AVERAGE COST OF LIVING IN STATE COLLEGE, PA

We surveyed current HDFS graduate students and this is what we found:

HOUSING OPTIONS

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<tr>
<th>Roommates</th>
<th>Average Rent</th>
<th>Average Utilities</th>
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<tr>
<td>Alone</td>
<td>$834/month</td>
<td>$75/month</td>
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<tr>
<td>1 Roommate</td>
<td>$682/month</td>
<td>$67/month</td>
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<td>2+ Roommates</td>
<td>$485/month</td>
<td>$45/month</td>
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Note: Most respondents reported that parking, water, and trash costs were included in rent prices. Cable, internet, and electric were included less often. Utilities could be higher in winter months.

TRANSPORTATION TO CAMPUS

Among grad students who responded to the survey:

- 23% of students drive to campus most of the time/use a mix of driving & CATA bus
  - Parking pass: $90 per academic year OR $45 per semester, $33 for summer. See https://transportation.psu.edu/campus-student-permits

- 35% of students take the CATA bus most of the time
  - $2.20 per ride (exact change only, drivers do not carry change), $42 for twenty rides (with tokens), $6 day passes via mobile ticketing
  - or eligible students may purchase a RIDEpass, providing unlimited rides for $21 per month. See https://catabus.com/ for bus information and https://transportation.psu.edu/ridepass-graduate-students for information on the graduate student RIDEpass.

- 42% of students walk or bike most of the time
  - Bikes can be registered for free at https://transportation.psu.edu/bicycle-registration

Typical Graduate Student Academic Year Stipend* at Penn State: $22,860

- In Washington, DC
  - Housing is 43% more expensive in D.C.
  - Groceries are 15% more expensive in D.C.

- In College Park, MD
  - Housing is 10% more expensive in College Park
  - Groceries are 15% more expensive in College Park

- In New York, NY
  - Housing is 42% more expensive in New York
  - Groceries are 30% more expensive in New York

- In Stanford, CA
  - Housing is 78% more expensive in Stanford
  - Groceries are 21% more expensive in Stanford

- In Cambridge, MA
  - Housing is 54% more expensive in Cambridge
  - Groceries are 8% more expensive in Cambridge

Source: http://www.areavibes.com/cost-of-living-calculator/

Respondents’ Sources of Funding Summer 2019

- 61% of students had a Research Assistantship
- 7% of students had a Teaching Assistantship or taught a summer course
- 36% of students were supported by a Fellowship/Traineeship/other department funding

*Note: there is often the possibility to teach for summer courses.