

Housing Guide

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Welcome to Paul L. Foster School of Medicine!

Congratulations on being accepted to medical school! By now, you may be concerned with where you will be living the next four years of your life (besides the library and the hospital). Moving to a new city and attempting to figure out where to live during medical school can be daunting. We have put together this housing guide in order to direct you toward places that current students live, while considering their opinions about these places.

You will first see statistics about where people live in El Paso. You may already be aware of this fact, but El Paso is split into a few sections by the Franklin Mountains right down the middle. This leaves a West, East, Central (also referred to as Downtown or even Kern/UTEP), and North/Northeast. The statistics will reveal where many students reside, and the specific apartments and houses will provide information about proximity to school and other opinions related to location.

One important distinction that must also be made when choosing where to live (that is somewhat unique to El Paso) is air conditioning. There are two types of air conditioning here: Refrigerated Air and Swamp Cooler. Most of you have lived your life in refrigerated air, and it is typically the preferred option. Swamp coolers are effective at cooling air unless it is humid (such as a rainy day), which is not a problem most of the year as it is very dry in El Paso. However, you should be aware of these two options before you make a decision on where to live. Older swamp coolers may only be effective at lowering the temperature 10-15 degrees, which may be uncomfortable on one of our 105-degree days.

As a disclaimer, the information presented here is meant only as a guide and does not directly reflect official facts or opinions of our institution. This information is based on surveys of over 130 students and their opinions of where they reside.

If you have any questions regarding the Housing Guide, please contact the Welcoming Committee or ask any upperclassman! We hope this helps, and GOOD LUCK!

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Housing Statistics

All 4 Classes			
Apartment	72.7%	Central	18.8%
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Other*	3.8%	West	63.3%
		North	4.7%

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*Other denotes condominium or duplex

Apartment Guide

Instructions: Each apartment is listed with information an incoming first year medical student might want to know before pursuing the complex. The first section is basic information about that specific complex. The last 2 pages are a breakdown of individual things one might look for in an apartment and rated on a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 is the worst possible score and 10 is the best possible score. Please remember these results are based off an opinion of students through a survey and in no way reflect the actual endorsements of TTUHSC El Paso Paul L. Foster School of Medicine. Also, please keep in mind some apartment complexes did not have very many surveys responses (or only 1) so factor that into your decision making. Good luck, and please feel free to contact your welcome committee!

Acacia Park – West

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 9	Proportion that would live here again: 4/4
Average Monthly Rent: \$752	Average Monthly Utilities: \$90
Utilities Covered by complex: None	Cable/Internet Providers: Time Warner, AT&T Uverse, Dish Network, Direct TV.
Cooling system: Refrigerated Air	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 2/1.8
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 23.3 min	Without traffic: 14.5 min
Amenities: Pool, Exercise Center, Volleyball Court, Allows pets WITHOUT breed restrictions, Washer/dryer, Office facilities, General parking, Covered Parking, Reserved Parking, Extra Storage Space, Balcony	

Ashton Parke – East

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 3	Proportion that would live here again: 0/1
Average Monthly Rent: \$725	Average Monthly Utilities: \$100
Utilities Covered by complex: Cable	Cable/Internet Providers: Time Warner
Cooling system: Swamp Cooler	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 2/2
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 5 min	Without traffic: 5 min
Amenities: Pool, Allows pets WITH breed restrictions, Washer/dryer, Office facilities, General parking, Extra Storage Space	

Cambria – West

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 9	Proportion that would live here again: 1/1
Average Monthly Rent: \$730	Average Monthly Utilities: \$45
Utilities Covered by complex: Water, cable	Cable/Internet Providers: Time Warner, AT&T Uverse
Cooling system: Refrigerated Air	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 2/1
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 25 min	Without traffic: 17 min
Amenities: Pool, Exercise Center, Allows pets WITH breed restrictions, Office facilities, General parking, Balcony	

