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Introduction

In Ireland, the number of students in higher education has risen substantially over the past decade, amounting to almost a quarter of a million people. This includes increasing numbers of international students attending Irish third-level education institutions. The housing needs of this growing sector of the population is a significant issue, especially where competition for a limited number of affordable rented homes is pushing up rents.

Student accommodation in Ireland, up to the 1990s, tended to be a mix of tenures, with little or no legal formalities observed.¹ Low-standard student accommodation was the order of the day, with many being add-ons to an existing residence of the landlord, or part of an older or second property renovated into a number of self-contained units, often with shared toilets and bathrooms.² Such accommodation was often a secondary source of income for landlord, or a potential pension investment. The alternative, especially for first-year students was the ‘digs’ arrangement, where a room and meals were provided in the “landlady’s” private home, between Monday and Friday, and the student returned to their (rural) home each weekend.

However, the provision of student-specific accommodation or purpose-built student accommodation (PBSA) has undergone substantial changes in Ireland in recent years.³ PBSA numbers are expected to increase from 168,000 bed-spaces in 2014 to 193,000 by 2024.⁴

A Dublin City Council Study (2019)⁵ providing valuable insights into this type of housing. The Study showed that 98% of the surveyed residents had their own room, and 62% shared kitchen facilities with one to four people. The average weekly rent was €250, although one in twenty paid more than €300 per week. The Study also revealed that some 80% of PBSA residents were international students.

Some 33% of students residing in PBSA are from Europe, with the Republic of Ireland being the second most popular domiciliary of origin (21%). North America (USA and Canada) make up 19% while Asia and the Middle East make up 16% of the PBSA population. The UK accounts for only 3%. The high number of non-EU international students (43%) correlates with the drive by HEIs in recent times to attract international students.⁶

Student housing is provided largely by a combination of private landlords (with one or two properties) and Universities (to be extended to Institutes of Technology) – either directly or through arms-length companies and, more recently, through global investment funds. Indeed, purpose-built student accommodation (PBSA) has become a mainstream worldwide “asset class” in recent years. There is almost no risk, arising from guaranteed student income over

¹ See Kenna, P. ‘Country Report for Ireland’ in Vandromme, T., Carette, N. & Vermier, D. (2022) *Student Housing in Europe – An Overview of Policies and Regulations in Several Countries* (The Hague: Eleven).

² Kenna, P. (2011) *Housing Law, Rights and Policy*, (Dublin: Clarus Press).

³ The Irish Times, 11 October 2021, <https://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/number-of-students-in-higher-education-rises-17-5-in-six-years-1.4697389>

⁴ HEA (2015) *Report on Student Accommodation; Demand and Supply*. <https://hea.ie/assets/uploads/2017/06/Report-on-Student-Accommodation-Demand-Supply.pdf>

⁵ Dublin City Council (2019) *Social, Economic and Land Use Study of the Impact of Purpose Built Student Accommodation in Dublin City*, <https://councilmeetings.dublincity.ie/documents/s23165/112%202019%20Student%20Accommodation%20Report%20April%20Council%20Meeting.pdf>, p. 23.

⁶ Ibid, p. 22.

long periods, and alternative use for conferences and tourist accommodation – with few rent controls. The provision of PBSA in Ireland is set to increase to 193,000 units by 2024.⁷

Although there is a National Student Accommodation Strategy and a range of tax incentives, rents remain very high. This has led to demands for student-specific accommodation to be included in the general tenancy protection regime in Ireland, which includes annual rent increase caps. Recognising that lack of accessible, affordable accommodation contributes to drop out levels in third level education,⁸ the Union of Students in Ireland (USI) has called for students to have the right to safe, suitable and affordable accommodation while attending college.⁹ For those who do secure student-specific accommodation, either on or off campus, the growing cost of this accommodation is contributing significantly to the overall cost of education.

The current Government *Housing for All - A new Housing Plan for Ireland*¹⁰ states that:

On-campus purpose-built student accommodation can alleviate pressure on the private rental market. Universities have developed significant numbers of student accommodation units in recent years, through borrowing from the European Investment Bank via the Housing Finance Agency. Section 21 of the Technological Universities Act 2018 provides for borrowing by Technological Universities subject to borrowing approval. The Technological University Dublin – the largest higher education institution in the State – has identified a student accommodation requirement and proposal and there is similar potential to do so amongst other technological universities. The Government will support technological universities to develop purpose-built student accommodation where such a requirement exists, through access to appropriate financing (see section 3.6.3).

This research seeks to contribute to the debate on University provided student housing, in the context of the national and international trends. It examines the National Student Strategy (2017), the legal framework regarding rented student housing in Ireland, the effects of recent legislation on the agreements between students and the University landlords, rents and affordability, and some alternative models for student housing provision. The Report catalogues and compares the type and cost of the University-provided PSBA in all the Irish Universities, and a selected number from Great Britain, Northern Ireland and some EU Member States.

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⁷ Higher Education Authority (HEA) (2105) Report on Student Accommodation; Demand and Supply, 2017, <https://hea.ie/assets/uploads/2017/06/Report-on-Student-Accommodation-Demand-Supply.pdf>

⁸ USI (2016) Student Housing Submission to the Oireachtas Committee on Housing and Homelessness, p. 8.

⁹ USI (2019) USI Student Accommodation Position Paper (December 2019) <https://usi.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/USI-Student-Accommodation-Position-Paper-NC-Final.pdf>

¹⁰ <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/ef5ec-housing-for-all-a-new-housing-plan-for-ireland/>

National Student Accommodation Strategy 2017

Following an Interdepartmental Working Group on Student Accommodation and a HEA report on student accommodation, in 2015,¹¹ policy in this area is coordinated between the Department of Education and Skills, the HEA, the Department of Housing and Local Government, the Union of Students in Ireland (USI), the Department of Finance and the Irish Universities Association (IUA).¹² This is carried out in line with the National Student Accommodation Strategy 2017 (Strategy), which is “designed to ensure that there is an increased level of supply of purpose-built student accommodation (PBSA) to reduce the demand for accommodation in the private rental sector by both domestic and international students attending our Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)”.¹³

The Strategy highlighted an expected shortfall of about 25,000 student accommodation bed-spaces,¹⁴ to be met through private sector rentals (placing pressure on the supply of general rented housing for the wider population), and the provision of an additional 21,000 PBSA bed-spaces by 2024. Increased uptake of “digs” accommodation is also promoted.

In order to ensure continued implementation of these objectives, the Department of Education was obliged to provide quarterly progress reports containing information on current, newly completed or proposed projects. By late 2019, some 38,529 PBSA bed-spaces were either complete, under construction or had plans granted, while there were 27,831 units in planning/development.¹⁵

Table 1. Quarter 3 2019. Progress Report on the National Student Accommodation Strategy¹⁶

Actual Developments (bed-spaces)			
	Q1 2019	Q2 2019	Q3 2019
Completions since the launch of <i>Rebuilding Ireland</i> in July 2016	6,362	6,691	8,229
Developments on site	6,007	5,986	5,254
	12,369	12,677	13,483
Potential Developments (bed-spaces)			
Planning Permission Granted	6,005	8,577	7,771
Planning Permission Applied	2,880	203	2,395
	8,885	8,780	10,166

¹¹ HEA (2015) *Report on Student Accommodation: Demand and Supply*. <https://assets.gov.ie/25039/ad804183103e47589552b1901fbef9a4.pdf>

¹² National Student Accommodation Strategy 2017, Appendix C. <https://assets.gov.ie/24591/94db5e29bc344f9fb354638c23f7f39c.pdf>

¹³ National Student Accommodation Strategy, Executive Summary, p. 7.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*

¹⁵ Higher Education Authority and Construction Information Services, ‘Student Accommodation Report’, Q3 2019.

¹⁶ See <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/1616f8-national-student-accommodation-strategy/#national-student-accommodation-strategy-progress-reports>

The Strategy acknowledges the significant impact student accommodation has on the private rental sector, and notes that “an increase in the provision of student accommodation is a key priority in addressing [Ireland’s] housing crisis”.¹⁷ It also notes the role of PBSA in enriching the student experience and contributing to higher retention rates and higher grades.

There are, however, important questions related to ensuring that PBSA remains affordable, accessible and suitable, since it cost approximately €88,850 (in 2020) to provide each new bedspace.¹⁸

Indeed, the USI has pointed out that:

- The Strategy neglects to mention the rising cost of accommodation for students and does not say how it’s going to solve that problem.
- No mention of affordability in regard to the most effective way to reduce and stabilise rent
- The strategy identified that both publicly funded HEIs and private developers are to address the shortfall in PBSA, the strategy does not outline how to control the cost of these new beds
- The strategy mentions “digs” but does not indicate any progression for students in digs to have more rights while living in digs accommodation than they do now, which is low.¹⁹

Indeed, the USI **points out that only 19% of PBSA developments are publicly owned**, and this reliance on the private sector is pushing up rents to provide returns on private investment.²⁰ The USI are also calling for the government to provide capital grants specifically for HEI development of PBSA. HEI’s could then build what would be public owned student accommodation on campuses on public land, and students would not be reliant on the private sector for their accommodation. This would also drive down unaffordable rents.

The HEA pointed out in 2015 that there was also significant demand for bed spaces for students with disabilities, which was not being met by the available supply.²¹ While some new PSBA schemes should provide 10% wheelchair accessible units, this does not address the need for “wheelchair liveable” units, or even PSBA units with universal design.²² In any case, the current large-scale PBSA developments do not provide the 10% social and affordable housing required of normal developments.²³ There are also different needs due to the various types of disabilities beyond physical mobility. On campus accommodation is generally regarded as the preferred option to enhance student participation, and this is significantly more so the case for students with disabilities. The type of accommodation required and the

¹⁷ National Student Accommodation Strategy, p. 9.

¹⁸ Mitchell McDermott, ‘Student Accommodation Infocard’, January 2020.

<https://mitchellmcdermott.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Student-Infocard-2020-WEB.pdf>

¹⁹ USI (2019) USI Student Accommodation Position Paper.

²⁰ See also Reynolds, A. (2022): Contesting the financialization of student accommodation: campaigns for the right to housing in Dublin, Ireland, *Housing Studies*.

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/02673037.2021.2023731>

²¹ HEA (2015) Report on Student Accommodation: Demand and Supply, para. 2.3.

²² For information on design of wheelchair liveable units see Irish Wheelchair Association (4th edition) Best Practice Access Guidelines: Designing Accessible Environments: <https://www.iwa.ie/access-guidelines/best-practice-access-guidelines-4/>

²³ Hearne, R. (2020) *Housing Shock – The Irish Housing Crisis and how to solve it*. (Bristol, Policy Press) p. 155.

level of support services that are necessary place a particular economic demand and inclusion challenge on the accommodation provider. This has space, cost and inclusion implications.

The Rent-a-Room Tax Relief was introduced in 2001²⁴ and provides an exemption from income tax and other deductions on rent received (up to €14,000 per annum) where a person rents out a room or rooms in their principal private residence. The scheme is not just restricted to a spare room – tax relief can be claimed for a stand-alone unit with a separate entrance, once it is attached to the main property.

Of course, many private investments in PBSA are arranged through legal structures which enjoy very high tax relief on development costs, rental income and capital gains tax. Indeed, PBSA provided by Universities enjoys the least form of State subsidy. The USI proposes that colleges should receive a tax break on college-owned student accommodation (remarkably University accommodation providers can be charged corporation tax), but only under the condition that this money is to be ring fenced, so that it's to go directly back into the student accommodation.²⁵

²⁴ Finance Act 2001.

²⁵ There is different and more onerous tax treatment on Irish Universities as accommodation providers compared with those in other jurisdiction, and further research in this area is needed.

Legal Framework Regarding (Rental) Student Housing

The provisions of the Building Regulations²⁶ apply to the development standards for PBSA, including standards on structure, fire safety, sound, ventilation, hygiene, drainage, heating appliances, energy and access.²⁷ In addition, specific guidelines and regulations have been outlined for student accommodation which were built to avail of tax²⁸ or planning²⁹ incentives. While these tax incentives are no longer in operation, the guidelines for construction provided for that purpose remain in use as a reference point for adequate student housing standards.

Legislation in 1999 provided a tax relief, equivalent to the cost of construction, conversion or refurbishment of student accommodation (less site costs), which could be offset against all other rental income for the developer/owner. The tax-eligible development had to be used as student accommodation for ten years from the first use³⁰, and it had to be either on the campus of an HEI, or within eight kilometres.³¹

This incentive was discontinued in 2008, but has created a legacy of these tax-driven student housing schemes, and in many ways, it established the private sector investment model – the dominant paradigm for PBSA today.

The tax incentive scheme generated some 15,317 bed-spaces between 1999 and 2004.³² Students residing in student accommodation approved under the scheme rose by 16.6%, with a concurrent fall of 20% in students living in other accommodation, between 2000 and 2005. In 2005, at the end of the student accommodation tax incentive scheme, some 44% of HEIs believed that there was now an excess supply of student accommodation. The tax incentive scheme was regarded as successful, and there were no further economic or social justifications for further support in the student accommodation area. The scheme was concluded shortly afterwards.

The Tax Guidelines pertaining to that tax incentive scheme provided a number of definitions that are still used.³³ A “certified educational institution” is defined as:

An institution in the State which provides courses to which a scheme approved by the Minister for Education and Science under the Local Authorities (Higher Education Grants) Acts 1968 to 1992 applies; or an institution in the State which offers an approved course for the purposes of tax relief under section 473A of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997.³⁴

A “student” means a person who is a registered student of, and is pursuing a course of study on a full-time basis at, an educational institution. A “qualifying development” means a

²⁶ See <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/1d2af-building-regulations/>

²⁷ Building Regulations (Amendment) Regulations 1997-2017.

²⁸ Section 50 Finance Act 1999.

²⁹ Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016.

³⁰ *Ibid.*, p. 7.

³¹ *Ibid.*, p. 6.

³² See Department of Finance/ Indecon Consultant, (2006) *Review of Tax Schemes, Volume 1*. Indecon Review of Property-based Tax Incentive Schemes, Department of Finance.

³³ Original Guidelines on the Student Accommodation Scheme issued by the Minister for Education and Science in 1999, Section 2.2.

³⁴ Revenue – Irish Tax and Customs (2021) Student Accommodation Scheme, p. 6.

<https://www.revenue.ie/en/tax-professionals/tdm/income-tax-capital-gains-tax-corporation-tax/part-10/10-11-04.pdf>

development of at least 20 bed-spaces in compliance with the guidelines, and in respect of which, a letter has been certified by an educational institution.³⁵

The tax regulations required that study bedrooms be grouped into house units, with a minimum of three bed-spaces per unit, and a maximum of eight. These units ranged from a minimum gross floor area of 55 square metres to a maximum gross floor area of 160 square metres. Study bedrooms are required to have common entrance halls, and a shared living/kitchen area of a reasonable size to accommodate appropriate furniture, which has to be detailed in the planning layout. Minimum sizes for bed-spaces, bedrooms and shared kitchen and living spaces are prescribed.

- Single study bedroom - 8 sq. metres
- Single study bedroom with en-suite shower, toilet and basin - 12 sq. metres
- Twin study bedroom - 15 sq. metres
- Twin study bedroom with en-suite shower, toilet and basin - 18 sq. metres
- Single Disabled study bedroom, with en-suite disabled shower, toilet and basin - 15 sq. metres.³⁶

Kitchen units, including sinks, cookers and fridges are required, and bedrooms must include desk space and storage, as well as internet services. Minimum sizes for bathrooms and, in particular, en-suites for students with disabilities were set out. One out of every 50 bedrooms, or part thereof, was to be appropriate for students with a disability, and buildings generally were to be compliant with the Building Regulations on wheelchair access.³⁷

³⁵ *Ibid.*

³⁶ *Ibid*, p. 8.

³⁷ *Ibid*, Section 2.

Irish Residential Tenancies Acts

The Residential Tenancies (Amendment) Act 2019 required that all tenancies, or licences, for student accommodation entered into after 15 August 2019 be registered with the Residential Tenancies Board (RTB) within one month of commencement. A student can be considered to be a person “registered as a student with a relevant provider (within the meaning of the Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) Act 2012)”,³⁸ which includes both publicly funded education providers and those that are private. This includes third-level courses at Universities, Institutes of Technology and private educational institutions.

