



City of Pasadena: Short-Term Rental Market Overview

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I. Introduction

Like many cities around the world, Pasadena is interested in effectively and efficiently responding to the rapid growth of Internet-facilitated short-term renting (STR). In mid 2016, the City of Pasadena began a review of current short-term rental regulations. Host Compliance LLC was commissioned to provide data on the short-term rental market in Pasadena and its districts. Since the short-term rental is very dynamic and growing at a rapid rate, this report is an update on the earlier data with additional information on the minimum nights spend, the nightly rate, the estimated annual nights rented, the estimated rental revenue and annual TOT potential.



2. Background & Methodology

As a software, data and consulting services provider exclusively focused on helping local governments overcome the challenges associated with short-term vacation rentals, Host Compliance LLC has developed a set of proprietary data and analytics tools that can provide deep insights into the scale and scope of the short-term rental activity in any community. In this report, we will provide our findings from the City of Pasadena, with the hope that this fact-base will help inform the debate about how short-term rentals could be regulated in the City in the years to come.

Host Compliance Team

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Ulrik is the Founder and CEO of Host Compliance, the industry leader in short-term rental monitoring and compliance solutions for local governments. A pioneer in the short-term rental enforcement solution space, Ulrik developed the first short-term rental compliance monitoring tools and now uses his expertise and insights to help local governments across North America implement, monitor and enforce short-term rental regulation. Ulrik previously served in a variety of leadership roles in management consulting, private equity, startups and the military and developed his strategic and analytical skill-set at McKinsey & Company and the Harvard Business School.

General Methodology

Host Compliance's data is collected weekly and we currently collect, aggregate and deduplicate all listing data, reviews, calendar info and photos across the world's 16 top short-term rental listing sites.¹ We estimate this represents 99% of the total vacation rental universe in the City of Pasadena's jurisdiction.

Gathering data across platforms presents unique presentation problems. One listing may list on multiple sites, or might be listed in multiple forms on the same site, and analysis can quickly be bogged down by constantly switching between units, listings, active listings, de-duplicated listings, etc. In this document, unless preceded by a modifier, 'listings' refers to all online advertisements, regardless of ownership, duplication, or activity. Each profile will give a breakdown between listings, active listings, listings that qualify as STRs, and physical units. Active listings are defined as any listing that has either had its booking calendar changed or received a review in the last year. These are strong indicators that a host is still actively managing a listing. Using information on activity, nightly minimum stays, and rental price, Host Compliance has been able to produce estimates of potential monthly and yearly revenue both for individual units and on a neighborhood-scale. These estimates can only be verified by a host-by-host audit.

¹ Airbnb.com, Flipkey.com, HomeAway.com, VRBO.com, VacationRentals.com, travelmob.com, BedandBreakfast.com, HomeAway.co.uk, OwnersDirect.co.uk, HomeAway.de, Aritel.fr, Homelidays.com, HomeAway.es, Toprural.es, AlugueTemporada.com.br, HomeAway.com.au, Stayz.com.au, Bookabach.co.nz



Data Used for This Report

Host Compliance's raw data can be analyzed by a number of parameters including:

- Listing site
- Location (as defined by a boundary box or polygon i.e. a neighborhood)
- Property type (e.g. single-family or multi-family)
- Room type (e.g. entire home, private room, shared room)
- Number of bedrooms and bathrooms, rental rate, and minimum rental period
- Host Name/ID
- Activity and revenue estimates
- First and last review date
- Date the property was first active

The data contained in this report is believed to be highly accurate and representative of the scale and scope of the short-term rental activity in the City of Pasadena as of the date of this report.

Data Note

The data contained in this report was collected on or before September 2, 2017. Small differences in individual lines – discrepancies between listings numbers and percentages, percentages that add up to more than 100% - may be the result of rounding or updated data.

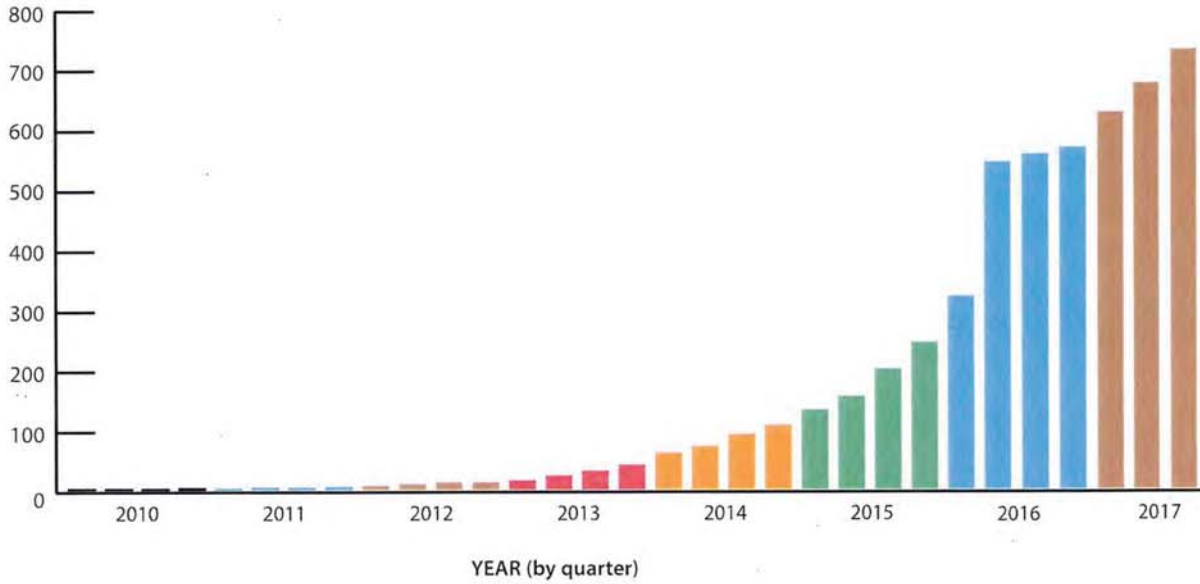
All of these numbers represent a moment in time, a specific snapshot of the marketplace as it is on the day of collection. Short-term renting is a dynamic, rapidly evolving industry, with individual hosts and entire listing platforms changing on a moment's notice. Absolute numbers change daily and can never truly be captured in a report. Instead, consider the themes, ratios, and trends as indicative, even if the data varies slightly.