The Retreat – West

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 7.7	Proportion that would live here again: 8/9
Average Monthly Rent: \$850	Average Monthly Utilities: \$72.2
Utilities Covered by complex: Cable	Cable/Internet Providers: Time Warner, AT&T Uverse
Cooling system: Refrigerated Air	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 1.8/1.7
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 25 min	Without traffic: 15.1 min
Amenities: Pool, Hot Tub, Exercise Center, Volleyball Court, Some areas have a gate, Allows pets WITH breed restrictions, Washer/dryer, Office facilities, General parking, Covered Parking, Reserved Parking, Tennis Courts, Balcony	

Coronado Springs Apartments – West

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 9	Proportion that would live here again: 1/1
Average Monthly Rent: \$500	Average Monthly Utilities: \$100
Utilities Covered by complex: None	Cable/Internet Providers: Time Warner, AT&T Uverse
Cooling system: Refrigerated Air	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 3/2
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 25 min	Without traffic: 18 min
Amenities: Pool, Hot Tub, Exercise Center, Allows pets WITHOUT breed restrictions, General parking, Reserved Parking, Extra Storage Space	

Desert Tree – East

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 9.2	Proportion that would live here again: 6/6
Average Monthly Rent: \$537.50	Average Monthly Utilities: \$58.30
Utilities Covered by complex: Cable	Cable/Internet Providers: Time Warner, AT&T Uverse
Cooling system: Refrigerated Air	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 1/1
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 14.5 min	Without traffic: 9.3 min
Amenities: Pool, Hot Tub, Exercise Center, Volleyball Court, Allows pets WITH breed restrictions, Office facilities, General parking, Covered Parking, Reserved Parking, Extra Storage Space, Tennis Courts, Balcony, Basketball Court, Laundry Facilities, Outdoor running track, Playground	

High Ridge – East

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 9	Proportion that would live here again: 1/1
Average Monthly Rent: \$620	Average Monthly Utilities: \$60
Utilities Covered by complex: Gas, water	Cable/Internet Providers: Time Warner, AT&T Uverse
Cooling system: Refrigerated	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 1/1
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 15	Without traffic: 10
Amenities: Pool, Hot Tub, Exercise Center, Allows pets WITH breed restrictions, Washer/dryer, Office facilities, General parking, Balcony	

Imperial Arms – Central

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 8	Proportion that would live here again: 1/2
Average Monthly Rent: \$1167.50	Average Monthly Utilities: \$55
Utilities Covered by complex: Water	Cable/Internet Providers: Time Warner, AT&T Uverse
Cooling system: Refrigerated	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 1.5/1
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 16	Without traffic: 11.5
Amenities: Allows pets WITHOUT breed restrictions, Washer/dryer, Reserved Parking	

Independence Place – Northeast

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 10	Proportion that would live here again: 1/1
Average Monthly Rent: \$950.00	Average Monthly Utilities: \$50
Utilities Covered by complex: Water, Cable TV, Internet	Cable/Internet Providers: Time Warner
Cooling system: Refrigerated	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 2/2
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 12	Without traffic: 10
Amenities: Allows pets WITH breed restrictions, Washer/dryer, General Parking, Pool, Hot tub, Fitness center, Office facilities, Balcony	

King's Hill – West

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 8	Proportion that would live here again:
Average Monthly Rent: \$375	Average Monthly Utilities:
Utilities Covered by complex: Cable	Cable/Internet Providers:
Cooling system: Refrigerated	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 2/1.5
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 35	Without traffic: 20
Amenities: Pool, Exercise Center	

La Plaza – East

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 6	Proportion that would live here again: 1/1
Average Monthly Rent: \$700	Average Monthly Utilities: \$150
Utilities Covered by complex: Cable	Cable/Internet Providers: Time Warner
Cooling system: Refrigerated	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 1/1
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 13	Without traffic: 5
Amenities: Pool, Allows pets WITHOUT breed restrictions, General parking, Covered Parking, Reserved Parking, Balcony	

Magoffin Park Villas – Central

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 9	Proportion that would live here again: 10/10
Average Monthly Rent: \$720.50	Average Monthly Utilities: \$46
Utilities Covered by complex: None **3% off rent- 1/2 off Deposit**	Cable/Internet Providers: Time Warner, AT&T Uverse
Cooling system: Refrigerated	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 1.4/1.6
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 8.1	Without traffic: 7.4
Amenities: Exercise Center, Gate, Allows pets WITH breed restrictions, Washer/dryer, Office facilities, General parking, Reserved Parking, Balcony	