Each tenancy/licence must be registered, even if it amounts to only a room, although Rent-a-Room arrangements, where the owner lives in the accommodation, are still excluded. Landlords who provide accommodation to students that is not ‘purpose built’ for students remain under the remit of the RTB, and continue to register their tenancies as they have always done. The standard registration fee is €40 per licence or tenancy, or else €170 for a ‘composite’ registration of 5-10 units.

The effect of including PBSA tenancies under the Residential Tenancies Acts is that students can now avail of more statutory protection than earlier. This includes administrative sanctions for landlords engaged in “improper conduct”,³⁹ and requires a landlord to comply with new notice periods for the termination of a tenancy. Student specific housing is excluded from the six-year rolling tenancy arrangements set out in the Residential Tenancies Acts.

A landlord of student-specific accommodation is required to serve a valid written notice of termination, with a notice period of no less than 28 days, although seven days’ notice may be given in situations of serious antisocial behaviour, or behaviour causing imminent danger to persons, or the structure of the property itself. The effect of these changes is that a student may terminate their tenancy with 28 days notice, and payment systems have to adapt to this situation. The RTB also provides a complex three-stage dispute resolution process and a new system of rent controls through rent pressure zones (RPZs). These limit rent increases to 2%, or inflation, whichever is the lower, and this applies to PSBA.⁴⁰

Today, all PBSA tenancy agreements are subject to the provisions of the Residential Tenancies (No. 2) Act 2021. This affords the student a certain level of protection with regard to the housing environment, as the landlord is obliged to maintain, or repair, the property as required.⁴¹ These tenancy agreements are subject to the Housing (Standards for Rented Housing) Regulations 2019, which set out clear and minimum standards for rented housing.⁴²

³⁸ Residential Tenancies (Amendment) Act 2019, p II, s 3(d).

³⁹ Residential Tenancies (Amendment) Act 2019, Schedule 2.

⁴⁰ <https://www.rtb.ie/beginning-a-tenancy/setting-rent>

⁴¹ Residential Tenancies Act 2004, Section 12.

⁴² Housing (Standards for Rented Housing) Regulations 2019 S.I. No. 137/2019.

Rents and Affordability

One of the most controversial aspects of PBSA is the level of rents charged. This has a major impact on, and can act as a barrier to, the participation of students from poorer households in third level education. It can also act as a significant barrier for participation in third level education for students with disabilities and international students. PBSA rents (and other standards) are increasing being set by reference to the viability of investor-led PBSA schemes. Indeed, a global real estate industry compares the regimes across the world, and some funds, such as Greystar, have more than 660,000 units and students beds under management in more than 50 cities around the world.⁴³ This globalised property investment industry follows a model of investing in “safe assets”, operates rigorous rent collection systems, and impacts on design norms for all student housing. The contemporary private sector model is described thus:

Where PBSA is developed in conjunction with a University, typically building on University-owned land, a common arrangement is that the developer has a lease on the property of 35–50 years, during which time they receive the rental income, and at the end of which, the property reverts to the University. There is usually a nominations agreement in place, under which the University guarantees that their students will rent a certain number of rooms.⁴⁴

But it is important to remember that student housing is often provided by public bodies in Ireland, the UK and many other EU Member States, with up to 40% student housing provided in this way in the Netherlands. Yet, there is increasing pressure and dominance in the debate from “property industry” and global investment funds lobbyists.⁴⁵ These promote “investors” in special investment structures which minimize tax liability, as a solution to the shortage of student accommodation in University cities around the world. In this model, publicly owned land and funding from the State, or the European Investment Bank, is usually factored into the “viability” of the schemes presented. Thus, the public land or other subsidy is sometimes appropriated into the overall return on investment of the models – a situation at odds with the PBSA University provision, where these resources remain public assets.

However, PBSA provided by third level institutions often operates on a cost rent model⁴⁶ whereby rents are set at the level required to repay interest and amortization of development loans (often from the Housing Finance Agency and the European Investment Bank), cover management and maintenance costs and service charges. In some cases, rents on newer and more costly developments are pooled with rents on older loan free developments – a situation which also benefits Universities with larger numbers of units. The key issue, however, is that the measure of affordability should relate to the income of the student, and not to the “market” rent. Of course, affordability can also be achieved through a combination of cost rents and financial support to students in need.⁴⁷

Models of PBSA rent setting include:

- Market rents – competing in the market
- Reference rents – rent setting by State

⁴³ Sanderson, D. & Özogul, S. (2021), ‘Key investors and their strategies in the expansion of European student housing investment’, *Journal of Property Research*, p. 19.

⁴⁴ *Ibid.*

⁴⁵ Colenutt, B. (2020) *The Property Lobby*, (Bristol: Policy Press).

⁴⁶ Rents may be set through “pooling” with holiday rentals or other services.

⁴⁷ See Vandromme, T., Carette, N. & Vermier, D. (2022) *Student Housing in Europe – An Overview of Policies and Regulations in Several Countries* (The Hague: Eleven) chapter 1.

- Indexation of rent increases (from a base or market rent)
- Cost rents
 - interest payments on development costs/management/maintenance/services and other essential costs only – no “profit”
 - Rent pooling with older stock or with ‘holiday’ provision of units
 - Measures of affordability relate to incomes not market rents
 - Combination of these with financial support to student.

Of course, the combination of tax relief and other subsidies to private PBSA providers with the “profit,” and return on investment imperative, contrasts with the social enterprise model of University-provided PBSA, where the emphasis is on providing services and support to students and creating social value.⁴⁸

⁴⁸ See Mazzucato, M. (2018) *The Value of Everything – Making and Taking in the Global Economy* (London: Penguin),

Alternative Models

There is a need to develop models of provision of student accommodation, above and beyond private for-profit development. Student specific housing associations are common in the USA, and to a lesser extent in the UK, and in EU Member States. SHAC Housing Association was formed in 1977 by the Students Union in Northern Ireland as a non-profit organisation, to provide affordable rented accommodation for students allocated to those in greatest need. SHAC currently has housing in Belfast, Jordanstown, Carrickfergus, Coleraine, Derry and Lurgan. Sanctuary Students is part of the Sanctuary Housing Group⁴⁹ - a non-profit housing provider in the UK, providing homes to over 10,000 students. Other UK housing associations, such as A2Dominion,⁵⁰ Flagship Homes,⁵¹ Optivo⁵² and POBL⁵³ all provide student housing

Student specific housing cooperatives associations involve students collectively developing, owning and managing student housing – usually with State subsidies which result in lower rents. The model is designed to provide lower cost housing and is generally non-profit, communal and self-governing. Examples of cooperatives include: Edinburgh: <https://www.eshc.coop/>; Sheffield: <http://sshc.sheffield.coop/>; University of California: <https://www.uchaonline.com/>; Netherlands: <https://www.duwo.nl/en/home/> Other examples involve housing trusts or associations which target student housing among their charitable objectives. There are none of these initiatives in Ireland as yet.

The USI Student Housing Submission to the Oireachtas Committee on Housing and Homelessness (2016)⁵⁴ proposed establishing dedicated Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) in HEIs to access Housing Finance Agency (HFA) funding, and also capital grants to provide increased student housing for those unable to afford existing rents. AHBs are Irish charitable organisations which are registered and regulated by the State. These could provide subsidised student housing, although unlike the tax relief subsidies the accommodation provider would reflect the subsidy in reduced rents/charges. AHBs undertake to develop, allocate, manage and maintain the housing provided on a long term basis, and are often at the forefront of the development of high quality, accessible, affordable and innovative housing projects. Through this model, there is now scope to develop a model of students housing, integrating lifetime adaptability standards, and also state of the art design for students with disabilities.

Student housing in the future must include a wide range of amenities from lounges and gyms to co-working and co-studying spaces. Providers will need to recognize and respond to new needs, through additional service provision and collaborative design. This will involve accelerating digital integration, and giving students a truly successful experience through leveraging technologies. Engaging digitally native students will become ever more critical, and will distinguish PBSA from traditional rented house-share models.

PBSA systems are socially constructed, and deeply embedded in a specific political and regulatory context. It is possible to advocate for low-cost, socially inclusive, disability friendly, digitally advanced student housing – possibly managed by students themselves. There is a significant public interest in ensuring that student accommodation costs and availability do not continue to be a barrier to participation in third level education in Ireland.

⁴⁹ <https://www.sanctuary.co.uk/>

⁵⁰ <https://a2dominion.co.uk/about-us/Student-accommodation>

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Ireland:

Dublin City University (DCU) * Utility bills are not included in these DCU rates.

All Hallows Campus

All Hallows Campus is located in Drumcondra, a short walk from DCU's St. Patricks College campus. All Hallows has two accommodation houses – O'Donnell House and Purcell House, which can accommodate 105 students. Each house has a mix of single and double en-suite bedroom and single and double bedrooms with shared bathrooms. The living spaces are shared among all residents in both buildings.

Rates: (Full Academic year – 37 weeks):

1. Single en-suite bedroom – €6,602.00 (€178.43 weekly)
2. Double en-suite bedroom – €6,804.00 (€183.89 weekly)
3. Single bedroom shared bathroom – €6,277.00 (€168.30 weekly)
4. Double bedroom shared bathroom – €6,358.00 (€171.84 weekly)

Glasnevin Campus

Glasnevin Campus contains three residences Hampstead apartments and College Park and Larkfield apartments.

Hampstead Apartments

Hampstead apartments contain 61 apartments each with 5 en-suite bedrooms with shared kitchen/ living and dining areas.

Rate: (Full Academic year – 37 weeks):

1. Single en-suite bedroom – €6,277.00 (€169.65 weekly)
2. Double en-suite bedroom – €6,358.00 (€171.84 weekly)

College Park

The College Park apartments contain 60 apartments each of which can accommodate 4/5 students in en-suite bedrooms. This residence offers three room type; single en-suite, double en-suite and superior en-suite.

Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks):

1. Single en-suite bedroom – €6,602.00 (€178.43 weekly)
2. Double en-suite bedroom – €6,804.00 (€183.89 weekly)
3. Superior en-suite bedroom – €7,008.00 (€189.41 weekly)

Larkfield Apartments

Larkfield apartments residence is only available to first year students. Each apartment consists of 2 single bedrooms with shared bathroom, kitchen and living facilities.

Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks): Single bedroom with shared bathroom – €5,912.00 (€159.78 weekly)

St. Patricks Campus

St Patricks Campus offers accommodation to first year students only. This residence is comprised of single bedrooms with shared wash room, toilet facilities with students on the same floor. Each house has a common room with kitchen facilities.

Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks): Single bedroom with shared bathroom – €5,796.00 (€159.65 weekly)

Dublin City University has approximately 17,500 full time enrolled students and have a total of 1,402 bed-spaces available on its campus residences. This includes 554 single bedrooms with shared bathrooms, 531 single en-suite bedrooms, 53 double bedrooms with shared bathrooms and 264 double en-suite bedrooms.

Mary Immaculate College

Limerick Campus

Courtbrack Accommodation

Courtbrack Accommodation is available to all undergraduate students and can accommodate up to 109 students. It is situated approximately a 5 minute walk from Mary Immaculate College Campus. Courtbrack accommodation offers single bedrooms, deluxe single bedrooms and twin occupancy bedrooms, all with communal bathrooms and kitchen/ living facilities. The accommodation complex has self-service laundry facilities, reception and nightly security.

Rates: (Full Academic year – 37 weeks):

1. Single bedroom with shared bathroom – €4,898.00 (€132.38 weekly)
2. Deluxe single Bedroom with shared bathroom – €5,236.00 (€141.51 weekly)
3. Twin occupancy bedroom with shared bathroom – €3,882.00 (€104.91 weekly)

Thurles Campus

Thurles on-campus accommodation

MIC Thurles offers 36 on-campus bedrooms for first year undergraduate students attending MIC Thurles. All the bedrooms are single en-suite with communal TV lounge and kitchen. There is also a weekly housekeeping service available, included in the rate.

Rates: (Full Academic year – 37 weeks): Single en-suite bedroom – €4,898.00 (€132.38 weekly)

*All rates include utilities and bills. Deposit is a further €250.00

Mary Immaculate College has approximately 5,000 full-time students registered. Their accommodation residences of Courtbrack (Limerick) and Thurles campus offer in total 69 single bedrooms with shared bathrooms, 36 single en-suite bedrooms (available in the Thurles campus) and 32 Twin bed-spaces with shared bathrooms.

Maynooth University

The on-campus residences at Maynooth University are available to all full time students at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. There are four on-campus residences in NUI Maynooth; River apartments, Village apartments, Courtyard apartments and Rye Hall apartments.

River Apartments

River apartment consists of 111 apartments across 15 halls of residence. This residence offers accommodation to 538 students in single en-suite bedrooms. Each apartment contains 4/5 single en-suite bedrooms, a kitchen/ dining area and living area.

Village Apartments

Village Apartments is comprised of 48 apartments across 4 Halls of residence. This village accommodates 240 students in single bedrooms with shared bathrooms. Each apartment contains 5 Single bedrooms with 2 shared bathrooms. And a Kitchen/ Living area.

Rye Hall Apartments

Rye Hall Apartments consists of 20 apartments across 3 halls of residence. The majority of the rooms are single bedrooms with shared bathrooms and a small number of rooms are single en-suite. Each apartment contain 3/4 single bedrooms, 2 shared bathrooms, kitchen and living room.

Courtyard Apartments

The Courtyard apartments are divided into 3 buildings. All the rooms are single en-suite bedrooms. There are 6 wheelchair accessible apartments on the ground floor each with 6 bedrooms.

Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks):

1. Single en-suite bedroom - €5988.00 (€161.84 weekly)
2. Single bedroom with shared bathroom – €4488.00 (€121.30 weekly)

*All rates include utilities and bills.

Maynooth University has approximately 13,000 full time registered students. Maynooth University campus residences offer accommodation to 1,150 students across its four residences. This includes 316 single bedrooms with shared bathrooms and 834 single en-suite bedrooms. These are the only two room types available in the Maynooth University campus residences single bedroom with shared bathroom and single en-suite bedrooms.

NUI Galway

NUI Galway has two campus residences Corrib Village and Goldcrest Village.

Corrib Village

Corrib Village is comprised of 176 apartments accommodating for 764 students. Each apartment has 3 or 4 bedrooms. There are a range of room types available in Corrib village from double en-suite bedrooms (single occupancy) to twin occupancy bedrooms with shared bathroom. There is shared kitchen/living space between the occupants of each apartment. Corrib village has a shop, common room, astroturf pitch and laundry facilities on-site for its occupants to avail of.

Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks):

1. Twin Bedroom shared bathroom – Total rent excluding deposit €4,005.00 (€108.24 weekly)
2. Single Bedroom shared bathroom – Total rent excluding deposit €5,400.00 (€145.95 weekly)
3. Double bedroom shared bathroom – Total rent excluding deposit €5,600.00 (€151.35 weekly)
4. Single bedroom with shared bathroom (shared bathroom between 2 rooms) – Total €5,785.00 (€156.35 weekly)
5. Double bedroom with shared bathroom (shared bathroom between 2 rooms) – Total rent excluding deposit €5,990.00 (€161.89 weekly)
6. Single en-suite bedroom – Total rent excluding deposit €6,150.00 (€166.22 weekly)
7. Double en-suite bedroom – Total rent excluding deposit €6,250.00 (€168.92 weekly)

Goldcrest

Goldcrest village is comprised of 76 apartments which accommodate 4-6 students in each. Goldcrest offers single en-suite and double en-suite (double bed) rooms to its residents with shared kitchen/living area in each apartment. In the reception of goldcrest there is a common area for residents to avail of. Residents may also use the common facilities available in Corrib village.

Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks) :

1. Single en-suite bedroom – Total rent excluding deposit €6,875.00 (€185.81 weekly)
2. Double en-suite bedroom – Total rent excluding deposit €7,050.00 (€190.54 weekly)

*All rates include utilities and bills. Deposit is a further €240.00.

Both the apartments in Corrib Village and Goldcrest Village come fully furnished with a range of facilities available to residents including; self-service launderette (at an additional pay as go fee), sports facilities (tennis court), bicycle racks and car parking (limited parking available and on first come first serviced basis. A parking permit must also be purchased at €50.00 in order to use the parking facilities on site).

