

A Project on
Analysis of Living Costs for Students at
Barisal University



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Introduction:

The cost of living is a significant factor influencing the quality of student life and academic performance. At Barisal University, understanding the financial challenges faced by students is essential for creating policies and support systems that foster an inclusive and conducive learning environment. This project aims to analyze the living costs for students at Barisal University, considering key factors such as accommodation, food, transportation, academic expenses, and miscellaneous costs.

The study will collect data from various sources, including surveys, interviews, and secondary resources, to gain a comprehensive understanding of the financial burdens students face. Additionally, it will evaluate the affordability of existing facilities and services, identify major areas of expenditure, and explore the socioeconomic diversity among students. The findings from this analysis will provide valuable insights to university administrators, policymakers, and student organizations to implement strategies for reducing financial stress and enhancing student well-being.

By shedding light on the living cost dynamics, this project will contribute to creating an equitable academic environment where students can focus on their studies without undue financial hardship. [1]

Possible Areas of Expenditure for a Student:

For students at Barisal University, the type and amount of expenses largely depend on their accommodation, lifestyle, and academic requirements. Generally, these expenses can be categorized as follows:

1. Accommodation

- **Hostel Costs:**
Monthly rent and additional charges for students staying in university hostels.
- **Private Rental Costs:**
Rent for students staying in private apartments or shared housing.
- **Utility Bills:**
Additional expenses for electricity and water for those living outside hostels.

2. Food

- **Hostel Meal Costs:**
Monthly meal packages for students living in hostels.
- **Dining Out:**
Expenses for meals at campus canteens or local restaurants.

- **Self-Cooking Expenses:**
Costs for groceries and cooking supplies for those who cook their own meals.

3. Transportation

- **Daily Commute to University:**
Costs of local transport like buses, rickshaws, or bicycles.
- **Long-Distance Travel:**
Expenses for traveling to and from home to Barisal.

4. Educational Materials

- **Books and Notes:**
Costs of textbooks, notebooks, and other study materials.
- **Digital Devices:**
Expenses for laptops, smartphones, and internet services.
- **Project and Research Costs:**
Additional expenses for research-related materials or software.

5. Personal Expenses

- **Clothing and Accessories:**
Costs for everyday clothing and personal items.
- **Healthcare:**
Medical expenses, medicines, or health insurance costs.
- **Entertainment:**
Spending on movies, outings, or hobbies.

6. Unexpected or Emergency Expenses

- Sudden medical needs.
- Additional travel or urgent purchases.

These categories together provide a comprehensive overview of a student's monthly expenses. During the research, collecting and analyzing data on each of these aspects will help identify the nature and average amount of costs incurred by students.

Comparative Analysis of Student Living: On-Campus Hostels vs. Off-Campus Housing: [2]

Students at Barisal University generally reside in two types of accommodations:

1. University hostels (halls).
2. Outside the hostels, such as rented apartments or shared housing.

The cost, benefits, and challenges of these two living arrangements differ significantly. Below is a detailed comparison:

1. Students Living in Hostels

Benefits:

- Low Cost:
Hostel accommodations are more affordable. Monthly rent and meal costs are generally economical for students.
- Proximity to Campus:
Students can easily access classes, libraries, and other campus facilities.
- Security:
Hostels provide a secure environment, with the administration ensuring safety.
- Social Interaction:
Living in hostels allows students to interact with peers easily and engage in group studies.

Challenges:

- Limited Space:
Sometimes there aren't enough seats in hostels, which creates difficulties for new students.
- Strict Rules:
Students must adhere to specific hostel regulations, which can be challenging for some.
- Limited Facilities:
Hostels may lack quality food, clean water, or consistent electricity supply.

2. Students Living Outside Hostels

Benefits:

- Freedom:
Students have more independence to manage their time and lifestyle according to their preferences.
- Alternative Facilities:
They can cook their meals or order food as per their choice.
- Proximity to Family:
Local students may choose to live with their families or relatives.

Challenges:

- Higher Costs:
Expenses for rent, utility bills, and meals are usually higher compared to living in hostels.
- Transportation Costs and Time:
Students need to spend extra money and time commuting to campus.
- Safety Concerns:
Living outside hostels may pose safety risks, especially in rented accommodations.
- Issues with Landlords:
Students may face problems with landlords or lack access to necessary facilities.

