

# Housing Guide

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# Welcome to the 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 to inform you of places where current students live, and their opinions about these places.

You will first see housing statistics for El Paso. You may already be aware of this fact, but El Paso is split into a few sections by the Franklin Mountains, which run right down the middle of the city. This creates the West, East, North/Northeast and Central sides of town. (Central includes Downtown and is just south of the historic Kern Place neighborhood and the University of Texas at El Paso.) The information presented in this packet includes where students primarily reside, the specific apartments and neighborhoods close to the school of medicine and students' opinions related to location.

One important distinction that must 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 (standard central air conditioning) and evaporative coolers (popularly referred to in El Paso as swamp coolers). Most of you are accustomed to 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 about where to live. Older, inefficient swamp coolers may only be able to lower the indoor temperature 10 to 15 degrees, which may be uncomfortable during summer, when temperatures reach 100 degrees or more.

This information is based on surveys of over 130 students and their opinions of where they reside.

If you have any questions regarding this Housing Guide, please contact the welcome committee or ask any upperclassman! We hope this helps, and good luck!

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# Housing Statistics

<b>All 4 Classes</b>			
Apartment	72.7%	Central	18.8%
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\*Other denotes condominium or duplex.

## Apartment Guide

Each listing includes information an incoming first-year medical student might want to know before making a decision to rent an apartment at the complex. The first section is basic information about that complex. The last two pages are a breakdown of factors one might look for in an apartment rated on a scale of 1 to 10 (1 = worst possible score and 10 = best possible score). Please remember these results are based on a survey and in no way reflect the actual endorsements of TTUHSC El Paso. 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

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 9	<b>Would live here again:</b> 4/4
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$752	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$90
<b>Utilities covered by complex:</b> None	<b>Cable/internet providers:</b> Time Warner, AT&T U-verse, Dish Network, Direct TV
<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 2/1.8
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 23.3 min	<b>Without traffic:</b> 14.5 min
<b>Amenities:</b> 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

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 3	<b>Would live here again:</b> 0/1
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$725	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$100
<b>Utilities covered by complex:</b> Cable TV	<b>Cable/internet providers:</b> Time Warner
<b>Cooling system:</b> Swamp cooler	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 2/2
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 5 min	<b>Without traffic:</b> 5 min
<b>Amenities:</b> Pool, allows pets with breed restrictions, washer/dryer, office facilities, general parking, extra storage space	

### Avalon West

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 9	<b>Would live here again:</b> 5/5
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$950	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$45

<b>Utilities covered by complex:</b> Water, cable TV	<b>Cable/internet providers:</b> Time Warner, AT&T U-verse, Spectrum
<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 2/1
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 20 min	<b>Without traffic:</b> 15 min
<b>Amenities:</b> Pool, exercise center, office facilities, general and covered parking, allows pets with fee, gated access	

## Cambria – West

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 9	<b>Would live here again:</b> 1/1
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$730	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$45
<b>Utilities covered by complex:</b> Water, cable TV	<b>Cable/internet providers:</b> Time Warner, AT&T U-verse
<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 2/1
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 25 min	<b>Without traffic:</b> 17 min
<b>Amenities:</b> Pool, exercise center, allows pets with breed restrictions, office facilities, general parking, balcony	

## The Retreat at Mesa Hills – West

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 8	<b>Would live here again:</b> 9/10
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$850	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$72.2
<b>Utilities covered by complex:</b> Cable TV	<b>Cable/internet providers:</b> Time Warner, AT&T U-verse
<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 1.8/1.7
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 20 min	<b>Without traffic:</b> 15 min
<b>Amenities:</b> Pool, hot tub, exercise center, volleyball court, some areas have a gate, allows pets with breed restrictions, some units have washer/dryer, facility W/D available, office facilities, general parking, covered parking, reserved parking, tennis courts, balcony	

## Coronado Springs Apartments – West

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 9	<b>Would live here again:</b> 1/1
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$500	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$100
<b>Utilities covered by complex:</b> None	<b>Cable/internet providers:</b> Time Warner, AT&T U-verse

<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 3/2
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 25 min	<b>Without traffic:</b> 18 min
<b>Amenities:</b> Pool, hot tub, exercise center, allows pets without breed restrictions, general parking, reserved parking, extra storage space	

## Desert Tree – East

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 9.2	<b>Would live here again:</b> 6/6
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$537.50	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$58.30
<b>Utilities covered by complex:</b> Cable TV	<b>Cable/internet providers:</b> Time Warner, AT&T U-verse
<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 1/1
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 14.5 min	<b>Without traffic:</b> 9.3 min
<b>Amenities:</b> 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

