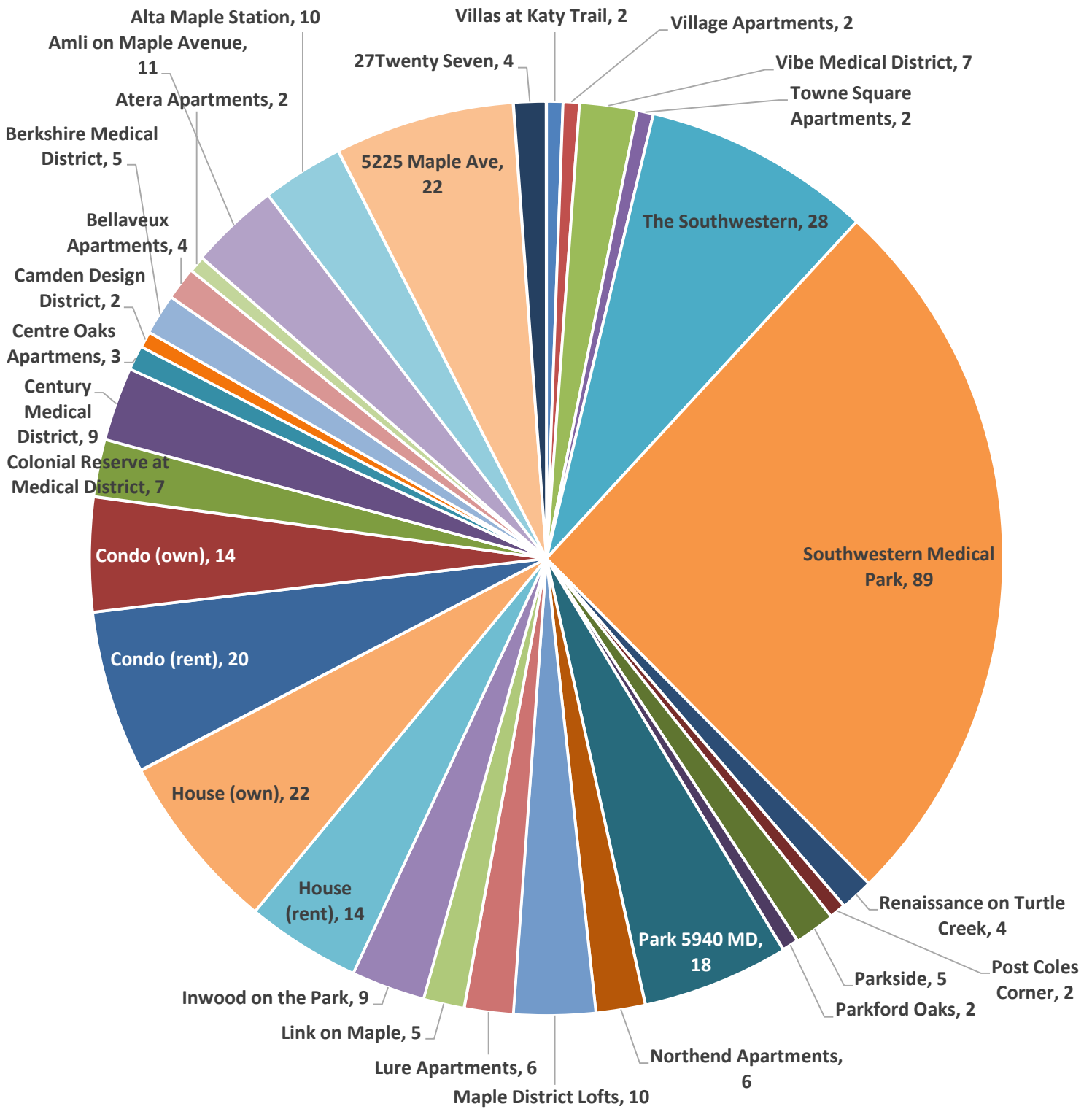


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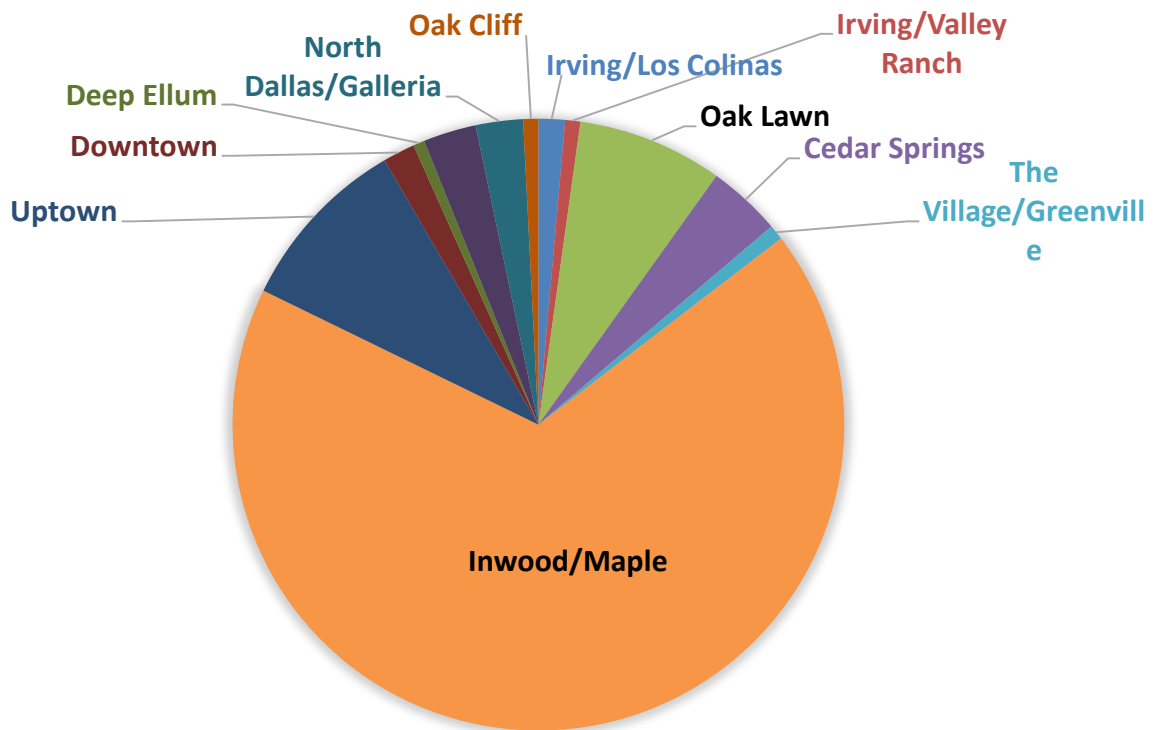


