

AVERAGE SUPPORT COST PER FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENT AND SOURCES OF FUNDS

The total support cost per full-time equivalent student (FTES) includes the expenditures for current operations, including payments made to students in the form of financial aid, and all fully reimbursed programs contained in state appropriations. The average support cost is determined by dividing the total cost by the number of FTES. The total CSU 2023-24 budget amounts were \$4,988,674,000 from state General Fund (GF) appropriations, \$2,495,737,000 from gross tuition revenue, and \$707,090,000 from other fee revenues for a total of \$8,155,501,000. The 2023-24 resident FTES target is 387,144 and the nonresident FTES based on past-year actual is 20,907 for a total of 408,021 FTES. The GF appropriation is applicable to resident students only whereas fee revenues are collected from resident and nonresident students. FTES is derived by dividing the total student credit units attempted by a fixed amount depending on academic level (e.g., 30 for a semester university and 45 for a quarter university, the figures that define a full-time undergraduate or postbaccalaureate student's academic load).

Average Cost 2023–2024

	Amount	Average Cost per FTES	Percentage
State Appropriation (GF) ¹	\$4,988,674,000	\$12,887	61.2%
Gross Tuition Revenue ²	\$2,459,737,000	\$6,028	30.1%
Other Fees Revenue ²	\$707,090,000	\$1,733	8.7%
Total Support Cost	\$8,155,501,000	\$20,648	100%

¹ Represents state GF appropriation in the Budget Act of 2023-24; GF is divisible by resident students only (387,114 FTES).

² Represents CSU Operating Fund, gross tuition and other fees revenue amounts submitted in university September 2023-24 final budgets. Revenues are divisible by resident and nonresident students (408,021 FTES).

The 2023-24 average support cost per FTES based on GF appropriation and tuition fee revenue only is \$18,915 and is \$20,648, which includes all fee revenue (e.g., tuition fees, application fees, and campus mandatory fees) in the CSU Operating Fund. Of this amount, the average tuition and other fee revenue per FTES is \$7,761.

The average CSU 2023-24 academic year, resident, undergraduate student basic tuition and other mandatory fees required to apply to, enroll in, or attend the university is \$7,622 (\$5,742 tuition fee plus \$1,880 average campus-based fees). However, the costs paid by individual students will vary depending on the university, program, and whether a student is part-time, full-time, resident, or nonresident.