Average prices in the Greater Houston area for unfurnished apartments

One-bedroom, one bath..............................................................$750 - $1800 + electric + water + trash
Two-bedroom, one bath............................................................$950 - $2000 + electric + water + trash
Two-bedroom, two bath............................................................$1000 - $2800 + electric + water + trash
Three-bedroom, two bath..........................................................$1700 - $3000 + electric + water + trash

Prices for Short Term Leases will be higher. All prices subject to change without notice.

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We have been in business over 25 years placing individuals in the properties that match their specific needs all over the greater Houston area. We are local—we know Houston—ask us about properties, neighborhoods, driving time, schools and areas.

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GENERAL APARTMENT INFORMATION

Most apartments in Houston are in 2 to 5 story buildings. The average apartment complex is 200 to 500 units. The apartments vary from one room efficiencies to one, two, and three bedrooms units. Most apartments are equipped with all major kitchen appliances, including stoves, refrigerator/freezer, dishwashers and garbage disposals. Also included is carpeting, window coverings, central air conditioning and heating. In some cases wood flooring is available. The newer complexes usually have business centers, exercise rooms, and internet areas with wi-fi. All apartment complexes have swimming pools. Some apartments have washer and dryer connections or machines included. Complexes without machines will have common laundry rooms.

Apartment rental rates vary depending upon location, neighborhood, amenities provided, age and condition of the complex. The standard apartment lease is for six to twelve months. A security deposit ranging from $150 up to one month’s rent is required. There is a non-refundable application fee of $50-$75. There is also a non-refundable administration fee of about $150 per apartment. For residents with pets, there is a pet deposit of between $300 - $500 per pet. Also many complexes charge a monthly pet rent of $15 - $25 per pet. Up to two pets are generally permitted in each apartment.
TRANSPORTATION in HOUSTON

If you commute to work or school, it is best to give yourself plenty of time. The main public transportation website is www.ridemetro.org. Here you can find locations, transit centers, schedules and routes. On the home page you can click on “Schedules - Bus and Rail” to find the best route for you. Detailed information regarding The MetroRail for the Red, Green and Purple lines can be downloaded at www.ridemetro.org/MetroPDFs/Schedules/METRORail-Maps-Schedules/METRORail-RiderGuide.pdf. Reduced fares are available for students.
INSPECTION and VEHICLE REGISTRATION

New residents must register and title their out-of-state licensed vehicles within 30 days of establishing residence or beginning employment in Texas. Before registering a vehicle, a new resident must have it inspected at an authorized state inspection station. The cost is $25.50. The new resident must then proceed to the Tax Assessor-Collector’s office or a sub-station. Please see website for locations. It is necessary to bring the green inspection form (obtained at the inspection station) along with the amount of mileage on the car, last registration and title, and proof of insurance. If there is a loan, bring the name and address of the lien holder. The person in whose name the car is registered must be present to fill out the application.

Fees include $90.00 for new resident tax, $28.00 - $33.00 (depending upon the county in which you reside) and $75-$85 for license plate fees (depending on the age of the vehicle).

For further information, please see www.txdmv.gov/motorist/new-to-texas or call the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles at 512-465-3000 or 888-368-4689.

DRIVERS LICENSE

A driver establishing domicile in Texas is required to obtain a Texas drivers license (TDL) within 30 days. Applications for a TDL must be made in person at any of the area drivers license bureaus where examination on vision, signs, rules and driving test are administered. Out-of-state applicants usually have the driving test waived if they currently have a valid drivers license and can present this license to officials. The charge for a new operator’s license is $25.00 for 6 years.

Persons making an original application for a TDL must verify the place and date of their birth by presentation of a certified copy of birth certificate or any other documentary evidence deemed satisfactory by the Texas Department of Public Safety – such as, baptismal record, passport, school transcript, discharge papers, etc. To avoid confusion and loss of time, call and confirm that your papers are among those accepted. Out-of-state drivers need only have their current license with them. Applicants must have their car inspected and registered prior to applying for the TDL. Applicants must bring proof of registration, proof of valid liability insurance, a valid out-of-state drivers license and a social security card.

Please see www.txdps.state.tx.us/driverslicense for further information OR call the Texas Department of Public Safety at 512-424-2600.