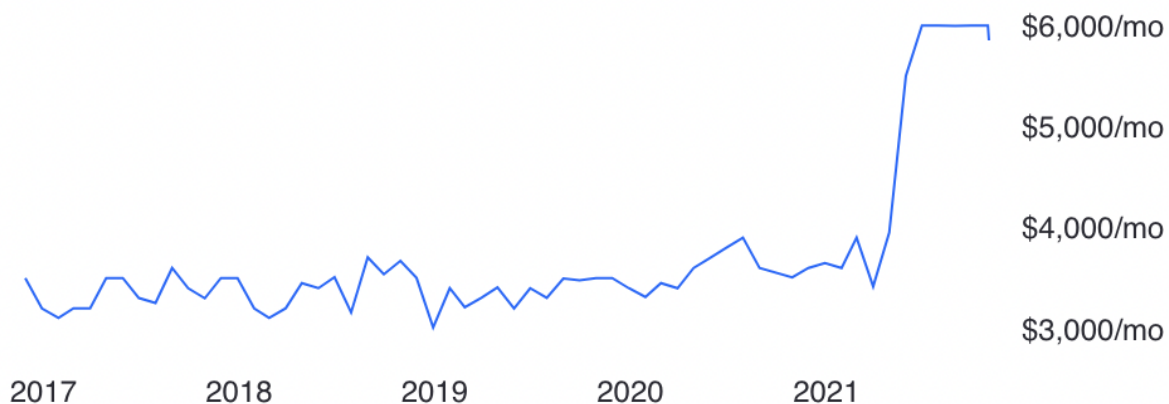


UC San Diego Housing Gaps and Solutions

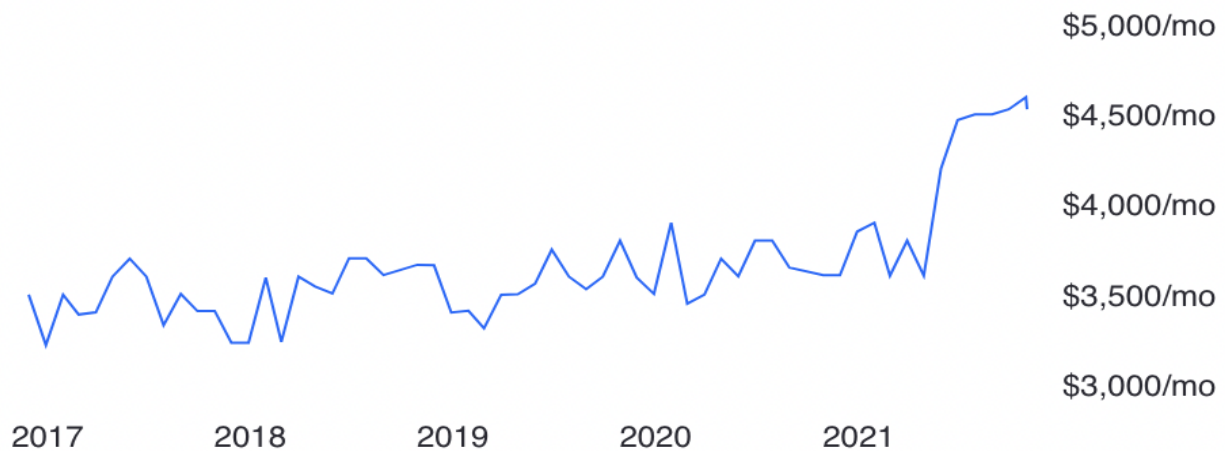
Current situation:

- Need of the hour for UCSD to accept that there indeed is a housing crisis in La Jolla, caused by the massive influx/admittance of new students.
- UC San Diego's Housing Dining Hospitality (HDH) announced its decision to eliminate triple occupancy dorm rooms and replace their two-year housing guarantee with a priority system in April 2021. As a result of the new housing policy, 1,168 second-year students were placed on a housing waitlist and had to look for living accommodations off-campus. According to ABC 10News as of Sep. 15, there were over 700 students on the housing waitlist.
- UCSD students are spending ~\$10,000 - \$13,000 on housing every year, students are working two jobs, over time, living in cars. Some have spoken about working 55-hour workweeks.
- Can't stress enough how difficult it is for international students from China, India, Korea, and other countries to find housing. The aforementioned countries have a time difference of close to 16 hours, making it even harder for students to find housing in a country almost completely unknown to them.
- Going through the UCSD housing groups, it was concluded that most students have a budget of around \$500-700 for double occupancy and \$900-1200 for single occupancy.

Historical price of a 1300 sq ft 2br 2ba in La Jolla:



Historical price of a 1780 sq ft 4br 3ba in UTC:



Current resources:

- [UC San Diego Off-Campus Housing Directory](#) is a rental referral and housing information resource center with listings of apartment, house, and condominium rentals, available in a variety of areas around campus and the San Diego community. Roommates and room rentals are listed online. The Off-Campus Housing Directory is an excellent resource for waitlisted students.
- ISPO housing resources webpage: <https://ispo.ucsd.edu/advising/housing.html>
- Scripps has a housing listserv that provides up to date information on new rentals and openings, registration: <https://siomail.ucsd.edu/mailman/listinfo/sio-housing>

Actions being taken by AS and other recommendations to ISPO and ISAC:

- Promote Facebook groups and Reddit forums, to facilitate peer to peer house search.
- Some form of reporting be established between student organizations and ISPO, wherein student organizations report the names of people facing difficulties finding housing.
- iTable form be sent out as a separate ISPO email rather than an inclusion in the weekly newsletter. This would definitely mean a greater influx of iTable requests.
- ISPO website is quite dense with several web pages, a separate email with current ISPO and UCSD housing resources should be sent to students.
- A self-reporting form should also be created by ISPO for students to self-report their difficulties during their house hunt. First-hand identification of specific problems being faced by international students.
- Considering the gravity of the issue at hand, I recommend a temporary ISPO housing subcommittee be created which specifically focuses on helping international students

secure housing and making more resources available to them. I also recommend a few student members of ISAC to sit on that subcommittee.

- Recommend ISAC as a body to push for redistricting of UC San Diego from District I to District 6. This is a constant effort being put up by ASUCSD, any support to this would be highly appreciated.