

FACTS ABOUT IOWA'S PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

Iowa's public universities serve approximately 75,000 students. These include:

- 47,000 undergraduate and graduate students from the state of Iowa
- 28,000 out-of-state and international students

Iowa's public universities serve all Iowans in many ways every day.

- Providing health care through more than one million patient visits to 200 medical clinics throughout the state.
- Transferring technology, business expertise and entrepreneurial skills to companies in every county in Iowa, serving several thousand Iowa businesses every year.
- Assisting 1.4 million Iowa agricultural operations, youths and families through Extension.

Iowa's public universities are the largest providers of highly skilled professionals including:

- One-half of all doctors practicing in Iowa were trained at the University of Iowa
- More than 1,500 practicing veterinarians in Iowa were trained at Iowa State University
- Eight of every 10 dentists and half of Iowa's pharmacists were trained at the University of Iowa.
- Nursing and law graduates from Iowa's public universities are practicing in every county in the state.
- Six of 10 licensed architects in Iowa received their training at Iowa State University.
- 22,000 engineers in Iowa received their training at Iowa's public universities.
- More than 30,000 elementary and secondary teachers and half of the school administrators in Iowa were trained at Iowa's public universities.

Iowa's public universities generate \$8 billion to \$9 billion of economic activity annually, supporting businesses and jobs throughout the state.

The operating budgets for Iowa's public universities this year total \$448 million. These budgets are funded primarily from two sources: state appropriations and student tuition.

During the past three years, state appropriations to the universities have been reduced by 25 percent even though enrollment has increased by nearly 4,000 students.

In 2000, state appropriations provided 67 percent of the revenues for Iowa's public universities and tuition provided 27 percent. Today, state appropriations provide only 36 percent of revenue while tuitions make up 58 percent.

In 1990, an Iowan could work five weeks at the average weekly wage to cover the cost of a semester's tuition at an Iowa public university. Today, it would take more than eight weeks of work to cover the cost of a semester's tuition.

Students are bearing the burden of the shift in funding by taking on debt. Students graduating from Iowa's public universities are averaging nearly \$30,000 of debt at graduation.

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