



Rent.com Survey Finds Only Seventeen Percent of Single Female Renters are Seeking Eligible Bachelors as Neighbors!

Ladies Also Less Reliant Upon Maintenance Staff than Male Counterparts

Santa Monica, Calif., July 26, 2011– Independent single ladies are speaking out about their ultimate bachelorette pads, giving bachelors and their man caves a run for their money! [Rent.com](#) recently surveyed single U.S. female renters and homeowners to better understand their habits and attitudes toward their bachelorette pads.

Ladies Who Rent

According to the survey, more than one in three single women (36 percent) rent their current homes, while 54 percent are homeowners and another 10 percent live with friends or family for free. While a substantial number of single female renters live with family, it seems as though living alone is preferential to residing with roommates. 46 percent of single female renters live with family, and 44 percent of single female renters live alone – leaving only 9 percent who live with roommates.

Single women are most likely to have roommates in the years immediately following college, with the percentage living with roommates dropping substantially once women hit the age of 25. Of the single women who live with friends or family for free, 34 percent are under age 25 – and likely recent graduates who are trying to save on rent.

Not Looking for Love Next Door

When searching for the ideal neighbor, the survey found that men and women have different interests. While 45 percent of male renters admit to wanting eligible bachelorettes next door, only 17 percent of women consider single men to be their neighbors of choice! Instead, women prefer to have families with children (28 percent) or married couples without children (23 percent) close by. Women would even prefer to have furry friends as neighbors, as 25 percent of females chose pets over men! Perhaps women know better than to date who's living next door.

Ultimate Bachelorette Cribbs

Single ladies know what they want when searching for a place to live. Nearly 3 in 4 female renters (72 percent) admitted that above all else, a safe neighborhood is essential. However, 14 percent – we'll call them fashionistas – prefer to check out the closet and storage space first, while 6 percent – definitely foodies – strive to find a pad with a spacious kitchen.

Although fourteen percent of single male renters feel it necessary to have enough space for a big screen TV or other furniture, only five percent of single ladies who rent feel the same way about their bachelorette pads. Luckily, Rent.com allows users to search by neighborhoods and amenities and view detailed floor plans to find properties that best fit your lifestyle (and so what if the closet is bigger than your bathroom?).

Low Maintenance Women

Single female renters certainly value the services that renting provides. When deciding what type of staffing is important in an apartment building, 6 percent prefer to have a leasing agent building representative on hand, 3 percent require a 24-hour doorman, only 1 percent believe that a concierge service is key and 28 percent admit that they need all of the above – in addition to a maintenance staff!

However, perhaps most surprising of all is that a smaller percentage of single female renters consider having a maintenance staff essential than their male counterparts (63 percent compared to 69 percent)! It seems as though women are more willing to fix things themselves instead of pulling in a professional. After all, most women know that if you want something done right, you do it yourself.

Love the Way You Live

When searching for the perfect bachelorette pad, ladies certainly have a checklist. Nearly three in five renting females (57 percent) place value on their home or apartment's affordability over anything else, while 21 percent prefer to have a pet-friendly home (who needs a man when you have a dog anyway?). Since it's sometimes difficult to get out the door in the morning, an additional 12 percent appreciate that their home or apartment is close to work so that time isn't wasted on a long commute.

Although 27 percent of female renters never plan to move from their current home or apartment, there are a few reasons why others might be looking to relocate. According to the survey, 32 percent of women are waiting until a better deal comes along, another 32 percent of renters are hoping to earn more money first and 8 percent are waiting to meet the love of their life.

Top 10 Cities for Bachelorettes

In addition to measuring single ladies' attitudes, Rent.com also researched cities across the country and has compiled a list highlighting the top 10 cities for bachelorettes.

