

1 **RESOLUTION 1920-AU-006**

2 **A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY DEVELOP NEW HOUSING FOR**  
3 **STUDENTS WITH FAMILIES**

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8 WHEREAS, the Ohio State University established Buckeye Village in 1948 as the University's first permanent housing as  
9 World War II veterans returned to the University, and there were 400 units by 1961<sup>1</sup>; and

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11 WHEREAS, Buckeye Village has served as a home for student families in the intervening decades, and for over  
12 two decades, the majority of Buckeye Village residents have been married international students<sup>1</sup>; and

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14 WHEREAS, the University announced the closure of 50 units in Buckeye Village in 2015 to build the Covelli  
15 Multi-Sport Arena at a cost of \$49.7 million, of which \$10 million was donated by Sam Covelli, the franchise  
16 owner of hundreds of Panera Bread locations<sup>2</sup>; and

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18 WHEREAS, the University completed a project costing in excess of \$300 million exclusively aimed at housing  
19 undergraduate students without dependents in close proximity to this decision to demolish 50 units at Buckeye  
20 Villages<sup>3</sup>; and

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22 WHEREAS, Buckeye Village residents voiced their displeasure at this decision by the University<sup>3</sup>; and

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24 WHEREAS, the University's Department of Environmental Health and Safety found elevated lead levels in  
25 water in five of 19 units tested by the Department in 2016<sup>4</sup>; and

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27 WHEREAS, the University initiated a series of *listening sessions* in 2016 that continued until 2017 to identify  
28 the housing priorities and preferences of Buckeye Village residents<sup>3</sup>; and

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30 WHEREAS, the data gained from these sessions emphasize the need for a residential community of students  
31 with families, where rental rates are below market level; and

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33 WHEREAS, the University's Framework 2.0, a planning vision released in 2017, called for the development of  
34 an Athletics District in the area surrounding and including Buckeye Villages; and

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36 WHEREAS, the University initiated the preliminary procedures to construct a replacement complex for  
37 Buckeye Village that would consist of 450 residential units at the northeast corner of Kenny Road and Woody  
38 Hayes Drive<sup>6</sup>; and

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40 WHEREAS, in January 2017, the University put out a Request For Proposals for private developers to construct  
41 the replacement complex and offer rental rates at most 25 percent below the market rate of apartments within 10  
42 miles of campus<sup>6</sup>; and

1 <https://library.osu.edu/site/archives/2014/04/11/buckeye-village-has-always-had-family-atmosphere-international-flair/>

2 <https://www.thelantern.com/2018/01/construction-of-covelli-arena-displaces-buckeye-village-residents/>

3 <https://cgs.osu.edu/blog/cgs-resolution-regarding-housing-for-students-with-families-and-all-graduate-students/>

4 <https://www.thelantern.com/2016/08/buckeye-village-residents-warned-of-elevated-lead-levels-in-water/>

5 [https://pare.osu.edu/sites/default/files/framework2.0\\_final\\_plan\\_presentation.pdf](https://pare.osu.edu/sites/default/files/framework2.0_final_plan_presentation.pdf)

6 <https://www.thelantern.com/2017/02/ohio-state-accepting-proposals-for-new-and-affordable-family-housing/>

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44 WHEREAS, the approach of utilizing private developers failed as private developers could not guarantee the  
45 desired rental rates; and  
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47 WHEREAS, the University proceeded with plans for the Athletics District while systematically reducing the  
48 number of occupants in Buckeye Village; and  
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50 WHEREAS, the University announced on October 28, 2019 that the University will require all current Buckeye  
51 Village residents in 89 units to move out by the start of the 2020-2021 academic year; and  
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53 WHEREAS, the University announced an option for current residents to move to University Village, a private  
54 entity, while maintaining current Buckeye Village rental rate plus a 2-3 percent increase for the next two years;  
55 and  
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57 WHEREAS, University Village primarily caters to students without dependents, is known for loud parties, lacks  
58 most amenities currently available to Buckeye Village residents, and was rated the 4th worst off-campus  
59 landlord for the 2018-2019 academic year<sup>7</sup>; and  
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61 WHEREAS, the University cannot guarantee that all current Buckeye Village residents will be able to live in  
62 proximity to each other at University Village; and  
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64 WHEREAS, there is no plan from the University to accommodate the housing needs of current Buckeye Village  
65 residents beyond these two years; and  
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67 WHEREAS, there is no plan from the University to accommodate the housing needs of all other students with  
68 families going forward; and  
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70 WHEREAS, on inquiry, the University revealed that it would cost \$65 million for the University to build a 450-  
71 unit replacement complex as a University projects; and<sup>8</sup>  
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73 WHEREAS, the University plans to spend at least \$2.4 billion in infrastructure spending in the next five years  
74 alone<sup>9</sup>, and the University has a “stellar” \$5 billion investment pool<sup>10</sup>; and  
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76 WHEREAS, the University’s position, as communicated by a member of Senior Leadership, is that housing for  
77 students with families is not a priority for the University<sup>8</sup>; and  
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79 WHEREAS, key values of the University include: diversity in people and of ideas; inclusion; access and  
80 affordability; integrity, transparency and trust<sup>11</sup>; and  
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82 WHEREAS, the University’s decision to close down Buckeye Village without replacement will  
83 disproportionately affect international students with families, and students with primary responsibility for their  
84 dependents, when the available evidence suggests that these student populations are already strained financially;  
85 and  
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<sup>7</sup> <https://www.thelantern.com/2019/10/lowest-rated-off-campus-real-estate-companies/>

