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# Housing Report 2023 / 2024



## **Housing Survey Responses Report 2023**

**This report is based on the housing experience surveys conducted in November/December 2023 and written in January/February 2024.**

### ***Introduction***

In November and December 2023, the Student Union Housing Volunteer Officer, the Student Union, and the Stirling Solidarity Space conducted a survey of student's housing experiences in both student purpose-built housing and private rentals. Two separate surveys were conducted, and this report has combined the results of both to provide an understanding of the housing situation for students in Stirling. A total of 354 survey responses were recorded – 139 respondents for Private Rentals and 215 respondents for Purpose-Built Student Accommodation (PBSA). This report is written with the purpose of being published and should thus be treated as an official report. The respondents have given consent for data use by the Student Union and/or the Stirling Solidarity Space, to further the housing campaign with the knowledge that data analysis may be published or shared with the university, the press, or other media in this endeavour. All individual answers remain anonymous. This report will be structured by going through the results for both surveys together and explaining the results.

## Survey Questions and Results

*Do you give consent for this data to be used by the Student Union and/or the Stirling Solidarity Space to further the housing campaign? Data figures and numbers developed by this survey may be published or shared with the university, the press, or other media in this endeavour. Your individual answer will remain anonymous. (question 1)*

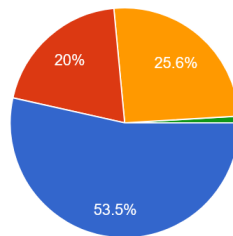
The first question was for consent as explained in the introduction. Agreeing to these conditions was a requirement for the completion of the survey, therefore 100% of respondents answered yes for this question.

*Where are you from? - answer based on your fees (question2)*

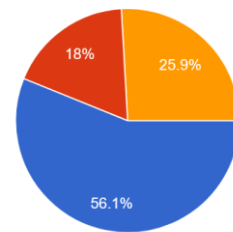
The majority of respondents (54.5%) were either Scottish or had EU settlement (pre-settled or settled) for the purposes of their fees and therefore have their tuition fees covered by SAAS as undergraduates - 56.1% of Private Renting Students and 53.5% of Students in PBSAs. 20% of students in PBSAs and 18% of Private Renting Students were English, Northern Irish, or Welsh for the purposes of their fees. 25% of Private Renting Students and 25.6% of students in PBSA's were international students and paid international fees. 0.9% of students in PBSAs did not wish to answer, and no one in Private Rentals chose that as their answer. (25.7% English, Northern Irish, or Welsh for the purposes of their fees and 19.2% international students)



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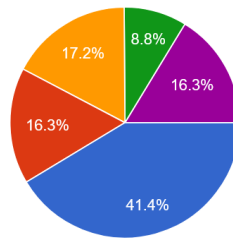
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*What year of study are you in? (question 3)*

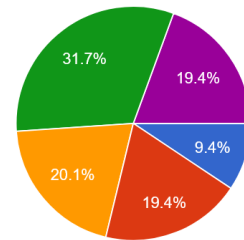
This question sought to see the demographic of respondents and ensure that new students as well as students who have been here the last few years were both being represented. Additionally, this question was asked to understand the background of the respondents to measure the level of subjectivity in some of the later questions as someone in their first year would unlikely be aware of the rent increases in the last few years but someone in their fourth year may be much more aware of that. Overall, the results were as follows: 28.8% were in their first year, 17.5% in their second, 18.4% in their third, 17.8% in their fourth year, and 17.5% either postgraduates or further in their studies. In PBSAs 41.1% of respondents were in their 1<sup>st</sup> year, 16.3% in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year, 17.2% in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year, 8.8% in their 4<sup>th</sup> year, and 16.3% were either Postgraduate or further in their studies. The private renting survey found that 9.4% of students were in their 1<sup>st</sup> year, 19.4% in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year, 20.1% in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year, 31.7% in their 4<sup>th</sup> year, and 19.4% were either Postgraduates or further in their studies.



