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Many first-year students have difficulties finding affordable accommodation at the beginning of the semester. When the halls of residence are already full, the Studentenwerke help students with housing services, rooms wanted/offered adverts and flatshares, last-minute rooms and emergency accommodation.

[9]In addition, many Studentenwerke initiate marketing campaigns with universities and towns/cities in order to encourage private landlords to let rooms to students. Adverts are placed on trams, on bakery bread bags and in the press, for example.

Deutsches Studentenwerk campaigns against the housing shortage at a structural level in order to prevent an emergency situation happening every winter semester. We are calling on Germany's government and federal states to provide funding for social infrastructure measures at higher education institutions as part of the Higher Education Pact.

While the number of students in the past 10 years has increased by 25% to 2.5 million today, the number of state-funded places in halls of residence increased by only 3%. The current student boom will continue until at least 2020, which is why the federal government needs to provide increased support for state government projects to build new halls of residence.

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