<sup>8</sup> Communication in public forum by Senior Vice President, Administration and Planning, Jay Kasey.

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.bizjournals.com/columbus/news/2019/08/30/ohio-state-kicks-off-historic-2-4b-in-construction.html>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.bizjournals.com/columbus/news/2017/11/02/ohio-state-investment-pool-surges-past-5b-with.html>

<sup>11</sup> <https://oaa.osu.edu/mission-vision-values-and-core-goals>

87 WHEREAS, all except one of the University's benchmark institutions currently provide more housing units for  
88 students with families<sup>12</sup>; and

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90 WHEREAS, The Council of Graduate Students is vested with authority to voice graduate student concerns and  
91 needs to the University; and

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93 WHEREAS, the Council of Graduate Students finds that the University: has consistently failed to prioritize the  
94 interests of graduate students with families; is in violation of the University's own mission and values by taking  
95 an action that disproportionately affects marginalized student populations; has broken the trust of current and  
96 previous Buckeye Village residents with the October 28 announcement;

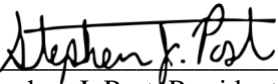
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98 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Graduate Students calls on President Drake and the  
99 Administration to, Develop and invest in constructing new housing for students with families and dependents  
100 within two years.

- 101 • Present a preliminary plan to accomplish this goal by the February 27, 2020 meeting of the Board of  
102 Trustees.
- 103 • Extend the rent subsidies for Buckeye Village students until new sustainable housing is constructed to  
104 replace Buckeye Village, if two years is inadequate.
- 105 • Form a committee composed of current Buckeye Village residents, students with dependents and other  
106 relevant parties to realize these goals.

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108 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to The Ohio State University  
109 President Michael V. Drake, Executive Vice President and Provost Bruce McPheron, Senior Vice President for  
110 Administration and Planning Jay Kasey, Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and Dean of the Graduate School  
111 Alicia Bertone, Interim Vice President for Student Life Molly Ranz Calhoun, Incoming Vice President for  
112 Student Life Melissa Shivers, and Chair of the University Senate Committee on Physical Environment Jason  
113 Kentner.

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115 Approved:  Yes/No

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117 Date: 11/8/19

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121 Stephen J. Post, President