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Legend: blue - 1<sup>st</sup> year; red - 2nd year; orange - 3rd year; green - 4<sup>th</sup> year; purple - postgraduate or further in their studies

**- At this point the questions will differ slightly. This is because for PBSA's some questions do not need to be asked but for Private Residencies they do.**

*Where do you live? (question 4)*

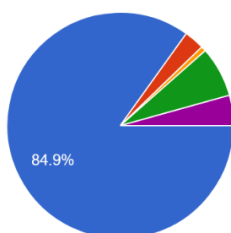
The results of this question needed to be separated as students living in student housing will be under a common law agreement whereas students living out-with student housing may be under a common law, private rental agreement, assured tenancies, or other.

*- Purpose-Built Student Accommodation's (henceforth PBSA) – Where do you reside?*

This question sought to gain a statistical data set on where students are living that answered the survey. The options were Alangrange, Alexander Court, Alexander Court (Family Flat), Alexander Court Townhouses, Andrew Stewart Hall (ASH), Beech Court, Beech Court (Studio Flats), Fraser House, Friarscroft, HH Donnelly House, John Forty's Court, Juniper Court, Juniper Court (Studio Flats), Lyon Crescent, Muirhead House, Polwarth House, Spittal Hill, Thistle Chambers, Union/Bayne Street, Willow Court, Willow Court (Studio Flats), Riverside Quay, Centro House, Carter's Yard, and "other". All of the options were chosen at least once.

*- Private Residencies– What type of residency are you in?*

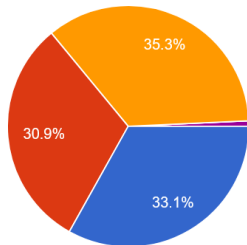
This question sought to gain a statistic on the type of residency students are living in. The majority of respondents (84.9%) lived under a Private Residential Tenancy. 2.9% said they were in Council Housing or a Secure Tenancy and 0.7% said they were under Common Law Tenancy. Significantly, 4.3% of respondents said that they did not have their own home. Under this section of the survey, it is unclear the circumstances under which they do not own their home as they could be homeless or living at home. 7.2% said they were unsure and thus most likely to be under a Private Residential Tenancy as well but are possibly under the category of not having their own home.



Legend: blue – Private Residential Tenancy; red – Council Housing/Secure Tenancy; orange – Common Law Tenancy; green - unsure; purple – I do not have my own home

### *Question 5 for Private Residencies – How long have you lived in your flat?*

This question was asked because in the last few years the housing costs in Stirling have increased and thus rent prices may differ depending on how long a person has been in the same flat. The answers to this question were evenly split with one person saying they did not have a home (0.7%) and the rest divided in approximate thirds. Approximately a third of respondents said that they had just moved in (33.1%), 30.9% answering that they had lived in the same flat for less than one year, and 35.3% answering that they had lived in the same flat for more than one year. There were no responses for “I do not wish to answer”.



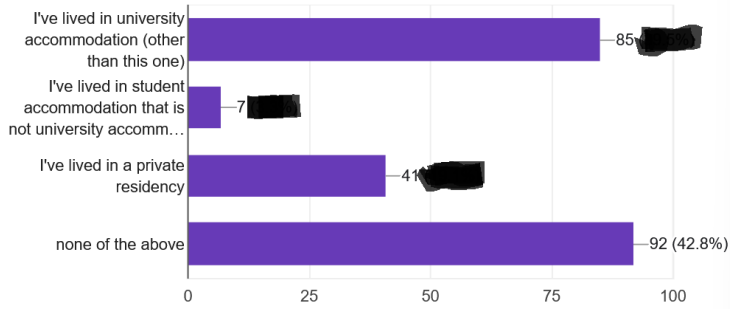
Legend: blue – I just moved in (up to 3 months); red – less than 1 year; orange – more than 1 year; green – I do not wish to answer; purple – I do not have a home

