

Student housing in Gent



STUDENT HOUSING AND THE CITY

Partnership Kotatgent

Partners:

- 2 Universities and 4 University colleges
- Student representatives
- The City of Ghent (Housing Service, Student Officer, Deputy Mayor housing and Deputy Mayor Education)

Goal:

Creating a shared view on student housing, exchange of good practices, discussing specific issues with the local policy makers,...





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STUDENT HOUSING **IN** THE CITY

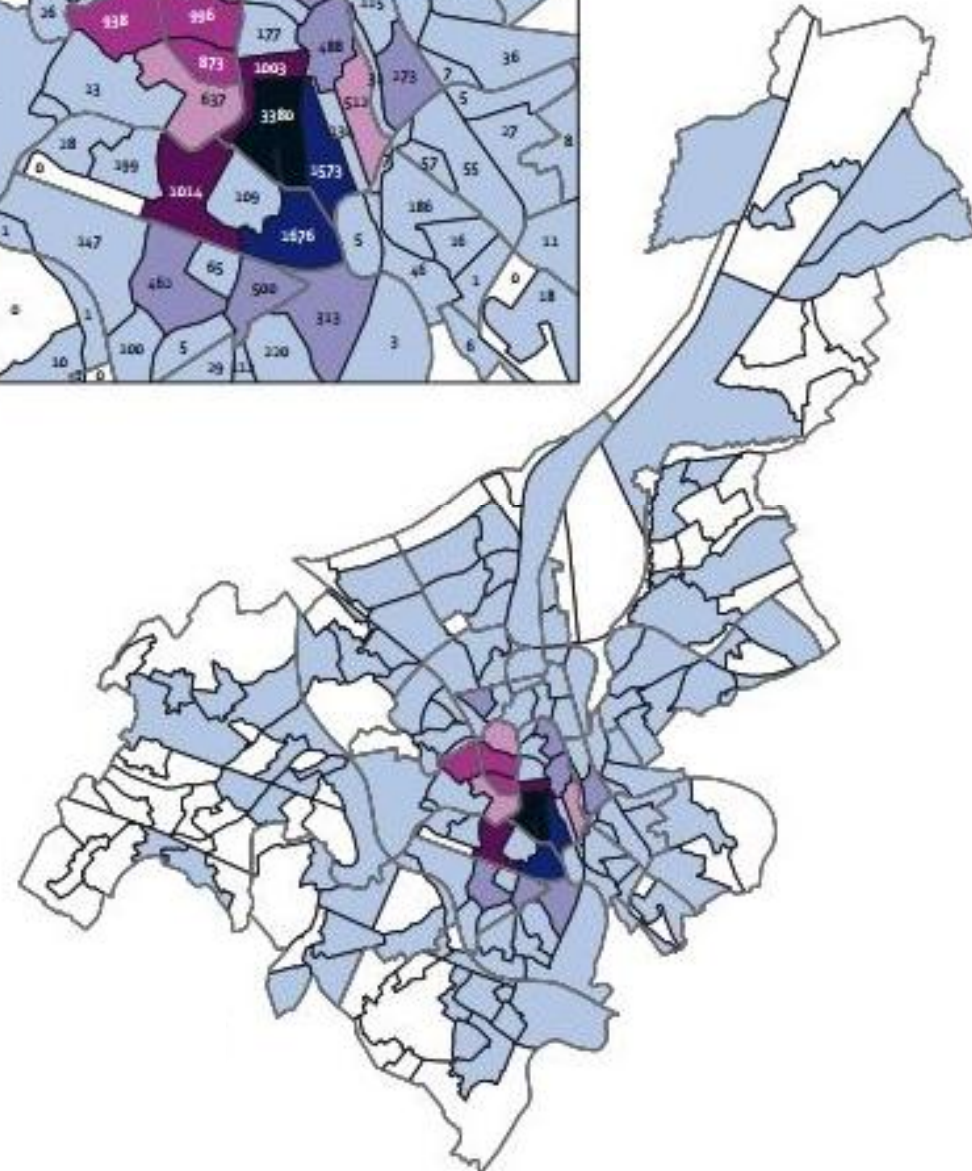
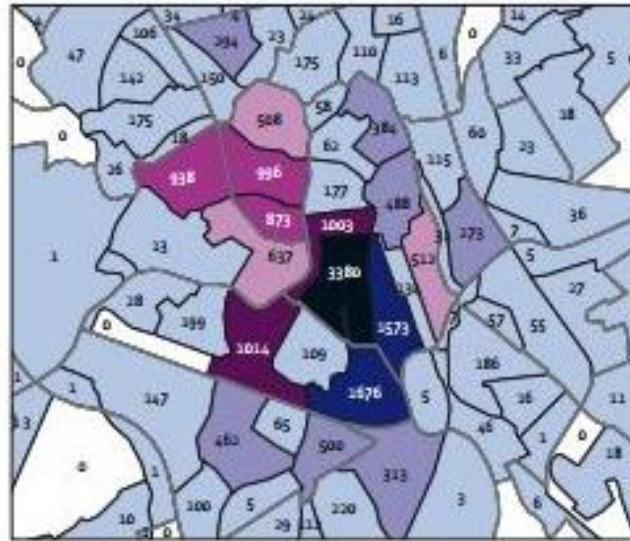
The Ghent student population 70.000