3. Short-term Rental Data

In the following pages the data on short-term rentals for the City of Pasadena are summarized. It will first provide an overview of the growth of short-term rentals in the City of Pasadena between 2010 and 2017. Consequently the Gross Revenue Estimate and TOT estimate for the past 12 months will be shown. The final part of this report consists out of infographics of the short-term rental activity in the City of Pasadena, followed by exhibits per district.

1. Number of STR listings in Pasadena 2010 - 2017



Year	Quarter	Number of Listings
2010	1	1
2010	2	1
2010	3	1
2010	4	2
2011	1	2
2011	2	4
2011	3	4
2011	4	5
2012	1	6
2012	2	9
2012	3	12
2012	4	12
2013	1	15
2013	2	23
2013	3	31
2013	4	41

Year	Quarter	Number of Listings
2014	1	62
2014	2	73
2014	3	93
2014	4	108
2015	1	134
2015	2	157
2015	3	203
2015	4	248
2016	1	326
2016	2	553
2016	3	567
2016	4	573
2017	1	644
2017	2	697
2017	3	736

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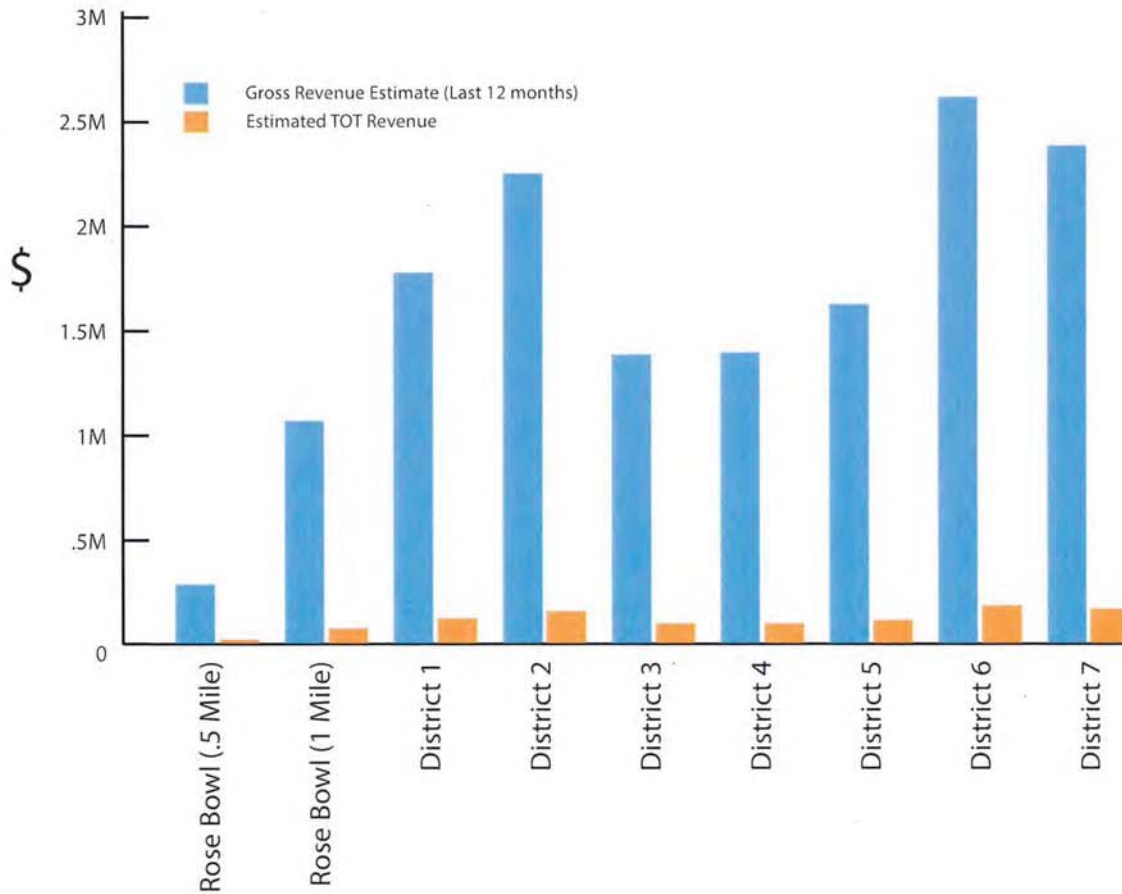
Number of STR unit listings
(As of Sept. 2, 2017)

534

Estimated unique properties
(As of Sept. 2, 2017)