### *Where did you live before? – tick all that apply (question 6 for Private Residencies; question 5 for PBSA’s)*

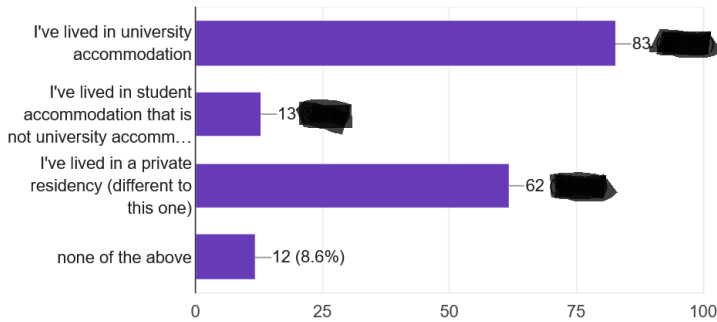
This question was asked to understand the background of the respondents to measure the level of subjectivity in some of the later questions. Based on where they lived before, the variety of or lack thereof, could make a person more or less aware of the rent increases which can be important when they are later asked on their opinion of affordability. If the respondent has answered that they have lived somewhere else (in Stirling) before their current one, then they would likely have knowledge of the differences in rent prices between last year and this academic year (2023/2024). As such they would be more likely to answer that their rent was unaffordable than someone who has only just moved to Stirling. Effectively, this question was asked for similar reasons to *Question 2*.

This question allowed the respondents to tick multiple answers and as such the answers cannot be measured in percentages but only in numbers. The exception to this are those who answered “none of the above” as this means they had never lived in another place before or that they had previously lived at home. In the PBSA survey the majority of responses (42.8%) chose this option whereas in the Private Residencies survey only 8.6% answered this. This is understandable as the majority of respondents to the PBSA survey were in their first year of study (41.6%) whereas only 9.5% of respondents to the Private Residencies survey were in their first year.

For Private Residencies, the majority of respondents (83 respondents) answered ticked that they had lived in university accommodation previously. This is logical as it is common for first year students to live in university accommodation and the majority of respondents to this survey were in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year or above. 62 respondents ticked that they had lived in a private residency different to the one that they were currently in and 13 said that they had lived in a non-university PBSA. For PBSAs, 85 respondents ticked the box that they’d lived in university accommodation other than the one they are currently in. 41 respondents said that they’d lived in a private residency and 7 had lived in non-university accommodation.



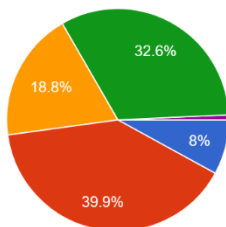
→ PBSA students



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### *Do you live alone or with other people? (question 7 for Private Residencies)*

This question was meant to help approximate whether students are paying rent for the entire flat or only their room. If the majority of students answered that they lived alone, then a higher average rent would be more understandable. However, as shown by these results, only 8% of respondents said they lived alone. This means that the rent analysed below is paid by individuals whereas a high majority of respondents live with one or more people. 39.9% answered that they lived with one other person, 18.8% said they lived with two other people, and 32.6% said they lived with three or more other people.



Legend: blue – alone; red – with 1 other person; orange – with 2 other people; green – with 3 or more other people; purple – I do not wish to answer

***- At this point the questions are again the same for both surveys, however they will not have the same question number. This is because of the differences in questions previously.***

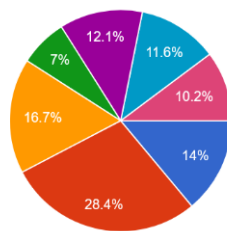
*On average, how much do you spend a month on rent? (not the flat's price but your rent) (question 8 for Private Residencies; question 6 for PBSA's)*

This question sought to inquire on the current rent prices in Stirling, both in the private sector and PBSAs. Regarding the private sector, the majority of students answered that they paid £400 or more per month and only 18% paying £300 or more but less than £400 per month. 46.8% said they paid

