In the 22/23 academic year, the Students’ Union hosted two surveys, asking students to share their thoughts on their housing experiences, with one survey for private renters, and one survey for students staying in University Accommodation. A full report is currently being worked on by the housing committee, and will be released Spring 2024. In the mean time, here is a brief overview.

**University Accommodation Survey**

Overall, there were 82 responses to this survey. The highlights from this survey were as follows:

* When asked how much they spend monthly on rent, 45 responded that they spend over £400 per month.
* 38% of respondents feel that their accommodation is affordable, while 34% feel that it is not.
* 29 respondents have less than £50 to live on after paying rent
* 22 respondents have struggled to afford food at some point in the last academic year
* When asked if they have struggled with paying rent, 21 people responded ‘yes’
* 45 respondents said that they had felt the burden of the cost of living crisis in the past year.
* When asked what their biggest financial challenge of the year had been, 19% answered ‘rent’

**Private Renting Survey**

Overall there were 50 responses to this survey. The highlights are as follows:

* 18 respondents spend over £400 on rent per month
* 30% feel that their housing is not affordable
* 17 respondents have between £100 and £200 left for the month after paying rent and bills
* 23 respondents said that they have, at some point, struggled to afford food
* 68% reported that they had felt the burden of the cost of living crisis
* When asked what their biggest financial challenge of the year had been, 28% answered ‘rent’