

CHAPTER 7

ACCOMMODATION

ACCOMMODATION USAGE AND IMPACT ON STUDY

The three main types of accommodation used are *parents' home*, *own home* and *private rented accommodation*. About one fifth of students (19%) live at their parents' home. Around three fifths (58%) of students in **Health Studies** and 51% of those in the **Partner Colleges** live in their own home. Most students at **East Berkshire College** (81%) live in their own home (Figures 7.1, 7.2). Masters and postgraduate students are more likely to live in their own home (Figure 7.3).

Figure 7.1: Accommodation used during term time by faculty

Faculty		Chalfont Campus	John North Hall	Parent's home	Own Home	Brook Street Hall	BCUC Tenancy	Private rented	Other	Total
AS	n	2	3	19	36	13	6	16	5	100
	%	2.0	3.0	19.0	36.0	13.0	6.0	16.0	5.0	100.0
BS	n	24	0	13	31	0	1	11	4	84
	%	28.6	0	15.5	36.9	0.0	1.2	13.1	4.8	100.0
Dn	n	2	6	21	24	19	7	7	4	90
	%	2.2	6.7	23.3	26.7	21.1	7.8	7.8	4.4	100.0
HS	n	6	1	6	56	0	0	20	8	97
	%	6.2	1.0	6.2	57.7	0.0	0.0	20.6	8.2	100.0
LT	n	11	7	9	14	23	10	10	3	87
	%	12.6	8.0	10.3	16.1	26.4	11.5	11.5	3.4	100.0
Tech	n	1	0	11	12	2	0	6	2	34
	%	2.9	0.0	32.4	35.3	5.9	0.0	17.6	5.9	100.0
PC	n	7	1	46	86	0	0	17	12	169
	%	4.1	0.6	27.2	50.9	0.0	0.0	10.1	7.1	100.0
Total	n	53	18	125	266	57	24	88	38	669
	%	7.9	2.7	18.7	39.8	8.5	3.6	13.2	5.7	100.0

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Figure 7.2: Accommodation used during term time by partner college

Partner College		Chalfont Campus	Parent's home	Own Home	Private rented	Other	Total
UAW	n	7	22	41	8	5	83
	%	8.4	26.5	49.4	9.6	6.0	100.0
UBA	n	0	17	13	6	5	41
	%	0	41.5	31.7	14.6	12.2	100.0
UEB	n	0	3	25	2	1	31
	%	0	9.7	80.6	6.5	3.2	100.0
Total	n	7	42	79	16	11	155
	%	4.5	27.1	51.0	10.3	7.1	100

Figure 7.3: Accommodation used during term time by faculty and course stage

Faculty and course stage		Chalfont Campus	John North Hall	Parent's home	Own Home	Brook Street Hall	BCUC tenancy	Private rented	Other	Total
AS 1	n	2	3	17	27	13	6	15	4	87
	%	2.3	3.4	19.5	31.0	14.9	6.9	17.2	4.6	100.0
AS M&P	n	0	0	2	9	0	0	1	1	13
	%	0.0	0.0	15.4	69.2	0.0	0.0	7.7	7.7	100.0
BS 1	n	20	0	8	16	0	0	6	2	52
	%	38.5	0.0	15.4	30.8	0.0	0.0	11.5	3.8	100.0
BS M&P	n	4	0	5	15	0	1	5	2	32
	%	12.5	0.0	15.6	46.9	0.0	3.1	15.6	6.3	100.0
Dn 1	n	2	5	21	22	19	7	6	0	82
	%	2.4	6.1	25.6	26.8	23.2	8.5	7.3	0.0	100.0
HS 1	n	6	0	6	35	0	0	19	6	72
	%	8.3	0.0	8.3	48.6	0.0	0.0	26.4	8.3	100.0
HS M&P	n	0	1	0	21	0	0	1	2	25
	%	0.0	4.0	0.0	84.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	8.0	100.0
LT 1	n	11	7	9	14	23	10	10	3	87
	%	12.6	8.0	10.3	16.1	26.4	11.5	11.5	3.4	100.0
Tech 1	n	1	0	11	12	2	0	6	2	34
	%	2.9	0.0	32.4	35.3	5.9	0.0	17.6	5.9	100.0
PC 1	n	5	1	24	47	0	0	4	2	83
	%	6.0	1.2	28.9	56.6	0.0	0.0	4.8	2.4	100.0
PC 2	n	1	0	13	22	0	0	9	4	49
	%	2.0	0.0	26.5	44.9	0.0	0.0	18.4	8.2	100.0
PC 3	n	1	0	9	11	0	0	3	4	28
	%	3.6	0.0	32.1	39.3	0.0	0.0	10.7	14.3	100.0

