

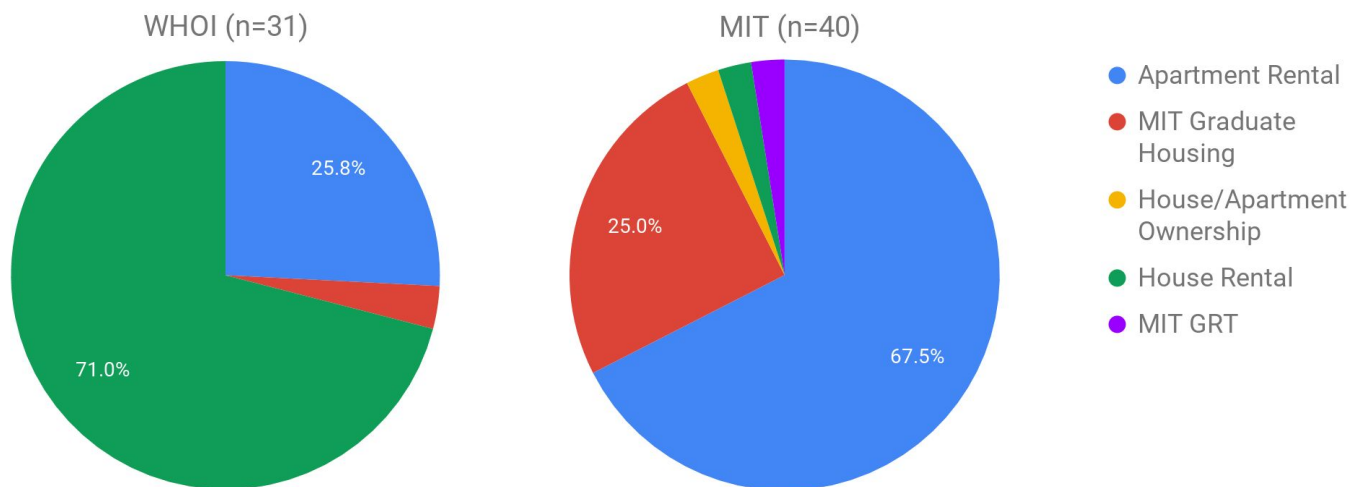
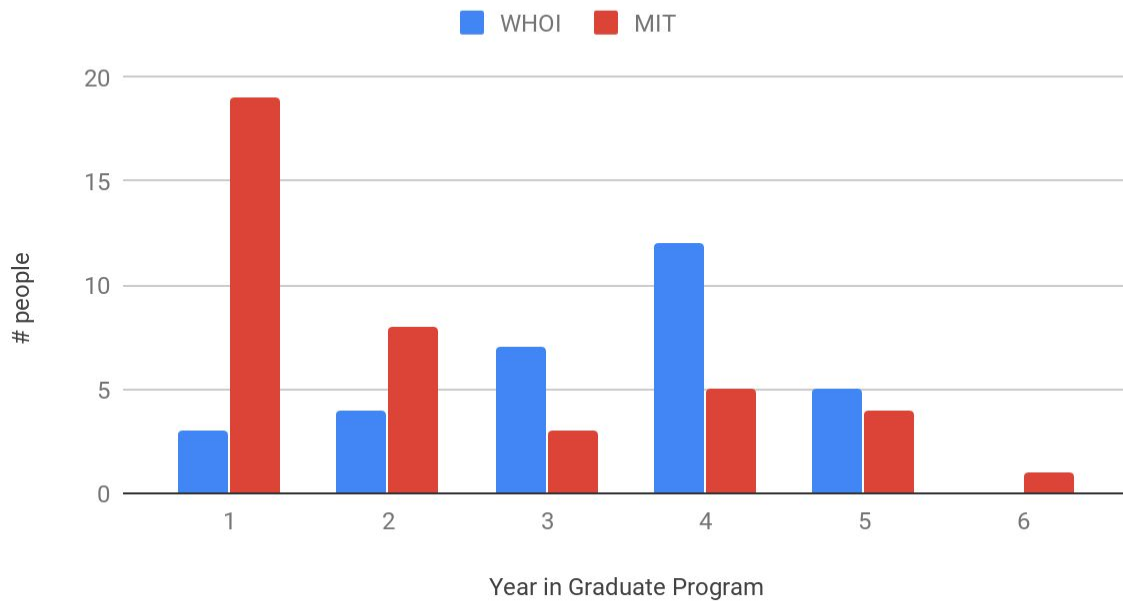
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JOINT PROGRAM IN OCEANOGRAPHY/APPLIED OCEAN SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