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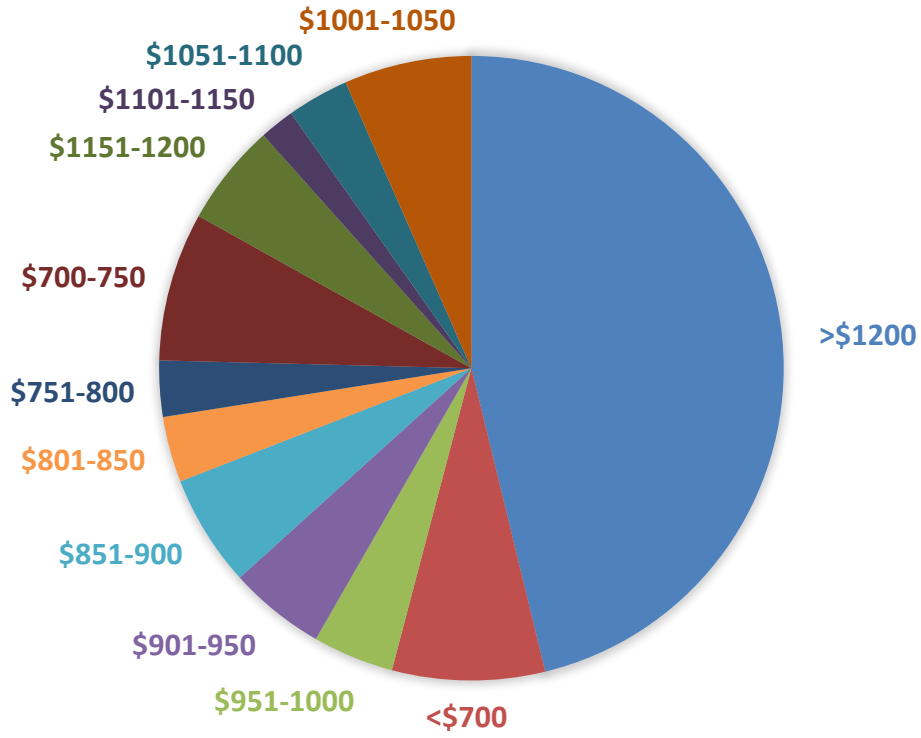
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- Carlisle on the Katy Trail
- Cedar Lodge @ DNT & Lovers
- Crestview Apartments
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- Gables Turtle Creek Cityplace
- Glasshouse by Windsor
- Greenbriar condominiums
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- La Costa villa
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- Marquis of State Thomas
- McKinney Arms
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- Post Worthington
- Rienzi at Turtle Creek
- Routh Street Flats
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- Villas de estancia