Both Villages also have security on site along with maintenance and reception teams. There is also a residential assistants team which is made of student residents. Corrib and Goldcrest village accommodation is only available to first years and international students.

NUI Galway has approximately 18,000 full time registered students. NUI Galway's two campus residences of Corrib Village and Goldcrest Village offer 1,193 bedspaces to first year and international students attending NUI Galway. This includes 258 single bedrooms with shared bathrooms, 333 single en-suite bedrooms, 178 double bedrooms with shared bathrooms, 216 double en-suite bedrooms and 208 twin bed-spaces with shared bathrooms.

Trinity College Dublin (TCD)

There are 3 accommodation residences available for students attending Trinity College Dublin; On Campus, Trinity Halls and Kavanagh Court.

On Campus

Trinity College Dublin have a limited amount of apartments/ rooms available on campus. All full time students can apply to live in this residence and there are 7 different room types available:

1. Front Square and New Square
These are en-suite rooms in 2 – 5 bedroom apartments. Each apartment also contains a kitchen and living area.
Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks) - €8608.00 (€232.65 weekly)
2. Botany Bay
These are shared apartment with two single bedrooms with a shared bathroom, kitchen and living area. A small number of these apartments contains three single bedrooms.
Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks) – €8608.00 (€232.65 weekly)
3. Graduate Memorial Building
These rooms are single en-suite bedrooms.
Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks) – €8608.00 (€232.65 weekly)
4. Printing House Square
These are newly build en-suite rooms in apartments of 3-8 bedrooms. Each apartment has a shared kitchen/ living area.
Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks) – €8608.00 (€232.65 weekly)
5. Business School
This residence contains newly refurbished single en-suite rooms, ranging from 2-4 bedrooms per apartment. Each apartment contains a shared kitchen/ living area.
6. Goldsmith Hall
Goldsmith hall is made up of 4/5 bedroom apartments with shared bathroom, kitchen and living areas.
Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks) – €7,904.00 (€213.62 weekly)
7. Pearse Street
This residence offers single en-suite rooms.
Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks) – €6,259.00 (€169.16 weekly)

Trinity Halls

Trinity Halls is the official residence of Trinity College Dublin, it is recommended to students at all levels but in particular first year students. Trinity Halls is located in Rathmines 2.5 miles from the University. There is a communal common room in Trinity Halls and there are regularly activities held for the residents. There are two types of rooms available in Trinity Halls, Twin Occupancy en-suite bedrooms and Single en-suite Bedrooms. There are typical 6 students per apartment with shared kitchen/ living area. There is also an on-site convenience store for residents and an on-site study room.

Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks):

1. Twin occupancy en-suite bedroom – €6,161.00 (€166.51 weekly)
2. Single en-suite Bedroom – €7,553.00 (€204.14 weekly)

Kavanagh Court

Kavanagh Court is a newly opened student accommodation available to Students attending Trinity College Dublin. It is situated a 1 hour and 15 minute walk from the University. This residence is available to Full time students, Erasmus students and students visiting Trinity College Dublin. The residence has an on-site gym, laundry room, common room and study room for its residents to avail of, it also has a roof top terrace.

Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks): Single en-suite bedroom – €9805.00 (€265.00 weekly)

*All rates include utilities and bills.

Trinity College Dublin has approximately 18,000 full time registered students. Across their three residences Trinity College Dublin can accommodate 2,322 students. This includes 1,753 single en-suite bedrooms, 317 single bedrooms with shared bathrooms and 252 twin en-suite bedspaces.

University College Cork (UCC)

UCC has 5 campus residences available to its students.

UCC University Hall

University Hall is situated just a 10 minute walk from UCC. University Hall consists of 3, 4 and 5 bedroom apartments. Each apartment has double bed bedrooms for single occupancy. All bedrooms have a shower room, with one bedroom in each apartment having the shower room adjacent to the bedroom. All apartments also have a full equipped kitchen/living room.

Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks):

Double en-suite bedroom - €6,364.00 (€172 weekly)

Victoria Lodge

Victoria Lodge is located just 10 minutes' walk from the main UCC campus. It consists of 3, 4 and 5 bedroom apartments with the majority of the bedrooms being ensuite. Each apartment has one non-en-suite bedroom. Each bedroom contains a single bed for single occupancy.

Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks):

1. Single en-suite Bedroom - €6,253.00 (€169.00 weekly)
2. Single bedroom with shared bathroom - €6,031.00 (€163.00 weekly)

Castlewhite Apartments

Castlewhite apartments is located adjacent to the UCC main campus. Its comprised of 63 apartments which accommodates 298 students. The bedrooms in Castlewhite contain a double bed for single occupancy, there are no en-suite rooms available.

Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks):

Single bedroom with shared bathroom – €5,624.00 (€152.00 weekly)

Victoria Mills

Victoria Mills apartments are located approximately 5 minutes' walk from the UCC main campus. Each apartment consists of en-suite bedrooms and a fully equipped kitchen/living room.

Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks):

Single en-suite bedroom - €6,364.00 (€172.00 weekly)

Mardyke Hall

Mardyke Hall is located 5 minutes walk from the UCC main campus. There are 15 apartments in Mardyke Hall ranging from 2 bedrooms to 4 bedrooms accommodating 48 students in total. Each apartment consists of a kitchen/living area, one en-suite single bedroom and the remaining single bedrooms.

Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks):

1. Single en-suite bedroom – €6,253.00 (€269.00 weekly)
2. Single bedroom with shared bathroom – €6,031.00 (€163.00 weekly)

*All rates include utilities and bills.

University College Cork has approximately 14,400 full-time students. In their 5 campus residences UCC can accommodate 1,520 students. This includes 119 single bedrooms with shared bathrooms, 697 single en-suite bedrooms, 40 double bedrooms with shared bathrooms and 664 double en-suite bedrooms.

University College Dublin (UCD)

UCD has thirteen campus residences available to its students both at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

Ashfield/ Glenomena

Ashfield is located on the main UCD campus, it accommodates 354 students across 59 apartments. All the bedrooms in Ashfield are en-suite with 6 bedrooms in each apartment. Its located within walking distance to all the amenities on the UCD campus. Ashfield has a student lounge which is equipped with vending machines, a Nintendo switch, Netflix and a football table for the use of its residence. The lounge can also be booked for cinema nights or other events. Students also have access to the gym situated in the Roebuck residence.

Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks):

Single en-suite bedroom - €8,503.48 (€229.82 weekly)

Belgrove

Belgrove accommodates 779 students in both 4 bedroom and 3 bedroom apartments. The apartments in Belgrove contain two bathrooms and a shared kitchen/ living area. Belgrove has its own Social space which is equipped with vending machines, pool table, X box and Netflix.

Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks):

Single bedroom shared bathroom - €6,853.24 (€185.22 weekly)

Blackrock Halls

Blackrock Halls is a traditional dormitory style residence. Its within walking distance of the seaside town of Blackrock. The residence is approximately 2 miles from the main UCD campus with a regular scheduled bus service connecting the two. Blackrock Halls accommodates 142 students with shared kitchens, bathrooms, dining rooms and TV rooms.

Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks):

Single bedroom shared bathroom - €6,728.99 (€181.86 weekly)

Merville

Merville is located on the main UCD campus and is comprised of 150 apartments which accommodate 610 students. Each apartment has four or five single bedrooms, a shared kitchen/living area and two bathrooms. There is an on-site convenience store in Merville.

Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks):

Single bedroom shared bathroom - €6,853.24 (€185.22 weekly)

Proby House

Proby is situated Carysfort Avenue in the prime residential town of Blackrock. The Proby House residence is mainly suited to student undertaking postgraduate courses at the UCD Michael Smurfit School of Business. However, undergraduates may also apply to Proby House. It is located approximately 2 miles from the main UCD campus and in close proximity of schedules bus and DART services. All the bedrooms in Proby House are en-suite and the apartment sizes range from 3 bed to 6 bed apartments.

Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks):

Single en-suite bedroom - €8,503.48 (€229.82 weekly)

Roebuck Castle

Roebuck Castle accommodation consists of 133 single en-suite bedrooms divided into 12 apartments. Each apartment has a shared kitchen, study room and living room. Roebuck Castle also has a restaurant on the ground floor which provides lunch and dinner daily to its residence which is included in the overall cost of residence.

Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks):
Single en-suite bedroom - €10,719.97 (€289.73 weekly)

UCD Village Centre Studios

UCD Village is located on the main UCD campus, all the studios are en-suite and can be single-occupancy booking or can be booked to be shared with another UCD student. There are 60 self-contained studio apartments located in the UCD village centre.

Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks):
Single studio apartment - €6,728.99 (based on per person sharing) (€181.86 weekly)

UCD Village Halls

Situated on the main UCD campus, there are 164 hall rooms located across 12 and 14 bedroom apartments. Each bedroom is en-suite and single occupancy.

Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks):
Single en-suite bedroom - €9,488.53 (€256.44 weekly)

UCD Village – Gold bedrooms

There are a total of 410 Gold bedrooms located within apartments across Village blocks D and E. The bedrooms are en-suite and for single occupancy.

Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks):
Single en-suite bedroom - €9,663.18 (€261.17 weekly)

UCD Village – Penthouse Bedroom

There are 18 penthouse bedrooms spread across 3 apartments.

Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks):
Single en-suite bedroom - €10,526.62 (€284.50 weekly)

*All rates include utilities and bills.

All residents of the Campus accommodation have full access to the gym situated in the Roebuck residence and on-site laundry facilities. Each residence has accommodation available to all years.

University College Dublin has approximately 33,000 full time registered students. The UCD campus residences can accommodate 3,792 students, in 1,531 single bedrooms with shared bathrooms, 1,911 single en-suite bedrooms, 290 double en-suite bedrooms and 60 studio apartments.

University of Limerick (UL)

UL has accommodation available to over 2,800 student across its eight village residences all on the University's campus.

Plassey Village

The houses available in Plassey Village house up to eight students which is best suited to incoming first year students. In Plassey Village there is also four bedroom houses available which are ideal for postgraduate or senior students. The houses consist of private single bedrooms (1 single bed – 1 person), two bathrooms and kitchen/living area. Plassey village contains a communal hall for its residents.

Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks):

1. Single bedroom with shared bathroom (8 Bed House) – Total Rent not including deposit €4,912.50 (€132.77 weekly)
2. Single bedroom with shared bathroom (4 Bed House) – Total Rent not including deposit €5,502.00 (€148.70 weekly)

Kilmurry Village

The houses available in Kilmurry Village house 6 to 8 students. The individuals houses consist of private bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and a fully fitted kitchen/living room. Kilmurry Village contains a communal hall with group study facilities for its residents.

Rates (Full Academic year – 37 week):

1. Single bedroom with shared bathroom (6 Bed House) – Total Rent excluding deposit €5,977.53 (€161.55 weekly)
2. Single bedroom with shared bathroom (8 Bed House). – Total Red excluding deposit €5,552.46 (€150.07 weekly)

Dromroe Village

Dromroe Village offers accommodation to 456 students across a range of 2 and 6 bedroom apartments all with en-suite facilities. It is ideal for senior students who seek more space and a quiet student environment however, first years may also apply to Dromroe village. The apartments in Dromroe village contain 2 or 6 en-suite bedrooms, a kitchen/ dining room and a comfortable lounge area. Dromroe Village contains a Village hall with meeting rooms and an on-site pizzeria.

Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks):

1. Single en-suite bedroom (6 Bed Apartment) – Total Rent excluding deposit €6,508.87 (€175.92 weekly)
2. Single en-suite bedroom (2 Bed Apartment) – Total Rent excluding deposit €7,173.04 (€193.87 weekly)

Thomond Village

Thomond Villages offers 2, 4 and 6 bedroom apartments with en-suite bathrooms. The apartments also consist of a kitchen/ living area and a comfortable lounge area. There is a also a village shop adjacent to Dromroe Village.

Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks):

1. Single en-suite bedroom (2 Bed Apartment) – Total Rent excluding deposit €7,139.50 (€192.96 weekly)
2. Single en-suite bedroom (4 Bed Apartment) – Total Rent excluding deposit €6,615.50 (€178.80 weekly)
3. Single en-suite bedroom(6 Bed Apartment) – Total Rent excluding deposit €6,419.00 (€173.49 weekly)

Cappaville Village

Cappaville offers rooms to 500 student with a combination of 2,4 and 6 bedroom apartments with a private en-suite for each bedroom. The village also has its own launderette and games room.

Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks):

1. Single en-suite bedroom (2 Bed Apartment) – Total Rent excluding deposit €7,139.50 (€192.96 weekly)
2. Single en-suite bedroom (4 Bed Apartment) – Total Rent excluding deposit €6,615.50 (€178.80 weekly)
3. Single en-suite bedroom (6 Bed Apartment) – Total Rent excluding deposit €6,419.00 (€173.49 weekly)

The Quigley Residence

The Quigley Residence is exclusively for postgraduate students offering 100 students accommodation in 4 or 2 bedroom apartments. The Quigley residence is operated from Cappaville and shares management and reception services with Cappaville Village residents. The individual apartments consist of 4 or 2 en-suite bedrooms, kitchen/ living area and lounge area.

Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks):

1. Single en-suite bedroom (2 Bed Apartment) – Total Rent excluding deposit €7,139.50 (€192.96 weekly)
2. Single en-suite bedroom (4 Bed Apartment) – Total Rent excluding deposit €6,615.50 (€178.80 weekly)

Troy Village – Off Campus

Troy Village is located off campus and is a 15 minute walk to the main University campus. Troy Village accommodates 170 students and offers a range of services such as a reception, study hub and launderette. The apartments accommodate 2,3,4,5,6 and 7 bedrooms and come with a kitchen/living room and lounge area.

Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks):

1. Single en-suite bedroom (3/4 Bed Apartment) – Total Rent excluding deposit €5,502.00 (€148.70 weekly)
2. Single bedroom with shared bathroom (3/4 Bed Apartment) – Total Rent excluding deposit €5,240.00 (€141.62 weekly)
3. Single en-suite bedroom (5/6/7 Bed Apartment) – Total Rent excluding deposit €5,240.00 (€141.62 weekly)
4. Single bedroom with shared bathroom (5/6/7 Bed Apartment) – total Rent excluding deposit €4,650.50 (€125.69 weekly)

Groody Village – Off Campus

Groody Village is a 15 minute walk to the main University campus, and accommodates 147 students in 3 or 6 bedroom apartments. The 3 bedroom apartments have shared bathrooms, whereas the 6 bedroom apartments offer en-suite bedrooms.

Rates (Full Academic year – 37 weeks):

1. Single en-suite bedroom (6 Bed Apartment) – Total rent excluding deposit €5,579.03 (€150.78 weekly)
2. Single bedroom with shared bathroom (3 Bed Apartment) – Total rent excluding deposit €5,432.91 (€146.84 weekly)

*All rates include utilities and bills.

Each of the 7 student villages offer security protection and full membership to UL Sport gym and swimming pool for occupants. Parking in each village is limited and operated at the owners risk. Each village has accommodation available to all years.

The University of Limerick has approximately 16,500 full time registered students. Across their 8 campus residences, UL can accommodate 2,809 students. This includes 999 single bedrooms with shared bathrooms and 1,810 single en-suite bedrooms. UL does not offer any double or twin bedspaces.

Northern Ireland:

Queens University Belfast

Elms BT1 and BT2

Located just 15 minutes from Queens main campus. Consists of self-contained studio apartments and 3,4 and 5 bedroom apartments. The rooms in the apartments are single en-suite with a shared kitchen/ living area. This Accommodation is available to all students

Rates:

1. En-suite bedroom – Weekly rate £124.00 (approximately £4,588.00 for 37 weeks)
2. Studio – Weekly rate £149.00 (approximately £5,513.00 for 37 weeks)

Elms BT9

Elms BT9 is situated 15 minutes' walk from the Queens main campus. This residence consists of 50 three-storeyed accommodation blocks. Each floor has 10-11 bedrooms which a shared common room and kitchen. This village includes the Treehouse, which is the primary social space for all its occupants. There is two room options; standard rooms and en-suite rooms.

Rates:

1. Standard bedroom with shared bathroom – Weekly rate £110.00 (approximately £4,070.00 for 37 weeks)
2. En-suite bedroom – Weekly rate £124.00 (approximately £4,588.00 for 37 weeks)

*All rates include utilities and bills.

