# RENTAL MARKET REPORT Yellowknife Highlights CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION

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PRI	MARY RENTAL	MARKET (by bed	room tyþe)
Bachelor	One bedroom	Two bedroom	Three or more bedrooms
2.7%	4.6%	5.2%	5.4%
Vacancy Rate	Vacancy Rate	Vacancy Rate	Vacancy Rate
	Vacancy Rate \$1,451 Avg. Rent	,	Vacancy Rate \$1,003 Avg. Rent

"The outflow of migrants moving to other areas of Canada has led to a decline in demand for rentals, moving vacancy rates higher."

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\*CMHC collects data on the primary and secondary rental market annually, in the fall. These data refer to the primary rental market, which only includes rental units in privately-initiated apartment structures containing at least three rental units. The secondary rental market covers rental dwellings that were not originally purpose-built for the rental market, including rental condominiums. The primary vacancy rate and rent level is based on all surveyed structures, while the rent increase is based only on structures common to the survey sample in both the current and previous year.

Urban centres with a population of 10,000 + are included in the survey. Detailed reports are available for CMAs.





#### **Highlights**

- The apartment vacancy rate was 4.9% in October 2018, up 1.4 percentage points from last year.
- The average two-bedroom rent was \$1,697 in October 2018 compared to \$1,699 in October 2017.
- Same-sample apartment rents increased despite weaker rental demand.

### Vacancy rate rises in Yellowknife

The primary rental apartment vacancy rate<sup>2</sup> in Yellowknife was 4.9% in October 2018, up from 3.5% in October 2017. The supply of apartment rental units was marginally higher from last year, indicating that demand factors were largely responsible for the rising vacancy rate. The purpose-built rental apartment universe increased by two units to 1,667 units in October 2018.

The average tenant turnover<sup>3</sup> rate in Yellowknife was 34.4% in October 2018. Turnover rates were higher than average for bachelor and one-bedroom units indicating that there was more movement among tenants for these types of units.

# Migration outflows decrease the demand for rentals

Despite a higher vacancy rate, employment in Yellowknife was relatively stable in 2018 from last year. Northwest Territories, the best available proxy for Yellowknife, added 140 employed people in the first 10 months of this year, representing an increase of 0.6% from the corresponding period last year<sup>4</sup>.

Migration out of the Northwest Territories played a role in moving the vacancy rate higher. While net international migration increased

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by 63 individuals in the first half of 2018<sup>5</sup>, net interprovincial migration decreased by 678 people<sup>6</sup>. The outflow of migrants moving to other areas of Canada has led to a decline in demand for rentals.



Source: CMHC Rental Market Survey

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Based on privately-initiated rental apartment structures of three or more units.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> A unit is counted as being turned over if it was occupied by a new tenant in the past 12 months. A unit can be counted as being turned over more than once in a 12 month period. This includes tenants who move into a different unit in the same building during this time period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Statistics Canada. Table 14-10-0292-01-Labour force characteristics by territory, three-month moving average, seasonally adjusted, last 5 months.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Statistics Canada. Table 17-10-0040-01-Estimates of the components of international migration, quarterly.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Statistics Canada. Table 17-10-0020-01-Estimates of the components of interprovincial migration, quarterly.

