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# Community College Revenue by Source

## Revenue Accounting and Reporting

Iowa's 15 community colleges have a variety of revenue sources available. For accounting and budgeting purposes, the colleges record revenue in eight different funds.

- Fund 1 (Unrestricted General Fund), Fund 2 (Restricted General Fund), and Fund 7 (Plant Fund) are reported as part of the annual certified budget. Funds 1 and 2 include resources available for the educational program. Fund 7 includes resources used for acquisition, construction, and major repair or replacement of physical property, as well as debt service related to those activities.
- Fund 3 (Auxiliary Fund) includes revenue from enterprise activities such as cafeterias, book stores, and child care centers.
- Fund 4 (Agency Fund) includes resources handled by the college as fiscal agent for other entities. This includes funds received under Iowa Code chapter [260F](#) (Jobs Training).
- Fund 5 (Scholarship Fund) and Fund 6 (Loan Fund) include resources available for scholarship awards and loans to students.
- Fund 8 (Endowment Fund) includes resources donated to the college. The principal balance must be maintained and only the income from fund investments may be used, in accordance with any restrictions specified by the donor.

## Sources of Actual Revenue

Actual revenue (Fund 1) falls into five general categories, described on the next page. The figure below compares statewide community college revenue in each category for FY 2018 to FY 2022.

Iowa Community Colleges — Actual Revenue By Source (\$ in Millions)								
	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	Change From FY 2018 to FY 2022		
Tuition/Fees	\$ 297.0	\$ 301.8	\$ 292.9	\$ 284.7	\$ 290.5	\$ -6.5	-2.2%	
Local Support	32.4	34.2	35.2	38.0	38.7	6.3	19.5%	
State Aid	200.7	205.3	211.1	211.3	217.8	17.1	8.5%	
Federal	1.8	1.6	3.2	5.8	9.1	7.3	395.3%	
Other	43.9	45.0	44.9	71.5	70.7	26.8	61.1%	
Total	\$ 575.8	\$ 587.9	\$ 587.2	\$ 611.2	\$ 626.8	\$ 51.0	8.9%	

Source: Department of Education, Annual Condition of Iowa's Community Colleges AY 2021-2022 Tables

## More Information

Iowa Department of Education, Condition of Community Colleges Report: [educateiowa.gov/documents](https://educateiowa.gov/documents)  
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*Total Revenues by College*

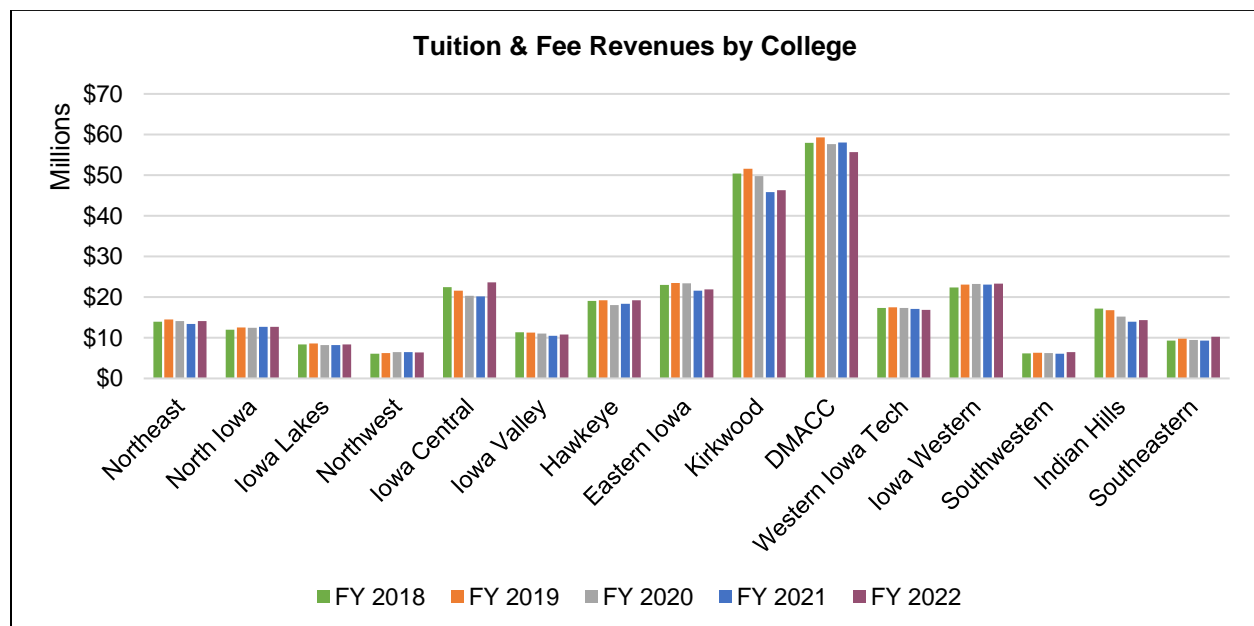
Overall, community colleges in Iowa saw an increase in actual revenues during the FY 2018 to FY 2022 time period. Indian Hills Community College was the only college with declining revenue. Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) remained the largest college in terms of revenue and enrollment throughout this period.

