

TEACHER PROPS

Living with roommates

At Teacher Props, we are big fans of having roommates because there are so many benefits of sharing a home. When it comes to living in Baltimore, rowhomes are the most common and popular option for young teachers (fun fact, Baltimore has the most rowhomes of any city in America!). Rowhomes will most often have two or more bedrooms, be two or three levels, and include private outdoor space (Baltimore rowhomes are also famous for their roof decks!) and/or a private parking pad, making them ideal to share. Living with roommates gives teachers a chance to save a lot of money on rent, make friends, and find the best place to live!



Benefits of Roommates

We get it--you had roommates in college and maybe you are ready to try your hand at living alone. But did you know the average rent of a one-bedroom apartment in Baltimore is around \$1,200? That's pretty steep, especially for teachers who are just starting out. By living with roommates, the cost of rent will typically range from \$600-\$900 per person depending on the home, neighborhood, and number of roommates. In addition to lower rent prices, there are tons of benefits of living with roommates including:

- Sharing expenses like internet, cable, gas/electric, furnishing the house--Similar to lower rent price, living with roommates lets you split all costs with other people!
- Ability to live in a bigger apartment or row home--If you're interested in a rowhome with a roof deck, gourmet kitchen, and tons of living space for a low price, having a roommate is the way to do it! You get more space for your buck by sharing with others.
- Increased security--Living alone can sometimes be a bit scary, so having another person at home curbs loneliness and increases security. Plus, you'll have someone who can help you if you lock yourself out!
- Built-in friends--Roommates=instant friends!
- Splitting chores and house duties--Hate cleaning the entire house on your own? Now you won't have to because you get to split house duties with your roommates.

Cost comparison: living alone vs. living with roommates

To highlight the difference between living solo versus with roommates, the chart below shows the average per person cost of living alone compared to living with one or two other people.

	Living alone (1 bedroom)	Living with one roommate (2 bedroom)	Living with two roommates (3 bedroom)
Rent	\$1200	\$850	\$733
Utilities (gas, electric, water)	\$100	\$65	\$50
Cable and internet	\$100	\$50	\$33
Renters insurance	\$12	\$8	\$6
Total cost	\$1412	\$973	\$822



Interested in roommates but don't know where to look?

If you want to live with roommates, but don't know where to start, Teacher Props has you covered in three easy steps:

1. Complete the [Teacher Interest Form](#) and when asked "Are you hoping Teacher Props can help you find roommates?" select, "Yes."
2. Tell us a bit about yourself and what you are looking for in a living situation.
3. One of our Teacher Community coordinators will reach out to you with potential roommates and homes that might be a good fit!

As a team, we try our best to make sure that we match teachers with roommates and homes that meet your personal and professional needs and will be comfortable, safe, and affordable.