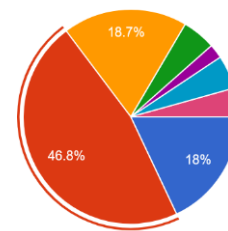
£400 or more but less than £500, 18.7% between £500 and £600, 5% between £600 and £700, 2.2% between £700 and £800 and 5% paid £800 or more. Only 4.3% state that they did not wish to answer this question. Regarding PBSAs the responses are more evenly distributed. Like in the private sector, the majority said that they paid £400 or more per month. 14% said they paid between £300 and £400, 28.4% between £400 and £500, 16.7% between £500 and £600, 7% between £600 and £700, 12.1% between £700 and £800, and 11.6% said they paid £800 or more. 10.2% stated that they did not wish to answer. Overall, this means that only 15.5% of all respondents paid between £300 and £400 per month and 84.42% of all respondents paid at least £400 per month. Broken down: 35.6% of all respondents paid between £400 and £500 per month, 17.5% paid between £500 and £600, 6.2% paid between £600 and £700, 8.2% paid between £700 and £800, and 9% paid at least £800 per month. Only 7.9% of total respondents chose the “I do not wish to answer” option.



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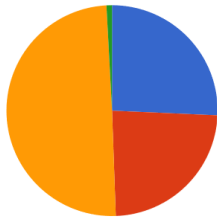
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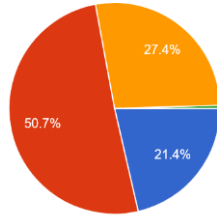
*Do you feel your flat/accommodation/housing is affordable? (question 9 for Private Residencies; question 7 for PBSA’s)*

This question was an opinion question and therefore highly subjective. 50% of respondents did not think that their flat/accommodation/housing was affordable and only 26% said that it was. 23.7% of respondents were unsure and 0.08% did not wish to answer. The overall result of this is unsurprising considering the amount of rent that students are paying. Additionally, based on the answers to the previous questions regarding where they had lived before and what year of study they were in, most respondents would be aware of the amount rent has increased during their time at the university.

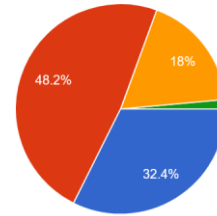
The broken-down results are as follows: for PBSAs 50,7% of students said their housing was unaffordable, 27.4% were unsure if they thought it was or was not affordable and only 21.4% said that it was. One person did not wish to answer. For Private Residencies, 48.2% of students said their housing was unaffordable, 32.4% said that it was and 18% were unsure on their opinion. Only 2 did not wish to answer. These results also make sense as students in the private sector are more likely to have lived in another residency before and were less likely to be in their first year of study that would make them more aware of the rent increases in the last few years. Additionally, students in the private sector are more likely to have lived in the same flat for a longer period of time and as such have a milder rent increase (due to the rent cap and other restrictions) than in the PBSA’s where the contract is for one year at a time.



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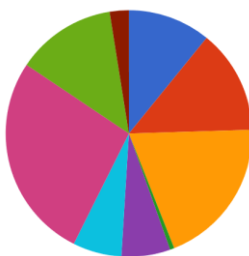
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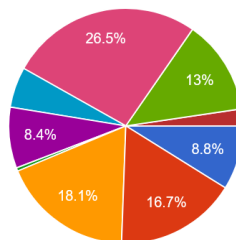
*How do you pay your rent? (question 10 for Private Residencies; question 8 for PBSA's)*

This question sought to understand the financial well-being of students based on what they do to pay their rent. The answers given showed a variety. The majority of students (27.4%) answered that they funded themselves and/or their parents supported them in paying rent. 11% of students answered that they worked to afford their rent while 14% used SAAS and 6.5% received other government funding to pay their rent; 20% of students used SAAS and worked part-time to pay their rent but only 0.05% needed to work full-time on top of SAAS. 6.5% answered that they received government funding other than SAAS and also worked part-time/full-time. Additionally, 13.3% fund themselves or their parents support them and they have loans. Only 3% answered that they did not wish to answer.

