

2012 Cost of ANU Accommodation Survey

Survey of ANU Residential Students, conducted by ANU InterHall Presidents

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The Australian National University 2012 Cost of ANU Accommodation Survey Summary of Results

The 2012 Cost of ANU Accommodation Survey was hosted online by Planning and Statistical Services on behalf of ANU InterHall Presidents during June 2012. ANU residents were invited to participate anonymously in the survey via email invitation(s) from their Hall/College/Lodge Student President.

A total of 703 responses were submitted to the survey, comprising 634 undergraduates, 52 postgraduate coursework students and 16 higher degree research candidates.

Small numbers of respondents from Toad Hall and John XXIII College preclude the display of results for those accommodation sites, however, the responses are included in the totals, as well as domestic/international breakdowns. Small numbers of responses were also received from individual UniLodge sites, and these have been grouped into an overall category for UniLodge. Refer to Table 1 for numbers of respondents per Hall/College/Lodge.

Table 1: Respondents per Hall/College/Lodge

Hall/College/Lodge	Respondents
Bruce Hall	116
Burgmann College	39
Burton and Garran Hall	167
Fenner Hall	213
John XXIII College	7
Toad Hall	5
Ursula Hall	67
Ursula Hall - Laurus Wing	36
UniLodge	52
Davey Lodge	8
Kinloch Lodge	11
Lena Karmel Lodge	18
Warrumbul Lodge	15
(blank)	1
All Respondents	703
Domestic Students	492
International Students	206

(Note: 5 respondents failed to identify their residency status)

Respondents were asked to provide dollar values against a variety of standard income sources, including paid work, Centrelink allowances and subsidies, assistance from parents/spouse/family as well as scholarships (including bursaries and subsidies). Twenty-three respondents (3%) indicated they have additional funds from personal loans and/or savings from a gap year, however, the dollar value of these loans/savings was not collected via the survey.

The various dollar values from income sources were added together post-survey to calculate average weekly incomes for respondents. The following table summarises the average income, and

calculates the percentage of income spent on ANU Accommodation (and meals in some Halls/Colleges). The data indicate that between 45%-52% of student income is spent on accommodation (only) and this increased to between two-thirds (63%) and three-quarters (75%) of income spent on accommodation with inclusive meals. In Australia, 'housing stress' is often measured as 30% of income spent on housing costs¹. Based on that benchmark and the calculated average weekly income of respondents, these figures suggest many ANU residential students are suffering housing stress.

Table 2: Average Weekly income (excluding personal loans and savings)

Hall/Collogo/Lodge	Respondents	Average Weekly	Weekly	Tariff as
Hall/College/Lodge	Respondents	Income (\$)	Tariff (\$)	% of income
Bruce Hall	111	429	*318	74%
Burgmann College	38	492	**312	63%
Burton and Garran Hall	158	352	175	50%
Fenner Hall	206	352	175	50%
Ursula Hall	65	482	*318	66%
Ursula Hall - Laurus Wing	35	513	233	45%
UniLodge	49	434	#226	52%
All Respondents	673	400	-	-
Domestic Students	477	405	-	_
International Students	191	386	-	-

^{*} Accommodation Tariff includes meals

Respondents were asked to nominate how much money they have per week after subtracting essential spending. Table 3, below, demonstrates that almost half (45%) of all respondents have less than \$50 per week after deducting essential living costs, such as rent, bills and food.

Table 3: Responses to the question 'How much money do you have per week, after subtracting essential spending (such as rent, bills and food)'?

Hall/College/Lodge	Debt	Nil	1-49	50-99	100-199	200-299	300-399	400+
Bruce Hall	0%	10%	37%	29%	13%	4%	4%	3%
Burgmann College	3%	14%	22%	35%	11%	14%	3%	0%
Burton and Garran Hall	1%	9%	36%	35%	13%	5%	1%	1%
Fenner Hall	0%	11%	37%	29%	16%	6%	1%	0%
Ursula Hall	3%	5%	27%	36%	20%	3%	5%	2%
Ursula Hall - Laurus Wing	0%	9%	20%	26%	37%	6%	3%	0%
UniLodge	4%	14%	42%	18%	14%	2%	4%	2%
All Respondents	1%	10%	34%	31%	16%	5%	2%	1%
Domestic Students	1%	10%	36%	32%	14%	5%	2%	1%
International Students	1%	9%	29%	30%	21%	5%	3%	2%

¹ Explanatory Notes, Housing Occupancy and Costs, Australian Bureau of Statistics http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/4130.0Explanatory%20Notes12007-08?OpenDocument

^{** 2011} Tariff, including meals

[#] Median starting tariff of four lodges

When asked if they find it difficult to fund essential study items, such as textbooks, 38% of respondents nominated they frequently found it difficult, with international students more likely experience difficulty funding essential study items (47% responding 'frequently').