Mountainview at Southgate – East

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 7	Proportion that would live here again: 1/1
Average Monthly Rent: \$499	Average Monthly Utilities: \$80
Utilities Covered by complex: None	Cable/Internet Providers: AT&T Uverse
Cooling system: Refrigerated	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 1/1
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 12	Without traffic: 8
Amenities: Pool, Allows pets WITHOUT breed restrictions, Washer/dryer, General parking, Covered Parking, Extra Storage Space, Balcony	

Puerta Villa at Cimarron – West

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 9	Proportion that would live here again: 1/1
Average Monthly Rent: \$830	Average Monthly Utilities: \$25
Utilities Covered by complex: Water	Cable/Internet Providers: Time Warner, AT&T Uverse
Cooling system: Refrigerated	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 1/1
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 35	Without traffic: 20
Amenities: Pool, Exercise Center, Gate, Allows pets WITHOUT breed restrictions, Office facilities, General parking, Covered Parking, Reserved Parking, Extra Storage Space, Balcony	

Santa Fe Apartments – West

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 8	Proportion that would live here again: 1/1
Average Monthly Rent: \$505	Average Monthly Utilities: \$65
Utilities Covered by complex:	Cable/Internet Providers: Time Warner, AT&T Uverse
Cooling system: Refrigerated	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 1/1
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 17	Without traffic: 12
Amenities: Pool, Hot Tub, General parking, Reserved Parking, Balcony	

Rio grande – East

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 10	Proportion that would live here again: 1/1
Average Monthly Rent: \$675	Average Monthly Utilities: \$20
Utilities Covered by complex: Gas, water	Cable/Internet Providers: Time Warner
Cooling system: Refrigerated	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 1/1
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 10	Without traffic: 10
Amenities: Allows pets WITH breed restrictions	

Shadow Mountain – West

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 8	Proportion that would live here again: 1/1
Average Monthly Rent: \$908	Average Monthly Utilities: \$100
Utilities Covered by complex: water, cable	Cable/Internet Providers: Time Warner
Cooling system: Refrigerated	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 2/2
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 30	Without traffic: 15
Amenities: Pool, Allows pets WITH breed restrictions, Washer/dryer, Office facilities, General parking, Reserved Parking	

Shadow Ridge – East

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 9	Proportion that would live here again: 2/2
Average Monthly Rent: \$595	Average Monthly Utilities: \$67.50
Utilities Covered by complex: None	Cable/Internet Providers: Time Warner, AT&T Uverse
Cooling system: Refrigerated	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 1/1
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 9.5	Without traffic: 5.5
Amenities: Pool, Hot Tub, Exercise Center, Volleyball Court, Allows pets WITHOUT breed restrictions, Washer/dryer, Office facilities, General parking, Covered Parking, Extra Storage Space, Balcony	

Spring Park apartments – East

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 8	Proportion that would live here again: 1/1
Average Monthly Rent: \$510	Average Monthly Utilities: \$50
Utilities Covered by complex: None	Cable/Internet Providers: Time Warner, AT&T Uverse
Cooling system: Swamp cooler	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 3/2
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 12	Without traffic: 7
Amenities: Pool, Exercise Center, Allows pets WITH breed restrictions, Office facilities, General parking, Covered Parking, Reserved Parking, Balcony	

Sundial Apartments – North

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 9	Proportion that would live here again: 1/1
Average Monthly Rent: \$670	Average Monthly Utilities: \$20
Utilities Covered by complex: gas, water, cable	Cable/Internet Providers: Time Warner
Cooling system: Refrigerated	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 2/1
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 12	Without traffic: 12
Amenities: Pool, Allows pets WITH breed restrictions, Washer/dryer, General parking, Balcony	

Terrace Hill – Central

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 5	Proportion that would live here again: 1/1
Average Monthly Rent: \$502	Average Monthly Utilities: \$45
Utilities Covered by complex: None	Cable/Internet Providers: Time Warner
Cooling system: Refrigerated	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 1/1
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 25	Without traffic: 15
Amenities: Pool, Allows pets WITH breed restrictions, Office facilities, General parking, Balcony	