1. **Phoenix, AZ** tops the list for single ladies seeking love with a high single male-to-female ratio and a low cost of living. Add in plenty of sunshine and warm-weather activities, and your dating life is already looking up! Whether you're climbing the iconic Camelback Mountain or enjoying a legendary martini at Durant's Fine Foods, Phoenix's dating scene is both exhilarating and posh.
2. **Seattle, WA** has a lot going for it – an exciting music scene, hip coffee bars and more. With plenty of single men to go around and a reasonable cost of living, and this city is by far one of the coolest places for bachelorettes! Despite whether you're looking for a scene that's metro or natural, Seattle has it all. Hanging out in the long line at the original Starbucks in Pike Place Market is sure to be a hot spot for scoping out true Seattleites.
3. **Austin, TX** is the up-and-coming capital for creative singles. The low cost of living, large tech scene and fresh vibe create an exciting community with plenty of opportunities to mingle. Even better – there are more single men than women! We can't think of a better first date than enjoying a music festival or concert in the live music capital of the world.
4. **Denver, CO** has a reputation for a lively bar scene and active, outdoorsy men – what more could a girl ask for? With a favorable male-to-female ratio and reasonable cost of living, it isn't difficult to have the time of your life. Single ladies are sure to find plenty of eligible bachelors enjoying a Colorado Rockies game at Coors Field or hiking the nearby Rocky Mountains.
5. **Washington, DC** is home to powerful, civically-minded men with cultural charm, and a low divorce rate adds to the appeal of settling down on Capitol Hill. Take a tour of the National Mall monuments at night or enjoy the cherry blossoms by day. For the best view of the city, meet your date at the clock tower at the Old Post Office Building.
6. **Chicago, IL** has plenty of friendly neighborhoods for single ladies to settle down without settling. A fun bar and restaurant scene coupled with a low divorce rate makes Chicago one of our top picks for bachelorette living. Enjoy dinner or a concert at the House of Blues for a funky date night with your guy.
7. **Los Angeles, CA** makes the list for both bachelors and bachelorettes because of its legendary nightlife and fairly equal ratio of single men to single women. Hip beaches make LA the perfect spot for California girls hoping to catch an eligible bachelor. For the hottest restaurants and live music, the Sunset Strip is the place to see and be seen.

8. **Las Vegas, NV** is a paradise for bachelorettes looking to live the high life. A city dedicated to nightlife can only be made better by a high ratio of unmarried men to women. Check out some of the legendary nightclubs like Carnival Court at Harrah's for the true Strip experience. Added bonus: when you decide to finally settle down, there are plenty of places to get hitched!
9. **New York, NY** is a dating playground for all single ladies. Finding happiness in the Big Apple is easy, providing opportunities to meet some of the most ambitious, cultured men in the country. Enjoy a romantic Italian dinner at Erminia Restorante on the Upper East Side, or take in a Broadway show for a sophisticated evening on the town.
10. **San Jose, CA** houses the eligible bachelors of Silicon Valley, who are just waiting for single ladies to arrive. Bachelorettes can find their intellectual match in a city where men easily outnumber women. For a true Silicon Valley adventure date, take a trip to the Santa Cruz Boardwalk or the roller coasters at Great America.

Apartment Speed Dating

Ladies seeking the perfect bachelorette pad can visit Rent.com, which makes apartment-hunting as quick and easy as possible. With the most online traffic, the largest inventory of contracted property listings, and a free robust search tool, Rent.com helps renters find the home of their dreams. In addition to helping to find the perfect home, Rent.com rewards renters with a \$100 prepaid Visa® debit card if they locate a home on Rent.com tell their new landlord they found their apartment on Rent.com and report to Rent.com that they signed a lease with a property that participates in the \$100 Reward Program.

Survey Methodology

The survey was conducted among 1,000 nationally representative single American men and women ages 18+. The interviews were conducted online by RedShift Research between October 3, 2010 and October 6, 2010 using an email invitation and an online survey. Quotas were set to ensure reliable and accurate representation of the total U.S. population aged 18 or over. Results of any sample are subject to sampling variation. The magnitude of the variation is measurable and is affected by the number of interviews and the level of the percentages expressing the results. In this particular study, the chances are 95 in 100 that a survey result does not vary, plus or minus, by more than 3.1 percentage points from the result that would be obtained if interviews had been conducted with all persons in the universe represented by the sample.

Top 10 List Methodology

Rent.com developed this list in 2011, based on research highlighting well-known cities for single women across the country. The cities chosen for this list each boast a high single male-to-female ratio, lively nightlife, low divorce rate and/or a low cost of living. These cities are ranked in order of those that have gained the greatest reputation for being havens to single women.

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