

Wondering Where to Live?

Housing and Transportation Options



GW Public Policy & Administration

A common concern for incoming students, particularly those living outside of the D.C. area, is where to live. Typically, the farther away from the city, the less the rent, but it is then important to budget for monthly transportation costs to get into the city for classes. Due to limited and costly parking on campus and in the District, the majority of students walk or take public transportation to school.

WHERE DO STUDENTS LIVE?

When asking current students where they lived, the majority of respondents lived in D.C. followed by Virginia and then Maryland. Popular neighborhoods to live in within the District were Foggy Bottom, Dupont Circle, Adams Morgan, Columbia Heights, Capital Hill, and NoMa. Areas in Virginia include Ballston, Clarendon, Rosslyn, Crystal City, and Pentagon City, and areas in Maryland include, Silver Spring, Hyattsville, and Bethesda.

Depending on your Neighborhood, rent can typically range from the following:

- Efficiency/Studio: \$1,300 - \$1,700 per month
- 1 Bedroom Apartment: \$1,350 - \$2,600 per month
- 2 Bedroom Apartment: \$1,500 - \$3,200 per month
- Room with Housemates: \$800 - \$1,100 per month

It is important to keep in mind that it is possible to pay less than the above listed prices. This depends on location, if you live with roommates and how rent is split among the group.

HOUSING SEARCH RESOURCES

Take advantage of these resources to make your housing search a little bit easier!

- GW's off Campus housing website | <http://offcampus.students.gwu.edu>
- GW Grad Housing Message Boards | <http://www.gwoffcampus.com>
- GW's Guide to living off Campus | <http://offcampus.students.gwu.edu/guide-living-campus>
- Craigslist | <https://washingtondc.craigslist.org>
- Apartments.com | <http://www.apartments.com/WashingtonD.C.>
- Pad Mapper | <http://www.padmapper.com>
- Washington Post | <http://www.washingtonpost.com/classifieds>
- Facebook Groups
 - D.C., Northern Virginia, and Maryland Housing, Sublets, and Roommates
 - George Washington University (GWU) Housing, Sublets & Roommate
 - Washington D.C. Housing, Rooms, Apartments, Sublets

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PUBLIC TRANSIT COSTS

- MetroRail | for more information visit www.wmata.com
 - \$2.25 - \$6.00 per trip during peak times
 - \$2.00 - \$3.85 per trip off peak
 - \$72.00 - \$216.00 per month for SelectPass
- MetroBus | for more information visit www.wmata.com
 - \$2.00 any regular route trip
 - \$4.25 for express route trips
- D.C. Circulator Bus | for more information visit www.dccirculator.com | \$1.00
- Capital Bikeshare | for more information visit www.capitalbikeshare.com
 - \$1.00 to unlock and \$0.05 per minute per individual trip
 - \$8.00 for a 24 hour pass
 - \$95.00 Annual Membership

HOW FAR IS IT *REALLY*

Below are examples of commuting distances from popular neighborhoods

D.C.

- Dupont Circle - Bike: 6 minutes, Public Transportation: 15 minutes
- Adams Morgan - Bike: 10 minutes, Public Transportation: 19 minutes
- Columbia Heights - Bike: 15 minutes, Public Transportation: 37 minutes
- Capitol Hill - Bike: 17 minutes, Public Transportation: 25 minutes
- NoMa - Bike: 19 minutes, Public Transportation: 29 minutes

Virginia

- Rosslyn - Bike: 12 minutes, Public Transportation: 12 minutes
- Clarendon - Bike: 17 minutes, Public Transportation: 15 minutes
- Ballston - Bike: 24 minutes, Public Transportation: 24 minutes
- Pentagon City - Bike: 23 minutes, Public Transportation: 21 minutes
- Crystal City - Bike 27 minutes, Public Transportation: 25 minutes

Maryland

- Bethesda - Bike: 40 minutes, Public Transportation: 30 minutes
- Hyattsville - Bike: 54 minutes, Public Transportation: 45 minutes
- Silver Spring - Bike: 39 minutes, Public Transportation: 46 minutes