

## Undergraduate “Where Are You Living” Fall Survey Results

In Fall 2020, Residential Life, Housing, and the Student Affairs Information and Research Office conducted a brief survey of undergraduate students not living in University housing to examine the questions:

- *What influence did the severe restricting of campus housing availability have on the living situations of undergraduates, particularly on the density of living in the Westwood area?*
- *What challenges do undergraduates’ current living situations pose, if any, to their ability to study?*

### Key Findings

- Unusually dense living situations do not appear to be the norm in Westwood, with the mean density falling at about two students per room and four per apartment.
- The majority of students appear to have returned to live with family members.
- Overall, fewer than 25% of students report planning to come to campus at all during Fall Quarter.
- The major challenges students anticipate to being able to study in their current living situation are overall lack of motivation, inadequate internet connections, time zone differences, overall stress from current circumstances, and lack of private space. However, 29% reported no anticipated challenges.

### Results

The majority of students are living outside of the immediate Westwood area but within California (58%) and are residing with parents or relatives (72%). In addition, more than two thirds have their own bedroom/sleeping room.

Where are you living fall quarter?	N	%
In Westwood	711	19.6
Outside of Westwood, but within 5 miles of campus	123	3.4
Elsewhere in CA	2112	58.1
In a state or territory other than CA	369	10.2
Outside of the US	318	8.8

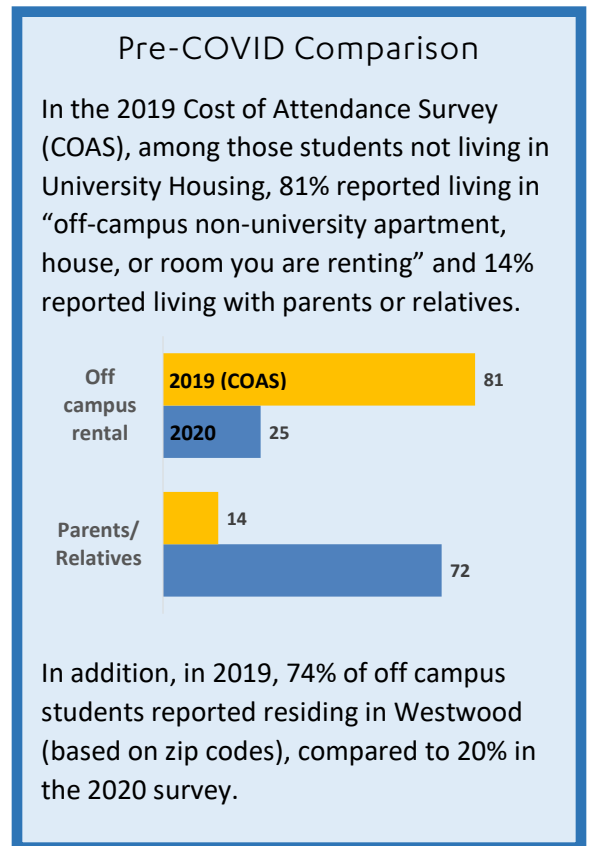
  

What type of housing are you residing in?	N	%
Parent's or relative's home	2611	71.8
Renting an apartment or house (not UCLA owned)	915	25.2
Property you own (house, condo, etc.)	45	1.2
Sorority or fraternity	25	0.7
I don't have a stable home to reside in	12	0.3
Other (specify below)	26	0.7

Number Living in Household	N	%
1 Living alone	84	2.3
2	304	8.4
3	864	23.9
4	1278	35.4
5	620	17.2
6-8	404	11.2
9 or more	56	1.6

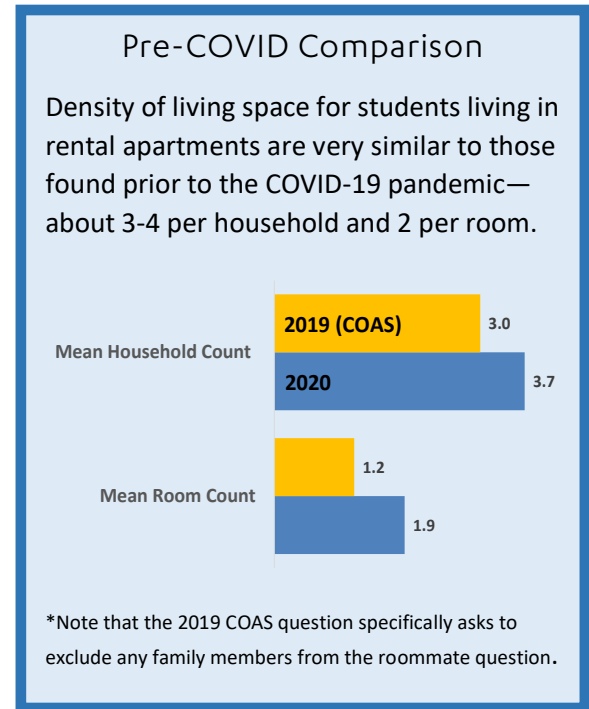
  

Number Sharing Same Room	N	%
1 I have my own bedroom/sleeping room	2398	66.1
2	953	26.3
3	239	6.6
4	26	0.7
5 or more	12	0.3



In terms of overall housing density, on average in Westwood students are living four to a residence and two per room.