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Figure 7.4: Accommodation used during term time by partner college and course stage

Partner college and course stage		Chalfont	Parent's home	Own Home	Private rented	Other	Total
UAW 1	n	5	11	23	2	1	42
	%	11.9	26.2	54.8	4.8	2.4	100.0
UAW 2	n	1	7	9	3	0	20
	%	5.0	35.0	45.0	15.0	0.0	100.0
UAW 3	n	1	4	7	3	3	18
	%	5.6	22.2	38.9	16.7	16.7	100.0
UBA 1	n	0	9	8	1	0	18
	%	0.0	50.0	44.4	5.6	0.0	100.0
UBA 2	n	0	3	3	5	4	15
	%	0.0	20.0	20.0	33.3	26.7	100.0
UEB 1	n	0	2	14	0	1	17
	%	0.0	11.8	82.4	0.0	5.9	100.0

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Figure 7.5: Impact of accommodation on studies by accommodation type

<i>Accommodation type</i>		A very large negative impact	A large negative impact	A small negative impact	No impact	A small positive impact	A large positive impact	A very large positive impact	Total
Chalfont	n	6	4	9	9	8	16	1	53
	%	11.3	7.5	17.0	17.0	15.1	30.2	1.9	100.0
John North Hall	n	1	3	7	1	1	3	2	18
	%	5.6	16.7	38.9	5.6	5.6	16.7	11.1	100.0
Parent's home	n	1	2	23	51	6	26	15	124
	%	0.8	1.6	18.5	41.1	4.8	21.0	12.1	100.0
Own Home	n	2	7	18	154	8	36	23	248
	%	0.8	2.8	7.3	62.1	3.2	14.5	9.3	100.0
Brook Street Hall Accommodation	n	2	3	16	5	14	11	6	57
	%	3.5	5.3	28.1	8.8	24.6	19.3	10.5	100.0
BCUC head tenancy scheme	n	4	0	6	5	2	4	3	24
	%	16.7	0.0	25.0	20.8	8.3	16.7	12.5	100.0
Private rented accommodation	n	5	12	22	23	7	14	3	86
	%	5.8	14.0	25.6	26.7	8.1	16.3	3.5	100.0
Other accommodation	n	1	4	3	17	6	3	1	35
	%	2.9	11.4	8.6	48.6	17.1	8.6	2.9	100.0
Total	n	22	35	104	265	52	113	54	645
	%	3.4	5.4	16.1	41.1	8.1	17.5	8.4	100

Two fifths of students (41%) stated that accommodation has no impact on their study; 18% stated that it has a large positive impact, while 16% stated that it has a small negative impact. A quarter of students under a *BCUC head tenancy scheme* and in *private rented accommodation* (25% and 26% respectively) indicated that accommodation has a small negative impact on their studies. A majority (61%) at *John North Hall* stated that accommodation has some degree of negative impact on their studies compared with 37% of students at *Brook Street Hall Accommodation* (Figure 7.5).

Figure 7.6: Impact of accommodation on studies by accommodation type and course stage