Table 4: Responses to the question 'Do you find it difficult funding essential study items'?

Hall/College/Lodge	Not at all	Sometimes	Frequently
Bruce Hall	21%	43%	37%
Burgmann College	23%	46%	31%
Burton and Garran Hall	20%	42%	38%
Fenner Hall	15%	42%	43%
Ursula Hall	22%	54%	24%
Ursula Hall - Laurus Wing	19%	44%	36%
UniLodge	15%	37%	48%
All Respondents	18%	43%	38%
Domestic Students	20%	46%	34%
International Students	16%	37%	47%

Almost all respondents (97%) indicate they worry about money, with 58% frequently worrying about money. Another 39% sometimes worry about money (refer Table 5).

Table 5: Responses to the question 'Do you worry about money'?

Hall/College/Lodge	Not at all	Sometimes	Frequently
Bruce Hall	5%	40%	55%
Burgmann College	0%	38%	62%
Burton and Garran Hall	2%	39%	59%
Fenner Hall	1%	41%	58%
Ursula Hall	9%	42%	49%
Ursula Hall - Laurus Wing	6%	44%	50%
UniLodge	4%	25%	71%
All Respondents	3%	39%	58%
Domestic Students	3%	40%	57%
International Students	3%	36%	60%

Respondents were asked to identify if they were in receipt of some form of financial assistance from their family (specified as parents, spouse or family). Two-thirds (67%) of respondents (472 of 703) indicated they receive assistance from their family. When asked if they felt comfortable receiving that financial assistance, almost half (46%) responded in the negative. Only one-third (33%) of respondents are comfortable receiving financial help from their family (refer Table 6 over page).

Table 6: Responses to the statement 'I am comfortable about receiving financial assistance from my parents/spouse/family'.

(results displayed for respondents indicating receipt of that financial assistance)

	Strongly				Strongly	
Hall/College/Lodge	disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Agree	Number
Bruce Hall	13%	30%	20%	29%	8%	86
Burgmann College	13%	28%	22%	25%	13%	32
Burton and Garran Hall	11%	37%	22%	23%	8%	104
Fenner Hall	19%	29%	27%	20%	5%	131
Ursula Hall	5%	35%	15%	35%	11%	55
Ursula Hall - Laurus Wing	21%	21%	14%	14%	29%	14
UniLodge	16%	28%	28%	16%	12%	43
All Respondents	14%	32%	22%	24%	9%	472
Domestic Students	14%	33%	19%	25%	9%	317
International Students	14%	29%	29%	22%	7%	153

Residents were asked to respond to the item 'ANU Accommodation is value for money' (refer table 7 below). When grouped into 'disagreement', 'neutral' and 'agreement' categories, all respondents were split *roughly* into thirds (38%, 29% and 34% respectively), with higher agreement rates for domestic students (38% agreement), and higher disagreement rates for international students (47% disagreement). The percentages varied between accommodation sites, with the highest agreement rating (41%) for Burton and Garran Hall (\$175 weekly tariff) and the highest disagreement rating (68%) at UniLodge (~\$226 weekly tariff).

Table 7: Responses to the statement 'ANU Accommodation is value for money'

Hall/College/Lodge	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Bruce Hall	10%	33%	31%	22%	3%
Burgmann College	11%	32%	32%	26%	0%
Burton and Garran Hall	8%	22%	28%	32%	9%
Fenner Hall	7%	27%	28%	33%	6%
Ursula Hall	7%	30%	27%	31%	4%
Ursula Hall - Laurus Wing	14%	17%	42%	25%	3%
UniLodge	35%	33%	21%	6%	6%
All Respondents	11%	27%	29%	28%	6%
Domestic Students	9%	25%	28%	32%	6%
International Students	14%	33%	30%	19%	5%

Respondents were asked to nominate from range of price points, the highest weekly tariff increase they would be willing to pay for their ANU accommodation. The overwhelming majority of respondents (63%) indicated they were not willing to pay for any increase to weekly tariffs (refer Table 8 over page).

