

# Campus Housing Index

Practical Data for Housing & Residence Life Professionals

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## Guns on Campus

Within the United States, laws regarding concealed carry and guns on campus vary from state to state. Most states have non-permissive campus carry laws or allow institutions to make their own decisions regarding guns on campus. However, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCLS), there are at least 10 states that require institutions to allow guns on campus.

While institutional leaders are responsible for interpreting state guns laws, residence life professionals are tasked with developing compliant departmental policies that will keep students, staff, and visitors safe. Understanding the variation in state law and departmental policy within states and across regions can help professionals be better prepared for tackling this complicated issue. This report explores the reported gun laws and departmental policies during the 2022-2023 academic year.

### State Laws

Best description of state's campus carry law

70% of institutions

#### Non-Permissive Campus Carry

Guns are not permitted on institutional property

16% of institutions

#### Mandatory Campus Carry

Public institutions must allow guns (with restrictions)

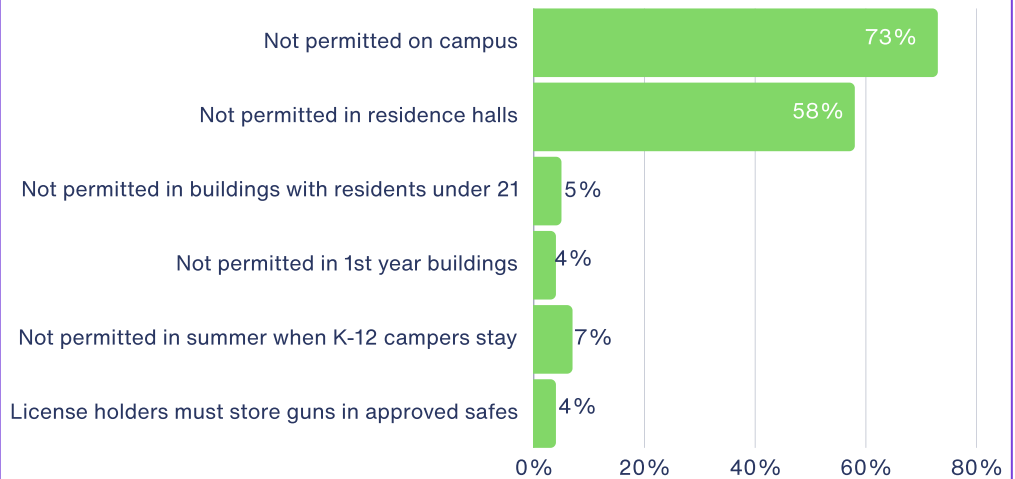
14% of institutions

#### Institutional Campus Carry

Gun policy decided by each institution

### Departmental Policies

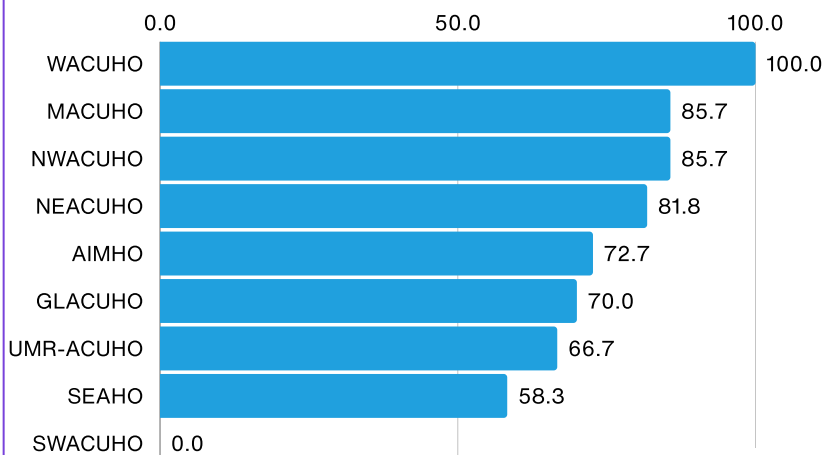
Department's policy for guns in campus housing facilities



Note: multiple responses were allowed for this question; as a result, percentages will not total 100.

