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Tuition Waiver Report 2024-25

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The 2024-25 Tuition Waiver Report reflects waivers issued to students for coursework taken during fall 2024, spring 2025, and summer 2025. The charts and tables included may include both degree-seeking waivers and non-degree seeking waivers. Waivers for certificate programs are included if the student's primary academic program is considered degree seeking. Continuing education waivers are excluded. Waivers are categorized as ND Resident, In-Country Non-Resident, or International. Residency is based on tuition residency and citizenship status coding. This report does not take into consideration differences in program costs, or in tuition models, including residency differences, across the system.

As required by Policy 302.3, The Budget and Finance Committee is responsible for receiving the report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- During the 2024-25 academic year, 42,040 degree-seeking students were enrolled in the North Dakota University System (NDUS) from fall 2024 through summer 2025. [Tables 3 & 4]
 - ND resident students comprised 53.5% of the total.
 - In-country non-resident students 40.5%.
 - International students 6.0%.
- Of the degree-seeking students enrolled in 2024-25, 11,193 (26.6%) received waivers totaling \$38.9 million. Total waiver dollars to degree-seeking students increased by \$1.4 million from 2023-24, or 3.8%. [Table 3]
- The two largest categories, other institutional waivers and graduate assistant waivers, changed by \$1.7 million and (-.88) million, respectively. NDSU had the greatest decrease in waivers of \$.54 million. [Table 1A; 1B]
- Statutory waivers totaled \$3.1 million (7.8%) of the total, State Board of Higher Education required waivers were \$4.6 million (11.5%), and waivers at the institution's discretion were \$32.0 million (80.7%). These were waivers to both degree-seeking and non-degree seeking students. [Table 2 and Charts 1.1, 1.2, 1.3]
- Institutional waivers are provided to students to meet the mission and goals of the enrolling institution. [Chart 1.3, Table 1A and 1B, Table 2]
 - Other institutional waivers were the largest waiver category at \$17.3 million (43.6%)
 - Graduate assistance waivers were the second largest category at \$11.4 million (28.8%)
 - Cultural diversity waivers were \$2.6 million (6.6%)
 - International student waivers accounted for \$.63 million (1.6%)
 - WICHE waivers were \$.087 million (0.2%)
- Degree-seeking students receiving tuition waivers paid campuses \$110.9 million in tuition, housing and food plans, and mandatory fees, which is 2.9 times more than the value of waivers received. [Table 3]
- The percentage of ND resident and in-country non-resident degree-seeking students receiving a waiver was the highest in 10 years. International students fell slightly. [Chart 4]
- ND resident undergraduate students, both with and without a waiver, paid less, or comparable, net tuition on average than non-residents and international students. [Chart 3.0 and Chart 3.1]

TUITION WAIVERS BY CATEGORY

Tuition waivers fall into one of three categories: Statutorily required; State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) required; and those made at the institution's discretion. A five-year history of the percent of total waiver dollars by waiver type and category is displayed in Charts 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3.

Statutorily Required:

- Full tuition waivers are provided for dependents of POW/MIA Veterans who were killed in action, died of service-related causes, were prisoners of war, have a 100% service-connected disability, or who were declared missing in action.
- National Guard members receive a 35% tuition waiver, and state funding provided to the Adjutant General covers the remainder of the Guard-member's tuition.
- A 100% tuition waiver is available to the surviving spouse and children (biological, adopted or step) of ND firefighters or peace officers killed in the line of duty. The child must be under the age of twenty-one at the time of the incident.
- A 25% waiver of tuition and fees is provided for law enforcement officers. The ND Attorney General's Office determines eligibility for this waiver through an application process.

Statutorily required waivers totaled \$3.1 million, an increase from the prior year of \$.50 million, which reflects a 19% increase from the prior year. This category represents 7.8% of the total waiver dollars to degree and non-degree students.

SBHE Required:

SBHE policy requires limited tuition waivers for benefited employees, 100% waiver for the SBHE student member, senior citizen waivers, and a 50% spouse and dependent waiver.