Each of the residences have 24/7 security and free off-peak membership of Queen's sport.

Ulster University

Belfast

123 York Street

123 York Street apartments are comprised of En-suite rooms in shared apartments, two bedroom apartments and studio apartments. They are available in 44 week and 51 week contracts. The apartments come with a fully fitted kitchen and lounge area and each room contains an en-suite bathroom.

Rates inclusive of bills.

1. En-suite Bedroom in a shared apartment – Weekly rate approximately £120.00 (approximately £4,440.00 for 37 weeks)
2. Two bedroom Apartment – Weekly rate approximately £250.00 (approximately £9,250.00 for 37 weeks)
3. Studio Apartments – Weekly rate approximately £150.00 (approximately £5,550.00 for 37 weeks)

Jordanstown

Dalriada Village

Dalriada Village is located on the Jordanstown campus. Dalriada Village offer 2 types of rooms; Single en-suite rooms and enhanced en-suite rooms. the majority of the apartments consist of 5 bedrooms, however a small number of apartments contain two enhanced en-suite rooms. The enhanced en-suite rooms are larger rooms with a double bed (single occupancy)

Rates:

1. En-suite bedroom – Weekly rate £118.00 (approximately £4,366.00 for 37 weeks)
2. Enhanced en-suite bedroom - Weekly rate £133.00 (approximately £4,921.00 for 37 weeks)

Coleraine

Cranagh Village

Cranagh Village contains 70 apartments each with 5 en-suite bedrooms, including single en-suite rooms, enhanced en-suite rooms and twin en-suite rooms (2 single beds). The apartments also contain a fully equipped spacious kitchen/living area. Residences of the village also have access to the 'Hive' which is a social space for students to hang out.

Rates:

1. Single en-suite bedroom – Weekly rate £115.00 (approximately £4,255.00 for 37 weeks)
2. Enhanced rooms – Weekly rate £130.00 (approximately £4,810.00 for 37 weeks)
3. Twin en-suite bedroom – Weekly rate £150.00 (approximately £5,550 for 37 weeks)

Errigal/ Knocklayde

Located on Coleraine campus consists of 6 and 9 bedroom houses as well as two person flats. The houses consist of double bedrooms (single occupancy) with shared shower/bathroom facilities and a kitchen/ living areas. There are 12 two person flats, these consist of one shared bedroom, kitchen and living area.

Rates:

1. Bedroom in Houses – Weekly rate of £99.00 (approximately £3,663.00 for 37 weeks)
2. Two person Flats – Weekly rate of £165.00 (approximately £6,105.00 for 37 weeks)

Magee

Duncreggan Village

Duncreggan village comprises of 14 three storey blocks offering 158 bedrooms in two and five bedroom apartments. The en-suite apartments are equipped with a dishwasher and the village contains 2 launderettes with vending machines. There is a range of room types available from single en-suite, non en-suite and twin rooms.

Rates:

1. Single bedroom with shared bathroom – weekly rate £96.00 (approximately £3,552 for 37 weeks)
2. Single en-suite bedroom – weekly rate £110.00 (approximately £4,070.00 for 37 weeks)
3. Luxury en-suite bedrooms – weekly rate £124.00 (approximately £4,588.00 for 37 weeks).
4. Twin en-suite bedrooms – weekly rate £179.00 (approximately £6,623.00 for 37 weeks)

*All rates include utilities and bills.

Scotland:

University of Aberdeen

The University of Aberdeen has 11 residences available to its students.

Fyfe House

Fyfe House is corridor living style, there is 37 single rooms on each corridor with shared bathrooms, kitchen and living area. The communal areas are maintained and cleaned by maintenance in the residence.

Rates:

Single bedroom with shared bathroom – Weekly rate £90.00 (approximately £3,330 for 37 weeks)

Adam Smith House

Adam Smith house offers partial- catered accommodation to its residents. Each resident has an allowance of £57.00 a week to spend on meals/ snack in the complex, additionally there is kitchen facilities available to the students. This residence is comprised of single bedrooms with shared bathrooms, kitchens and living rooms.

Rates:

Single bedroom with shared bathroom – Weekly rate £147.00 (approximately £5,439.00 for 37 weeks)

Elphinstone Road Apartments

This residence consists of flats which accommodate 3-4 students in each. Each flat contains single bedrooms with shared bathrooms, kitchen and living area.

Rates:

Single bedroom shared bathroom – Weekly rate £103.00 (approximately £3,811 for 37 weeks)

Grant Court

Grant Court is comprised of flats that accommodate 5 students in single bedrooms with shared bathroom, kitchen and living facilities. This residence is available to undergraduate and exchange students.

Rates:

Single bedroom with shared bathroom – Weekly rate £112.00 (approximately £4,144 for 37 weeks)

Wavell House

Wavell House is similar to Adam Smith House and Fyfe House and offers corridor style living to its residents with 37 single rooms on each corridor with shared bathrooms, kitchens and living areas.

Rates:

Single bedroom shared bathroom – Weekly rate £90.00 (approximately £3,330 for 37 weeks)

Hector Boece Court

Hector Boece Court residence is available for first year undergraduate students and exchange students. It consists of flats which accommodate 5 students in single bedrooms with shared bathroom and kitchen/living facilities.

Rates:

Single bedroom shared bathroom – Weekly rate £116.00 (approximately £4,292.00 for 37 weeks)

Keith House

Keith House residence is available to first year undergraduate students along with exchange students. This residence consists of 5 person flats with shared bathroom, kitchen and living facilities. This residence offers an option to live in a quiet block or alcohol free block which some students may prefer.

Rates:

Single bedroom shared bathroom – Weekly rate £116.00 (approximately £4,292.00 for 37 weeks)

Kings Hall

This residence is available to both undergraduate and postgraduate students. It consists of self-catered flats with 5 en-suite bedrooms in each flat, along with a shared kitchen/ living area with a washing machine in each flat.

Rates:

Single en-suite bedroom – Weekly rate £148.00 (approximately £5,476.00 for 37 weeks).

New Carnegie Court

New Carnegie Court offers accommodation to first year undergraduate students and exchange students. It is comprised of flats which contain 5 single en-suite bedrooms, shared kitchen and living area.

Rates:

Single en-suite bedroom – Weekly rate £148.00 (approximately £5,476.00 for 37 weeks)

North Court

North Court also offers accommodation to first year undergraduate students and exchange students. This residence consists of flats which contain $\frac{3}{4}$ single bedrooms with shared bathroom, kitchen and living facilities.

Rates:

Single bedroom shared bathroom – Weekly rate £116.00 (approximately £4,292.00 for 37 weeks)

South House

South House has accommodation available to undergraduate, postgraduate and exchange students. It is comprised of flats which contain 5-7 single bedrooms with shared bathroom, kitchen and living facilities.

Rates:

Single bedroom shared bathroom – Weekly rate £113.00 (approximately £4,181.00 for 37 weeks)

*All rates include utilities and bills.

Each of the 11 residences have on-site security and laundry facilities.

University of Glasgow

Cairncross House

Cairncross House is situated a 15 minutes' walk from the University's main campus and offers self-catering accommodation to undergraduate student at Glasgow University. This residence is comprised over a mix of single, large single and twin bedrooms. There are 72 single room spaces, 38 large single and 83 twin spaces. Students will have to provided their own cutlery/ cooking utensils in Cairncross house.

Rates:

1. Single bedroom with shared bathroom – Weekly rate £128.03 (approximately £4,737.11 for 37 weeks)
2. Large single bedroom with shatred bathroom – Weekly rate £137.90 (approximately £5,102.30 for 37 weeks)
3. Twin bedroom (single occupancy) with shared bathroom – Weekly rate £109.97 (approximately £4,069.89 for 37 weeks)
4. Twin bedroom (shared occupancy) with shared bathroom – Weekly rate £90.65 (approximately £3,354.79 for 37 weeks)

Kelvinhaugh Gate

Kelvinhaugh Gate is situated a 15 minutes' walk from the Universities main campus and offers self-catered en-suite accommodation to 250 undergraduate students. The residence is comprised of flats each containing 3 or 5 single bedrooms and a common kitchen/living area. Students will have to provided their own cutlery/ cooking utensils.

Rates:

Single en-suite bedroom – Weekly rate £155.96 (approximately £5,770.52 for 37 weeks)

Murano Street Student Village

Murano Village is located 20-25 minutes' walk from the Glasgow University. There is an option of two types of flats 4/5 person or 10/12 person all with single bedrooms. In total Murano Village can accommodate 1,179 students. The 10/12 person flats has a weekly kitchen cleaning service available.

Rates:

Single bedroom with shared bathroom – Weekly rate £128.03 (approximately £4,737.11 for 37 weeks)

Queen Margaret Residences

Queen Margaret residence offers en-suite self-catered accommodation to undergraduate students. This residence can accommodate 391 students and is a 20 minute walk from the University.

Rates:

Single en-suite Bedroom – Weekly rate £157.43 (approximately £5,824.91 for 37 weeks.

Student Apartments

The Student Apartments residence is located close by to the University campus. This residence offers accommodation to both undergraduate and exchange students in a combination of student houses and flats. There are 30 single, 64 large single and 14 twin spaces available.

Rates:

1. Single bedroom with shared bathroom – Weekly rate £128.03 (approximately £4,737.11 for 37 weeks)
2. Large single bedrooms with shared bathroom– Weekly rate £137.90 (approximately £5,102.30 for 37 weeks)

3. Twin bed space with shared bathroom – Weekly rate £90.65 (approximately £3,354.05 for 37 weeks)

Winton Drive

Winton Drive residence accommodates both Undergraduate and postgraduate students. Each flat can accommodate 2-5 persons in single bedrooms with a common kitchen/living area. Winton Drive has 188 single bed spaces available and is located 20 minutes' walk from the main University campus.

Rates:

Single bedroom with shared bathroom – Weekly rate £128.03 (approximately £4,737.11 for 37 weeks)

Wolfson Hall

Wolfson Hall is a catered accommodation serving its occupants breakfast and dinner on weekday along with brunch and dinner on weekends. It is located a 45 minutes' walk from the University, however residences can access a travel pass worth £400 so that residents can travel around the city and to and from University. This residence has a combination of 160 single en-suite rooms and 84 single rooms available. There is snack kitchens on site which are shared between 5 students along with common rooms, TV rooms, a games room and computer clusters.

Rates;

1. Single en-suite bedroom – Weekly rate £185.57 (approximately £6,866.09 for 37 weeks)
2. Single bedroom with shared bathroom – Weekly rate £167.86 (approximately £6,210.82 for 37 weeks)

*All rates include utilities and bills.

The Fees for each of the Residences in Glasgow University include a membership to the University of Glasgow Sport. Each of the Glasgow University Residences also have on-sit laundry facilities.

Wales:

Aberystwyth University

Aberystwyth University has 6 different residences available to its students all of which vary in price.

Cwrt Mawr

Cwrt Mawr is a self-catered residence. This residence consists of 6 flats that contain 6-10 single bedrooms with shared bathroom, kitchen and living facilities per flat.

Rates:

Single bedroom with shared bathroom – Weekly rate £95.41 (approximately £3,530.17 for 37 weeks)

Fferm Penglais

Fferm Penglais is located within walking distance from the University and housing approximately 1000 students in 22 blocks, 20 of which contain single en-suite bedrooms and 2 of which contain studio flats. Each block is made of 6 or 9 flats comprising of 6 or 8 single en-suite bedrooms with shared kitchen/ living facilities. There is an on-site café in this residence along with vending machines and bookable rooms. Each of the two studio blocks contain 6 or 9 studio flats. The studio flats consist of a private bedroom, shower room and kitchen/living area

Rates:

1. Single en-suite bedroom – Weekly rate £142.50 (approximately £5,272.50 for 37 weeks)
2. Single studio flat – Weekly rate £149.88 (approximately £5,545.56 for 37 weeks)

Pantcelyn

Pantcelyn residences is located a 5 minutes' walk from the Aberystwyth University campus. This residence is available for Welsh speaking students along with students who are looking to learn the Welsh language. This residence can accommodate 200 students in single en-suite bedrooms and is a part-catered, serving breakfast and dinner Monday-Friday.

Rates:

Single en-suite bedroom – Weekly rate £170.78 including £50 allowance for food (approximately £6,318.86 for 37 weeks)

Pentre Jane Morgan

PJM Residence houses around 1000 students between 177 houses each with 5 or 6 single bedrooms. Each house has shared bathroom, kitchen and living facilities.

Rates:

Single bedroom – Weekly rate £107.30 (approximately £3,970.10 for 37 weeks)

Rosser

Rosser residence can accommodate around 350 students divided between 4 different blocks. Each block has either 6 or 12 flats comprising of 8 single en-suite bedrooms.

Rosser G is a block in the Rosser residence that can accommodate an additional 60 students split between 6 flats containing 10 single en-suite bedrooms. Rosser G is specially designed for postgraduate students.

Rates:

1. Single en-suite bedroom – Weekly rate £119.79 (approximately £4,432.23 for 37 weeks)
2. Rosser G – single en-suite bedroom – Weekly rate £130.04 (approximately £4,811.48 for 37 weeks)

Trefloyne

Trefloyne is comprised of self-contained flats, each of which can accommodate 7 students. Each flat contains 7 single bedrooms, shared bathroom facilities, kitchen and living area.

Rates:

Single bedroom with shared bathroom – Weekly rate £95.41 (approximately £3,530.17 for 37 weeks).

*All rates include utilities and bills.

Cardiff University

Cardiff University has 16 student residences offering its students accommodation of various different styles.

Aberconway Hall

This residence is situated next to the Cardiff Business School and is a short walk from the Cardiff University main campus. It is made up of flats which accommodate 3-6 students in single occupancy rooms. In total Aberconway halls can accommodate 72 students.

Aberdare Hall

Aberdare Hall is a woman's hall adjacent to the main Cardiff University campus. It is made up of 132 single occupancy bedrooms with shared bathroom, kitchen and living facilities. It also includes a music library and TV lounge.

Cartwright Court

Cartwright Court is located in a residential area near Cardiff University. It accommodates 172 students across 15 flats and 16 houses, both offering single occupancy rooms. Within this residence there is a quiet living option along with a no alcohol option for students.

Clodien House

Clodien House is located next to the University's Health Park campus, therefore is ideal for those studying nursing or healthcare courses. This residence offers 184 single occupancy en-suite bedrooms. It is made of flats which accommodate 4-6 students.

Colum Hall

Colum Hall is located opposite Cardiff Business School which is in close proximity to the Cardiff University main campus. This residence is divided into 14 flats, each providing accommodation for 8 students. In total Colum Hall can accommodate 112 students in single occupancy en-suite bedrooms.

Gordon Hall

Gordon Hall is small residence located in a residential area close to the University. This residence offers its occupants partial catered accommodation evening meals are provided Monday- Friday for its residents. It is comprised of 80 en-suite single occupancy bedrooms and 11 standard single occupancy.

Aodge Hall

Aodge Hall offers self-catered accommodation to postgraduate students only. It can accommodate 60 students across 12 flats each with 4-6 single occupancy bedrooms. There are shared bathroom, kitchen and living facilities for each flat.

Roy Jenkins Hall

Roy Jenkins Hall is a small self-catered residence less than half a mile from the main campus. It is comprised of 6 flats with 5 single occupancy bedrooms in each flat. There is also studio flats available for couples and postgraduate students only.

Senghennydd Court

Senghennydd Court is located close to the main University campus and is comprised of 490 single occupancy rooms and 120 single en-suite rooms. This residence is available solely for postgraduate students. Each flat can accommodate 5 students. There is a quiet living and no alcohol option. There is also both self-catered and partial catered options.

Senghennydd Hall

Senghennydd Hall is part-catered residence. It is made up of 102 single en-suite bedrooms and 1 studio flat (suitable for a couple).

Student Houses

The University has a number of student houses in close proximity to the University. The houses vary in size and can occupy 4-11 students with 365 single occupancy bedrooms available. In each house there is shared bathroom, kitchen and living facilities for the students.

Talybont

Talybont is the largest of the University's self-catered residences. It includes Talybont Court, Talybont Gate and Talybont North.

