**ChE Graduate Student Housing Survey**

### Distribution of Grad Student Apartment Locations

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### Types of Residences:

- **Self-owned house**: 2%
- **Self-owned condo**: 8%
- **Rented Apartments**: 27%
- **Rented House**: 13%

### Helpful Hints for Finding an Apartment:

- Visit during the summer if possible before signing a lease so you can check out a few different neighborhoods and get an idea of their location relative to campus.
- Consider your preferred mode of transportation & what activities you like to do. You may have to live in a newer place or farther from campus if you want amenities like washer/dryer hookups, on-site gym, or pool.
- Use current graduate students as resources when searching.

### Area of Austin          | Monthly cost per paying resident | Monthly cost per paying resident | Type of | Typical Commute to | Pros | Cons |
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<td>Rented</td>
<td>20-30 mins, personal vehicle, City Bus</td>
<td>Much nicer apartments with additional space, quiet</td>
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<td>$552-$900/$50-$75</td>
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<td>Rented</td>
<td>10-20 mins, UT shuttle, Bike, Personal Vehicle, City Bus</td>
<td>Rent is affordable compared to other areas. Convenient bus routes</td>
<td>Traffic can be heavy, ‘up and coming’ area of Austin</td>
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<td>20-35 mins, UT shuttle, Personal Vehicle</td>
<td>Quiet, close to grocery store, highways, safe neighborhoods, better quality apartments for the cost</td>
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<td>Hyde Park/North Campus</td>
<td>$400-$925/$55-$125</td>
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<td>Rented</td>
<td>10-15 mins UT shuttle most common, bike/walk, City Bus</td>
<td>Close to campus, close to classmates, walking distance from everything you need (shopping, restaurants, coffee shops)</td>
<td>Older buildings, no washer/dryer, parking can be limited</td>
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<td>Lake Austin</td>
<td>$200/$50</td>
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<td>Rented</td>
<td>20 mins, bike, City Bus</td>
<td>Get on the list for university apartments early because it is so inexpensive. Great for families!</td>
<td>Waitlist lead time is long</td>
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<td>$350-$1000/$75-$300</td>
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<td>Rented</td>
<td>15-45 mins, City Bus, personal vehicle</td>
<td>Spacious Apartments, quiet, convenient to shopping, highways, park closeby, has washer/dryer connections</td>
<td>Far from campus/downtown, lack of weekend/night public transportation</td>
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<td>$830/$40</td>
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<td>15-45 mins, City buses, Personal Vehicle</td>
<td>Really nice area, along Barton Creek Greenbelt, quiet neighborhood, can walk to Barton Springs/Zilker Park or even downtown</td>
<td>Expensive, no late night bus, no nearby grocery store</td>
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* Note: Survey of current UT Chemical Engineering graduate students, 61 out of 181 students responded.
Joe is working on a map similar to the one below but divided into the categories listed on the above sheet.

1. Far West
2. Allandale
3. Crestview
4. Rosedale
5. Bryker Woods
6. Tarrytown
7. Lake Austin
8. Old Enfield
9. Clarksville
10. Hyde Park
11. Downtown
12. Windsor Park
13. Mueller
14. French Place
15. Barton Hills
16. Travis Heights
17. East Riverside
18. Arboretum (not on map)
UT Chemical Engineering Graduate Student Housing Survey - 2015

The following information was collected from graduate students in the chemical engineering department and is intended to aid with finding housing. The data was collected from over 50 students and reflects their responses.

We highly encourage you to visit Austin prior to signing a lease so you can get a better feel of where each neighborhood is located in reference to the University of Texas at Austin. There are several different FREE apartment hunting services and realtors available in Austin to help you find the best place to live. Staying in contact with your recruitment year can be a huge help in finding roommates and apartment complexes running special deals. Please be aware many apartment complexes in the Hyde Park/North Campus area have prelease times available, while other areas often start leasing 2 months prior to move in dates.

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**Arboretum**

**Zip Code(s):** 78759, 78727  
**Apartment Complexes:** Hardrock Canyon, Waters Park  
**Comments from students:**

“Pros: Very nice apartments for the cost, huge variety of shopping/restaurants within walking distance, very quiet/safe neighborhood.”

