

HOUSING SERVICES SURVEY REPORT

Background

The Housing Services Survey was designed to collect information from students about their current housing situation and housing services needs.

The Housing Services Survey was administered in February 2020 to all GC students enrolled in the Spring 2020 term. All responses where at least 80% of the questions were completed were included in the response rate, which was 33%. The response rate included 86% doctoral students and 14% master's students.

Highlighted Findings

- 64% of students live in Brooklyn or Manhattan.
- 55% of students rent an apartment; 23% rent a room in a house or apartment.
- *Who do students live with?* 35% with a spouse/partner; 25% with roommates who are not students; 13% alone; 13% with other students; 10% with parents or relatives.
- 66% of students pay rent themselves or share the cost with only one other person; 26% share costs with two or more other people.
- 72% of students pay below \$1400 in rent; 43% of all students pay between \$800-\$1200.
- 75% of students are satisfied or very satisfied with their current housing. Cost, size, commute and sharing situation were among the most cited reasons for dissatisfaction.

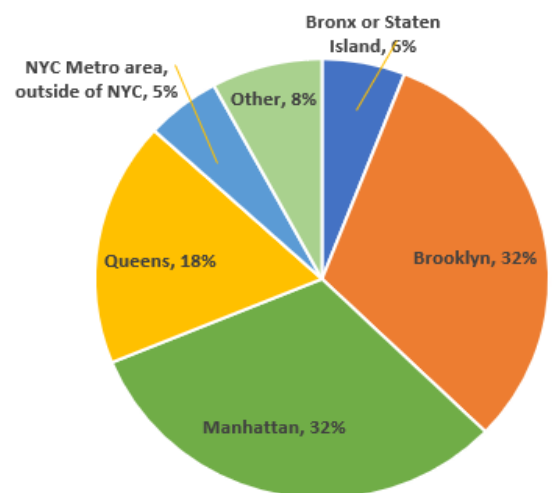


Figure 1: Where do GC students live?



Figure 2: Word cloud - what makes it unsatisfactory?

- Over 50% of students would like more options for connections between graduate students regarding housing. 34% would like information about NYC on the GC website.



Figure 3: Word cloud - What additional resources or assistance would you like to see?

- In the comments, students reported that they need more funding to afford apartments in NYC or greater assistance in finding affordable housing. International students were referred to in 10% of responses.



Figure 4: Word cloud - comments regarding your current or future housing needs