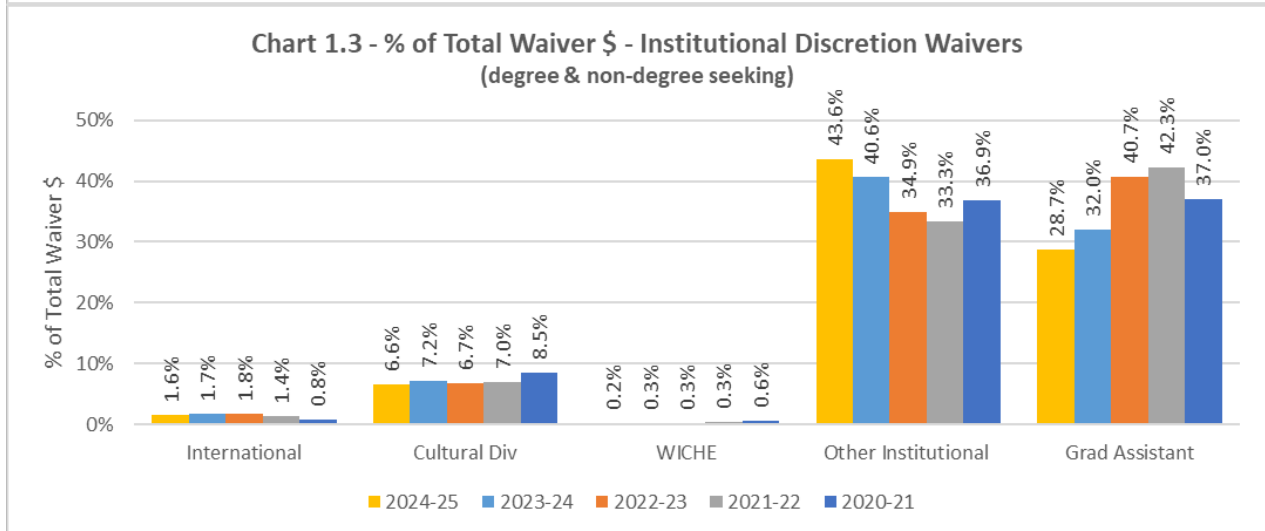
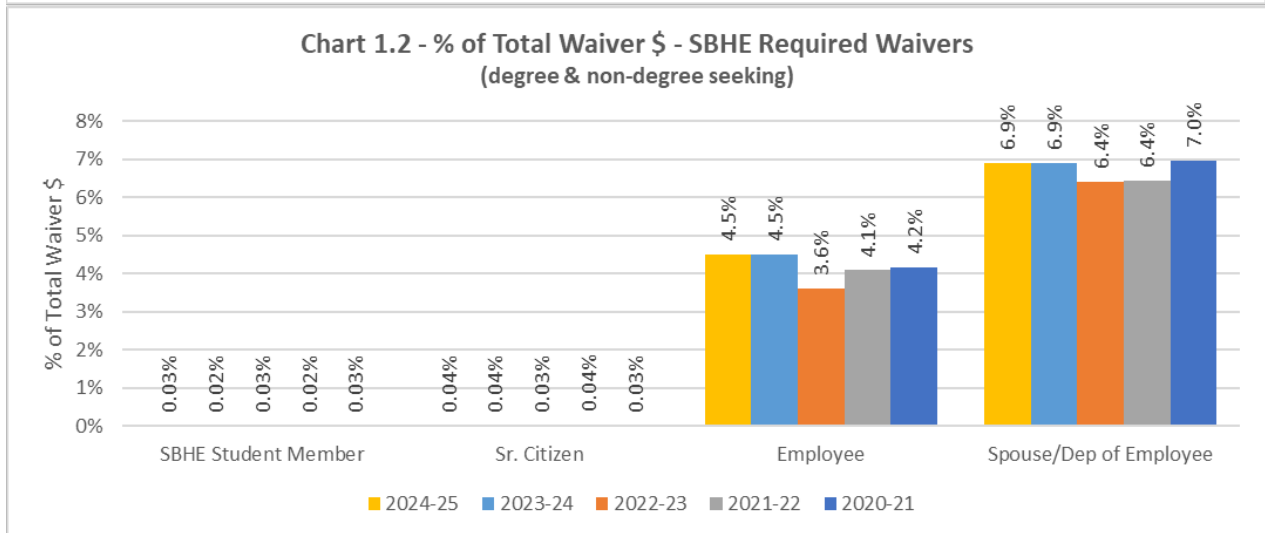
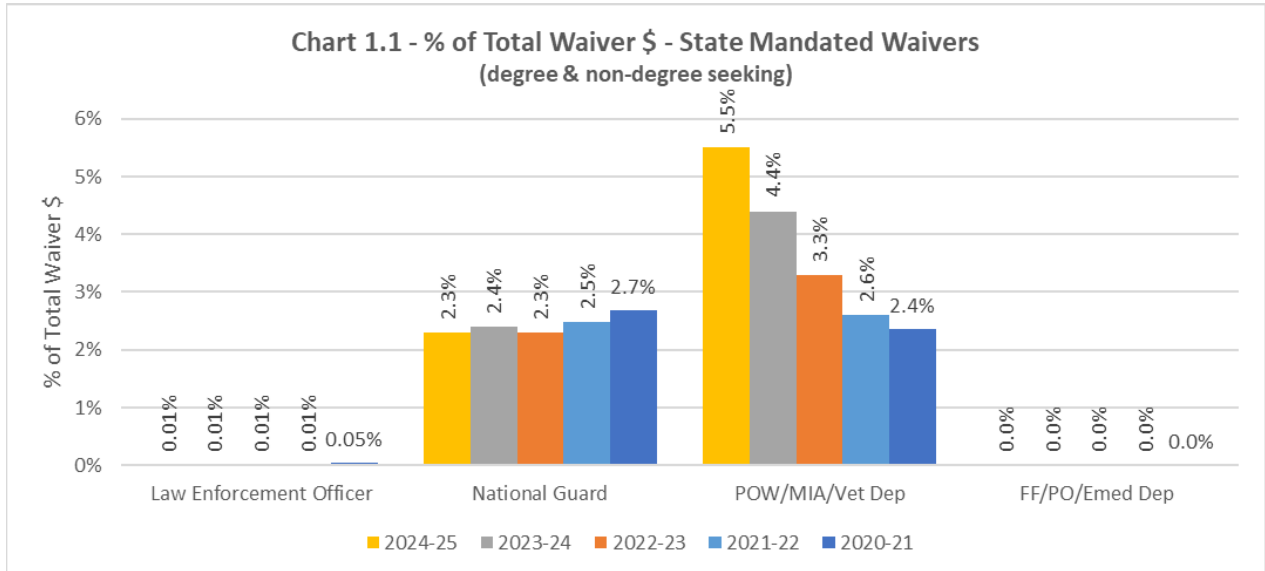
SBHE required waivers totaled \$4.6 million, an increase from the prior year of \$.16 million, which reflects a 3.6% increase from the prior year. This category represents 11.5% of total waiver dollars to degree and non-degree students.

