

OSU Campus Housing Fact Sheet

(Data from the Oregon State University University Housing and Dining Services (UHDS) 2011 Campus Housing Study)

- There are 15 residence halls on campus, including the new International Living Learning Center and the GEM, which is privately managed. Campus housing stock also includes four cooperative houses and a family housing apartment complex.
- There are a total of 4,740 beds on campus
- Approximately 75% of the current housing stock is occupied by first-year freshmen
- UHDS is planning to increase the percentage of new freshmen housed on campus, with a conservative target of 88% and an aggressive target of 95%
- Cost is the number one factor for students not returning to on-campus housing at OSU
- The GEM is successful because it feels like it is off-campus and doesn't require a meal plan; it has a "hip" factor and is designed to house upper class students
- Greek community housing is typically not ideal for freshmen
- What students gain when they live off campus:
 - Feeling of adulthood (not being taken care of)
 - no policy restrictions (behavior, drinking, dining autonomy)
 - lower cost (even without cost of dining plan)
 - perception of freedom
 - choice of roommate
- What students lose when they live off campus:
 - convenience (meals cooked for them, cleaning)
 - time/proximity (commute, parking, need for car)
 - sense of community and connectedness with other students
 - academic support (access to library, student peers)
 - access to programs
- UHDS is an organization within the University that must support its own costs (does not receive additional funding from the University)