

2024 Resident Housing Survey Results

Where do you live?

- Providence: downtown, Mount Pleasant, Smith Hill, Elmhurst, Jewelry district, Fox Point, Armory district, Hope village
- North Providence
- Cranston, RI
- Warwick, RI
- Pawtucket, RI
- Wrentham, MA

How much is the total rent for your unit?

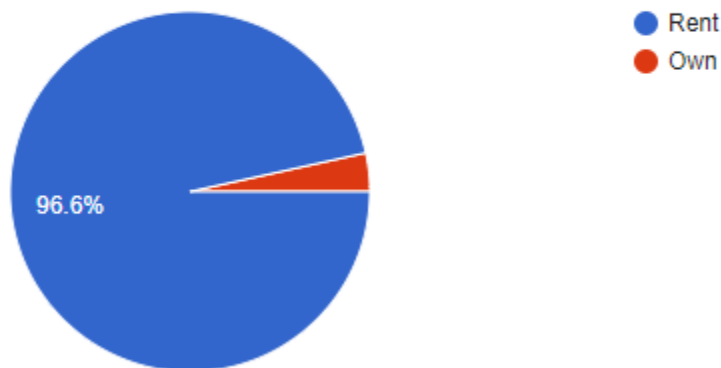
Range \$1250-3500

How much do you pay for utilities per month?

Range \$50-300. Depends on what is included.

Do you rent or own?

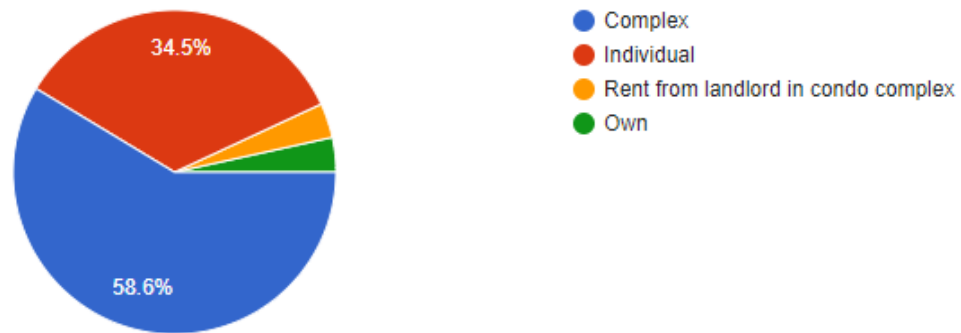
29 responses



Do you rent in an apartment complex or from an individual landlord?

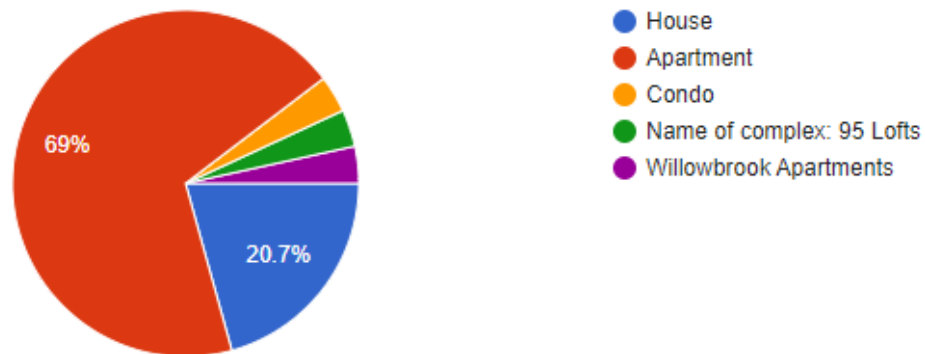


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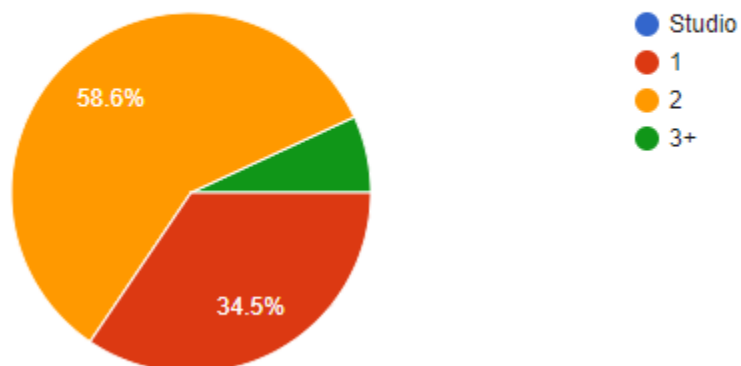
Which of the following best describes your home?

