Textbook Affordability: What Are Students Saying?

Results of the 2022 Textbook and Instructional Materials Survey

Survey Audience: 13,800 students from Florida’s public higher education institutions

**Textbook Costs to Students**

- **How much are students spending on textbooks?**
- **13,800 Students Surveyed**
- **Textbook Costs Decreased in 2022 Survey**

**Textbook Costs**

- **Under $300**
  - 2018: 56%
  - 2022: 68%

- **$301-500**
  - 2018: 30%
  - 2022: 23%

- **Over $500**
  - 2018: 14%
  - 2022: 9%

**How are they dealing with the costs?**

- 51% Buy books from a source other than the campus bookstore
- 50% Rent digital textbooks
- 40% Buy used copies from the campus bookstore
- 29% Rent printed textbooks

**Does financial aid help?**

- Only 24% of respondents said financial aid covered ALL their textbooks.
IMPACT OF TEXTBOOK COSTS ON STUDENT PROGRESS
The high cost of textbooks is negatively impacting students’ academic progress.

How are they coping?*

- **53%** Did not purchase a required textbook
- **44%** Take fewer courses
- **38%** Did not register for a specific course
- **24%** Drop a course

How are these choices impacting their learning?

- **32%** Earn a poor grade
- **19%** Fail a course

Are all required books used at some point in an academic career?

- **2.6** Required textbooks
- **Wasted Student Money**

Who spends more on books, college or university students?

- **College**: **33%**
- **University**: **35%**

Notes
* More than one answer may apply.
Source: 2022 Student Textbook and Course Materials Survey Results and Findings. To view the full report, visit www.dlss.flvc.org.

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