2. Estimate of TOT of STRs by Pasadena Council District

	Gross Revenue Estimate Last 12 Months	TOT estimate
Rose Bowl 0.5 mile buffer	\$283,413	\$19,839
Rose Bowl 1.0 mile buffer	\$1,061,250	\$74,287
Pasadena District 1	\$1,769,726	\$123,881
Pasadena District 2	\$2,241,272	\$156,889
Pasadena District 3	\$1,377,582	\$96,431
Pasadena District 4	\$1,387,526	\$97,127
Pasadena District 5	\$1,617,738	\$113,242
Pasadena District 6	\$2,607,350	\$182,514
Pasadena District 7	\$2,375,454	\$166,282
City of Pasadena	\$9,422,867	\$659,601



CITY OF PASADENA

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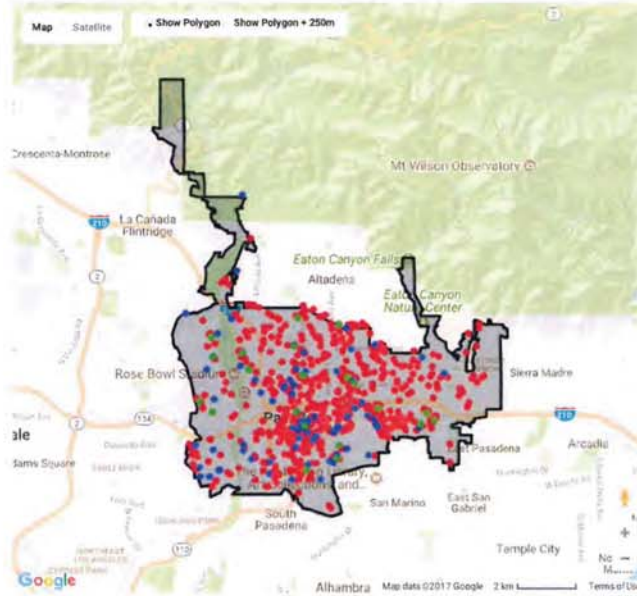
Active listings in jurisdiction

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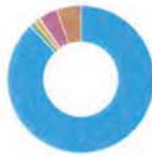
Listings in jurisdiction that fit STR definition

534

Unique properties in jurisdiction that fit STR definition



Minimum Nights



- 1-7 nights [88%]
- 8-14 nights [1%]
- 15-21 nights [1%]
- 22-29 nights [0%]
- 30+ nights [4%]
- Not specified by Host [5%]

Listing types



- Single Family Listing [53%]
- Multi Family Listing [45%]
- Unknown [2%]



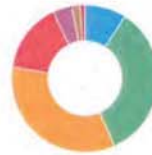
- Partial Home [26%]
- Entire Home [64%]
- Unknown [0%]

Nightly Rate

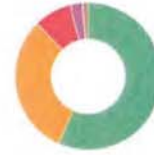


- \$0-\$50 [8%]
- \$50-\$100 [36%]
- \$100-\$200 [37%]
- \$200-\$400 [12%]
- \$400+ [7%]
- not provided [0%]

Bedrooms / Bathrooms



- 0 bedrooms [9%]
- 1 bedroom [34%]
- 2 bedrooms [34%]
- 3 bedrooms [15%]
- 4 bedrooms [4%]
- 5+ bedrooms [2%]
- unknown [1%]



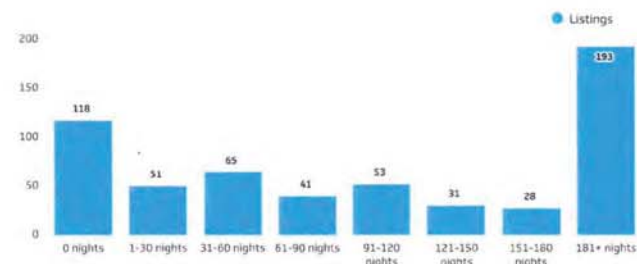
- 0 bathrooms [0%]
- 1 bathroom [57%]
- 2 bathrooms [31%]
- 3 bathrooms [8%]
- 4+ bathrooms [3%]
- unknown [1%]

Est. Revenue/Yr



- \$0 [20%]
- \$0k-\$5k [9%]
- \$5k-\$10k [15%]
- \$10k-\$25k [37%]
- \$25k-\$50k [17%]
- \$50k+ [1%]

Est. Annual Nights Rented



PASADENA DISTRICT 1

64

Active listings in jurisdiction

64

Listings in jurisdiction that fit STR definition

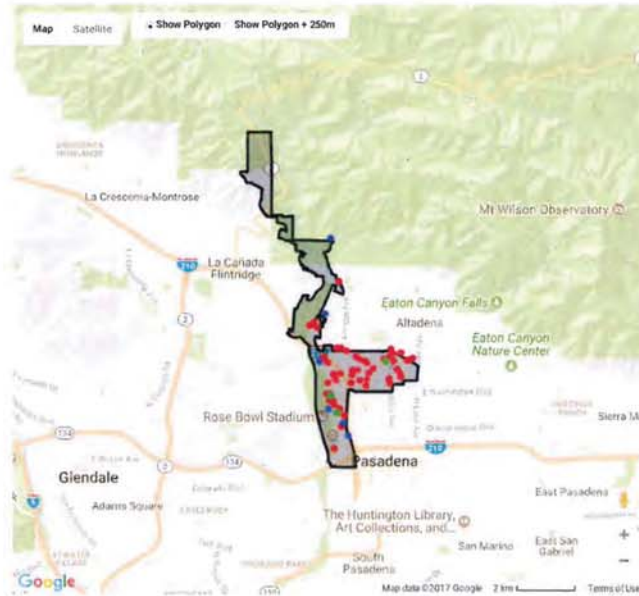
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Unique properties in jurisdiction that fit STR definition

