

Fraternity, Sorority and Cooperative Life Cost and Census Report



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**FRATERNITY, SORORITY
& COOPERATIVE LIFE**

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Purdue University

Housing Capacity

There are a total of 64 housed groups at Purdue University between the Interfraternity Council, Purdue Cooperative Council, and Panhellenic Association. Each year, these facilities are inspected by local fire departments for safety and max capacity. Below is the occupancy to capacity ratio for IFC fraternities, PHA sororities, and cooperatives from Fall 2018. MGC and NPHC organizations do not currently own or operate chapter facilities and have been excluded from this section of the report.

Cold air dorms are the most common type of sleeping quarters found in our facilities, with individual rooms (typically housing 2-4 members each) being the second most common. The majority of housed organizations also utilize large common areas to host events such as chapter meetings, ritual ceremonies, and philanthropies.

IFC Fraternities: 33 of 42 groups are currently housed.

Fraternities	Occupancy	Capacity	Occupancy %
Fall 2013	1648	2315	71.2%
Fall 2014	1581	2313	68.4%
Fall 2015	1611	2259	71.3%
Fall 2016	1647 [^]	2315 [`]	74.9%
Fall 2017	1582	2324	68%
Fall 2018	1591 [^]	2061 [`]	77%

PHA Sororities: 20 of 21 groups are currently housed.

Sororities	Occupancy	Capacity	Occupancy %
Fall 2013	1333	1422	93.7%
Fall 2014	1339	1408	95.1%
Fall 2015	1263	1421	88.9%
Fall 2016	1369 [^]	1482 [`]	92.4%
Fall 2017	1200	1410	89%
Fall 2018	1368 [^]	1482 [*]	92%

Cooperatives: 12 of 12 groups are currently housed

Cooperatives	Occupancy	Capacity	Occupancy %
Fall 2013	389	432	90.0%
Fall 2014	389	432	90.0%
Fall 2015	407	432	94.2%
Fall 2016	413 [^]	432 [`]	95.6%
Fall 2017	414	437	95%
Fall 2018	420 [^]	455 [`]	92%

[^] Total number of residents from PUF and WLF inspections

[`] Capacity cited in PUF and WLF inspections

Dues and Fees by Council

Multicultural Greek Council

There are 11 active Multicultural Greek Council chapters at Purdue University at the time of data collection. This council is comprised of organizations founded traditionally, though not exclusively in the Latinx, Asian/ Asian American/ Pacific Islander, LGBTQ+, and Multicultural traditions. The following data represents information from 7 of those groups.

Dues	New Member Fee	Initiation Fee	Total Member Fees/ Semester
High: \$344	High: \$250	High: \$400	High: \$235
Low: \$90	Low: \$90	Low: \$0	Low: \$100
Median: \$200	Median: \$95	Median: \$0	Median: \$168
Average: \$203	Average: \$90	Average: \$80	Average: \$150

Most organizations offer payment plans for members, with smaller monthly payments instead of a lump sum payment at the beginning of the semester. Two of the responding chapters also offer scholarships which can be applied to the cost of membership or registration for regional or national conferences.

National Pan-Hellenic Council

There are 6 active National Pan-Hellenic Council chapters at Purdue University as of the Fall of 2018. These organizations are historically, though not exclusively, African American and celebrate Black culture through service, civic engagement, and traditions. The following data represents information from 1 of those groups.

Total Member Fees/ Semester	\$260 per semester
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Organizations indicated scholarships were available for members to attend regional and national conferences; however, scholarships for dues were not listed as available to members.

All NPHC chapters are currently unhoused at Purdue. The responding chapter did not indicate interest in seeking housing opportunities for the organization.

Purdue Cooperative Council

There are 12 active Purdue Cooperative Council houses at Purdue University at the time of data collection. The following data represents information from 11 of those groups. It should be noted that Cooperative houses combine organization dues and housing fees into one comprehensive price. This is different than our housed IFC and PHA organizations and is denoted in the price guides.

New Member Fee	Total Membership Cost/ Semester	Security Deposit	Average # Meals/ Week
High: \$200	High: \$2,760	High: \$460	Breakfast: 3
Low: \$0	Low: \$1,400	Low: \$0	Lunch: 5
Median: \$50	Median: \$1,700	Median: \$100	Dinner: 5
Average: \$58	Average: \$1,988	Average: \$180	Weekends: Food available, no formal service

The majority of cooperative houses have members live-in from the beginning of their new member semester through graduation. Some exceptions include live-out status for student teaching, co-op, and/or internship experiences; allowing a certain number of members to live-out (ranges from 0-10 members); and voting out members who do not uphold expectations of membership. The average number of members who can live in is 38.

All cooperatives have new members sign housing contracts during the spring semester for the coming year; most returning members' contracts are renewed along the same timeline. Deposits range from \$0 to \$465 paid during the member's first semester in the facility. Amenities all cooperative respondents have include internet, in-house laundry, and meals. Other common amenities include basic cable and parking at the facility.