Housing Handout for MIT-WHOI Joint Program Open House 2021

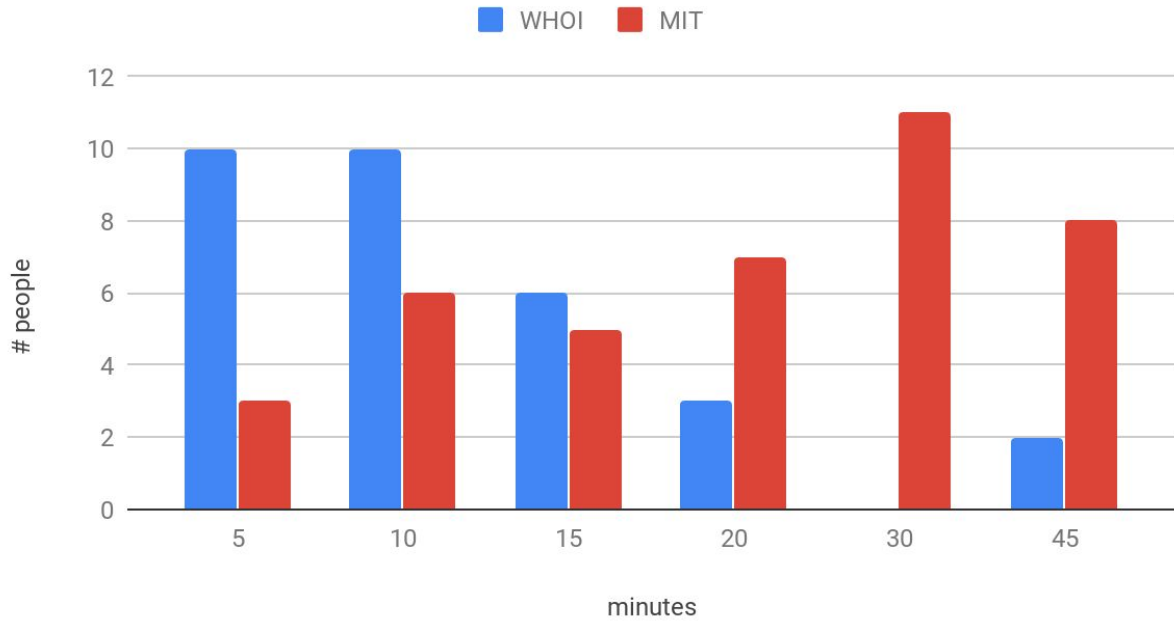
Housing analysis ($n=71$ current students from Spring 2019)

What's your home campus?



