

# Cost of Living Guide



The following is a guide to the cost of living for a student in Ireland for 2015/2016

COST OF LIVING FOR STUDENTS LIVING AWAY FROM HOME	Monthly (€)	Annual (€)
Rent (National—for Dublin, see below)	325 *	2,925
Utilities	34	306
Food	172	1,548
Travel	135 **	1,215
Books & Class Materials	74 ***	666
Clothes/Medical	43	387
Mobile	32	288
Social life/Misc	74 ****	666
Student Charge	333 *****	3,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,222</b>	<b>11,001</b>

COST OF LIVING FOR STUDENTS LIVING AT HOME	Monthly (€)	Annual (€)
Contribution to Utilities	34	306
Food	63	567
Travel	135	1,215
Books & Class Materials	55	495
Clothes/Medical	43	387
Mobile	32	288
Social Life/Misc	71 ****	639
Student charge	333	3,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>6,897</b>

Sources used to produce the DIT Student Cost of Living Guide included the Daft.ie rental report Q4, 2014, Consumer price index March 2015, HEA Eurostudent V (2013), if referencing the Student Cost of Living Guide please cite DIT Campus Life.

On average 40% of students receive Higher Education grants, and their Student Contribution charge will be 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 € 418 Rent in Dublin can vary widely from less than €348 per month for a shared room, up to €1,089 or more for a one bedroom unit in Dublin 2. (€418 Figure mean of Dublin region single rent a room cost)
- \*\* The travel cost is taking on the capped student LEAP fare of €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.
- \*\*\*\* Base Figure taken from Eurostudent V 2013 and adjusted for 2014 CPI inflation.

Additional information on the Cost of Living Guide can be found on [www.dit.ie/life](http://www.dit.ie/life)  
 Students will also find out more information on student finance and budgeting at [www.studentfinance.ie](http://www.studentfinance.ie)  
 and [www.consumerhelp.ie](http://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/landlords/rent-index](http://www.prtb.ie/landlords/rent-index)