

2012 Basic Information

Current Housing

Own	=	19
Rent	=	58
Other	=	5

Other (Please Specify)

Dorm	=	1
Live with Family	=	4

City

Anderson Township, OH	=	1
Alexandria, KY	=	1
Cincinnati, OH	=	22
Cold Spring, KY	=	3
Covington, KY	=	10
Fairfield, OH	=	1
Florence, KY	=	1
Ft. Thomas, KY	=	6
Highland Heights, KY	=	16
Hyde Park, OH	=	1
La Grange, KY	=	1
Lakeside Park, KY	=	1
Lexington, KY	=	4
Liberty Township, OH	=	1
Louisville, KY	=	3
Maysville, KY	=	1
Newport, KY	=	6
Southgate, KY	=	2
Springboro, OH	=	1
Taylor Mill, KY	=	2
Union, KY	=	2
Wilder, KY	=	5

State

KY	=	55
OH	=	27

Commute

0-5 minutes	=	17
5-15 minutes	=	32
15-30 minutes	=	25
30-60 minutes	=	6
>60 minutes	=	2

Rent Expense

>\$1,200	=	3
\$1,000-\$1,199	=	4
\$800-\$999	=	15
\$600-\$799	=	24
\$400-\$599	=	20
<\$399	=	15

Utilities

>\$400	=	4
\$300-\$399	=	7
\$200-\$299	=	14
\$100-\$199	=	34
\$50-\$99	=	14
<\$50	=	8

Pets

No	=	29
Yes	=	45

Pet Type

Dog	=	30
Cat	=	15
Fish	=	4
Snake	=	1
Snail	=	1

Other

Division

FT	=	60
PT	=	18

Current Year

1L	=	23
2L	=	29
3L	=	21
4L	=	6

Apartment Information

Apartment or Housing Community/Complex

4 th & Plum	=	1
Arbor Point Apts.	=	1
Aspen Pines	=	2
Bentwood Hills	=	1
Brookstone Crossing	=	3
Carriage Station Townhomes	=	1
Church Hill Apts.	=	1
Columbia Towers	=	2
East End	=	1
Edgecliff Condos	=	1
Forrest Ridge	=	1
Fox Chase Apts.	=	1
Friends House	=	1
Gettysburg Square	=	2
Glen Hollow	=	2
Glen Royal	=	1
Greenwich	=	1
Grandview Summit	=	3
Hampton Farms	=	4
Highland Meadows	=	2
Highland Ridge	=	5
Honeysuckle Terrace	=	1
Ivy Ridge	=	1
Olde Montgomery	=	1
Oxford Hills	=	1
Pike St. Lofts	=	1
Ridgewood Homes	=	1
River Mews	=	1
Silverwood Landing	=	2
The Flatts	=	1
Trelisses	=	1
Whispering Winds	=	1

of Bedrooms

1	=	27
2	=	25
3	=	7
4	=	4

of Bathrooms

1	=	32
2	=	20
3	=	3

Roommates?

0	=	27
1	=	27
2	=	4
3	=	3

Would you recommend this community?

No	=	7
Yes	=	54

Are you planning on moving?

No	=	54
Yes	=	25

Community Comments

Complex	Comments
rent a house	318 Linden Ave --- family neighborhood, three police live on our block
Pike St. Lofts	9 private condos and 3-4 businesses; only 2 condo spaces are leased.
Aspen Pines	Aspen Pines is a very friendly community and the management is really helpful.
House in clifton	Cheap, but sort of far away and it's in a low income area
Hampton Farms	Close location to campus is very nice. Worth the extra rent to live close and avoid a commute
Hyde Park	Close to Downtown and Northern Kentucky. It's a reverse commute so you avoid all traffic in the morning and evening. There are alot of young people in the community and there are alot of things to do. Many good restaurants and bars. Only drawback is the houses and apartment complexes are pretty old which can be bad for heat and a/c efficiency.
Ridgewood	Close to school and Cincinnati, reasonably priced, quiet
Highland Meadows Condos	Excellent place to live if you can find someone to rent from or have the money to buy a condo.
Highland ridge	Expensive
Glen Royal	Fort Thomas is a nice town to live in.
Olde Montgomery	Great community but a little bit of a lengthy commute.
Highland Ridge	Great ease of access to the law school. Residents tend to be mid-20's or older, thus very few undergraduates and all the noise an disturbances that tend to come with it. The management have been very understanding about issues such as allowing us to pay rent late when we were eating for our loan money to deposit, and allowing us to pay many months in advance.
renting a home on knollwood drive	I currently rent a house at 310 Knollwood Drive with three other 3L day students. We are about to graduate in May and our lease ends at the end of August. This house would be perfect for any group of 4 law students. Rent for us is \$1400 per month and additional utilities (gas and electric, water, cable, sanitation) average about \$125 per month. Our landlord is easily the best landlord I have ever had....very laid back and easygoing, easy to get ahold of, and quick to send someone to the house to fix any problem that may arise. The only reason I am filling out this survey is to possibly do him a favor by finding him residents for next year.
The Edgecliff Condos	I know myself and at least one other girl at Chase lives here and we both love it. I would recommend it because they have a concierge service, restaurant and salon in the building, cleaning service, pool, workout room, free internet, study lounge/library, super safe, parking garage, etc. - my life is easier with law school since I have moved into this building because of those amenities. Very quiet and peaceful. I was renting through Jefferson Development Group but i think Towne Properties now manages the condos they rent out.
I rent a house from NKU	I Rent a house from NKU.
Neighborhood in Covington called Wallace Woods	I would not recommend living in a rental community. I live in Wallace Woods (a neighborhood in Covington). I would recommend living in a house, rent is cheaper even with utilities. I had several friends who lived in Highland Ridge Apartments who moved from there due to various bad experiences. Even though many places are closer to campus, rent is very expensive especially for a person living alone. When I first moved here I lived in Bellevue, Kentucky in a one bedroom apartment paying \$450 per month plus utilities. Most of my colleagues who lived in complexes had less living space, lived up 2-3 flights of stairs, no yard, loud neighbors, while rent alone was \$650-\$1000. The best neighborhoods for students in Northern Kentucky are: Bellevue, Newport (Mansion Hill Area), Covington (Roebing area, Licking Historic District, Mainstrasse, and Wallace Woods). Each of these areas offer bars & restaurants within walking distance, along with cool houses with yards.