#### Rents continued to rise

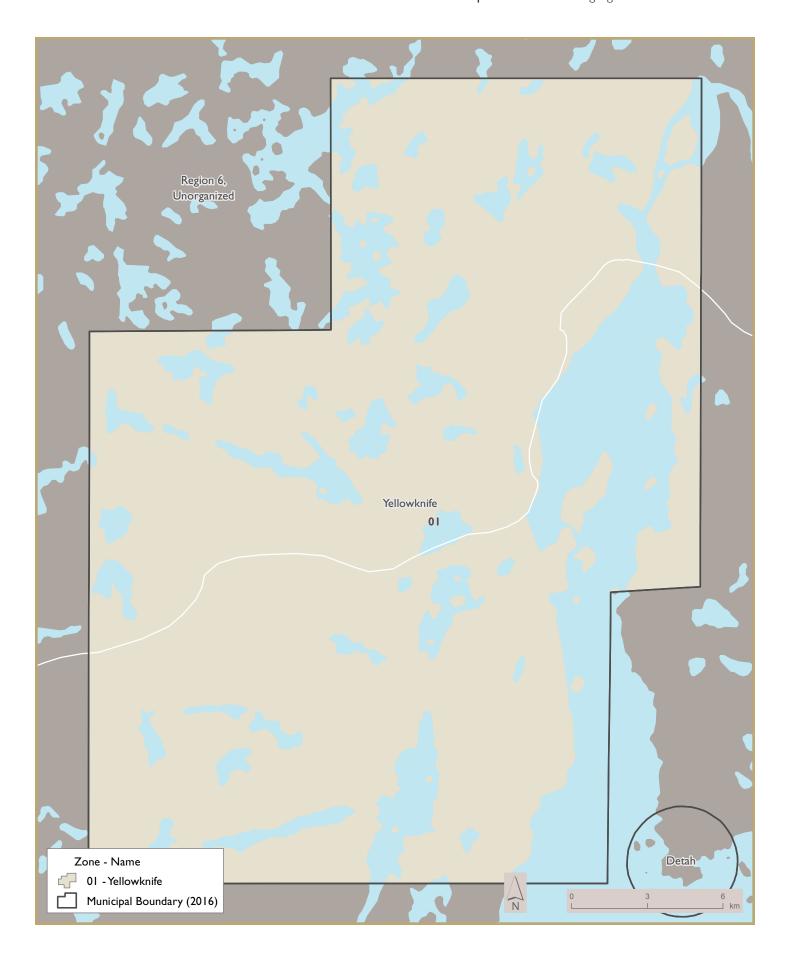
Despite a rise in the vacancy rate because of lower demand from out-migration landlords continue to increase rents. Based on units common to both the 2017 and 2018 surveys, same-sample<sup>7</sup> apartment rents for two-bedroom units increased by 1.7% in October 2018 on a year-over-year basis, compared to a 1.4% increase between October 2016 and October 2017.

Accounting for both new and existing structures, the average rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Yellowknife was \$1,697 in October 2018, compared to \$1,699 in October 2017.



Source: CMHC Rental Market Survey

Year-over-year comparisons of average rents can be slightly misleading because rents in newly built structures tend to be higher than in existing buildings. Excluding new structures and focusing on structures existing in both the October 2017 and October 2018 surveys provides a better indication of actual rent increases paid by tenants.



	RMS ZONE DESCRIPTIONS - YELLOWKNIFE CA									
Zone I	Yellowknife City									
Zone I	Yellowknife CA									

#### RENTAL MARKET REPORT TABLES

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Available in the Halifax, Quebec, Montreal, Gatineau, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo, London, Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Calgary, Kelowna, Vancouver and Victoria Reports

#### **Rental Condominium Apartment Data**

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I.I.I Private Apartment Vacancy Rates (%) by Zone and Bedroom Type Yellowknife CA												
Zone	Bacl	helor	I Bed	droom	2 Bed	Iroom	3 Bedi	room +	To	tal		
Zone	Zone Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18											
Yellowknife CA 4.9 a 2.7 a ↓ 2.7 a 4.6 a ↑ 3.9 b 5.2 b ↑ 4.4 b 5.4 a ↑ 3.5 a 4.9 a ↑												

I.I.2 Private Apartment Average Rents (\$) by Zone and Bedroom Type Yellowknife CA												
Zone	Back	nelor	l Bed	room	2 Bed	room	3 Bedr	oom +	То	tal		
Zone	Oct-17	Oct-18										
Yellowknife CA												

I.I.3 Number of Private Apartment Units in the Universe by Zone and Bedroom Type Yellowknife CA											
Zone	Back	nelor	I Bed	room	2 Bed	room	3 Bedr	oom +	Tot	tal	
Zone	Oct-17	Oct-18									
Yellowknife CA 41 41 677 678 778 779 169 169 1,665 1,667											

I.I.4 Private Apartment Availability Rates (%) by Zone and Bedroom Type Yellowknife CA											
7	Back	nelor	I Bed	droom	2 Bed	droom	3 Bedi	room +	То	tal	
Zone Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18											
Yellowknife CA 4.9 a n/a 2.7 a n/a 6.5 b n/a 8.9 a n/a 5.1 a n/a											

n/a: As of 2018, the number of available units is no longer collected.

