

INTERNATIONAL OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING SURVEY RESULTS



Below is a brief summary of responses to the International Off-Campus Housing Survey that was distributed to international students and scholars living off campus during the academic year 2007-2008.

Overview

Due to space limitations, Georgetown cannot offer on-campus housing to graduate students, graduate level exchange students, or scholars. This survey was administered in order to learn more about the trends and experiences of international students and scholars in searching for and choosing off-campus housing.






Housing Search

- The most popular resources (from most to least useful) used in searching for housing are:
 - Websites
 - Realtors and agents; Classifieds in local newspapers
 - GU Off-Campus Housing Office

- The most popular websites used are:
 - Craig's List (<http://washingtondc.craigslist.org/>)
 - Apartments.com (<http://www.apartments.com/>)
 - Rent.com (<http://www.rent.com/>)
 - GU Off-Campus Housing Office (<http://och.georgetown.edu/>)
 - Facebook: Group Name: International Housing Search 2008-2009; Network: Georgetown (www.facebook.com)









- We also suggest using <http://www.maps.google.com> to zoom in on the neighborhoods and locations you are looking up.

- Housing search process lasts:

Under 1 week		16%
Approximately 1 week		13%
Under 2 weeks		19%
Between 2 weeks and 1 month		39%
Other		12%







Neighborhood

- Students/scholars live in the following neighborhoods:








Neighborhood	Distance from Georgetown Univeristy	Percentage	
Georgetown	Immediate surrounding neighborhood		13%
Burleith	1-2 miles away		1%
Glover Park	2 miles away		9%
Foxhall	2-3 miles away		3%
Dupont Circle	2-3 miles away		5%
Rosslyn/Arlington, VA	2-3 miles away		41%
Bethesda, MD	6-7 miles away		1%
Other			27%

Commute to Campus

- The following modes of transportation are used in commuting to campus:






Walk		59%
Bicycle		12%
Scooter/motorcycle		1%
Car		13%
Bus (city bus and/or GUTS bus)		69%
Metro (subway)		20%

- Duration of commute is reported to be:

Walk:	5-10min		7%
	10-15min		16%
	More than 15min		21%
Other:	5-10min		6%
	10-30min		24%
	30min-1hr		22%
	More than 1hr		4%






Landlord

- Students/scholars opt for the following housing styles:





Efficiency/studio		21%
One-bedroom apartment		37%
Two-bedroom apartment		25%
Shared house/townhouse		14%
Other		3%

Rent






- Approximate monthly rent per unit is reported to be in the following ranges:

Under \$800		5%
\$800-\$1200		26%
\$1200-\$1500		32%
\$1500-\$2000		20%
Over \$2000		16%

- Number of roommates living in each unit is reported to be in the following ranges:

Live on own		32%
1-2 people		44%
3-5 people		22%
More		2%

- Approximate monthly rent per person is reported to be in the following ranges:

Less than \$800		34%
\$800-\$1000		32%
\$1000-\$1200		10%
\$1200-\$1500		21%
More than \$1500		5%

- Most rent include utilities, and some include furnishing as well:

Furnishing		32%
Utilities		89%

International Student Apartment and Landlord Recommendations

- Below is a sample of apartment names, landlords, and management firms recommended by current international students/scholars:
 - River Place, Arlington, VA (<http://www.riverplace.com/>)
 - Rosslyn Commons, Arlington, VA (<http://www.jbg.com/page.cfm?pageID=8&BldgID=130>)
 - Washington & Lee Apartments (Tel: 703-524-9292)
 - Bernstein Brothers Management (Tel: 703-528-6877)