Table 8: Highest weekly tariff increase respondent is willing to pay for ANU Accommodation

Hall/College/Lodge	Nil	\$10	\$20	\$40	\$60	\$80	\$100
Bruce Hall	72%	18%	8%	3%	0%	0%	0%
Burgmann College	66%	21%	8%	0%	5%	0%	0%
Burton and Garran Hall	61%	25%	11%	3%	1%	0%	0%
Fenner Hall	61%	27%	8%	3%	0%	0%	0%
Ursula Hall	46%	25%	22%	2%	2%	0%	5%
Ursula Hall - Laurus Wing	75%	19%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%
UniLodge	69%	22%	4%	4%	2%	0%	0%
All Respondents	63%	23%	10%	3%	1%	0%	1%
Domestic Students	56%	27%	12%	3%	1%	0%	1%
International Students	79%	15%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%

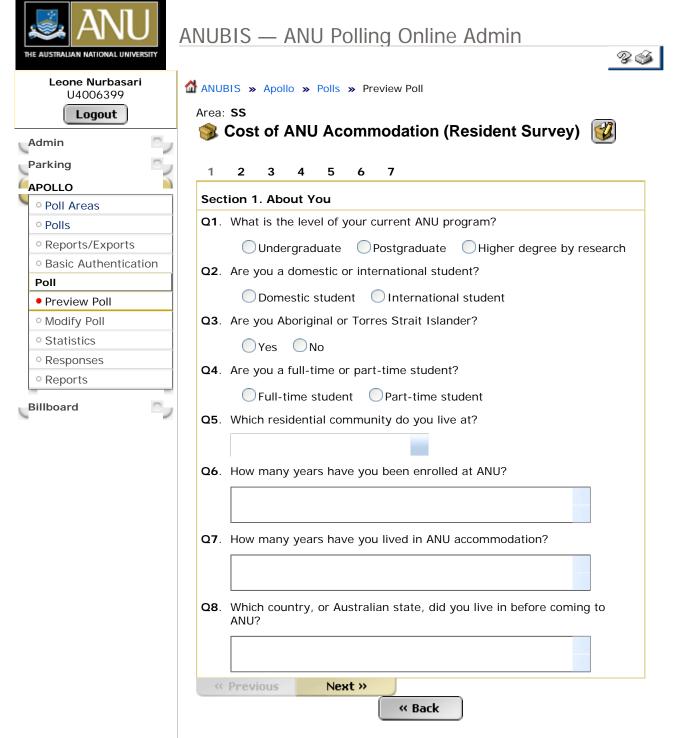
Respondents were provided with an open-ended question to explain their selection of a price point for a tariff increase. Of those who selected 'Nil" increase, some of the reasons include:

- Already expensive
- Already struggling with money
- Cannot afford it, would have to work more hours
- Fixed income levels (eg. Scholarship or Centrelink)
- For similar amount of money could share a house with better facilities
- Have to cut down on basic necessities like food to be able to afford paying rent here
- Very poor international student, already paying a lot for tuition and accommodation
- Tariff increase would impact my parents
- I would have to move off campus, which would be a shame
- For the facilities I receive the rent is fair
- I think that present rent (which was already increased) is fine
- Improve services first
- VERY expensive already. And the food sucks fairly often
- Reason for being in college accommodation is convenience + facilities; however an increase would mean moving out
- Just increased rent in the last semester, should not increase again so quickly
- Unless adjusting for inflation, I see no need to increase
- High value of Australian currency and exchange rates that are not favourable

This summary has been prepared as an initial investigation into the results of the 2012 Cost of ANU Accommodation survey. As previously agreed, data collected from the survey will be provided to the InterHall Presidents for more detailed analyses and reporting.