Institutional Discretion:

Institutions offer waivers for purposes that meet the mission and goals of the enrolling institution and enhance the educational experience of students and the academic community. As NDUS institutions compete for students regionally, nationally, and internationally, waivers are a valuable tool operationally in recruiting and retaining students and play a vital role in affordability and access. Institutions may offer waivers for specific purposes, such as returning students completing a program of study, academic achievement, or activity participation. These waivers are especially helpful to increasing access when scholarships are not available. Waivers also encourage a robust and diverse experience for students who will be performing in a global environment following graduation, a key factor in awards of international waivers and cultural diversity waivers. Cultural diversity waivers promote enrollment of a culturally diverse student body, including members of Indian tribes and economically disadvantaged students.

Graduate student waivers are the second largest category of waivers made at an institution's discretion. NDUS institutions provide competitive compensation packages to graduate assistants that include waivers, because there is competition for these future leaders from other institutions of higher education across the nation. Graduate students foster critical research and development and assist in classroom teaching and experiences for undergraduates.

Institution discretion waivers are the largest category at \$32.0 million, or 80.7% of all waiver dollars issued. This category increased by \$.67 million, which reflects a 2.2% increase from the prior year.



Waivers to both degree and non-degree seeking students increased by \$1.3 million, or 3.5%, from the prior year. Table 1A focuses on the changes by waiver type and table 1B shows the changes by institution. Graduate Assistant waivers saw the greatest decrease for the second year, falling by \$.88 million, or 7.2%. NDSU had the greatest reduction in waivers for the second year, declining by \$.51 million, or 2.8%.

Table 1A Tuition Waiver by Type (degree & non-degree seeking)

Waiver Type	2023-24	2024-25	\$ Change	% Chg
Law Enforcement Officer	\$4,225	\$5,025	\$800	18.9%
National Guard	\$910,931	\$909,839	-\$1,092	-0.1%
POW/MIA/VET Dep.	\$1,683,201	\$2,178,222	\$495,021	29.4%
FF/PO/Emed	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Senior Citizen	\$13,538	\$15,602	\$2,064	15.2%
SBHE Student Member	\$9,122	\$13,701	\$4,579	50.2%
Spouse/Dep	\$2,633,162	\$2,745,875	\$112,713	4.3%
Employee	\$1,740,345	\$1,779,362	\$39,017	2.2%
International	\$649,693	\$634,519	-\$15,174	-2.3%
Cultural Diversity	\$2,776,459	\$2,630,776	-\$145,683	-5.2%
WICHE	\$115,239	\$86,789	-\$28,450	-24.7%
Other Institutional	\$15,557,023	\$17,304,890	\$1,747,867	11.2%
Graduate Assistant	\$12,255,587	\$11,371,911	-\$883,676	-7.2%
TOTAL	\$38,348,525	\$39,676,512	\$1,327,987	3.5%

(Table 1B) Tuition Waiver by Institution (degree & non-degree seeking)

Institution	2023-24	2024-25	\$ Change	% Chg
BSC	\$734,875	\$970,992	\$236,117	32.1%
DCB	\$143,803	\$156,670	\$12,867	8.9%
LRSC	\$416,748	\$408,573	-\$8,175	-2.0%
NDSCS	\$549,183	\$601,700	\$52,517	9.6%
WSC	\$272,473	\$134,163	-\$138,310	-50.8%
DSU	\$1,743,001	\$1,828,022	\$85,021	4.9%
MASU	\$493,693	\$669,347	\$175,654	35.6%
MISU	\$1,903,498	\$1,983,134	\$79,636	4.2%
VCSU	\$450,546	\$821,960	\$371,414	82.4%
NDSU	\$18,836,388	\$18,299,632	-\$536,757	-2.8%
UND	\$12,804,318	\$13,802,320	\$998,002	7.8%
TOTAL	\$38,348,525	\$39,676,512	\$1,327,987	3.5%

Chart 2 shows the 2024-25 waivers for both degree and non-degree students by category as a percentage of total dollars waived. Table 2 that follows provides detailed information for each of these waiver categories.

