REVIEWS AND ADVICE FROM CURRENT STUDENTS

# OHIO STATE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

# HOUSING GUIDE - 2024

HOUSING DATA

NEIGHBORHOODS EXPLAINED

APARTMENT RATINGS





Intelligent Apartment Search

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### **GETTING THE MOST OUT OF THE GUIDE**



**Start with the Housing Facts section.** This section should help you determine the type of apartment you'd like to live in and how much you should expect to pay in rent.



**Read about different neighborhoods** and narrow down your search to parts of the city that you like most.



**Use the Apartment Ratings section** to identify the best apartment buildings across the categories (e.g. best amenities, highest rated) that matter most to you.



**Visit VeryApt.com** to read reviews, get pricing, and set up appointments for the apartments you like most.

### **ABOUT THE DATA IN THIS GUIDE**

All of the data in this guide are based on feedback from real renters in Columbus. We asked students to rate their apartments on a scale of 1-10 across six categories:



Overall



Value



Management



**Amenities** 



Location



Safety

Based on their feedback, we compiled a list of the best apartment buildings for students. If you are interested in additional data that is not in the guide or have a housing question, you can reach us at contact@veryapt.com.

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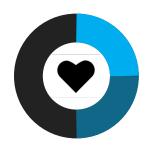


# Where Ohio State COM students live



50% University District
20% Harrison West
10% Fifth by Northwest
5% Victorian Village
15% Other

# Who Ohio State COM students live with



25% Alone25% Spouse/partner50% Roommate (excluding spouse/partner)

18% of Ohio State COM students live with pets

# What type of properties Ohio State COM students live in



**40%** Large property (50+ units)

**45%** Small property (2-9 units)

Mid-size property (10-49 units)

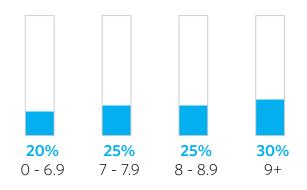
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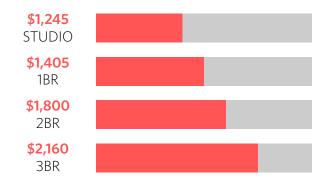
25% One bedrooms35% Two bedrooms40% Three or more

Three or more bedrooms

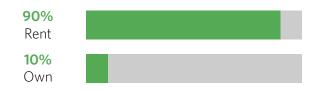
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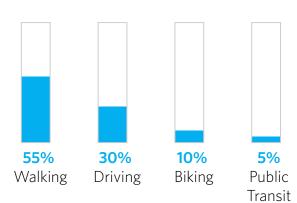
### Average rent by apartment size



### Rent versus own



### **Commute methods**





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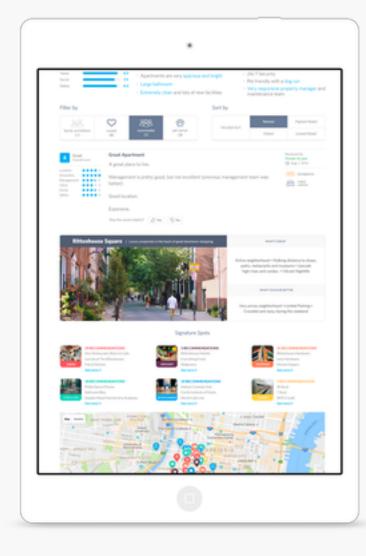


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### **Concierge Service**



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### **Intelligent Search**



Personalized apartment recommendations based on the amenities you want, your proximity to school or work, and your desired price range.