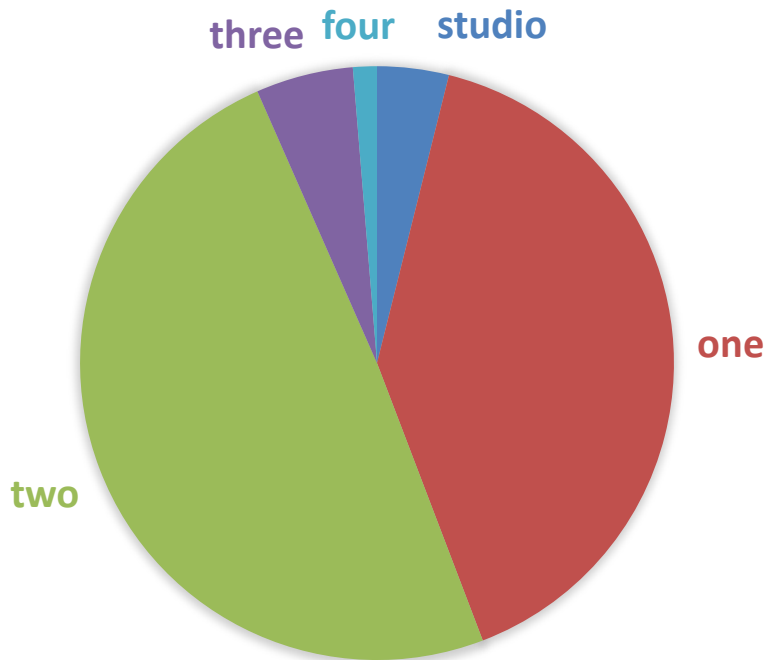
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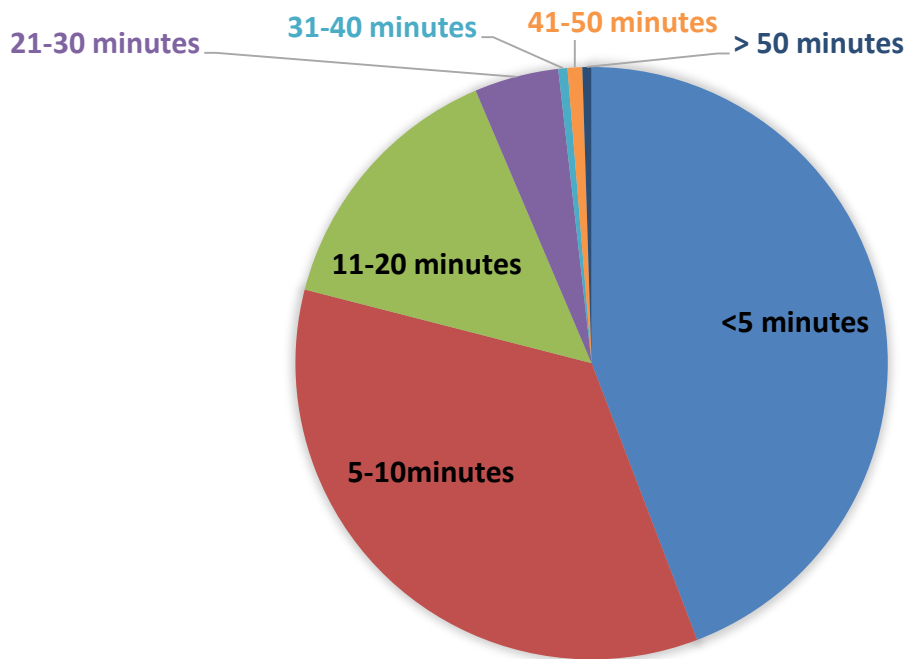
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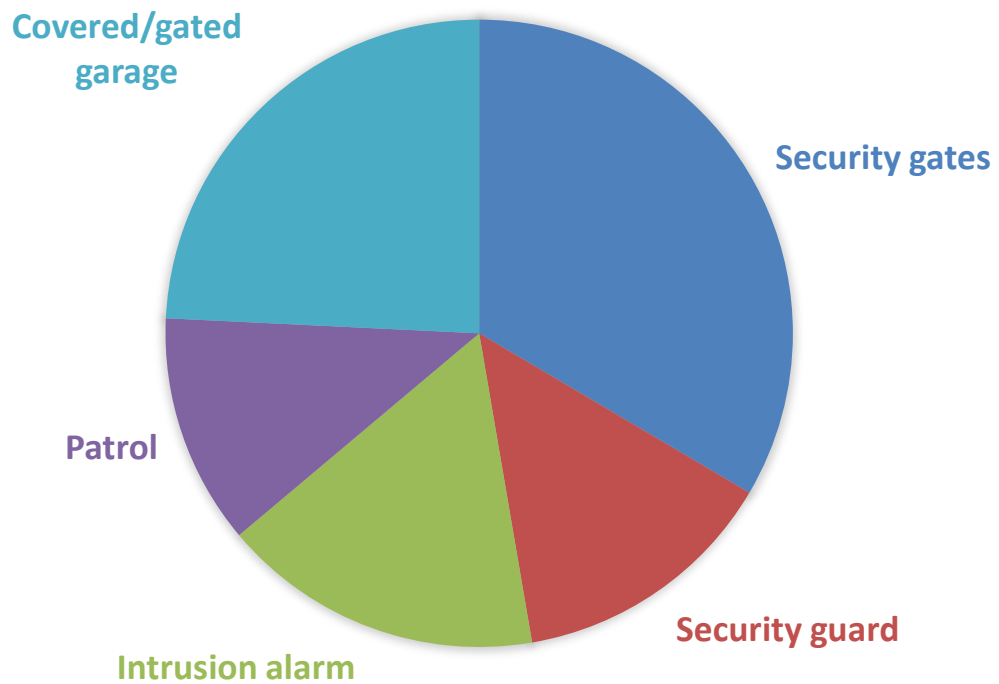
Number of bedrooms:



Travel time to UTSW:



Security features provided:



Housing Details

Southwestern Medical Park Apartments

6401 Maple Avenue

Dallas, Texas 75235-5505

(214) 956-9300

<http://www.utsouthwestern.edu/education/student-services/housing/index.html>

Distance: 5-10 minutes

Rent: 1 Bedroom: \$800-\$900; 2 Bedrooms: \$1200-\$1300

Bedrooms: 1-2

Security Features: security gates, security guard, intrusion alarm, patrol

Satisfaction with housing:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am happy with my choice and would live here again.	61	26	1	1	0
I would recommend this housing to an MSo.	71	15	2	0	0
I would recommend this housing to women for safety purposes.	66	20	2	0	0
My housing choice is family friendly.	44	25	11	3	1
My housing choice is pet friendly.	7	1	4	12	64
My housing choice has easy access to public transportation.	32	33	19	2	0

Additional comments:

If you are interested in MedPark, get on the list early as space fills up very quickly! Also, while there is a campus shuttle, the hours of operation are limited during the middle of the day, so that is something to keep in mind. Otherwise, it is a great place to live and in convenient distance from the school!

Convenience is the thing I like the most. It's nice to be close to school, enough things are nearby for studying, eating, and relaxing.

Try to settle in to your new home in Dallas with some time to spare before orientation week - orientation eats into your time and is exhausting, you don't want to be moving in during the August heat at the same time you are busy at school.

Med Park does not have COVERED parking, but your car is secured behind a gate. Apply to Med Park even if they tell you that you won't get in, because you just may. There are TONS of housing options, take some tours if you can because they all have their own set of pros and cons.

Be on the waiting list early if seeking apartment for Southwestern Medical Park apartments. But, also look for alternative housing options.

Med park doesn't have elevators and has narrow staircases -- leave those giant suitcases and boxes at home and separate everything into smaller, more manageable loads. Also, just flat out hire someone to move your mattress.

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Apply for Med Park soon if you want to get in for your second year. Choose some place with lots of other med students
Try to get on the wait list as soon as possible. Waiting until a couple months before does not have a high success rate and it is definitely worth trying to get into MedPark!
Apply early for housing for Southwestern Medical Park Apartments!
Make sure you call to get on the Med Park waitlist as soon as possible! I waited til Spring Break and there were 75 people ahead of me! I only got in because my roommate got off the waitlist.
Look into buying a property if you/your family can afford it
Living close to campus is the best choice I made
Med Park is a great place to live! I looked at a bunch of apartments around this area and this was by far the cheapest. I have always felt safe and plan on living here for the remainder of time at UTSW. If you are lucky enough to get a spot here, this is a great place to live! I recommend getting on the waitlist as soon as possible because it tends to always be long.
Apply early if you want to live here, like now (yesterday would have been better). It's a high commodity apartment complex but everything including price, value, distance, and safety are great.
Apply early - available apartments fill up fast
Look into electricity and internet early! You can find deals for new customers as well as referral credits. Ask current residents in apartments in which you are interested!
Start apt hunting early
MedPark is the most convenient place to live near MedPark. Rent is as cheap as it can get, and they've been renovating the units as well.
It is not worth trying to save a few bucks at the cost of dealing with commuting and traffic. Do yourself a favor and get something nearby if possible. Totally worth it!
The easiest way to get into med park is 1) apply early and/or 2) get a roommate who currently lives there. While there are a few people who are lucky and receive some housing at Med Park, the waitlist is long and unforgiving.
Apply for medical park early and find a housemate. The apartments in medical park have a long wait-list.

