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 decreased in 2022 survey

How much are students spending on textbooks?

- 2018: UNDER $300 - 56%, 2022: 68%
- 2018: $301-500 - 30%, 2022: 23%
- 2018: OVER $500 - 14%, 2022: 9%

13,800 STUDENTS SURVEYED

How are they dealing with the costs?

- 2018: Buy books from a source other than the campus bookstore - 51%
- 2022: Rent digital textbooks - 50%
- 2018: Rent printed textbooks - 40%
- 2022: Buy used copies from the campus bookstore - 29%

Does financial aid help?

- 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?*

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

How are these choices impacting their learning?

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

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

2.6 required textbooks

Wasted

Money

average number purchased but NEVER used

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.