Council of Graduate Students  
at The Ohio State University

# Addendum

## Graduate and Family Housing at The Ohio State University's Benchmark Institutions

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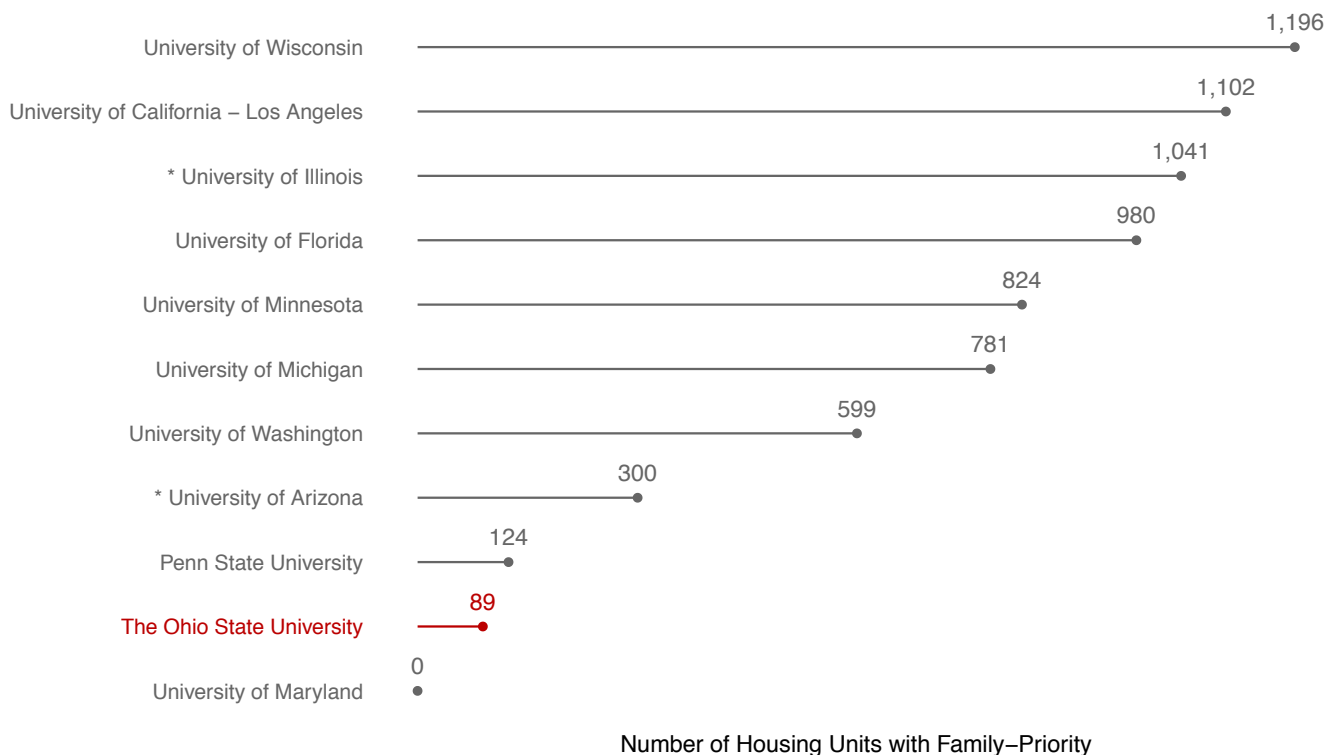
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### 1 Summary data visualization

Ohio State lags its benchmark institutions in providing family housing



All institutions have graduate student headcounts between about 10,000 and 15,000. Data for institutions with asterisks (\*) are counts of housing units for all graduate students. Data for other institutions are counts of housing units for which student-families are prioritized. Ohio State data point refers to the 89 units at Buckeye Village.

## 2 Summary statistics

Ideally, we would present data on the number of graduate students at each university to compute a housing provision rate (number of units / number of students). However, different universities define graduate student headcounts differently; some universities include professional students, while others do not. Hence, we do not present the count of graduate students at each university. However, all universities on the list have a graduate student population between about 10,000 and 15,000 students. Moreover, all benchmark universities have a relatively similar profile to Ohio State.

Table 1: Housing Units for Graduate Students across The Ohio State University’s Benchmark Institutions

Benchmark Institution	Count of Units with Family-Priority	Count of All Graduate Housing Units
University of Arizona <sup>1</sup>	300	300
University of California – Los Angeles	1102	3002
University of Florida	980	980
University of Illinois <sup>1</sup>	1041	1041
University of Maryland <sup>2</sup>	–	–
University of Michigan	781	1100
University of Minnesota	824	829
<b>The Ohio State University</b>	89	89
Penn State University	124	129
University of Washington	599	1977
University of Wisconsin	1196	1243

<sup>1</sup> These universities do not identify the number of housing units with family-priority.

<sup>2</sup> The University of Maryland (UMD) has an agreement with an apartment complex to subsidize some units for UMD graduate students, see <http://reslife.umd.edu/housing/graduate/>. However, there is no information online on the number of subsidized units.

### 3 Data sources

Typically, the universities do not provide the data for the number housing units in a single web location. The number of housing units appear on web pages for specific housing complexes.

Below, we provide sources for the counts in Table 1 above. We present the sources for data collected on all universities except University of Maryland and The Ohio State University.

In the tables below, *Priority* may be *family* when the complex is purpose-built for families, *single* when the complex is for single students, or *N/A* when this information is not available. Only complexes with family priority are included in the family counts in Figure 1 and Table 1.

