIGAN RESIDENTS

TOP FOUR PROGRAMS OF STUDY (MICHIGAN RESIDENTS)

Degree Program	# of students
Health Professions and Related Programs	17
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services	12
Education	11
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	5

MSEP ENROLLMENT AND COST SAVING TRENDS (MICHIGAN RESIDENTS)*



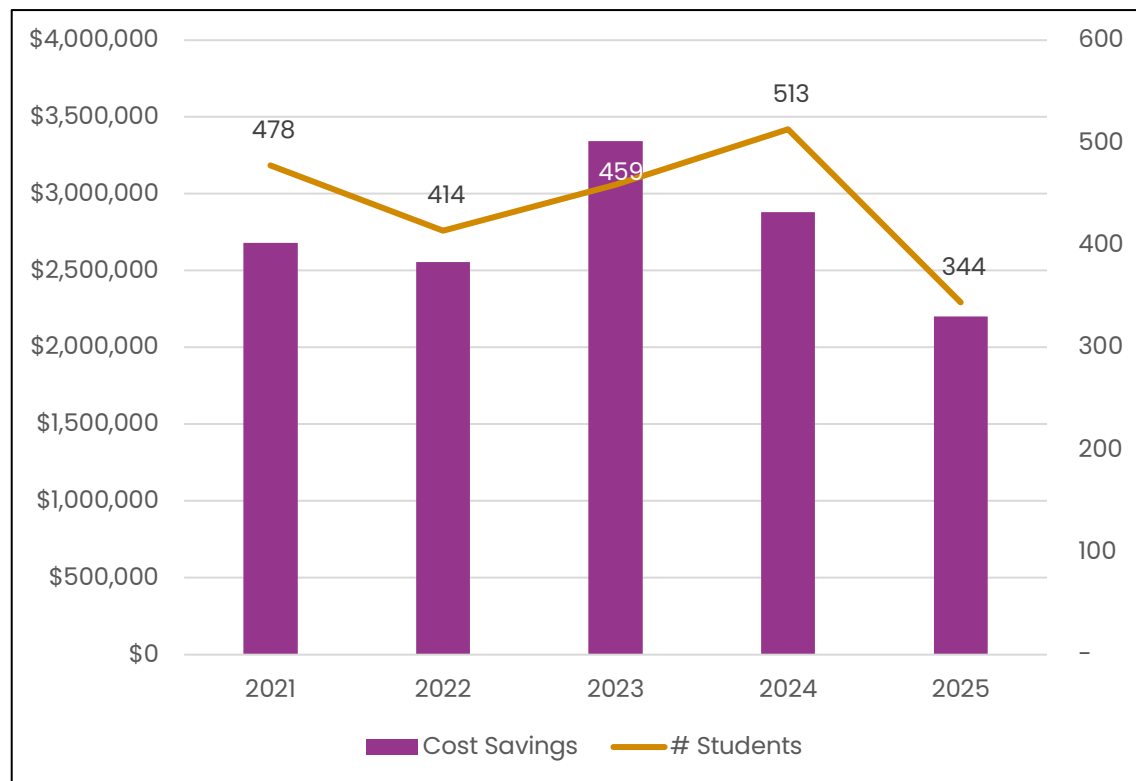
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DEGREE PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AND TUITION SAVINGS – MINNESOTA RESIDENTS

TOP TEN PROGRAMS OF STUDY (MINNESOTA RESIDENTS)

Degree Program	# of students
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services	62
Education	46
Visual and Performing Arts	39
Health Professions and Related Programs	29
Physical Sciences	21
Library Science	19
Psychology	19
Engineering	12
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	10
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, Fitness, and Kinesiology	10

