

Public Housing



Public housing refers to a rental program that provides income-based subsidies for the rental of housing for residents in need.

Housing NWT provides financial, administrative, maintenance, construction and repair support to community service agents so they can deliver public housing on behalf of Housing NWT.

Currently Housing NWT operates more than 2,400 public housing units which are managed by Local Housing Organizations located in 31 communities throughout the Northwest Territories (NWT).

How is rent calculated?

The Housing NWT rent scale is designed to make rents simpler and more predictable, promote fairness, and support self-reliance.

The rent scale is designed to help improve the cost of living in NWT communities, lessen dependency on government programs while encouraging self-reliance and personal responsibility and addressing the disincentive to work.

The rent scale increases consistency between communities as rent is the same at various income levels in communities with similar cost of living.

Additional information can be obtained from your Housing NWT District Office:

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Nahendeh (867) 695-7700

North Slave (867) 767-9332 ext. 85481

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South Slave (867) 874-7600

Key points

- Rent is based on the household's gross income for your community.
- Seniors receive up to a \$1,000 per month deduction from their income.
- No household pays less than \$70 per month or more than \$1,625 in rent.
- For people at the minimum rent, rent is about 4% of their income which is much lower than the 30% affordability standard. The maximum rent is about 19.5% of income.
- The rent scale reduces variability by ensuring that small changes in income (such as those from short-term employment, per diems or other temporary payments) do not necessarily lead to change in rent.

The information provided in this fact sheet only provides a general description of the program. Not all information relating to the policies and procedures have been included.



Public Housing Rent Scale

Rental rates by community zones are designed to balance the cost of living between communities. Rent is based on gross household income reported through CRA.

Monthly income	Monthly rent		
	Zone A	Zone B	Zone C
\$1,667 or less	\$80	\$75	\$70
\$1,667 - \$2,499	\$160	\$150	\$140
\$2,500 - \$3,749	\$365	\$345	\$325
\$3,750 - \$4,999	\$610	\$580	\$555
\$5,000 - \$6,674	\$890	\$845	\$790
\$6,675 - \$8,333	\$1,295	\$1,230	\$1,155
\$8,334 or more	\$1,625	\$1,545	\$1,445

 HOUSING Northwest Territories	Zone A communities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hay River• Fort Simpson• Fort Smith• Inuvik• Norman Wells• Yellowknife	Zone B communities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Behchokò• Dettah/N'dilq• Enterprise• Fort Liard• Fort Resolution• Fort Providence• Gametì• Jean Marie River• Kakisa• Kátł'odeeche• Nahanni Butte• Sambaa K'e• Wekweètì• Whatì• Wrigley	Zone C communities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aklavik• Colville Lake• Délı̨nę• Fort Good Hope• Fort McPherson• Łutselk'e• Paulatuk• Sachs Harbour• Tsiigehtchic• Tulita• Tuktoyaktuk• Ulukhaktok
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