

## Table 3: Student Living Allowances

### Moderate Standard of Living (MSOL) Costs

The following costs are provided by the Government of Canada to provinces and territories for use in reflecting a student's **Moderate Standard of Living (MSOL)** while attending a post-secondary institution located in B.C. or other provinces in Canada. These maximum costs are used by StudentAid BC to assess need. Totals may not equal the sum of each column due to rounding.

### Monthly Standard of Living Allowances for British Columbia

Single student away from home	
Shelter	\$934
Food	\$300
Miscellaneous	\$367
Local transportation	\$115
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,716</b>

Single student living at home	
Shelter	\$0
Food	\$282
Miscellaneous	\$309
Local public transportation	\$133
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$724</b>

Single-parent student (excluding costs of child)	
Shelter	\$1,340
Food	\$275
Miscellaneous	\$384
Local public transportation	\$105
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,104</b>

Married student and spouse (excluding costs for child)	
Shelter	\$1,889
Food	\$553
Miscellaneous	\$565
Local public transportation	\$213
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,220</b>

Cost for each child (wholly dependent relative)	
Shelter	\$279
Food	\$228
Miscellaneous	\$135
Local transportation	\$105
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$747</b>

Note: Exceptional expenses related to the need to maintain two residences for two months or less if a student needs to live away from home as part of a program can be listed. These expenses are calculated on a weekly basis and based on the weekly shelter allowance for single student living away from home divided by 4.3 ([Chapter 14, Table 3](#)). In 2022/23, the weekly maximum is \$214.

Student living allowances do not include:

- Household operation costs for pet expenses, horticultural goods and services, and other supplies
- Household furnishings and equipment, and services related to furnishing and equipment
- Gifts and contributions for persons outside the household or charitable organizations
- Miscellaneous costs such as interest on loans, union or association dues, lottery tickets
- Moving costs
- Recreation equipment, vehicles and services, home entertainment equipment and services
- Security costs for life insurance payments or RRSP payments
- Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages

### Monthly Standard of Living Tables for Other Provinces

LIVING SITUATIONS	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	YT	NT	NU
<b>SINGLE STUDENT AWAY FROM HOME</b>												
Shelter (2 bedroom apt. incl. utilities shared by two)	599	528	637	585	451	643	528	592	516	644	887	888
Food (Purchased from Stores)	286	261	316	263	290	290	271	277	301	327	332	331
Miscellaneous (Personal & health care, clothing, H/H cleaning, communications)	250	276	266	254	339	310	323	333	361	341	350	350
Local Public Transportation	73	71	73	75	52	92	106	78	78	62	76	76
<b>Total Monthly Allowance</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>1,136</b>	<b>1,292</b>	<b>1,177</b>	<b>1,132</b>	<b>1,335</b>	<b>1,228</b>	<b>1,280</b>	<b>1,256</b>	<b>1,374</b>	<b>1,645</b>	<b>1,645</b>
<b>SINGLE PARENT (no dependent considered)</b>												
Shelter (1bedroom apartment including utilities)	1,045	916	1,030	985	755	1,037	742	984	817	1,170	1,397	1,399
Food (Purchased from Stores)	286	261	316	263	290	290	271	277	301	327	332	331
Miscellaneous (Personal & health care, clothing, H/H cleaning, communications)	250	276	266	254	339	310	323	333	361	341	350	350
Local Public Transportation	73	71	73	75	52	92	106	78	78	62	76	76
<b>Total Monthly Allowance</b>	<b>1,654</b>	<b>1,524</b>	<b>1,685</b>	<b>1,577</b>	<b>1,436</b>	<b>1,729</b>	<b>1,442</b>	<b>1,672</b>	<b>1,557</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>2,155</b>	<b>2,156</b>
<b>MARRIED STUDENT &amp; SPOUSE (no dependent considered)</b>												
Shelter (2 bedroom apartment including utilities)	1,198	1,057	1,273	1,170	900	1,282	964	1,183	1,028	1,286	1,772	1,775
Food (Purchased from Stores)	512	520	633	521	515	526	491	503	547	656	531	532
Miscellaneous (Personal & health care, clothing, H/H cleaning, communications)	500	548	530	508	537	566	621	633	691	677	569	569
Local Public Transportation	148	150	146	151	100	179	214	166	159	124	152	152
<b>Total Monthly Allowance</b>	<b>2,358</b>	<b>2,275</b>	<b>2,582</b>	<b>2,350</b>	<b>2,052</b>	<b>2,553</b>	<b>2,290</b>	<b>2,485</b>	<b>2,425</b>	<b>2,743</b>	<b>3,024</b>	<b>3,028</b>
<b>EACH DEPENDENT PERSON</b>												
Shelter	182	196	259	179	164	276	207	199	184	194	381	383
Food (Purchased from Stores)	204	212	222	212	239	226	210	215	234	268	265	265
Miscellaneous (Personal & health care, clothing)	112	81	79	75	128	117	148	151	164	101	122	123
Local Public Transportation	73	71	73	75	52	92	106	64	78	62	76	76
<b>Total Monthly Allowance</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>847</b>
<b>SINGLE STUDENT LIVING AT HOME</b>												
Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food (Purchased from Stores)	204	258	316	263	239	226	210	215	234	327	265	265
Miscellaneous (Personal & health care, clothing)	215	210	195	179	239	238	260	265	289	225	284	285
Local Public Transportation	73	71	73	75	52	92	106	78	78	62	76	76
<b>Total Monthly Allowance</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>626</b>

## Table 4: Child Care Ceilings

**Table 4: Monthly Ceiling for Child Care Expenses for 2022-2023**

Province	Monthly ceilings per child
British Columbia	\$1,153
Prince Edward Island	\$594
Nova Scotia	\$476
New Brunswick	\$600
Quebec	\$391
Ontario	\$409
Manitoba	\$460
Saskatchewan	\$400
Alberta	\$1,200
Newfoundland and Labrador	\$817
Yukon	\$912
Northwest Territories	\$660
Nunavut	\$660