Table 2: University of Arizona

Complex	Units	Priority	Source
La Aldea	300	N/A	<a href="https://housing.arizona.edu/home/graduate-housing">https://housing.arizona.edu/home/graduate-housing</a>

Table 3: University of California - Los Angeles

Complex	Units	Priority	Source
University Village	1102	Family	<a href="https://portal.housing.ucla.edu/my-housing/rates-contracts-rules/uas-handbook-section-1">https://portal.housing.ucla.edu/my-housing/rates-contracts-rules/uas-handbook-section-1</a>
Weyburn Terrace Apartments	1340	Single	<a href="https://portal.housing.ucla.edu/student-housing/graduate-students-and-students-with-families/single-graduate-students/weyburn-terrace-apartments">https://portal.housing.ucla.edu/student-housing/graduate-students-and-students-with-families/single-graduate-students/weyburn-terrace-apartments</a>
Hilgard	83	Single	<a href="https://portal.housing.ucla.edu/student-housing/graduate-students-and-students-with-families/single-graduate-students/hilgard-apartments">https://portal.housing.ucla.edu/student-housing/graduate-students-and-students-with-families/single-graduate-students/hilgard-apartments</a>
Venice-Barry	140	N/A	<a href="https://portal.housing.ucla.edu/student-housing/graduate-students-and-students-with-families/living-in-university-apartments/venice-barry-apartments">https://portal.housing.ucla.edu/student-housing/graduate-students-and-students-with-families/living-in-university-apartments/venice-barry-apartments</a>
Keystone-Mentone	244	N/A	<a href="https://portal.housing.ucla.edu/student-housing/graduate-students-and-students-with-families/living-in-university-apartments/keystone-mentone-apartments">https://portal.housing.ucla.edu/student-housing/graduate-students-and-students-with-families/living-in-university-apartments/keystone-mentone-apartments</a>
Rose Avenue	93	N/A	<a href="https://portal.housing.ucla.edu/student-housing/graduate-students-and-students-with-families/living-in-university-apartments/rose-avenue-apartments">https://portal.housing.ucla.edu/student-housing/graduate-students-and-students-with-families/living-in-university-apartments/rose-avenue-apartments</a>
Total	3002		

Table 4: University of Florida

Complex	Units	Priority	Source
Corry Village	216	Family	<a href="https://www.housing.ufl.edu/housing/corry-village/">https://www.housing.ufl.edu/housing/corry-village/</a>
Diamond Village	208	Family	<a href="https://www.housing.ufl.edu/housing/diamond-village/">https://www.housing.ufl.edu/housing/diamond-village/</a>
Maguire Village	220	Family	<a href="https://www.housing.ufl.edu/housing/maguire-village/">https://www.housing.ufl.edu/housing/maguire-village/</a>
Tanglewood Village	208	Family	<a href="https://www.housing.ufl.edu/housing/tanglewood-village/">https://www.housing.ufl.edu/housing/tanglewood-village/</a>
University Village South	128	Family	<a href="https://www.housing.ufl.edu/housing/university-village-south/">https://www.housing.ufl.edu/housing/university-village-south/</a>
The Continuum	N/A	Grad	<a href="https://www.housing.ufl.edu/housing/the-continuum/">https://www.housing.ufl.edu/housing/the-continuum/</a>
Total	980		

Table 5: University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign

Complex	Units	Priority	Source
Ashton Woods	156	N/A	<a href="http://www.trustees.uillinois.edu/trustees/agenda/May-17-2007/a-037-may-Ashton-Woods.pdf">http://www.trustees.uillinois.edu/trustees/agenda/May-17-2007/a-037-may-Ashton-Woods.pdf</a>
Orchard Downs	685	N/A	<a href="https://dailyillini.com/features/2018/12/06/orchard-downs-houses-variety-of-residents/">https://dailyillini.com/features/2018/12/06/orchard-downs-houses-variety-of-residents/</a>
Goodwin-Green	200	N/A	<a href="http://uihistories.library.illinois.edu/virtualtour/residencehalls/goodwingreen/">http://uihistories.library.illinois.edu/virtualtour/residencehalls/goodwingreen/</a>
Total	1041		

Table 6: University of Michigan

Complex	Units	Priority	Source
Northwood-IV <sup>1</sup>	380	Family	<a href="https://housing.umich.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/2019-Northwood-IV-OL.pdf">https://housing.umich.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/2019-Northwood-IV-OL.pdf</a>
Northwood-V <sup>1</sup>	401	Family	<a href="https://housing.umich.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/2019-Northwood-V-OL.pdf">https://housing.umich.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/2019-Northwood-V-OL.pdf</a>
Additional complexes	N/A	Single	<a href="https://rackham.umich.edu/rackham-life/housing/">https://rackham.umich.edu/rackham-life/housing/</a>
Total	1110		Approximation: <a href="https://rackham.umich.edu/rackham-life/housing/">https://rackham.umich.edu/rackham-life/housing/</a>

<sup>1</sup> We counted the number of units in the maps.

