

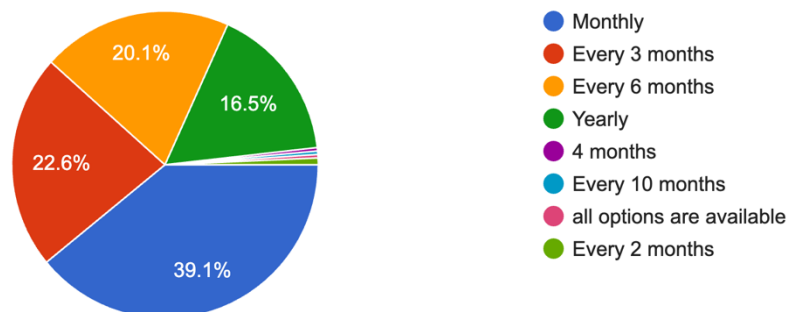
June 2022 Survey on Housing Issues in the TRNC

Most respondents came from the major cities with the majority being from Nicosia at 45.9% followed by Girne at 25.8% and Famagusta at 22.2%.

When asked how often do they pay rent, a slim majority (39.1%) reported that they pay monthly, while 22.6% pay their rent every 3 months, 20.1% of the respondents paid their rent every 6 month, and 16.5% pay yearly.

How often do you pay your rent?

279 responses



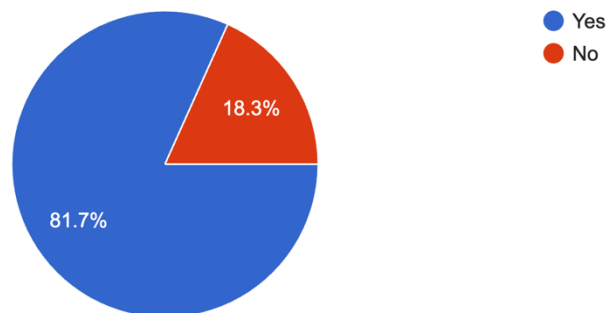
Regarding the type of accommodation, most respondents indicated that they live in 1+2 (37.6%) or 1+3 apartments (24.7%). 14% of the respondents indicated that they live in 1+1 apartments and 9.7% indicated that they live in a studio apartment. However, only 8.6% of respondents live in dormitories. Indicated that 9/10 international students most likely do not live in accommodations provided by or in their universities.

The survey showed that although almost half of the respondents (41.9%) paid their rent in Turkish Lira (TRY), the remainder pay their rent in foreign currencies: 34.4% pay in Pound Sterling (GBP), 19% in United States Dollar (USD), and 3.9% in Euros (EUR).

When asked their current yearly rent in USD, the respondents answered as follows: 19.4% between \$1000-\$1499, 14.7% paid between \$1500-\$1999\$, 15.8% paid between \$2000-\$2499, 11.1% paid between \$2500-\$2999, 9.7% paid between \$3000-\$3499, 8.2% paid between \$3500-\$3999, 7.9% paid between \$4000-\$4499\$, 3.2% paid between \$4500-\$4999\$, 3.2% paid \$5000-\$5500 lastly 7.2% paid over \$5500. Summarily, the majority pay somewhere between \$1500-\$3499.

A staggering number of respondents (81.7%) indicated that their landlord has increased the rent since December 2021.

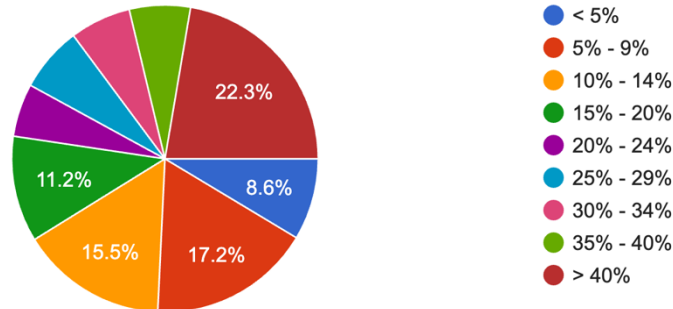
Has your landlord increased your rent since December, 2021?
279 responses



Furthermore, although more than half (58.7%) indicated that they were paying in Turkish Lira (TRY) when the increase happened, 36.9% of the respondents stated that their landlords changed the currency of payment since December 2021. When asked specifically about the percentage increase during this period (in USD), 22.3% said they had experienced an increase of over 40%, while a further 32.7% had experienced a 5-14% increase.