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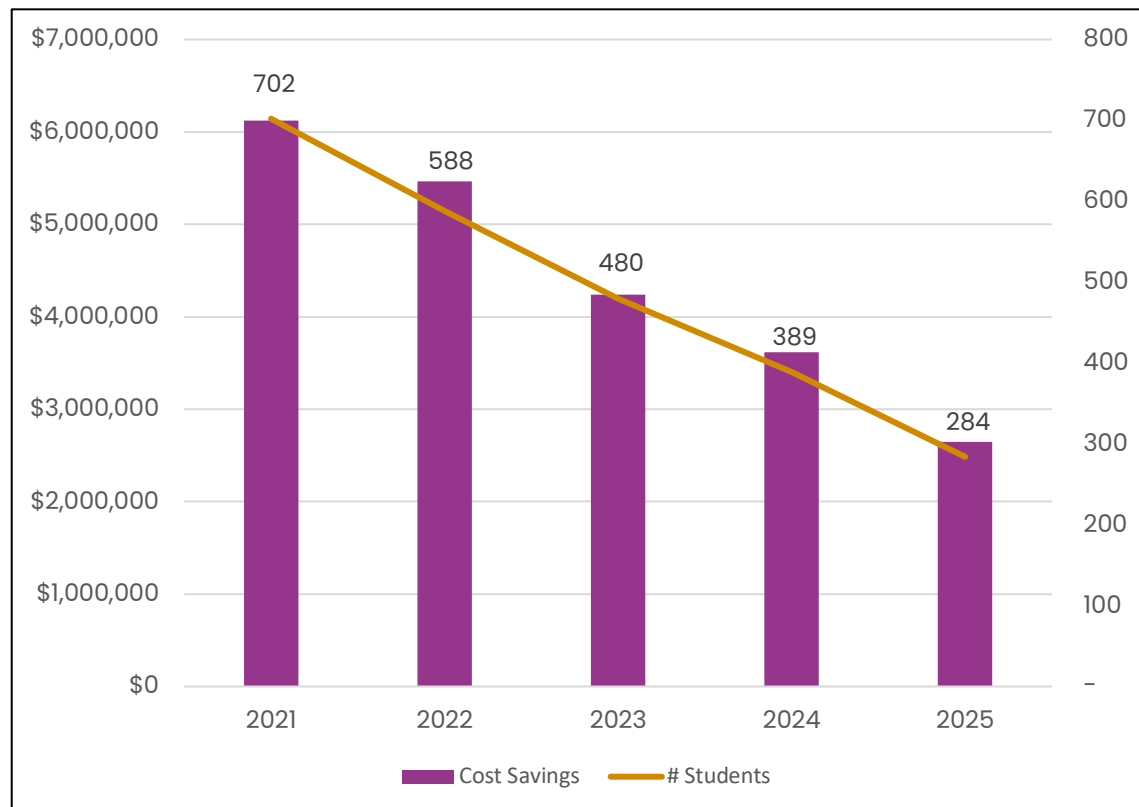
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DEGREE PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AND TUITION SAVINGS – MISSOURI RESIDENTS

TOP NINE PROGRAMS OF STUDY (MISSOURI RESIDENTS)

Degree Program	# of students
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services	42
Health Professions and Related Programs	28
Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies And Humanities	21
Engineering	20
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	20
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, Fitness, and Kinesiology	20
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	19
Visual and Performing Arts	17
Psychology	10