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 9	<b>Would live here again:</b> 1/1
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$620	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$60
<b>Utilities covered by complex:</b> Gas, water	<b>Cable/internet providers:</b> Time Warner, AT&T U-verse
<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 1/1
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 15	<b>Without traffic:</b> 10
<b>Amenities:</b> Pool, hot tub, exercise center, allows pets with breed restrictions, washer/dryer, office facilities, general parking, balcony	

## Imperial Arms – Central

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 8	<b>Would live here again:</b> 1/2
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$1167.50	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$55
<b>Utilities covered by complex:</b> Water	<b>Cable/internet providers:</b> Time Warner, AT&T U-verse
<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 1.5/1



<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 16	<b>Without traffic:</b> 11.5
<b>Amenities:</b> Allows pets without breed restrictions, washer/dryer, reserved parking	

## Independence Place – Northeast

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 10	<b>Would live here again:</b> 1/1
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$950	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$50
<b>Utilities covered by complex:</b> Water, cable TV, internet	<b>Cable/internet providers:</b> Time Warner
<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 2/2
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 12	<b>Without traffic:</b> 10
<b>Amenities:</b> allows pets with breed restrictions, washer/dryer, general parking, pool, hot tub, fitness center, office facilities, balcony	

## King's Hill – West

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 8	<b>Would live here again:</b>
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$375	<b>Average Monthly Utilities:</b>
<b>Utilities covered by complex:</b> Cable TV	<b>Cable/internet providers:</b>
<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 2/1.5
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 35	<b>Without traffic:</b> 20
<b>Amenities:</b> Pool, exercise center	

## La Plaza – East

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 6	<b>Would live here again:</b> 1/1
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$700	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$150
<b>Utilities covered by complex:</b> Cable TV	<b>Cable/internet providers:</b> Time Warner
<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 1/1
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 13	<b>Without traffic:</b> 5

<b>Amenities:</b> Pool, allows pets without breed restrictions, general parking, covered parking, reserved parking, balcony
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## Magoffin Park Villas – Central

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 9	<b>Would live here again:</b> 10/10
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$720.50	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$46
<b>Utilities covered by complex:</b> None	<b>Cable/internet providers:</b> Time Warner, AT&T U-verse
<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 1.4/1.6
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 8.1	<b>Without traffic:</b> 7.4
<b>Amenities:</b> Exercise center, gate, allows pets with breed restrictions, washer/dryer, office facilities, general parking, reserved parking, balcony	

## Mountainview at Southgate – East

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 7	<b>Would live here again:</b> 1/1
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$499	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$80
<b>Utilities covered by complex:</b> None	<b>Cable/internet providers:</b> AT&T U-verse
<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 1/1
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 12	<b>Without traffic:</b> 8
<b>Amenities:</b> Pool, allows pets without breed restrictions, washer/dryer, general parking, covered parking, extra storage space, balcony	

## Puerta Villa at Cimarron – West

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 9	<b>Would live here again:</b> 1/1
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$830	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$25
<b>Utilities covered by complex:</b> Water	<b>Cable/internet providers:</b> Time Warner, AT&T U-verse
<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 1/1
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 35	<b>Without traffic:</b> 20

<b>Amenities:</b> Pool, exercise center, gate, allows pets without breed restrictions, office facilities, general parking, covered parking, reserved parking, extra storage space, balcony
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## Santa Fe Apartments – West

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 8	<b>Would live here again:</b> 1/1
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$505	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$65
<b>Utilities covered by complex:</b>	<b>Cable/internet providers:</b> Time Warner, AT&T U-verse
<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 1/1
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 17	<b>Without traffic:</b> 12
<b>Amenities:</b> Pool, hot tub, general parking, reserved parking, balcony	

## Rio Grande – East

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 10	<b>Would live here again:</b> 1/1
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$675	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$20
<b>Utilities covered by complex:</b> Gas, water	<b>Cable/internet providers:</b> Time Warner
<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 1/1
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 10	<b>Without traffic:</b> 10
<b>Amenities:</b> Allows pets with breed restrictions	

## Shadow Mountain – West

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 8	<b>Would live here again:</b> 1/1
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$908	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$100
<b>Utilities covered by complex:</b> water, cable TV	<b>Cable/internet providers:</b> Time Warner
<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 2/2
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 30	<b>Without traffic:</b> 15
<b>Amenities:</b> Pool, allows pets with breed restrictions, washer/dryer, office facilities, general parking, reserved parking	

## Shadow Ridge – East

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 9	<b>Would live here again:</b> 2/2
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$595	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$67.50
<b>Utilities covered by complex:</b> None	<b>Cable/internet providers:</b> Time Warner, AT&T U-verse
<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 1/1
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 9.5	<b>Without traffic:</b> 5.5
<b>Amenities:</b> 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

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 8	<b>Would live here again:</b> 1/1
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$510	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$50
<b>Utilities covered by complex:</b> None	<b>Cable/internet providers:</b> Time Warner, AT&T U-verse
<b>Cooling system:</b> Swamp cooler	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 3/2
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 12	<b>Without traffic:</b> 7
<b>Amenities:</b> Pool, exercise center, allows pets with breed restrictions, office facilities, general parking, covered parking, reserved parking, balcony	