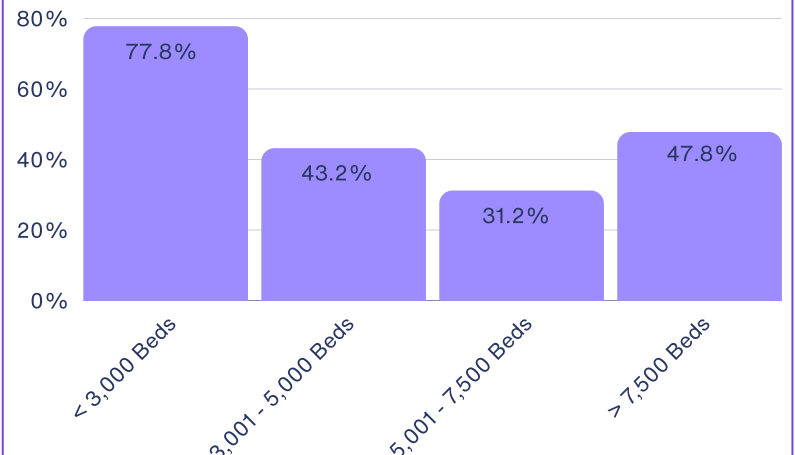
### ACUHO-I Regions & Non-Permissive State Law

Percentage of participating institutions in each ACUHO-I region that reported a non-permissive state law

