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Tuition Waiver Report 2021-2022

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The 2021-22 Tuition Waiver Report reflects waivers issued to students for coursework taken during fall 2021, spring 2022 and summer 2022. The charts and tables included represent degree-seeking waivers and may also include non-degree seeking student 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, which are based on tuition residency and citizenship status. It is important to note that this report does not take into consideration differences in program costs, or in tuition models, including residency differences, across the system.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- During the 2021-22 academic year, 41,502 degree-seeking students were enrolled in the North Dakota University System (NDUS). [Tables 3 & 4]
 - ND resident students comprised 53.7% of total students
 - In-country non-resident students 40.6%, and
 - International students 5.7%
- Of degree-seeking students enrolled in 2021-22, 9,537 (23.0%) received waivers totaling \$36.4 million. Total waiver dollars to degree-seeking students increased by \$1.38 million, a 3.9% increase, from 2020-21. [Table 3]
- Waivers to degree and non-degree seeking students increased by \$1.45 million from 2020-21, a 4.1% increase. [Table 1]
- Statutory and SBHE required waivers were \$5.8 million (15.7%) of total waiver dollars to both degree and non-degree seeking students. The remaining waivers are at the institution's discretion. [Table 2 and Charts 1.1 & 1.2]
- Institutional waivers are provided to meet the mission and goals of the enrolling institution. [Table 2 & Chart 1.3]
 - Graduate assistant waivers are the largest category of waivers at \$15.6 million (42.3%)
 - Other institutional waivers are second at \$12.3 million (33.3%)
 - Cultural diversity waivers are at \$2.6 million (7.0%)
 - International student waivers accounted for \$.53 million (1.4%)
 - WICHE waivers were \$.13 million (0.3%)
- Degree-seeking students receiving tuition waivers paid campuses \$87.6 million in tuition, housing and food plans, and mandatory fees, which is more than twice the value of waivers received. [Table 3]
- In 2021-22, 21.3% of degree-seeking ND resident students received a waiver, the highest in 10 years. [Chart 4]
- ND resident students received 49.9% (4,756) of the 9,537 waivers awarded; In-country non-residents received 38.4% (3,663); and international students received 11.7% (1,118). [Table 4]
- At the majority of institutions, ND resident degree-seeking undergraduate students pay less, or comparable, tuition on average than all other residency categories. [Chart 3.0]

TUITION WAIVERS BY CATEGORY

Tuition waivers fall into one of three categories: State-mandated; 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.

State Mandated by ND Century Code:

- 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 21 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.

State-mandated waivers totaled \$1.9 million, an increase from the prior year of \$.07 million (4.0%). This category represents 5.1% 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.