### **Trusted Reviews**



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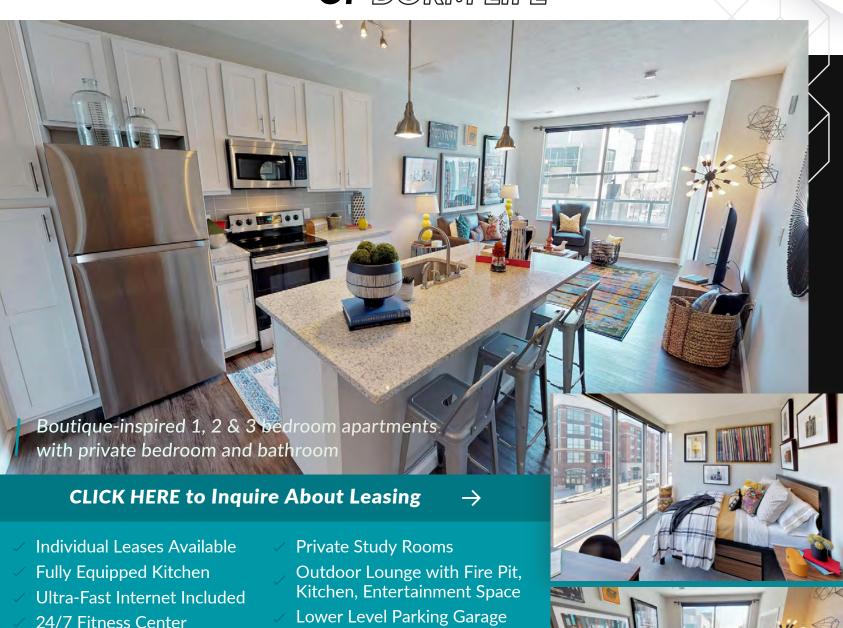




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# NEIGHBORHOODS EXPLAINED An overview of the most popular neighborhoods for Ohio State COM students OLENTANGY WEST Ohio State University UNIVERSITY DISTRICT VICTORIAN VILLAGE HARRISON WEST SHORT NORTH GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS ITALIAN VILLAGE



### **University District**

50% of Ohio State COM students

University is a large district that is directly next to Ohio State's campus. It is home to smaller neighborhoods (most popularly Dennison Place, Necko, and South Campus) that encompass many poplar apartment complexes. Here, you can easily walk to class and find yourself near other graduate students.



### Fifth by Northwest

10% of of Ohio State COM students

5xNW is more recently developed neighborhood that's filled with young professionals and families. Located SW of OSU's campus, it still provides a relatively quick commute to class and is great for students who want to be a bit further from the heart of campus.



### **Harrison West**

20% of Ohio State COM students

Historic neighborhood northwest of downtown and just south of campus. Harrison Park is a popular spot in the area because of its grassy green spaces and riverfront views. There aren't many food options in the area, but the surrounding neighborhoods provide easy access to more restaurants.



# Victorian Village/Short North

5% of of Ohio State COM students

Victorian Village and Italian Village are two neighborhoods that are separated by Short North Arts District. These neighborhoods are filled with endless entertainment options, cute coffee shops + bars, and shopping choices for everyone.

### **Other Neighborhoods**

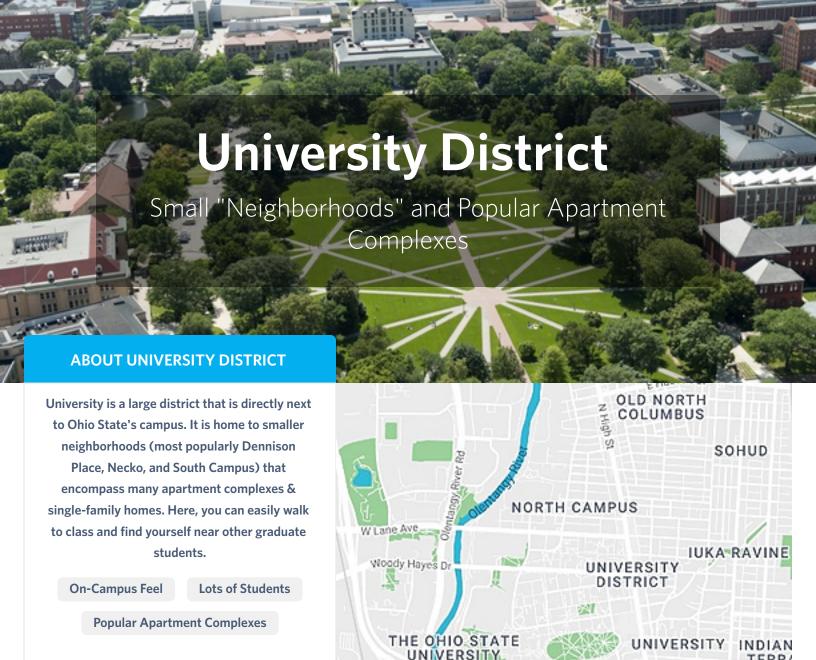
less than 5% each



Downtown



Italian Village



MEDIAN RENTS IN UNIVERSITY DISTRICT

\$1,200 Studio

\$1,405

1 Bedroom

\$1,750

2 Bedroom

### WHAT RESIDENTS THINK ABOUT UNIVERSITY DISTRICT

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**Review by Ohio State COM Student ♀** 1433-37 HIGH.

