

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES

Key Considerations

COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (CPE) TUITION AND FEE CEILING

- CPE adopted resident undergraduate tuition and mandatory fee ceilings for AY 2025-26 and AY 2026-27 with a maximum rate increase of:
 - no more than \$675, or 5.0%, over the two years
 - no more than \$450, or 3.3%, in any one year

2026-28 COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BIENNIAL BUDGET

- Flat funding in support of operations in FY 2026-27 and FY 2027-28
- Flat funding for the Performance Fund in FY 2026-27 and FY 2027-28

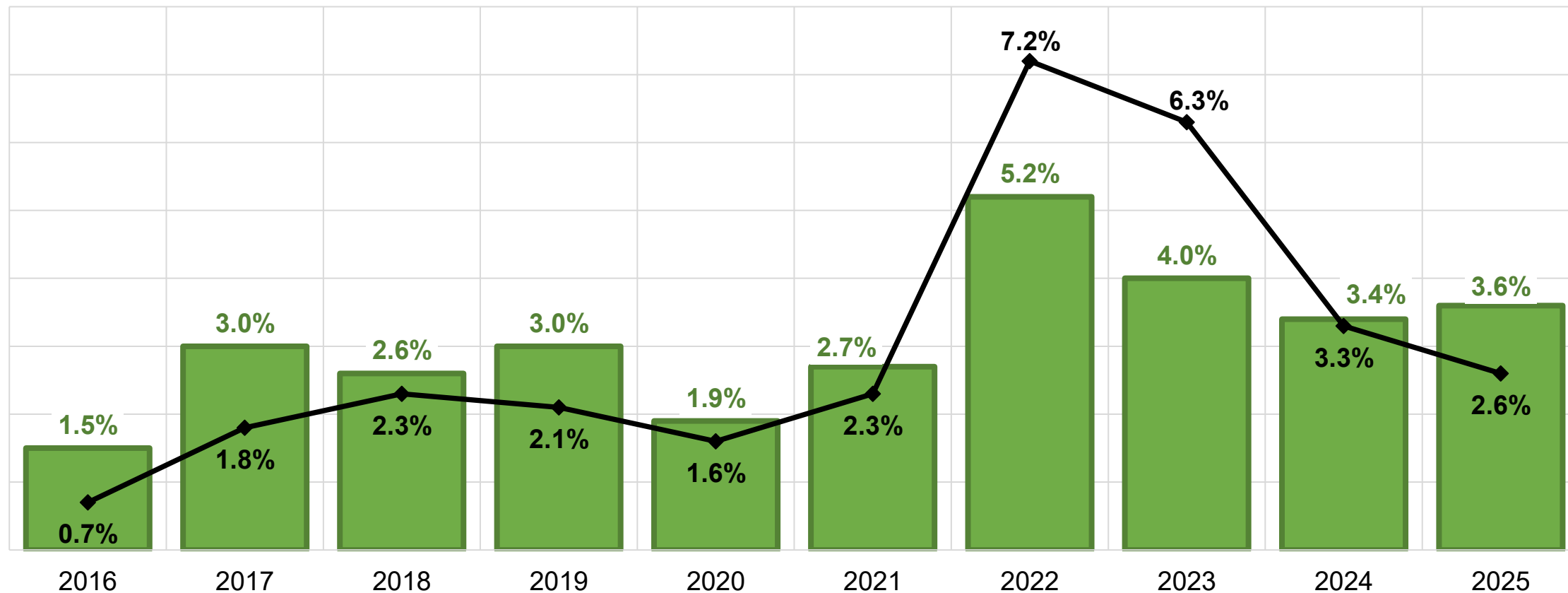
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DOE)

- Reductions in federal student borrowing capacity under new borrowing caps
 - Graduate PLUS loans end July 1, 2026
 - Graduate Programs: \$20,500 per year / \$100,000 lifetime
 - Professional Programs: \$50,000 per year / \$200,000 lifetime
- 11 doctoral programs are designated as professional
 - UK offers 5 of these professional programs