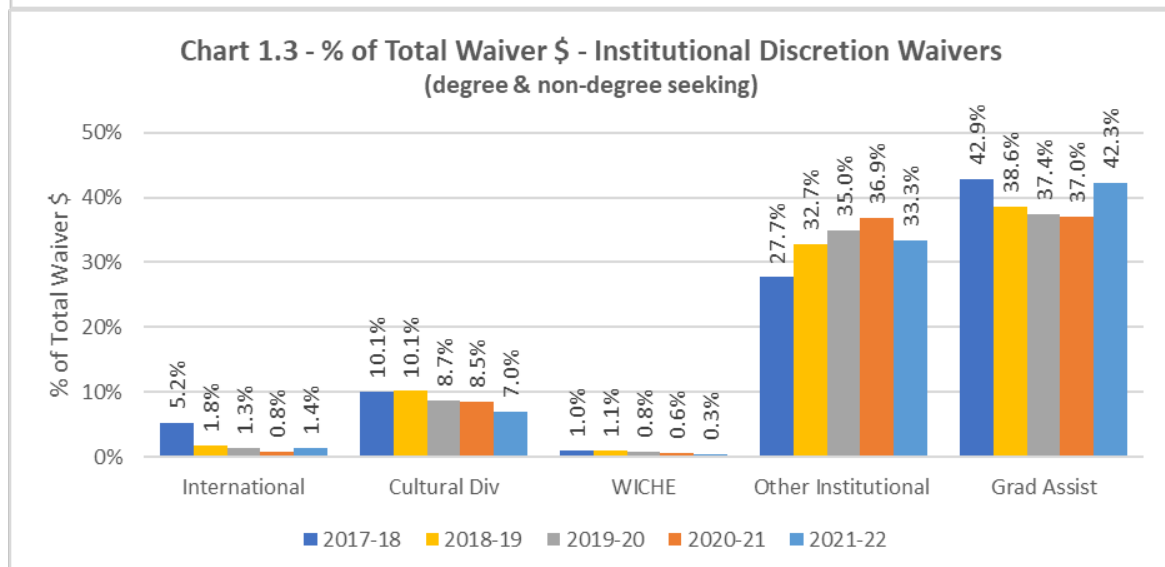
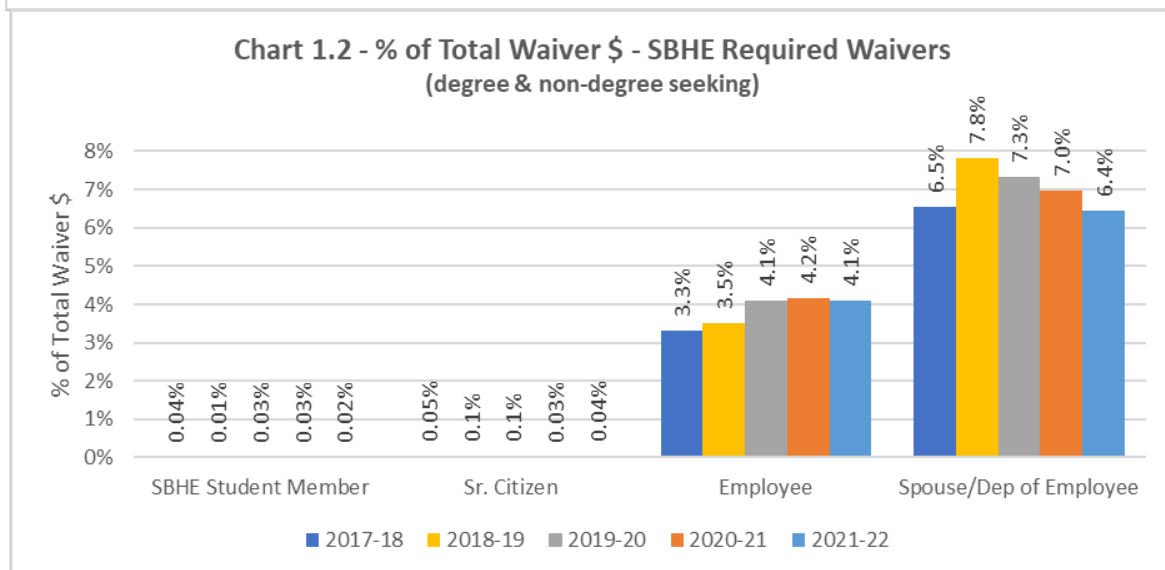
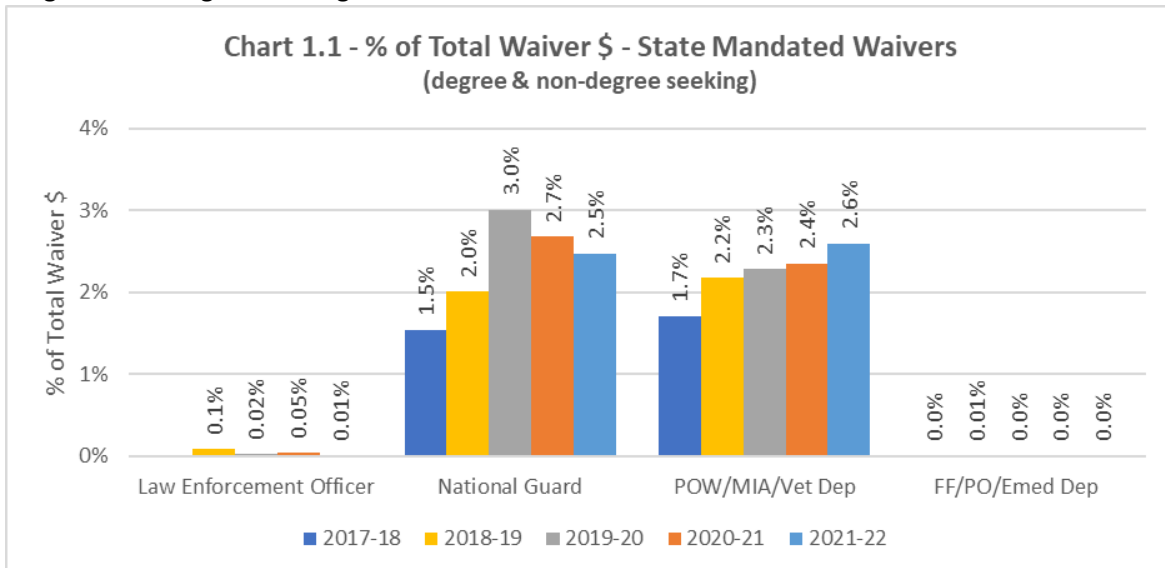
SBHE required waivers totaled \$4.0 million, a slight decrease of \$.06 million (-1.4%) from the prior year. This category represents 10.6% of total waiver dollars to degree and non-degree students.