The Southwestern

5959 Maple Avenue

Dallas, TX 75235

(214)352-5959

<http://www.thesouthwestern.com/>

Distance: 5-10 minutes

Rent: 1 Bedroom: \$900 to \$1100; 2 Bedroom \$800 to >\$1200

Bedrooms: studio, 1-2

Security features: security gates, covered/gated garage, security guard, patrol

Satisfaction with housing:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am happy with my choice and would live here again.	13	13	2	0	0

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I would recommend this housing to an MSo.	14	12	2	0	0
I would recommend this housing to women for safety purposes.	14	13	1	0	0
My housing choice is family friendly.	15	8	4	1	0
My housing choice is pet friendly.	20	7	0	1	0
My housing choice has easy access to public transportation.	7	10	8	3	0

Additional comments:

All the housing on maple is kind of identical. They have around the same prices and amenities. I have found, at least in my generation, that a lot of people live at The Southwestern complex

I would really recommend living close to campus if at all possible as I feel like it helps a great deal for making the most out of your time at UTSW, by being take advantage of more opportunities.

I like to live close to school so I don't waste money and hours commuting every week. The Southwestern, Park 5940 MD, and Inwood on the Park are right across North Campus so you can walk/bike/take the North-South campus connector shuttle to school. Med Park (Southwestern Medical Park) has its own shuttle that goes right to school (South Campus) but the hours are more restricted (only 6-10am & 4-10pm).

5225 Maple Avenue

5225 Maple Avenue

Dallas, TX 75235-8195

(214) 634-5225

<http://www.5225mapleapts.com/>

Distance: 5-10 minutes

Rent: 1 Bedroom: \$1000 - >\$1200; 2 Bedrooms: \$700 to >\$1200

Bedrooms: 1-2

Security features: security gates, security guard, intrusion alarm, covered/gated garage

Satisfaction with housing:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am happy with my choice and would live here again.	11	8	2	1	0
I would recommend this housing to an MSo.	12	8	1	1	0
I would recommend this housing to women for safety purposes.	12	8	2	0	0
My housing choice is family friendly.	10	8	3	1	0
My housing choice is pet friendly.	12	8	2	0	0
My housing choice has easy access to public transportation.	10	8	4	0	0

Additional comments:

Shop around! Get onto housing lists as early as possible to find student rates.

Try your hardest to obtain housing near UTSW campus. It makes life a great deal easier.

Think really hard about whether or not you actually want to live close to school. I thought it would be great to live on Maple for the convenience of being close, but I think it would've been better to live a bit farther away from school for my mental health. You can start to feel like you're trapped in the Medical District.

I would peruse many different housing options/pricing. Assuming that you don't have a spot or are not interested in Med Park there is plenty of time to find a nice place to live. I can't emphasize how much being close to school saves you a lot of time and energy. I love living at 5225 Maple. It is a little pricey but very clean, convenient, and safe. Also management here is great.

Visit all the apartments before you sign a lease.

I chose to live at 5225 because of the government subsidizing option for students in a 1/1 apartment (very cheap compared to other options. Even cheaper than Med Park where I used to live). If you would like to live here for subsidized housing, you need to add yourself to the waitlist ASAP, as spots are limited and in high demand. I put myself on the waitlist 6 months in advance. I love how close the complex is to Parkland (I actually walk there) and to school. Kroger is right nearby and there's a nice cocktail bar and mini market right across the street. The apartments themselves are nice, and I am comfortable in my 1/1. Parking at the complex is free, and I don't have issues finding a spot for me or guests. You can also get covered parking but for a monthly fee. My only (and decently big) complaint is noise. The walls are thin, so you can hear your neighbors and their pets. You can also hear the DART rail as it runs by, but you quickly get used to it. The maintenance team is absolutely wonderful! They fix everything the next day. The office staff is also kind. There is also construction going on around the entire complex right now for water damage, but I believe it should all be completed before school starts. Overall, I would recommend this place because of the price and the location.

Look for something that you are comfortable with.

5225 has regular social services and is walking distance from Parkland Hospital.

Park 5940 MD

5940 Forest Park Road
 Dallas, TX 75235
 (214) 366-0031
http://gables.com/find/apartment/3051-park-5940-md-dallas-tx?utm_campaign=Redirect&utm_medium=Redirect&utm_source=park5940md

Distance: <5 minutes
 Rent: \$950 to >\$1200
 Bedrooms: studio, 1-2
 Security features: security gates, security guard, intrusion alarm, patrol, covered/gated garage

Satisfaction with housing:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am happy with my choice and would live here again.	10	7	1	0	0
I would recommend this housing to an MSo.	10	7	1	0	0

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I would recommend this housing to women for safety purposes.	9	9	0	0	0
My housing choice is family friendly.	11	5	2	1	0
My housing choice is pet friendly.	9	7	2	0	0
My housing choice has easy access to public transportation.	9	5	4	0	0

Additional comments:

This complex is very nice, but I have had an issue studying at home due to noise coming from our neighbors upstairs. Two major benefits are our apartment's proximity to North Campus, so you can take the North/South Campus Connector to go to school, and the fact that the clubhouse is open 24/7.

You'll definitely need a car in Dallas. Cutting down travel time by living close to school is soooo worth it.

It's right across the street from north campus so it's very convenient to take the North/South campus shuttle to class (runs 7 am-7pm). It's also near one of the stops for the med park apartment shuttle if you need to go outside of those times. If you love public transportation like I do (good for the environment and driving is stressful for me), you can easily use the Dart bus and rail to get to the two airports for cheaper than Uber or Lyft (and not inconvenient your roommates).