Talybont Court offers accommodation 511 students with single en-suite bedrooms in flats of 4-7 students. Each flat also has shared kitchen/dining and lounge facilities. Within Talybont Court there is 2 houses available for families.

Talybont Gate offers accommodation to 179 students with single en-suite bedrooms in flats of 6-10 students. Each flat also contains shared kitchen, living and lounge facilities.

Talybont North offers accommodation to 972 students with single en-suite bedrooms in flats of 6 students.

University Hall

University Hall is a large self-catered residence situated close to the University's main campus. This residence can accommodate 673 students. There is also a small number of residences suitable for couples and families. University Hall is made up of both single en-suite and standard single rooms with shared kitchen/ living facilities.

Each of the Cardiff University residences offer access to the Cardiff University Fitness & Conditioning centre for its residents. Most of the residences also offer a quiet or no alcohol option within the residences for students who would prefer avail of a quieter environment. A small number of the residences also offer accommodation to couples or families of those who are studying in the University.

Rates:

1. Part-catered single en-suite bedroom – Weekly rate between £148.00 - £157.00 (approximately £5,476.00 - £5,809.00 for 37 weeks)
2. Part-catered standard single bedroom – Weekly rate between £129.00 - £139.00 (approximately £4,773.00 - £5,143.00 for 37 weeks)
3. Self-catered en-suite bedroom – Weekly rate £114.00 - £134.00 (approximately £4,218.00 – 4,958.00 for 37 weeks)
4. Self-catered standard bedroom with shared bathroom – Weekly rate of £114.00 - £123.00 (approximately £4,218.00 - £4,551.00 for 37 weeks).

*All rates include utilities and bills.

England:

University of London

Eleanor Rosa House

Eleanor Rosa House is situated close to Stratford station which provides a to the centre of London. All rooms in this residence are en-suite, however there is various different room types available. There is also studio flats available in this residence. This residence includes communal study spaces, common room, activity room for games and yoga, laundry room and roof gardens

Rates:

1. Single en-suite bedroom – Weekly rate £214.48 (approximately £7,935.79 for 37 weeks)
2. Single en-suite bedroom – Weekly rate £220.78 (approximately £8,168.86 for 37 weeks)
3. Large single en-suite bedroom – Weekly rate £227.08 (approximately £8,401.96 for 37 weeks)
4. Large single en-suite bedroom – Weekly rate £231.98 (approximately £8,583.26 for 37 weeks)
5. Adapted large single en-suite bedroom – Weekly rate £231.98 (approximately £8,583.26 for 37 weeks)
6. Single studio – Weekly rate £288.68 (approximately £10,681.16 for 37 weeks)
7. Single studio plus – Weekly rate £304.08 (approximately £11,250.96 for 37 weeks)
8. Adapted large single studio – Weekly rate £319.48 (approximately £11,820.76 for 37 weeks)

College Hall

College hall is located in the heart of West London. This residence is a catered accommodation and can accommodate for 350 students. There is a range of rooms available in College Hall including both double and single ensuite rooms and rooms with shared bathroom facilities. College Hall also includes a Music room, laundrette, TV rooms and common rooms for its residents.

Rates:

1. Single room with shared bathroom – Weekly rate £249.48 (approximately £9,230.76 for 37 weeks)
2. Single en-suite bedroom – Weekly rate £237.28 (approximately £8,779.36 for 37 weeks)
3. Double en-suite bedroom – Weekly rate £335.23 (approximately £12,403.51 for 37 weeks)

Connaught Hall

Connaught Hall is located in Bloomsbury and offer accommodation to 230 students. This residence offers a variety of single, double and twin rooms. Connaught Hall residence includes a Music room, study rooms, TV rooms, laundrette and common rooms for its residents.

Rates:

1. Small Single bedroom with shared bathroom (7.00 sq.m) – Weekly rate £201.88 (approximately £7,469.56 for 37 weeks)
2. Single room with shared bathroom (9.00 sq.m) – Weekly rate £235.13 (approximately £8,699.81 for 37 weeks)
3. Single en-suite bedroom (12.00 sq. m) – Weekly rate £282.73 (approximately £10,461.01 for 37 weeks)
4. Double en-suite bedroom (20.00 sq. m) – Weekly rate £328.93 (approximately £12,170.41 for 37 weeks)

5. Twin bedroom Shared bathroom (15.00 sq. m) – Weekly rate £167.58 (approximately £6,200.46 for 37 weeks)
6. Large twin room with shared bathroom (21.00 sq. m – Weekly rate £180.53 (approximately £6,679.61 for 37 weeks)

Garden Halls

Garden Halls I located between Bloomsbury and Kings Cross central London. This residence offers both catered and self-catered living to its residents, along with a variety of room types. Garden Halls residence also includes a common space, cinema room, games room, laundrette, study room, music room and tennis courts for its residents to avail of.

Rates:

1. Self-catered single en-suite bedroom (13.00 sq m) – Weekly rate £247.18 (approximately £9,515.66 for 37 weeks)
2. Self-catered large en-suite bedroom (15.50 sq m) – Weekly rate £265.65 (approximately £9,829.05 for 37 weeks)
3. Catered single en-suite bedroom (13.00 sq m) – Weekly rate £302.06 (approximately £11,176.22 for 37 weeks)
4. Catered large en-suite bedroom (15.00 sq m) – Weekly rate £313.05 (approximately £11,582.85 for 37 weeks)
5. Self-catered standard single bedroom (10.00 sq. m) – Weekly rate £224.98 (approximately £8,324.26 for 37 weeks)
6. Self-catered single studio (23.00 sq. m) – Weekly rate £268.17 (approximately £9,922.29 for 37 weeks)

Lillian Penson Hall

Lillian Penson Hall is situated next to London Paddington Station and offers en-suite accommodation to over 300 students. On-site there is a large common room, TV room, music room, study room and games room for its residents.

Rates:

1. Small single en-suite bedroom (10.00 sq m) – Weekly rate £185.08 (approximately £6,874.60 for 37 weeks)
2. Single en-suite bedroom (12.00 sq m) – Weekly rate £212.73 (approximately £7,871.01 for 37 weeks)
3. Double en-suite bedroom (16.60 sq m) – Weekly rate £258.23 (approximately £9,554.51 for 37 weeks)

International Hall

International Hall can accommodate over 850 students in a self-catered or catered capacity. This residence included a music room, study rooms, common rooms and a laundrette for the use of its residents. It also offers a range of different room types including studio flats.

Rates:

1. Small single bedroom with shared bathroom (7.40 sq m) – Weekly rate £166.88 (approximately £6,174.56 for 37 weeks)
2. Single bedroom with shared bathroom (10.00 sq m) – Weekly rate £235.13 (approximately £8,699.81 for 37 weeks)
3. Single en-suite bedroom(16.00 sq m) – Weekly rate £277.83 (approximately £10,279.71 for 37 weeks)
4. Single studio (16.40 sq m) – Weekly rate £265.93 (approximately £9,839.41 for 37 weeks)
5. Large single studio (18.90 sq m) – Weekly rate £271.18 (approximately £10,033.66 for 37 weeks)
6. Double studio (18.90 sq m) – Weekly rate £290.08 (approximately £10,732.96 for 37 weeks)

Nutford House

Nutford house is located just a short walk from Oxford Street and offers accommodation to over 200 students. This residence offers catered single bedrooms with shared bathrooms to its residents. It also includes a games room, lounge and study room.

Rates:

1. Small single shared bathroom (5.60 sq m) – Weekly rate £181.23 (approximately £6,705.51 for 37 weeks)
2. Single shared bathroom (6.40 sq m) – Weekly rate £210.98 (approximately £7,806.26 for 37 weeks)
3. Large single shared bathroom (10.20 sq m) – Weekly rate £227.98 (approximately £8,435.26 for 37 weeks)

Gower Street

Gower Street residence offers accommodation to Postgraduate students. It offers single studio flats or 1 and 2 bed flats.

Rates:

1. Single studio (27.00 sq m) – Weekly rate £397.18 (approximately £14,695.66 for 37 weeks)
2. Double studio (30.00 sq m) – Weekly rate £441.28 (approximately £16,327.36 for 37 weeks)
3. 1 bed flat (51 sq m) – Weekly rate £484.33 (approximately £17,920.21 for 37 weeks)
4. 2 bed flat (55.00 sq m) – Weekly rate £521.43 (approximately £19,292.91 for 37 weeks)

Handel Mansion

Handel Mansions offers three types of rooms to students, small, medium and large rooms with communal kitchens and living areas. This residence is available to both undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Rates:

1. Small bedroom (7.00 sq m) – Weekly rate £217.63 (approximately £8,052.31 for 37 weeks)
2. Medium Bedroom (11.00 sq m) – Weekly rate £235.13 (approximately £8,699.81 for 37 weeks)
3. Large Bedroom (14.00 sq m) – Weekly rate £253.33 (approximately £9,373.21 for 37 weeks)

*All rates include utilities and bills.

University of Manchester

Manchester University offer both catered and self-catered accommodation to its students in Hall style residences. There is 3 locations available to students each with a number of different residence halls.

City campus

City campus has 5 halls of residence and is located in the heart of the University's campus.

1. Denmark road residence offers self-catered accommodation to both undergraduate and postgraduate students and is comprised of single en-suite bedrooms. Each apartment accommodates 5/6 students with shared kitchen/living area.
Rates:
Single en-suite bedroom – Weekly rate £164.00 (approximately £6,068.00 for 37 weeks)
2. George Kenyon Hall offers self-catered accommodation to postgraduate students. This residence is comprised of flats that contain single en-suite bedrooms.
Rates:
Single en-suite bedroom – Weekly rate £154.00 (approximately £5,698.00 for 37 weeks)
3. Horiman House consists of 39 one bedroom flats which are available to postgraduate students. Couples and single individual have the option to live in this residence.
Rates:
One bedroom flat – Weekly rate £205.00 (approximately £7,585.00 for 37 weeks)
4. Weston Hall offers self-catered accommodation to undergraduate and postgraduate students. This residence has single en-suite bedrooms avail to its residents in flats which contain communal kitchen/living area.
Rates:
Single en-suite Bedroom – Weekly rate £151.00 (approximately £5,587.00 for 37 weeks)
5. Whitworth Park is comprised of 8 flats which can accommodate 7 to 9 students in Single bedrooms with shared bathrooms, kitchen and living area. On site there is a laundrette, bar, gym and two squash courts.
Rates:
Single bedroom with shared bathroom – Weekly rate £115.00 (approximately £4,255.00 for 37 weeks)

Fallowfield Campus

Fallowfield campus residences are located approximately 2.5km from the main University campus. Fallowfield is also home to Armitage Centre, one of the University's two sports venues. Fallowfield has 7 residences available to students.

1. Ashburne Hall offers catered accommodation to both undergraduate and postgraduate students. It consists of single bedrooms with shared bathrooms, kitchen and living area.
Rates:
Single bedroom with shared bathroom – Weekly rate £157.00 (approximately £5,809.00 for 37 weeks).
2. Oak House is comprised of flats which accommodate 8 students in single bedrooms with shared bathrooms, kitchen and living area. This is a self-catered residence and has a bar, laundrette, common and reading rooms on-site.
Rates:

Single bedroom with shared bathroom – Weekly rate £109.00 (approximately £4,033.00 for 37 weeks).

3. Richmond Park is a self-catered residence and can accommodate 512 students in flats of 8 persons. This residence offers single en-suite bedrooms with shared kitchen/living facilities.

Rates:

Single en-suite bedroom - £154.00 (approximately £5,698.00 for 37 weeks).

4. Sheavyn House offers self-catered accommodation to undergraduate students. This residence is comprised of single en-suite bedrooms with shared kitchen/ living area for students.

Rates:

Single en-suite bedroom – Weekly rate £154.00 (approximately £5,698.00 for 37 weeks).

5. Unsworth Park has self-catered accommodation available to undergraduate students. This residence is made up of self-contained flats which accommodate for 9/10 students. Each flat contains self en-suite bedrooms, shared kitchen and shared living area.

Rates:

Single en-suite bedroom – Weekly rate £162.50 (approximately £6,012.50 for 37 weeks).

6. Uttley House residence consists of 62 en-suite bedrooms with shared kitchens/living areas. This residence offers self-catered accommodation to undergraduate students.

Rates:

Single en-suite bedroom – Weekly rate £163.00 (approximately £6,031.00 for 37 weeks).

7. Woolton House offers residence to both undergraduate and postgraduate students with a mixture of single en-suite bedrooms and single bedrooms with shared bathrooms.

Rates:

1. Single en-suite bedroom – Weekly rate £196.51 (approximately £7,270.95 for 37 weeks)

2. Single bedroom with shared bathroom – Weekly rate £159.92 (approximately £5,806.29 for 37 weeks)

Each of the Residences offer on-site security, launderette services and common areas to its students.

*All rates include utilities and bills.

University of Sheffield

The University of Sheffield offer accommodation in two locations in Ranmoor/Endcliffe and in Sheffield City.

Ranmoor/Endcliffe

This area is home to over 4,500 students, and includes a range of on-site facilities such as a village store, bar, launderette, fitness suite and common room. There is a range of room types available to students who choose to live in one of the Ranmoor/Endcliffe villages including en-suite, studios, shared bathroom and deluxe rooms.

Rates:

University of Sheffield accommodation is based on 42 or 51 week period however, for the purposes of this report it will be displayed in a 37 week period)

1. En-suite bedroom – Weekly rate £146.44 (approximately £5,418.28 for 37 weeks)
2. Deluxe bedroom – Weekly rate £158.06 (approximately £5,848.22 for 37 weeks)
3. Studio – Weekly rate £180.18 (approximately £6,666.66 for 37 weeks)
4. Crescent flats – Single room with shared bathroom – Weekly rate £111.44 (approximately £4,123.28 for 37 weeks)
5. Endcliffe Vale Flats – Single room with shared bathroom – Weekly rate £106.26 (approximately £3,931.62 for 37 weeks)
6. Crewe flats – Single room Shared bathroom – Weekly rate £111.86 (approximately £4,138.82 for 37 weeks)
7. Endcliffe Avenue/ Crescent Houses – Single room with shared bathroom – Weekly rate £81.83 (approximately £3,027.55 for 37 weeks)

The City Accommodation

The Sheffield University City accommodation is located close by to the University's campus. On site there is a common room, cinema room and games room. Similarly to Ranmoor/Endcliffe, the city accommodation offers students a range of differed room types.

Rates:

1. Allen Court – En-suite bedroom – Weekly rate £161.49 (approximately £5,975.13 for 37 weeks)
2. Allen Court – Deluxe bedroom – Weekly rate £173.81 (approximately £6,430.97 for 37 weeks)
3. Broad Lane Court – Single bedroom with shared bathroom – Weekly rate £115.22 (approximately £4,283.14 for 37 weeks)
4. St. George's Flats – En-suite Bedroom – Weekly rate £142.17 (approximately £5,260.29 for 37 weeks)
5. Studio 300 – Studio apartment – Weekly rate £243.11 (approximately £8,995.07 for 37 weeks)

*All rates include utilities and bills.

University of Warwick

The University of Warwick has four accommodation villages available to its students. Each village is comprised of a number of residences of various types and price ranges, therefore there is one to suit each individual student.

Cryfield Village

Cryfield village is located close to the University's main campus and sports facilities. Cryfield Village is made up of Cryfield standard accommodation, Cryfield apartments and Cryfield townhouses. There is laundry facilities available to students in this residence.

1. Cryfield Standard is comprised of 254 single rooms with corridor living. Bathrooms are shared between 6 students on average, while kitchens are shared between approximately 14 students.

Rates:

Single room with shared bathroom – Weekly rate £102.00 (approximately £3,774.00 for 37 weeks)

2. Cryfield Apartments is made up of 142 single en-suite rooms in apartments of up to 12 students. Cryfield Apartments are available for both undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Rates:

Single en-suite bedroom – Weekly rate £191 (approximately £7,067.00 for 37 weeks).

3. Cryfield Townhouses is comprised of 648 single en-suite bedrooms in townhouses of up to 12 students. This residence is also available to both undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Rates:

Single en-suite bedroom – Weekly rate £185.00 (approximately £6,845.00 for 37 weeks).

Lakeside village

Lakeside village is made up of 3 residences; Lakeside, Heronbank and Sherbourne. All of which offer en-suite accommodation to the Universities students.

