

Facilities

Housing and Residence Life (HRL) has both traditional suite-style residence halls and apartments. Apartment housing began in fall 1984 with McDonald East and the first residence hall opened in 2001. In fall 2010, 2,804 USI students lived on campus in USI's four residence halls and 43 apartment buildings.

Housing Type	2 Bedroom / 4 Person	1 Bedroom / 2 Person	Total Units
Apartments	518	62	580
Residence Halls	188	48	236
Total Living Units	706	110	816

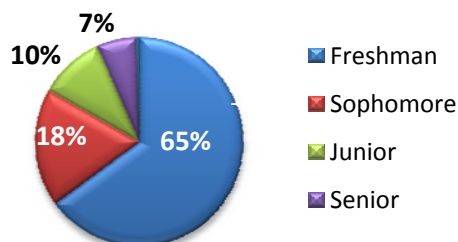
Residents

Housing and Residence Life (HRL) is home to approximately 2,800 students. HRL offers an affordable, secure, and dynamic community.

	University		Housing	
Official Enrollment:	10,702		2,804	
Enrolled Hours				
11.5 or less	2,326	21.7%	48	1.7%
12 to 14.5	3,773	35.3%	947	33.8%
15 or more	4,603	43.0%	1,809	64.5%
Gender				
Men	4,299	40.2%	1,087	38.6%
Women	6,403	59.8%	1,717	61.4%
Age				
Under 21	4,663	43.6%	2,348	83.7%
21 or Older	6,039	56.4%	456	16.3%
Race / Ethnicity				
White	9,512	88.8%	2,340	83.5%
African-American	585	5.5%	279	9.9%
Other	477	4.5%	148	5.3%
Not Specified	128	1.2%	37	1.3%
Residency Status				
In-State	9,255	86.5%	2,462	87.8%
KY	542	5.1%	73	2.6%
IL	477	4.4%	169	6.0%
Out-of-State	232	2.2%	39	1.4%
International	196	1.8%	61	2.2%

Residents by Classification

Eighty-three percent of residents in USI housing are freshmen and sophomores.



Demand for Housing

Student housing continues to be in high demand. In fall 2010, 140 students seeking to live on campus were placed in Eagle Village, a nearby, non-USI apartment complex. The most popular choice is residence halls. Despite 236 units with a total of 814 bed spaces in the residence halls, requests continue to exceed capacity. Below is the percentage of residents who received their first choice of housing:

	2B 4P	2B 2P	1B 2P	1B 1P	Res Halls
2008	85%	22%	42%	31%	79%
2009	85%	18%	32%	26%	78%
2010	86%	14%	29%	14%	74%

Note: B = bedrooms, P = people

In fall 2010, one in four of the 1,051 freshmen who wanted to live in the residence halls could not be accommodated, resulting in 51% of freshmen residents living in USI apartments.

Living Learning Communities (LLC)

Residents within an LLC share a common academic major or topical area, as well as living space. In 2009, the number of LLCs increased from seven to eleven. These include:

- Business
- Elementary Education
- Emerging leaders
- Exploring majors
- Global community
- Honors
- Liberal Arts
- Nursing and Health Professions
- STEM
- Social Work
- Sophomore year

LLC Impact on Retention

New freshmen one-year retention rates are significantly higher among those in Living Learning Communities, despite a slight dip in fall 2009. Freshmen who live in regular residence halls or USI apartments are retained at the same rate as commuter students.