AmlI on Maple

6008 Maple Avenue

Dallas, TX 75235

(877) 384-5382

<http://www.amli.com/apartments/dallas/medical-district/dallas/maple>

Distance: <5 minutes

Rent: \$1000 to >\$1200

Bedrooms: 1-2

Security features: security gates, security guard, intrusion alarm, patrol, covered/gated garage

Satisfaction with housing:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am happy with my choice and would live here again.	9	2	0	0	0
I would recommend this housing to an MSo.	8	1	0	1	0
I would recommend this housing to women for safety purposes.	7	2	2	0	0
My housing choice is family friendly.	7	2	2	0	0
My housing choice is pet friendly.	8	3	0	0	0
My housing choice has easy access to public transportation.	2	4	3	2	0

Maple District Lofts

5415 Maple Ave,
Dallas, Texas 75235

(469) 828-1440

<http://www.mapledistrictdallas.com/>

Distance: <5 minutes

Rent: \$800 to >\$1200

Bedrooms: studio, 1-2

Security features: security gates, patrol, covered/gated garage

Satisfaction with housing:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am happy with my choice and would live here again.	1	5	1	1	2
I would recommend this housing to an MSo.	1	4	2	1	2
I would recommend this housing to women for safety purposes.	2	7	1	0	0
My housing choice is family friendly.	3	1	2	0	1
My housing choice is pet friendly.	5	4	1	0	0
My housing choice has easy access to public transportation.	1	5	4	0	0

Additional comments:

The management is really terrible unfortunately. Also, this is a brand new apartment complex, and I've already had my living room flood through the wall and my toilet back up for no reason.

Give yourself plenty of time to move in before school starts. Once school starts, it'll be harder to furnish or meet people to set up internet etc.

Alta Maple Station

5522 Maple Ave
Dallas, Texas 75235

(469) 249-0500

<http://www.altamaplestation.com/>

Distance: <5 minutes

Rent: \$900 to >\$1200

Bedrooms: 1-3

Security features: security gates, intrusion alarm, patrol, covered/gated garage

Satisfaction with housing:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am happy with my choice and would live here again.	5	5	0	0	0

I would recommend this housing to an MSo.	6	4	0	0	0
I would recommend this housing to women for safety purposes.	6	4	0	0	0
My housing choice is family friendly.	4	2	3	1	0
My housing choice is pet friendly.	5	3	2	0	0
My housing choice has easy access to public transportation.	9	1	0	0	0

Additional comments:

Something that I was reluctant to do at first, but I'm definitely glad I did is REALLY look around for apartments. I was super tempted at first to just look at a few and choose because they all seemed to be priced similarly and provide relatively the same amenities. However, my parents encouraged me to really keep looking, and I'm glad I did because I ended up discovering a government in town housing program for students only offered at select apartments - it saved me \$100+ off my rent every month. Also, I'd say definitely start early!

Living close to school is a good idea.

Inwood on the Park

5720 Forest Park Road

Dallas, TX 75235

(972) 810-7361

<http://www.inwoodonthepark.com/>

Distance: 5-10 minutes

Rent: \$700 to >\$1200

Bedrooms: studio, 1-3

Security features: security gates, covered/gated garage

Satisfaction with housing:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am happy with my choice and would live here again.	4	3	2	0	0
I would recommend this housing to an MSo.	3	4	1	1	0
I would recommend this housing to women for safety purposes.	3	3	3	0	0
My housing choice is family friendly.	5	4	0	0	0
My housing choice is pet friendly.	5	3	1	0	0
My housing choice has easy access to public transportation.	5	1	3	0	0

Additional comments:

Although I had originally hoped to live in Med Park, I feel very like my decision to live at Inwood on the Park has only been affirmed by the time I've spent here. I love the easy access to school (car or

UTSW shuttle right across Forest Park Rd), the covered parking (only \$100 per year), and a whole extra room for a "study" in our 2-bedroom floor plan. I've had a great experience with the management, and no problem with bugs or anything like that. Word of warning that washer/dryer is not included, but that is easily remedied if you want to buy used ones on a Facebook page like "UTSW grad market." You definitely get a lot for the affordable price, and I would definitely live at Inwood on the Park again! Happy home hunting, and welcome to UTSW!

I walk to school every day - to south campus that is usually 10-15 min if I walk to the shuttle stop and wait for the shuttle. North campus is literally right across the street.

I think staying close to school has worked out well for me and is very convenient, however I would have tried to get into medpark as soon as I knew I was accepted. Inwood has plenty of problems from fire alarms that go off without fires to broken pipes leading to flooding, so be aware of that.

Century Medical District

6162 Maple Avenue

Dallas, Texas 75235

(972) 499-4080

<http://www.centuryapartments.com/century-medical-district-dallas-tx>

Distance: <5 minutes

Rent: 1 Bedroom: \$1000 to >\$1200; 2 Bedrooms: \$700 to >\$1200

Bedrooms: 1-2

Security features: security gates, covered/gated garage

Satisfaction with housing:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am happy with my choice and would live here again.	3	5	0	1	0
I would recommend this housing to an MSo.	4	4	0	1	0
I would recommend this housing to women for safety purposes.	3	3	3	0	0
My housing choice is family friendly.	3	3	3	0	0
My housing choice is pet friendly.	3	6	0	0	0
My housing choice has easy access to public transportation.	1	1	6	1	0

Additional comments:

listen for how thin the roof/walls are- full concrete apt > wood

Vibe Medical District

2140 Medical District

Dallas, Texas 75235

(214) 761-3227

<http://www.vibe-aps.com/>

Distance: 5-10 minutes

Rent: 1 Bedroom: \$1100 to >\$1200; 2 Bedrooms: >\$1200

Bedrooms: Studio, 1-2

Security features: security gates, security guard, intrusion alarm, covered/gated garage

Satisfaction with housing:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am happy with my choice and would live here again.	2	3	0	2	0
I would recommend this housing to an MSo.	0	4	1	2	0
I would recommend this housing to women for safety purposes.	0	4	2	1	0
My housing choice is family friendly.	1	4	1	1	0
My housing choice is pet friendly.	2	5	0	0	0
My housing choice has easy access to public transportation.	2	5	0	0	0

Additional comments:

Ask future roommates about thermostat control. School is easier to do if you also don't hate home.

