



## Room for students in Maastricht Is there a housing shortage in Maastricht?

That depends on the time of year you start your search. In general, the student housing market in Maastricht gets busier every year. In August / September and January / February, the supply of available rooms can be very limited, so start your search as early as possible, even in May. Otherwise, you may not be able to find suitable accommodation at all.

Besides, it is much better if you have sorted out your accommodation during the summer months. This way, you can experience and enjoy the city before your studies begin.

So, again, be sure to start your housing search **as soon as possible!** That means well before you come to Maastricht. If you don't, you may end up wasting valuable time on finding a room, which may severely affect your studies.

And please remember that arranging for your housing in Maastricht is **your own responsibility**. Maastricht University is unable to offer student housing. We can only give you some advice.

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**Many of the tips and warnings in this flyer correlate with a website. Please scan the QR code on the back of this flyer (bottom right corner) for easy access to the URLs.**



### 10 useful tips and warnings

#### 1. myMaastricht.nl

This website offers detailed information on everything you need to arrange before and after coming to Maastricht as a student, including tips for your housing search.

#### 2. Fraud/scams

Every year, Maastricht Police receive many reports about housing-related scams and fraudulent activities. Don't get scammed! Wooninfo.nl offers tips.

#### 3. HomeSharing

On the website of Match Maastricht you can find co-living arrangements offered to students by locals. In exchange for doing some chores like getting groceries, walking the dog, etc., you will get a substantial discount on the rent.

#### 4. Rental contracts and red flags

Rental contracts are subject to Dutch law. Overall, they provide good protection for students. However, Dutch law is complicated and foreign students are easy targets for fraudulent activities. These may include illegal additional costs like mediation or administration fees. Learn more about red flags of rental contracts on [mymaastricht.nl > housing](https://mymaastricht.nl/housing).

Good to know: the Rental Team South Limburg (in Dutch: "Huurteam Zuid-Limburg") offers a free service to check your contract before signing. They can also help you out - free of charge - with any other legal issues you may have with your landlord.

#### 5. Couch surfing

If you can't find a place to stay in time, you can check out Sharing is Caring on Facebook for couch surfing opportunities as a last resort, or visit the website of SOS Maastricht.

#### 6. Nearby towns and cities

Many towns and cities close to Maastricht are home to UM students and staff. Most are within easy commuting distance.

Towns like Lanaken, for example, are just across the border and easily reachable by bike. Other nearby cities like Heerlen

and Sittard have excellent train or bus connections with direct routes to Maastricht.

With an OV-chipkaart and discounts available, public transport doesn't have to be all that expensive. Of course, if you consider a location outside Maastricht, make sure to check your commute and public transport beforehand.

### **7. Quality mark Easy Living (in Dutch: "Prettig Wonen")**

On the website of Maastricht Housing you can find some housing labelled with the "Prettig Wonen" quality mark. This label guarantees affordable, safe and good quality housing.

### **8. Maastricht Housing**

There are many organisations offering student accommodation in Maastricht. You will find the most comprehensive search engine on the Maastricht Housing website. This platform offers rooms that are available through private landlords, housing corporations and the UM Guesthouse.

### **9. Facebook**

A lot of students in Maastricht advertise housing on Facebook. If you're looking for a room in a student house this is a popular way to find shared accommodation. There are plenty of pages but you may want to try the following Facebook groups first:

- Rooms / Kamer / Zimmer in Maastricht
- Maastricht Student Rooms
- Maastricht Room Search
- Flat Hunting Maastricht

### **10. Alternative popular platforms**

- Pararius.nl - Rentals - Rental apartments in the Netherlands
- Kamernet.nl/en - Rent a room, apartment or studio



**Good luck in finding a nice place to stay!**

**Maastrichousing.com**

The portal for student and staff housing in Maastricht.