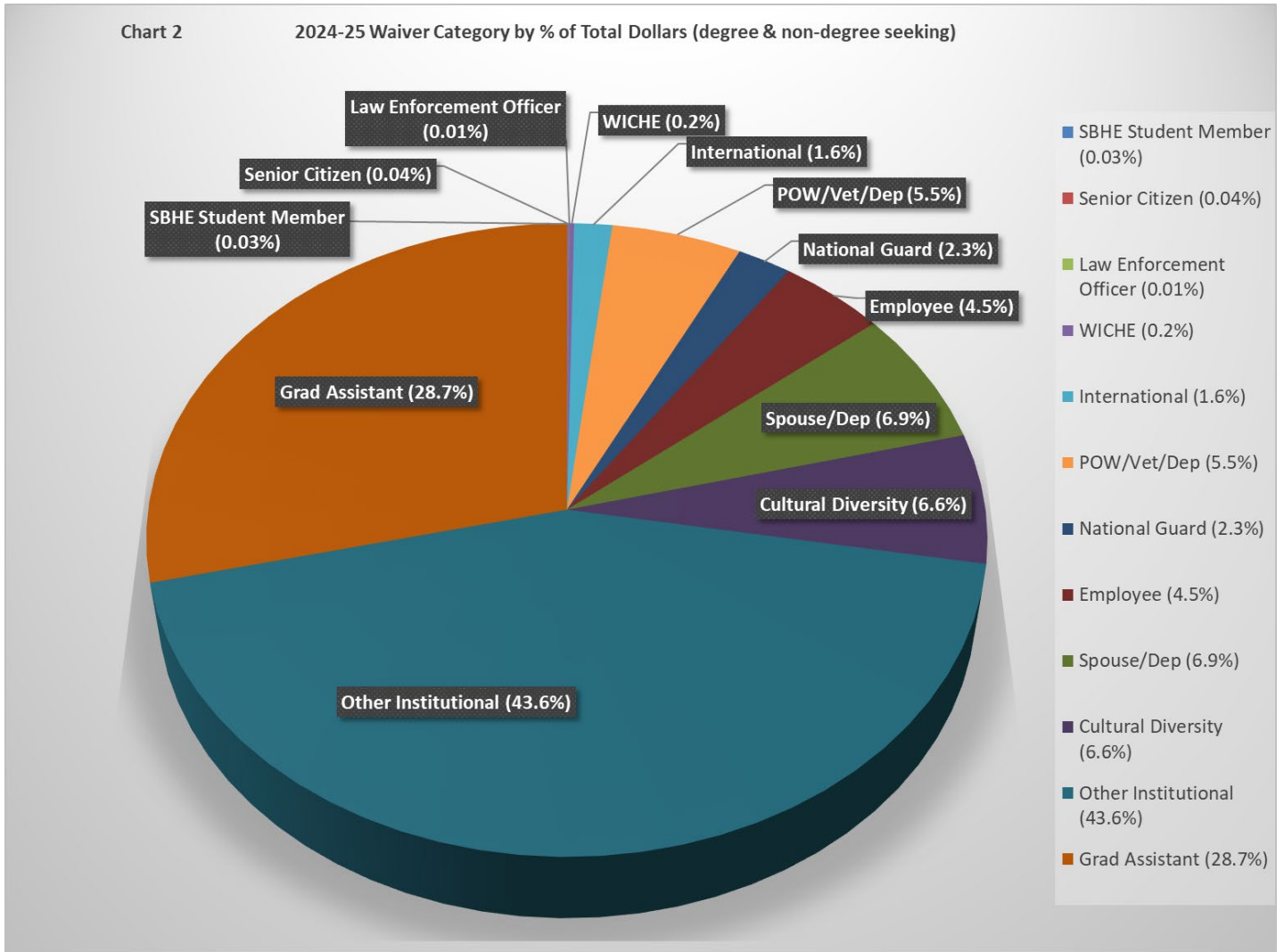


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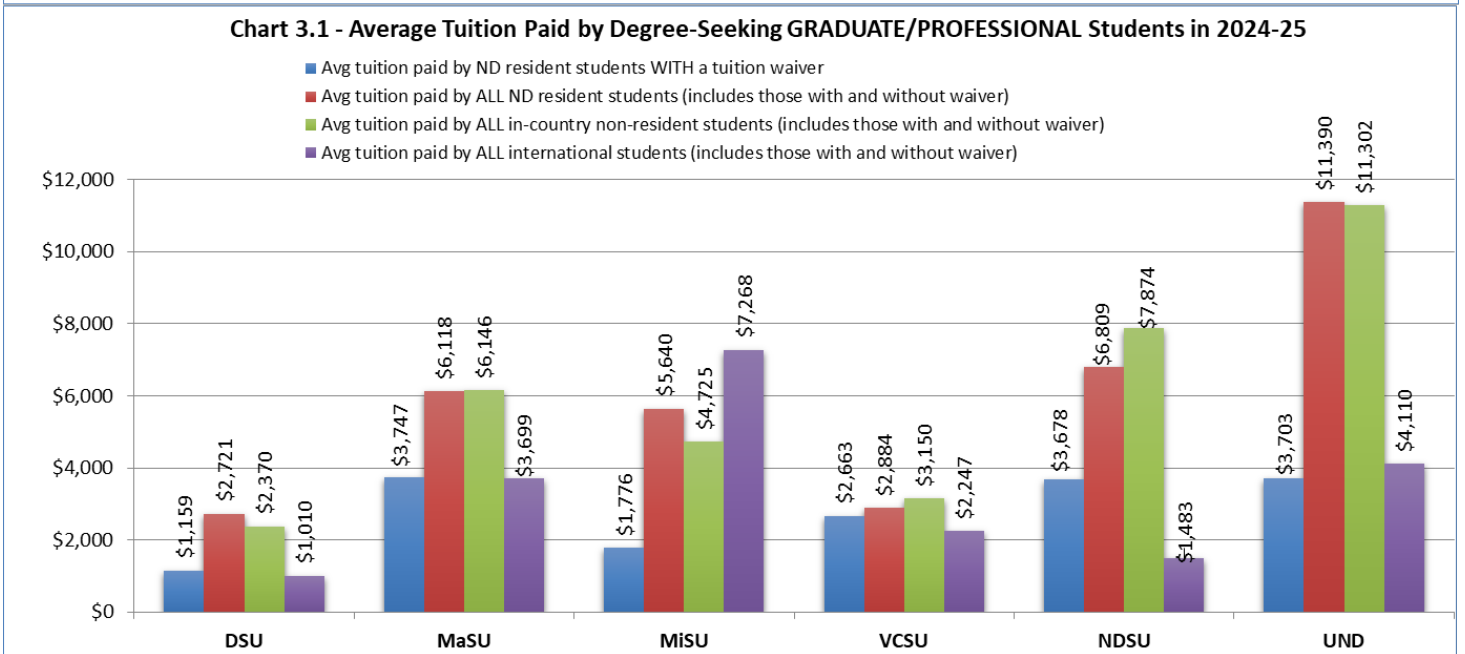