Very close to med school. Overall pretty safe. Moderate walk to food/grocery stores. Some parties, but usually not excessive.

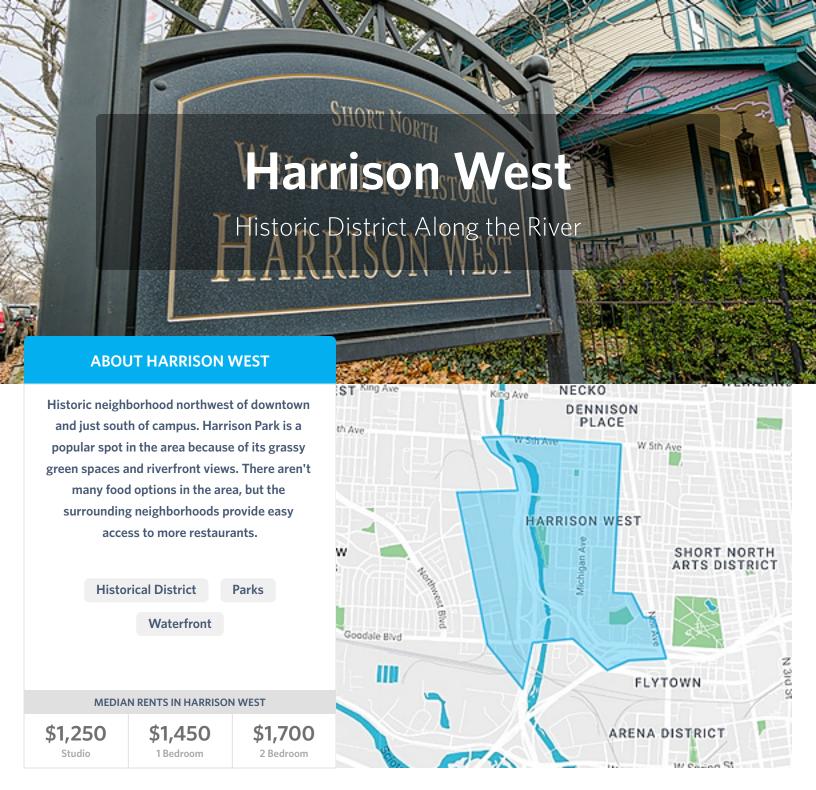
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**Review by Ohio State COM Student** 

MAKLEY

Close to campus which is nice and there is a ton around!