MSEP ENROLLMENT AND COST SAVING TRENDS (MISSOURI RESIDENTS)*



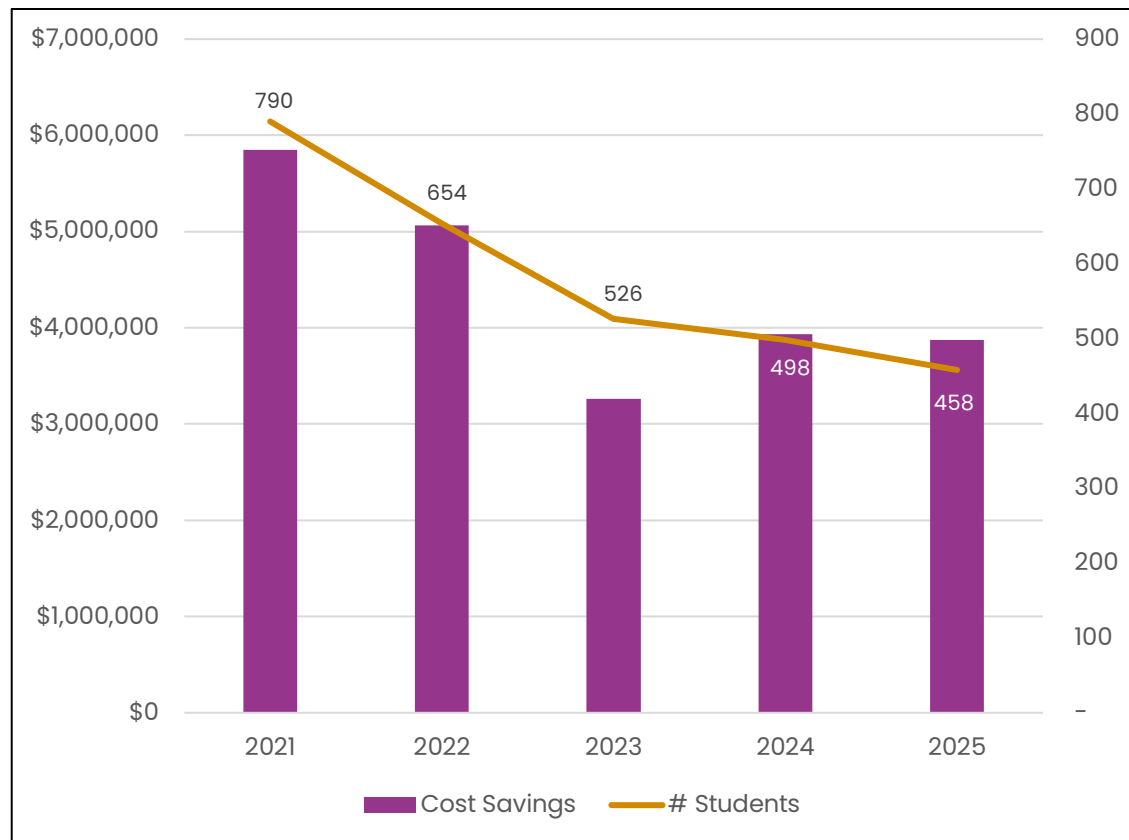
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DEGREE PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AND TUITION SAVINGS – NEBRASKA RESIDENTS

TOP TEN PROGRAMS OF STUDY (NEBRASKA RESIDENTS)

Degree Program	# of students
Education	104
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services	79
Health Professions and Related Programs	47
Agricultural/Animal/Plant/Veterinary Science and Related Fields	40
Psychology	38
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	28
Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs	14
Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities	14
Computer And Information Sciences and Support Services	13
Visual and Performing Arts	13