1. Lakeside residence is comprised of 596 single en-suite bedrooms with kitchens shared between 8 students. It is available to both undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Rates:

Single en-suite bedroom – Weekly rate £162.00 (approximately £5,994.00 for 37 weeks).

2. Heronbank residence is made up of 701 single en-suite rooms of corridor living. Kitchens are shared amongst 8 students with dining areas.

Rates:

Single en-suite bedroom – Weekly rate £160 (approximately £5,920 for 37 weeks).

3. Sherbourne residence is comprised of 794 single en-suite bedrooms with up to 12 students per flat. This residence is available to undergraduate and new postgraduate students.

Rates:

Single en-suite bedroom – Weekly rate £180.00 (approximately £6,660.00 for 37 weeks)

Central Campus

Central Campus village is made up of 7 residences all of which offer different room types at differed rates.

1. Arthur Vick residence offer 396 single en-suite bedrooms, with shared kitchens of up to 14 students. This residence is available to first year students.
Rates:
Single en-suite room – Weekly rate £193.00 (approximately £7,141.00 for 37 weeks).
2. Bluebell residence offers 505 single en-suite rooms in flats of up to 8 students. This residence is also only available to first year students.
Rates:
Single en-suite room – Weekly rate £208.00 (approximately £7,696.00 for 37 weeks).
3. Claycroft residence offers 679 single rooms with shared bathrooms between two students. This residence is comprised of flats of 8 students.
Rates:
Single room with shared bathroom – Weekly rate £144.00 (approximately £5,328.00 for 37 weeks).
4. Jack Martin residence offers 425 single en-suite rooms of corridor living. This residence is only available to first year students.
Rates:
Single en-suite room – Weekly rate £180.00 (approximately £6,660.00 for 37 weeks).
5. Rootes Residence is comprised of 927 single rooms of corridor living with bathrooms shared between 6 students. This residence is also only available to first year students.
Rates:
Single bedroom with shared bathroom – Weekly rate £108.00 (approximately £3,996.00 for 37 weeks).
6. Tocil residence is comprised of 574 single rooms with shared bathrooms and kitchens. This residence is available to all undergraduate students and new postgraduate students.
Rates:
Single bedroom with shared bathroom – Weekly rate £114.00 (approximately £4,218.00 for 37 weeks).
7. Whitefield residence offers 196 single bedrooms with shared bathrooms in blocks of up to 12 rooms. This residence is available to both undergraduate and postgraduate students.
Rates:
Single bedroom with shared bathroom – Weekly rate £81.00 (approximately £2,997.00 for 37 weeks).

Westwood Village

Offers accommodation to 440 students in single bedrooms with shared bathrooms in corridor style living. This residence is available to undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Rates:

Single bedroom with shared bathroom – Weekly rate £114.00 for 37 weeks (approximately £4,218.00 for 37 weeks).

*All rates include utilities and bills.

Wheelchair Accessible Accommodation

Ireland:

Dublin City University

Dublin City University have a number of wheelchair accessible rooms available across the three campuses. These rooms are specifically designed for wheelchair users and students with disabilities. Students with disabilities do get preference in the allocation of other rooms available on campus also.

Mary Immaculate College

There is no information on wheelchair accessible accommodation on the MIC website

Maynooth University

Maynooth University has a limited number of wheelchair accessible rooms prioritised for students with disabilities, because of their limited availability these rooms are allocated only to students who's participation and retention in University would be at risk if they don't live on campus as a result of their disability.

NUI Galway

There are a small number of bed spaces available in NUI Galway campus accommodation for persons with disabilities. These places can only be recommended for students whose attendance would be negatively impacted upon, if they lived off campus. NUI Galway give priority for these rooms to students that need to live in accessible accommodation with examples given of wheelchair users or visually impaired students who would find it difficult to travel to college.

Trinity College Dublin

The accommodation service at Trinity College Dublin requests that students with disabilities who are applying for Trinity accommodation to fill out the Special Consideration Application form. This way the Disability Service can assess each students needs individually. Priority is given to students with the most significant needs based on strength, stamina, balance and mobility.

University College Cork

UCC in collaboration with the Disability Support Service have reserved a range of housing options for eligible undergraduate and postgraduate students with priority given to new students who have applied to UCC through the Disability Access Route to Education. UCC consider requests for accessible housing on a case-by-case basis due to its limited availability.

University College Dublin

The accommodation residences in UCD consist of a number of accessible rooms, priority of which is given to students with a physical or sensory disability who require the adapted features of the room. These rooms are available to postgraduate and undergraduate students of all levels.

University of Limerick

There are a number of village residence on the University of Limerick campus that have accommodation available for students with disabilities. These residences have rooms that are wheelchair accessible in ground floor apartments. Many of the rooms also contain larger bathrooms with showering facilities that accommodate to wheelchair users.

Northern Ireland:

Queens University Belfast

There are a number of accessible rooms available to students with mobility difficulties, and Queens University Belfast will facilitate requests for ground floor or ensuite rooms for students with disabilities. They also are committed to meet the individual needs of students if they require any additional adaptations to their rooms.

Ulster University

There are a number of accessible rooms in shared or single occupancy apartments in the Ulster University campus accommodation residences. This type of accommodation has accessible bathroom and kitchen facilities for the students. Ulster University will also make reasonable adjustments and provide additional equipment to rooms if appropriate.

Scotland:

University of Aberdeen

The University of Aberdeen can accommodate students with disabilities who require accessible housing. The University will consider the students requirements on a case-by-case basis and place them in a room that is most suitable for their needs. Where necessary, additional adaptations may be made to the room to ensure they are suitable for the individuals needs

Glasgow University

Glasgow University student accommodation ask students with disabilities to contact them with any adaptations they may need in their accommodation and aim to make the adjustments where available. They also offer advanced visit facility, where they organise preferential access to accommodation for short trial periods – this aims to ensure the student can identify the most suitable facilities for their own particular needs.

Wales:

Aberystwyth University

Aberystwyth University ask students with disabilities to disclose what additional needs they require in there accommodation during the application process. This is then assessed by the Accessibility advisor who find the most appropriate accommodation for the student based on their requirements.

Cardiff University

Cardiff University give students with disabilities or medical-related requirements priority in the accommodation allocation process. They have adapted accommodation available to such students, in particular wheelchair users and students with hearing impairments. They also accommodate students with registered assistance dogs in s number of their residences.

England:

University of London

Many of the Halls of Residences in the University of London have accessible rooms for students with disabilities. These rooms are larger rooms that have been adapted to suit the needs of students with physical disabilities such as wheelchair users. They come with ensuite bathrooms that can accommodate a wheelchair. Students with disability are given priority for a space in the University halls.

University of Manchester

There are rooms available in the University of Manchester Halls of residence that accommodate students with physical and sensory disabilities. The University can accommodate to wheelchair users with accessible rooms with en-suite bathrooms suitable for a wheelchair. They can also accommodate to those with sensory disabilities with rooms that consist of vibrating pillow and deaf alerters/flashing lights.

Sheffield University

The Accommodation services at Sheffield University aim to provide the most suitable accommodation for disabled students and state that they will “consider the students individual needs and advise of the most suitable location, room type and access”.

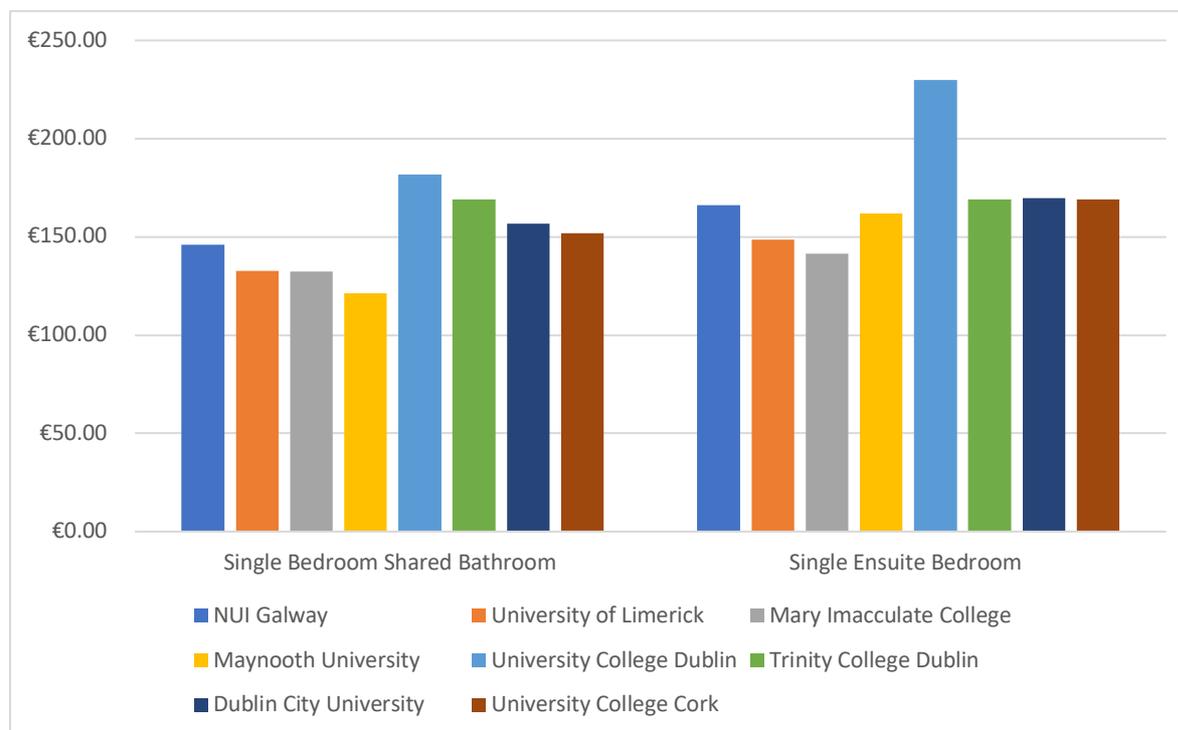
Students that require additional adaptations to rooms should discuss this with the accommodation service at Sheffield University before applying. The majority of the rooms available in Sheffield University are suitable for physical disability.

Warwick University

There are a number of wheelchair accessible rooms in the Warwick University campus accommodation in both the undergraduate and postgraduate residences. There are many rooms suitable for wheelchair users along with level access bathrooms. There are also rooms adapted for students with other mobility issue and hearing impairments. Additional adaptations may be made to rooms to make them more suitable for individual needs. Accommodation available for students with rooms suitable for wheelchairs can be found in the residences of Arthur Vick, Bluebell, Claycroft, Heronbank, Jack Martin and Lakeside.

Irish and UK Universities Comparisons

Chart 1: Accommodation Rates Comparison in Irish Universities - Rents per Week



There is a wide variation in the type and cost of University accommodation provided. Some offer a high level of single accommodation – with shared bathroom, while others offer a high level of lower quality twin-bed shared bathroom, or en-suite shared accommodation (which involves having a bedroom).

Rent levels vary widely across Irish Universities, but overall, Maynooth University offers the lowest accommodation rates, charging €121.30 for a single bedroom with a shared bathroom. In Mary Immaculate College and UL, a single bedroom with shared bathroom has a weekly rate of €132.38 and €132.76 respectively, while at NUI Galway and UCC, this room type costs €145.95 and €181.86, respectively. In the Dublin Universities of DCU, TCD and UCD the weekly rate for this accommodation type are set at €156.65, €169.16 and €229.82, respectively.

Rents for single en-suite accommodation are set at €118.86 weekly in Mary Immaculate College (the most economical of all providers). At UL, a single en-suite room costs €141.62 per week, while at Maynooth University this room type costs €161.84 weekly. At NUI Galway and UCC the rates for a single en-suite room start at €166.82 and €169.00 a week, respectively. DCU has similar rates for this room type starting at €169.65 weekly. TCD has a very limited number of this room type available in their campus accommodation for €169.16 weekly, or in Trinity Halls for €204.14 weekly. UCD has the most expensive rate for this room type costing from €229.82 a week.

Both UL and Maynooth University offer the most variety of accommodation at the cheapest rates. Every student living in the UL campus villages has full access to the UL campus gym.

*The rates from DCU are not inclusive of bills as bills are charged monthly and vary in their student residences. All other Irish university rates are inclusive of bills.

Chart 2: Accommodation Rates Comparison in English Universities

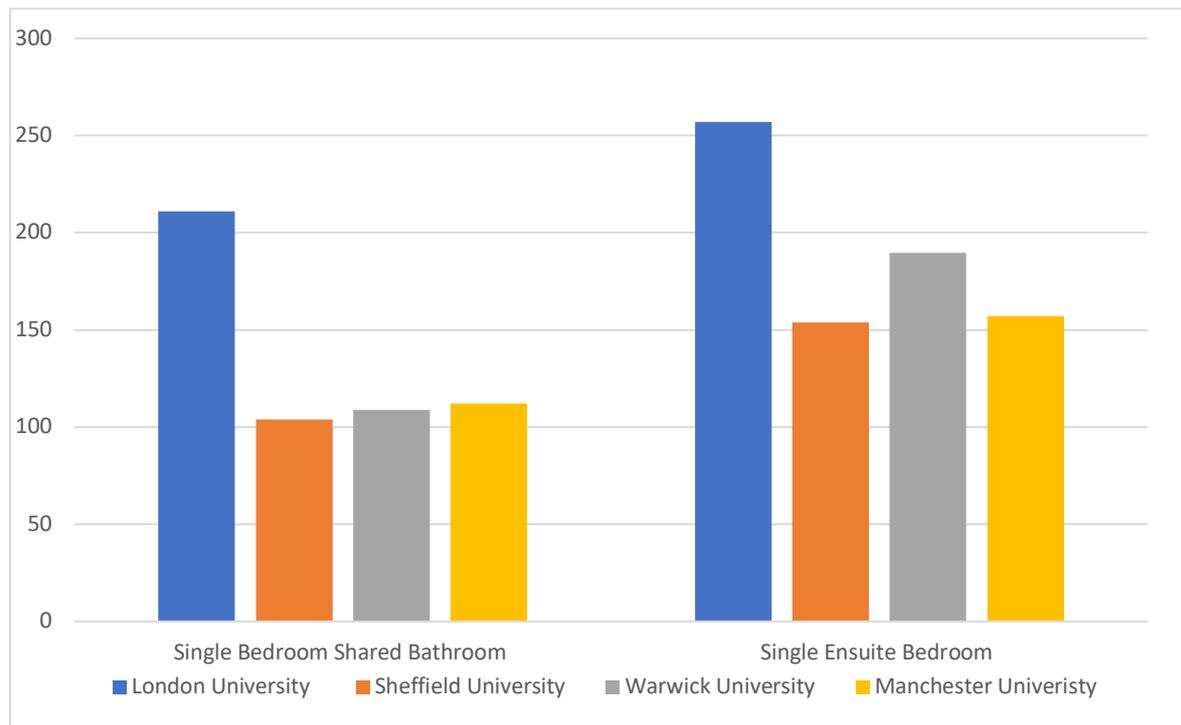


Chart 2 offers a comparison of student accommodation prices in four English Universities showing, unsurprisingly, that accommodation costs at University of London are much higher than those in other Universities, where a single bedroom with a shared bathroom costs over £200.00 a week. In the other English Universities examined this accommodation type averages just over £100.00 a week. A similar comparison can be seen with a single en-suite bedroom – it averages over £250.00 in London, while the other English Universities charge an average of under £200.00.