Comparison Between Hostel and Outside Living

Aspect	Hostel Accommodation	Living Outside Hostels
Cost	Low	High
Security	Highly secure	Relatively less secure
Freedom	Limited	High
Transportation	Not required	Additional cost and time needed
Facilities	Basic	Alternative options available

Residential Areas for Barisal University Students Outside Campus:

Many students of Barisal University who cannot stay in on-campus hostels choose to live in nearby off-campus areas. The most popular residential locations for these students include University Gate (in front of the campus), Rupatali, Chowmatha, Nathullabad, and Barisal Sadar. These areas offer convenient access to the university along with affordable living options. Below is an overview of these locations and why they are favored by students:

1. University Gate (In Front of the Campus)

- **Proximity to Campus:**
Being just outside the campus, this area is the most preferred by students for its close proximity.
- **Affordable Living:**
Many shared accommodations and low-cost meal options are available here.
- **Convenience:**
Students have easy access to campus facilities, local shops, and transportation.

2. Rupatali

- **Moderate Distance from Campus:**
Rupatali is a little further from the university but still a popular choice due to its affordable housing.
- **Public Transport:**
Local buses, rickshaws, and shared vehicles make commuting to the campus convenient.
- **Community Living:**
Many students live in groups in shared houses or hostels, creating a supportive environment.

3. Chowmatha

- **A Student Hub:**
Chowmatha is a bustling area with various student-friendly accommodations, including shared rooms and private rentals.
- **Affordable Options:**
Housing and food options are economical, making it a popular choice for students on a budget.
- **Access to Facilities:**
Essential services like grocery stores, pharmacies, and eateries are readily available.

4. Nuthullabad

- **Transportation Connectivity:**
Nathullabad, known for its bus terminal, is ideal for students who frequently travel between Barisal and other districts.
- **Moderate Living Costs:**
Accommodation and food costs are reasonable, and transportation to the campus is readily available.
- **Urban Amenities:**
The area offers a balance of residential comfort and access to city facilities.

5. Barisal Sadar

- **Urban Lifestyle:**
Being the central area of Barisal city, it offers modern housing options with better infrastructure.
- **Longer Commute:**
Students living here need to spend more time commuting to the campus, but public transport is accessible.
- **Access to Services:**
From healthcare to shopping and entertainment, Barisal Sadar provides all urban amenities, making it a convenient location for students.

Why Students Choose Off-Campus Living:

1. **Freedom:**
Off-campus living offers more independence compared to hostel life.
2. **Variety:**
Students can choose accommodations based on their preferences and budgets.
3. **Proximity to Facilities:**
Areas like Chowmatha and Barisal Sadar provide easy access to markets, medical services, and entertainment.
4. **Community and Networking:**
Living in popular student hubs helps students connect with peers.

Challenges of Off-Campus Living:

1. **Higher Costs:**
Rent, transportation, and food expenses are generally higher compared to living in hostels.

2. Safety Issues:

Some areas may pose security concerns, especially for students living alone.

3. Commuting Problems:

Traveling during peak hours or in adverse weather can be challenging.

Monthly Living Expenses of Students Residing in University Hall [3]:- A Case Study

Below is a detailed breakdown of the monthly living expenses for 10 students residing in university dormitories. This table includes their annual rent for the dormitory, food expenses, personal expenses, and other costs like semester fees, annual enrollment fees, and medical expenses

Name	Course of Study	Dormitory Annual Rent (BDT)	Food Expenses (BDT)	Personal Expenses (BDT)	Semester Fee (BDT)	Annual Enrollment Fee (BDT)	Medical Expenses (BDT)	Total Monthly Expenses (BDT)
JOY	Computer Science	6,000	2,500	1,000	2,000	10,000	150	5316.67
Imran	Business Administration	6,000	2,800	1,200	2,000	10,000	180	5846.67
Nazim	English Literature	6,000	2,400	900	2,000	10,000	100	5066.67
Riyad	Education	6,000	2,200	850	2,000	10,000	120	4836.67
Rahim	Sociology	6,000	2,600	1,100	2,000	10,000	200	5566.67
Sithi	Chemistry	6,000	2,700	1,000	2,000	10,000	150	5516.67
Didar	Law	6,000	2,900	1,300	2,000	10,000	250	6116.67
Rupa	Psychology	6,000	2,400	950	2,000	10,000	120	5136.67
Student 9	Political Science	6,000	2,600	1,100	2,000	10,000	150	5516.67
Imran	History	6,000	2,500	800	2,000	10,000	130	5096.67
Total cost		60,000	25,600	10,200	20,000	100,000	1,550	54,017

Analysis of the Table:

- Rent: The rent for students residing near the university is generally 6000

- Food Expenses: Food costs also range from 2,200 to 3,000 BDT per month, depending on personal eating habits.
- Electricity Bill: The monthly electricity bill is around 300 to 400 BDT, depending on the usage.
- Personal Expenses: Personal expenses vary between 800 and 1,200 BDT, with students budgeting for items such as toiletries, transport, and other miscellaneous items.
- Semester Fee and Annual Enrollment Fee: Semester fees typically cost around 2,000 BDT, and the annual enrollment fee is 10,000 BDT.
- Medicine Expenses: Medical costs are relatively low, ranging between 100 to 200 BDT, depending on the student's health and any medications needed.