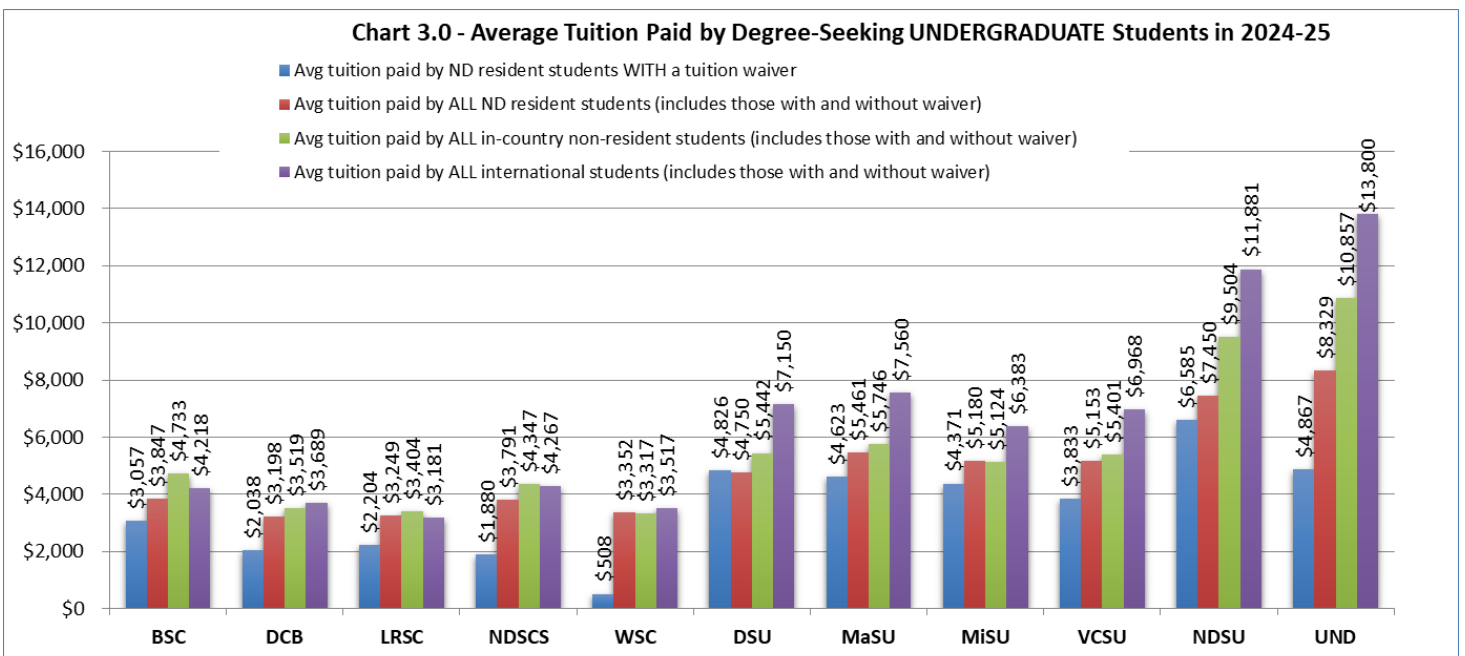
**2024-2025 Tuition Waiver by Category
(degree & non-degree seeking)**

