



How Much Does it Cost to Get to Chicago?

Delegates are obligated to attend the 2024 Democratic National Convention (**August 19-22, 2024, in Chicago, Illinois**). While there are no fees or dues required to become a delegate, there are costs associated with travel and accommodation for the national convention. Please note, these costs are not meant to preclude anyone from running as a delegate – in fact, the Democratic Party strictly prohibits discrimination on the basis of status. However, the California Democratic Party does not furnish flights or hotels for the national convention nor does it provide financial assistance to offset the costs of attending. The costs of attending are estimated below:

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| Airfare to Chicago* | \$400-\$800 |
| Hotel for 5 nights* | \$1,750 |
| Food and Incidentals | \$500 |
| Total Cost | \$2,650- \$3,050 |

Airfare: Most major airlines, including Delta, United, and American fly to Chicago. Be aware that direct flights to Chicago may be more difficult to find and more expensive than non-direct flights.

Hotels: There are several hotels in Chicago to choose from and many are near the Convention. The cost of a room ranges from \$300 to \$750 per night depending on the vicinity of the hotel to the Convention.

Food and Incidentals: In addition to travel costs, plan to spend at least \$50 on food and \$50 a day on incidentals like cab fare. The convention schedule will likely keep you at the arena, where food will be expensive. Getting away from the crowd requires transportation.

Book in Advance: We understand that these are significant costs and because of this, we recommend that you book your flight and hotel room as soon as possible to ensure that you get the best price possible. Delegates will be confirmed no later than the Statewide Delegation Meeting on May 18, 2024 – a date that provides adequate time to book travel plans.

Financing Your Trip: If you are concerned about the costs associated with attending the convention, please don't let the price hold you back from attending. Many Democratic clubs and organizations facilitate members attending the convention by providing financial assistance through scholarships. Delegates are also encouraged to hold fundraisers to raise the necessary funds to attend.

*Travel costs were estimated for a 5-night stay covering entirety of the Convention events. Cost and availability can vary greatly.