All cooperative houses list scholarship opportunities to assist members with dues and house bills. Some houses have creative incentives to achieve academic success and scholarship, while others recognize leadership and service with monetary awards. Those houses that do not offer scholarships individually promote awards gifted through the Purdue Cooperative Council.

Interfraternity Council

There are 42 active Interfraternity Council chapters at Purdue University at the time of data collection. The following data represents information from 29 of those groups. The first table outlines typical costs associated with membership, including semester-dues and one-time fees. The second table highlights costs associated with living in a chapter facility. The third table breaks down overall costs of membership by status- out-of-house, new member, and in-house/initiated member.

Dues*	New Member Fee	Badge Fee	Initiation Fee	Total Dues & Fees/ Semester*
High: \$1,950	High: \$600	High: \$268	High: \$400	High: \$1,950
Low: \$0	Low: \$0	Low: \$0	Low: \$0	Low: \$100
Median: \$173	Median: \$83	Median: \$0	Median: \$125	Median: \$509
Average: \$971	Average: \$153	Average: \$18	Average: \$128	Average: \$516

*Indicates total dues and fees for live-in, initiated members. See table 3 for New Member and live-out member costs.

Most fees indicated above are assessed during the new member (first) semester of membership. This typically is the most costly semester in terms of dues; you can see the total costs for this period in the second section of table 3 below. Dues are assessed each semester, and the majority of chapters offer payment plans and provide local and/or national scholarship opportunities to members to offset those costs.

Room & Board Costs/ Semester	Deposit	Average # Breakfasts	Average # Lunches	Average # Dinners
High: \$5,985	High: \$1000	Live-in: 2	Live-in: 5	Live-in: 5
Low: \$3,100	Low: \$0			
Median: \$4,758	Median: \$350	Live-out: 0	Live-out: 1	Live-out: 1
Average: \$4,509	Average: \$353			

Most housed groups offer comparable amenities to Purdue University Residences, including internet, laundry facilities, cable or satellite, and parking. The average facility currently houses 48 members, with is comfortable housing as many as 93. Information shared about total capacity indicates these chapters could house, on average, as many as 63. Most contracts for living in a facility are signed by members the semester immediately before occupying the house, with some as early as November or as late as mid-summer.

Total Out-of-House Costs/ Semester			
High: \$1,000	Low: \$0	Median: \$400	Average: \$399
Total New Member Costs/ First Semester			
High: \$1,850	Low: \$0	Median: \$328	Average: \$413
Total In- House Costs/ Semester			
High: \$6,674	Low: \$3,750	Median: \$4,933	Average: \$5,023

Panhellenic Association

There are 21 active Panhellenic Association chapters at Purdue University at the time of data collection. The following data represents information from 19 of those groups. The first table outlines typical costs associated with membership, including semester-dues and one-time fees. The second table highlights costs associated with living in a chapter facility. The third table breaks down overall costs of membership by status- out-of-house, new member, and in-house/initiated member.

Dues*	New Member Fee	Badge Fee	Parlor Fee	Initiation Fee	Total Dues & Fees/ Semester*
High: \$784	High: \$983	High: \$233	High: \$796	High: \$215	High: \$1,615
Low: \$250	Low: \$0	Low: \$0	Low: \$0	Low: \$0	Low: \$265
Median: \$432	Median: \$73	Median: \$61	Median: \$40	Median: \$133	Median: \$600
Average: \$476	Average: \$154	Average: \$69	Average: \$165	Average: \$112	Average: \$596

*Indicates total dues and fees for live-in, initiated members. See table 3 for New Member and live-out member costs.

Most fees indicated above are assessed during the new member (first) semester of membership. This typically is the most costly semester in terms of dues; you can see the total costs for this period in the second section of table 3 below. Dues are assessed each semester, and the majority of chapters offer payment plans and provide scholarship opportunities to members to offset those costs.

Room & Board Costs/ Semester	Deposit	Average # Breakfasts	Average # Lunches	Average # Dinners
High: \$5,250	High: \$1000	Live-in: 1	Live-in: 5	Live-in: 5
Low: \$3,812	Low: \$0			
Median: \$4,576	Median: \$325	Live-out: 0	Live-out: 1	Live-out: 1
Average: \$4,521	Average: \$369			

Most housed groups offer comparable amenities to Purdue University Residences, including internet, laundry facilities, cable or satellite, and parking. Most contracts for living in a facility are signed by members between the months of October and February. All Panhellenic facilities currently have a live-in house director whose primary responsibilities include supervising kitchen staff, serving as a host, and acting as a resource to those who live in the house.

Total Out-of-House Costs/ Semester			
High: \$1,452	Low: \$265	Median: \$550	Average: \$633
Total New Member Costs/ First Semester			
High: \$1,902	Low: \$265	Median: \$983	Average: \$1,067
Total In- House Costs/ Semester			
High: \$5,798	Low: \$4,077	Median: \$4,890	Average: \$4,937