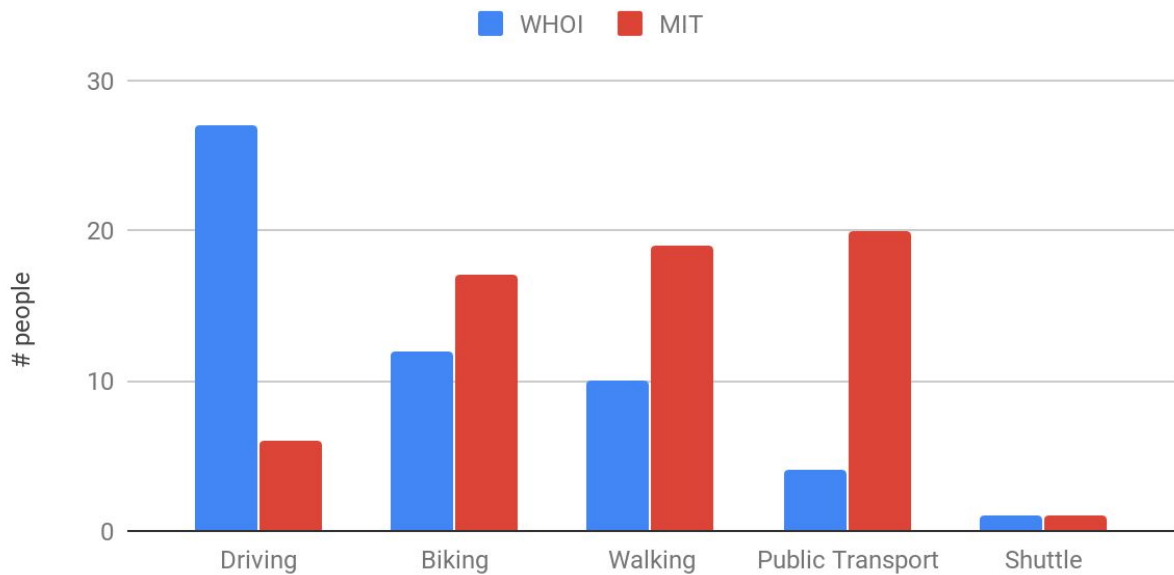
Information about the Commute

What's the average time for your commute?



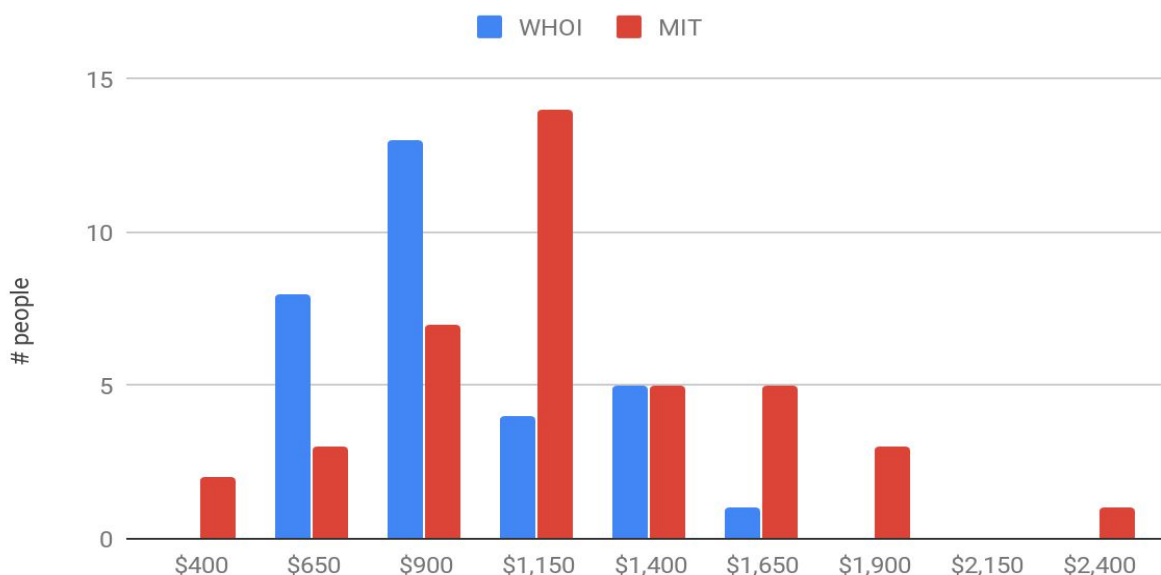
How do you commute to campus?

(multiple responses allowed)



Information about Rent

How much do you pay monthly for rent?