Campus	STATUTORILY REQUIRED					SBHE POLICY REQUIRED					INSTITUTIONAL DISCRETION					Duplicated Total	Unduplicated HC Total (from Table 3)	
	Law Enforcement Officer	National Guard	POW/MIA/Vet Dep Waiver	FF/PO/Emed Dep	Subtotal	Sr Citizen	SBHE Student Mbr	Spouse/Dep Waiver	Employee Waiver	Subtotal	International Student	Cultural Diversity	WICHE	Other Institutional	Grad Assistant			Subtotal
BSC																		
# Of Students		48	49		97	12		50	25	87	27	24		255		306	490	418
Dollars		\$53,813	\$215,503		\$269,315	\$4,514		\$54,408	\$21,159	\$80,081	\$163,343	\$42,784		\$415,469		\$621,596	\$970,992	
DCB																		
# Of Students		2	7		9			12	4	16				40		40	65	50
Dollars		\$1,662	\$25,680		\$27,342			\$13,007	\$6,607	\$19,613				\$109,714		\$109,714	\$156,670	
DSU																		
# Of Students		4	13		17	1		31	26	58		8		794		802	877	768
Dollars		\$5,099	\$66,919		\$72,018	\$249		\$139,530	\$63,464	\$203,242		\$7,670		\$1,545,091		\$1,552,761	\$1,828,022	
LRSC																		
# Of Students	1	11	12		24			28	7	35	15	21		65		101	160	112
Dollars	\$589	\$10,973	\$35,712		\$47,274			\$33,401	\$9,791	\$43,192	\$88,003	\$44,206		\$185,898		\$318,107	\$408,573	
MaSU																		
# Of Students		5	9		14			24	28	52		113		222		335	401	316
Dollars		\$3,817	\$36,385		\$40,202			\$40,851	\$69,446	\$110,297		\$118,404		\$400,444		\$518,848	\$669,347	
MISU																		
# Of Students	2	10	31		43	5		64	30	99		43		799		842	984	802
Dollars	\$3,535	\$12,175	\$197,706		\$213,416	\$3,584		\$149,504	\$61,042	\$214,130		\$98,047		\$1,457,542		\$1,555,589	\$1,983,134	
NDSCS																		
# Of Students		27	25		52			54	10	64		6		550		556	672	566
Dollars		\$34,450	\$94,650		\$129,099			\$70,892	\$7,806	\$78,697		\$4,400		\$389,504		\$393,904	\$601,700	
NDSU																		
# Of Students		160	74		234	8		233	241	482	100	223		4,064	1,052	5,439	6,155	5,785
Dollars		\$344,428	\$682,801		\$1,027,229	\$5,746		\$907,272	\$620,766	\$1,533,785	\$361,173	\$1,149,207		\$7,999,994	\$6,228,244	\$15,738,618	\$18,299,632	
UND																		
# Of Students	1	175	88		264	1	1	306	262	570		208	3	643	465	1,319	2,153	1,968
Dollars	\$902	\$422,651	\$759,586		\$1,183,139	\$1,509	\$13,701	\$1,303,685	\$888,840	\$2,207,734		\$1,137,393	\$86,789	\$4,074,419	\$5,112,846	\$10,411,447	\$13,802,320	
VCSU																		
# Of Students		12	12		24			17	20	37	11	3		343	6	363	424	384
Dollars		\$20,771	\$62,656		\$83,427			\$26,964	\$30,443	\$57,407	\$22,000	\$1,182		\$627,123	\$30,821	\$681,126	\$821,960	
WSC																		
# Of Students			1		1			7		7		5		17		22	30	24
Dollars			\$624		\$624			\$6,362		\$6,362		\$27,485		\$99,691		127,177	\$134,163	
TOTAL																		
# Of Students	4	454	321	0	779	27	1	826	653	1,507	153	654	3	7,792	1,523	10,125	12,411	11,193
Dollars	\$5,025	\$909,839	\$2,178,222	\$0	\$3,093,087	\$15,602	\$13,701	\$2,745,875	\$1,779,362	\$4,554,539	\$634,519	\$2,630,776	\$86,789	\$17,304,890	\$11,371,911	\$32,028,886	\$39,676,512	
% of TTL Dollars	0.01%	2.3%	5.5%	0.0%	7.8%	0.04%	0.04%	6.9%	4.5%	11.5%	1.6%	6.6%	0.2%	43.6%	28.8%	80.7%		

Students may be duplicated in the count as students may receive more than one category of waiver (e.g. both a national guard and other institutional waiver) and therefore would be counted more than once.

TUITION AMOUNTS PAID BY STUDENTS RECEIVING WAIVERS

Tuition waivers vary between institutions due to tuition model and rate variations, as well as differences in mission and goals. Some institutions provide in-state rates for some, or all, out-of-state students, which may result in lower tuition waivers. In addition, programs within an institution may also have varied tuition rates, which may affect the waivers provided. As a result of the various tuition models, waivers are not comparable across institutions without analyzing corresponding tuition rates, which this report does not do. Charts 3.0 and 3.1 reflect average tuition paid by residency type. ND resident undergraduate students, both with and without a waiver, paid less, or comparable, net tuition on average than non-residents and international students. For graduate, professional, law and medical students, those with a waiver also paid less or comparable average tuition than non-residents and international students.



TOTAL COLLECTIONS

As shown in Table 3 on the next page, 11,193 (26.6%) of the 42,040 degree-seeking students received some type of tuition waiver, totaling \$38.9 million in 2024-25. This is a slight increase from the prior year. In 2023-24, 10,718 students received \$37.5 million in waivers. Waivers as a percent of gross tuition charged were 11%, however; during 2024-25, students with a tuition waiver still paid institutions \$110.9 million (\$61.3 million in tuition, \$34.2 million housing/food, and \$15.4 million mandatory fees), which is 2.9 times more than the waivers received.

Overall, net collections of tuition, housing and food plans and mandatory fees for all students, both those with and without a waiver, totaled \$462.4 million. This represents a 5% increase in net total collections from the prior year for all degree-seeking students. Students receiving a tuition waiver generated 24% of these collections.