Table 7: University of Minnesota

Complex	Units	Priority	Source
Commonwealth Terrace Cooperative	464	Family	<a href="https://www.umnctc.org/about.html">https://www.umnctc.org/about.html</a>
Como Student Community Cooperative	360	Family	<a href="https://www.tcdailyplanet.net/u-m-removing-toxic-waste-family-student-housing-site/">https://www.tcdailyplanet.net/u-m-removing-toxic-waste-family-student-housing-site/</a>
West Bank Townhouses	5	N/A	<a href="https://housing.umn.edu/west-bank-townhouses">https://housing.umn.edu/west-bank-townhouses</a>
Total	829		

Table 8: Penn State University

Complex	Units	Priority	Source
White Course Apartments	124	Family	<a href="https://housing.psu.edu/amenities-features">https://housing.psu.edu/amenities-features</a>
	5	Single	<a href="https://housing.psu.edu/amenities-features">https://housing.psu.edu/amenities-features</a>
Total	129		

Table 9: University of Washington

Complex	Units	Priority	Source
Blakeley Village	78	Family	<a href="https://hfs.uw.edu/Live/Graduate-Housing,-Rates,-and-Information/Blakeley-Village">https://hfs.uw.edu/Live/Graduate-Housing,-Rates,-and-Information/Blakeley-Village</a>
Laurel Village	80	Family	<a href="https://hfs.uw.edu/Live/Graduate-Housing,-Rates,-and-Information/Laurel-Village">https://hfs.uw.edu/Live/Graduate-Housing,-Rates,-and-Information/Laurel-Village</a>
Stevens Court	42	Family	<a href="https://hfs.uw.edu/Live/Graduate-Housing,-Rates,-and-Information/Stevens-Court-(1)">https://hfs.uw.edu/Live/Graduate-Housing,-Rates,-and-Information/Stevens-Court-(1)</a>
Radford Court	399	Family	<a href="https://hfs.uw.edu/Live/Graduate-Housing,-Rates,-and-Information/Radford-Court-(2)">https://hfs.uw.edu/Live/Graduate-Housing,-Rates,-and-Information/Radford-Court-(2)</a>
Commodore Duchess	139	Single	<a href="https://hfs.uw.edu/Live/Graduate-Housing,-Rates,-and-Information/Commodore-Duchess">https://hfs.uw.edu/Live/Graduate-Housing,-Rates,-and-Information/Commodore-Duchess</a>
Mercer Court D-E	281	Single	<a href="https://hfs.uw.edu/Live/Graduate-Housing,-Rates,-and-Information/Mercer-Court-D\OT1\textendashE">https://hfs.uw.edu/Live/Graduate-Housing,-Rates,-and-Information/Mercer-Court-D\OT1\textendashE</a>
Nordheim Court	451	Single	<a href="https://hfs.uw.edu/Live/Graduate-Housing,-Rates,-and-Information/Nordheim-Court">https://hfs.uw.edu/Live/Graduate-Housing,-Rates,-and-Information/Nordheim-Court</a>
Stevens Court	507	Single	<a href="https://hfs.uw.edu/Live/Graduate-Housing,-Rates,-and-Information/Stevens-Court">https://hfs.uw.edu/Live/Graduate-Housing,-Rates,-and-Information/Stevens-Court</a>
Total	1977		

Table 10: University of Wisconsin

Complex	Units	Priority	Source
Eagle Heights	1050	Family	<a href="https://www.housing.wisc.edu/apartments/eagle-heights/">https://www.housing.wisc.edu/apartments/eagle-heights/</a>
University Houses	146	Family	<a href="https://www.housing.wisc.edu/apartments/university-houses/">https://www.housing.wisc.edu/apartments/university-houses/</a>
Harvey Street	47	Single	<a href="https://www.housing.wisc.edu/apartments/harvey-street/">https://www.housing.wisc.edu/apartments/harvey-street/</a>
Total	1243		