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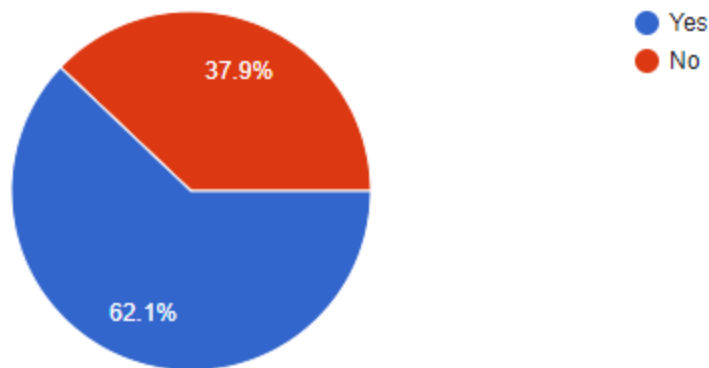
How many bedrooms?

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Do you have a roommate/partner with whom you split expenses?

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What do you like about your living situation?

- 3 minute drive to RIH, walking distance to coffee shops, restaurants, and close by to pretty much everything
- Im married with kids so the house gave me a good space for the kids to play. The house is in the East Side close to Hope Street and it is an extremely safe area.
- I love my building! It has the most amazing free lattes, parking is included for lifespan employees, the concierge is 24/7 and so so helpful, the gym and pool are my happy place.
- Everything! A little cheaper would be nice, but for what we get, no complaints!
- it's cheap and I don't like complexes
- Live in the 903 apt. Like that there is wash/dryer in apt, pool, gym, covered parking included with rent. 24 hr security/concierge.
- Close to many restaurants, park, close to work
- Federal hill is a cool neighborhood - fun bars, coffee shops, and restaurants all around and centrally located. Also not too busy and quiet enough if you're look for a calmer area.
- Proximity to the hospitals, free parking for residents, amenities, easy access to downtown and good food, friendly community
- The proximity to the hospital (5 min car ride) and proximity to friends and good restaurants (on Atwellâ€™s)
- 6-10 min away from all hospitals/clinic/good food with a dog park near-by. Living the spacious loft apt life. Less expensive compared to a Halstead equivalent but we're busy enough, didn't think it was worth hundreds of dollars extra/mo for us. I do have to warn all incoming interns, DO NOT RENT FROM ANY OF FIRST FLOOR UNITS @WANSKUCK MILL THEY HAVE FLOODED MULTIPLE TIMES (2 residents had to move out mid year). The rest are fine, I'm on 4th floor, had no issues.
- Great neighborhood with lots of thinks on walking distance and ann apartment with lots of space.
- close to hospital, walkable downtown, lots of bars/clubs/restaurants, lots of live music nearby, easy walk to Wickenden and east side, walkable to grocery stores, easy highway access
- Pros = allows pets, lots of charm (double parlor and stained glass windows), big (3 bedrooms but wanted a guest bed and using one as office since partner works from home), 5 minute walk from The Miriam Hospital (also only a 10 minute drive from the VA and 15 minute drive

from Rhode Island Hospital), neighborhood is relatively quiet (people in older 20s/early 30s) but has lots of great restaurants and great community feel, off-street parking for 2 cars included in rent, close to Farmer's Market in summer, feels very safe

Cons = not very updated (no central AC, no dishwasher/garbage disposal, no in-unit washer and dryer [does have one in basement that we share with two other units])

