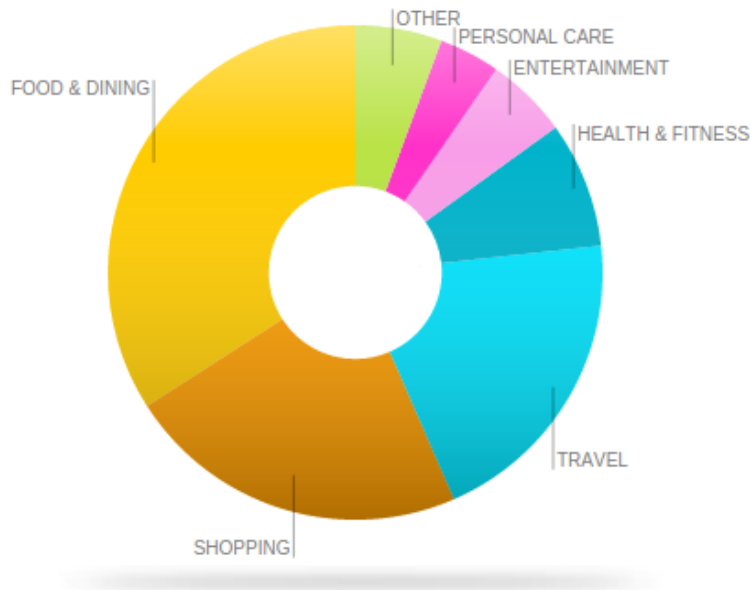


First Year Spending Report

The immediate goal of this document is to identify the major categories of spending during my freshman year of college. This is in the hopes that I represent a median point of college spending across the United States so that expenses can be approximated more accurately for my brothers if/when they follow me to college.

Spending by Category



This graph is initially somewhat misleading, as it insists that I made about three and a half thousand dollars in the sketchy category of “other”. However, most of this money is what I received from scholarships that were awarded to me after the year had started. My mother and father refused to be reimbursed for the money they towards my expenses, insisting the I had earned the money.

Your Spending

CATEGORY	SPENDING
Food & Dining	\$1,513.98
Shopping	\$997.64
Travel	\$896.93
Health & Fitness	\$366.30
Entertainment	\$238.32
Personal Care	\$177.25
Misc Expenses	\$97.53
Fees & Charges	\$62.79
Uncategorized	\$30.00
Gifts & Donations	\$21.57
Business Services	\$20.30
Auto & Transport	\$18.30
Bills & Utilities	\$0.99
Taxes	-\$228.00
Home	-\$971.52
Education	-\$2,174.07
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Total	\$1,068.31

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Top Category

\$1,514

on Food & Dining

Most Purchases

170

on Food & Dining

The table provides more detailed statistics on my spending habits. The top category was food, and this was not in addition to cafeteria spending. I spent approximately one thousand dollars of “dine-in dollars”, the cafeteria currency. This means that I spent about two and a half thousand dollars on food in total throughout the year. Of note here is that I made no effort to restrain my food expenditure. I went out freely when I felt like it (and felt justified as I was spending my own money). None of this expenditure was groceries, so a thriftier college freshman could elect to spend far less than I did.

Spending by Merchant

Amazon	\$1,061.83
Southwest Airlines	\$605.30
University Op	\$244.08
Fitbit H Qajdnpc	\$162.32
Sqc Keivaun Waugh	\$123.07
Capital One Verification	\$114.04
Uber Ca	\$107.94
Classics Restaurant	\$104.27
St David Medical	\$100.00
Qdoba Mexican Grill	\$98.04
Tea Spa Silver	\$89.00
CVS	\$86.05
Hotels.com	\$77.69
Lyft	\$73.59
Austins Pizza	\$66.21
Kerbey Lane Cafe	\$66.09
Whatpumpkin Ca	\$54.90
Vincent Sf Taxi	\$54.50
UT Austin	\$50.00
Madam Mam's Noodles & More	\$49.16

This gives the most detailed overview of my spending. I have omitted several of the top categories for being non-insightful, as they were either tuition or summer housing plans spending. My top merchant was amazon, which is to be

expected. This reflects in the second largest category being “shopping”, which almost all amazon purchases fell under. The second largest category was my flights home. This category was inflated by my choice to make a trip home for both thanksgiving and winter break - a choice that I will not be making in future years. However I think it is a valid choice for a freshman missing mother’s turkey. The final large category of note was “University Op” aka the University Co-op, where books and school supplies are sold. I oftentimes chose to forgo a physical copy of a book in place of an electronic one (especially cs textbooks) and that brought costs down substantially. From here on the purchases are not interesting to note as they are individual merchants that did not play a greater role.

Amazon spending

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Item Total	one time?	gift?	one time price	misc items	gift price
2	\$19.95	1	0	\$19.95	\$0.00	\$0.00
3	\$10.81	1	0	\$10.81	\$0.00	\$0.00
4	\$13.94	0	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13.94
5	\$13.53	0	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13.53
6	\$10.81	1	0	\$10.81	\$0.00	\$0.00
7	\$12.31	0	0	\$0.00	\$12.31	\$0.00
8	\$575.00	1	0	\$575.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
9	\$7.99	0	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7.99
10	\$22.95	0	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22.95
11	\$24.62	0	0	\$0.00	\$24.62	\$0.00
12	\$56.14	0	0	\$0.00	\$56.14	\$0.00
13	\$11.65	1	0	\$11.65	\$0.00	\$0.00
14	\$12.05	1	0	\$12.05	\$0.00	\$0.00
15	\$70.79	1	0	\$70.79	\$0.00	\$0.00
16	\$75.99	1	0	\$75.99	\$0.00	\$0.00
17	\$29.99	1	0	\$29.99	\$0.00	\$0.00
18	\$12.99	1	0	\$12.99	\$0.00	\$0.00
19	\$85.52	1	0	\$85.52	\$0.00	\$0.00
20	\$26.99	0	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26.99
21	\$5.15	1	0	\$5.15	\$0.00	\$0.00
22	\$5.15	1	0	\$5.15	\$0.00	\$0.00
23						
24	\$1,104.32			\$925.85	\$93.07	\$85.40

Further investigation into amazon spending reveals a crucial fact - the majority of the one thousand dollars spent comprises one time costs that should not need to be repeated in my college career. For example, a new laptop (although I ended up getting two more of those), or a foam mattress topper. Additionally, some of the purchases I made were on the behalf of other, and I was repaid in other means. These are the 'gift' category. Only about a hundred dollars can be considered possibly recurring expenses.

Summary

My best estimate is that I spent approximately three to three and a half thousand dollars over the course of the school year. This estimate is confused by the scholarships I received in the middle of the school year, the money I made from taxes, and the many square cash transactions that resulted from the summer housing fiasco. Additionally, I am not willing to comb through every single purchase I made that year and sort out exactly what should be counted and what should not.

Although three and a half thousand seems like a large sum, all hope is not lost. About a thousand of this was one time purchases that should last me through the rest of my college career, and seven hundred of that was a laptop. My food expenditures were much higher than they could have been if I had decided to budget myself. In addition some of this spending is personal items that I desired and bought with my own money - like a fitbit. Still, this rough estimate should provide some service in future money decisions if/when child number two and three make their way to college.