

Housing in the United States

Housing in the United States varies greatly depending on your location, specific family considerations, and what is available when you arrive.

Different types of housing include:



Apartment



House



Trailer Home



Room in House or Apartment



Shared Living Situation

Housing can be very expensive. The cost of living may include rent, utilities, food, phone, transportation, childcare, your travel loan, and healthcare. Upon arrival, you will be provided with basic housing, food, clothing, and furniture.

Your new home might look like this:



Responsibilities

Both tenants and landlords have responsibilities for an apartment or house.

As the tenant, you must:

- Pay your rent
- Pay required utilities
- Not damage the apartment
- Be a courteous neighbor
- Not have too many people living in the apartment

Your landlord must:

- Make repairs
- Return your security deposit if there is no damage



Signing a Lease

You will have to sign a lease for your apartment. You should find out:

- How much money is due for rent
- When and where to pay rent
- What utilities you are responsible for
- Who to call if there are problems or if repairs are needed
- The rules of the apartment complex
- What notice is required to terminate the lease