SOUTH CAMPUS



### WHAT RESIDENTS THINK ABOUT HARRISON WEST



### **Review by Ohio State COM Student**

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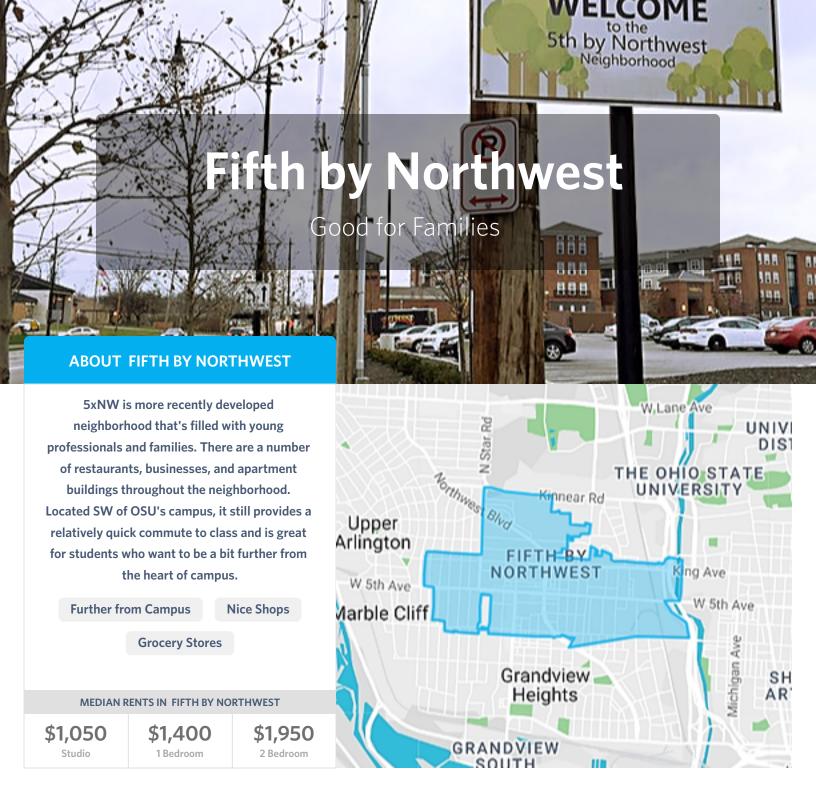
Harrison west is wonderful. Very close to the campus with a lot of pretty houses. Safe area with some bars and restaurants in walking distance. Quick uber or ~20/30 minute walk to the short north. I would say Harrison West/Victorian Village are the best places to live while in medical school.



### **Review by Ohio State COM Student**



Beautiful places to walk and restaurants/coffee shops in the area, lovely trail (Olentangy) that goes for miles. Great for a run, walk, or bike ride.



### WHAT RESIDENTS THINK ABOUT FIFTH BY NORTHWEST



### **Review by Ohio State COM Student**

MERIDIAN

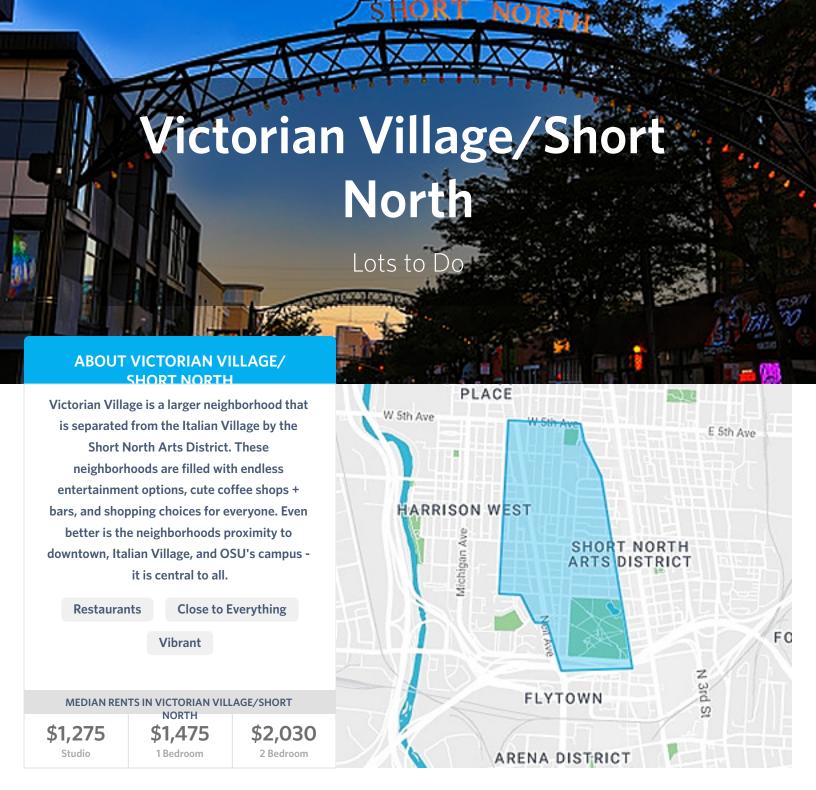
Certainly walkable to the medical center campus (roughly 10-15 minutes depending on how quickly you walk). Plenty of food nearby. Target is walkable and Kroger is a short 2 minute drive away.



**Review by Ohio State COM Student** 



Very safe. Quiet, and not far from the medical campus at all.



