

2022 Cost and Census Report



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**Fraternity, Sorority
and Cooperative Life**

Housing Capacity

There are a total of 64 housed groups at Purdue University between the Interfraternity Council, Purdue Cooperative Council, and Panhellenic Association. Each year, these facilities are inspected by local fire departments for safety and max capacity. Below is the occupancy to the capacity ratio for IFC fraternities, PHA sororities, and cooperatives from Fall 2022. MGC and NPHC organizations do not currently own or operate chapter facilities and have been excluded from this section of the report.

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

IFC Fraternities: 36 of 42 groups are currently housed.

Fraternities	Occupancy	Capacity	Occupancy %
Fall 2013	1648	2315	71.2%
Fall 2014	1581	2313	68.4%
Fall 2015	1611	2259	71.3%
Fall 2016	1647 [^]	2315 [`]	74.9%
Fall 2017	1582	2324	68%
Fall 2018	1591 [^]	2061 [`]	77%
Fall 2019	1504	2065	73%
Fall 2020*	1226	1879	65%
Fall 2021	1524	2173	90%
Fall 2022	1581	2213	71%

PHA Sororities: 19 of 21 groups are currently housed.

Sororities	Occupancy	Capacity	Occupancy %
Fall 2013	1333	1422	93.7%
Fall 2014	1339	1408	95.1%
Fall 2015	1263	1421	88.9%
Fall 2016	1369 [^]	1482 [`]	92.4%
Fall 2017	1200	1410	89%
Fall 2018	1368 [^]	1482 [*]	92%
Fall 2019	1323	1482	89%
Fall 2020*	938	1244	75%
Fall 2021	1214	1465	83%
Fall 2022	1325	1465	90%

Cooperatives: 11 of 11 groups are currently housed

Cooperatives	Occupancy	Capacity	Occupancy %
Fall 2013	389	432	90.0%
Fall 2014	389	432	90.0%
Fall 2015	407	432	94.2%
Fall 2016	413 [^]	432 [`]	95.6%
Fall 2017	414	437	95%
Fall 2018	420 [^]	455 [`]	92%
Fall 2019	353	380	93%
Fall 2020*	315	347	91%
Fall 2021	351	379	93%
Fall 2022	349	379	92%

[^] Total number of residents from PUF and WLF inspections and Chapter / House Reporting to FSCL

[`] Capacity cited in PUF and WLF inspections

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

Dues and Fees by Council

Multicultural Greek Council

There are 9 active Multicultural Greek Council chapters at Purdue University at the time of data collection. This council is comprised of organizations founded traditionally, though not exclusively in the Latinx, Asian/ Asian American/ Pacific Islander, LGBTQ+, and Multicultural traditions. The following data represents information from these groups.

Total Member Fees/ Semester	\$142 per semester
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Most organizations offer payment plans for members, with smaller monthly payments instead of a lump sum payment at the beginning of the semester. Chapters also offer scholarships which can be applied to the cost of membership or registration for regional or national conferences.

National Pan-Hellenic Council

There are 7 active National Pan-Hellenic Council chapters at Purdue University as of the Fall of 2022. These organizations are historically, though not exclusively, African American and celebrate Black culture through service, civic engagement, and traditions. The following data represents information from those groups.

Total Dues/Fees Each Semester	New Member Fee
High: \$1000	High: \$2000
Low: \$0	Low: \$0
Median: \$200	Median: \$1,100
Average: \$313	Average: \$1,041

All NPHC chapters are currently unhoused at Purdue.

Purdue Cooperative Council

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

New Member Fee	Total Membership Cost/ Semester	Security Deposit	Average # Meals/ Week
High: \$2,175	High: \$2600	High: \$480	Breakfast: 2
Low: \$0	Low: \$1,460	Low: \$0	Lunch: 5
Median: \$0	Median: \$1,800	Median: \$214	Dinner: 4
Average: \$207	Average: \$1,885	Average: \$200	Weekends: Food available, no formal service

The majority of cooperative houses have members live-in from the beginning of their new member semester through graduation. Some exceptions include live-out status for student teaching, co-op, and/or internship experiences; allowing a certain number of members to live out (ranges from 0-10 members); and voting out members who do not uphold expectations of membership. The average number of members who can live is 32.

All cooperatives have new members sign housing contracts during the spring semester for the coming year; most returning members' contracts are renewed along the same timeline. Deposits range from \$0 to \$480 paid during the member's first semester in the facility. Amenities all cooperative respondents have include internet, in-house laundry, and meals. Other common amenities include basic cable and parking at the facility.

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

Interfraternity Council

There are 41 active Interfraternity Council chapters at Purdue University at the time of data collection. The following data represents information from 38 of those groups. The first table outlines typical costs associated with membership, including semester-dues and one-time fees. The second table highlights costs associated with living in a chapter facility. The third table breaks down overall costs of membership by status- out-of-house, new member, and in-house/initiated member.

Dues*	New Member Fee	Initiation Fee	Total Dues & Fees/ Semester*
High: \$1,500	High: \$1,200	High: \$488	High: \$1,250
Low: \$0	Low: \$247	Low: \$0	Low: \$0
Median: \$570	Median: \$400	Median: \$25	Median: \$650
Average: \$693	Average: \$468	Average: \$123	Average: \$812

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

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

Room & Board Costs/ Semester	Deposit	Average # Breakfasts	Average # Lunches	Average # Dinners
High: \$6,250	High: \$1,000	Live-in: 2	Live-in: 5	Live-in: 5
Low: \$1,250	Low: \$0			
Median: \$4,830	Median: \$450	Live-out: 0	Live-out: 1	Live-out: 1
Average: \$4,485	Average: \$434			

Most housed groups offer comparable amenities to Purdue University Residences, including internet, laundry facilities, cable or satellite, and parking. The average facility currently houses 43 members, with is comfortable housing as many as 95. Information shared about total capacity indicates these chapters could house, on average, as many as 51. Most contracts for living in a facility are signed by members the semester immediately before occupying the house, with some as early as November or as late as mid-summer.

Total Out-of-House Costs/ Semester			
High: \$1,061	Low: \$0	Median: \$286	Average: \$550
Total New Member Costs/ First Semester			
High: \$800	Low: \$0	Median: \$260	Average: \$359
Total In- House Costs/ Semester			
High: \$9,775	Low: \$2,445	Median: \$4,700	Average: \$4,500

Panhellenic Association

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

Dues*	New Member Fee	Parlor Fee	Initiation Fee	Total Dues & Fees/ Semester*
High: \$1,010	High: \$400	High: \$1440	High: \$212	High: \$2,004
Low: \$196	Low: \$0	Low: \$0	Low: \$0	Low: \$203
Median: \$523	Median: \$65	Median: \$46	Median: \$157	Median: \$703
Average: \$642	Average: \$135	Average: \$200	Average: \$131.31	Average: \$766

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

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

Room & Board Costs/ Semester	Deposit	Average # Breakfasts	Average # Lunches	Average # Dinners
High: \$5,399	High: \$1000	Live-in: 2	Live-in: 5	Live-in: 5
Low: \$0	Low: \$0			
Median: \$565	Median: \$275	Live-out: 0	Live-out: 1	Live-out: 1
Average: \$1,752.63	Average: \$325			

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

Total Out-of-House Costs/ Semester			
High: \$1,814	Low: \$300	Median: \$920	Average: \$830
Total New Member Costs/ First Semester			
High: \$1,340	Low: \$400	Median: \$1,176	Average: \$1,136
Total In- House Costs/ Semester			
High: \$6,584.50	Low: \$0	Median: \$5,620	Average: \$5,530