MSEP ENROLLMENT AND COST SAVING TRENDS (NEBRASKA RESIDENTS)*



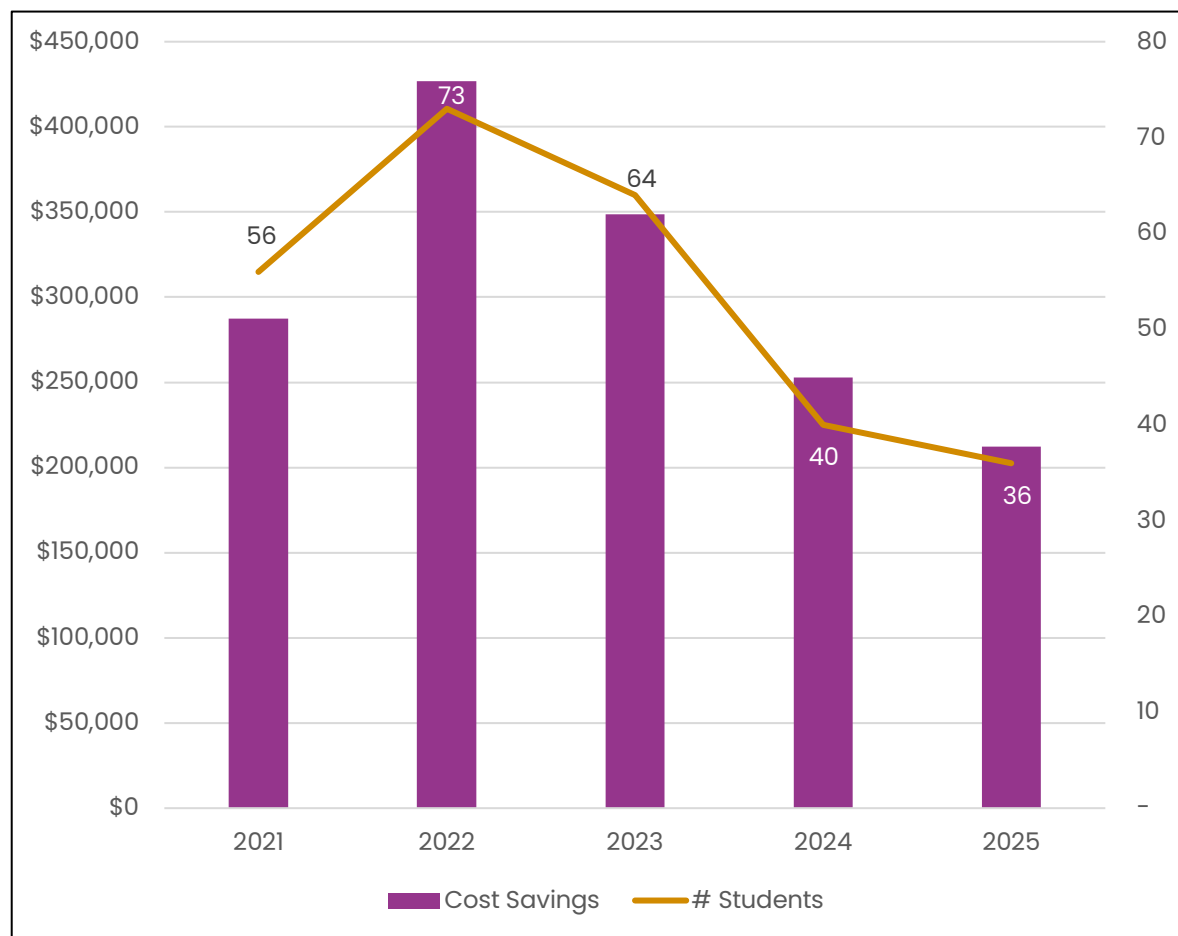
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DEGREE PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AND TUITION SAVINGS – NORTH DAKOTA RESIDENTS

TOP FIVE PROGRAMS OF STUDY (NORTH DAKOTA RESIDENTS)

Degree Program	# of students
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services	7
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	5
Health Professions and Related Programs	5
Engineering	3
Visual and Performing Arts	3