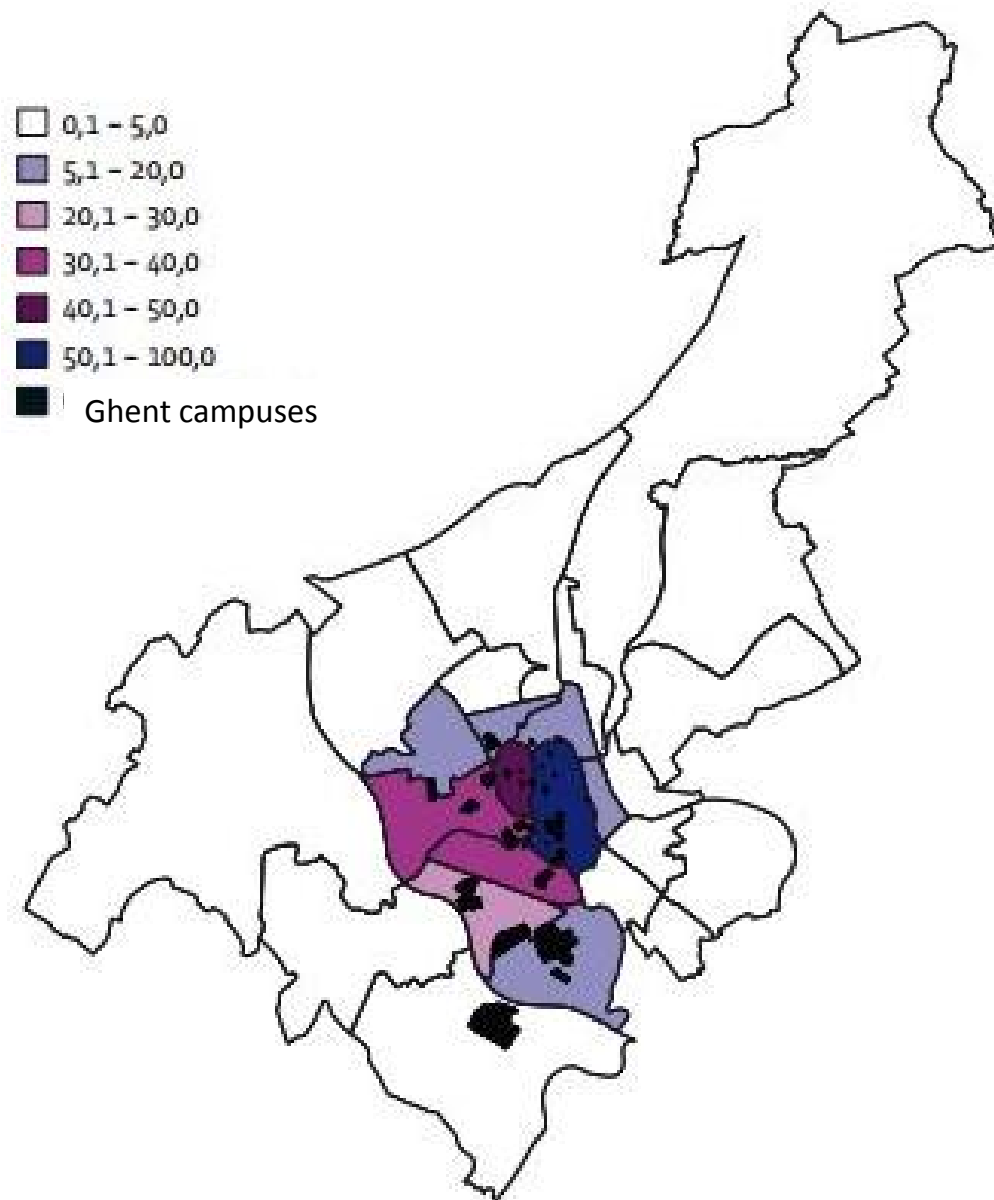
Almost half of them (30.000) are living
IN the city

- not on campus or outside the city
- mainly close to HEI
- mainly during the week, most of them go home on the WE
- no official registration of residence in Ghent
- in different types of housing



30,000 students or almost half of the Ghent student population are living in the city, most of them in the centre.





Most students live near University and University College campuses

The darker the colour, the more students compared to the number of inhabitants



DIFFERENT TYPES OF STUDENT HOUSING

50% of the students rent a room,
23% rent a studio,
[27% share or live in a house or an
apartment]

STUDENT HOUSING: many possibilities for students



**Almost 7,000 students in
2,800 houses.**

**Individual private
owners.**

STUDENT HOUSING: many possibilities for students



Almost 2,000 students in large scale housing.

**Private owners –
collective buildings with at least 50
rooms or studios in one building.**



Student Housing Policy/Plan

Unique in Ghent & in Flanders

- Input from brainstorming sessions with all actors (schools, students, city,...) on student housing topics
- Discussion with universities and university colleges in Ghent
- Political dialogue

How to cope with challenges in the future, bearing in mind the

increasing number of students?

Challenges and impact on life in Gent



- Increasing number of (international) students
- Undesirable effects such as vandalism, mobility and parking problems, housing market prices under pressure
- Student community pushes the original community of the neighbourhood away or even takes over
- Need for affordable houses for families
- (too) many old and unadapted student rooms in former family houses

Our student residence

