

COAS 2023 Survey Administration Report

The 2023 Cost of Attendance Survey (COAS) was administered to a sample of 84,439 undergraduates systemwide at nine UC undergraduate campuses during the Spring term. To pull the sample, the population file was split by campus and on/off campus housing status. After ascertaining that each cell had at least 70 students, 35% of the students from each group were randomly pulled to create the sample. These students will be included in the general data report. Additionally, we pulled all remaining financially independent students to be included in a separate analysis that examines costs for financially independent students, specifically. The full population of financially independent students was pulled to ensure an adequate sample size for this analysis. This report provides two measures of survey participation, survey completion and response rates.

Response rate refers to the percentage of students surveyed that responded to the survey. This includes students who submitted the survey (completes), and those who completed or partially completed the survey without submission (partials). Partial respondents may be considered as dropouts. While survey participants can drop out anytime during the survey, the survey tool captures all information provided by the respondents up to the day of survey closure. Students who only endorsed the consent form but did not respond to any survey questions were not considered as partial completers.

Completion rate refers to the percentage of students in the survey population who responded to at least one survey item (students are allowed to skip questions) and clicked the “submit” button at the conclusion of the survey, relative to the total number of respondents.

- The systemwide response rate including partial respondents is 29 percent. The response rate ranged from 26 to 32 percent by campus.
- All campuses achieved at least an 89 percent completion rate. The rate ranged from 89 to 94 percent by campus, averaging 91 percent systemwide.

The table below summarizes completion and response rates of the survey systemwide and by campus.

Campus	Student Population	Survey Sample	Completers	Respondents	Completion Rate	Response Rate
Berkeley	30,719	11,964	3,262	3,484	94%	29%
Davis	30,297	11,689	3,257	3,565	91%	30%
Los Angeles	31,584	11,972	3,260	3,542	92%	30%
Riverside	22,042	8,920	2,036	2,291	89%	26%
San Diego	31,787	12,283	3,400	3,708	92%	30%
Santa Cruz	16,944	6,657	1,643	1,822	90%	27%
Santa Barbara	22,310	8,346	2,331	2,543	92%	30%
Irvine	25,381	9,645	2,364	2,635	90%	27%
Merced	7,694	2,963	868	961	90%	32%
Systemwide	218,758	84,439	22,421	24,551	91%	29%

The final cleaned data file contains 24,551 respondents. This contributes to an overall response rate of 29 percent, based on a total of 84,439 undergraduates who were invited to participate in the survey. Among the respondents, there are 22,421 completed respondents and 2,130 partial respondents. The overall submission rate is about 27 percent, representing about 91 percent of the respondent population. The partial completers represent about 9 percent of the respondent population.

The response rates are similar across ethnic groups except for international students who are less likely to respond to the survey with a response rate of 19 percent and Hispanic/Latino students who respond at a slightly higher rate: 32 percent. For further information, please refer to the survey response rate dashboard at <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/infocenter/student-survey-completion-and-response-rates>.