MSEP ENROLLMENT AND COST SAVING TRENDS (NORTH DAKOTA RESIDENTS)*



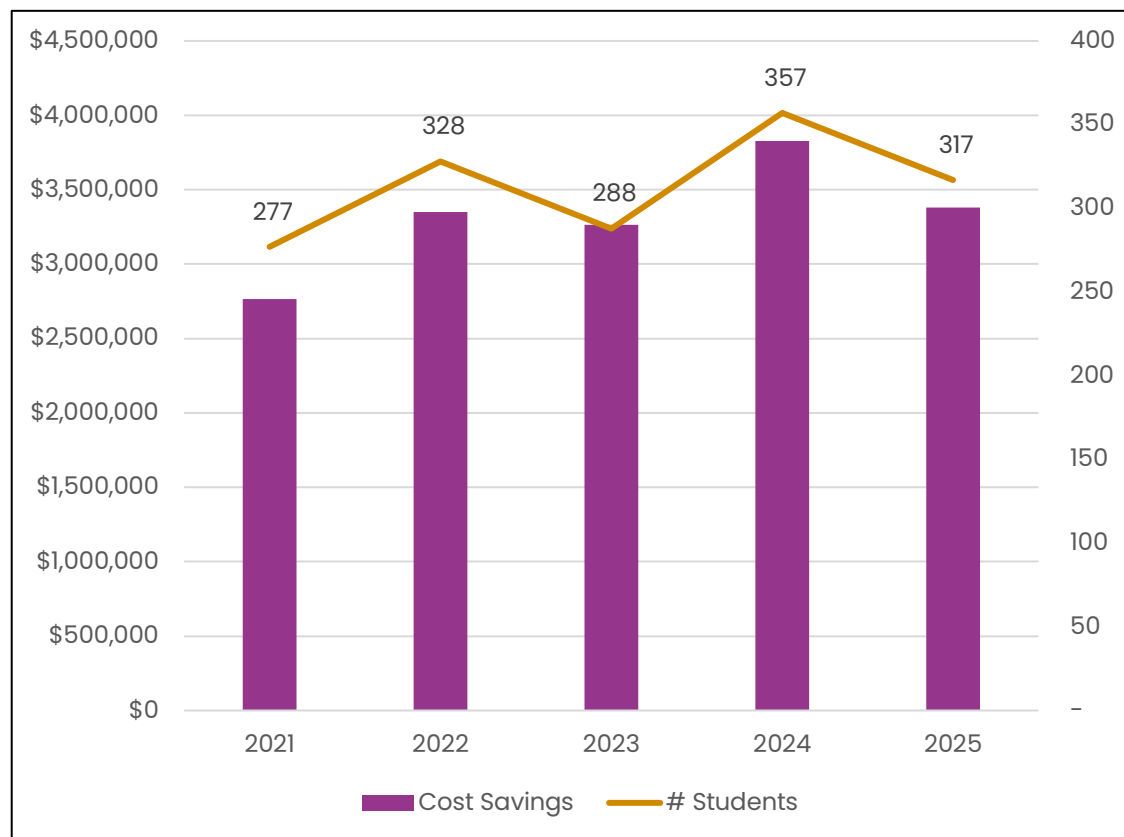
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DEGREE PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AND TUITION SAVINGS – OHIO RESIDENTS

TOP TEN PROGRAMS OF STUDY (OHIO RESIDENTS)

Degree Program	# of students
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services	60
Health Professions and Related Programs	35
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	30
Education	20
Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies And Humanities	19
Visual and Performing Arts	18
Computer and Information Sciences and Support Services	16
Psychology	14
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, Fitness, and Kinesiology	12
Legal Professions and Studies	11

