

Creating On-Campus Housing, Supporting UC Berkeley Students and Our Community

AS THE BAY AREA faces rising housing costs, the UC Berkeley is committed to supporting students by increasing the number of student beds available in the next 10 years. We are also committed to partnering with and supporting our broader community, engaging with our neighbors, and addressing supportive housing for unhoused members in the City of Berkeley.

CREATING MORE HOUSING OPTIONS

MORE THAN **96%** of new freshmen live in on-campus housing. Demand for on-campus housing also extends beyond new freshmen. This year alone, we've seen more than **3,700** residents express interest in continuing to live on-campus beyond their first year. UC Berkeley is working diligently to accommodate as many students as possible. Some ways the university is addressing housing needs include:



▶ **1,535**

BEDS ADDED SINCE 2016, TO OUR PORTFOLIO THROUGH LEASE AGREEMENTS AND ONE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (P3) DEVELOPMENT PROJECT—THE CAMPUS-OWNED 752-BED BLACKWELL HALL.

INCREASING THE HOUSING BED INVENTORY TO A TOTAL OF

▶ **9,621**



Adding housing options during the **2020-21** academic year:

▶ **254**

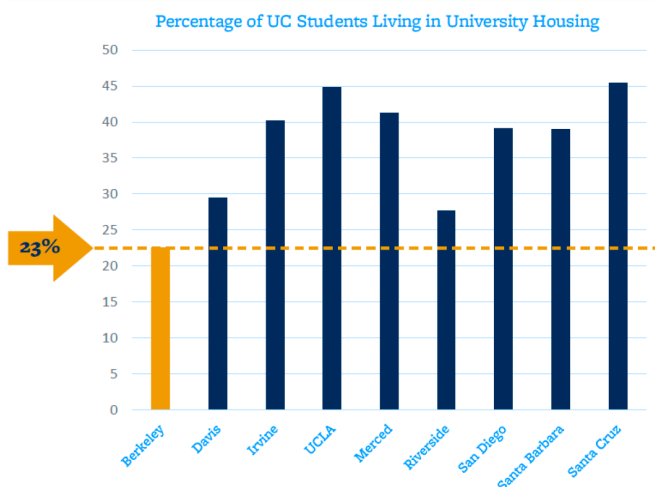
BEDS WITH ENCLAVE APARTMENTS, LOCATED AT TELEGRAPH AND HASTE STREETS.

▶ **105**

RESIDENTIAL APARTMENTS WITH THE INTERSECTION, GRADUATE STUDENT HOUSING LOCATED ON THE BORDER OF EMERYVILLE AND OAKLAND.

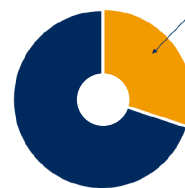
How does Berkeley compare to other UC's?

At present, Berkeley has the lowest percentage of beds for undergraduate and graduate students of any campus in the UC system



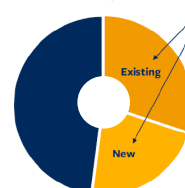
UC Berkeley undergraduates:

30% in University Housing



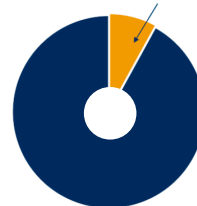
Existing percentages based on 2016 – 2017 enrollment

52% in University Housing

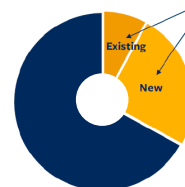


UC Berkeley graduate students:

8% in University Housing



33% in University Housing



HOUSING AT UC BERKELEY AND UC-SYSTEMWIDE

THE UNIVERSITY'S HOUSING PLAN calls for 7,500 new student beds to be added by 2028. This is part of a larger, holistic effort to support students' basic needs. While UC Berkeley has added hundreds of beds in recent years, we need to create more housing to meet this goal.