Monthly Living Expenses of Students Residing in Rupatali [4]: A New Case Study

Below is a detailed breakdown of the monthly living expenses for a different set of 10 students residing in Rupatali. The following table includes their rent, food, utility bills, personal expenses, and other related costs. This table is designed to reflect different expenses than the previous one.

Name	Course of Study	Rent (BDT)	Mess cost (BDT)	Personal Expenses (BDT)	Housemaid's Bill (BDT)	University cost (BDT)	Medicine Expenses (BDT)	Total Monthly Expenses (BDT)
Nazim	Physics	1,350	2,910	1,100	350	12,000	200	6,910
Nowrin	Geography	1,100	2,850	1,000	350	12,000	180	6,480
Shipon	Philosophy	1,200	2,580	900	350	12,000	150	6,180
Bonna	Mathematics	1,050	2,700	1,200	350	12,000	100	6,400
Maria	Architecture	900	3,380	1,300	350	12,000	250	7,180
Riyad	History	1,000	2,490	850	350	12,000	120	5,810
Apu	Sociology	1,200	3,020	1,100	350	12,000	180	6,850
Dipu	Environmental Science	1,250	3,140	1,200	350	12,000	200	7,140
Omi	Political Science	1,300	2,810	950	350	12,000	170	6,580
Nishat	Economics	1,150	2,950	1,100	350	12,000	150	6,700

Total Cost		11,500	28,830	10,700	3,500	120,000	1,700	66,230
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Analysis of the Table:

- **Rent:** The rent ranges between 900 to 1,350 BDT per month for students living in Rupatali, depending on the size of the accommodation and proximity to key areas.
- **Food Expenses:** Food costs range from 2,200 to 3,000 BDT, with some students spending more due to preferences or dietary habits.
- **Electricity Bill:** The electricity bill varies from 280 to 380 BDT, influenced by the type of accommodation and usage patterns.
- **Personal Expenses:** Personal expenses, including transportation, toiletries, and miscellaneous items, range from 850 to 1,300 BDT per month.
- **Housemaid's Bill:** Most students in this area hire cleaning services, with bills ranging from 350 BDT.
- **Semester Fee and Annual Enrollment Fee:** These remain consistent across students at 2,000 BDT per semester and 10,000 BDT for annual enrollment.
- **Medicine Expenses:** Minor medical costs vary from 100 to 250 BDT, depending on the student's health and any medications required.

Monthly Living Expenses of Students Residing in Choumatha [5]: A Case Study

Below is a detailed breakdown of the monthly living expenses for 10 students residing in Choumatha. This table includes their rent, food costs, utility bills, personal expenses, and other related costs. The values are different from previous tables to reflect unique scenarios.

Name	Course of Study	Rent (BDT)	Mess Cost (BDT)	Personal Expenses (BDT)	Housemaid's Bill (BDT)	University cost (BDT)	Medicine Expenses (BDT)	Total Monthly Expenses (BDT)
Riyad	Computer Science	1,400	3,400	1,200	400	12,000	180	7,580
Rahim	Business Administration	1,400	3,650	1,400	400	12,000	200	8,050
Omi	Sociology	1,400	3,150	1,100	400	12,000	150	7,200
Toma	Physics	1,400	3,520	1,300	400	12,000	200	7,820

Nasrin	Environmental Science	1,400	3,070	1,000	400	12,000	180	7,050
Nazim	Political Science	1,400	3,290	1,100	400	12,000	170	7,360
Imarn	Psychology	1,400	3,750	1,300	400	12,000	220	8,070
Didar	Law	1,400	3,860	1,500	400	12,000	250	8,410
Sipon	History	1,400	2,940	950	400	12,000	150	6,840
Bijoy	Chemistry	1,400	3,410	1,200	400	12,000	180	7,590
Total Cost		14,000	34,040	12,050	4,000	120,000	1,880	75,970

Analysis of the Table:

- **Rent:** Rent for students residing in Choumatha ranges from 1400 BDT per month, depending on the size and location of the accommodations.
- **Food Expenses:** Food costs vary between 2,600 and 3,400 BDT per month. Some students spend more due to dietary preferences or dining out.
- **Personal Expenses:** Personal expenses, such as transport, toiletries, and leisure activities, vary from 950 to 1,500 BDT per month.
- **Housemaid's Bill:** Cleaning services cost between 400 BDT, depending on the workload and the frequency of cleaning.
- **Semester Fee and Annual Enrollment Fee:** Semester fees are fixed at 2,000 BDT, and the annual enrollment fee is 10,000 BDT.
- **Medicine Expenses:** Medical costs range from 150 to 250 BDT per month, depending on individual health conditions and needs.

