

Where do I live?



- Midtown 39%
- West End: 34%
- Hillsboro: 13%
- Gulch: 6%
- Other: 8%



- Charlotte at Midtown
- The Grove
- Condominium Villager
- Edge Apartments
- 2325 Elliston Place
- Twenty and Grand
- 2700 Charlotte
- Skyhouse
- Elliston 23
- Westboro
- Westwood



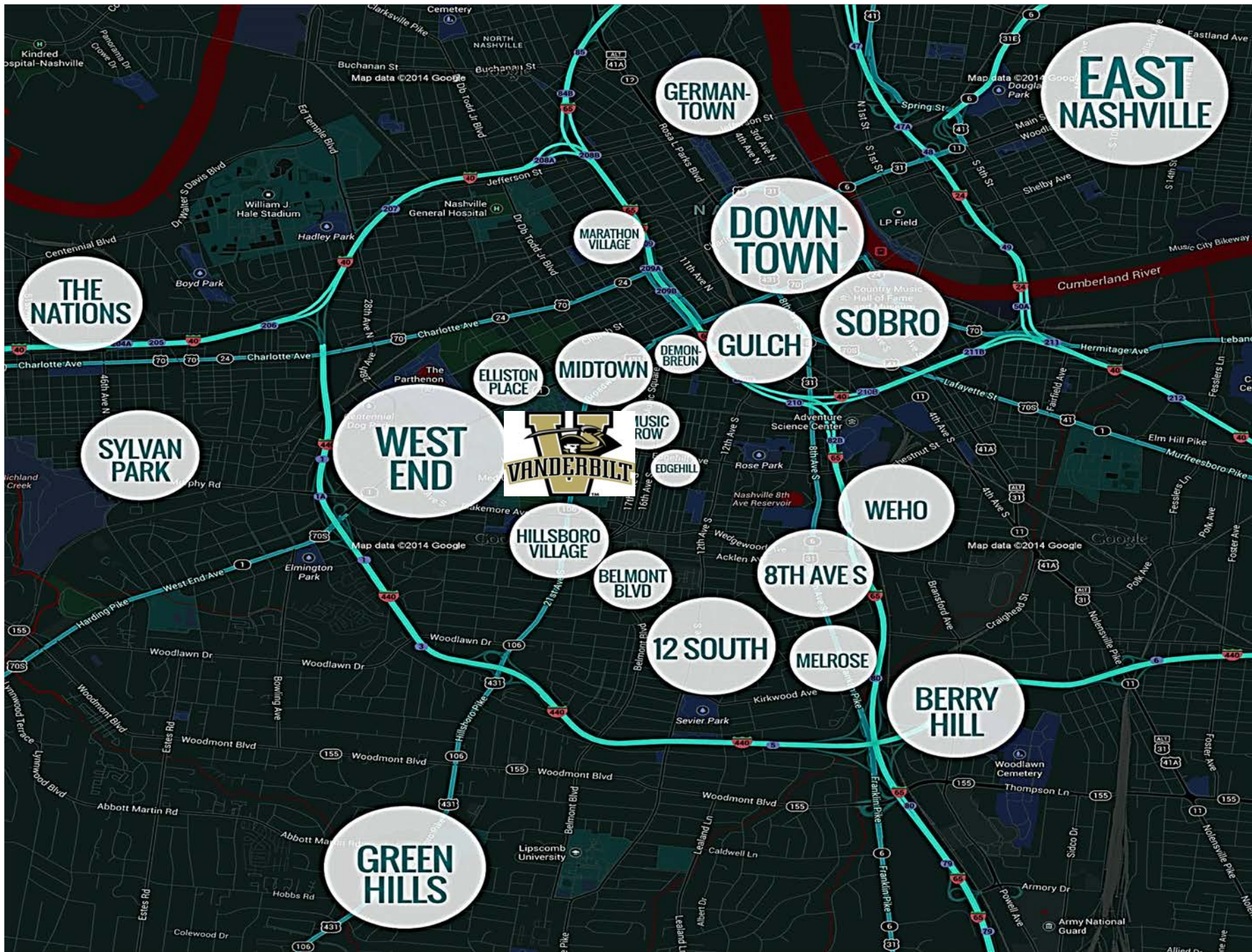
- Yes - 74%

- No – 26%

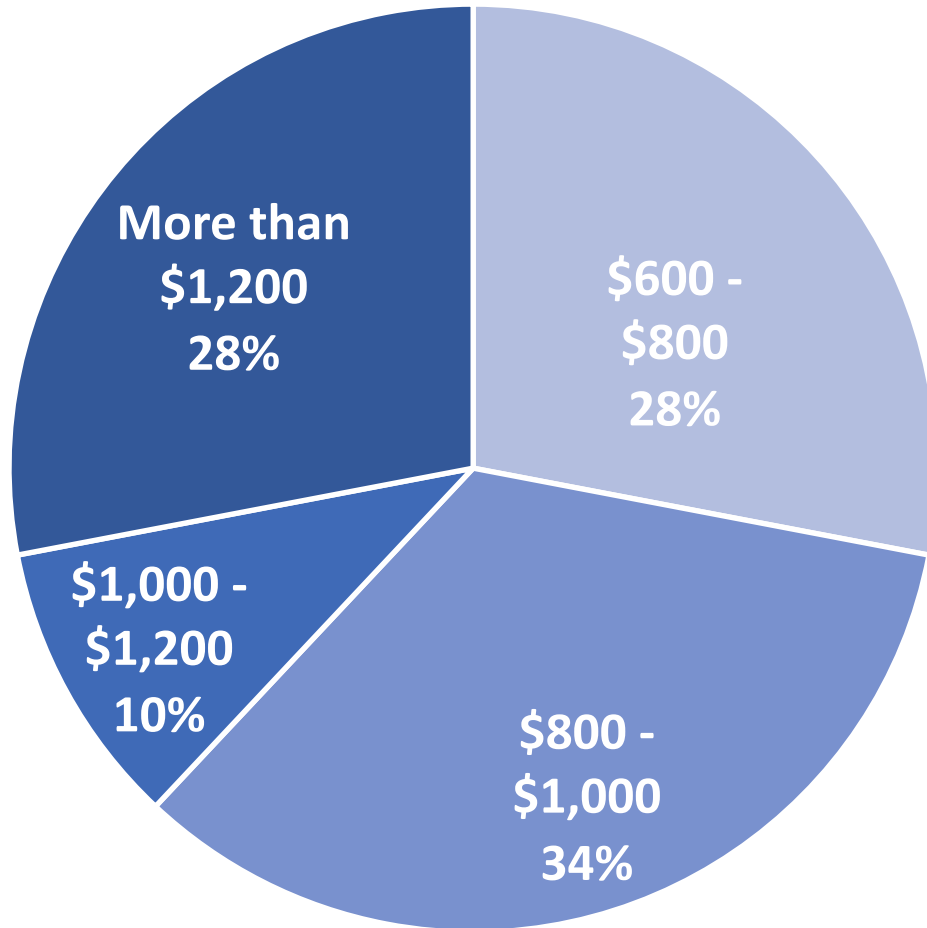


- 2 Bedroom 34%
- 1 Bedroom 28%
- Studio 17%

- Other (*room in a house or house with more than bedrooms*) 21%



How much rent do I pay per person?



Average rent \$950



Average utilities (internet,
water, energy)
\$139



Owen Annual Parking Permit
\$450

More about rent



- Rent prices vary. However, living with a roommate can significantly reduce your monthly rent. The same goes for utilities.
- Make sure to use the Facebook group and current students as sources for housing.
- Almost all locations on this list are less than 30 minutes (walk) away from school and grocery stores are close by (less than 10 min drive mostly).
- For information on finding and setting up a place check - <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/iss/coming-to-vanderbilt/housing/finding-a-place-to-live/>

Leasing Agreement



- Keep in mind that you may be away for your summer internship starting in May/ June of next year so if you don't intend to continue leasing the same place, talk to your landlord about the monthly lease.
- Write down any additional regulations or amendments on your lease BEFORE you sign it. Make a copy of your lease after you sign it.
- Enquire about additional that fees may apply: Fees: admin fee, application fee, pet fee; and check for any restrictions on guests/pets/smoking, etc.
- Find out if you can sublet your room.
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Utilities



- To set up your electricity account you will need to go to the Nashville Electric Service (NES). If you do not have an SSN, a \$250 deposit will be charged in cash. You can set up auto-payment by giving NES one voided check.