Minimum Nights



1-7 nights [94%]
8-14 nights [0%]
15-21 nights [0%]
22-29 nights [0%]
30+ nights [2%]
Not specified by Host [4%]



Listing types



Single Family Listing [75%]
Mults Family Listing [22%]
Unknown [4%]



Partial Home [32%]
Entire Home [68%]
Unknown [0%]

Nightly Rate



\$0-\$50 [6%]
\$50-\$100 [24%]
\$100-\$200 [29%]
\$200-\$400 [32%]
\$400+ [8%]
not provided [0%]

Bedrooms / Bathrooms



0 bedrooms [8%]
1 bedroom [13%]
2 bedrooms [37%]
3 bedrooms [28%]
4 bedrooms [9%]
5+ bedrooms [2%]
unknown [3%]



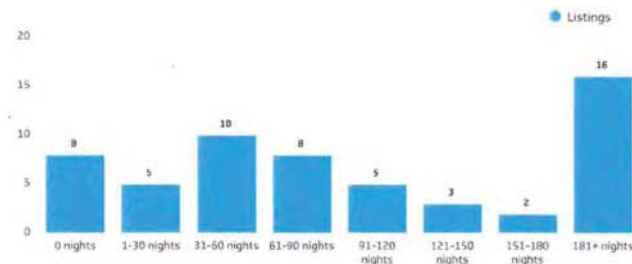
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1 bathroom [44%]
2 bathrooms [40%]
3 bathrooms [11%]
4+ bathrooms [2%]
unknown [3%]

Est. Revenue/Yr



\$0 [14%]
\$0k-\$5k [5%]
\$5k-\$10k [16%]
\$10k-\$25k [44%]
\$25k-\$50k [21%]
\$50k+ [0%]

Est. Annual Nights Rented



PASADENA DISTRICT 2

132

Active listings in jurisdiction

131

Listings in jurisdiction that fit STR definition

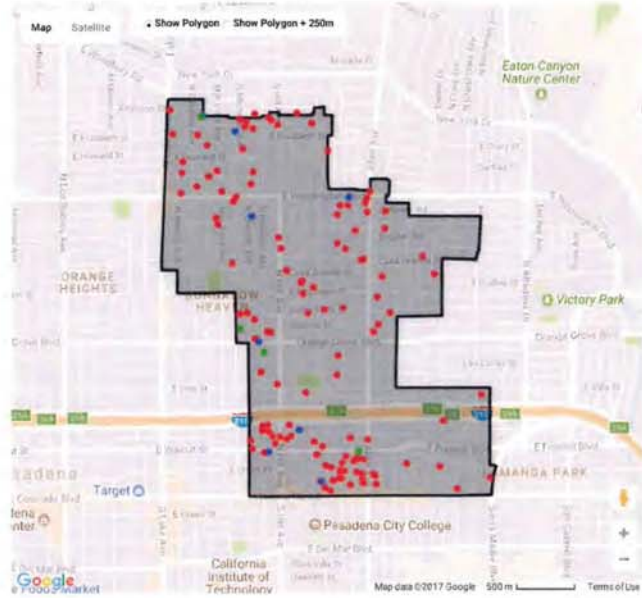
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Unique properties in jurisdiction that fit STR definition

Minimum Nights



- 1-7 nights [94%]
- 8-14 nights [0%]
- 15-21 nights [1%]
- 22-29 nights [1%]
- 30+ nights [2%]
- Not specified by Host [4%]



Listings types



- Single Family Listing [66%]
- Multi Family Listing [32%]
- Unknown [1%]



- Partial Home [44%]
- Entire Home [56%]
- Unknown [0%]

Nightly Rate

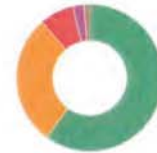


- \$0-\$50 [9%]
- \$50-\$100 [48%]
- \$100-\$200 [31%]
- \$200-\$400 [5%]
- \$400+ [6%]
- not provided [1%]

Bedrooms / Bathrooms



- 0 bedrooms [8%]
- 1 bedroom [28%]
- 2 bedrooms [38%]
- 3 bedrooms [19%]
- 4 bedrooms [4%]
- 5+ bedrooms [3%]
- unknown [1%]



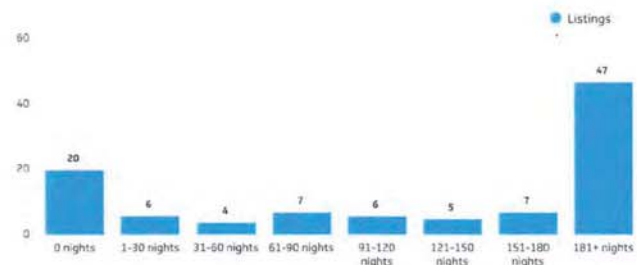
- 0 bathrooms [0%]
- 1 bathroom [60%]
- 2 bathrooms [29%]
- 3 bathrooms [8%]
- 4+ bathrooms [3%]
- unknown [1%]

Est. Revenue/Yr



- \$0 [20%]
- \$0k-\$5k [6%]
- \$5k-\$10k [13%]
- \$10k-\$25k [44%]
- \$25k-\$50k [16%]
- \$50k+ [2%]