Chart 3: Overall Average Weekly rate for a Small Single En-suite Room Rate (based on a 37 week period - in euro)

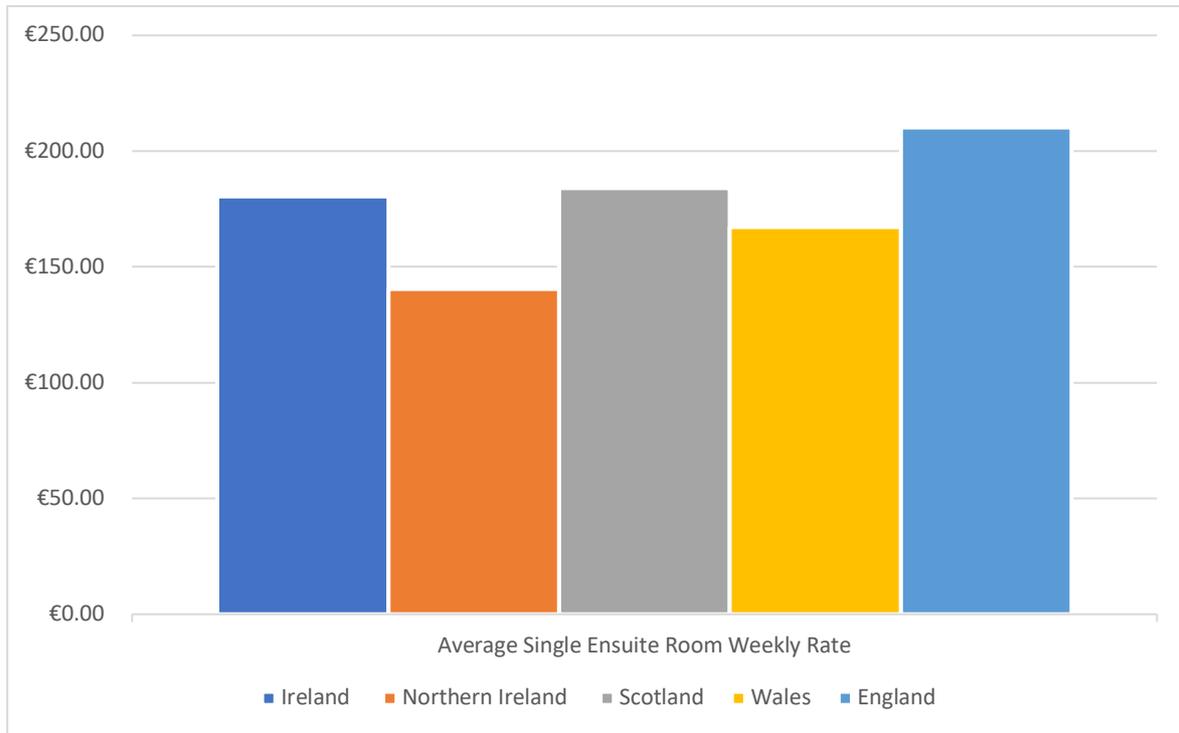


Chart 3 represents the difference in the average weekly rate for a small single en-suite room in each of the five countries studied. Much of the accommodation offered to students in UK is single rooms with shared bathrooms, and therefore the rates for the en-suite rooms are much higher than those with shared bathrooms. In Ireland, single en-suite rooms are much more common in the Universities, and do not come at a huge additional expense.

Chart 4: Overall Average Weekly rate for a Standard Single Bedroom with Shared Bathroom (Based on a 37 week period - in euro)

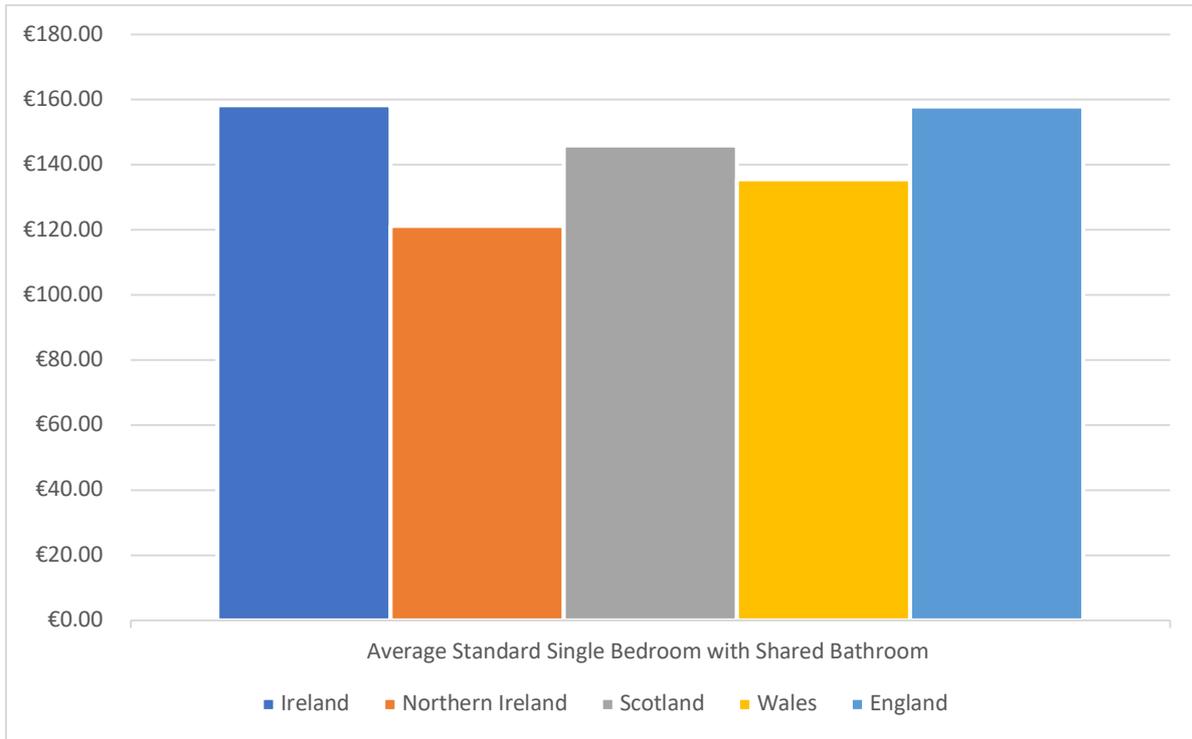


Chart 4 represents the difference in the average weekly rate for a single standard bedroom with a shared bathroom in each of the five countries studied. Here we see how Ireland and England have substantially higher weekly rates than Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland.

Table 2: Most Economical Student Room available (Single Bedroom – Shared Bathroom) - Weekly rate in Euro.

***All rates inclusive of utility bills, except DCU who charge these separately.**

All exchange rates used are 31 March 2022.

University	Rate for Academic Year (37 weeks) in €	Weekly rate in €
Ireland		
Dublin City University	€5,796.00	€156.65
Mary Immaculate College	€4,398.00	€132.38
Maynooth University	€4,488.00	€121.30
NUI Galway	€5,400.00	€145.95
Trinity College Dublin	€6,259.00	€169.16
University College Cork	€5,624.00	€152.00
University College Dublin	€6,728.99	€181.86
University of Limerick	€4,912.00	€132.76
Northern Ireland		
Queens University Belfast £4,070.00	€4,815.18	€130.14
Ulster University £3,552.00	€4,202.34	€113.58
Scotland		
University of Aberdeen £3,330.00	€3,939.69	€106.48
University of Glasgow £4,737.11	€5,604.43	€151.47
Wales		
University of Aberystwyth £3,530.17	€4,176.51	€112.88
Cardiff University £4,551.00	€5,384.24	€147.43
England		
University of London £6,174.56	€7,305.06	€197.43
University of Manchester £4,033.00	€4,771.40	€128.96
University of Sheffield £3,931.62	€4,651.46	€125.72
University of Warwick £3,774.00	€4,464.98	€120.68

Chart 5: Comparison of Single Bedroom – Shared Bathroom Accommodation in Ireland and UK Universities

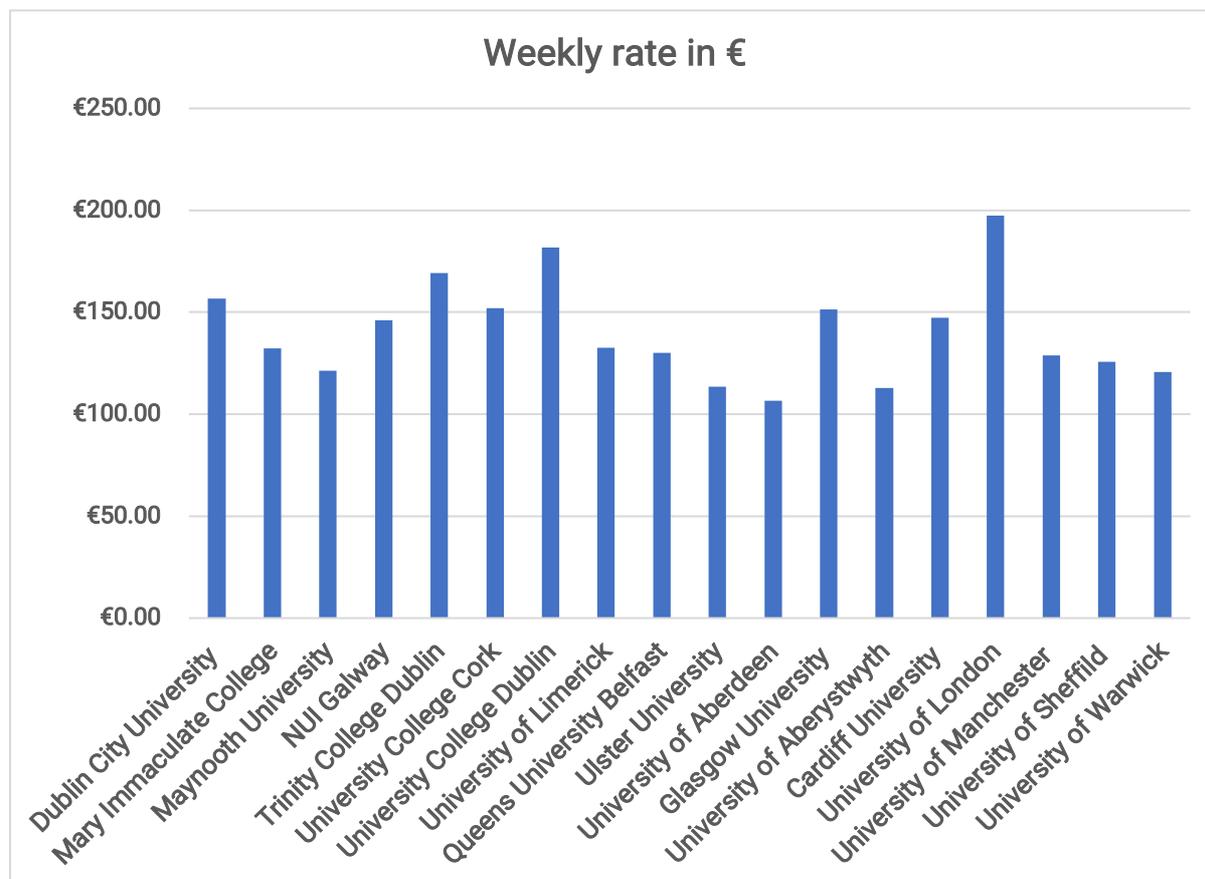


Chart 5 offers an overall comparison of the weekly cost of a single bedroom with a shared bathroom in each of the 14 Universities studied. As expected, the University of London offers the most expensive accommodation rates – with its lowest rate at €197.43 (£166.88) a week for a small single bedroom with a shared bathroom. UCD follows closely with its lowest rate at €181.86 a week.

The most affordable rates can be seen in the University of Aberdeen (€106.48) University of Aberystwyth (€112.88) and University of Ulster (€113.58). The two Northern Irish Universities offer students very affordable rates, costing €130.41 and €113.58 respectively, for this room type, with a range of facilities included.

In Ireland, the most affordable rates are seen in Maynooth University, with the weekly rate €121.30. This room type in NUI Galway costs approximately €145.96 a week, which, in comparison to the other Irish Universities studied is very much average.

However, while these are the lowest rates for this type of accommodation, it is in limited supply, and students are housed in twin-bed rooms with less privacy, and involving a greater income to the University. Thus, a comparison with accommodation type is also necessary. The following table shows the extent and type of each accommodation arrangement.

Table 3: Comparisons of Accommodation type available in Irish Universities

University	Single bedroom shared bathroom	Single en-suite	Twin bedspaces/ double bedroom with shared bathroom	Twin bedspaces / double bedroom with en-suite	Other	Total bed spaces	Approx. Full Time Students
Dublin City University	554 (40%)	531 (38%)	53	264 (19%)	0	1,402	17,500
Mary Immaculate College	69	36	32	0	0	69	5,000
Maynooth University	316 (27%)	834 (73%)	0	0	0	1,150	13,000
NUI Galway	258 (22%)	333 (28%)	386 (32%)	216 (18%)	0	1,193	18,000
Trinity College Dublin	317 (14%)	1,753 (75%)	0	252 (11%)	0	2,322	18,000
University College Cork	119 (8%)	697 (46%)	40 (3%)	664 (44%)	0	1,520	14,400
University College Dublin	1,531 (40%)	1,911 (50%)	0	290 (7%)	60	3,792	33,000
University of Limerick	999 (35%)	1,810 (65%)	0	0	0	2,800	16,500

Table 2 sets out the variation in accommodation types provided by Irish Universities. It is noticeable that University of Limerick provides the most student accommodation, and all of it is single occupancy rooms (similar to Maynooth University). This compares with NUI Galway and UCC which offer 50% and 45% shared occupancy rooms, respectively.

Compared to students numbers relatively more accommodation is provided by UL, TCD, UCD and UCC. The lowest level of provision is undertaken by NUI Galway, although significant new developments are underway.

Chart 6: Comparison of the number of each room type available in Universities in Ireland

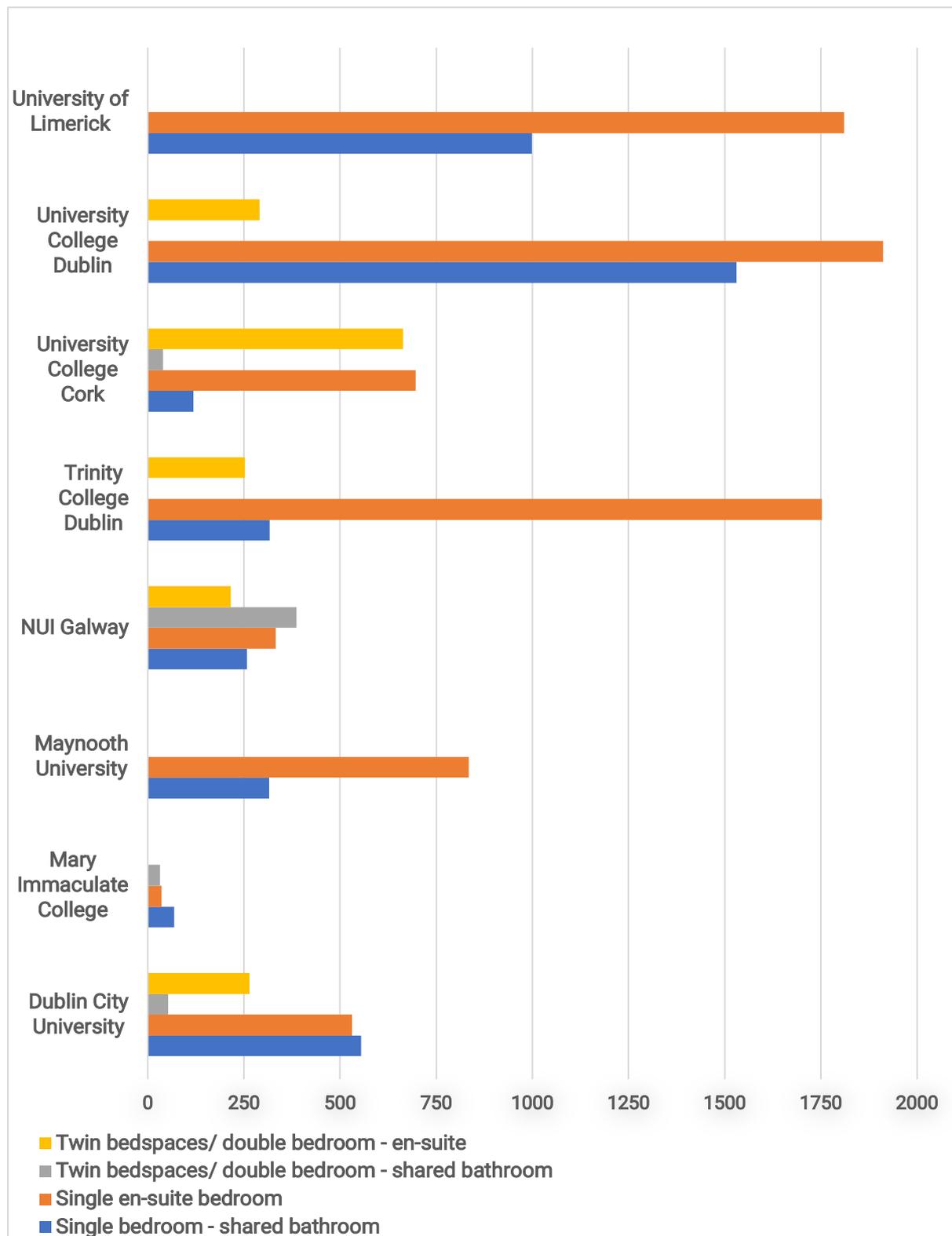


Table 3 and Chart 6 offer a comparison of the number of each room type Irish Universities offer in their campus residences. Table 3 also contains an approximate number of full time students attending each of the Universities.