Institutional Discretion:

Institutions offer waivers for purposes that meet the mission and goals of the enrolling institution and to enhance the educational experience of students. As NDUS institutions compete for students regionally, nationally, and internationally, waivers are an important tool operationally in recruiting and retaining students and play an important role in affordability and access. Institutions may offer waivers for specific purposes, such as returning students completing a program of study, academic achievement, and activity participation, especially when scholarships are not available. Additionally, waivers encourage a robust and diverse experience for students who will be performing in a global environment following graduation, an important factor in awards of international waivers and cultural diversity waivers. Cultural diversity waivers promote diversity through sharing cultural experiences in a diverse campus setting. Further, waivers for programs such as STEM encourage students to think creatively as they become the next generation of innovators of products and services that help to sustain the economy.

Graduate student waivers are the largest category of waivers issued at 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 add to critical research and development and assist in classroom teaching and experiences for undergraduates.

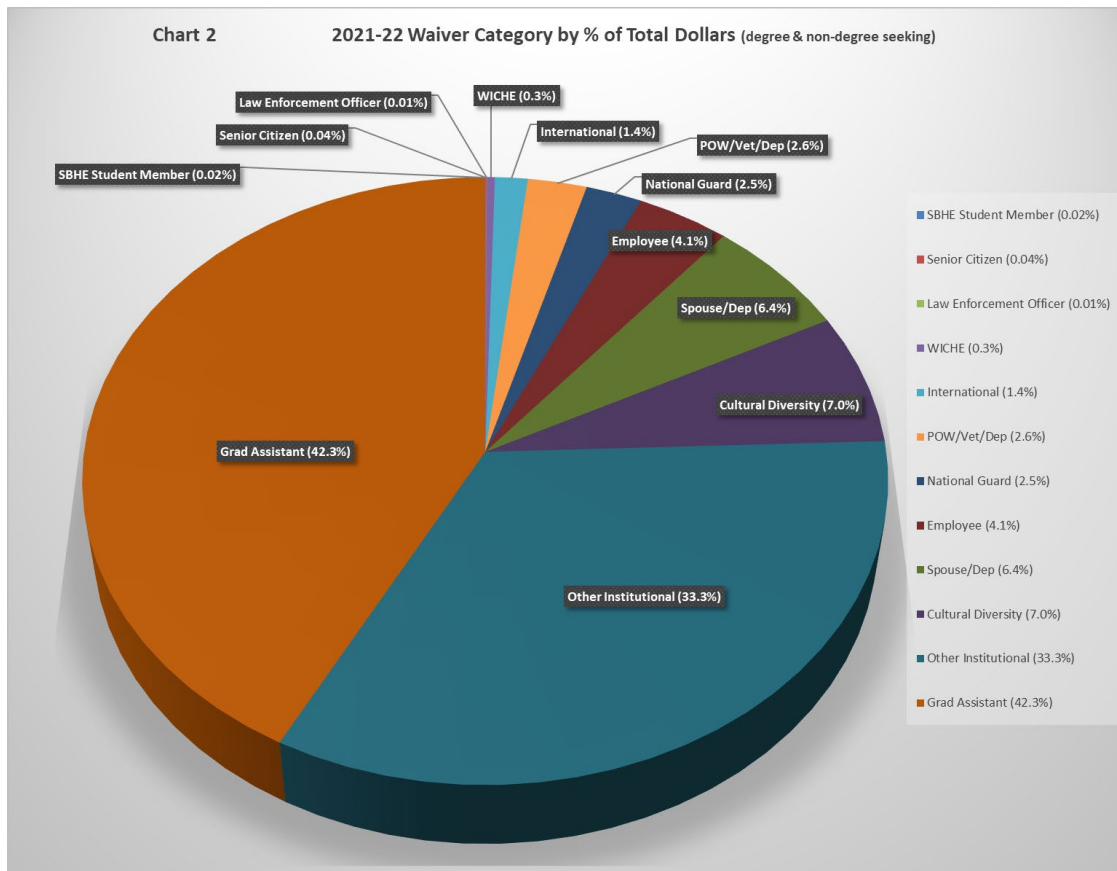
Waivers at the institution's discretion totaled \$31.2 million. This is an increase of \$1.4 million (4.8%) from the prior year. Institutional waivers comprise 84.3% of all waiver dollars issued to both degree-seeking and non-degree seeking students.



Many waiver categories saw minimal change from the prior year. The waiver with the greatest percentage increase was graduate assistant with a 18.8% increase from \$13,150,136 to \$15,617,615. This category continues to be the largest waiver category at 42.3% of total waivers awarded. The net change for all waivers from 2020-21 was an increase of \$1.4 million, a 4.1% increase, as shown in Table 1 below.