Est. Annual Nights Rented



PASADENA DISTRICT 3

68

Active listings in jurisdiction

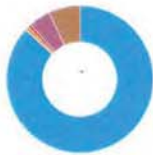
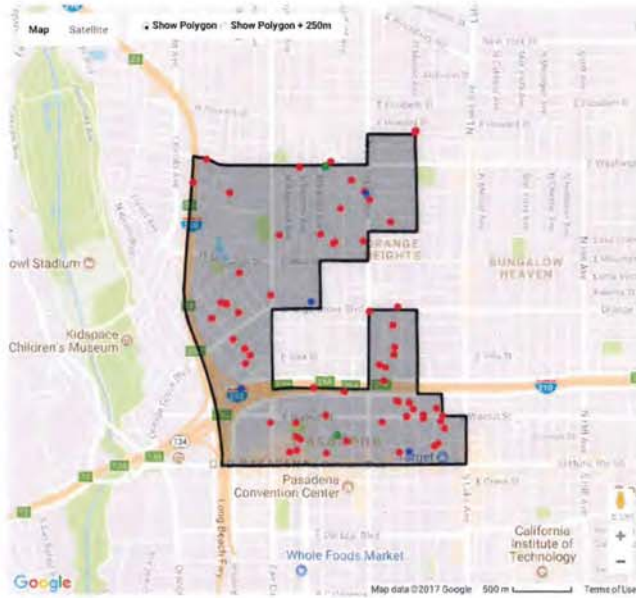
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Listings in jurisdiction that fit STR definition

63

Unique properties in jurisdiction that fit STR definition

Minimum Nights



- 1-7 nights [87%]
- 8-14 nights [0%]
- 15-21 nights [1%]
- 22-29 nights [1%]
- 30+ nights [5%]
- Not specified by Host [7%]

Listing types



- Single Family Listing [34%]
- Multi Family Listing [62%]
- Unknown [4%]



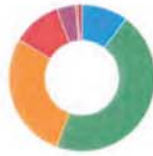
- Partial Home [27%]
- Entire Home [73%]
- Unknown [0%]

Nightly Rate



- \$0-\$50 [15%]
- \$50-\$100 [31%]
- \$100-\$200 [37%]
- \$200-\$400 [11%]
- \$400+ [16%]
- not provided [0%]

Bedrooms / Bathrooms



- 0 bedrooms [10%]
- 1 bedroom [45%]
- 2 bedrooms [28%]
- 3 bedrooms [11%]
- 4 bedrooms [4%]
- 5+ bedrooms [0%]
- unknown [1%]



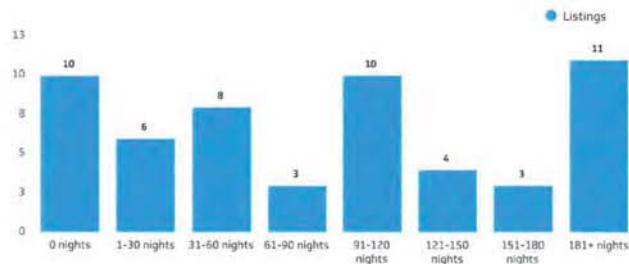
- 0 bathrooms [0%]
- 1 bathroom [65%]
- 2 bathrooms [30%]
- 3 bathrooms [3%]
- 4+ bathrooms [0%]
- unknown [1%]

Est. Revenue/Yr



- \$0 [18%]
- \$0k-\$5k [15%]
- \$5k-\$10k [16%]
- \$10k-\$25k [36%]
- \$25k-\$50k [15%]
- \$50k+ [0%]

Est. Annual Nights Rented



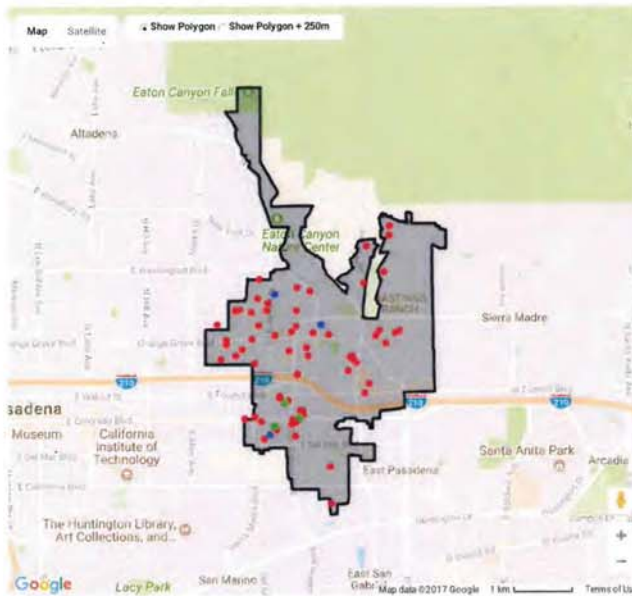
PASADENA DISTRICT 4

70
Active listings
in jurisdiction

70
Listings in
jurisdiction that
fit STR
definition

59
Unique
properties in
jurisdiction that
fit STR
definition

Minimum Nights



- 1-7 nights [87%]
- 8-14 nights [1%]
- 15-21 nights [3%]
- 22-29 nights [0%]
- 30+ nights [5%]
- Not specified by Host [4%]

Listing types



- Single Family Listing [68%]
- Multi Family Listing [32%]
- Unknown [0%]



- Partial Home [55%]
- Entire Home [45%]
- Unknown [0%]

Nightly Rate



- \$0-\$50 [7%]
- \$50-\$100 [49%]
- \$100-\$200 [31%]
- \$200-\$400 [6%]
- \$400+ [7%]
- not provided [0%]

Bedrooms / Bathrooms

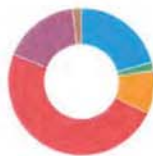


- 0 bedrooms [15%]
- 1 bedroom [37%]
- 2 bedrooms [19%]
- 3 bedrooms [22%]
- 4 bedrooms [5%]
- 5+ bedrooms [2%]
- unknown [0%]



