



Local Issues Survey Results

Winter 2016

1. Do you feel included and informed regarding events going on in Bellingham?

15- Most of the time

39- Some of the time

9- Rarely

2- Never

2. Do you experience parking problems where you live?

11- Most of the time

16- Some of the time

18- Rarely

13- Never

3. Does the area where you live have adequate lighting?

23- Most of the time

26- Some of the time

11- Rarely

4- Never

4. Did you have a positive experience with the following aspects of looking for a home in Bellingham?

28- Researching units

22- Touring locations

20- Contacting Landlords/Property Owners

23- Finding affordable Housing

25- Does not apply

5. Have you had a positive experience dealing with your landlord?

11- Extremely Positive

13- Somewhat Positive

16- Neutral

8- Somewhat Negative

3- Extremely Negative

25- Does not apply

6. Do you feel comfortable approaching your landlord with the following concerns?

34- Pests

29- Neighbor Problems

31- Rent

37- Maintenance

30- Mold/Unsafe Living Conditions

7. Do you know what your Bellingham neighborhood is called?

45- Yes

10- No

4- Unsure

8- Blank

9. Do you feel confident in your understanding of your lease?

40- Yes

9- No

11- Does not apply

10. Are you interested in helping craft the local agenda?

37- Yes

26- No

11. Are you interested on lobbying the city and county government?

30- Yes

33- No

12. What do you think is the most pressing issue facing students in Bellingham?

-getting taken advantage of by landlords

-not enough affordable and adequate housing

-good transportation

-living affordability (low wages, bad renting conditions) and white supremacy

-finding affordable housing

-food options within walking distance in South Campus

-landlords taking advantage of tenants because they are students

- intimidating landlord, makes me feel like I have something suspicious going on
- space
- learning how to rent and communicate issues with landlords, what is leasing law, etc
- tuition
- quality of living spaces and the ability to stand up against their crappy landlords
- finding jobs and finding homes with the right roommates, and paying for gas
- housing expenses
- lease agreements
- paying for college
- affordable low income housing for low income students off campus
- tuition and student debt, racism on campus, economic stress
- grades
- getting back your security deposit and landlords getting the apartments without asking

13. Use this space to elaborate on any of your answers above:

- Landlord illegally entered apartment
- Not enough parking, apartment has three people and only two parking spaces, horrible neighbors, landlord doesn't do anything about it
- Lakeway Realty is awful, so hold in house with heat on high