The Chimneys – West

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 7.3	Proportion that would live here again: 3/3
Average Monthly Rent: \$522.70	Average Monthly Utilities: \$60
Utilities Covered by complex: None	Cable/Internet Providers: Time Warner, AT&T Uverse
Cooling system: Refrigerated	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 1.3/1.3
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 26	Without traffic: 16.7
Amenities: Pool, Hot Tub, Exercise Center, Allows pets WITH breed restrictions, Washer/dryer, Office Facilities, General parking, Extra Storage Space, Balcony	

The Hills at North Mesa – West

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 8	Proportion that would live here again: 1/1
Average Monthly Rent: \$690	Average Monthly Utilities: \$90
Utilities Covered by complex: water, cable	Cable/Internet Providers: Time Warner
Cooling system: Refrigerated	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 2/1
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 15	Without traffic: 12
Amenities: Pool, Allows pets WITH breed restrictions, Washer/dryer, General parking, Extra Storage Space, Balcony	

The Legends of El Paso – West

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 9	Proportion that would live here again: 7/7
Average Monthly Rent: \$783.70	Average Monthly Utilities: \$73.30
Utilities Covered by complex: None	Cable/Internet Providers: Time Warner, AT&T Uverse
Cooling system: Refrigerated	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 1.4/1.4
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 30.7	Without traffic: 16.9
Amenities: Pool, Exercise Center, Volleyball Court, Gate, Allows pets WITH breed restrictions, Washer/dryer, Office facilities, General parking, Covered Parking, Reserved Parking, Extra Storage Space, Balcony	

The Pointe – West

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 8.4	Proportion that would live here again: 16/16
Average Monthly Rent: \$674.80	Average Monthly Utilities: \$71.5
Utilities Covered by complex: None / water	Cable/Internet Providers: Time Warner, AT&T Uverse
Cooling system: Refrigerated	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 1.5/1.3
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 24.4	Without traffic: 15.4
Amenities: Pool, Hot Tub, Exercise Center, Allows pets WITHOUT breed restrictions, Washer/dryer, Office facilities, General parking, Covered Parking, Reserved Parking, Extra Storage Space, Balcony	

The Tuscany at Mesa Hills – West

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 7.9	Proportion that would live here again: 9/10
Average Monthly Rent: \$738.40	Average Monthly Utilities: \$90
Utilities Covered by complex: None	Cable/Internet Providers: Time Warner
Cooling system: Refrigerated	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 1.5/1.5
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 29.5	Without traffic: 15.5
Amenities: Pool, Hot Tub, Exercise Center, Volleyball Court, Gate, Allows pets WITH breed restrictions, Washer/dryer, Office facilities, General parking, Covered Parking, Reserved Parking, Extra Storage Space, Tennis Courts, Balcony	

The Venue at Montecillo – West

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 6.9	Proportion that would live here again: 7/8
Average Monthly Rent: \$900.50	Average Monthly Utilities: \$83.10
Utilities Covered by complex: None	Cable/Internet Providers: AT&T Uverse
Cooling system: Refrigerated	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 1.4/1.4
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 22.3	Without traffic: 15
Amenities: Pool, Hot Tub, Exercise Center, Gate, Allows pets WITH breed restrictions, Washer/dryer, Office facilities, General parking, Covered Parking, Reserved Parking, Balcony	

Villas at Helen of Troy – West

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 9	Proportion that would live here again: 1/1
Average Monthly Rent: \$825	Average Monthly Utilities: \$40
Utilities Covered by complex: water	Cable/Internet Providers: Time Warner
Cooling system: Refrigerated	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 1/1
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 30	Without traffic: 20
Amenities: Pool, Hot Tub, Exercise Center, Gate, Allows pets WITH breed restrictions, Washer/dryer, General parking, Covered Parking, Reserved Parking, Extra Storage Space, Balcony	

