

## Affordability for Texas State University - 2017-2018

### Tuition and Fees

Average Tuition and Fees for 30 SCH at your institution: **\$10,620**

Comments: Tuition & fees at Texas State University do not vary by college

### Median family income by region, by ethnicity.

This table provides information on the percentage of the median family income that would be required to pay for tuition and fees for the “average” family from a specific region by ethnicity. It does not provide information on how affordable the institution is for students currently enrolled.

Region	White		Black		Hispanic		Asian		Other		Total	
	Median	Percent										
High Plains	\$56,192	18.9%	\$30,309	35.0%	\$34,796	30.5%	\$53,933	19.7%	\$43,688	24.3%	\$51,197	20.7%
Northwest	\$52,310	20.3%	\$30,796	34.5%	\$34,430	30.8%	\$58,592	18.1%	\$42,197	25.2%	\$49,402	21.5%
Metroplex	\$74,578	14.2%	\$45,187	23.5%	\$39,445	26.9%	\$77,269	13.7%	\$60,665	17.5%	\$65,662	16.2%
Upper East	\$55,054	19.3%	\$33,185	32.0%	\$34,177	31.1%	\$77,141	13.8%	\$46,820	22.7%	\$50,415	21.1%
Southeast	\$54,583	19.5%	\$30,421	34.9%	\$37,447	28.4%	\$64,545	16.5%	\$45,764	23.2%	\$48,576	21.9%
Gulf Coast	\$73,200	14.5%	\$44,737	23.7%	\$40,643	26.1%	\$76,176	13.9%	\$62,725	16.9%	\$62,910	16.9%
Central Texas	\$70,180	15.1%	\$41,248	25.7%	\$42,868	24.8%	\$79,927	13.3%	\$56,829	18.7%	\$63,486	16.7%
South Texas	\$56,876	18.7%	\$47,088	22.6%	\$35,933	29.6%	\$68,226	15.6%	\$48,145	22.1%	\$46,812	22.7%
West Texas	\$57,290	18.5%	\$33,244	31.9%	\$39,803	26.7%	\$97,996	10.8%	\$43,265	24.5%	\$53,604	19.8%
Upper Rio	\$40,126	26.5%	\$53,217	20.0%	\$33,925	31.3%	\$58,246	18.2%	\$35,446	30.0%	\$39,250	27.1%
Statewide	\$62,282	17.1%	\$41,405	25.6%	\$37,524	28.3%	\$74,983	14.2%	\$51,006	20.8%	\$56,650	18.7%

Comments:

About 80% of Texas State University undergraduate students are from the Central Texas, South Texas, and Gulf Coast regions (see table below). The Central Texas and Gulf Coast regions that account for 55% of Texas State enrollment are two of three regions with the lowest percentages of median income required to make tuition and fee payments (see table above). The South Texas region, where the percentage of income required to pay for higher education is second-highest in the state, is a very important source of enrollment at Texas State and is particularly important to Hispanic enrollment. Accordingly, Texas State has tripled the dollar amount of scholarships and grants in the last ten years to make college more affordable for low-income and middle-income students (source: university database).

## Undergraduate Students from in-state at your institution

Provides information on the number and percent of undergraduates an institution enrolls from each region by ethnicity.

	White		Black		Hispanic		Asian		Other		Male		Female		Total	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
High Plains	104	0.3%	8	0.0%	87	0.3%	2	0.0%	4	0.0%	81	0.2%	124	0.4%	205	0.6%
Northwest	126	0.4%	14	0.0%	56	0.2%	4	0.0%	12	0.0%	78	0.2%	134	0.4%	212	0.6%
Metroplex	2,391	7.2%	929	2.8%	1,210	3.6%	118	0.4%	104	0.3%	1,928	5.8%	2,824	8.5%	4,752	14.2%
Upper East Texas	284	0.9%	53	0.2%	64	0.2%	9	0.0%	8	0.0%	179	0.5%	239	0.7%	418	1.3%
Southeast Texas	267	0.8%	67	0.2%	79	0.2%	12	0.0%	13	0.0%	179	0.5%	259	0.8%	438	1.3%
Gulf Coast	3,719	11.1%	1,399	4.2%	2,151	6.4%	192	0.6%	183	0.5%	3,137	9.4%	4,507	13.5%	7,644	22.9%
Central Texas	5,343	16.0%	846	2.5%	3,726	11.2%	347	1.0%	367	1.1%	4,880	14.6%	5,749	17.2%	10,629	31.9%
South Texas	2,889	8.7%	459	1.4%	4,772	14.3%	98	0.3%	156	0.5%	3,452	10.3%	4,922	14.8%	8,374	25.1%
West Texas	148	0.4%	11	0.0%	134	0.4%	5	0.0%	8	0.0%	135	0.4%	171	0.5%	306	0.9%
Upper Rio Grande	55	0.2%	8	0.0%	309	0.9%	3	0.0%	3	0.0%	150	0.4%	228	0.7%	378	1.1%
Statewide	15,326	45.9%	3,794	11.4%	12,588	37.7%	790	2.4%	858	2.6%	14,199	42.6%	19,157	57.4%	33,356	100.0%

### Comments:

Texas State University draws most of its in-state undergraduate minority students from Central Texas, South Texas, and the Gulf Coast. These three regions account for 71% of Black and 85% of Hispanic in-state undergraduate enrollment at Texas State University.