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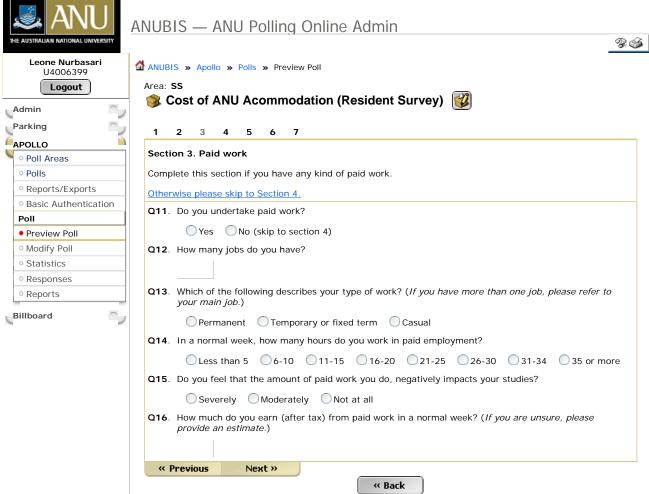
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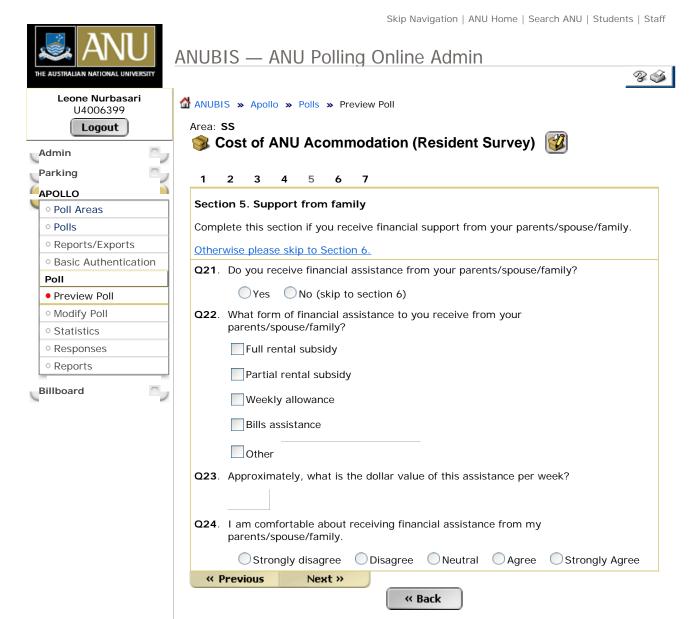
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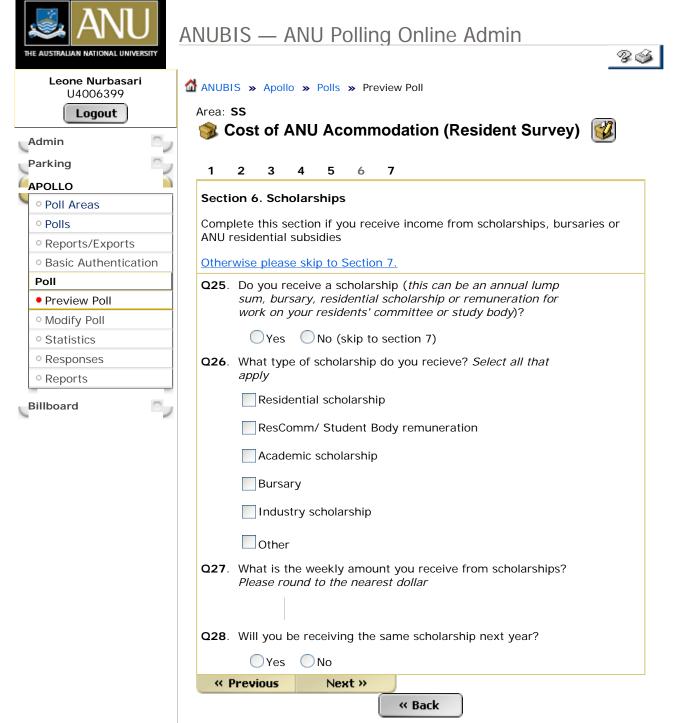
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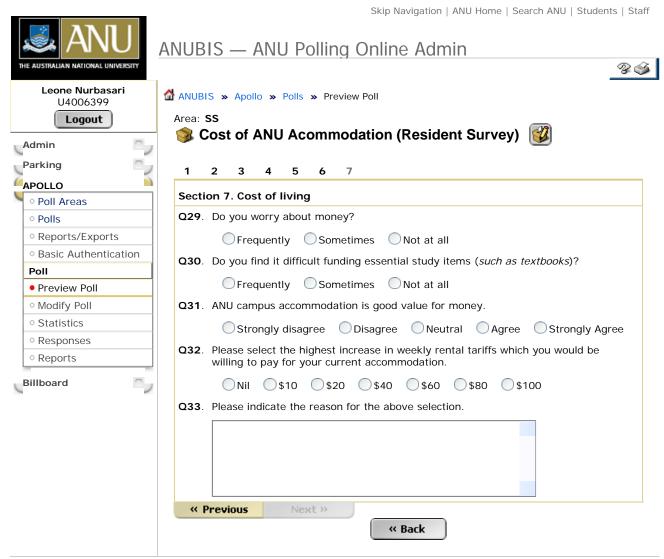
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