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Fact Sheet on Housing and UMCP Grad Students

- There are roughly **10,000** graduate students at UMCP.
- Grad Gardens and Grad Hills (only University-owned housing for grad students) house roughly **5%** of UMCP population. 1BR rent is \$900/month; 2BR rent is \$1073/month. Waiting list is often several months at least (varies according to time of year).
- This leaves **95%** of grad students on the open market for housing.
- 25% are **International** Students.
- Roughly **1500 grad students** have **children**.
- Unknown how many live with a partner, but probably at least half.
- Nationwide trend for grad students: **average age is increasing**.
- Grad student housing needs have been studied extensively by the University (see packet, also see <http://www.gsg.umd.edu>).
- 52% of grad students are PhD students, 48% are Master's students.
- PhD students typically stay 4-7 years; Master's students typically stay 2-3 years. Vast majority need **12-month leases**.
- Grad students are typically willing to give up amenities in exchange for cheaper rent.
- Grad students tend to prefer **apartment-style housing** over dorm-style housing.