

# Minnesota State University

Mankato, Minnesota

## MSSA Tuition & Fee Survey Spring 2007

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**1 How do you pay for tuition and fees? (Choose all that apply)**

	Loans/financial aid		Scholarship		Personal finance/parents		Grants		Assistantships	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
	1304	71.02%	409	22.28%	1056	57.52%	480	26.14%	111	6.05%

**2 How many jobs do you work concurrently during the academic year?**

	0		1		2		3+	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
	298	16.23%	1018	55.45%	446	24.29%	72	3.92%

**3 How many hours per week do you work during the academic year?**

	I do not work		0-20		20-40		40+	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
	282	15.36%	717	39.05%	668	36.38%	164	8.93%
							Number	%
I do not work							282	15.36%
0-20							717	39.05%
20-40							668	36.38%
40+							164	8.93%

**4 Have you had to obtain additional jobs to pay for your education since attending MSU?**

	Yes		No		Comments		
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	
	848	46.19%	971	52.89%	424	23.09%	
						Number	%
Yes						848	46.19%
No						971	52.89%
Comments						424	23.09%

**5 How much school related financial debt will you have by the time you graduate? (i.e. Student loans, credit cards)**

	None		Less than \$10,000		\$10,000- \$20,000		\$20,000- \$30,000		\$30,000- \$40,000		More than \$40,000	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
	233	12.69%	262	14.27%	443	24.13%	416	22.66%	262	14.27%	209	11.38%

**6 How much do you pay for rent each month (all utilities included)?**

	I live on campus		I live with parents/ parents pay my rent		\$0-\$200		\$200-\$400		\$400-\$600		\$600+		Comments	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
	308	16.78%	139	7.57%	44	2.40%	652	35.51%	432	23.53%	241	13.13%	229	12.47%
Comments												229	12.47%	

**7 Rate your level of agreement on tuition at MSU? (currently \$2544/semester full-time undergrad; \$265/Credit for Graduate Students)**

	Strongly Disagree		Disagree		Neutral		Agree		Strongly Agree	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
> I feel that tuition should increase to allow for increased academic quality (eg. Increased faculty, programs, advising)	667	36.33%	626	34.10%	298	16.23%	191	10.40%	31	1.69%

> I feel that tuition should remain the same and/or reallocations (ie. more funding towards a particular program and less towards another) should take place to better serve the MSU community.	117	6.37%	204	11.11%	449	24.46%	718	39.11%	331	18.03%
> I feel that tuition should decrease at the cost of potentially losing programs/staff/faculty	255	13.89%	529	28.81%	480	26.14%	287	15.63%	261	14.22%

**Tuition Comments**

	Comments:	
	Number	%
	631	34.37%

**8 Rate your level of agreement on technology fees at MSU? (currently \$84/semester)**

	Strongly Disagree		Disagree		Neutral		Agree		Strongly Agree	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
> I feel that the fee should increase to allow for enhanced technology (eg. Increased computer labs, software, or services)	491	26.74%	712	38.78%	416	22.66%	161	8.77%	27	1.47%
> I feel that the fee should remain the same and reallocations should take place to better serve the MSU community. (ie. more funding towards a particular feature and less towards another)	99	5.39%	183	9.97%	566	30.83%	725	39.49%	236	12.85%
> I feel that the fee should decrease at the cost of potentially losing labs, software, or services	325	17.70%	620	33.77%	488	26.58%	224	12.20%	140	7.63%

**Technology Fees Comments:**

	Comments:	
	Number	%
	459	25.00%

**9 Rate your level of agreement on student union fees? (currently \$125/semester)**

	Strongly Disagree		Disagree		Neutral		Agree		Strongly Agree	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
> I feel that the fee should increase to allow for enhanced services, vendors, hours of operation	731	39.81%	667	36.33%	283	15.41%	104	5.66%	16	0.87%
> I feel that the fee should remain the same and reallocations should take place to better serve the MSU community. (ie. more funding towards a particular feature and less towards another)	178	9.69%	250	13.62%	592	32.24%	636	34.64%	144	7.84%
> I feel that the fee should decrease at the cost of potentially losing labs, software, or services	198	10.78%	475	25.87%	540	29.41%	353	19.23%	232	12.64%

**Student union fees Comments:**

	Comments:	
	Number	%
	381	20.75%

**10 Rate your level of agreement on student activity fees? (currently \$104/semester- This pays for Athletics, Student Leadership)**

	Strongly Disagree		Disagree		Neutral		Agree		Strongly Agree	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
> I feel that fees need to increase for more programming opportunities/staff (eg. ...)	669	36.44%	576	31.37%	383	20.86%	117	6.37%	56	3.05%
> I feel that fees need to stay the same; I am content with current programming	229	12.47%	318	17.32%	517	28.16%	548	29.85%	183	9.97%
> I feel that activity fees should be adjusted according to how much students participate	77	4.19%	134	7.30%	318	17.32%	692	37.69%	573	31.21%
> I feel that fees need to decrease at the cost of potentially having less	228	12.42%	498	27.12%	578	31.48%	280	15.25%	204	11.11%

**Student activity fees Comments**

	Comments:	
	Number	%

	416	22.66%
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**11 How many times have you used Health Services this year? (Currently \$49/semester)**

	<i>I didn't know we had health services available</i>		0		1		2		3		4+		Comments	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
	182	9.91%	1172	63.83%	246	13.40%	112	6.10%	45	2.45%	63	3.43%	366	19.93%
Comments														

**12 Rate your level of agreement on Health Services Fee?**

	Strongly Disagree		Disagree		Neutral		Agree		Strongly Agree	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
> I feel that the fee should increase to allow for enhanced medical service and/or hours	565	30.77%	500	27.23%	561	30.56%	130	7.08%	34	1.85%
> I feel that the fee should remain the same and reallocations should take place to	228	12.42%	214	11.66%	821	44.72%	430	23.42%	102	5.56%
> I feel that the fee should decrease at the cost of potentially loosing medical services,	241	13.13%	394	21.46%	649	35.35%	253	13.78%	252	13.73%

**12 Health Services Fee Comments**

	Comments	
	Number	%
	332	18.08%

**17 Rate your level of agreement about parking lot 23 the "Free Lot".**

	Strongly Disagree		Disagree		Neutral		Agree		Strongly Agree	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
> I don't use the Free Lot.	332	18.08%	200	10.89%	170	9.26%	376	20.48%	707	38.51%
> I feel that the Free Lot should be paved and it should be paid for with a \$40 parking permit	908	49.46%	408	22.22%	293	15.96%	80	4.36%	71	3.87%
> I feel that the Free Lot should be paved and funding should come from other revenue streams in order to keep it Free (eg. Increasing parking fines)	323	17.59%	278	15.14%	441	24.02%	370	20.15%	364	19.83%
> I feel that the Free Lot should not be paved and no increases should be made to price of permits or parking fines	136	7.41%	177	9.64%	558	30.39%	400	21.79%	509	27.72%

**18 "Free Lot" Comments:**

	Comments	
	Number	%
	553	30.12%

**19 Additional comments concerning Tuition & Fees:**

	Comment	
	Number	%
	333	18.14%