If your landlord increased the rent, how much was the percentage increase from the pre-December, 2021 price in USD?

233 responses

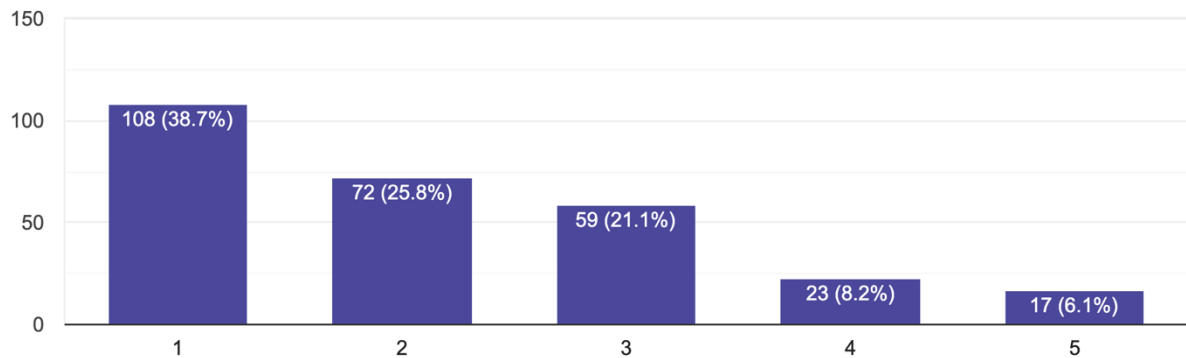


Worryingly, 41.9% indicated that they were asked to pay this new amount immediately before their current contract had expired. Furthermore, although most respondents' payment frequency hasn't changed since December 2021, 11.5% indicated that theirs had changed from monthly to 3 months/quarterly, 6.8% changed from monthly to 6 months, 3.2% changed from 3 months to 6 months, and 4.3% changed from 6 months to yearly.

The respondents were asked to rate if the current amount they pay for rent matches the quality of the house on a scale of 1 (not at all) to 5 (very much). Less than 15% rated this more than 3, implying that the majority do not think that their rent is appropriate for the quality of their accommodation.

Do you feel the amount you currently pay in rent matches the quality of your house?

279 responses

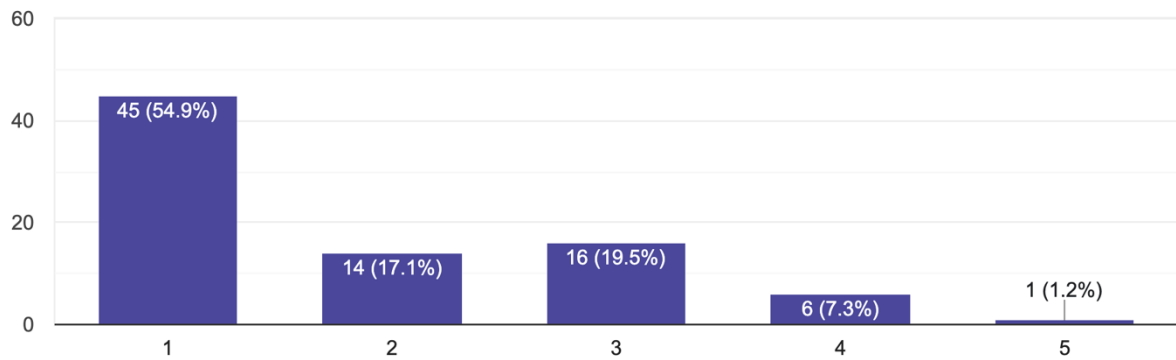


When asked if they have any physical problems in the house, the most commonly reported issues were: insect problems at 40.5%, mold at 29.7%, old furniture at 43%, cracks in walls at 26.5%, broken appliances at 24%, and water damage at 24.4%.

Unfortunately, an overwhelming majority of 90.7% do not complain about their housing problems to their respective universities. Of those that have, the majority indicated that the outcome was very unsatisfactory and only 1 respondent indicated that they had a very satisfactory outcome.

If you did, what was the output?

82 responses



When asked if their landlord has asked them to mention a different amount of rent than what they pay to the tax office or other authorities, 27.2% responded yes. Additionally, 37.3% indicated that the amount written on their contract is different from the amount they actually pay. A similar percentage (32.3%) also indicated that their contract is denominated in a different currency than the one they pay.