	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	Change from FY 2018 to FY 2022		FY 2022 Enrollment
Northeast	\$ 34.7	\$ 35.3	\$ 35.8	\$ 34.5	\$ 39.4	\$ 4.7	13.5%	5,511
North Iowa	25.0	25.9	27.4	27.5	27.4	2.3	9.3%	3,210
Iowa Lakes	20.8	21.3	21.4	22.4	22.3	1.6	7.5%	2,749
Northwest	12.5	13.1	13.5	13.6	13.4	0.9	7.1%	2,754
Iowa Central	36.8	36.4	34.9	34.9	40.1	3.3	9.1%	6,232
Iowa Valley	22.7	22.7	22.8	24.8	24.2	1.5	6.5%	2,988
Hawkeye	37.6	38.7	39.0	44.3	42.9	5.3	14.2%	6,690
Eastern Iowa	44.1	45.1	45.7	46.8	48.1	4.0	9.0%	12,288
Kirkwood	90.3	93.0	90.6	99.9	98.0	7.7	8.6%	16,775
DMACC	110.2	112.5	112.8	112.3	116.8	6.6	6.0%	33,308
Western Iowa	33.5	34.2	35.0	37.5	36.6	3.1	9.2%	7,200
Iowa Western	38.2	39.3	39.9	41.4	42.1	3.8	10.1%	8,210
Southwestern	13.1	13.4	13.1	13.8	14.5	1.4	10.5%	1,943
Indian Hills	36.0	36.2	34.8	35.3	35.2	-0.8	-2.2%	4,274
Southeastern	20.2	20.8	20.7	21.9	25.8	5.6	27.6%	3,332
<b>Total</b>	<b>575.8</b>	<b>587.9</b>	<b>587.2</b>	<b>611.2</b>	<b>626.8</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>8.9%</b>	<b>117,464</b>

Source: Department of Education, Annual Condition of Iowa's Community Colleges AY 2021-2022 Tables