## Sundial Apartments – North

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 9	<b>Would live here again:</b> 1/1
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$670	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$20
<b>Utilities covered by complex:</b> gas, water, cable TV	<b>Cable/internet providers:</b> Time Warner
<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 2/1
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 12	<b>Without traffic:</b> 12
<b>Amenities:</b> Pool, allows pets with breed restrictions, washer/dryer, general parking, balcony	

## Terrace Hill – Central

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 5	<b>Would live here again:</b> 1/1
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$502	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$45
<b>Utilities covered by complex:</b> None	<b>Cable/internet providers:</b> Time Warner
<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 1/1
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 25	<b>Without traffic:</b> 15
<b>Amenities:</b> Pool, allows pets with breed restrictions, office facilities, general parking, balcony	

## The Chimneys – West

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 7.3	<b>Would live here again:</b> 3/3
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$522.70	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$60
<b>Utilities covered by complex:</b> None	<b>Cable/internet providers:</b> Time Warner, AT&T U-verse
<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 1.3/1.3
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 26	<b>Without traffic:</b> 16.7
<b>Amenities:</b> 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

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 8	<b>Would live here again:</b> 1/1
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$690	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$90
<b>Utilities covered by complex:</b> water, cable TV	<b>Cable/internet providers:</b> Time Warner
<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 2/1
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 15	<b>Without traffic:</b> 12
<b>Amenities:</b> Pool, allows pets with breed restrictions, washer/dryer, general parking, extra storage space, balcony	

## The Legends of El Paso – West

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 9	<b>Would live here again:</b> 7/7
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$783.70	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$73.30

<b>Utilities covered by complex:</b> None	<b>Cable/internet providers:</b> Time Warner, AT&T U-verse
<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 1.4/1.4
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 30.7	<b>Without traffic:</b> 16.9
<b>Amenities:</b> 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

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 8.4	<b>Would live here again:</b> 16/16
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$674.80	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$71.50
<b>Utilities covered by complex:</b> None / water	<b>Cable/internet providers:</b> Time Warner, AT&T U-verse
<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 1.5/1.3
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 24.4	<b>Without traffic:</b> 15.4
<b>Amenities:</b> 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

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 7.9	<b>Would live here again:</b> 9/10
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$738.40	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$90
<b>Utilities covered by complex:</b> None	<b>Cable/internet providers:</b> Time Warner
<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 1.5/1.5
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 29.5	<b>Without traffic:</b> 15.5
<b>Amenities:</b> 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

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 6.9	<b>Would live here again:</b> 7/8
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$900.50	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$83.10
<b>Utilities covered by complex:</b> None	<b>Cable/internet providers:</b> AT&T U-verse

<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 1.4/1.4
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 22.3	<b>Without traffic:</b> 15
<b>Amenities:</b> 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

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 9	<b>Would live here again:</b> 1/1
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$825	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$40
<b>Utilities covered by complex:</b> water	<b>Cable/internet providers:</b> Time Warner
<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 1/1
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 30	<b>Without traffic:</b> 20
<b>Amenities:</b> 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

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 8	<b>Would live here again:</b> 1/1
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$685	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$100
<b>Utilities covered by complex:</b> water, cable TV	<b>Cable/internet providers:</b> Time Warner, AT&T U-verse
<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 2/1
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 20	<b>Without traffic:</b> 15
<b>Amenities:</b> Pool, washer/dryer, office facilities, general parking	

## Trio Apartments (Formerly Warren Apartments)

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 8	<b>Would live here again:</b> 1/1
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$740	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$30
<b>Utilities covered by complex:</b> water, cable TV, gas,	<b>Cable/internet providers:</b> Spectrum
<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 1/1
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 18	<b>Without traffic:</b> 10
<b>Amenities:</b> Pool, allows pets with fee, general parking, laundry facilities	

## Wallington Plaza – West

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 7	<b>Would live here again:</b> 1/1
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$428	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$5
<b>Utilities covered by complex:</b> gas, electricity, water, cable TV	<b>Cable/internet providers:</b> Time Warner
<b>Cooling system:</b> Swamp cooler	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 1/1
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 20	<b>Without traffic:</b> 13
<b>Amenities:</b> Pool, allows pets with breed restrictions, general parking	

## West Town Apartments – West

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 9	<b>Would live here again:</b> 1/1
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$725	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$50
<b>Utilities covered by complex:</b> None	<b>Cable/internet providers:</b> Time Warner
<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 2/2
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 30	<b>Without traffic:</b> 15
<b>Amenities:</b> Pool, allows pets without breed restrictions, washer/dryer, office facilities, general parking, covered parking, reserved parking, extra storage space, balcony	





## Houses

Because most students live in apartments, the number of survey responses for houses is limited. House statistics are generally organized by side of town. 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!

