

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 67 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 2020. 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: 37 of 42 groups are currently housed.

Fraternities	Occupancy	Capacity	Occupancy %
Fall 2016	1647 [^]	2315 [`]	74.9%
Fall 2017	1582	2324	68%
Fall 2018	1591 [^]	2061 [`]	77%
Fall 2019	1504	2065	73%
Fall 2020*	1226	1879	65%

PHA Sororities: 19 of 21 groups are currently housed.

Sororities	Occupancy	Capacity	Occupancy %
Fall 2016	1369 [^]	1482 [`]	92.4%
Fall 2017	1200	1410	89%
Fall 2018	1368 [^]	1482 [*]	92%
Fall 2019	1323	1482	89%
Fall 2020*	938	1244	75%

Cooperatives: 11 of 11 groups are currently housed

Cooperatives	Occupancy	Capacity	Occupancy %
Fall 2016	413 [^]	432 [`]	95.6%
Fall 2017	414	437	95%
Fall 2018	420 [^]	455 [`]	92%
Fall 2019	353	380	93%
Fall 2020*	315	347	91%

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

[`] Capacity cited in PUF and WLF inspections

*Fall 2020 was impacted by COVID and some orgs did not report their occupancy or capacity.

Dues and Fees by Council

Multicultural Greek Council

There are 10 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 8 of those groups.

Total Member Fees/ Semester	\$105 per semester
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Most organizations offer payment plans for members, with smaller monthly payments instead of a lump sum payment at the beginning of the semester. 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 7 active National Pan-Hellenic Council chapters at Purdue University as of the Fall of 2020. 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 6 of those groups.

Total Dues/Fees Each Semester	New Member Fee
High: \$1200	High: \$1,700
Low: \$0	Low: \$120
Median: \$889.50	Median: \$1,066.50
Average: \$811	Average: \$952

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. Four responding chapters did indicate interest in seeking housing opportunities for the organization.

Purdue Cooperative Council

There are 11 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 (includes housing)	Security Deposit	Average # Meals/ Week
High: \$1940	High: \$2850	High: \$500	Breakfast: 0
Low: \$0	Low: \$1420	Low: \$0	Lunch: 5
Median: \$200	Median: \$1800	Median: \$200	Dinner: 4
Average: \$352.50	Average: \$1856	Average: \$237	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 31.

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 \$500 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 31 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: \$756	High: \$600	High: \$0	High: \$600	High: \$1,280
Low: \$0	Low: \$0	Low: \$0	Low: \$0	Low: \$100
Median: \$447.50	Median: \$0	Median: \$0	Median: \$0	Median: \$450
Average: \$385	Average: \$77	Average: \$0	Average: \$83	Average: \$447

*Indicates total dues and fees for live-in, initiated members. See table 3 for 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: \$6,250	High: \$1,275	Live-in: 1	Live-in: 5	Live-in: 5
Low: \$2,385	Low: \$0			
Median: \$4,740	Median: \$450	Live-out: 0	Live-out: 0	Live-out: 1
Average: \$4,600	Average: \$402			

Most housed groups offer comparable amenities to Purdue University Residences, including internet, laundry facilities, cable or satellite, and parking. The average facility currently houses 39 members, with as many as 85 comfortably. Information shared about total capacity indicates these chapters could house, on average, as many as 54. 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: \$900	Low: \$0	Median: \$445	Average: \$428
Total New Member Costs/ First Semester			
High: \$669	Low: \$0	Median: \$300	Average: \$346
Total In- House Costs/ Semester			
High: \$7,717	Low: \$2443	Median: \$4,962	Average: \$4,844

Panhellenic Association

There are 21 active Panhellenic Association chapters at Purdue University at the time of data collection. The following data represents information from 21 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: \$2,017	High: \$375	High: \$292	High: \$1390	High: \$225	High: \$2,018
Low: \$50	Low: \$0	Low: \$0	Low: \$0	Low: \$0	Low: \$200
Median: \$360	Median: \$75	Median: \$56	Median: \$0	Median: \$156	Median: \$759
Average: \$508	Average: \$121	Average: \$69	Average: \$305	Average: \$127	Average: \$855

*Indicates total dues and fees for live-in, initiated members. See table 3 for 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: \$5,585	High: \$1000	Live-in: 2	Live-in: 5	Live-in: 5
Low: \$2,346	Low: \$0			
Median: \$4982.50	Median: \$0	Live-out: 0	Live-out: 0	Live-out: 1
Average: \$4,745.75	Average: \$229			

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: \$2,018	Low: \$226	Median: \$795	Average: \$882
Total New Member Costs/ First Semester			
High: \$1,247	Low: \$344	Median: \$754	Average: \$774
Total In- House Costs/ Semester			
High: \$7,883	Low: \$4,363	Median: \$5,406	Average: \$5,675