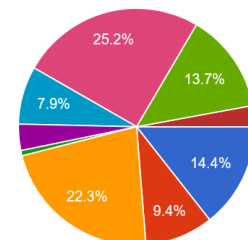
The broken-down results are as follows: for PBSAs 8.8% said that they work to afford it, 16.7% said they founded SAAS, 18.1% said they SAAS and work part-time, 0.5% said they had SAAS and work full-time, 8.4% said they had other government funding, 5.6% said they had other government funding and worked part-time/full-time, 26.5% said they fund themselves/their parents support them, and 13% funded themselves/their parents support them and had loans. Only 2.3% said they did not wish to answer. The Private Residencies survey found that 14.4% worked to afford their rent, 9.4% received SAAS, 22.3% received SAAS and worked part-time, 0.7% received SAAS and worked full-time, 3.6% had other government funding, 7.9% had other government funding and worked part-time/full-time, 25.2% fund themselves/parents support them, and 13.7% fund themselves/parents support them and they have loans. Only 2.9% said they did not wish to answer.



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Legend: blue – I work to afford it; red – SAAS; orange - SAAS and work part-time; green – SAAS and work full-time; purple - other government funding; light blue - other government funding and work part-time/full-time; pink - I fund myself/my parents support me; light green – I fund myself/my parents support me and I have loans; dark red - I do not wish to answer



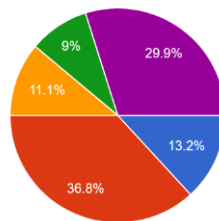
*If you work part-time/full-time, how many hours of work do you do to support yourself?  
(question 11 for Private Residencies; question 9 for PBSA's)*

This question sought to determine how much students work in order to support themselves. For this question, there were only 248 responses total: 144 for PBSAs and 104 for Private Residencies. 42% of all respondents answered that they worked between 10 and 20 hours per month, 13% answered that they worked more than 20 hours per month, 11.3% said that they needed to work more than 20 hours but due to visa requirements were restricted, and 11.7% said that they worked less than 10 hours per month. Only 22% said that they did not wish to answer. It is striking that 11.3% overall said that they needed to but could not work more than 20 hours a month. It is additionally striking that the majority of students work between 10 and 20 hours per month. This means that 66.3% of students work more than 10 hours per month whilst doing a full-time degree.

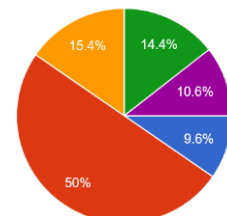
The broken-down results are as follows: for PBSAs 36.8% of respondents said that they worked between 10 and 20 hours per month, 13.2% worked less than 10 hours, 11.1% worked between more than 20 hours, and 9% needed to work more than 20 hours but due to visa restrictions could not. 29.9% did not wish to answer. For Private Residencies 9.6% of respondents said that they worked less than 10 hours, 50% said they worked between 10 and 20 hours, 15.4% worked more than 20 hours, 14.4% needed to work more than 20 hours but due to visa restrictions could not. Only 10.6% did not wish to answer.



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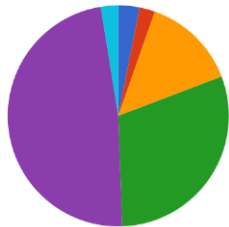
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*Have you ever been unable to pay your rent? (question 12 for Private Residencies; question 10 for PBSA's)*

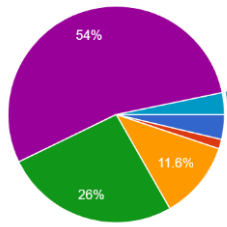
This question sought to understand the financial well-being of students based on whether they have ever missed rent payments or struggled to pay their rent. This is partly subjective as some students may not be willing to admit to struggling to pay their rent. The aim of the answer choices was to make it easier for students to admit to struggling by giving differing options. As such, the majority of respondents (48%) said that they had never been unable to pay their rent. 3% said that they consistently pay their rent late or miss months, 2% said that they had missed a month's rent before, 14% said that they had paid their rent late before, and 30% had struggled to pay their rent but never paid it late. 3% did not wish to answer. This is striking as this means that 49% of students have struggled with their rent.