Vista Ventana – West

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 8	Proportion that would live here again: 1/1
Average Monthly Rent: \$685	Average Monthly Utilities: \$100
Utilities Covered by complex: water, cable	Cable/Internet Providers: Time Warner, AT&T Uverse
Cooling system: Refrigerated	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 2/1
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 20	Without traffic: 15
Amenities: Pool, Washer/dryer, Office facilities, General parking	

Wallington Plaza – West

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 7	Proportion that would live here again: 1/1
Average Monthly Rent: \$428	Average Monthly Utilities: \$5
Utilities Covered by complex: gas, electricity, water, cable	Cable/Internet Providers: Time Warner
Cooling system: Swamp cooler	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 1/1
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 20	Without traffic: 13
Amenities: Pool, Allows pets WITH breed restrictions, General parking	

West Town Apartments – West

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 9	Proportion that would live here again: 1/1
Average Monthly Rent: \$725	Average Monthly Utilities: \$50
Utilities Covered by complex: None	Cable/Internet Providers: Time Warner
Cooling system: Refrigerated	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 2/2
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 30	Without traffic: 15
Amenities: Pool, Allows pets WITHOUT breed restrictions, Washer/dryer, Office facilities, General parking, Covered Parking, Reserved Parking, Extra Storage Space, Balcony	

Houses

Using the guide when searching for houses:

Because most students live in apartments, the number of survey responses for houses is limited. This guide has been organized by side of town, and can generally be used to group the houses in that area. However, this is not always the case. Please keep in mind that each house is different with its own positives and negatives. It would be helpful to contact a real estate agent if you are searching for a house because they will be able to help you find what you need. We hope this helps! Good luck!

West side houses

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 9	Proportion that would live here again: 12/12
Rent/Own/Live with parents: 6/12 Rent, 5/12 Own, 1/12 with Parents	
Average Monthly Rent: \$840	Average Monthly Utilities: \$151
Utilities Covered by Landlord: 2/12 with Gas, electricity, water, cable, and internet covered	Potential Cable/Internet Providers: Time Warner, AT&T Uverse, Dish Network, Direct TV, Verizon FiOS
Cooling system: Refrigerated (8/12), Swamp Cooler (4/12)	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 3/2.5
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 32	Without traffic: 20
Amenities: (Variable) Pool, Hot Tub, Backyard, Front Yard, Driveway, Covered Parking, Allows pets WITHOUT or WITH breed restrictions, Washer/dryer, Office facilities, Covered Parking, Extra Storage Space, Balcony, Kitchen Appliances, Neighborhood Center	

North/Northeast side houses

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 9.8	Proportion that would live here again: 5/5
Rent/Own/Live with parents: 4/5 Rent, 1/5 Own	
Average Monthly Rent: \$1,125	Average Monthly Utilities: \$127
Utilities Covered by Landlord: 1/5 with Gas, electricity, water, cable, and internet covered	Potential Cable/Internet Providers: Time Warner, AT&T Uverse, Dish Network, Direct TV,
Cooling system: Refrigerated (3/5), Swamp Cooler (2/5)	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 2.8/2.2
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 18	Without traffic: 15
Amenities: (Variable) Backyard, Hot Tub, Front Yard, Driveway, Covered Parking, Allows pets WITHOUT breed restrictions, Washer/dryer, Covered Parking, Street parking available, Extra Storage Space, Balcony, Kitchen Appliances, Garage	

East side houses

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 8.7	Proportion that would live here again: 3/3
Rent/Own/Live with parents: 1/3 Rent, 1/3 Own, 1/3 Live with parents	
Average Monthly Rent: \$645	Average Monthly Utilities: \$300
Utilities Covered by Landlord: 1/3 Gas, Electricity, Water, Cable, Internet	Potential Cable/Internet Providers: Time Warner, AT&T Uverse, Verizon FiOS, Dish Network, Direct TV
Cooling system: Refrigerated (2/3), Swamp Cooler (1/3)	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 3/2
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 18	Without traffic: 13
Amenities: (Variable) Backyard, Front Yard, Driveway, Covered Parking, Allows pets WITHOUT breed restrictions, Covered Parking, Street parking available, Kitchen appliances, Extra Storage Space, Washer/Dryer	