Colonial Reserve at Medical District

2222 Medical District Drive

Dallas, Texas 75235

(214) 634-2224

<http://www.colonialprop.com/dallas/colonial-reserve-at-medical-district/>

Distance: <5 minutes

Rent: 1 Bedroom: \$1000 to \$1100; 2 Bedrooms: >\$1200

Bedrooms: studio, 1-3

Security features: security gates, covered/gated garage

Satisfaction with housing:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am happy with my choice and would live here again.	3	3	1	0	0
I would recommend this housing to an MSo.	3	4	0	0	0
I would recommend this housing to women for safety purposes.	1	6	0	0	0
My housing choice is family friendly.	2	3	2	0	0
My housing choice is pet friendly.	1	4	2	0	0

My housing choice has easy access to public transportation.	5	1	1	0	0
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Additional comments:

Great place to live for those new to Dallas; very close to campus, so I tend to study in the library until late and had no problem getting back home safely. A lot of new apartments, Jimmy Johns, Thai2Go, and Dickey's BBQ underneath the apartments.

Keep an eye out for housing prices, they fluctuate a lot each day! Try and look around since most people don't get a place until the late summer.

Northend

2323 North Field Street
 Dallas, TX 75201
 (214) 431-3247
<http://www.northenddallas.com/>

Distance: 5-20 minutes
 Rent: \$1000 to >\$1200
 Bedrooms: 1-3
 Security features: security gates, security guard, intrusion alarm, patrol, covered/gated garage

Satisfaction with housing:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am happy with my choice and would live here again.	5	1	0	0	0
I would recommend this housing to an MSo.	5	1	0	0	0
I would recommend this housing to women for safety purposes.	5	1	0	0	0
My housing choice is family friendly.	2	3	1	0	0
My housing choice is pet friendly.	4	1	1	0	0
My housing choice has easy access to public transportation.	2	1	1	2	0

Lure at Cedar Springs

2929 Kings Rd
 Dallas, Texas 75219
 (214) 431-0000
<http://www.thelureapartments.com/>

Distance: 5-10 minutes
 Rent: 1 Bedroom: \$900 to \$1100; 2 Bedrooms: >\$1200
 Bedrooms: 1-3
 Security features: security gates, security guard, intrusion alarm, covered/gated garage

Satisfaction with housing:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am happy with my choice and would live here again.	4	1	1	0	0
I would recommend this housing to an MSo.	4	2	0	0	0
I would recommend this housing to women for safety purposes.	4	2	0	0	0
My housing choice is family friendly.	4	2	0	0	0
My housing choice is pet friendly.	6	0	0	0	0
My housing choice has easy access to public transportation.	0	0	5	1	0

Additional comments:

Take a vacation before school and make sure to have at least one week to move in.

I would start looking for housing early in order to find the best deals. You may not sign a lease until the summer, but it is good to keep your options open.

Berkshire Medical District

4730 Fairmount St.

Dallas, Texas 75219

(214) 646-1559

<https://www.berkshirecommunities.com>

Distance: 5-10 minutes

Rent: 1 Bedroom: \$1100 to >\$1200; 2 Bedrooms: >\$1200

Bedrooms: 1-3

Security features: security gates, security guard, intrusion alarm

Satisfaction with housing:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am happy with my choice and would live here again.	4	1	0	0	0
I would recommend this housing to an MSo.	4	1	0	0	0
I would recommend this housing to women for safety purposes.	4	1	0	0	0
My housing choice is family friendly.	4	0	1	0	0
My housing choice is pet friendly.	5	0	0	0	0
My housing choice has easy access to public transportation.	3	0	2	0	0

Additional comments:

There are plenty of apartments and they are all pretty much the same - just have slight variation. Also they can't possibly all fill up so you will be fine finding somewhere. If you are planning on living there all 4 years, I would get the longest rental agreement you can so that you only have to re-up 3 times rather than once a year (4 times). Also, put your name on medpark waitlist. You may want cheap rent next year, you never know.

Make sure to move to Dallas maybe a week-ish before classes start so you can get adjusted. Also try to go to social events that people plan before school starts (such as during orientation). It's really fun and you get to know your classmates!

Other Housing Options

House/Condo-Rental

Distance: 5-30 minutes

Rent: <\$700 to >\$1200

Bedrooms: 1-3

Security features (condo): security gates, security guard, intrusion alarm, patrol, covered/gated garage

Comments:

I wish I had known about the North Oak Lawn neighborhood, the area north of Lemmon near the Whole Foods. There are a fair amount of beautiful duplexes, condos, and garage apartments in this safe and walkable neighborhood near the med school. The prices are roughly comparable with the apartments in the med district but feel homier (example: 2 bedrooms, 1 bath with dining room, yard and patio for \$1600ish). The best way to find a place is to drive around looking for yard signs as these places often are leased by the owner. Good luck!

I would not recommend living in the Medical District because you never get out! Start trying to figure out how you're going to live a balanced life now so you can start implementing that when school starts (or at least try).

There are a lot of things to consider other than proximity to UTSW when you are looking at housing. Especially for women wanting to live alone, there are great neighborhoods in north Oak Lawn/ South Highland Park or Knox Henderson that are really affordable, safe, and only 12 or 15 minutes from school. A longer commute ends up being no big deal.

If you are not familiar with the area and don't find a roommate or don't want one, you might find it nice to get a studio near campus at one of the many apartment complexes. This will allow you to get to know people and the area better, get on waitlists at MedPark and reduced prices for low income at those apartments. And you can be on the lookout for condos too if you're interested in that.

Some really great affordable condos in turtle creek area. Look at income based housing discounts. You make 0 dollars so you can get apts that are 500 bucks off per month at some places (northend for example, I had a 2 bedroom with a view for 1100 total).

If you have a family, strongly consider living in a suburb such as Valley Ranch or Coppell. Lots of family friendly areas and great schools.

Find a potential roommate earlier! Do not wait until the summer like me.

Most housing near school is equally as expensive as oaklawn and uptown, and it is much nicer to live in oaklawn or uptown

Live close to school and get a roommate!

