Cost of Attendance

December 2022

BACKGROUND

This Data Brief reports the cost of attendance for full-time, first-time students in the 2021-2022 academic year. *Cost of Attendance* is aligned to the College KPI category of *Affordability*. As a measure of *Affordability*, this category is aligned to the IBHE Public Agenda Goal of *Ensuring College Affordability* and is defined by decreasing the percentage of family income required to pay net cost of attendance for low- and middle-income families.

COST OF ATTENDANCE

Table 1 presents cost of attendance data for full-time, first-time students at RVC and peer institutions in the 2021-2022 year.

<u>Table 1</u>: Comparison of Cost of Attendance for Full-time, First-time Students (2021-2022): RVC and Comparison Illinois Community Colleges

Source: IPEDS College Navigator

In-District:	Tuition & Fees	Books & Supplies		Other Expenses ^[2]	Total Cost of Attendance (Not living with family)
RVC	\$4,124	\$1,195	\$7,956	\$3,060	\$16,335
Peer Average	\$4,455	\$1,261	\$7,397	\$3,989	\$17,101
RVC Rank (of 8)	3	3	5	2	3
Black Hawk	\$4,470	\$1,148	\$6,814	\$5,088	\$17,520
Heartland	\$5,070	\$900	\$8,776	\$3,428	\$18,174
Illinois Central	\$4,650	\$1,600	\$9,900	\$4,250	\$20,400
Lincoln Land	\$3,612	\$912	\$7,119	\$4,714	\$16,357
Parkland	\$5,130	\$1,200	\$5,500	\$3,300	\$15,130
Richland	\$4,590	\$1,320	\$9,000	\$2,450	\$17,360
Southwestern	\$3,660	\$1,744	\$4,670	\$4,692	\$14,766

Data in Table 1 indicate the following:

- RVC is lower than the peer group average in total cost of attendance.
- RVC is ranked third in the peer group in total cost of attendance (\$16,335).
- RVC has the third lowest tuition & fees in the peer group (\$4,124).
- RVC has the third lowest books & supplies expense (\$1,195).
- RVC is ranked second in other expenses (\$3,060).