Sample Average Monthly Budgets*

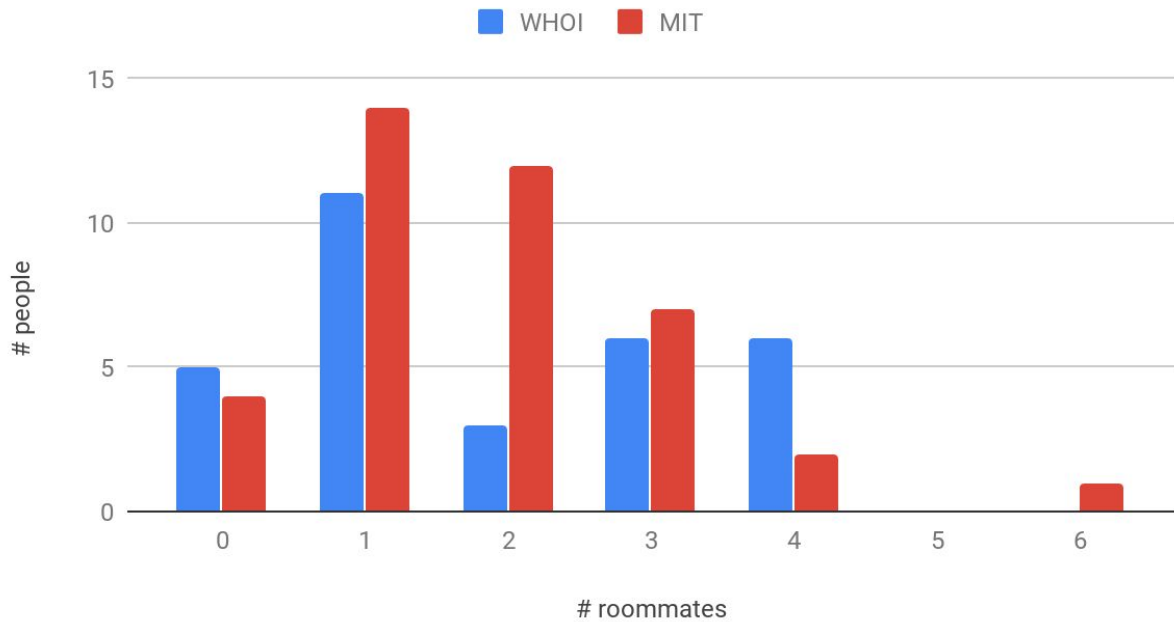
Graduate school in the JP can be a financially stable option!

**Everyone's financials are a bit different, and these are averages and estimates at best. Please feel comfortable asking any graduate students (politely) about their budgeting, and in particular, feel free to reach out to kdoherly@mit.edu if you would like to talk more specifics.*

	WHOI	MIT
Rent	760 +/- 290	1000 +/- 430
Utilities	100 +/- 20	60 +/- 20 *included in all MIT housing
Dining & Groceries	250	250
Car (Gas + Insurance)	40 + 60	not necessary
Public Transport	not applicable	35 on MIT commuter
Taxes	300	300
Fun	200	250
Total	1660 +/- 310	1895 +/- 450

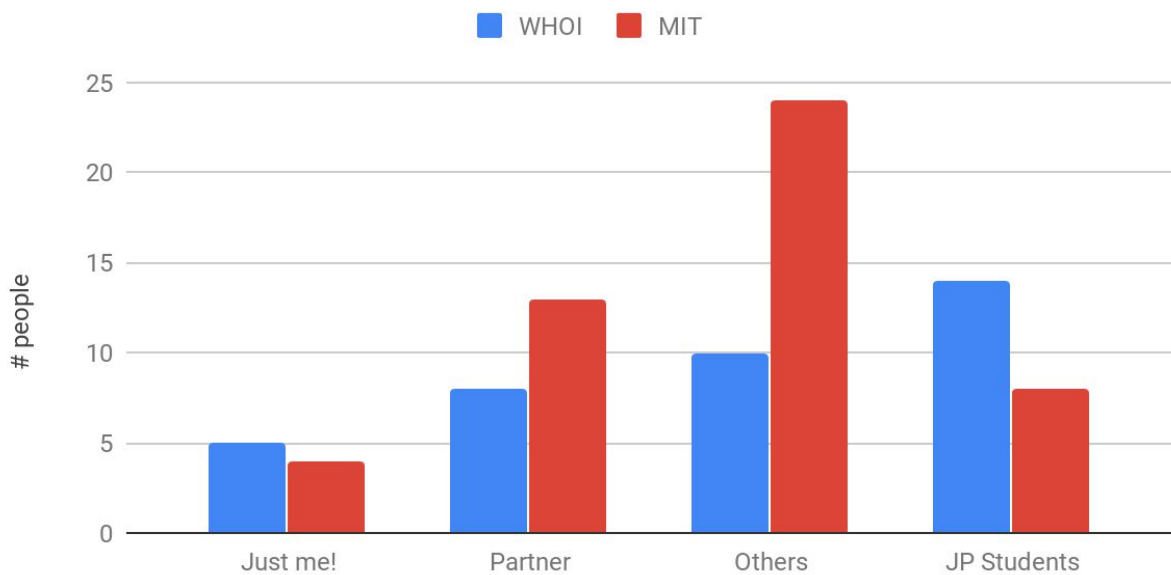
Information about Roommates

How many roommates do you have?