External Environment

UNITED STATES YEARLY INFLATION

Higher Education Price Index Consumer Price Index

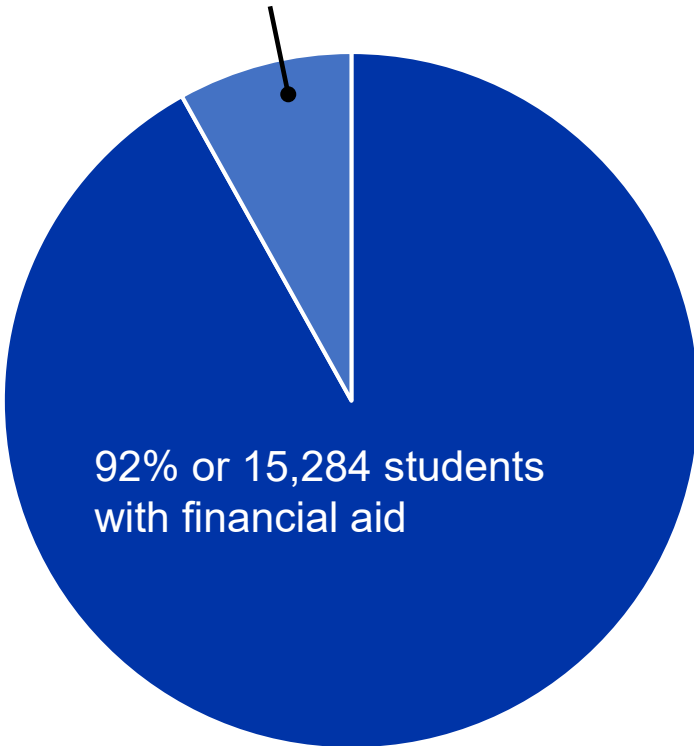


Source: Commonfund Institute, Higher Education Price Index | Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index

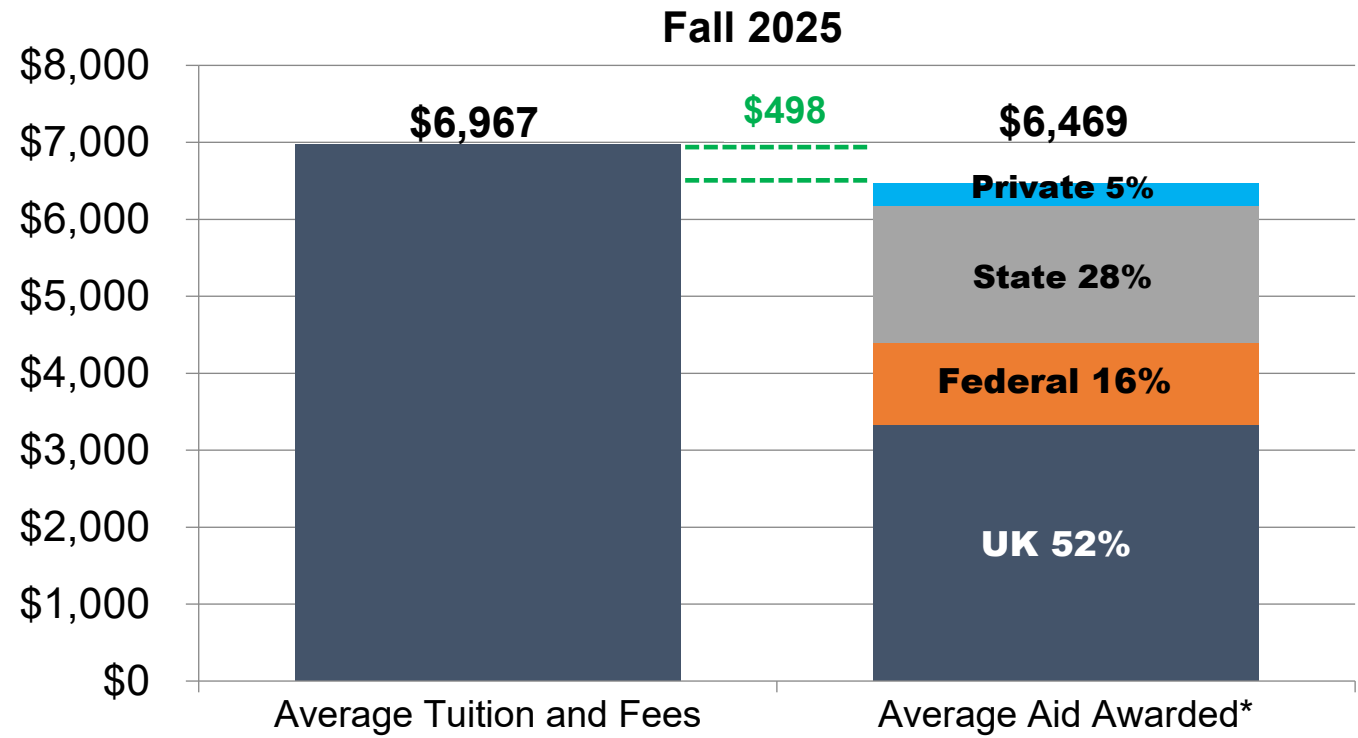
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UK Undergraduate Full-Time Resident Students Receiving Grants or Scholarships