University Suites: NKU	I would recommend living off campus if possible.
Forest Ridge	It is very quiet. Mostly young professionals and elderly couples. The codos are very large and there are 1, 2, and 3 bedroom options.
Fox Chase South	Its a great community, people are friendly, the girls at the office are great! Maintenance is always handled quickly. Only problem I would recommend watching out for is that if you live in a lower apartment, with someone above you, if those people are loud, like to stomp, or go out on their balcony a lot, the noise will be bothersome. I've had 3 different groups above me in my time here; the first 2 were fine, the current residents are awful. One of the people up there is worse than other(s). Stomping, dresser drawers opening and closing until 2-4 in the morning makes sleep difficult. Residents are smokers, their patio door was being opened and closed until all hours of the morning. After enough complaining the property manager did finally have a new door installed; so that is a positive for their willingness to help. Overall a good place that can be made bad with loud neighbors.
Highland Ridge	It's a very nice apartment community, though the interiors of the apartments are a bit dated. It's very close to school, which is convenient. The apartments are probably a little overpriced, but you're paying for the convenience of only being a few minutes from school.
Hampton Farms	It's nice. Close. Rent is a little high but as long as you pay rent on time, don't cause a racket or cause a lot of maintenance problems the management love you. They get enough of all three from their undergrad community. Also the walls are thick as hell concrete and more or less soundproof.
Rent half of a 2 family house	Like I said, it is not really a community, it is a privately owned house, divided for two families. I have the upstairs, two bedroom, my neighbor Andrea has the downstairs one bedroom, and we share the basement, with laundry and storage space for each unit. The house is nice because I don't have to deal with loud complex neighbors, etc, I have my own driveway, and a fenced in yard.
4th and Plum	Living Downtown is one of the best decisions I made in Law School
Trelisses	Management is difficult
Church Hill Apartments	Nice, private, secure access w/ intercom - but no pets allowed
Bentwood Hills	People are nice. It's quiet
The Flatts	Single building with 5 units. Right across from a Catholic church and school. Also across the street from a park. Down the street from a police station. Kroger is less than 5 minutes driving.
Brookstone Crossing	The apartments are located between US 27 and I-275, so there is easy access to both local and interstate highways. The sales office staff are really helpful and pleasant. It's a fairly quiet community, so doing school work and studying at home won't be an issue. Currently, they're building two new apartment buildings, so there's some construction. The good news is that they're expanding to accommodate more residents; the bad news is that for those around the construction area, it can get noisy during the day and there's a lot of dust and mud around the area.
Highland Ridge	The apartments are very close to campus and make for a quit commute back and forth. This allows you to run home very quickly if you forget something, or just want to go home in between classes and eat lunch. Also within walking distance in case you have car trouble. However, the apartments are somewhat dated and the cabinets and counters are stuck in the 90's. They have carpet, most of which is old and not in great shape. The people who run the complex are very nice and will work with you if you accidently forget to pay rent when its due and they get maintenance work done quickly. Also, they have a nice pool, a so/so workout facility, and free tanning bed. I like the complex and most likely will renew my lease, however I have contemplated moving to somewhere that is an upgrade.