### Westside Houses

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 9	<b>Would live here again:</b> 12/12
<b>Rent/own/live with parents:</b> 6/12 rent, 5/12 own, 1/12 live with parents	
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$840	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$151
<b>Utilities covered by landlord:</b> 2/12 with gas, electricity, water, cable TV and internet covered	<b>Potential cable/internet providers:</b> Time Warner, AT&T U-verse, Dish Network, Direct TV, Verizon FiOS
<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air (8/12), swamp cooler (4/12)	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 3/2.5
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 32	<b>Without traffic:</b> 20
<b>Amenities:</b> (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 Houses

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 9.8	<b>Would live here again:</b> 5/5
<b>Rent/own/live with parents:</b> 4/5 rent, 1/5 own	
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$1,125	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$127
<b>Utilities Covered by Landlord:</b> 1/5 with gas, electricity, water, cable TV and internet covered	<b>Potential Cable/internet providers:</b> Time Warner, AT&T U-verse, Dish Network, Direct TV
<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air (3/5), swamp cooler (2/5)	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 2.8/2.2
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 18	<b>Without traffic:</b> 15
<b>Amenities:</b> (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
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### Eastside Houses

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 8.7	<b>Would live here again:</b> 3/3
<b>Rent/own/live with parents:</b> 1/3 Rent, 1/3 Own, 1/3 Live with parents	
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$645	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$300
<b>Utilities Covered by Landlord:</b> 1/3 Gas, electricity, water, cable TV, internet	<b>Potential Cable/internet providers:</b> Time Warner, AT&T U-verse, Verizon FiOS, Dish Network, Direct TV
<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air (2/3), Swamp cooler (1/3)	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 3/2
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 18	<b>Without traffic:</b> 13
<b>Amenities:</b> (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 Houses

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 9.3	<b>Would live here again:</b> 11/11
<b>Rent/own/live with parents:</b> 7/11 Rent, 4/11 Own	
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$840	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$151
<b>Utilities covered by landlord:</b> 1/12 with gas, electricity, and water; 1/11 with water	<b>Potential cable/internet providers:</b> Time Warner, AT&T U-verse, Dish Network, Direct TV
<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air (3/9), swamp cooler (6/9)	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> 2.7/1.8
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 11	<b>Without traffic:</b> 8
<b>Amenities:</b> (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	

## Tiny Houses

<b>Overall satisfaction (out of 10):</b> 9	<b>Would live here again:</b> 1/1
<b>Average monthly rent:</b> \$372	<b>Average monthly utilities:</b> \$0
<b>Utilities covered by complex:</b> Gas, water, electricity all covered by community	<b>Cable/internet providers:</b> AT&T, spectrum
<b>Cooling system:</b> Refrigerated air	<b>Average bedrooms/bathrooms:</b> Depends on tiny home/trailer
<b>Average travel time to school:</b>	
<b>During rush hour:</b> 20	<b>Without traffic:</b> 12
<b>Amenities:</b> Community pool, laundry facilities on site, clubhouse with exercise room, pool table, gated community, fenced-in lots	

## Names and Information of Realtors Provided by Students

**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:

- They frequently have smaller homes in the Kern Place area (Central/West).
- They put the properties on their website along with pictures.
- This company manages many rental properties in El Paso. ([www.capitolpropertiestelpaso.com](http://www.capitolpropertiestelpaso.com))

### Sam Trimble:

- “Great for buying or renting. He gets commission from the property 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.samsellselpaso.com](http://www.samsellselpaso.com))

### Brenda Rogers:

- “Great for buying a home on the West Side. She is very prompt and a good communicator.” ([brendaorogers@gmail.com](mailto:brendaorogers@gmail.com); 915-494-6004)

**Tanya Ocampo:**

- “Helpful for students. Found a duplex on the West Side.” (915-585-8950)

**Maureen Lam:** 210-253-9339

**Shannon Drake:** (Max Real Estate)

- “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.” (915-581-3700)

**Sandy Messer Realty:** [relo@sandymesser.com](mailto:relo@sandymesser.com); 915-833-6111;

<http://sandymesser.com/>

### **HELPFUL WEBSITES**

[www.hotpads.com](http://www.hotpads.com)

[www.apartmentratings.com](http://www.apartmentratings.com)

[www.apartmentfinder.com](http://www.apartmentfinder.com)

[www.apartmentguide.com](http://www.apartmentguide.com)

## Ratings by Side of Town

	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>Central</b>
Number of Responses	12	6	3	11
<b>Overall Score</b>	<b>222.3</b>	<b>232.7</b>	<b>226.7</b>	<b>225.1</b>
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
Sense 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
AC	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