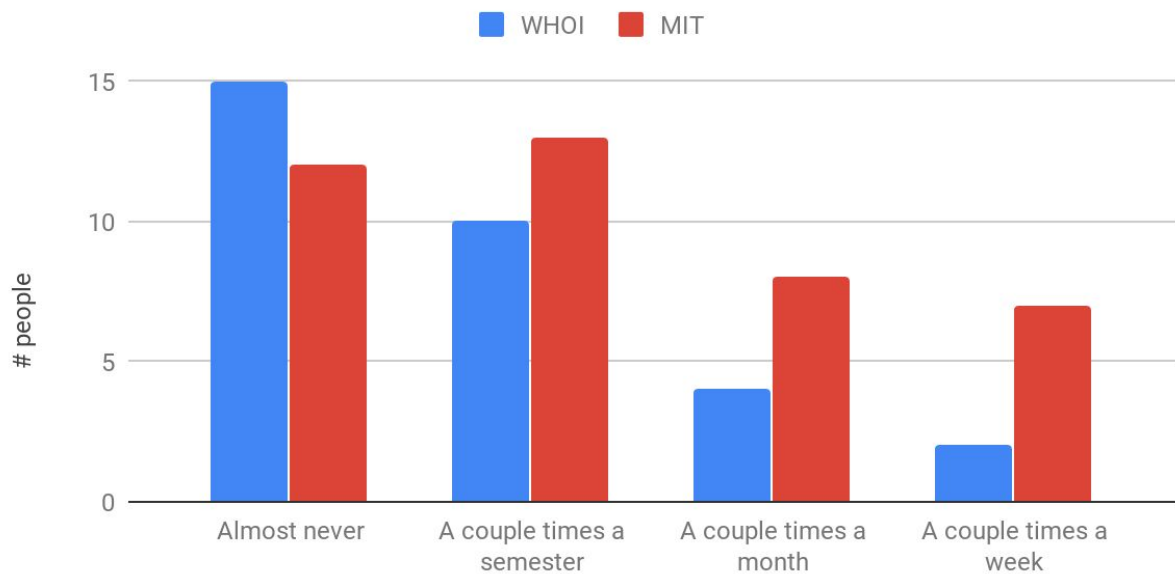
Who do you live with?

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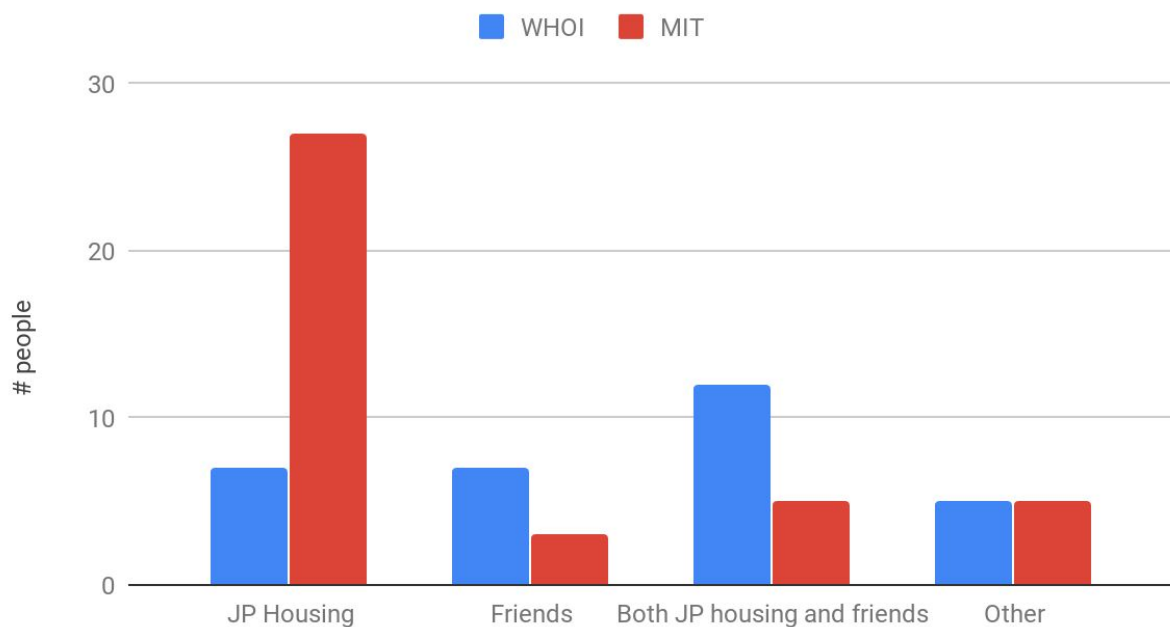