Table 3 2024-2025 NDUS Tuition Waivers
(degree-seeking only)

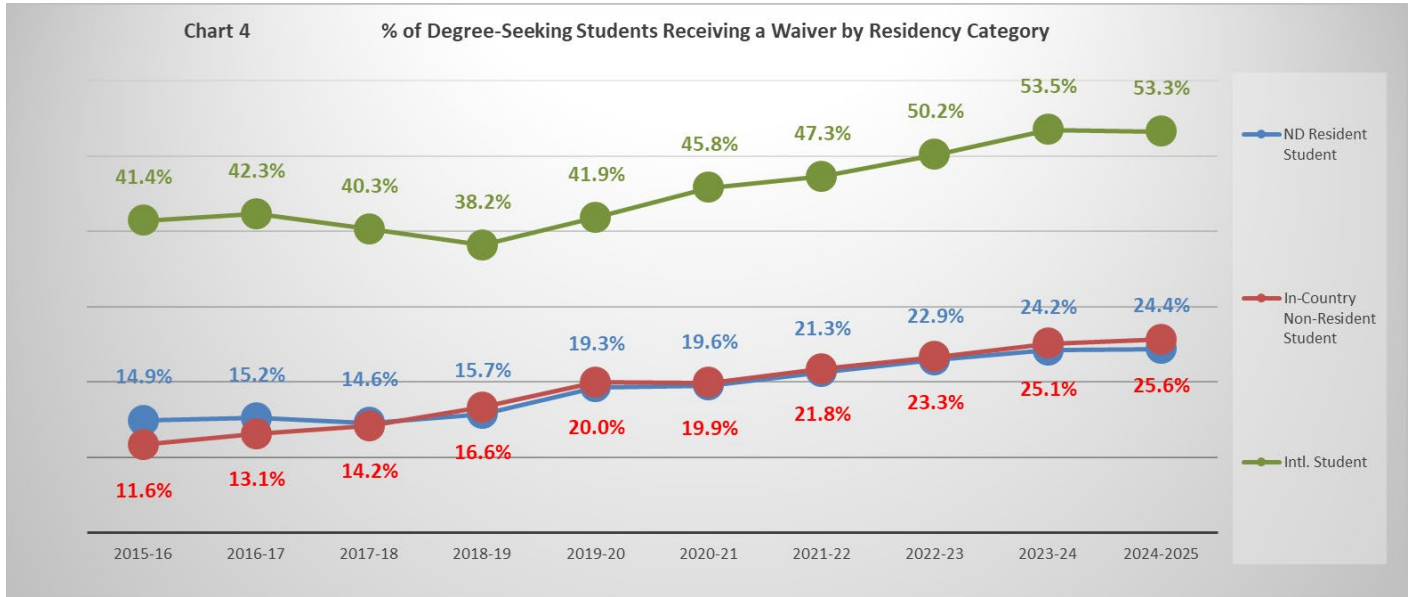
	BSC	DCB	DSU	LRSC	MaSU	MISU	NDSCS	NDSU	UND	VCSU	WSC	NDUS Total
1 Annual degree-seeking headcount (HC) enrollment	3,540	507	1,330	866	949	2,642	2,179	12,406	15,473	1,277	871	42,040
2 Unduplicated number of HC students receiving tuition waiver	418	50	768	112	316	802	566	5,785	1,968	384	24	11,193
3 Gross tuition charged to ALL students (with & without waiver)	\$15,295,435	\$1,829,652	\$8,275,022	\$3,197,942	\$6,029,269	\$16,006,962	\$9,285,870	\$117,172,492	\$167,237,436	\$7,140,678	\$3,053,753	\$354,524,510
4 Total tuition waived	\$940,363	\$146,089	\$1,704,066	\$369,174	\$654,564	\$1,931,919	\$535,985	\$18,115,433	\$13,569,430	\$803,364	\$128,030	\$38,898,417
5 Net tuition charged to students receiving a tuition waiver	\$1,308,254	\$108,095	\$3,761,773	\$231,740	\$1,650,440	\$3,345,532	\$2,414,322	\$37,921,237	\$8,981,766	\$1,543,764	\$13,074	\$61,279,997
6 Net housing & food charged to students receiving a tuition waiver	\$1,051,592	\$313,861	\$1,985,624	\$664,477	\$830,159	\$1,573,640	\$3,329,644	\$19,141,758	\$4,444,222	\$693,851	\$158,916	\$34,187,744
7 Net mandatory fees charged to students receiving a tuition waiver	\$400,308	\$55,222	\$1,175,744	\$122,984	\$442,126	\$1,137,467	\$917,104	\$8,084,266	\$2,343,734	\$693,378	\$40,464	\$15,412,797
8 Total net tuition, housing & food, and mandatory fees charged to ALL students (with & without waiver)	\$20,778,498	\$3,448,314	\$10,830,318	\$5,252,797	\$8,091,507	\$20,798,977	\$19,834,277	\$151,240,939	\$205,135,850	\$10,991,855	\$6,040,294	\$462,443,625
9 Total net tuition, housing & food, and mandatory fees charged to students receiving a tuition waiver	\$2,760,153	\$477,178	\$6,923,141	\$1,019,201	\$2,922,725	\$6,056,639	\$6,661,070	\$65,147,261	\$15,769,723	\$2,930,994	\$212,454	\$110,880,539
10 % of net TOTAL tuition, housing & food and mandatory fees generated from tuition waiver recipients	13.3%	13.8%	63.9%	19.4%	36.1%	29.1%	33.6%	43.1%	7.7%	26.7%	3.5%	24.0%

Student counts are unduplicated - Students may receive more than one type of waiver, but are counted only once. Amounts are rounded to the nearest dollar.

