

Median Team Budget for *FIRST*® Robotics Competition

Developing a budget is crucial to success in *FIRST* Robotics Competition as it helps each team understand approximately how much money to fundraise each season. For team sustainability, teams will want to end the season with some surplus, if possible, to help get them started in the next season.

Teams can use this [Budget Template](#) (file automatically downloads) to create their own team budget but can review the rest of this document to understand the median reported budget.

Things to consider including in a budget include, but are not limited to:

- [registration fees](#) (teams who think they may qualify for District Championship or *FIRST* Championship should also include those additional fees),
- travel costs,
- additional robot and field construction items,
- robot shipping costs (especially prevalent for international teams travelling to attend an event),
- publicity and sponsorship materials, and
- any other expenses you think you may have.

The table below shows the median budgets reported to *FIRST*. Please note that your budget may differ from these depending on where you are located, events you attend, and number of team members and mentors. Additionally, the Outside United States (U.S) numbers may vary more drastically depending on if you have an event in country or not.

Table 1: Median Budgets Reported to *FIRST*

	U.S. District	U.S. Regional	Outside U.S.
Registration Fees <i>*includes initial registration and any additional event registration fees</i>	\$10,000	\$9,300	\$9,300
Travel Expenses	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$10,000
Robot & Prototyping Parts	\$7,000	\$7,500	\$5,000
Field & Game Pieces	\$500	\$500	\$500
Outreach	\$250	\$250	\$500
Other (e.g. operations, team shirts, team fun, etc.)	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,250
Total Median Budget	\$24,250	\$25,550	\$28,550