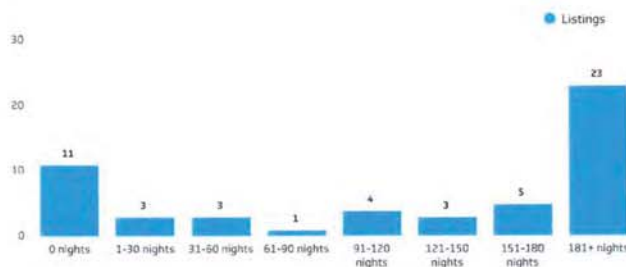
- 0 bathrooms [0%]
- 1 bathroom [59%]
- 2 bathrooms [28%]
- 3 bathrooms [10%]
- 4+ bathrooms [2%]
- unknown [0%]

Est. Revenue/Yr



- \$0 [21%]
- \$0k-\$5k [2%]
- \$5k-\$10k [9%]
- \$10k-\$25k [49%]
- \$25k-\$50k [17%]
- \$50k+ [2%]

Est. Annual Nights Rented

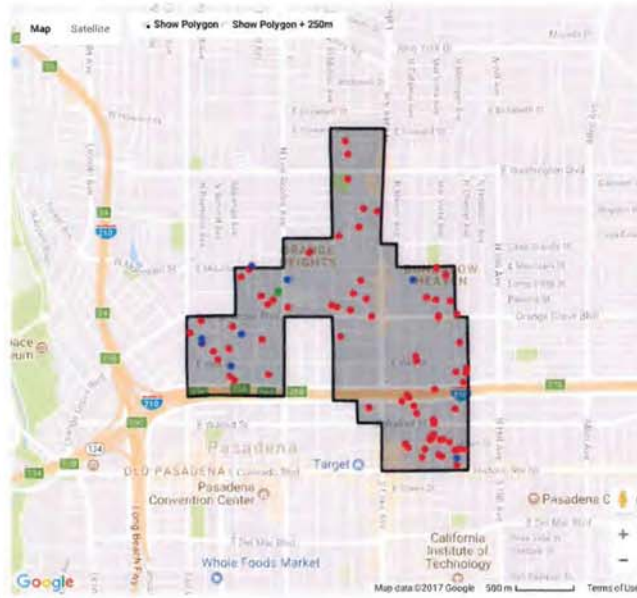


PASADENA DISTRICT 5

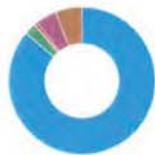
85
Active listings
in jurisdiction

87
Listings in
jurisdiction that
fit STR
definition

62
Unique
properties in
jurisdiction that
fit STR
definition



Minimum Nights



- 1-7 nights [86%]
- 8-14 nights [3%]
- 15-21 nights [0%]
- 22-29 nights [1%]
- 30+ nights [5%]
- Not specified by Host [6%]

Listing types



- Single Family Listing [44%]
- Multi Family Listing [53%]
- Unknown [3%]



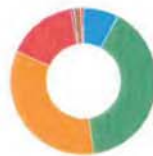
- Partial Home [34%]
- Entire Home [66%]
- Unknown [0%]

Nightly Rate



- \$0-\$50 [15%]
- \$50-\$100 [42%]
- \$100-\$200 [34%]
- \$200-\$400 [6%]
- \$400+ [1%]
- not provided [1%]

Bedrooms / Bathrooms



- 0 bedrooms [8%]
- 1 bedroom [40%]
- 2 bedrooms [34%]
- 3 bedrooms [16%]
- 4 bedrooms [1%]
- 5+ bedrooms [2%]
- unknown [1%]



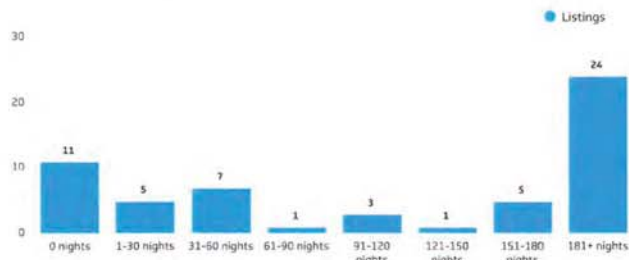
- 0 bathrooms [0%]
- 1 bathroom [67%]
- 2 bathrooms [28%]
- 3 bathrooms [4%]
- 4+ bathrooms [0%]
- unknown [1%]

Est. Revenue/Yr



- \$0 [19%]
- \$0k-\$5k [12%]
- \$5k-\$10k [9%]
- \$10k-\$25k [37%]
- \$25k-\$50k [19%]
- \$50k+ [4%]