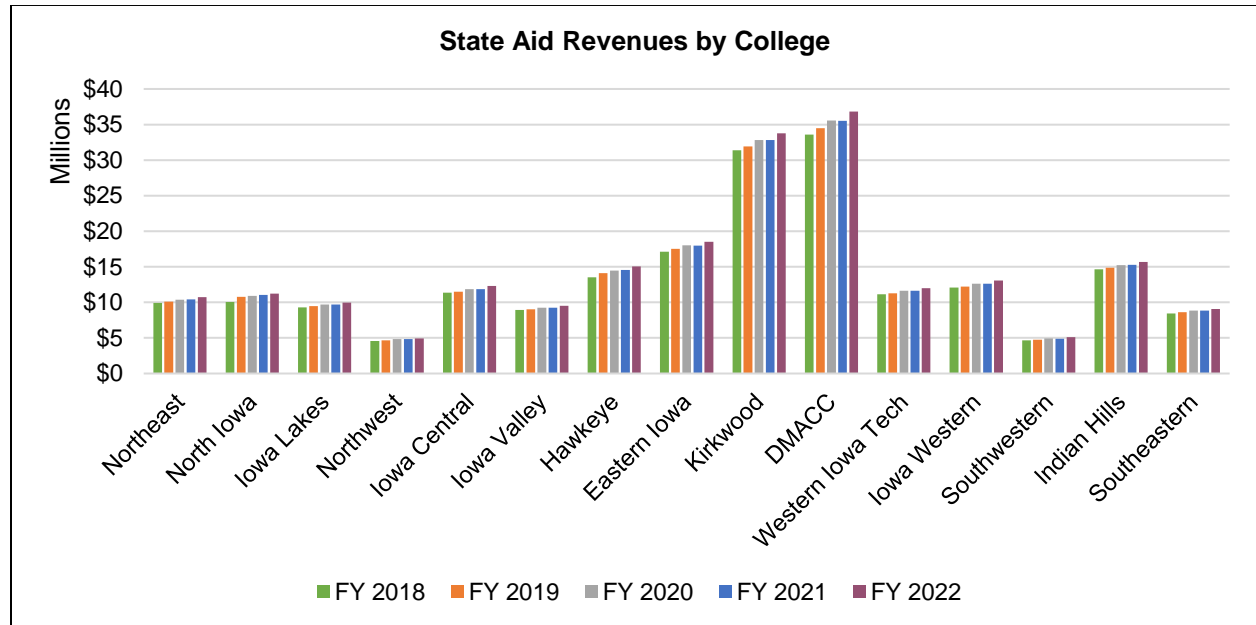
*Tuition and Fees*

Between FY 2018 and FY 2022, actual revenue from tuition and fees increased by 2.2% and was the largest source of revenue for the community colleges during that period. In FY 2022, tuition and fees represented 46.4% of total actual revenue, which was down from 51.6% in FY 2018. As illustrated in the chart below, these revenues varied minimally over the period in question.



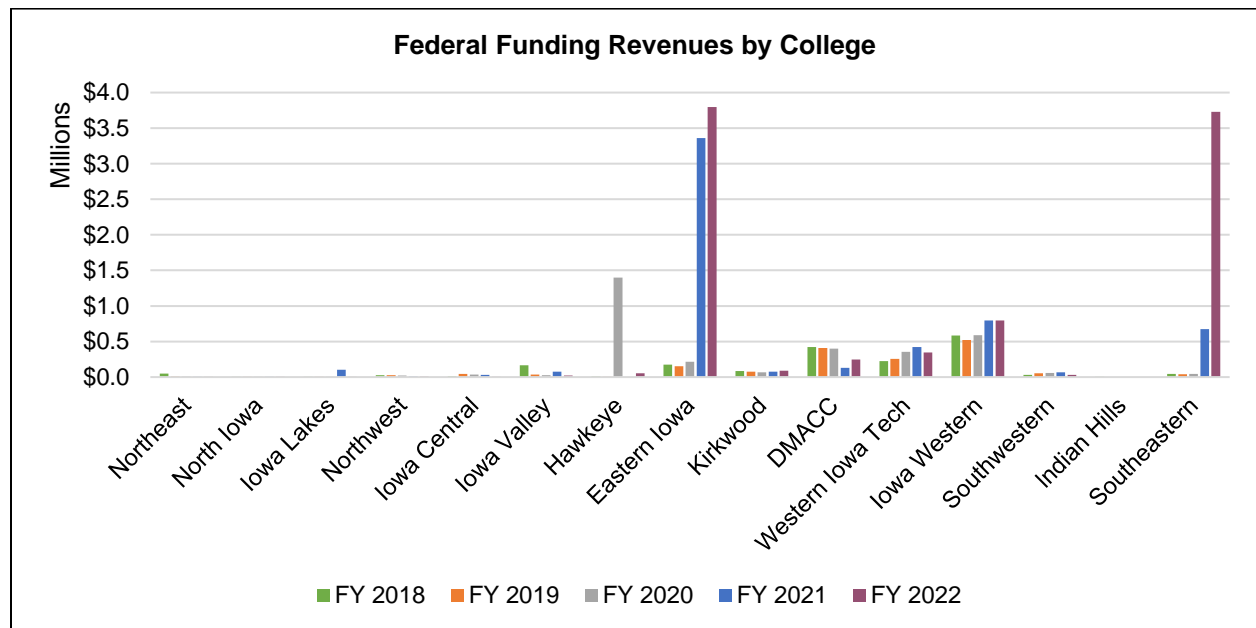
**State Aid**

The State Aid category of actual revenue includes the annual general aid appropriation, salary appropriations, and appropriations for capital projects and other purposes. Between FY 2018 and FY 2022, actual revenue from State aid increased by 8.5%. In FY 2022, State aid represented 34.7% of total actual revenue. As the chart below shows, there was consistent growth in State aid revenue across the colleges.