- Regency Plaza: management is SUPER on top of their game (maintenance requests are always addressed within 24-48 hours, front desk is open basically 24/7, everything runs smoothly in general), interestingly they have social nights for people from the different buildings to hang out (great snacks, actually fun activities), there's a lot of residents but also some families/retirees and a few college/grad students. If you like all the downtown restaurants/bars etc., it's nice to not have to deal with PVD's sparse and expensive parking
 - Lived most of intern year downtown at Nightingale "loved it! So central and close to all the hospitals. Recently bought a house and moved to the burbs for some more quiet space, cheaper COL, and a yard
 - house, yard, distance to work (especially the miriam)
 - I like being in a complex although you do pay more. But I feel safe living alone and having someone fix the maintenance issues.
 - I have plenty of space, a patio, and a complex gym and basketball court and dog park because it's part of a larger complex.
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- walkable neighborhood, safe
 - Location downtown makes it so easy to access 1) all the hospitals and 2) restaurants/cafes/the river. Living in an apartment complex also makes it easier to get maintenance done, receive packages/food deliveries while I'm out, and dry cleaning services.
 - Quiet, walkable neighborhood, close to Rhode Island hospital
 - apartment complex, multiple residents live there, indoor garage
 - Quiet, big backyard, a true neighborhood with lots of families, easy to get around town, rent is a lot cheaper than the east side of Providence
 - good neighborhood, spacious with home office, relatively more affordable than apartment complexes

What advice do you have for new interns looking for a place to live?

- It's okay to look outside Providence. Rhode Island is small enough that going to Pawtucket, Cranston, East Providence, Rumford really isn't a long commute and still totally works for resident work hours.
- Renting a floor of a duplex house seems to be the best bang for your buck in this area.
- Having convenient laundry intern year was huge.

Providence is a VERY small city so don't be afraid to look for places in cities close by. If you have the opportunity to come check out options prior to move in it's always helpful.

You don't have to live in Providence! Rhode Island is pretty small and a 15-20 mins highway drive isn't a bad idea to get a better apartment/ community

For me it was worth spending extra for a nice place to live with covered parking - makes my life outside of the hospital so lovely.

Definitely visit Providence & get a sense of different parts of the city before committing. Create a checklist for yourself of "must haves" and "would be nice" Would recommend touring in person too since I felt it was a much easier decision/easier to compare when actually seeing places!

It's much cheaper to live in apartments in homes than it is to live in a complex. It depends on what's important to you but this works for me

Figure out what you want to prioritize (ie prioritizing budget, location, amenities). I pay 2100 which is a large % of my income but it has covered parking, pool/gym, and walkable to downtown Providence which were my priorities. If you want to be more budget friendly, consider living outside downtown.

Look early. Tour if you can. Avoid anything that requires access via the Washington/I-195 bridge if possible.

If apartment hunting, definitely ask if places offer deals/discounts for residents, you'd be surprised. Also, touring the area sooner than later helps a lot to narrow down options and secure a place asap. I would actually stay away from fed hill since it is pretty pricey and the homes are old and everything breaks often. I would look into college hill, since I have friends who live there and pay much less. Or even live in Cumberland or Cranston and pay less for a nicer place.

Rhode Island as a state has been flooding often and regularly and I noticed some renters insurance doesn't cover flood damages. Ask about this when you're interviewing your potential landlord, they won't be upfront about this unless you ask especially if they had issues!

Think about your drive to and from the hospital, and what you like to do with your time off! I'm a city person so being able to walk to things was important in unit washer/dryer!

Don't be afraid to look for independent landlords on Zillow if you find the luxury apartment buildings too expensive/not fitting your needs

Search asap. Units at Regency get snapped up after Match.

Everything in RI is so close you really can't go wrong - don't feel like you need to live downtown to be close to things. Avoid East Providence right now because of the bridge construction first year I think living in one of the bigger apartment complexes is great - you'll have the opportunity to get close with other residents in your building and you can get a feel for providence / where you might want to live for the next few years if you do decide to move

Everything is expensive here; choose something that you can come home to after a long day at work that won't be additional stress (fixer-upper, projects, etc).

Looking in the surrounding towns can be hundreds of dollars a month cheaper and still be a 10-15 minute commute!

Do not be scared to live far to cut down on rent. Every place here is just a stone throw.

link to my apt if anyone is interested in taking over my lease: https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/9-Amy-St-2-Providence-RI-02906/2106698436_zpid/?

The last thing you want as a busy resident is issues with housing (ie noise, poor structure that'll require a lot of maintenance, limited parking). While that can come at a higher cost, I think it is worth it and can spare you a lot of headache. Also always ask about parking expenses because that can be costly depending on the location!

Recommend looking at houses in providence. Can be more affordable, more spacious than apartment complexes. Just make sure its in a good neighborhood. East side is really nice but can be pricey.

Elmhurst is a nice, underrated area by providence college/La salle high school. There are underrated areas near the VA as well. Cranston is probably good just a little farther.