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The biggest share of students' monthly budgets is spent on rent, which is why low-priced accommodation such as halls of residence run by Studentenwerke is very popular.

[9]Students spend around 323 euros per month on rent. The average monthly rent in halls of residence is 246 euros including all additional costs.

German halls of residence are used by 9,6 per cent of the student population. By way of comparison, 30 per cent of all German students share flats, 17 per cent live alone in a flat and 21 per cent live with a partner.

Difficult accommodation situation

The student accommodation situation varies from region to region. The most difficult place to find living space is in big cities in western Germany and in traditional university towns. First-year students, students with low incomes and international students face the biggest difficulties finding appropriate accommodation. These groups depend on places in halls of residence.

The German Studentenwerk therefore calls on the federal and state governments to create a subsidy program with subsidies for the creation of low-cost, student-friendly dormitories based on the BAföG housing allowance. The Studentenwerke need more state support for the new construction and renovation. In total, the German Studentenwerk estimates a state subsidy of 1.45 billion euros for the construction and renovation of student dormitories.

Social mandate

In contrast to investors, Germany's Studentenwerke, with their more than 1.600 halls of residence, are not interested in profit but instead aim to fulfil their social mandate by being able to offer affordable rents and allocate places according to social need rather than creditworthiness.

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