<i>Accommodation type and course stage</i>		<i>Impact of accommodation on studies</i>						Total	
		A very large negative impact	A large negative impact	A small negative impact	No impact	A small positive impact	A large positive impact		A very large positive impact
Chal 1	n	5	4	8	7	8	14	1	47
	%	10.6	8.5	17.0	14.9	17.0	29.8	2.1	100.0
JN 1	n	0	3	6	1	1	3	2	16
	%	0.0	18.8	37.5	6.3	6.3	18.8	12.5	100.0
PH 1	n	0	1	18	42	6	18	10	95
	%	0.0	1.1	18.9	44.2	6.3	18.9	10.5	100.0
PH 2	n	1	0	2	5	0	2	3	13
	%	7.7	0.0	15.4	38.5	0.0	15.4	23.1	100
OH 1	n	2	6	16	97	5	24	10	160
	%	1.3	3.8	10.0	60.6	3.1	15.0	6.3	100.0
OH 2	n	0	0	0	14	0	4	4	22
	%	0.0	0.0	0.0	63.6	0.0	18.2	18.2	100.0
OH 3	n	0	0	1	6	0	3	1	11
	%	0.0	0.0	9.1	54.5	0.0	27.3	9.1	100.0
OH M&P	n	0	1	1	37	3	5	8	55
	%	0.0	1.8	1.8	67.3	5.5	9.1	14.5	100.0
Brook 1	n	2	3	16	5	14	11	6	57
	%	3.5	5.3	28.1	8.8	24.6	19.3	10.5	100.0
BCUC ten	n	4	0	6	5	2	3	3	23
	%	17.4	0.0	26.1	21.7	8.7	13.0	13.0	100.0
Private 1	n	5	10	14	17	3	12	3	64
	%	7.8	15.6	21.9	26.6	4.7	18.8	4.7	100.0
Private M&P	n	0	2	3	4	0	1	0	10
	%	0.0	20.0	30.0	40.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	100.0
Other 1	n	1	3	1	9	3	2	0	19
	%	5.3	15.8	5.3	47.4	15.8	10.5	0.0	100.0

Nb rows omitted where total fewer than 10

Nearly all second-years, third-years and masters and postgraduate students living in their *own home* reported that accommodation had either had no impact or a positive impact on their studies. Some first years (15%) living in their *own home* stated that accommodation had some degree of negative impact on their studies, although 24% of these students reported that it had some degree of positive impact. Nearly one fifth (19%) of first years living in their *parents home* reported a small negative impact on their studies, although the same proportion reported a large positive impact (Figure 7.6).

Figure 7.7: Impact of accommodation on studies by accommodation type, gender and age

<i>Accommodation type, gender and age</i>		A very large negative impact	A large negative impact	A small negative impact	No impact	A small positive impact	A large positive impact	A very large positive impact	Total
Chal F <23	n	1	2	7	6	6	8	0	30
	%	3.3	6.7	23.3	20.0	20.0	26.7	0	100
Chal M <23	n	3	2	1	1	2	7	1	17
	%	17.6	11.8	5.9	5.9	11.8	41.2	5.9	100.0
JN F <23	n	1	2	3	0	1	2	1	10
	%	10.0	20.0	30.0	0.0	10.0	20.0	10.0	100.0
PH F <23	n	0	1	12	35	5	17	11	81
	%	0.0	1.2	14.8	43.2	6.2	21.0	13.6	100.0
PH F 23+	n	0	0	4	4	0	1	2	11
	%	0.0	0.0	36.4	36.4	0.0	9.1	18.2	100.0
PH M <23	n	1	0	6	11	1	7	2	28
	%	3.6	0.0	21.4	39.3	3.6	25.0	7.1	100.0
OH F <23	n	1	0	1	18	1	3	5	29
	%	3.4	0.0	3.4	62.1	3.4	10.3	17.2	100.0
OH F 23+	n	0	6	15	101	4	23	12	161
	%	0.0	3.7	9.3	62.7	2.5	14.3	7.5	100.0
OH M <23	n	1	1	1	5	2	3	2	15
	%	6.7	6.7	6.7	33.3	13.3	20.0	13.3	100.0
OH M 23+	n	0	0	1	30	1	6	4	42
	%	0.0	0.0	2.4	71.4	2.4	14.3	9.5	100.0
Brook F <23	n	1	2	9	1	5	6	6	30
	%	3.3	6.7	30.0	3.3	16.7	20.0	20.0	100.0
Brook M <23	n	0	0	7	3	8	5	0	23
	%	0.0	0.0	30.4	13.0	34.8	21.7	0.0	100.0
BCUC ten F <23	n	3	0	2	3	1	3	1	13
	%	23.1	0.0	15.4	23.1	7.7	23.1	7.7	100.0
Private F <23	n	1	3	5	7	5	4	0	25
	%	4.0	12.0	20.0	28.0	20.0	16.0	0.0	100.0
Private F 23+	n	3	5	9	10	0	6	3	36
	%	8.3	13.9	25.0	27.8	0.0	16.7	8.3	100.0
Private M 23+	n	0	2	7	5	1	1	0	16
	%	0.0	12.5	43.8	31.3	6.3	6.3	0.0	100.0
Other F 23+	n	1	3	2	10	2	1	0	19
	%	5.3	15.8	10.5	52.6	10.5	5.3	0.0	100.0

