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The bachelorette pad

► Rent.com surveyed 1,000 single women to find out what they're looking for in a home ► Not surprising: Safety outweighs closet space

Top five

Rent.com's cities preferred by bachelorettes.

1. Phoenix, Ariz.
2. Seattle, Wash.
3. Austin, Texas
4. Denver, Colo.
5. Washington, D.C.

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Christina Aragon, director of Strategy and Consumer Insights at Rent.com,

breaks down the Mars versus Venus of the home market.

1. What are single ladies looking for when they rent or buy a home?

According to our data, 72 percent of single women cited a safe neighborhood as their must-have feature, while 13 percent of single women told us their No. 1 requirement was enough closet and storage space. Another 8 percent wanted a spacious kitchen above all else.

2. Are single ladies more likely to buy or rent? Why?

According to our survey, 36 percent of single women rent their current homes, while 54 percent are homeowners and another 10 percent live with friends or family for free. The likelihood of a single woman being a homeowner versus a renter can be most highly correlated to age; the older the woman, the more likely she is to own the home.

3. What's the biggest difference between what a single man is looking for in a home versus a single woman?

We found it interesting that while 42 percent of single men wanted to have eligible bachelorettes as neighbors, only 14 percent of single females felt the same way toward their male counterparts. In terms of neighbor preferences, our survey found that single females preferred to have families



► Single women don't really want to live next to single dudes.

with children (30 percent) or married couples without children (25 percent) close by. Furthermore, single women shared that they

would even prefer to have people with pets as neighbors (24 percent), instead of having single men next door. @METRO