► Only 8% or 1,345 students did not receive financial aid.



► 92% of full-time resident undergraduates received student financial aid. These students paid, on average, \$498 out of pocket for tuition and fees in fall 2025.

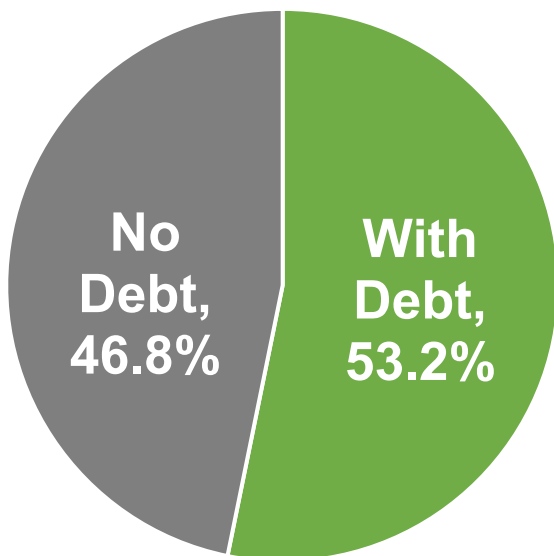


*May not sum to 100% due to rounding

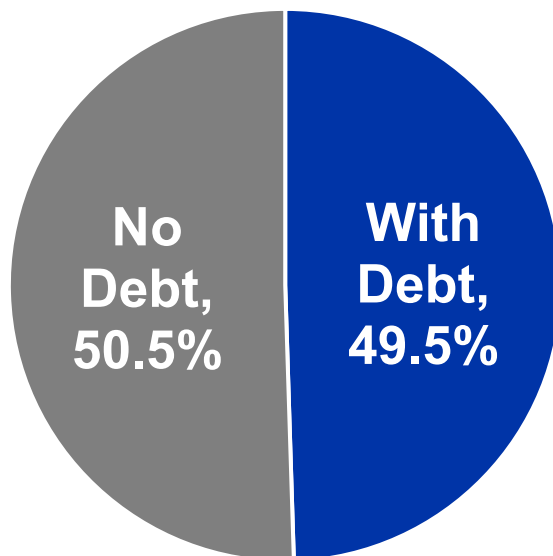
Debt of Baccalaureate Graduates 2024-25

RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATES

Kentucky Public Universities

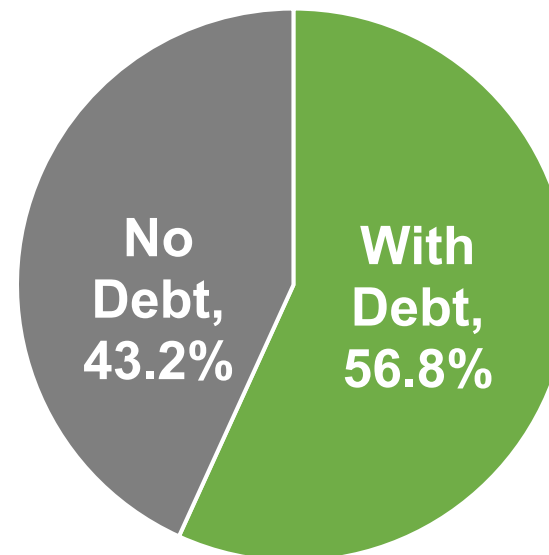


University of Kentucky

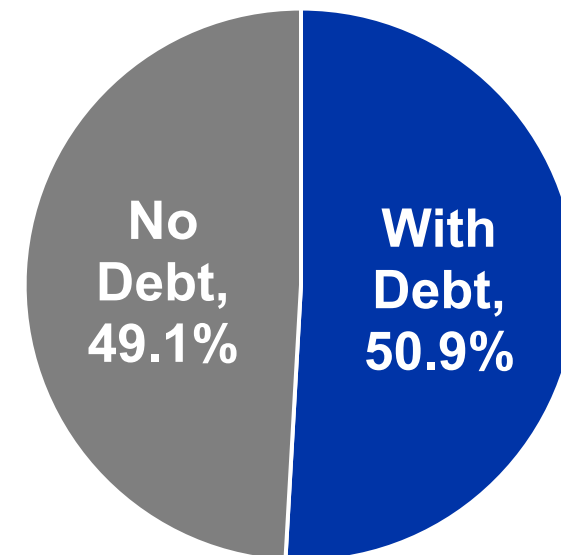


NON-RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATES

Kentucky Public Universities



University of Kentucky



Source: Kentucky Public Universities information according to Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education Undergraduate Student Debt Levels in Kentucky

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Recommended Tuition and Mandatory Fees (per semester)

Undergraduate, Full-Time	Fall 2025	Fall 2026	% Change	\$ Change
Resident	\$ 6,953.50	\$ 7,088.50	1.94%	\$135.00
Non-Resident	\$17,582.00	\$17,923.00	1.94%	\$341.00
UK Online (Per Credit Hour)	\$ 654.00	\$ 667.00	1.99%	\$ 13.00

Graduate, Full-Time	Fall 2025	Fall 2026	% Change	\$ Change
Resident	\$ 7,541.50	\$ 7,688.00	1.94%	\$146.50
Non-Resident	\$18,662.50	\$19,024.50	1.94%	\$362.00
Graduate Students Enrolled Exclusively in Distance Education Courses	\$ 7,092.50	\$ 7,239.00	2.07%	\$146.50

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Tuition and Mandatory Fees (per semester)

Fall Semester	UG Resident Rate*	Annual % Change	4-Year Average Annual % Change
2016	\$5,660.00	5.0%	4.0%
2017	\$5,886.00	4.0%	4.3%
2018*	\$6,035.00	2.5%	3.6%
2019	\$6,180.00	2.4%	3.5%
2020	\$6,242.00	1.0%	2.5%
2021	\$6,305.00	1.0%	1.7%