### Criteria for Admissions

- Top 10% of high school graduation class
- Academic record
- Socioeconomic background
- First-generation in college
- Bilingual proficiency
- Performance level of applicant's school
- Responsibilities while attending school
- Standardized test scores
- Community activities
- Extracurricular activities
- Other consideration necessary to accomplish institutional mission
- (Other possible criteria we have not included are: Commitment to a particular field of study; financial status of applicant's school district; test scores compared to others of similar socioeconomic background; attended a school under court-ordered desegregation plan; personal interview; admission to a comparable accredited out-of-state institution; region of residence; resident of rural or urban area.)

## **Analysis of the Criteria used to admit students at your institution**

All freshmen applicants to Texas State University submit the Apply Texas Application including Part II and one essay from the available topics. In addition, they must submit an official high school transcript including class rank (or a statement that the school does not rank) as well as either an SAT I or ACT score report. All freshman applicants must meet the State's Uniform Admissions Policy or one of the approved exemptions to be considered for admission to Texas State. Top 10% students are automatically admitted, regardless of test score. Others are admitted or denied based on a review of class rank and test scores. A subset of this group goes through a complete file review that takes a more in-depth look at the whole student--depth of curriculum and success in each core course, extracurricular activities, community service, awards, work experience, and any challenges that the student may have overcome to succeed in their education (i.e. socioeconomic background, first generation status, English as second language.). Transfer applicants must submit the Apply Texas application along with transcripts from each institution of higher education previously attended. Transfer students with less than 30 transferable hours must also meet freshman admission requirements and have a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA for all transferable coursework for guaranteed admission. Transfer students with 30 or more transferable hours and a 2.25 cumulative GPA are admitted to Texas State. Transfer applicants missing assured requirements are reviewed holistically for possible admission.

## **Criteria for Financial Aid**

- Financial need
- Merit (grades; GPA; performance; other)
- Enrollment in a specific major/discipline
- Submission of financial aid application by preset deadline
- Date of financial aid application (first-come; first-served)
- Expected family contribution
- Cost of attendance
- (Other possible criteria we have not included are: first generation status, race/ethnicity, legacy status; enrollment at a specific level; enrollment in a specific number of hours; enrollment in specific semesters; parental contribution; other financial factors beyond need)

## **Analysis of the criteria used to award financial aid**

The foundation for awarding financial aid at Texas State University is to ensure that financial aid priority is given to the neediest students. To increase access to higher education among low-income students, Texas State University offers the Bobcat Promise. The neediest dependent student is the foundation of our financial aid packaging philosophy. According to the federal definition of a dependent student, most minority students at Texas State are in the dependent category. Based on a student's financial need, they are considered first for grant and then work-study funds. If the student still has remaining need or an unmet cost of attendance, federal student and parent loans are then offered. A formal survey is sent to randomly selected students (i.e., aid and non-aid applicants) approximately every four years to ascertain a realistic cost of attendance at Texas State. In addition to the survey, we review our packaging parameters every year to avoid disenfranchising any group, while still maintaining our commitment to our neediest students.

### **Comparison of this institution to peer institutions in-state and out-of-state**

**Affordability:** Resident tuition and fees for undergraduates at Texas State University are below the median amount for Emerging Research Universities (ERU) in academic year 2017-2018. Only 19 of 76 U.S. public universities in the same Carnegie class had a lower 2017-18 cost of attendance for in-state students living on campus than Texas State (source: IPEDS database, U.S. Department of Education). Therefore, Texas State charges are below average when compared with both in-state and out-of-state peer institutions.

**Access:** Texas State University ranks third-highest in the percent of fall 2017 undergraduate enrollment composed of Hispanic students and third-highest in the percent of fall 2017 undergraduate enrollment contributed by African Americans among the eight Emerging Research Universities (ERUs), making it above-average in terms of access by under-represented minorities (source: Accountability System, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board). Texas State is a popular destination for a diverse and successful student body, ranking 12th highest among all U.S. colleges and universities in the number of bachelor's degrees awarded to Hispanic students and in the top 75 in bachelor's degrees awarded to African American students during the 2016-17 award year (source: IPEDS database, U.S. Department of Education).