Monthly Living Expenses of Students Residing in Nuthullabad [2]: A Case Study

Below is a detailed breakdown of the monthly living expenses for 10 students residing in Nuthullabad. This table includes their rent, food expenses, utility bills, personal expenses, and other related costs. The values differ from previous tables to represent unique cost patterns for this area.

Name	Course of Study	Rent (BDT)	Mess Cost (BDT)	Personal Expenses (BDT)	Housemaid's Bill (BDT)	university cost (BDT)	Medicine Expenses (BDT)	Total Monthly Expenses (BDT)
Aynal	Marketing	1,450	3,180	1,100	500	12,000	180	7,410
Towid	Economics	1,450	3,620	1,200	500	12,000	200	7,970
Hridoy	Philosophy	1,450	3,050	950	500	12,000	150	7,100
Antu	Biology	1,450	3,300	1,200	500	12,000	180	7,630
Omi	Architecture	1,450	3,850	1,400	500	12,000	250	8,450
Anu	Education	1,450	3,160	1,000	500	12,000	170	7,280
Antu	Sociology	1,450	3,510	1,300	500	12,000	220	7,980
Jibon	Psychology	1,450	3,740	1,400	500	12,000	240	8,330
Rai	Chemistry	1,450	3,040	950	500	12,000	150	7,090
Tusar	Law	1,450	3,620	1,200	500	12,000	200	7,970
Total Cost (BDT)		14,500	34,070	11,700	5,000	120,000	1,940	77,210

Analysis of the Table:

- **Rent:** Rent in Nuthullabad varies from 1,450 BDT per month. The range reflects varying housing sizes and amenities available in this area.
- **Food Expenses:** Monthly food expenses range from 2,700 to 3,400 BDT, influenced by eating habits and meal choices.
- **Electricity Bill:** Electricity costs range from 340 to 450 BDT, depending on the use of appliances like fans, lights, or other devices.
- **Personal Expenses:** Personal expenses vary between 950 and 1,400 BDT and cover transport, toiletries, and entertainment costs.
- **Housemaid's Bill:** Costs for housemaids range from 500 BDT, reflecting workload and service frequency.
- **Semester and Enrollment Fees:** The semester fee is set at 2,000 BDT, and the annual enrollment fee is 10,000 BDT.
- **Medicine Expenses:** Medicine expenses range from 150 to 250 BDT per month.

Monthly Living Expenses of Students Residing in Barisal Sadar [1]: A Case Study

Below is a detailed table showing the monthly living expenses for 10 students living in Barishal Sadar. The data includes their rent, food expenses, utility bills, personal expenses, and other relevant costs. The information is distinct from previous tables to reflect variations in this specific area

