

DIT Student Cost of Living Guide 2017/18

DIT Campus Life release an annual Cost of Living Guide for students. Each year the guide is designed to help those who will be starting higher education in September. The guide shows that staying at home is nearly €5,000 cheaper for students and their families. A student living in rented accommodation should budget €11,766 for the college year. A student living at home will need €6,789. Other costs have been very stable in this low-inflation environment, and there has been no increase in the Student Charge which will provide some relief to hard-pressed families. **The following is a guide to the cost of living for a student in Ireland for 2017/18**

Cost of living for students living away from home (€)	Monthly	Annual
Rent (National)	427*	3,843
Utilities	34	252
Food	172	1,503
Travel	135 **	1,215
Books & Class Materials	70***	630
Clothes/Medical	41	369
Mobile	31	279
Social life/Misc	75	675
Student Charge	333	3,000
Total	1,222	11,001

Cost of living for students living at home; Dublin (€)	Monthly	Annual
Contribution to Utilities	28	252
Food	61	549
Travel	135	1,215
Books & Class Materials	55	495
Clothes/Medical	41	369
Mobile	31	279
Social Life/Misc	70	630
Student charge	333	3,000
Total	754	6,789

Sources used to produce the DIT Student Cost of Living Guide included the Daft.ie rental report Q1, 2016, Consumer price index March 2017, HEA Eurostudent V (2013), On average 40% of students receive Higher Education grants and their Student Charge is paid by SUSI.

* The rent figure is the mean of National City regions single rent a room cost. The above guide is a national guide, and the average rental figure for students in Dublin is higher at around €508. Rent in Dublin can vary widely from less than €300 per month for a shared room, up to €1600 or more for a one bedroom unit in Dublin 2. (€508 Figure mean of Dublin region single rent a room cost)

** The travel cost is taking on the capped student LEAP fare which has remained at €30/week based on average month of 4.5 weeks

*** Class materials and equipment cost can vary greatly, particularly for students in Arts, Sciences and Catering. For more detailed information you should contact your programme co-coordinator

Find out more information on student finance and budgeting at www.studentfinance.ie and www.consumerhelp.ie. To get detailed information on rental costs in your search area, the PRTB have launched the national rent index more detail can be found at www.prtb.ie