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SATISFACTION WITH ACCOMMODATION

Students are generally satisfied with *accommodation in general (bedroom and other facilities)*, students in **Business Studies** at **Chalfont Campus** and those in private rented accommodation are *very satisfied* with this (Figures 7.8, 7.9).

Location of accommodation is less satisfactory for certain students. Males aged under 23 at **Chalfont Campus** are dissatisfied with this (Figure 7.10).

Personal safety in and around your accommodation is less satisfactory for students under a **BCUC head tenancy scheme** (Figures 7.8, 7.8).

Students at **Chalfont Campus** are *very dissatisfied* with *availability of the Internet in your accommodation*. Those studying Business and Administrative Studies (**N**) are dissatisfied with this (Figures 7.8, 7.9, 7.10, 7.11).

Helpfulness of accommodation staff and *ability of accommodation staff to resolve difficulties* are areas of concern for males under 23 at **Chalfont Campus** (Figure 7.10).

Figure 7.8: Student perceptions of accommodation by accommodation type and faculty

Accommodation	<i>Chalfont</i>		<i>Brook Street Hall Accommodation</i>			<i>BCUC head tenancy scheme</i>	BCUC
	BS	LT	AS	Dn	LT	LT	
Accommodation in general (bedroom and other facilities)	A	B	B	B	B	B	B
Location of accommodation	B	E	A	A	B	C	B
Personal safety in and around your accommodation	A	B	A	A	B	D	B
Availability of the Internet in your accommodation	E	E	A	A	A	D	C
Helpfulness of accommodation staff	B	D	B	B	A	C	B
Ability of accommodation staff to resolve difficulties	C	D	B	B	B	*	B

* Fewer than 10 respondents

Figure 7.9: Student perceptions of accommodation by accommodation type and course stage

Accommodation	<i>Chalfont</i>	<i>John North Hall</i>	<i>Brook Street Hall Accommodation</i>	<i>BCUC head tenancy scheme</i>	<i>Private rented accommodation</i>
	1	1	1	1	1
Accommodation in general (bedroom and other facilities)	B	B	B	B	A
Location of accommodation	C	C	A	B	B
Personal safety in and around your accommodation	A	B	A	C	A
Availability of the Internet in your accommodation	E	E	A	D	B
Helpfulness of accommodation staff	C	B	B	B	B
Ability of accommodation staff to resolve difficulties	C	C	B	B	B

Figure 7.10: Student perceptions of accommodation by accommodation type, gender and age

<i>Accommodation</i>	Chalfont Campus		John North Hall	Brook Street Hall		BCUC Tenancy	Private rented	
	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>F</i>	
	<23	<23	<23	<23	<23	<23	<23	23+
Accommodation in general (bedroom and other facilities)	B	B	B	B	B	A	A	A
Location of accommodation	B	D	C	A	A	C	A	B
Personal safety in and around your accommodation	A	A	*	A	A	C	A	A
Availability of the Internet in your accommodation	E	E	E	A	A	D	A	B
Helpfulness of accommodation staff	B	D	D	A	B	B	*	*
Ability of accommodation staff to resolve difficulties	C	D	D	B	B	B	*	*

* Fewer than 10 respondents

Figure 7.11: Student perceptions of accommodation by JACS code

<i>Accommodation</i>	<i>JACS</i>				
	B	J	L	N	W
Accommodation in general (bedroom and other facilities)	B	B	A	B	B
Location of accommodation	B	A	*	B	B
Personal safety in and around your accommodation	A	B	A	A	B
Availability of the Internet in your accommodation	C	B	*	D	C
Helpfulness of accommodation staff	B	B	*	B	B
Ability of accommodation staff to resolve difficulties	B	C	*	B	B

* Fewer than 10 respondents