- Documents needed: passport or photo ID, I-20, SIGNED leasing contract.
- *Confirm with NES for more detailed information.
- In most apartments, water and gas may be included in your monthly rent
- *Ask your leasing office to confirm

Where do I get my cellphone?

50%



30%



- Most students prepaid plan because you cannot access a post-paid plan without SSN.
- **Temporary phone service** - there are temporary SIM cards available at the ISSS office - For immediate connection get one of these SIM cards while you decide on your long-term phone contract

Where do I open my Bank Account?

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Bank of America



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- Documents needed to open accounts: passport or photo ID, I-20, SIGNED leasing contract. Sometimes minimum deposit is required.
- Most banks offer credit cards while opening an account. If you do not have a Social Security Number, you can request a secured credit card and may ask to convert to a regular card later in time.
- Be sure to make your payments on time – this will affect your credit score. Also it is suggested to use less than 30% of your credit limit to help build a better credit score.

Recommendations from current International Students

- Not necessary to live by school and if you are family complex should be an another good option.
- Don't stay in State House
- Negotiate free months of rent for staying in the same building both years and use the referral deal
- Get an accommodation preferably within 1 mile of campus. Also, make sure there is a grocery store within the walking distance. I would recommend Hillsboro or somewhere on 21st to the south of Owen. This is well connected by bus no. 7 which has frequency every 20 minutes.
- Live close to school if you don't have a car