University College Dublin and the University of Limerick offer a large amount of single bedrooms, both with shared bathrooms and en-suites. UCD also offers a small number of rooms of other types, but the vast majority are single bedrooms. However, as depicted in Chart 7, NUI Galway offers a large number of double and twin bedspaces with over 600 bedspaces of this type – over half the total bedspaces currently provided.

European Universities Student Accommodation (Sample)

Denmark

The University of Southern Denmark

Odense Campus

The University of Southern Denmark Odense campus offers three room types to students attending the University; single bedroom with shared bathroom, double bedroom with shared bathroom and ease of access rooms (which cater to students that require accessible accommodation).

Rates:

Single bedroom shared bathroom (20m²) – Weekly rate 777 DKK (€104.48)

Double bedroom with shared bathroom (35m²) – Weekly rate 1,295.00 DKK (€174.13)

Ease of access bedroom (22m²) – Weekly rate 982.52 DKK (€132.11)

Hungary

Corvinus University, Budapest

The Corvinus University offers 3 dormitory residences; Kinizsi dormitory, Tarkareti dormitory and Foldes Ferenc dormitory. These dormitories contain 2, 3 and 4 bed shared rooms. The residences include a gym, washing facilities, computer room, and study room. There are extra fees for additional services, cultural contribution fees, fee for visitors, security deposit and cleaning fees.

Rates:

Kinizsi dormitory

2 person shared room – weekly rate HUF 7000 (€18.50)

This rate is HUF 2,912.50 (€ weekly for students on state scholarships).

3-4 person shared room – weekly rate HUF 6,625 (€17.51)

This rate is HUF 2,325 (€7.70) weekly for students on state scholarships.

Tarkareti dormitory

3 person shared room – weekly rate HUF 6,625 (€17.51)

This rate is HUF 2,325 (€6.14) weekly for students on state scholarships.

Foldes Ferenc dormitory

2 person shared room – weekly rate HUF 11,250 (€29.73)

This rate is HUF 4,368.75 (€11.55) weekly for students on state scholarships

3-4 person shared room – weekly rate HUF 10,000 (€26.43)

This rate is HUF 4000 (€10.57) weekly for students on state scholarships

The Netherlands

The SSH⁵⁵ is the largest student housing foundation in the Netherlands. It (rents out accommodation to over 19,000 students across six cities in the Netherlands, offering long and short term stays to both Dutch and international students. SSH also has rent allowances available to students which reduces the cost of accommodation for students that qualify (but not for rooms).

⁵⁵ SSH student housing is a foundation providing student accommodation in the Netherlands.

<https://www.sshxl.nl/en>

Utrecht University

Cambridgelaan residence (SSH)

SSH offers over 13,000 accommodation rooms in Utrecht. Cambridgelaan residence offers single bedrooms in four bedroom apartments. The SSH has a maximum rent allowance of €51.00 available on this residence.

Rates: Single bedroom – weekly rate €91.00 (including rental allowance)

*Rate includes all utilities and bills

Groningen University

SSH has 3 residences available to students of Groningen University.

Albertine Agnesplein residence

This residence offers 3-6 person flats with shared kitchen, living area and bathrooms.

Rates: Single bedroom – weekly rate €124.25 - €159.50

Winschoterdiep residence

This residence offers both single and double bedrooms to students. The single bedrooms are between 20m² and 30m², and the double bedrooms are 50m².

Rates: Bedroom – weekly rate €124.25 - €164

Upsilon residence

SSH offers students a number of studio rooms in this residence.

Rates: Studio – weekly rate €155.50

Germany

University of Mannheim

Am Verbindungskanal residence (Studierendenwerk Mannheim)

Studierendenwerk Mannheim has approximately 2,500 rooms available across 17 student halls of residence. The rates for these residences are between €60.00 and €100.00 weekly, depending on the residence and room type.

Rates: Single bedroom – weekly rate €60 – €73.75

University of Hamburg

Berliner Tor residence (Studierendenwerk Hamburg)

Studierendenwerk Hamburg offers 26 housing options to approximately 4,400 students attending the University of Hamburg. Berliner Tor residence can accommodate 232 students in 3 or 4 bedroom apartments. Each apartment contains 3 or 4 single bedrooms, kitchen/living area and shared bathrooms. The complex also has a common room, washing facilities, a bicycle repair shop and car park.

Rates: Single bedroom – weekly rate €81.75 – €99.75.

*Rate includes all utilities and bills.

Belgium

University of Leuven (KU Leuven)

KU Leuven offer a number a range of accommodation types to students. The majority of the residences in the University of Leuven are arranged in halls of residence accommodating between 40-200 students in halls with shared kitchens, bathrooms, common areas. KU Leuven also offers subsidised housing in which the individual students family income determine the rent. The subsidised weekly rate ranges between €32.75 and €81.50 and is determined on a student by student basis.

The American College residence (Non-subsidised housing)

The American College residence is an affordable residence of KU Leuven. This residence offers single, double and studio rooms to approximately 180 students.

Rates:

Single bedroom (8m² - 9m²) – weekly rate €92.25 – €109.75

Single bedroom (9m² - 10m²) – weekly rate €95.25

Double bedroom (2 persons) – weekly rate 65.50 per person sharing

Double bedroom (single occupancy) – weekly rate €119.75

Studio – weekly rate €150.00 - €175.00

*All rates include utilities and bills.

Spain

University of Valencia

The University of Valencia has two University owned Halls of Residence. These are “Rector Peset” Halls and “Damia Bonet” Halls. The “Rector Peset” Halls offer rooms at a full board capacity to students, whereas the “Damia Bonet” Halls offers both self-catering and full board options.

Damia Bonet Halls of Residence

This residence offers single and twin studios to over 440 students attending the University of Valencia. The residence also includes a cafeteria, restaurant, study rooms, common rooms, laundry facilities and parking.

Rates:

Single studio with private kitchen – weekly rate €139.00

Single studio with shared kitchen – weekly rate €139.00

Twin studio with kitchen – weekly rate €100.50 (based on full academic year stay).

*All rates include utilities and bills

Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona

UPF has two halls of residence available to students attending the University, La Ciutadella Residence and Campus del Mar Residence.

*The rates for the UPF halls of residence do not include bills.

La Ciutadella Residence

This residence offers three room types to students attending UPF; single studios with private kitchen, single studio with shared kitchen and twin occupancy studios. This residence also includes a gym, games room, recreational room, study rooms and outdoor terrace.

Rates:

Single studio (private or shared kitchen) – weekly rate €118.25

Twin occupancy studio – weekly rate €88.13 (based on full academic year stay)

Campus del Mar Residence

This residence offers single studios to students attending UPF. This residence also includes a games room, TV room, study rooms and gym.

Rates:

Single studio with kitchen – weekly rate €118.25 (based on full academic year stay).

*The rates for Pompeu Fabra University residences does not include bills.

Portugal

University of Lisbon

The University of Lisbon has 16 residences accommodating 1,017 students.

Rates:

Single bedroom – weekly rate €100.00

Twin bedroom – weekly rate €68.00

Apartment A – weekly rate €228.00

Apartment B – weekly rate €251.00

*All rates include utilities and bills.

Table 4: Comparison of Single Room – Shared Bathroom or Most Economical Bedroom available in each of the Universities studied across Ireland, the UK and Europe (sample)

University	Room Type	Weekly Rate in €
Ireland		
Dublin City University	Single bedroom - shared bathroom	€156.65
Mary Immaculate College	Single bedroom - shared bathroom	€132.38
Maynooth University	Single bedroom - shared bathroom	€121.30
NUI Galway	Single bedroom - shared bathroom	€145.95
Trinity College Dublin	Single bedroom - shared bathroom	€169.16
University College Cork	Single bedroom - shared bathroom	€152.00
University College Dublin	Single bedroom - shared bathroom	€181.86
University of Limerick	Single bedroom - shared bathroom	€132.76
Northern Ireland		
Queens University Belfast	Single bedroom - shared bathroom	€130.14
Ulster University	Single bedroom - shared bathroom	€113.58
Scotland		
University of Aberdeen	Single bedroom - shared bathroom	€106.48
University of Glasgow	Single bedroom - shared bathroom	€151.47
Wales		
University of Aberystwyth	Single bedroom - shared bathroom	€112.88
Cardiff University	Single bedroom - shared bathroom	€147.43
England		
University of London	Single bedroom - shared bathroom	€197.43
University of Manchester	Single bedroom - shared bathroom	€128.96
University of Sheffield	Single bedroom - shared bathroom	€125.72
University of Warwick	Single bedroom - shared bathroom	€120.68
Europe		
University of Southern Denmark	Single bedroom	€104.48
Corvinus University Budapest, Hungary	3-4 person room	€17.51
Utrecht University, Netherlands (SSH)	Single bedroom	€91.00
Groningen University, Netherlands (SSH)	Single bedroom	€124.25
University of Mannheim, Germany	Single bedroom	€60.00
University of Hamburg, Germany	Single bedroom	€81.75
University of Leuven, Belgium	Single bedroom	€92.25
University of Valencia, Spain	Single Studio	€139.00
Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain	Single Studio	€118.25
University of Lisbon, Portugal	Single bedroom	€100.00

*All Irish and UK Universities rates include utility bills, except DCU.

*Some European Universities rates include bills and some charge as a separate cost.

Chart 7: Comparison of Single Room – Shared Bathroom Accommodation Rates across Ireland, the UK and Europe (sample).

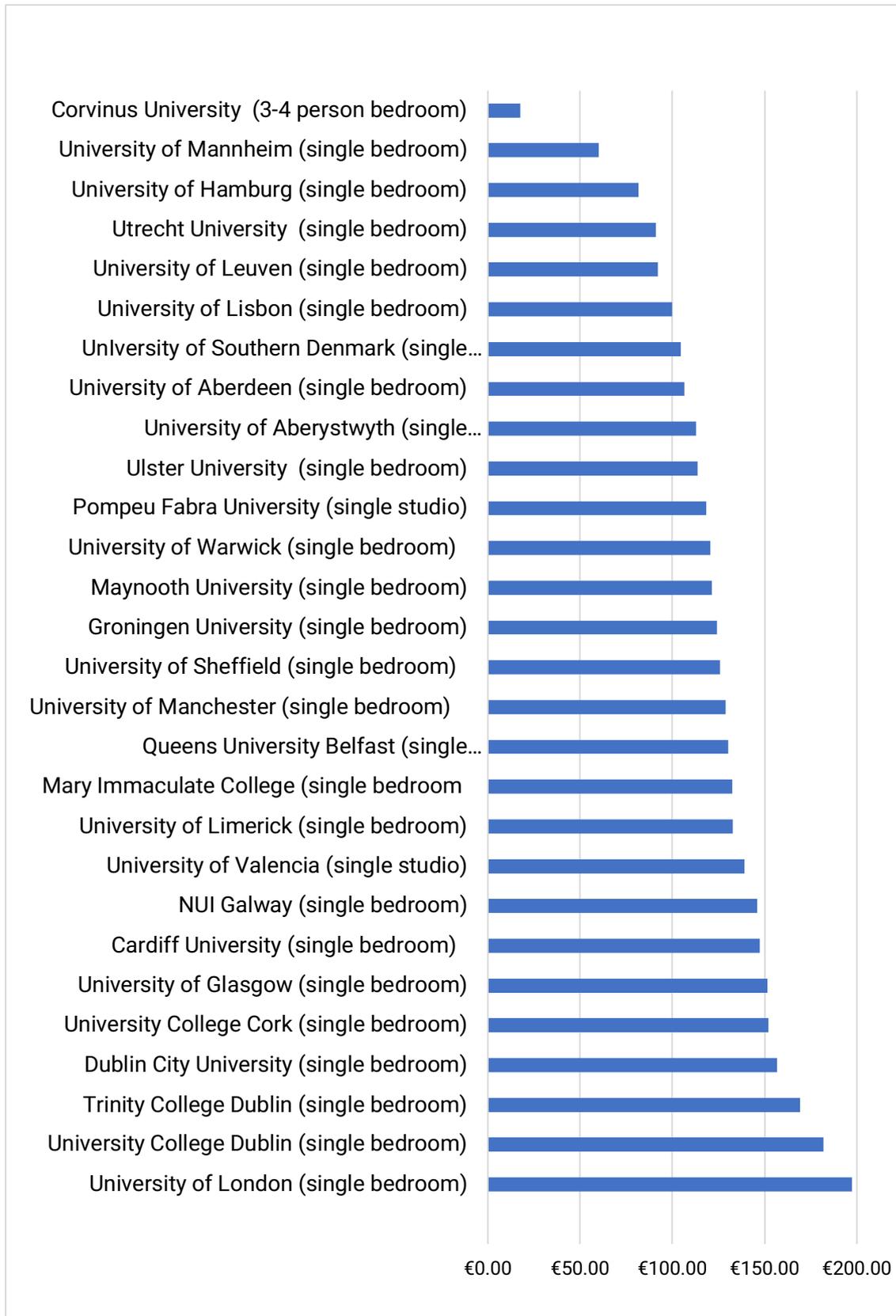


Table 4 and Chart 7 represent the comparisons of rates for a single room with shared bathroom. The average weekly rate in University provided student accommodation in Europe is under €100.00 for a single bedroom. The most expensive room can be found in the University of London, where the lowest cost standard single bedroom is available for €197.43 weekly.

From Chart 7, we can see that UCD, TCD, DCU and UCC charge €150 per week or more, ranking second, third, fourth and fifth highest in the sample of University accommodation examined.

Conclusion

This Report seeks to shed some light on the nature of accommodation offered and rates charged by Irish and other Universities for their PBSA. There is a great variety in the nature, extent and affordability of the accommodation offered. The Report provides social and legal context of the Irish provision, as well as comparisons with a range of UK and EU Member State University accommodation. From these comparisons, we have found that the student accommodation offered by the Irish Universities is relatively costly, while the Northern Irish Universities offer the most affordable accommodation to their students.

In Scotland, Wales and England the rates vary between each University, but, for the most part, are slightly lower than the Irish Universities studied, However, the University of Glasgow and the University of London charge substantially more than other UK Universities.

In relation to accessible accommodation, each University claimed to offer accessible room types to its students with disabilities. However, in many of the Universities these bedspaces are very limited, and each case is assessed on a case-by-case basis. It is unclear whether there is sufficient provision for all applicants and further research is needed in this area.

Overall, while the most economical costs for single occupancy room with a shared bathroom, is a valuable indicator of comparative and affordable costs, this must be seen in the context of the extent of this type of accommodation available. It is only available to a majority of students in some Universities, and just half of students at NUI Galway and UCC.

Indeed, the cost and extent of accommodation offered is an issue of major concern to Students Unions and prospective students. The shortage and the cost are acting as a barrier to full participation at third level education for many potential students from less wealthy backgrounds, and students with disabilities, as well as some international students. It is also contributing to the development of high cost private tax relief driven, investor-led PBSA developments, which are driving higher rents and lowering space and accommodation standards. These large scale developments, which providing a long term return for their overseas pension fund investors have an inordinate impact on raising 'market' rents, setting the standard for other providers, including Universities.

PBSA or student-specific housing systems are socially constructed, and embedded in a specific and historical political and regulatory context. But it is possible to advocate for low-cost, socially inclusive, disability friendly, digitally advanced student housing. Access to affordable and good quality University PBSA is a significant public interest issue, and one which will be highlighted as the new Technological Universities begin to provide PBSA.

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