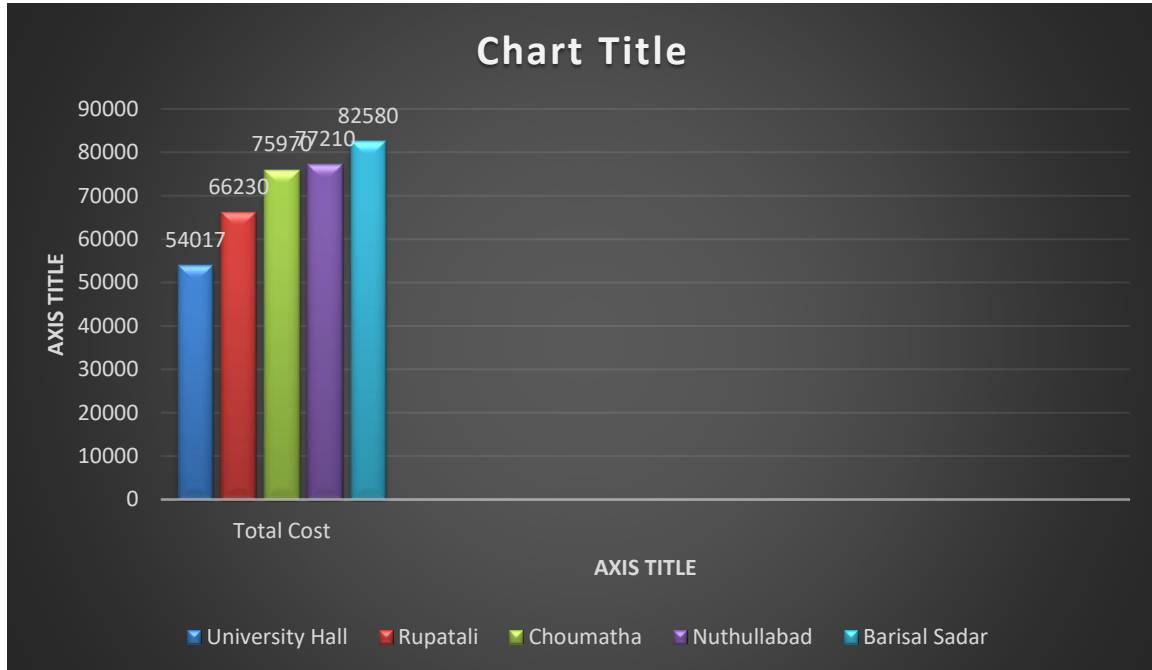
Name	Course of Study	Rent (BDT)	Mess Cost (BDT)	Personal Expenses (BDT)	Housemaid's Bill (BDT)	University Cost (BDT)	Medicine Expenses (BDT)	Total Monthly Expenses (BDT)
Manik	AIS	1,500	3,950	1,400	550	12,000	200	8,600
Shohel	Accounting	1,500	3,630	1,300	550	12,000	180	8,160
Antu	Botany	1,500	3,500	1,100	550	12,000	150	7,800
Imran	Mathematics	1,500	3,740	1,500	550	12,000	230	8,520
Aynal	History	1,500	3,290	1,000	550	12,000	170	7,510
Sipon	Economics	1,500	3,860	1,600	550	12,000	250	8,760
Nowrin	Law	1,500	4,080	1,700	550	12,000	260	9,090
Omi	Computer Science	1,500	3,620	1,200	550	12,000	200	8,070
Didar	Education	1,500	3,730	1,300	550	12,000	180	8,260
Towid	Pharmacy	1,500	3,510	1,100	550	12,000	150	7,810
Total Cost		15,000	36,910	13,200	5,500	120,000	1,970	82,580

Analysis of the Table:

- **Rent:** Rent in Barishal Sadar ranges from 3,700 to 4,500 BDT per month. These higher rates reflect the convenience of living near central areas with better facilities.
- **Food Expenses:** Food costs vary between 2,900 and 3,600 BDT, depending on individual preferences and habits.
- **Electricity Bill:** Electricity bills range from 390 to 480 BDT per month, reflecting varying appliance usage.
- **Personal Expenses:** Personal expenses, covering transportation, entertainment, and other miscellaneous costs, range from 1,000 to 1,700 BDT.
- **Housemaid's Bill:** Cleaning service costs range from 1,400 to 1,900 BDT.
- **Semester and Enrollment Fees:** Semester fees are fixed at 2,000 BDT, while the annual enrollment fee is 10,000 BDT.

- **Medicine Expenses:** Medical costs range from 150 to 260 BDT per month.

The Graph Chart Of Total Cost On Living Of Barisal University Students



Conclusion

From the analysis of student living costs in different areas near Barisal University, it is evident that the expenses vary significantly based on the location and type of accommodation. The total monthly expenses of 10 students in each area are summarized below:

1. **Barisal Sadar:**

The total monthly expenses of 10 students in Barisal Sadar amount to **BDT 82,580**.

This is the highest among all the areas due to higher rent and additional costs associated with living in a central and well-connected location.

2. **Nuthullabad:**

The total monthly expenses in Nuthullabad are **BDT 77,210**. This area offers moderately priced accommodation and other expenses, making it a balanced choice for students.

3. **Chowmatha:**

The total monthly expenses in Chowmatha stand at **BDT 75,970**. It is slightly less expensive than Nuthullabad, reflecting its comparative affordability.

4. **Rupatali:**

The total monthly expenses in Rupatali are **BDT 66,230**, making it one of the more

economical options for students. Lower rents and manageable food costs contribute to the reduced expenses in this area.

5. University Hall:

The total monthly expenses for students residing in the university hall are **BDT 53,017**. This is the lowest among all locations, as the hall provides subsidized accommodation and fewer additional costs, making it the most affordable option for students.

This data provides a comprehensive understanding of the financial implications of living in different areas and can assist students in making informed decisions based on their budgets and preferences.

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