Waiver Type	2020-21	2021-22	\$ Change	% Chg
Law Enforcement Officer	\$16,099	\$3,170	-\$12,929	-80.3%
National Guard	\$952,492	\$914,529	-\$37,962	-4.0%
POW/MIA/VET Dep.	\$837,221	\$961,503	\$124,282	14.8%
FF/PO/Emed	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Senior Citizen	\$9,180	\$16,100	\$6,920	75.4%
SBHE Student Member	\$8,909	\$8,129	-\$780	-8.8%
Spouse/Dep	\$2,478,528	\$2,384,964	-\$93,564	-3.8%
Employee	\$1,480,825	\$1,512,130	\$31,305	2.1%
International	\$274,190	\$532,727	\$258,537	94.3%
Cultural Diversity	\$3,027,040	\$2,571,041	-\$455,999	-15.1%
WICHE	\$203,849	\$128,627	-\$75,221	-36.9%
Other Institutional	\$13,099,855	\$12,332,859	-\$766,996	-5.9%
Graduate Assistant	\$13,150,136	\$15,617,615	\$2,467,479	18.8%
TOTAL	\$35,538,322	\$36,983,393	\$1,445,071	4.1%

Chart 2 details the 2021-22 waivers for both degree seeking and non-degree seeking students by category as a percentage of total dollars waived. Table 2 that follows provides the detail for each waiver category.



Campus	STATUTORILY REQUIRED					SBHE POLICY REQUIRED					INSTITUTIONAL DISCRETION						Duplicated Total	Unduplicated HC Total (from Table 2)
	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	0	46	20	0	66	4	0	35	19	58	3	2	0	104	0	109	233	193
Dollars	\$0	\$52,014	\$78,802	\$0	\$130,817	\$1,169	\$0	\$36,399	\$16,833	\$54,401	\$16,682	\$5,009	\$0	\$121,524	\$0	\$143,215	\$328,432	
DCB																		
# Of Students	0	4	4	0	8	1	0	11	3	15	1	12	0	30	0	43	66	44
Dollars	\$0	\$3,448	\$9,075	\$0	\$12,523	\$272	\$0	\$17,232	\$5,627	\$23,131	\$5,717	\$26,000	\$0	\$73,859	\$0	\$105,576	\$141,230	
DSU																		
# Of Students	0	10	10	0	20	2	0	29	23	54	0	8	0	612	20	640	714	580
Dollars	\$0	\$14,017	\$71,712	\$0	\$85,729	\$467	\$0	\$147,695	\$37,162	\$185,324	\$0	\$7,469	\$0	\$942,381	\$84,504	\$1,034,354	\$1,305,407	
LRSC																		
# Of Students	2	7	9	0	18	2	0	21	8	31	13	27	0	84	0	124	173	134
Dollars	\$780	\$5,999	\$35,713	\$0	\$42,492	\$4,597	\$0	\$24,157	\$14,373	\$43,126	\$112,721	\$48,323	\$0	\$181,712	\$0	\$342,756	\$428,374	
MaSU																		
# Of Students	0	6	9	0	15	0	0	20	7	27	0	45	0	154	0	199	241	210
Dollars	\$0	\$8,042	\$49,557	\$0	\$57,599	\$0	\$0	\$44,686	\$9,598	\$54,284	\$0	\$52,000	\$0	\$309,142	\$0	\$361,142	\$473,025	
MiSU																		
# Of Students	3	11	20	0	34	10	0	60	24	94	0	56	0	842	0	898	1,026	877
Dollars	\$1,382	\$15,487	\$126,709	\$0	\$143,578	\$4,666	\$0	\$145,451	\$44,233	\$194,350	\$0	\$125,805	\$0	1,391,948	-	\$1,517,753	\$1,855,681	
NDSCS																		
# Of Students	0	26	14	0	40	0	0	35	1	36	0	12	0	505	0	517	593	473
Dollars	\$0	\$29,163	\$56,201	\$0	\$85,364	\$0	\$0	\$43,477	\$450	\$43,927	\$0	\$8,800	\$0	\$296,767	\$0	\$305,567	\$434,858	
NDSU																		
# Of Students	0	190	23	0	213	4	0	210	187	401	62	185	0	3,247	1,143	4,637	5,251	5,014
Dollars	\$0	\$462,303	\$191,437	\$0	\$653,740	\$4,126	\$0	\$834,982	\$486,458	\$1,325,565	\$383,381	\$1,283,004	\$0	\$5,563,334	\$10,823,033	\$18,052,751	\$20,032,056	
UND																		
# Of Students	2	133	37	0	172	0	1	268	244	513	0	224	5	638	422	1,289	1,974	1,764
Dollars	\$849	\$302,006	\$307,163	\$0	\$610,018	\$0	\$8,129	\$1,040,566	\$869,718	\$1,918,412	\$0	\$29,874	\$128,627	\$3,263,363	\$4,688,204	\$8,910,069	\$11,438,498	
VCSU																		
# Of Students	1	15	6	0	22	0	0	27	12	39	7	84	0	95	4	190	251	206
Dollars	\$159	\$22,050	\$32,670	\$0	\$54,879	\$0	\$0	\$45,906	\$25,072	\$70,978	\$14,226	\$106,974	\$0	\$100,958	\$21,874	\$244,032	\$369,889	
WSC																		
# Of Students	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	6	4	13	0	18	0	16	0	34	48	42
Dollars	\$0	\$0	\$2,464	\$0	\$2,464	\$803	\$0	\$4,413	\$2,607	\$7,824	\$0	\$77,783	\$0	\$87,873	\$0	\$165,656	\$175,943	
TOTAL																		
# Of Students	8	448	153	0	609	26	1	722	532	1,281	86	673	5	6,327	1,589	8,680	10,570	9,537
Dollars	\$3,170	\$914,529	\$961,503	\$0	\$1,879,202	\$16,100	\$8,129	\$2,384,964	\$1,512,130	\$3,921,322	\$532,727	\$2,571,041	\$128,627	\$12,332,859	\$15,617,615	\$31,182,869	\$36,983,393	
% of TTL Dollars	0.01%	2.5%	2.6%	0.0%	5.1%	0.04%	0.02%	6.4%	4.1%	10.6%	1.4%	7.0%	0.3%	33.3%	42.3%	84.3%		