There are tons of houses near the school available for rent. This option is often a lot cheaper than an apartment. The trade off is you don't get the amenities of an apartment.

House/Condo-Own

Distance: 5-50 minutes

Rent: <\$700 to >\$1200

Bedrooms: 1-4

Security features (condo): security gates, security guard, intrusion alarm, patrol, covered/gated garage

Comments:

Bought a house, plan to resell it at graduation. It was a great idea because it'll be like I never paid for rent thanks to the appreciation in the area.

I think for your first year it is easiest to live around the medical school in one of the many apartment complexes.

If you plan on buying a house in the suburbs for family reasons like I did, I suggest the northwest side of town. I live on the Northeast side (close to Garland) and crossing through downtown during rush hour is a pain.

I have chosen to live with family 33 miles away from school. I would not recommend this option due to significant travel time.

First, enjoy your time off, from here on out, there will ALWAYS be something more you could/should be doing. Parking at UTSW is plentiful, but not always near your final destination (this is more true in your clinical curriculum), so you may want to invest of some comfortable walking shoes that are also professional looking. Living wayyyy out in the suburbs (as I do) is cheap and easy for the preclinical years. Commuting that far during clinical years is tough. Lastly, not from my own experience, but a friends: living near the American Airlines Center can triple your google maps commute.

I would recommend Valley Ranch to anyone looking to live a little further away from school in a more family oriented type neighborhood. Reasonably affordable to rent or buy and good transportation options (DART rail or 15-20 min drive by car) as well.

Keep in touch with other students you meet at MSo weekend. Then you can find a roommate or live in the same complex as some other students to make socializing easier.

Live close to school, as close as possible. Every second counts. The extra expense of living close is worth it. You'll make all that back when you're working so don't sweat it.

General Housing Advice

There are plenty of apartments and they are all pretty much the same - just have slight variation. Also they can't possibly all fill up so you will be fine finding somewhere. If you are planning on living there all 4 years, I would get the longest rental agreement you can so that you only have to re-up 3 times rather than once a year (4 times). Also, put your name on medpark waitlist. You may want cheap rent next year, you never know.

Make sure to move to Dallas maybe a week-ish before classes start so you can get adjusted. Also try to go to social events that people plan before school starts (such as during orientation). It's really fun and you get to know your classmates!

Make sure to move here at least a week before school starts so you have time to explore Dallas and get your apartment set up.

Finding housing for less than \$1200 without a roommate is unrealistic outside of Medpark.

Look for UTSW student discounts!

Don't isolate yourself. It's easy with streaming to just lock yourself in your apartment all day, but it's important to reach out and form meaningful connections with people to help you through.

Living in Uptown is amazing. There are wonderful restaurants, bars, grocery stores, gyms, and clothing stores to shop at so you never get bored and everything is very convenient. I like that I can easily take a break from school work and relax without having to go too far. It's very safe and a beautiful area to live in. Uptown is a little bit more expensive and a bit farther away from the school than other complexes, but if you do a thorough search, you can find apartments with rent comparable to those near the school, and the commute is definitely worth living in such a fun location.

it is good to start looking early but even if you don't and wait until like a month before, you will still be fine in finding housing

Convenience is the thing I like the most. It's nice to be close to school, enough things are nearby for studying, eating, and relaxing.

Try to settle in to your new home in Dallas with some time to spare before orientation week - orientation eats into your time and is exhausting, you don't want to be moving in during the August heat at the same time you are busy at school. Enjoy your first semester and the opportunity to make new friends! They'll help make medical school fun!

Live by yourself or with someone who can relate to studying a lot. I lives with a non-student my MS1 year and it was pretty difficult at times!

Be on the waiting list early if seeking apartment for Southwestern Medical Park apartments. But, also look for alternative housing options.

Four years goes by really fast. You want to choose a place to live that will be stress free.

Look into buying a property if you/your family can afford it.

Living close to campus is the best choice I made

Look into electricity and internet early! You can find deals for new customers as well as referral credits. Ask current residents in apartments in which you are interested!

Start apt hunting early

It is not worth trying to save a few bucks at the cost of dealing with commuting and traffic. Do yourself a favor and get something nearby if possible. Totally worth it!

Zillow.com to find a privately owned apartment....don't give your money to those giant apartment conglomerates!

I recommend living closer to school if you can. I generally like my neighborhood since it's a bit quieter and close to White Rock Lake but there were definitely times that I felt I missed out on

some events because I lived farther away.

Staying close to school is great but there are also some nice places in Uptown and surrounding areas that have reasonable commutes/cost of living. I initially lived in med park and then moved and it's so nice to be able to walk to different things in Dallas (which you can't do at any of the apartments immediately around campus).

Live close, live cheap, live below your means and take as few loans as possible. Consider reading *The White Coat Investor*. It should be a required part of your curriculum and will help you make smart decisions from day one.

Take a look at the place before you rent and ask questions at MSo weekend of people who live there already. Don't be afraid to look a little outside of the immediate area. There are some nice neighborhoods not too much further afield. You might try some on-line rating sites, too, to get an idea of what others are saying: apartmentratings.com seemed like a good site when I checked it out, but I can't guarantee to accuracy or impartiality of the site, obviously

I tried to commute 1 hr each way initially from my dad's house. I would suggest, **DO NOT COMMUTE!** Unless you are ready to take on all the stress that comes with it.

Not many areas in Dallas are pedestrian. If this is something that is important to you I would recommend living in Uptown or in very specific areas near Lower Greenville or Oak Lawn (gayborhood).

I think you need to decide if you want the fancier newer apartments versus a more neighborhood feel.

Start to look for housing early!

The best kept secret is the TRE. I take the train 20 minutes from Centreport to Medical Market, and it is great. I never have to worry about traffic and I study on my commute. While I picked a more expensive apartment, this method can also allow you to find cheap, safe living options as you get further away from the city.

I live in Addison now due to my significant others job. As a first year I would recommend living close to campus.