TUITION WAIVERS BY RESIDENCY

Since 2018-19, waivers to degree-seeking students in all three waiver categories, ND resident, in-country non-resident, and international, have been increasing. In 2024-25:

- 24.4% of ND resident students received a waiver.
- 25.6% of in-country non-resident students received a waiver.
- 53.5% of international students received a waiver.



The majority of waivers provided are partial waivers (9,308) as shown in Table 4, which accounted for 22.1% of the total waivers. Total degree-seeking student waivers increased 4.4% from 10,718 in 2023-24 to 11,193 in 2024-25. The following summarizes the 2024-25 tuition waivers to degree-seeking students.

- 26.6% degree-seeking students received a waiver.
 - 1,885 (4.5%) degree-seeking students received a full waiver.
 - 9,308 (22.1%) degree-seeking students received a partial waiver.
- Most waivers were issued to ND resident students. A total of 5,486 resident students received a waiver, which accounts for 49% of total waivers issued. This reflects a 3.5% increase from the prior year.
- 4,363 (39%) of in-country, non-resident students received a waiver. This is a 5.5% increase from the prior year.
- 1,344 (12%) of international students received a tuition waiver, a 5.1% increase from the prior year.

Table 4 2024-2025 Tuition Waiver by Level of Tuition Waiver and Residency (degree-seeking only)																									
		BSC		DCB		DSU		LRSC		MaSU		MiSU		NDSCS		NDSU		UND		VCSU		WSC		NDUS Total	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
ND Resident																									
1	No Waiver	2,341	87.2%	332	95.1%	361	50.5%	626	91.9%	434	75.7%	1,179	69.6%	1,212	93.4%	2,998	54.7%	6,309	83.1%	622	75.1%	587	99.8%	17,001	75.6%
2	Partial Waiver	292	10.9%	12	3.4%	298	41.7%	45	6.6%	122	21.3%	459	27.1%	61	4.7%	2,193	40.0%	944	12.4%	186	22.5%	1	0.2%	4,613	20.5%
3	Full Waiver	53	2.0%	5	1.4%	56	7.8%	10	1.5%	17	3.0%	55	3.2%	25	1.9%	289	5.3%	343	4.5%	20	2.4%	0	0.0%	873	3.9%
4	Total ND Resident	2,686		349		715		681		573		1,693		1,298		5,480		7,596		828		588		22,487	
In-Country Non-Resident																									
5	No Waiver	768	94.5%	70	76.9%	183	32.1%	103	82.4%	193	54.1%	443	67.9%	394	45.8%	3,479	57.5%	6,589	95.5%	247	60.2%	199	97.5%	12,668	74.4%
6	Partial Waiver	39	4.8%	17	18.7%	369	64.7%	12	9.6%	161	45.1%	203	31.1%	466	54.1%	2,382	39.4%	235	3.4%	157	38.3%	2	1.0%	4,043	23.7%
7	Full Waiver	6	0.7%	4	4.4%	18	3.2%	10	8.0%	3	0.8%	6	0.9%	1	0.1%	188	3.1%	75	1.1%	6	1.5%	3	1.5%	320	1.9%
8	Total In-Country Non-Resident	813		91		570		125		357		652		861		6,049		6,899		410		204		17,031	
International																									
9	No Waiver	13	31.7%	55	82.1%	18	40.0%	25	41.7%	6	31.6%	218	73.4%	7	35.0%	144	16.4%	607	62.1%	24	61.5%	61	77.2%	1,178	46.7%
10	Partial Waiver	21	51.2%	9	13.4%	26	57.8%	25	41.7%	13	68.4%	72	24.2%	13	65.0%	344	39.2%	109	11.1%	13	33.3%	7	8.9%	652	25.9%
11	Full Waiver	7	17.1%	3	4.5%	1	2.2%	10	16.7%	0	0.0%	7	2.4%	0	0.0%	389	44.4%	262	26.8%	2	5.1%	11	13.9%	692	27.4%
12	Total International	41		67		45		60		19		297		20		877		978		39		79		2,522	
Total																									
13	No Waiver	3,122	88.2%	457	90.1%	562	42.3%	754	87.1%	633	66.7%	1,840	69.6%	1,613	74.0%	6,621	53.4%	13,505	87.3%	893	69.9%	847	97.2%	30,847	73.4%
14	Partial Waiver	352	9.9%	38	7.5%	693	52.1%	82	9.5%	296	31.2%	734	27.8%	540	24.8%	4,919	39.7%	1,288	8.3%	356	27.9%	10	1.1%	9,308	22.1%
15	Full Waiver	66	1.9%	12	2.4%	75	5.6%	30	3.5%	20	2.1%	68	2.6%	26	1.2%	866	7.0%	680	4.4%	28	2.2%	14	1.6%	1,885	4.5%
16	Partial + Full Waivers	418	11.8%	50	9.9%	768	57.7%	112	12.9%	316	33.3%	802	30.4%	566	26.0%	5,785	46.6%	1,968	12.7%	384	30.1%	24	2.8%	11,193	26.6%
17	Total Degree Seeking Headcount	3,540		507		1,330		866		949		2,642		2,179		12,406		15,473		1,277		871		42,040	

Degree-seeking headcount enrollments used for calculation purposes are based on end of term enrollment for all students charged tuition and mandatory fees in the academic year. These numbers will not align with official beginning of term enrollment, however, this will not cause a substantial change in the reported data.