Our plan is to develop the best and closest sites for housing first. We're using every effort to develop housing as simultaneously as possible, and this includes finding spaces for housing by relocating parking structures (Upper Hearst parking garage) and administrative buildings (Bancroft & Oxford), and increasing density where we can in existing residential halls (such as Unit 3), among many others. *Note these are still in planning phases. We will share more with the campus community as plans develop.*

Our long-term future goals:

- ▶ **Provide two years** of university housing for entering freshmen undergraduate students
- ▶ **Provide one year** of university housing for entering transfer undergraduate students
- ▶ **Provide one year** of university housing for incoming graduate students
- ▶ **Maintain the number** of university housing units suitable for students with children
- ▶ **Provide up to three years** of university housing to new, untenured ladder faculty



BENEFITS OF LIVING ON-CAMPUS

RESEARCH* SHOWS that students who choose to live on campus often experience higher levels of engagement, retention, and degree attainment compared to students who live off-campus. Notable benefits include: collaborative learning (nearly 15% higher); interactions with diverse people (nearly 9% higher); increased study time (nearly 10% higher); and increased student-faculty interaction (nearly 11% higher).

Living on campus can also save students money. According to 2019 data, students can save approximately \$1,000** living in the residence halls compared to City of Berkeley housing.

On-campus housing includes amenities for students, such as the payment of utilities including **water, garbage, gas, and electricity**. Residents also have access to additional services, such as **enhanced security, furniture, and a fitness center**. Living on campus also saves students time — **there is often no need to cook, do a lot of cleaning, or worry about a long commute**. Perhaps most importantly, students gain access to services that meet their needs as students, such as **academic support and residential faculty**.

There can be many hidden costs to living off-campus that students may not take into consideration when choosing where to live. For example, students will have to **furnish their apartment, pay for utilities, pay a security deposit, and sign a longer lease** (many leases are 12 months).

*Joshua Brown, Fred Volk & Elisabeth M. Spratto (2019) The Hidden Structure: The Influence of Residence Hall Design on Academic Outcomes, *Journal of Student Affairs Research and Practice*, 56:3, 267-283; Polly A. Graham, Sarah Socorro Hurtado & Robert M. Gonyea (2018) The Benefits of Living on Campus: Do Residence Halls Provide Distinctive Environments of Engagement?, *Journal of Student Affairs Research and Practice*, 55:3, 255-269

**Taking room and board, utilities, and food into account, an off-campus studio in the City of Berkeley costs approximately \$21,916 compared to approximately \$20,994 for an on-campus, single residence room for the academic year.

SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS WITH HOUSING AND FINANCIAL AID

UC BERKELEY IS COMMITTED to keeping housing and the overall cost of a Berkeley education as low as possible and providing financial aid to students. Nearly 7 out of 10 undergraduate students receive some form of financial aid and scholarships, attuned to the specific needs of each student.



66%

OF BERKELEY
UNDERGRADUATES
GRADUATE WITHOUT
STUDENT DEBT

FOR STUDENTS WHO DID
BORROW, THE AVERAGE
CUMULATIVE LOAN DEBT FOR
GRADUATING SENIORS IS

\$18,225



COMPARED TO AN
AVERAGE OF \$27,777
AT 4-YEAR PUBLIC
INSTITUTIONS
NATIONALLY.

UC Berkeley has several programs and campus resources available to help students finance the full Cost of Attendance, which includes tuition and fees, books, housing, food and transportation. Some examples include:

- ▶ **Financial aid and counseling** - The Financial Aid and Scholarships office provides financial aid and scholarships to eligible students (including Dreamers) and guides students and their families through the financial aid process.
- ▶ **Bears for Financial Success** - Provides students with financial wellness resources and long-term financial solutions to help address housing or food insecurity issues they may experience.
- ▶ **Emergency Rental Assistance Program** - Provides help meeting rent for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need.
- ▶ **Basic Needs Center** - A one-stop shop to support students with food, housing, and financial insecurity. The Basic Needs Center is the first of its kind in the UC system and includes a food pantry, nutrition workshops, aid for homeless students, referrals to off-campus social services, and a community office, where representatives from local agencies can hold drop-in hours for their services.
- ▶ **Housing Security Deposit Award Fund** - This self-generating award is funded by student fees and helps enrolled students who need assistance in paying security deposits to obtain safe, secure, and stable housing.