My apartment is 11 miles from school, but Irving is such a nice place to live. If you don't mind the 15-20 min drive, I highly recommend living in Irving. What I wish I had known---if medical school hits you hard at first, don't freak out. It happens to a lot of people, myself included. Remember, **YOU CAN DO THIS!**

It's absolutely amazing to live right next to campus! I can literally walk to UTSW through Parkland in about 15 minutes. Much better than having to park at the parking garage on campus, and you get 30-40 minutes of daily walking too.

Advice for First Year

Focus on being healthy. Eat clean and exercise. Develop hobbies you enjoy and that can allow you to de-stress.

Relax for now. Don't get caught up in what other people are doing and studying. Focus on what makes you happy and keeps you grounded. If that's dancing, watching Netflix, or rock climbing then keep making time for it. That is what will keep you sane for the next 4 years. Learn to prep and eat healthy balanced meals (for the week) if you don't already. Get into an exercise routine. Doesn't have to be a daily routine but it needs to be consistent on a weekly basis. Always get enough sleep. Don't sacrifice your health for med school. It's not worth it.

Do your best to pace yourself and enjoy each portion of the journey, as it is long. There is a cliché about journeys and destinations that is more apt than one might imagine.

Enjoy this last summer before medical school. Spend time with friends and family; travel if you can; relax and do what you enjoy.

Enjoy your summer. The change in free time is substantial but you should still have some as a student. Start shadowing ASAP to figure out what you think you might not want to do / things that you could see yourself doing.

Spend time enjoying the first two years of pass/fail. Do fun things, go have adventures, sleep. You'll never be that free again.

The best advice I can give to an MSo heading into their summer before medical school is to take this opportunity to try new things, binge Netflix shows, travel, spend time with friends and family, and honestly do anything your heart desires. I'm sure that everyone has heard that medical school is challenging, but I don't think I really appreciated the time commitment it would be. There is a huge transition in the first month of med school, and I wish I had fully enjoyed those last couple of months before classes started. Other than that, just sit back and relax because you've been accepted into a great medical school and that is something to be celebrated!

Learn how to use Anki!

Figure out the requirements needed for medical school (e.g.: vaccinations/tests, insurance etc.) before the summer and make sure they are fulfilled ahead of time if you plan on travelling the whole summer like I did. This is pretty much your last free summer, so do something fun or RELAX!!!!

Go travel and do something fun

Look into getting a 4-year subscription for a good study supplemental such as Firecracker that you can utilize to help prepare you for boards as you go through the curriculum, and look into getting SketchyMicro early on as well.

Enjoy your summer! Take the time to relax so that you're feeling refreshed once med school starts. Med school is hard work; your body and mind needs to be in tip-top shape so take care of yourself.

Travel!!! Read a lot of books for fun. Watch Netflix. Don't study ANYTHING. If you are feeling absolutely antsy about not being productive at all then I recommend brushing up on Spanish, that is definitely what I wish I had done.

Don't study. Just chill! I studied a lot during that summer, read tons of textbooks to prepare for med school. They're all useless, plus I'm so burned out throughout the year when I need to study the high-yield stuff.

Have fun this summer but get ready to work hard! Go to your classes first semester to make friends. Don't buy the PanOptic.

Join the Facebook group for your class -If you're planning on going into a competitive specialty (dermatology, ophthalmology, plastic surgery, interventional radiology), take advantage of this summer to do research with the departments at UTSW and start cranking out publications.

Don't stress too much about immunizations and papers that need to get filled out. While you should definitely try to do these things early, don't spend your whole time worrying about them!! The offices are pretty accommodating!!

Don't be too proud to look for help if you struggle.

Enjoy your time off!!! Go travel, hang out with family, visit friends!

Enjoy your first semester and the opportunity to make new friends! They'll help make medical school fun!

Take advantage of the school's Dart and TRE pass (\$50/year), practically free public

transportation
Take it easy over the summer, and don't worry about the workload - you will rise to the occasion!
Get a crock pot. Get some Tupperware. Make a big meal. Freeze most of it. Eating out is expensive!
Don't prestudy!! Enjoy your summer, spend time with family, travel, etc. The first few weeks will be scary and overwhelming but you can do it!!
Have fun and enjoy your free time.
Relax and have fun during the summer! You don't want to regret not having a break before starting school again.
have fun. don't study until school starts. when schools starts make sure to study, but don't lose track of your life.
Use your summer to do something you wouldn't normally do - are you a homebody? Go on a road trip. Do you hate reading? Pick up a good book. Do you have to plan out every detail of every day? Do something spontaneous. Once school starts you're going to settle into a routine and it will be harder to do something outside your normal, comfortable activities. Whatever you do, DO NOT START STUDYING/PREPPING FOR SCHOOL. You'll have plenty of time to study for the next 4+ years. Have fun this summer!
Please give yourself the summer off from studying or any serious work! Also, Medical school means a lot of studying but it is manageable and you can still have fun!
RELAX! HAVE FUN! DON'T PRE-STUDY! You'll get to do plenty of studying once you start school.
There really isn't much you can do to prepare, so just have fun during the summer. Once school starts just do your best to keep up and realize that no matter how much you struggle, you are capable of making it through. Dig deep when appropriate, but also don't hesitate to reach out to friends/family/counselor when you need a helping hand.
Enjoy your summer! Cherish the time you have to not be a student and have to study. Also don't worry- medical school is actually really fun!
DON'T STUDY THE SUMMER BEFORE MED SCHOOL.
Don't prepare in any way for medical school. Relax!
Time this summer is precious! I recommend spending it having fun, investing in relationships you want to keep, and intentionally reflecting on what you know to be true about yourself, your goals, your strengths/weaknesses, and your dreams. That awareness will help when you seem to run out of time for thinking.
Have as much fun as you can before school starts
Keep exercising!
Take a load off, go on an adventure, do something fun, do NOT feel obligated to get a head start. You will have plenty to do when you get here and plenty of time to learn while you are here.
Do something fun over the summer!
Enjoy the summer; don't feel rushed to have to do anything. You will have plenty of time to be busy once school starts. Take time away and refresh yourself before the new year starts so you can hit the ground running. Also, don't be afraid to experiment with different studying styles (flashcards, streaming, etc)
This is the best time of your life, enjoy it. If you want to be productive then meet your classmates and make some friends early. It's more important than you realize