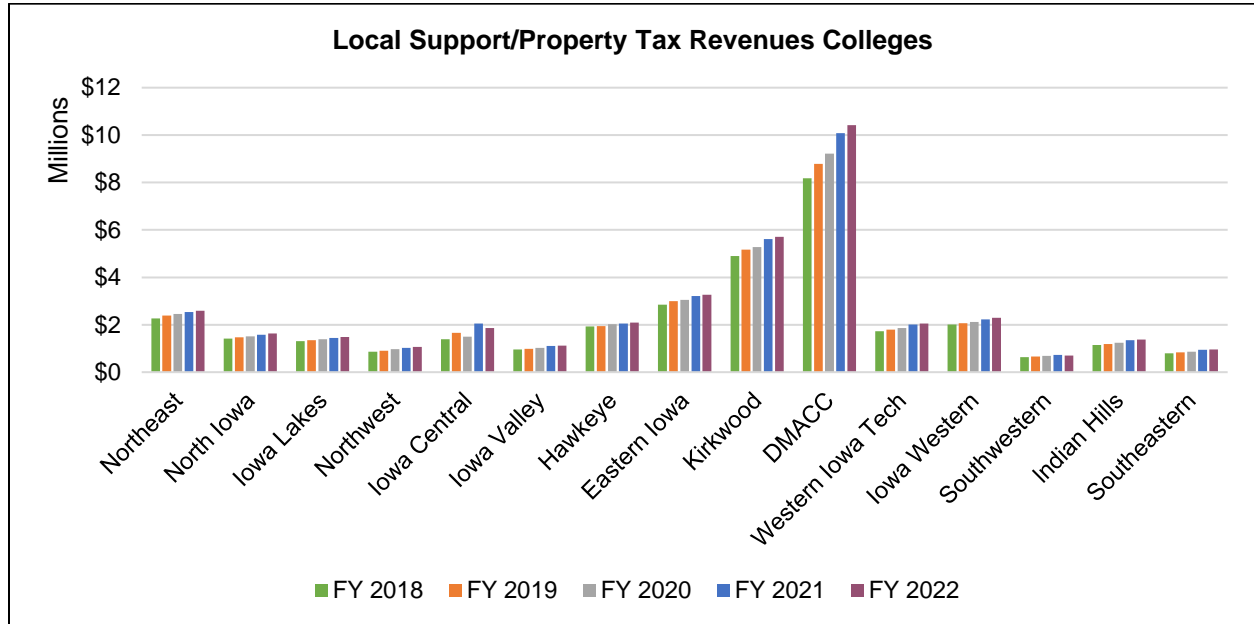
**Federal Funds**

Federal funds revenue increased 395.3% from FY 2018 to FY 2022, rising from 0.3% to 1.5% of total actual revenues. The increase in funding is attributable to grants from the Higher Education Economic Relief Fund (HEERF) which was established by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Hawkeye Community College, Eastern Iowa Community College, and Southeastern Community College used the dollars to cover lost revenue in FY 2020, FY 2021, and FY 2022.



**Local Support/Property Tax Levies**

In FY 2022, 6.2% of total actual revenue came from local support, consisting of the 20.25-cent general levy. The chart below shows that from FY 2018 to FY 2022, revenue from local support grew across the board, with a 19.5% increase statewide.



**Other Income**

In addition to interest income and gifts, the Other Income category includes revenue related to the Iowa Industrial New Jobs Training Program, the Iowa Jobs Training Program, and the Accelerated Career Education Program. Between FY 2018 and FY 2022, other income increased by 61.1%. In FY 2022, other income represented 11.3% of total actual revenue, up from 7.6% in FY 2018.