Joint Program Commuting Lifestyle

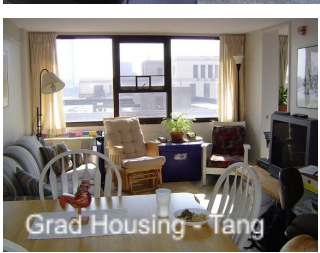
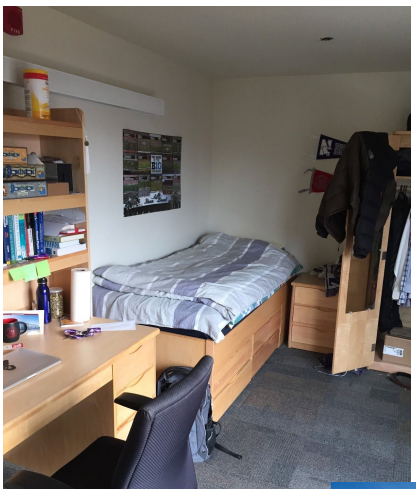
How often do you stay at the other location during the semester?



Who do you stay with?



Examples of housing near MIT



Examples of housing near WHOI



WHOI Housing - Oyster Pond

Helpful information for your housing search

Cambridge:

MIT's off-campus housing database:

<http://studentlife.mit.edu/housing>

The database requires an MIT certificate, which you will receive upon entering the Joint Program. Realtors or landlords post apartments with information about the neighborhood, size, price, and availability. Expect realtor fees.

Craigslist:

Craigslist allows you to search for apartments, sublets, or rooms for rent. However, be aware that some advertisements on CL are fabrications and are meant to entice you into calling a particular agency. Some ads on Craigslist are still associated with realtor fees.

Word of mouth:

Each year, first and second year JP students will move out of their apartments in Cambridge. This can lead to an opportunity for first years to take over a lease and avoid realtor fees.

Harvard Grad Market FB Group

We're technically Harvard affiliates, and this is easily one of the best ways to find housing with other students.

Things to consider when searching for an apartment in the greater Boston area:

- Proximity to MIT
- Access to public transit (Red line is the most convenient for MIT)
- Parking (Somerville and Cambridge allow for street parking with vehicles registered to these neighborhoods and it is fairly easy to find)
- Safety
- Cost vs quality trade off - many apartments close to MIT tend to be more expensive, smaller, and older

Woods Hole:

Housing in Woods Hole is most often found through the WHOI housing listing and word of mouth. Craigslist and realtors are also options. Public transit is not great on Cape Cod so having a car or living near the bike path is best for commuting to work.

WHOI housing listing:

<http://www.whoi.edu/housing/housingListing.do>

This database is full of housing options around Woods Hole/Falmouth.

Word of mouth:

Contact graduating JP students (or they will reach out to everyone) and move into their old place.

Things to consider when searching for a place in Falmouth:

- Parking availability (especially if you are sharing a house)
- Driving distance to WHOI and other locations, like the grocery store, gym
- Year-long vs winter rentals
- Oil vs gas heating
- Walkability / dependence on a car

Tips for your car:

Many students have a car, even in their first years at MIT, because they frequently commute outside of the Tuesday/Thursday bus schedule during the semester. Some things to consider when you have a car:

- If you're worried about buying a car, many JP students sell theirs when they graduate - keep an eye out for cheap, well-loved cars from a student.
- If you're driving an out-of-state vehicle, you will most likely need to change your registration to Massachusetts to take advantage of street parking (you have to prove you're a resident) or register with the local police as a student resident. If you decide to park on MIT's campus (much more expensive), you will register your car with MIT and it does not matter what state your license plate holds.