Housing Density	Mean Room Occupancy Count	Mean Household Occupancy Count
In Westwood	2.06	4.06
Outside of Westwood, but within 5 miles of campus	1.45	3.32
Elsewhere in CA	1.30	4.02
In a state or territory other than CA	1.18	3.81
Outside of the US	1.17	3.79
Parent's or relative's home	1.25	4.04
Renting an apartment or house (not UCLA owned)	1.93	3.71
Property you own (house, condo, etc.)	1.27	3.53
Sorority or fraternity	2.00	6.56
I don't have a stable home to reside in	2.25	3.42
Other (specify below)	1.62	3.84
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.43</b>	<b>3.96</b>



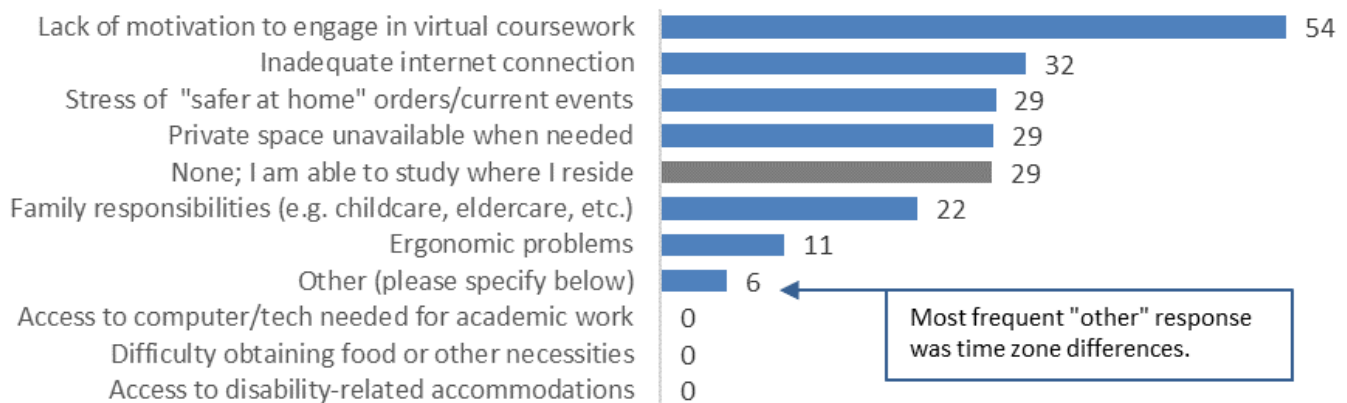
The majority of students (76%) reported not planning to come to campus at all during Fall Quarter.

How Often Coming to Campus?	N	%
I don't plan on coming to campus at all	2742	75.5
Less than once a week	458	12.6
1-2 times per week	258	7.1
3-4 times per week	123	3.4
5 or more times per week	50	1.4

Among students specifically living in Westwood, 73% indicated plans to come to campus at least once per week. When asked to describe why they would be coming to campus about 20% reported that they planned to come to campus for class, labs, research, athletic practice, or a job/internship. About one-third of Westwood students indicated they would be on the campus for exercise (i.e., running or walking through campus), to get outside or away from roommates, to study or relax, or to meet up with friends or engaged in club activities. Several mentioned that the open space on campus provided the best opportunity to meet up in a way that allowed for physical distancing. Only a handful noted they might come for the stronger WiFi signal. A number of students shared that walking through campus helped them feel they were actually having a college experience.

**Almost one third of respondents reported no challenges to studying at their residence. Lack of motivation was the most frequent challenge reported.**

% marking each response



## How the Data Were Gathered

Responses were solicited via online survey in myUCLA from all undergraduate students, excluding those residing in housing. The survey was live from October 5-13, 2020. A total of 3875 students responded. There were 223 students who indicated they were living in university housing and were removed from this reporting, leaving a final sample of 3652 students (a response rate of 12.7%). Participant demographics generally mirrored those of the campus with first year students being over-represented.

Participant Demographics		
Entry Status	N	%
Transfer	690	19.0
Direct Entry	2915	80.2
Unknown	29	0.8
Years on Campus		
5+	25	1.5
4	354	9.7
3	476	13.1
2	658	18.1
1	2092	57.6
Unknown	29	0.8
Sex		
Female	2370	61.2
Male	1465	37.8
Other	9	0.2
Unknown	31	0.8
Race/Ethnicity		
African American/Black	76	2.1
Asian/Asian American	1125	31.0
Other	78	2.1
Hispanic	637	17.5
International	376	10.3
Native American	3	0.1
Pacific Islander	6	0.2
Two or More Races	286	7.9
White	1018	28.0
Unknown	29	0.8