Est. Annual Nights Rented



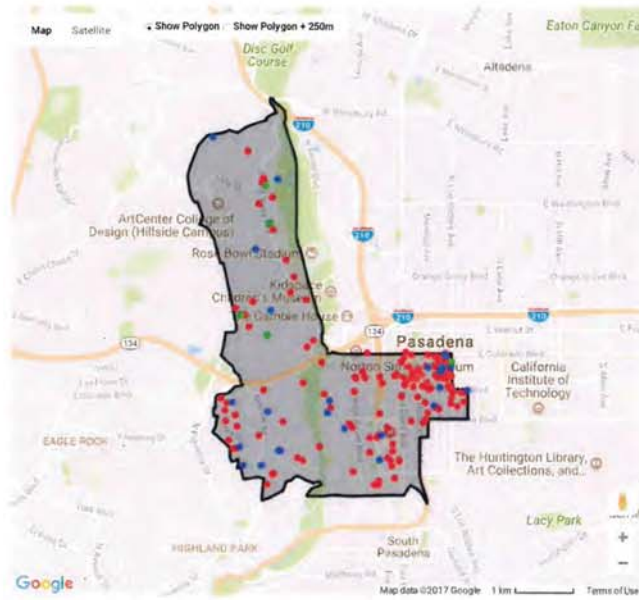
PASADENA DISTRICT 6

173
Active listings
in jurisdiction

171
Listings in
jurisdiction that
fit STR
definition

130
Unique
properties in
jurisdiction that
fit STR
definition

Minimum Nights



1-7 nights [86%]
8-14 nights [2%]
15-21 nights [1%]
22-29 nights [0%]
30+ nights [5%]
Not specified by Host [6%]

Listing types

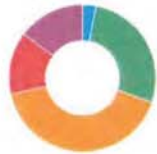


Single Family Listing [38%]
Multi Family Listing [59%]
Unknown [3%]



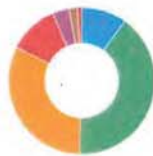
Partial Home [28%]
Entire Home [72%]
Unknown [0%]

Nightly Rate



\$0-\$50 [3%]
\$50-\$100 [27%]
\$100-\$200 [41%]
\$200-\$400 [14%]
\$400+ [15%]
not provided [0%]

Bedrooms / Bathrooms



0 bedrooms [10%]
1 bedroom [40%]
2 bedrooms [32%]
3 bedrooms [11%]
4 bedrooms [4%]
5+ bedrooms [2%]
unknown [1%]



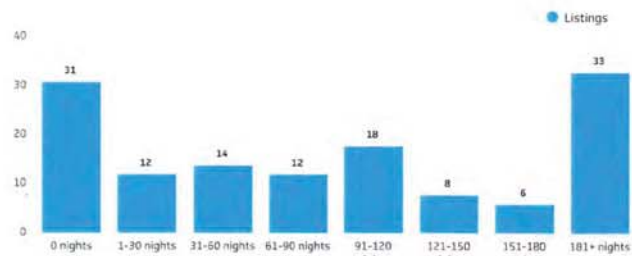
0 bathrooms [0%]
1 bathroom [56%]
2 bathrooms [29%]
3 bathrooms [10%]
4+ bathrooms [4%]
unknown [1%]

Est. Revenue/Yr



\$0 [23%]
\$0k-\$5k [6%]
\$5k-\$10k [17%]
\$10k-\$25k [31%]
\$25k-\$50k [20%]
\$50k+ [2%]

Est. Annual Nights Rented



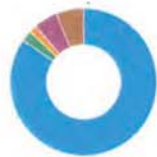
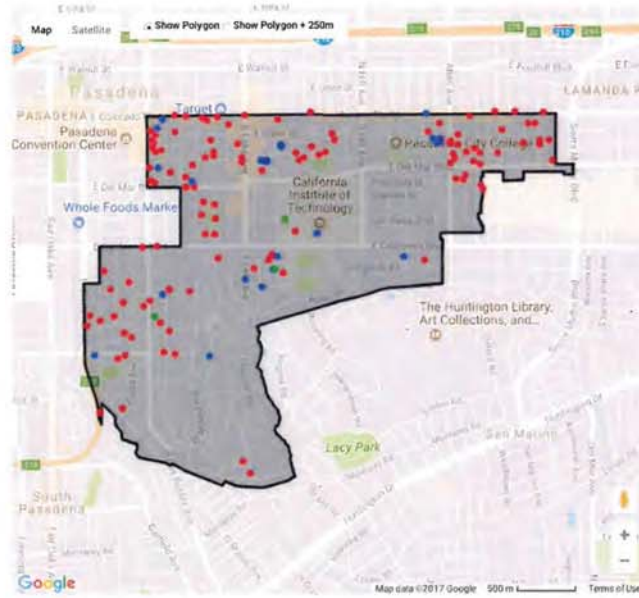
PASADENA DISTRICT 7

145
Active listings
in jurisdiction

146
Listings in
jurisdiction that
fit STR
definition

90
Unique
properties in
jurisdiction that
fit STR
definition

Minimum Nights



- 1-7 nights [85%]
- 8-14 nights [2%]
- 15-21 nights [2%]
- 22-29 nights [0%]
- 30+ nights [5%]
- Not specified by Host [6%]

Listing types



- Single Family Listing [26%]
- Multi Family Listing [72%]
- Unknown [2%]



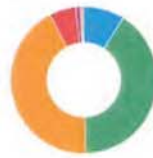
- Partial Home [38%]
- Entire Home [62%]
- Unknown [0%]

Nightly Rate



- \$0-\$50 [4%]
- \$50-\$100 [34%]
- \$100-\$200 [46%]
- \$200-\$400 [14%]
- \$400+ [2%]
- not provided [0%]

Bedrooms / Bathrooms



- 0 bedrooms [9%]
- 1 bedroom [41%]
- 2 bedrooms [43%]
- 3 bedrooms [6%]
- 4 bedrooms [1%]
- 5+ bedrooms [0%]
- unknown [0%]



