

FEES AND EXPENSES

students and commute to the campus are able to reduce their expenses considerably below the estimated figure. The cost of board and room may also be reduced by cooperative living arrangements or part-time work in exchange for room and board.

Room and board.....	from \$1,525-\$1,795
Student services fee	144
Associated Student Body and health service fee	32
Facilities fee.....	6
Student Body Center fee	24
Books and supplies.....	100 to 150

**AVERAGE ANNUAL COSTS AND SOURCES OF FUNDS
PER FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENT**

The 19 campuses of The California State University and Colleges are financed primarily through funding provided by the taxpayers of California. For the 1977-78 year, the total cost of operation is \$825 million, which provides continuing support for 236,370 full-time equivalent (FTE*) students. This results in an average cost per FTE student of \$3,491 per year. Of this amount, the average student pays \$297. Included in this average student payment is the amount paid by nonresident students. The remaining \$3,194 in costs are funded by state and federal taxes.

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Averages do not fit all students alike or even any specific student. To arrive at an average figure that is meaningful, the costs outlined above exclude "user fees" for living expenses, housing, and parking, as well as costs for extension and summer session work. Computations are based on full-time equivalent students, not individuals, and costs are prorated by system totals, not by campus. The average costs for a full-time equivalent student in the system are depicted in the following chart:

* For budgetary purposes, full-time equivalent (FTE) translates total head count into total academic student load. The term assumes that a full-time student in The California State University and Colleges is enrolled for 15 units of academic credit. Some students enroll for more than 15 units; some students enroll for fewer than 15 units.