### WHAT RESIDENTS THINK ABOUT VICTORIAN VILLAGE/SHORT NORTH



### Review by Ohio State Grad Student ASTON PLACE

This neighborhood is small and quiet. There are always people walking their dogs or going on a walk toward Goodale Park or down beautiful Neil Ave. It is easy to walk everywhere, and I always feel super safe walking around the neighborhood.



### Review by Ohio State Grad Student ASTON PLACE



Close to campus, some nice neighborhood design/ architecture and holiday decor, feels safe to walk around at night or run in the morning, just a bit loud on game days especially or on weekends closer to the Short North.





### **KEY**

•••• Excellent for a category

••• Great

•• Average

Below average

\$\$\$\$ \$1550+ per renter

\$\$\$ \$1350-\$1549

\$\$ \$1150-\$1349

\$ < \$1150

\* Prices subject to change and may vary significantly by room type

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Buildings with fewer than 3 reviews or ratings below 7.0 are not listed in this guide but reviews can be found online at VeryApt.com.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Some buildings with fewer than 3 reviews are included above because of high ratings but do not appear in the top 10 lists.

# **MOST POPULAR**

Buildings with the most Ohio State COM students

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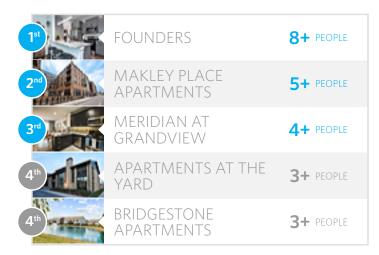
What students typically look for:



- **Excellent location**
- Reasonably-priced apartments
- Solid amenities



### TOP 5



### **FOUNDERS**

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### **Review by Ohio State COM Student**

"The apartment complex is new, so the amenities are great! A new coffee shop/bar and gym just opened up in the building, and there is a pool. I like how close I am to the medical campus, and the area feels safe when I walk there. The rent is expensive and things like Internet/utilities/parking are not included, so that is definitely something to take into consideration."

### **MAKLEY PLACE APARTMENTS**

Victorian Village, 210 W 5th Ave



### **Review by Ohio State COM Student**

"It is expensive but very nice! It is close to campus and a Kroger."

# MERIDIAN AT GRANDVIEW\$\$\$\$ Fifth by Northwest, 1401 Aschinger Blvd



### **Review by Ohio State COM Student**

"The apartments themselves are fairly nice. Most things work well, in unit laundry, and reliable appliances. Windows are paper thin and definitely feel noticeably hotter or colder than the rest of the apartment. New management company took over recently and are trying to give the Meridian a refresh, although they don't seem to be doing that well of a job. The gym has some basic equipment, but is somewhat small considering the size of the complex. Parking is convenient (although they now charge a monthly parking fee)."

# HIGHEST RATED

Buildings with the best overall ratings

READ MORE REVIEWS AT VERYAPT.COM

What the highest-rated properties typically offer:



- ✓ High-end amenities
- Close proximity to work/ school
- ✓ Nearby stores/grocery
- ✓ Excellent management



### TOP 5



windgate village

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9.8 OVERAL



### **Review by Ohio State COM Student**

"Really love my landlord and have had a really good experience living off campus. Really feel like it was worth it to drive five minutes daily."

THE QUINN APARTMENTS

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**9.7** Overali rating

### Review by Ohio State COM Student

"I've had an awesome experience living at the Quinn. It's very quiet and my neighbors are friendly. The building is ~5 years old. People who live here are mostly working professionals, residents/fellows, and a few are graduate or professional students. I am especially in love with all the amenities and management is very friendly and responsive to our needs! Apartment unit is also the perfect size for anyone looking for a single. It is a secure location that is close to the school and is only a few feet away from restaurants, work out/yoga studios, and hair/nail/brow salons. Out of all the apartment complexes within a 5 mile radius of the COM, this was the most affordable option for me. I'd highly recommend booking a tour of the place and getting your name on the waitlist if you're interested in living here!"

3rd

### **APARTMENTS AT THE YARD**

9.6 OVERAL



### **Review by Ohio State COM Student**

"No issues at all. Apartment and amenities are great."