Glen Hollow	The large rooms, big windows, and high ceilings make the apartment spacious and open. The management is quick to solve your problems and very friendly. Because there are fewer college students here, the atmosphere is quiet and conducive to peaceful study.
Hampton Farms	The management at this property are the worst human beings on the face of the earth. They have no souls and they will absolutely make your life a living hell if you live here. I would rather be homeless in a ditch than live in this hell hole.
Arbor Point Apartment	Too far from Law school
Gettysburg Square Apartments	Very attentive and maintenance is very friendly and quick to respond. The staff has been very personable and kind.
Brookstone Crossing	walls are thin, but staff is friendly and commute is worth it
Columbia Tower	Well-maintained condo building. Safe. Laundry on each floor. Outdoor swimming pool overlooking river. Small workout room.
Oakley	Young adult neighborhood in Cincinnati.

Advice for 1Ls

Suggestions
Consider buying. I did not think I could, but with a first time home buyers loan that does not require a down payment I was able to. It has saved me a ton on rent (seeing as most places are around 1000 a month if they are nice).
DO NOT LIVE AT HAMPTON FARMS, THEY TREAT THEIR TENANTS poorly.
Do not live in Florence or Trellises Apartments
Do not live on campus.
Don't live in an apartment complex. Look for houses and apartments in Bellevue, Newport, & Covington. Craigslist has a lot of ads, but it also pays off to drive around and find an area you like, then try to find a place. It is cheaper in the long run to live in a house rather than a complex.
Don't spend too much on housing. A lot of students have significant extra debt because they refused to cut costs while in law school.
Find housing closer to school and There is a lot of places in Clifton for rent on Cincinnati side that are cheap, always have a roommate who is a law student as well; easier to study because you both will be busy at the same time.
Get a roommate, close to the school without over paying.
Good luck.
I would highly encourage non-Kentucky residents to take advantage of the Metro Status. Although the drive from some of the Ohio counties can take 15-30 minutes, the tuition saved it well worth it. Also, there are a lot of nice complexes in Southern Ohio that have a lot cheaper rental rates than the high priced options offering the convenience of being close to campus.
I would suggest that incoming students consider living alone if they plan to study at home. Also, I would suggest that students consider living outside of the apartment complexes surrounding campus in order to get away from the feeling of being at school all the time.
If you are not from the NKY area, make a day-trip to the area very early in the summer with the intention of finding an apartment. The best options go fast and nearly every place we visited gave us the option of reserving an apartment for the fall by placing a small deposit. Also, call the local college book stores and find out the first date which they begin selling law books for the fall. This is a good opportunity to get first dibs on the best used books.
If you can, move close to the campus so that you can spend less time commuting and more time studying.
If you want to live in Ohio and be close to all the things Cincinnati has to offer, Hyde Park is one of the best places to live.
If you're married with a family don't feel like you need to move closer to campus and uproot your family, you will be fine where you are at.
Individual Landlords tend to be cheaper than communities in my experience
Live near non-law students. It helps separate "work/study" time and "home" time.
Living near campus is nice but expensive. Live a bit farther away and save.
Looking at condos that are for rent could result in lower rents in safer neighborhoods. I lived in an apartment my first year, and it was loud and there were quite a few disruptions. I bought a condo down the road, and the

cost to rent a condo is actually cheaper, and it's a bit calmer.
Move close to campus if you can.
Pick somewhere close to campus. There are a lot of things that you should stick around for on campus and if you ever need to run home quickly then it is ideal to have somewhere close to live. Makes school much easier when your commute is 1 minute as opposed to 20-30.
Rent a house, much cheaper than apartment communities.
Stay at home if you can!!!
Stay close to school if possible! Traffic is terrible in the mornings!
The apartments closer to the leasing office, i.e., the first row of apartments coming into the complex, and the back row of apartments, i.e., the ones facing with the woods on the back-side, are slightly more expensive. You should do a tour of several models to see how you feel or what style fits you best, and definitely inquire about any deals.
There are rental properties along the #11 tank bus route in Newport and Ft. Thomas. If someone is trying to save cost and commute time, then these may be of interest.
Try to find a complex just a bit away from campus so you don't half to deal with undergrads. Make sure you are close as Cincy commuter traffic can be crazy. Try to find a roommate if at all possible, as rent around here can be rather high.
Try to find a roommate, which can significantly cut down on costs.
We found our rental on Craigs List. If you are living on your own or with a student roommate, living near campus makes sense. If you have a spouse or partner who works in downtown Cincinnati, rush hour traffic on 471 northbound is something you probably don't want to inflict on your significant other.
You meet some interesting people on Craigslist.
You should make sure to ask people who live in the community what their experiences have been like. If renting, ask about how often rent has increased, how old the apartments are (or how recently they have been renovated), and how long that management group has owned them (watch out for places where management has changed often).
You want a place that is quiet, relaxing, and where you don't have to worry about being able to get to sleep. Sleep is precious in Law School. Ask around to other residents on lower levels on the upper residents noise level if you are going to be on bottom levels. Otherwise, always go top.