

Cost of Living 2023 – University Students

Savanta polling



Which of these, if any, have you done this academic year (since September 2022) because of increases in the cost of living?

BASE: All respondents

		Spent less on food shopping and essentials	Skipped meals to save on food costs	Used less fuel such as gas or electricity in my home	Travelled to campus less to save on transport and other costs	Travelled to campus more for free energy use (e.g. heating)	Spent less on non-essentials	Missed payments for rent/bills	Avoided buying university supplies I needed for my course (e.g. textbooks/a laptop etc)	Stopped or reduced going out socially with friends	Reduced attendance or dropped out of university societies	Moved home with family to save on rent/bills	None of the above
Total	Weighted	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,050
	Unweighted	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050
	%	63.4%	27.8%	42.9%	16.4%	13.5%	62.4%	5.5%	18.1%	46.6%	8.5%	6.0%	6.3%
	Weighted	665	292	450	172	142	655	58	190	490	89	62	66

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This academic year (since September 2022), have you needed to get additional financial support from any of the following sources because of increases in the cost of living?

BASE: All respondents

		Yes, from my parents	Yes, from other family members	Yes, from my university (e.g. hardship funds)	Yes, I have taken out additional private loans	Yes, I have had to get a job/take on more hours at work	Yes, I have used a foodbank or other charity support	Yes, from another source not listed	No, I have not needed any additional financial support due to the cost of living crisis
Total	Weighted	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,050
	Unweighted	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050
	%	44.6%	9.8%	11.4%	4.3%	26.6%	1.5%	4.0%	33.0%
	Weighted	468	103	119	45	279	16	42	347

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What type of accommodation do you live in?

BASE: All respondents

Total	Weighted	1,050
	Unweighted	1050
Student halls	%	30.4%
	Weighted	319
Private rental (rent NOT inclusive of bills)	%	20.5%
	Weighted	215
Private rental (rent all-inclusive of bills)	%	16.0%
	Weighted	168
In my family home	%	31.1%
	Weighted	327
Other	%	2.1%
	Weighted	22

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This year, the government has given every household £400 through the Energy Bill Support Scheme. This has been paid to individuals via their energy company. If your landlord received this payment from your energy company (either as your rent is all-inclusive of bills, or because your landlord sells energy onto you from the energy company) they should have passed this £400 onto your household.

Have you experienced any of the following this academic year?

BASE: All respondents

		Being given money from the Energy Bill Support Scheme by your landlord	Being given money from the Energy Bill Support Scheme directly from your energy company	Your landlord taking money off your bills due to money they have received from the Energy Bill Support Scheme.	Being given money from the Energy Bill Support Scheme in another way not listed.	None of the above, I have not received money from the Energy Bill Support Scheme in any way.	Not sure/cannot answer
Total	Weighted	383	383	383	383	383	383
	Unweighted	388	388	388	388	388	388
	%	7.4%	36.3%	9.9%	3.2%	40.4%	8.4%
	Weighted	28	139	38	12	155	32

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How, if at all, do you think the cost of living crisis has impacted on the likelihood of you finishing your degree?

BASE: All respondents

Total	Weighted	1,050
	Unweighted	1050
I'm much less likely to	%	4.3%
	Weighted	45
I'm slightly less likely to	%	19.4%
	Weighted	204
No change	%	71.0%
	Weighted	746
I'm slightly more likely to	%	4.2%
	Weighted	44
I'm much more likely to	%	1.1%
	Weighted	11

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What is your current course year?

BASE: All respondents

Total	Weighted	1,050
	Unweighted	1050
1st	%	35.0%
	Weighted	368
2nd	%	30.0%
	Weighted	315
3rd	%	24.0%
	Weighted	252
4th	%	9.7%
	Weighted	102
5th	%	1.0%
	Weighted	10
6th	%	0.3%
	Weighted	3

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How would you describe your financial situation this academic year (since September 2022 to now) compared to last year? (September 2021 to Summer 2022)

BASE: Excluding first year students

Total	Weighted	682
	Unweighted	697
Much better	%	5.7%
	Weighted	39
Slightly better	%	13.1%
	Weighted	89
About the same	%	24.2%
	Weighted	165
Slightly worse	%	41.1%
	Weighted	280
Much worse	%	16.0%
	Weighted	109

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Do you receive a maintenance loan from the government?

BASE: All respondents

Total	Weighted	1,050
	Unweighted	1050
Yes	%	70.1%
	Weighted	736
No	%	22.8%
	Weighted	240
Not sure/cannot answer	%	7.1%
	Weighted	75

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University Region

BASE: All respondents

Total	Weighted	1,050
	Unweighted	1050
North West	%	13.9%
	Weighted	146
North East	%	4.4%
	Weighted	46
Yorkshire & Humberside	%	10.5%
	Weighted	110
West Midlands	%	10.6%
	Weighted	112
East Midlands	%	10.9%
	Weighted	115
Eastern	%	5.1%
	Weighted	53

South West	%	7.9%
	Weighted	83
South East	%	15.8%
	Weighted	166
London	%	10.9%
	Weighted	114
Wales	%	2.7%
	Weighted	28
Scotland	%	5.8%
	Weighted	61
Northern Island	%	1.6%
	Weighted	16
None	%	-
	Weighted	-