Central side houses

Overall Satisfaction (out of 10): 9.3	Proportion that would live here again: 11/11
Rent/Own/Live with parents: 7/11	Rent, 4/11 Own
Average Monthly Rent: \$840	Average Monthly Utilities: \$151
Utilities Covered by Landlord: 1/12 with Gas, Electricity, and Water; 1/11 with water	Potential Cable/Internet Providers: Time Warner, AT&T Uverse, Dish Network, Direct TV
Cooling system: Refrigerated (3/9), Swamp Cooler (6/9)	Average Bedrooms/Bathrooms: 2.7/1.8
Average travel time to school:	
During Rush Hour: 11	Without traffic: 8
Amenities: (Variable) Fully furnished, Backyard, Front Yard, Driveway, Covered Parking, Allows pets WITHOUT breed restrictions, Washer/dryer, Covered Parking, Street parking available, Extra Storage Space, Balcony, Kitchen Appliances, Neighborhood Center	

Names and Information of Realtors Provided

Debbie Hester – Cell (915)-252-5753

She is absolutely delightful to work with. She is genuine, and really cares about placing you somewhere that you will be happy.

James B. Sammons III – Cell (915) 491-7382

Caroline Camfield – Cell (915) 549-7432

Capitol Properties:

- This company manages many rental properties in El Paso.
- They frequently have smaller homes in the Kern Area (central or west).
- They put the properties on their website along with pictures (www.capitolpropertieselpaso.com/Showcase14.htm)

Sam Triamble:

- “Great for buying or renting. He gets commission from the properties owners so his services are free. I went through two realtors before finding him. He is on time, responsive and very helpful. Sam is in his late twenties and is energetic and understanding of medical students’ needs. He has a website with his listings but is also able to open rental properties of other agencies. (www.samsellselfaso.com)

Brenda Rogers:

- “Great for buying a home on the west side. She is very prompt and

a good communicator.” (brendaorogers@gmail.com; 915-494-6004)

Tanya Ocampo:

- Helpful for students who found a duplex on the Westside (915-585-8950)

Maureen Lam - 210-253-9339

Shannon Drake (Max Real Estate) 915-581-3700

- “She mostly works with houses for sale but also has listings for houses for rent. She was pretty flexible with us since we were looking for places while we were out of town.”

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www.hotpads.com

www.apartmentratings.com

www.apartmentfinder.com

www.apartmentguide.com

www.ElPasoApartments.info

House Rating Statistics

	West	North	East	Central
Number of Responses	12	6	3	11
Overall Score	222.3	232.7	226.7	225.1
Cost	7.6	7.5	7.6	8.5
Proximity to school	6.3	6.3	6.3	9.5
Landlord (if renting)	7.5	10.0	8.0	8.6
General appearance of house	8.7	8.8	8.7	8.4
Access to Parking	9.9	10.0	10.0	9.4
Feeling of Safety	9.8	10.0	9.9	9.0
Surrounding Neighborhood	9.6	9.4	9.5	8.6
Neighbors	9.3	9.2	9.2	9.1
Proximity to fast food/restaurants	9.0	7.8	8.4	7.9
Proximity to entertainment and/or bars	8.1	6.2	7.1	7.2
Proximity to classmates	7.3	3.6	5.4	7.1
Overall Satisfaction with Landlord Maintenance	8.4	8.8	8.6	9.5
Layout of house	8.5	10.0	9.3	8.8
Living Space	9.3	10.0	9.6	9.0
Night noise level	9.3	10.0	9.6	9.2
Volume within house	8.9	9.6	9.3	8.6
Layout of individual rooms	8.5	9.6	9.1	8.5
Artificial Lighting	8.4	9.6	9.0	8.7
Natural Lighting	8.8	10.0	9.4	9.0
Appliances	8.7	9.4	9.0	8.5
General satisfaction with utilities	8.8	10.0	9.4	9.1
Heater	8.6	9.4	9.0	9.1
A/C	8.6	9.4	9.0	8.3
Bathrooms	8.5	9.6	9.1	8.7
Closet space	7.9	9.2	8.6	8.1
Kitchen	8.3	9.4	8.9	8.8