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, and differences in mission and goals. Some institutions provide in-state rates to 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. 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 paid less, or comparable, tuition on average than non-residents and international students. ND resident graduate students with a waiver had either the lowest, or comparable, average tuition rates compared with non-residents and international students. As noted, graduate waivers continue to be a key tool in expanding research and assist in providing needed teaching and research support across all disciplines.

Chart 3.0 - 2021-22 Avg Undergraduate Tuition Paid (degree seeking)

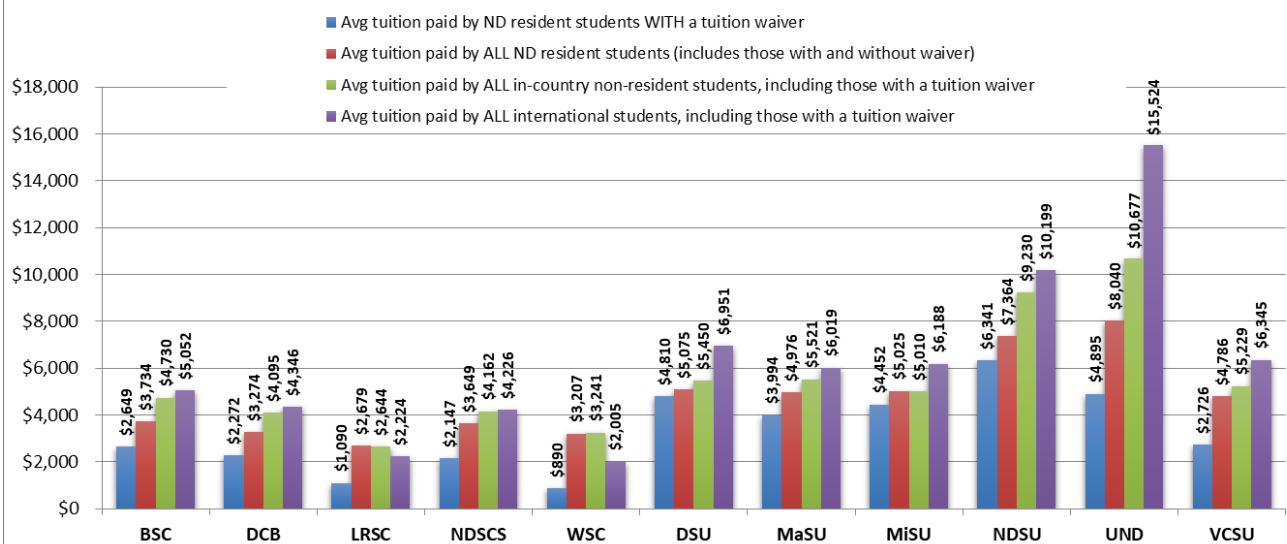
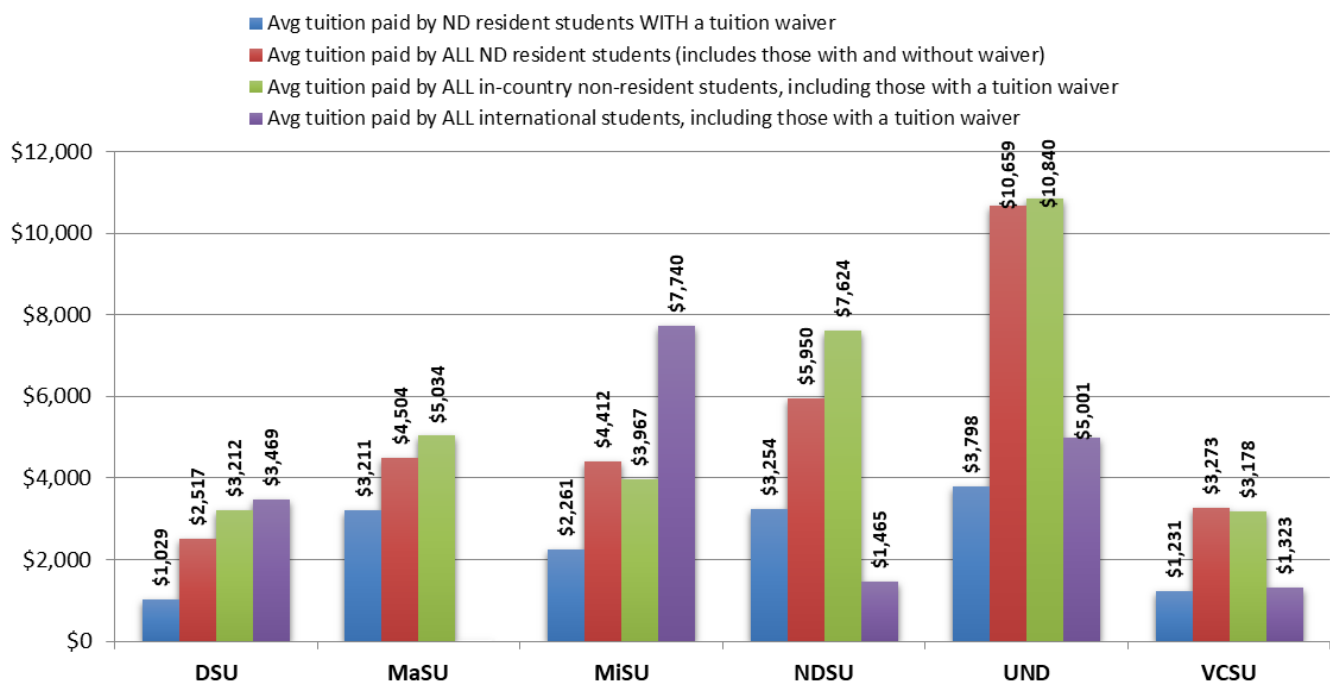


Chart 3.1 - 2021-22 Avg Graduate & Professional Tuition Paid (degree-seeking)



TOTAL COLLECTIONS

As shown below, 9,537 (23.0%) of the 41,502 degree-seeking students received some type of tuition waiver, totaling \$36.4 million in 2021-22. This is an increase from 2020-21, wherein 8,956 students received waivers totaling \$35.0 million. **Waivers** as a percent of gross tuition charged were 10.7%. However, during 2021-22, students with a tuition waiver still paid institutions \$87.6 million. This came from tuition of \$49.7 million, housing and food plans of \$25.9 million, and mandatory fees of \$12.0 million.