MSEP ENROLLMENT AND COST SAVING TRENDS (OHIO RESIDENTS)*



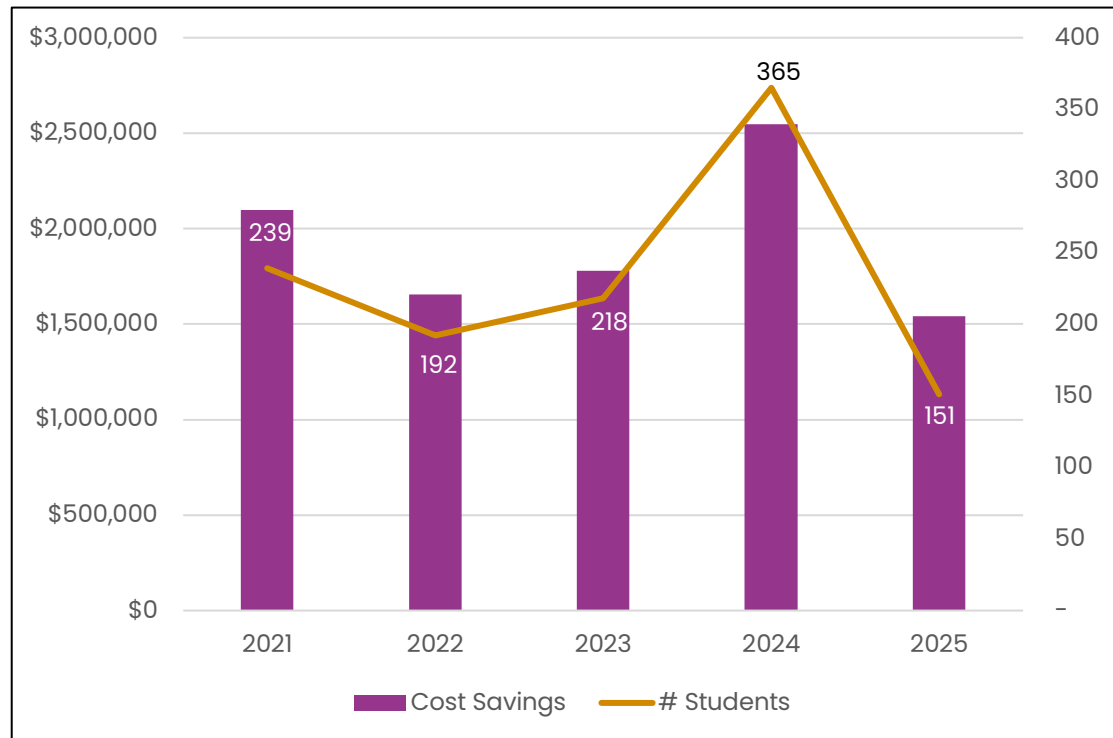
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DEGREE PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AND TUITION SAVINGS – WISCONSIN RESIDENTS

TOP FIVE PROGRAMS OF STUDY (WISCONSIN RESIDENTS)

Wisconsin	# of students
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services	38
Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities	11
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	11
Engineering	10
Health Professions and Related Programs	10

MSEP ENROLLMENT AND COST SAVING TRENDS (WISCONSIN RESIDENTS)*



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NON-DIFFERENTIAL ENROLLMENT STATISTICS*

NON-DIFFERENTIAL ENROLLMENT

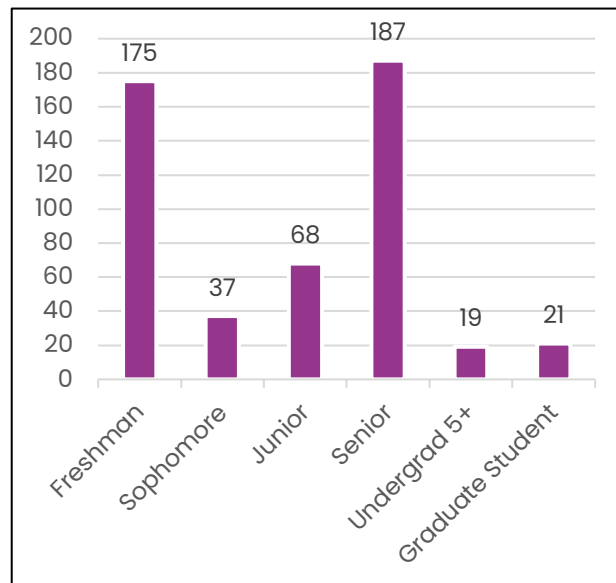
by students' home state of residence

STATE	ENROLLMENT FY25
Illinois	26
Indiana	29
Kansas	27
Michigan	23
Minnesota	210
Missouri	44
Nebraska	20
North Dakota	0
Ohio	48
Wisconsin	80