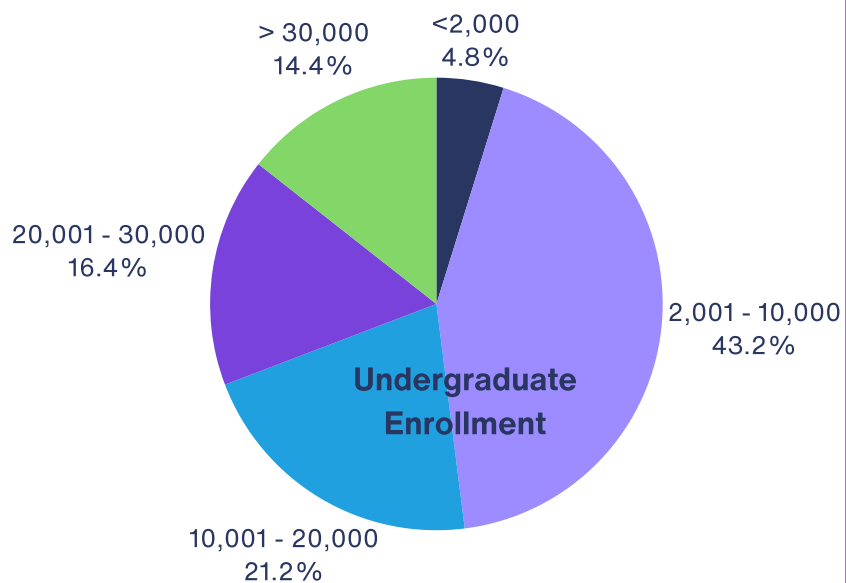
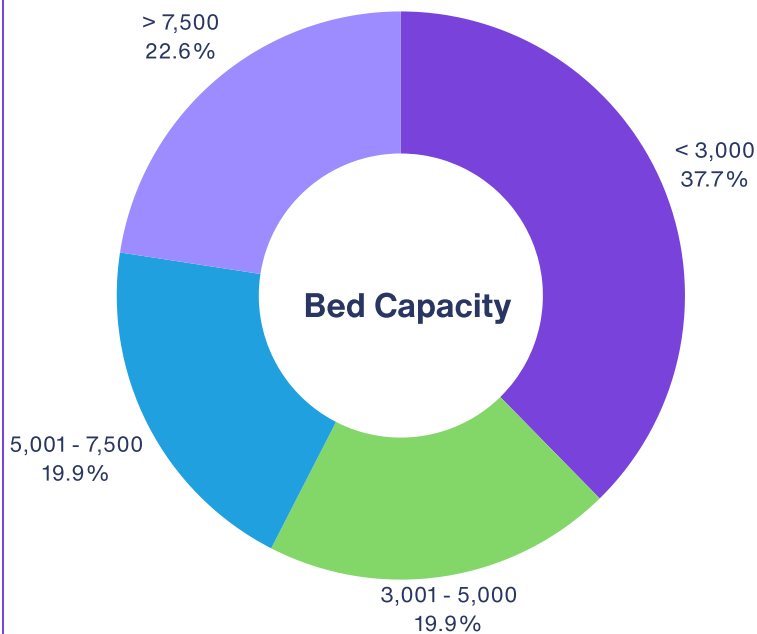
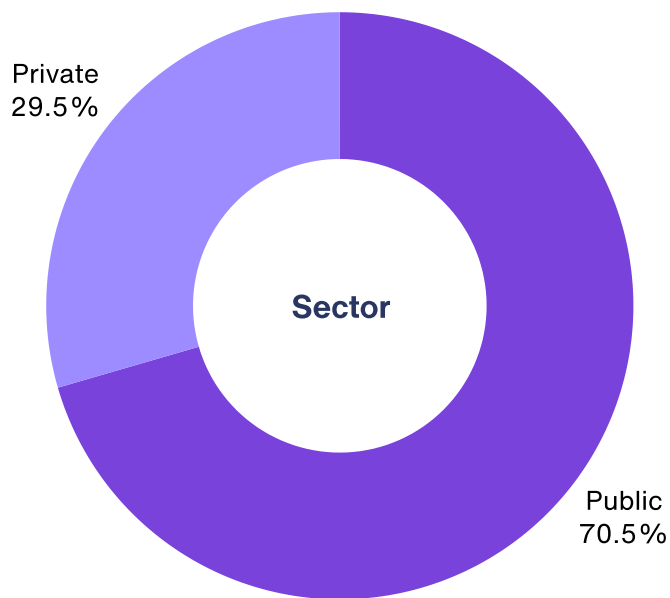
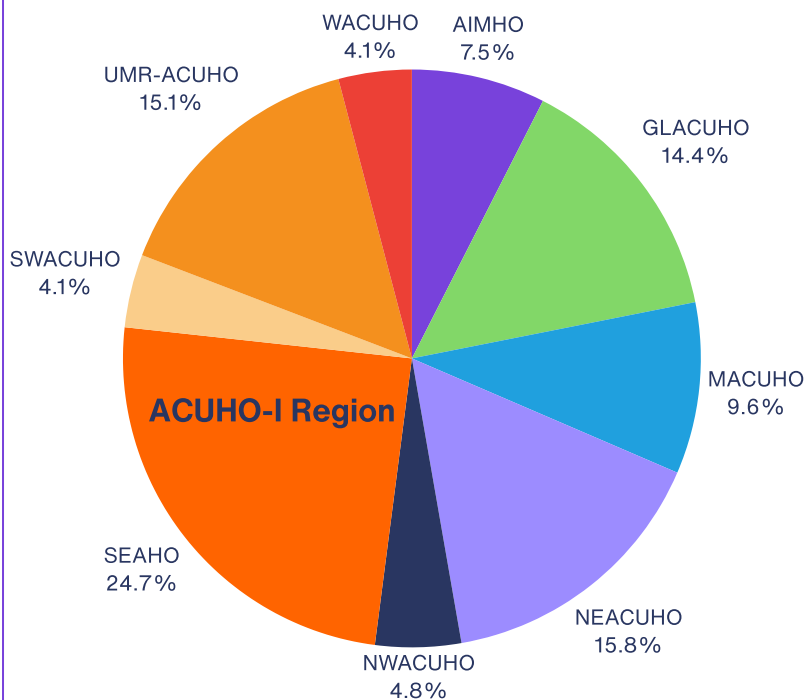


### Departmental Policy by Bed Capacity

Institutions, by bed capacity, where departmental policy prohibits guns on campus and/or in residence hall.



# Characteristics of Participating Institutions



## Learn more about the CHI



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The Campus Housing Index (CHI) is a data tool that allows campus-based professionals to compare their campus's operations against customized groups of similar campuses.

This report utilizes CHI data collected in 2023. All data are representative of the 2022-2023 academic year. In total, 174 institutions participated in data collection; a subset of 144 institutions are represented in the results presented.

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