The broken-down results are as follows: for PBSAs 54% of students have never been unable to pay their rent and 3.3% did not wish to answer. That being said, strikingly, 3.7% admitted to have consistently paid their rent late or missed months, 1.4% admitted to missing month's rent before,

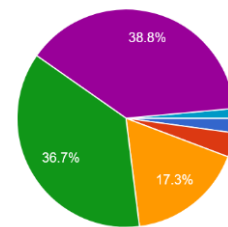
11.6% said they had paid their rent late before, and 26% have struggled to pay their rent but have never been late paying it. For Private Residencies 38.8% of students have never been unable to pay their rent and 1.4% did not wish to answer. 2.2% of students consistently pay their rent late or miss months, 3.6% of students have missed a month's rent before, 17.3% have paid their rent late before, and 36.7% have struggled to pay their rent but have never been late paying it. This means that for Private Residencies, the majority of students (59.8%) have struggled to pay their rent.



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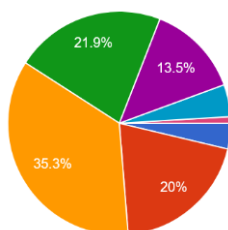


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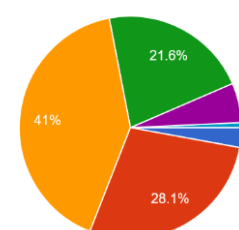
Legend: blue – Yes, I consistently pay my rent late or miss months; red – Yes, I have missed a month's rent before; orange – Yes, I have paid my rent late before; green – I have struggled to pay my rent but have never been late paying it; purple – No; light blue – I do not wish to answer

*On average, how much do you spend a month on household bills? i.e. electricity, wifi, food, transport costs, etc. (question 13 for Private Residencies; question 11 for PBSA's but excluding electricity and wifi because these are included in their rent)*

The results of this survey will be dealt with separately as rent in PBSA's tend to include electricity and gas bills whereas the private sector do not tend to. As such, the following was found. Students in PBSA's the majority of students (35.3%) paid between £101 and £200 per month. 21.9% paid between £201 and £300, 20% paid between £51 and £100, 13.5% paid £301 or more, and 3.7% paid less than £50. 4.7% of students did not know and 0.9% did not wish to answer. It is striking that while students living in PBSAs have their bills included in the rent, the majority of students still paid between £101 and £200 per month in commodities and that 70.7% of students pay at least £101 per month. The majority of students (41%) living in the private sector paid between £101 and £200 per month. 28.1% of students paid between £51 and £100, 21.6% paid £301 or more, and 2.9% paid £50 or less. 5.8% of students did not know and 0.7% did not wish to answer. This means that 47.5% of students pay at least £101 per month in bills and other commodities and only 31.7% pay less than £101 per month. However, there is a flaw in this survey as it missed the option of £201-£300 in the Private Renting Students survey.



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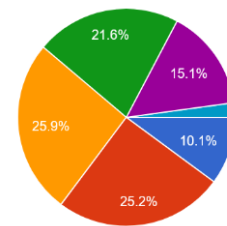
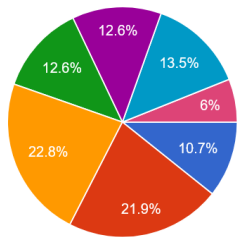


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Legend for PBSA: blue – less than £50; red – £51-£100; orange – £101-£200; green – £201-£300; purple – £301+; light blue – I don't know; pink – I do not wish to answer  
 Legend for Private Renting Students: blue – less than £50; red – £51-£100; orange – £101-£200; green – £301+; purple – I don't know; light blue – I do not wish to answer

*On average, after paying your rent, how much do you have remaining to live on for the rest of the month? (question 14 for Private Residencies; question 12 for PBSA's)*