NON-DIFFERENTIAL ENROLLMENT

Overall	507
Community College	0
University	507

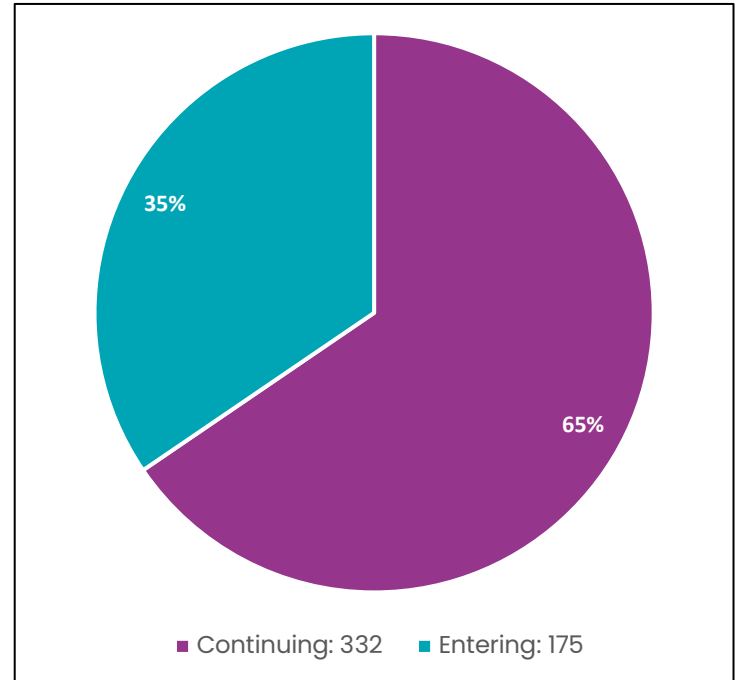
NON-DIFFERENTIAL STUDENT STANDING



NON-DIFFERENTIAL MIGRATION

STATE	IN MIGRATION	OUT MIGRATION
Illinois	0	26
Indiana	0	29
Kansas	0	27
Michigan	0	23
Minnesota	0	210
Missouri	10	44
Nebraska	0	20
North Dakota	497	0
Ohio	0	48
Wisconsin	0	80

NON-DIFFERENTIAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT STATUS



*Data as reported by participating institutions.

CONCLUSION

The data presented in this report serve not only as a reflection of where the Midwest Student Exchange Program stands today but also as a guidepost for the future. As participation patterns shift and states reconsider their higher education priorities, MHEC will continue to listen, evaluate, and, if needed, transform its approach to tuition reciprocity.

This commitment to adaptability ensures that MHEC's programs, whether through MSEP or other innovative models, remain relevant and impactful for students, institutions, and policymakers throughout the region.

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Indiana University Columbus
Indiana University East
Indiana University Fort Wayne
Indiana University Indianapolis
Indiana University Kokomo
Indiana University Northwest
Indiana University South Bend
Indiana University Southeast
Purdue University Fort Wayne

KANSAS

Emporia State University
Fort Hays State University
Kansas State University
University of Kansas
Wichita State University

MINNESOTA

Minnesota State University Mankato
St. Cloud University
University of Minnesota – Morris

MISSOURI

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Culver Stockton College
East Central College
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Missouri Southern State University
Missouri State University – West Plains
Missouri Western State University
Northwest Missouri State University
St. Louis Community College
State Fair Community College
Truman State University
University of Missouri – Kansas City
Webster University

NEBRASKA

Central Community College
University of Nebraska at Kearney
University of Nebraska at Omaha

NORTH DAKOTA

Bismarck State College
Dakota College at Bottineau
Dickinson State University
Lake Region State College
Mayville State University
Minot State University
North Dakota State College of Science
North Dakota State University
University of North Dakota
Valley City State University
Williston State College

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