

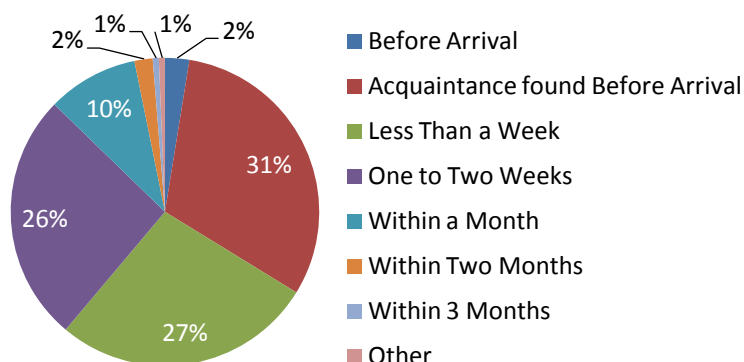
2011 Housing Facts Sheet

Last Semester, about half of our exchange students ended up with housing above their expected price range. In an effort to help future exchange students, we have compiled this data and information.

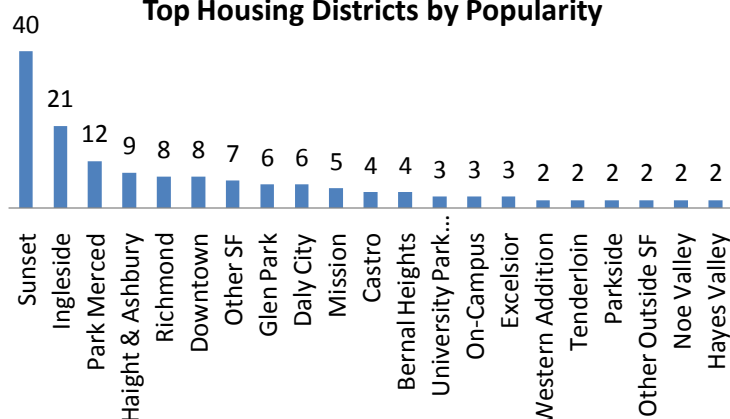
Average Time Students Take to Find Housing

60% of the 160 international exchange students polled during the Spring 2011 semester stated that they found (or an acquaintance found for them) housing within less than one week of arrival, and 97% of exchange students reported permanent housing within one month of arrival. Most students found housing through either craigslist.org or online forums such as the IEEC's Facebook group.

Average Housing Search Time



Top Housing Districts by Popularity



Total Average Housing Costs per Month for Spring 2011

We had 154 students provide information on their monthly housing costs.

Average Costs: \$722

Median: \$700

Mode: \$800

Maximum: \$1900 (Park Merced apartment, single occupant)

Minimum: \$250 (Haight & Ashbury, shared room)

Popular Housing District Quick Facts

The Sunset

Sample Size: 40 **Average Price:** \$812

Maximum: \$1800 **Minimum:** \$500

Advantages: Student friendly, quiet, crime rates low

Disadvantages: Some areas do not have easy access to food or transportation, cold and foggy at times

Park Merced

Sample Size: 12 **Average Price:** \$1132

Maximum: \$1900 **Minimum:** \$500

Advantages: Next to campus, large student population, crime rates low to moderate

Disadvantages: Expensive, far from the city center, far from restaurants, cold and foggy at times

Ingleside

Sample Size: 21 **Average Price:** \$737

Maximum: \$1100 **Minimum:** \$400

Advantages: Near the university, student-friendly, access to transportation

Disadvantages: Crime rates moderate

Haight & Ashbury

Sample Size: 9 **Average Price:** \$726

Maximum: \$1050 **Minimum:** \$250

Advantages: Victorian houses very beautiful and popular, famous area with very quirky locals

Disadvantages: Food can be expensive here, no direct transportation to university, crime rates fairly high in some areas

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Popular Housing District Quick Facts Continued

The Richmond

Sample Size: 8 **Average Price:** \$560

Maximum: \$750 **Minimum:** \$300

Advantages: Inexpensive, quiet, near great restaurants on Clement, possible to have easy access to university, crime low to moderate

Disadvantages: Cold and foggy at times

Downtown

Sample Size: 8 **Average Price:** \$897

Maximum: \$1550 **Minimum:** \$500

Advantages: Near lots of entertainment, the heart of San Francisco

Disadvantages: Expensive, few grocery stores, 30+ minutes from university, crime moderate to high

The Mission

Sample Size: 5 **Average Price:** \$723

Maximum: \$850 **Minimum:** \$350

Advantages: Vibrant culture, great food, inexpensive, good night life, good weather

Disadvantages: Crime rates vary but tend to be moderate to high

Bernal Heights

Sample Size: 4 **Average Price:** \$712

Maximum: \$800 **Minimum:** \$575

Advantages: Relatively inexpensive, family-oriented neighborhood, borders on Mission and Noe Valley, crime rates moderate

Disadvantages: No direct access to university

On-Campus Housing

Sample Size: 3 **Average Price:** \$800*

Maximum: \$800* **Minimum:** \$800*

*Does not include mandatory meal plans, internet etc. Actual average costs are closer to \$1200/month

Advantages: On campus, close to classes, crime rates low to moderate

Disadvantages: Far from the city center, far from restaurants, cold and foggy

Glen Park

Sample Size: 6 **Average Price:** \$713

Maximum: \$900 **Minimum:** \$600

Advantages: In between the center and university, generally warmer area, close to BART, crime rates low

Disadvantages: No direct MUNI to the university

Daly City

Sample Size: 6 **Average Price:** \$680

Maximum: \$900 **Minimum:** \$275

Advantages: Inexpensive, can use SF State's free shuttle to university if you live close enough

Disadvantages: Little access to SF transportation means it is can be difficult to access

The Castro

Sample Size: 4 **Average Price:** \$1100

Maximum: \$1500 **Minimum:** \$600

Advantages: Vibrant nightlife and culture, the heart of gay culture, easily accessible, good weather, safe

Disadvantages: Expensive, non-violent crime moderate

University Park North

Sample Size: 3 **Average Price:** \$1038

Maximum: \$1400 **Minimum:** \$390

Advantages: Very close to campus, has a large student population, crime rates low to moderate

Disadvantages: University raising costs, far from the city center, far from restaurants, cold and foggy at times

Excelsior

Sample Size: 3 **Average Price:** \$876

Maximum: \$1000 **Minimum:** \$800

Advantages: Easy to obtain a house

Disadvantages: Far from the city center, not much public transportation at night, crime rates high

Please Note: Information on housing costs does not include food, furniture, or transportation expenses. As some sample sizes are very small, actual housing prices may vary widely. Housing costs are also much lower for students sharing rooms; however, we do not have enough information to accurately reflect this.