This question sought to understand how much money they have remaining to live on for the rest of the month and compared to the previous question can highlight students' average financial wellbeing. The results of this survey will also be kept separate. Students living in PBSAs demonstrated the following: 22.8% of respondents had £101-£200 left after paying rent, 21.9% had £51-£100 left, 12.6% had £201-£300, and 12.6% had £301 or more. 13.5% said that they didn't know and 6% said that they did not wish to answer. Students in the private sector demonstrated the following: 25.9% had £101-£200 left, 25.2% had £51-£100 left, 21.6% had £301 or more, and 10.1% had less than £50 or less. 15.1% said that they did not know and 2.2% said that they did not wish to answer. This is striking because remembering that the majority of students paid £101 or more on utilities (70.7% for PBSAs and 47.5% for Private Residencies) and the majority of students had £100 or less after paying rent (44.7% for PBSAs and 35.3% for Private Residencies).



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Legend for Private Renting Students: blue – less than £50; red – £51-£100; orange – £101-£200; green – £301+; purple – I don't know; light blue – I do not wish to answer

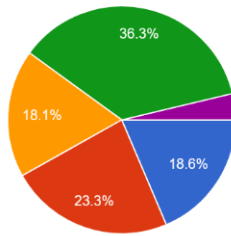
*Over the last academic year, have you struggled at any point to afford food? (question 15 for Private Residencies; question 13 for PBSA's)*

This question sought to gauge the overall physical wellbeing of students, which can more effectively be determined, based on meal intake. The student responses found that the overall majority of students (62.4%) had struggled and only 33.6% of students saying that they had not struggled to afford food.

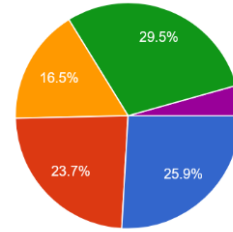
The broken-down results are as follows: for PBSAs, 18.6% of students said that they had missed meals, 23.3% said that they had found it difficult to eat what they wanted to, and 18.1% of respondents said that they had struggled to afford food but had not missed meals and felt that they ate well/healthy. Only 36.3% of students had not struggled to afford food and 3.7% did not wish to answer. For private residencies, 25.9% of students had missed meals, 23.7% had found it difficult to eat what they wanted to, and 16.5% said they had struggled to afford food but had not missed meals and felt that they ate well/healthy. Only 29.5% said they had not struggled to afford food and 4.3% said that they did not wish to answer.



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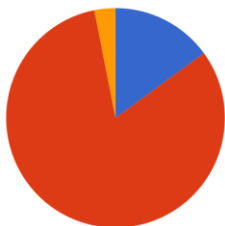
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Legend: blue – Yes, I have missed meals; red – Yes, it has been difficult to eat what I want to; orange – Yes, but I have not missed meals and feel that I eat well/healthy; green – No; purple – I do not wish to answer

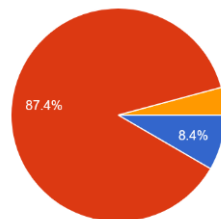
*Has there been a point in your studies where you didn't have your own fixed residence or address? (question 16 for Private Residencies; question 14 for PBSA's)*

This question sought to determine how many students had either been homeless or had a fixed residence/address. The surveys found that 15% of respondents had at some point during their studies did not have their own fixed residence or address. Although the majority of respondents did not experience this during their studies, 15% of 354 respondents is a large number.

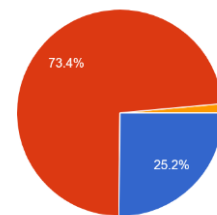
The broken-down results are as follows: for PBSAs, 87.4% of students had not experienced homelessness during their studies but 8.4% had. 4.2% did not wish to answer. For Private Residencies, 73.4% of students did not experience homelessness during their studies but 25.2% of students had. This is a much higher number than the percentage given in the overall student number analysis. 1.4% did not wish to answer.