“I would definitely live here again!”

“Easy connections to 360, 183, and Mopac. Very short commute to the Pickle Research Campus.”

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**East Austin**

**Zip Code(s):** 78702, 78731  
**Apartment Complexes:** Volume  
**Realtor Used:** Jenifer Stewart at Greenlight Realty  
**Comments from students:**

“I really like Cherrywood area. It has nice restaurants and bars. More importantly, it is cheaper than other area! (I moved from Hyde park area.)” Cherrywood neighborhood, rented apartment

“Cherrywood is a well-connected, quirky neighborhood with good access to local shops and restaurants. It is easy to bike or bus, but walking can be a bit tedious if you aren't close to Manor Rd. Mostly quiet (compared to right next to campus at least) but people here seem pretty free spirited and it's definitely ok to play music or have gatherings of people. I would certainly live here again.” - Cherrywood neighborhood, rented house

“Nice residential feel, but still funky and cool. Manor is nearby with several restaurants and bars. The CapMetro buses for going to and from campus aren't very regular or reliable, especially at night, and there are no UT buses that go to Cherrywood.” – Cherrywood neighborhood, rented house
Far West

Zip Code(s): 78731
Apartment Complexes: Shadow Oaks, Acacia Cliffs, Juniper Springs
Comments from students:

“I own a condo, it’s cheap, quiet and close to shuttle, as well as supermarket, etc.” – self-owned condo

“Better value than closer to campus, UT shuttle, many internationals in the neighborhood.” – rented apartment

“I think it is a quiet place for graduate students, though a little bit far away from the campus. I would like to live in my residence again.” – rented apartment

“Safe area, close to HEB, on bus route. Cons: rent is rising very rapidly.” – rented apartment

Hyde Park/North Campus

Zip Code(s): 78705, 78751
Apartment Complexes: Su Casa, Benchmark, Hyde Park Oaks, Sunchase, Aspenwood Apartments, Oak Park Apartments, Villa Arcos, University Quarters
Realtor Used: Jenny Hamilton (jenny@westcampusliving.com, 512-773-0050), Zillow, Marion Marshall - WestSide Group Real Estate (marion.c.marshall@gmail.com), Realty Pros of Austin, Longhorn Leasing
Comments from students:

“I’ve lived here for two years now and I plan to stay. Lots of ChemEs live in my building. It’s right across from the 5 and the IF which is really convenient. I’m one of the few people with a balcony!” Hyde Park, rented apartment

“Very safe, I can go on walks or runs right around the neighborhood. On-street parking” – Hyde Park, rented house

“Close to campus, yet few rowdy undergrads. Close to several central bus lines.” – North Campus, rented house

“Super interesting neighborhood. Homeless people and millionaires live side by side. I would live there again.” – North Campus, rented apartment
**South Austin**

Zip Code(s): 78749  
Comments from students:  

“Quiet neighborhood and close to all shopping needs. Construction has lately made commute much longer” – rented house

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**North of Koenig**

Zip Code(s): 78703, 78756, 78757  
Apartment Complexes: Argosy at Crestview, Midtown Commons, KVA Inc. Properties  
Realtor Used: Cody Coe, houses only, (realtor@codycoe.com)  
Comments from students:  

“Cheap rent, bus/train station, Austin Karaoke within stumbling distance, community park about 1/4 mile away” – North Koenig, rented apartment

“Easy to get to and from campus and downtown (801, train, 481 for late night)” – North Koenig, rented apartment

“Halfway point between main campus and Pickle Research Campus. More space for lower costs and the neighborhood is relatively quite and safe.” – Highland neighborhood, rented house

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**Lake Austin/Student Housing**

Zip Code(s): 78703  
Apartment Complexes: Brackenridge Apartments (Student Housing)  
Comments from students:  

“University owned and managed grad apartments, relatively cheaper and better than other options, and easy access to UT bus, city bus, downtown, running trail, Zilker park.” – Student Housing, rented apartment

“No grad students or young people but the neighborhood is extremely nice and the house is amazing.” – Tarrytown, rented house