# BEST FOR AMENITIES

Highest-rated properties for amenities

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What top amenity properties typically offer:



- ✓ Great common spaces
- Convenient location
- ✓ Excellent management
- Newer construction



### TOP 5



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### **APARTMENTS AT THE YARD**

Harrison West

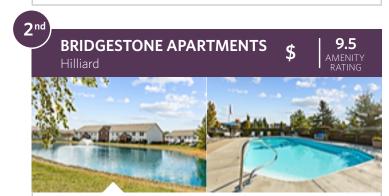


9.8 AMENITY RATING



### **Review by Ohio State COM Student**

"I love living at Apartments at the Yard in Grandview. It's a little further from campus but it's only a 30 minute walk/7 minute drive/10 minute bus ride. The garage parking is also free! I also like the amenities (gym, pool) and lots of grass area for my dogs to play. The only thing I would like to see is more availability to rent out the common room in the leasing office. It's quite expensive but overall I love Apartments at the Yard."



### Review by Ohio State COM Student

"Lived here all 4 years. Great place, receptive staff. Nice facilities"



### **Review by Ohio State COM Student**

"Very quiet, good management, and safe. Ideal place for law and medical students. A bit pricy but there are promotions."

# BEST FOR VALUE

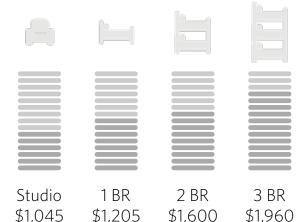
Highest-rated properties for value

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What top value properties typically offer:



- Great price-to-space trade off
- Good location
- Solid amenities and basic features



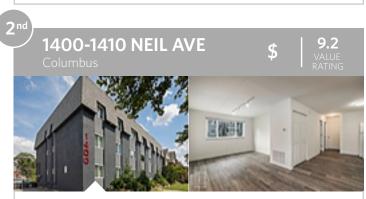
### TOP 5





### **Review by Ohio State COM Student**

"Really love my landlord and have had a really good experience living off campus. Really feel like it was worth it to drive five minutes daily."



### Review by Ohio State COM Student

"The apartment is nice, newly renovated, really responsive property managers, and really close to campus."



### **Review by Ohio State COM Student**

"My partner and I are both medical students and couldn't be happier with our apartment. Our unit has a fenced in porch and is directly next to Wheeler dog park which is great for our pup. The management staff are very nice and approachable. The maintenance staff are very responsive, often fixing issues same day (sometimes same hour). The complex is older so the homes have some issues and aren't the most updated, but the rent is fair and reflects this. Our biggest complaint would be that we are a long walk from the medical center."



Townhomes are apartments in older buildings, typically a few stories tall. They usually do not have a doorman, an elevator, or many amenities, but can be cheaper and more spacious than the apartment and condo units in high-rises.

### WHY YOU SHOULD CONSIDER A TOWNHOME

CHEAPER

LARGER FLOOR PLANS

3+ BEDROOMS AVAILABLE

MORE PRIVACY

### WHY YOU MAY WANT TO AVOID A TOWNHOME

NO DOORMAN

LESS CONVENIENT LOCATIONS

OLDER CONSTRUCTION

LIMITED AMENITIES

MORE MAINTENANCE ISSUES

### Finding a townhome

Townhomes can be challenging to find because they tend to be individually owned and do not have full time leasing managers. Townhome listings are typically available ~60 days in advance. You can find a townhome by searching online listings, contacting a landlord directly, or by working with VeryApt's Concierge Team who can help identify some options.

### Preparing for a townhome search

Most Ohio State COM students opt for larger properties in order to live closer to other students and simplify the housing search. That said, there are plenty of wonderful townhomes - be prepared to visit more properties to find that perfect home, carefully examine the pros/cons, and move quickly if you find a unit you love.

### **TIPS AND ADVICE**



### Reliable Landlords

Check online reviews and talk to previous tenants to find out about your landlord. Look for one that responds quickly to maintenance requests and has a history of returning deposits.



### **Noise and Neighbors**

Sounds often travel well through townhomes and you can easily be disturbed by barking dogs, music, or construction. Check out the surrounding area to get a sense for what it may be like.



### **Lease Terms**

Leases with independent landlords are negotiable. Check your lease for restrictions on sub-letters and visitor policies. You may be able to avoid a rent increase by locking in a longer lease.

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