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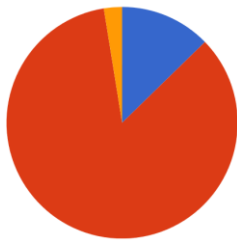
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*Have you ever been forced to commute from outside of Stirling because you couldn't find a place in Stirling? (question 17 for Private Residencies; question 15 for PBSA's)*

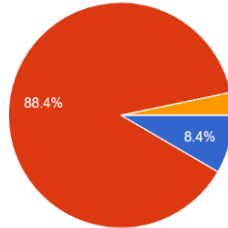
This question sought to gage the homelessness level of students in Stirling as many students may have had a fixed residency or address but may not have been able to stay in Stirling due to affordability or lack of housing availability. This would not be student homelessness but indicate that they could have become homeless if they had not chosen to commute instead. The majority of students stated that they were not forced to commute from outside of Stirling; however, 13% of students did state that they had to commute.

The detailed results are as follows: for PBSAs, 88.4% of students had not but 8.4% of students had been forced to commute from outside of Stirling because they couldn't find a place in Stirling. 3.3% of students did not wish to answer. For Private Residencies, 79.1% of students had not but 19.4% of

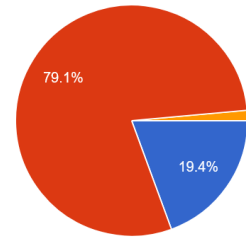
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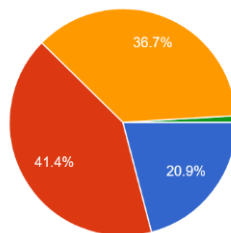
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*Do you feel confident with your knowledge of your tenant rights? (question 18 for Private Residencies; question 16 for PBSA's)*

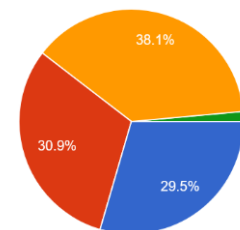
This question asked about the respondents' gage on their own knowledge of their tenant's rights. The majority of respondents said that did not or were unsure whether they did or not. For PBSAs, only 20.9% of students said that they did feel confident with their knowledge of their tenant rights but 41.4% said that they did not feel confident and 36.7% said that they were unsure on their confidence. 0.9% of students did not wish to answer. For Private Residencies, only 29.5% of students said that they did feel confident with their knowledge of their tenant rights but 30.9% said that they did not feel confident and 38.1% said that they were unsure on their confidence. 1.4% of students did not wish to answer.



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Legend: blue – yes; red – no; orange – unsure; green – I do not wish to answer

## ***Conclusion***

Surveying 354 of the approximately 1700 students, results in a reasonable sample size from each relevant demographical area (i.e. year of study and fee status) the analysis concluded that the results are statistically relevant representative of the housing experiences faced by the student population of the University of Stirling. This survey has gathered an overview of the housing situation that students are facing as well as the general welfare of students in view of the current Cost-of-Living Crisis.

This research has determined that 15% of students have not had a fixed residency at some point during their studies. Further research to examine the circumstances related to why they became homeless, the length of time, and whether it is correlating to the increases of rent and the increase in student intake should be undertaken. Additionally, this survey found that the majority of students struggle to eat with about a third having skipped meals (18.6% for PBSAs and 25.9% for Private Residencies). Further study envisioned would provide a better understanding of how students struggle and how this is correlated to the amount paid in rent and bills. Another point of future research would be measuring the correlation between rent and year of study as well as whether international students are more or less likely to pay higher rents than other students.

While further research on these important aspects would be desirable, these current survey results have provided a good overview of the housing experiences of students at the University of Stirling. It is clear that students are already struggling in the midst of the Cost-of-Living Crisis and a rent reduction by the University, as the leading property owners, as well as other support for students is desirable. Another statistical measurement of the housing situation next year would be an interesting comparison to these results to see whether students have an improved situation given the implementation of these recommendations.