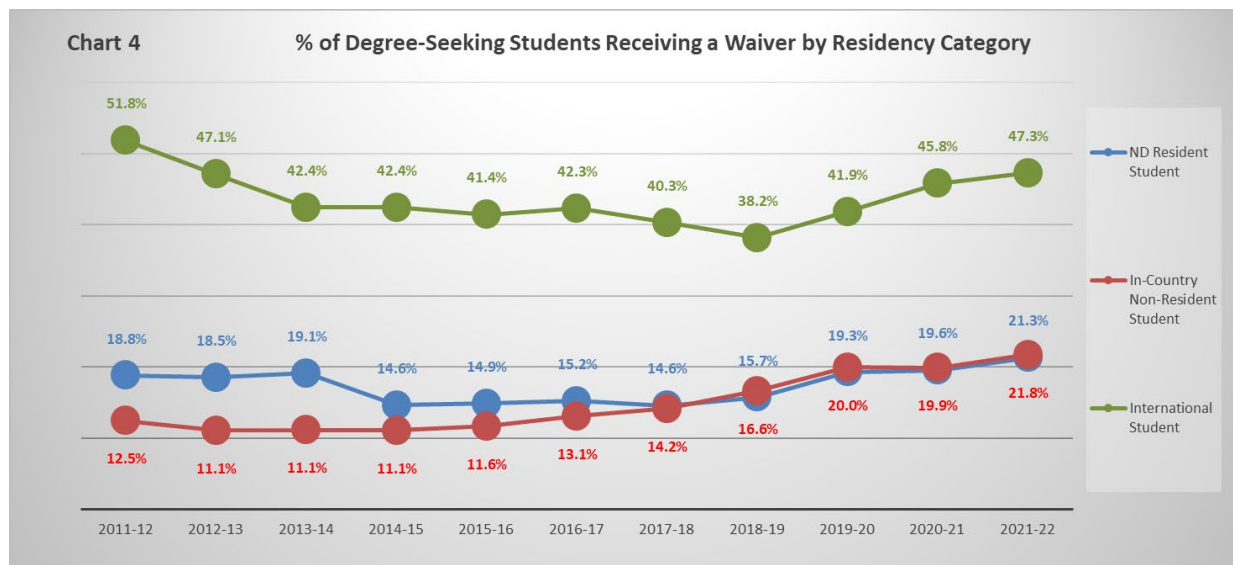
Overall, net collections of tuition, housing and food plans and mandatory fees for all students, both those with a waiver and those without a waiver, totaled \$428.7 million. This represents a 3.1% increase in net total collections from the prior year for all degree-seeking students. Students receiving a tuition waiver generated 20.4% of these collections.

		BSC	DCB	DSU	LRSC	MaSU	MiSU	NDSCS	NDSU	UND	VCSU	WSC	NDUS Total
1	Annual degree-seeking headcount (HC) enrollment	3,233	589	1,401	806	1,029	2,871	1,999	12,910	14,623	1,261	780	41,502
2	Unduplicated number of HC students receiving tuition waiver	193	44	580	134	210	877	473	5,014	1,764	206	42	9,537
3	Gross tuition charged to <u>ALL</u> students (with & without waiver)	\$13,034,359	\$2,192,921	\$8,420,926	\$2,522,092	\$5,792,117	\$16,527,780	\$8,120,859	\$120,422,734	\$154,617,712	\$6,284,900	\$2,608,861	\$340,545,261
4	Total tuition waived	\$313,720	\$130,918	\$1,284,094	\$380,794	\$464,865	\$1,824,380	\$399,679	\$19,914,193	\$11,168,647	\$351,909	\$174,236	\$36,407,435
5	Net tuition charged to students receiving a tuition waiver	\$528,661	\$108,594	\$2,794,906	\$180,817	\$1,080,749	\$3,774,096	\$2,033,131	\$30,124,715	\$8,262,877	\$841,725	\$19,049	\$49,749,321
6	Net housing & food charged to students receiving a tuition waiver	\$189,675	\$217,363	\$1,152,137	\$419,722	\$520,483	\$1,350,990	\$2,543,177	\$15,822,912	\$3,008,436	\$495,459	\$191,519	\$25,911,872
7	Net mandatory fees charged to students receiving a tuition waiver	\$137,977	\$47,902	\$869,051	\$95,414	\$275,144	\$1,049,802	\$638,112	\$6,327,989	\$2,119,933	\$331,663	\$59,645	\$11,952,631
8	Total net tuition, housing & food, and mandatory fees charged to <u>ALL</u> students (with & without waiver)	\$17,411,889	\$3,710,678	\$10,734,217	\$3,843,998	\$7,893,683	\$20,467,834	\$16,265,060	\$146,941,543	\$185,954,306	\$9,914,659	\$4,718,343	\$428,681,810
9	Total net tuition, housing & food, and mandatory fees charged to students receiving a tuition waiver	\$856,313	\$373,859	\$4,816,094	\$695,953	\$1,876,376	\$6,174,888	\$5,214,420	\$52,275,616	\$13,391,246	\$1,668,848	\$270,212	\$87,613,824
10	% of net TOTAL tuition, housing & food and mandatory fees generated from tuition waiver recipients	4.9%	10.1%	44.9%	18.1%	23.8%	30.2%	32.1%	35.6%	7.2%	16.8%	5.7%	20.4%

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

TUITION WAIVERS BY RESIDENCY

Since 2011-12, ND resident students and in-country non-resident students receiving a waiver has been steady, although increasing in recent years. In 2021-22, 21.3% of ND resident students received a waiver. This is an increase from the 2020-21 rate and is the highest in 10 years. In-country non-resident students accounted for 21.8% of the waivers. International students receiving a waiver dropped steadily through 2018-19 and has increased steadily since, with 47.3% of international students receiving a waiver in 2021-22.



Most waivers provided are partial waivers from 1-99% as shown in Table 4. Total students receiving waivers increased from 8,956 in 2020-21 to 9,537 in 2022-22. The following summarizes the 2021-22 tuition waivers to degree-seeking students.