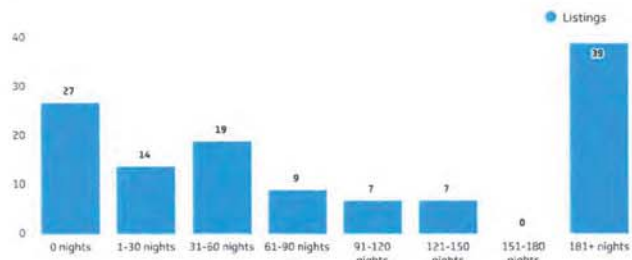
- 0 bathrooms [0%]
- 1 bathroom [59%]
- 2 bathrooms [33%]
- 3 bathrooms [6%]
- 4+ bathrooms [1%]
- unknown [0%]

Est. Revenue/Yr



- \$0 [22%]
- \$0k-\$5k [15%]
- \$5k-\$10k [18%]
- \$10k-\$25k [30%]
- \$25k-\$50k [15%]
- \$50k+ [0%]

Est. Annual Nights Rented



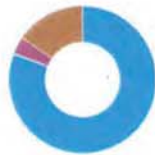
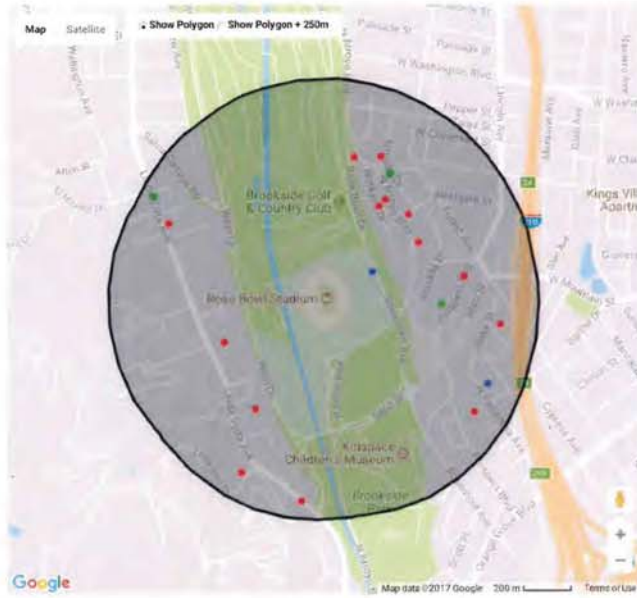
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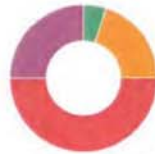
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Listing types



Nightly Rate



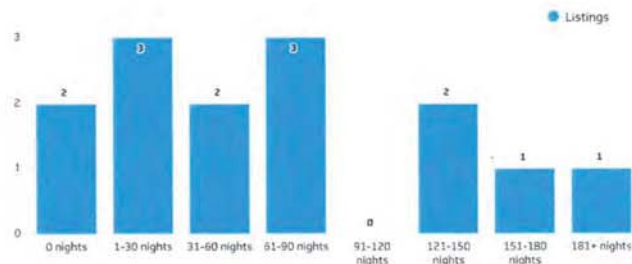
Bedrooms / Bathrooms



Est. Revenue/Yr



Est. Annual Nights Rented



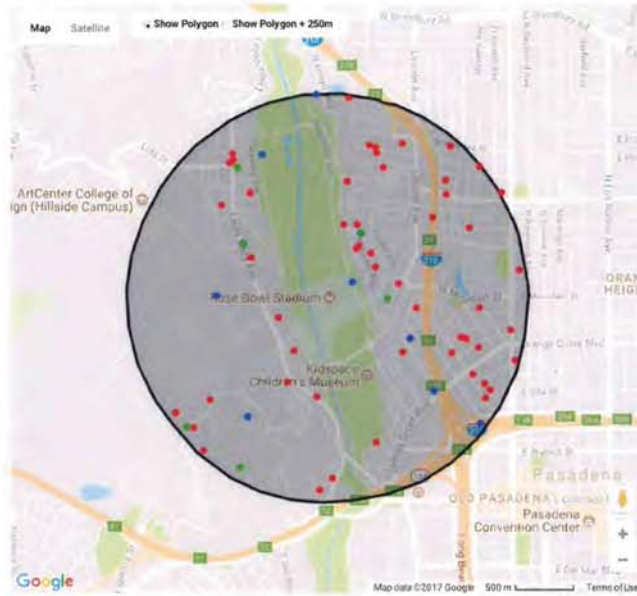
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Listings in
jurisdiction that
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Unique
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Minimum Nights



- 1-7 nights [91%]
- 8-14 nights [1%]
- 15-21 nights [0%]
- 22-29 nights [0%]
- 30+ nights [2%]
- Not specified by Host [6%]

Listing types



- Single Family Listing [75%]
- Multi Family Listing [21%]
- Unknown [4%]



- Partial Home [25%]
- Entire Home [75%]
- Unknown [0%]

Nightly Rate



- \$0-\$50 [4%]
- \$50-\$100 [28%]
- \$100-\$200 [25%]
- \$200-\$400 [27%]
- \$400+ [15%]
- not provided [0%]

Bedrooms / Bathrooms



- 0 bedrooms [4%]
- 1 bedroom [20%]
- 2 bedrooms [32%]
- 3 bedrooms [28%]
- 4 bedrooms [10%]
- 5+ bedrooms [3%]
- unknown [3%]



- 0 bathrooms [0%]
- 1 bathroom [39%]
- 2 bathrooms [39%]
- 3 bathrooms [15%]
- 4+ bathrooms [3%]
- unknown [3%]

Est. Revenue/Yr



- \$0 [13%]
- \$0k-\$5k [5%]
- \$5k-\$10k [18%]
- \$10k-\$25k [40%]
- \$25k-\$50k [24%]
- \$50k+ [0%]

Est. Annual Nights Rented

