



Health and Performance Sciences International Master Université Jean Monnet Saint-Etienne, France

LODGING INFORMATION

Student lodging in Saint-Etienne is less expensive than most cities in France. There are 3 types of solutions:

1. Renting a privately-owned flat, individually or sharing with others
2. Living-in with a family
3. Renting a room in a university dormitory (CROUS)

1. Renting individually or sharing a privately-owned flat

For any rental you will need to:

- Sign a lease agreement,
- Check the state of the apartment before moving in, and when you move out,
- Provide mandatory home insurance (often required before signing)
- If the apartment has independent gas heat, take out a boiler maintenance contract

Rent is low in Saint-Etienne (about 8 to 10€ / m² / month) but there may be other costs associated with the rent :

- Shared building expenses and housing taxes,
- A security deposit for the apartment (equivalent to one month's rent for an unfurnished apartment, two months for a furnished apartment) There are associations that can help you provide the [security deposit](#) if you cannot afford it.
- If the utilities are not included (gas, water electricity) you will need to take out separate contracts for them.

Example : for 20 to 30 m² flats, equipped with furniture, rent would typically be between 300€ and 400€ per month rent. With additional building charges, taxes, boiler maintenance etc. additional monthly costs could vary from 30 to 100€, excluding the

Individual rental

To find a rental, you can contact:

- Real estate agencies (intermediaries that take a fee, sometimes substantial)
- Private student residences (online booking possibilities for certain residences)
- Contact private owners online via the [Bon Coin website](#), local newspapers, the [Tourist's office website](#) , or the "Espace Info Jeunesse" ejj@mairie-st-etienne.fr

WARNING ! Remember that notice is required before leaving the apartment. (1 or 3 months depending on apartment type and rental contract)

Sharing a flat

It is now common for students to share flats, primarily to cut costs. You can find offers for “co-locations” at [Le bon coin website](#), or at [Appartager website](#) or in a variety of associations and at the university on bulletin boards.

By sharing a flat, you can limit expenses and not be alone, but depending on your lifestyle sometimes living with others can be difficult.

2. Living-in with a family

This formula allows you to be totally immersed in a family environment, with your own room in the family’s home. It is advisable to agree well on the conditions of accommodation.

The amount to be paid will be €690 per month, per person, for accommodation in a room with full board (meals and possibly other services such as laundry).

If you are interested in this option, write to welcome-student@univ-st-etienne.fr before the end of June.

3. Renting a room in a university dormitory (CROUS)

There are four university dormitories in Saint-Etienne (three in city center, one near the Sciences campus). They are run by the regional student’s foundation CROUS in Lyon. Dormitory rooms are not necessarily less expensive or better equipped than privately-owned rentals.

Dormitory rooms are distributed following different levels of priority: for students benefitting from scholarships because they come from low-income families, and for foreign students enrolled in exchange programs.

It may be possible to obtain a dormitory room for your year of Master’s study, but there is no guarantee. If you are interested in this option, write to welcome-student@univ-st-etienne.fr before the end of June.

Other helpful links (In French)

- City of Saint-Etienne: <https://www.saint-etienne.fr/saint%C3%A9-vous/jeunesse/vie-%C3%A9tudiante/saint-%C3%A9tienne-ville-%C3%A9tudiante>
- Saint-Etienne Urban area: <https://www.saint-etienne-metropole.fr/etudier-entreprendre/vie-etudiante-et-recherche/les-3-bonnes-raisons-detudier-et-de-vivre-saint-etienne-metropole>
- University of Lyon: <https://mesaides.universite-lyon.fr/me-loger/>