- 23.0% of degree-seeking students received a waiver in 2021-22.
- 1,880 (4.5%) of degree-seeking students received full waivers, a slight increase from the prior year's rate of 4.4%.
- 7,657 (18.4%) of degree-seeking students received partial waivers, an increase from the 16.7% reported in 2020-21.
- Most waivers were issued to ND resident students. A total of 4,756 ND resident students received waivers, which equates to 49.9% of total tuition waivers issued. This is an increase from the 2020-21 rate of 49.5%.
- 3,663 in-country, non-resident students received tuition waivers, which reflects 38.4% of all waivers provided. This is a decrease from 39.2% reported in 2020-21.
- 1,118 international students received tuition waivers, which is 11.7% of waivers issued. This was a slight increase from 11.4% reported in 2020-21.

		BSC		DCB		DSU		LRSC		MaSU		MiSU		NDSCS		NDSU		UND		VCSU		WSC		NDUS Total	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
ND Resident																									
1	No Waiver	2,405	93.0%	429	96.4%	557	63.9%	591	87.9%	549	86.5%	1,296	70.2%	1,105	94.7%	3,571	61.5%	5,804	83.5%	759	91.1%	481	98.8%	17,547	78.7%
2	Partial Waiver	154	6.0%	13	2.9%	264	30.3%	60	8.9%	77	12.1%	512	27.7%	49	4.2%	1,915	33.0%	868	12.5%	59	7.1%	3	0.6%	3,974	17.8%
3	Full Waiver	27	1.0%	3	0.7%	50	5.7%	21	3.1%	9	1.4%	38	2.1%	13	1.1%	323	5.6%	280	4.0%	15	1.8%	3	0.6%	782	3.5%
4	Total ND Resident	2,586		445		871		672		635		1,846		1,167		5,809		6,952		833		487		22,303	
In-Country Non-Resident																									
5	No Waiver	625	98.7%	69	84.1%	235	48.9%	73	71.6%	262	71.0%	445	63.6%	415	50.4%	4,162	65.8%	6,386	95.6%	284	69.6%	216	93.5%	13,172	78.2%
6	Partial Waiver	8	1.3%	13	15.9%	238	49.5%	19	18.6%	105	28.5%	247	35.3%	408	49.5%	1,916	30.3%	217	3.2%	121	29.7%	6	2.6%	3,298	19.6%
7	Full Waiver	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	8	1.7%	10	9.8%	2	0.5%	8	1.1%	1	0.1%	244	3.9%	80	1.2%	3	0.7%	9	3.9%	365	2.2%
8	Total In-Country Non-Resident	633		82		481		102		369		700		824		6,322		6,683		408		231		16,835	
International																									
9	No Waiver	10	71.4%	47	75.8%	29	59.2%	8	25.0%	8	32.0%	253	77.8%	6	75.0%	163	20.9%	669	67.7%	12	60.0%	41	66.1%	1,246	52.7%
10	Partial Waiver	4	28.6%	14	22.6%	19	38.8%	15	46.9%	17	68.0%	71	21.8%	2	25.0%	133	17.1%	101	10.2%	8	40.0%	1	1.6%	385	16.3%
11	Full Waiver	0	0.0%	1	1.6%	1	2.0%	9	28.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	483	62.0%	218	22.1%	0	0.0%	20	32.3%	733	31.0%
12	Total International	14		62		49		32		25		325		8		779		988		20		62		2,364	
Total																									
13	No Waiver	3,040	94.0%	545	92.5%	821	58.6%	672	83.4%	819	79.6%	1,994	69.5%	1,526	76.3%	7,896	61.2%	12,859	87.9%	1,055	83.7%	738	94.6%	31,965	77.0%
14	Partial Waiver	166	5.1%	40	6.8%	521	37.2%	94	11.7%	199	19.3%	830	28.9%	459	23.0%	3,964	30.7%	1,186	8.1%	188	14.9%	10	1.3%	7,657	18.4%
15	Full Waiver	27	0.8%	4	0.7%	59	4.2%	40	5.0%	11	1.1%	47	1.6%	14	0.7%	1,050	8.1%	578	4.0%	18	1.4%	32	4.1%	1,880	4.5%
16	Partial + Full Waivers	193	6.0%	44	7.5%	580	41.4%	134	16.6%	210	20.4%	877	30.5%	473	23.7%	5,014	38.8%	1,764	12.1%	206	16.3%	42	5.4%	9,537	23.0%
17	Total Degree Seeking Headcount	3,233		589		1,401		806		1,029		2,871		1,999		12,910		14,623		1,261		780		41,502	

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.