2022	\$6,429.50	2.0%	1.6%
2023	\$6,606.00	2.8%	1.7%
2024	\$6,751.00	2.2%	2.0%
2025	\$6,953.50	3.0%	2.5%
2026**	\$7,088.50	1.9%	2.5%

*Freshmen and sophomores only through 2018

**Recommended

Recommendation

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Office of the President
April 23, 2026

Members, Board of Trustees:

ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-27 TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES SCHEDULE

Recommendation: That the Board of Trustees approve the attached Academic Year (AY) 2026-27 Tuition and Mandatory Fees Schedule. The recommended tuition and mandatory fees reflect a 1.94 percent increase for most resident and nonresident students compared to AY 2025-26.

Background: Pursuant to KRS 164.020(8), the Council on Postsecondary Education has the statutory authority to determine tuition for Kentucky's public colleges and universities. The Council defines a mandatory fee as a distinct charge applied to students as a condition of enrollment, regardless of degree level or program, and is required of such a large proportion of all students that a student who does not pay the fee is an exception. The Council considers mandatory fees as subject to the statute.

On April 17, 2025, the Council adopted resident undergraduate tuition and mandatory fee ceilings for AY 2025-26 and AY 2026-27 with a maximum rate increase of no more than \$675.00, or 5.0 percent, over the two years and a maximum increase of no more than \$450.00, or 3.3 percent, in any one year for UK.

The Council also adopted a recommendation allowing the public institutions to submit for Council review and approval market competitive tuition and fee rates for graduate and online courses, as well as tuition and fee rates for nonresident undergraduate students

QUESTIONS?