I.I.5 Private Apartment Estimate of Percentage Change (%) of Average Rent <sup>1</sup> by Zone and Bedroom Type Yellowknife CA											
	Bachelor		I Bedroom		2 Bedroom		3 Bedroom +		Total		
Zone	Oct-16	Oct-17	Oct-16	Oct-17	Oct-16	Oct-17	Oct-16	Oct-17	Oct-16	Oct-17	
Zone	to	to	to	to	to	to	to	to	to	to	
	Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-								Oct-18		
Yellowknife CA ++ 3.8 c 1.0 a 2.7 b 1.4 a 1.7 c 1.3 a 1.8 a 1.6 b 2.0 b											

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Percentage Change of Average Rent is a measure of the market movement, and is based on those structures that were common to the survey sample for both years.

I.I.6 Private Apartment Turnover Rates (%) by Zone and Bedroom Type Yellowknife CA												
Zone	Bac	helor	I Be	droom	2 <b>B</b> e	droom	3 Bed	room +	To	otal		
Zone	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18		
Yellowknife CA ** 35.8 a ** 35.9 a ** 33.4 a ** ** ** 34.4 a												

	I.2.I Private Apartment Vacancy Rates (%) by Year of Construction and Bedroom Type Yellowknife CA												
Bachelor I Bedroom 2 Bedroom 3 Bedroom + Total													
fear of Construction	Oct-17	7	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18		
Yellowknife CA													
Pre 1960	**		**	**	**	*ok	**	-		*ok	**		
1960 - 1974	8.2	a	9.6 a ↑	3.1 a	3.6 a ↑	8.1 a	7.5 a ↓	6.8 a	5.1 a ↓	5.8 a	5.6 a ↓		
1975 - 1989	4.6	a	0.0 a ↓	2.9 a	6.3 a ↑	2.2 a	6.6 a ↑	4.1 a	4.1 a -	2.9 a	5.9 a ↑		
1990+	0.0	a	0.0 a -	1.7 c	2.5 b -	I.I d	I.I d -	**	9.7 c	1.2 a	2.2 b ↑		
Total	4.9	a	<b>2.7</b> a ↓	2.7 a	4.6 a ↑	3.9 Ь	<b>5.2</b> b ↑	<b>4.4</b> b	5.4 a ↑	3.5 a	<b>4.9</b> a ↑		

	I.2.2 Private Apartment Average Rents (\$) by Year of Construction and Bedroom Type Yellowknife CA													
Year of Construction Bachelor I Bedroom 2 Bedroom 3 Bedroom + Total														
rear of Construction	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18				
Yellowknife CA														
Pre 1960	**	**	**	**	**	**	-	-	**	**				
1960 - 1974	1,249	b 1,272 a	1,416 a	1,433 a	1,604 a	1,625 a	1,769 a	1,829 a	1,534 a	1,561 a				
1975 - 1989	1,056	b 1,120 a	1,447 a	1,456 a	1,729 a	1,753 a	1,976 a	2,002 a	1,608 a	1,618 a				
1990+	1,174	a 1,260 a	1,558 a	1,504 b	1,797 b	1,740 b	2,369 a	2,380 a	1,752 a	1,733 b				
Total	1,132	a 1,182 a	1,453 a	1,451 a	1,699 a	1,697 a	1,964 a	1,993 a	1,608 a	1,614 a				

	I.2.3 Private Apartment Turnover Rates (%) by Year of Construction and Bedroom Type Yellowknife CA												
Bachelor I Bedroom 2 Bedroom 3 Bedroom + Total													
rear of Construction	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18			
Yellowknife CA													
Pre 1960	**	**	**	**	**	**	-	-	**	**			
1960 - 1974	**	45.4 a	**	35.8 a	**	36.9 a	**	45.6 a	**	37.7 a			
1975 - 1989	**	29.3 a	**	**	**	31.8 a	**	**	**	33.6 a			
1990+	30k         30k												
Total	**	35.8 a	**	35.9 a	**	33.4 a	**	**	**	34.4 a			

	I.3.I Private Apartment Vacancy Rates (%) by Structure Size and Bedroom Type													
Yellowknife CA														
Bachelor   I Bedroom   2 Bedroom   3 Bedroom + Total     Total     Total     Total     Total     Total     Total     Total   Total     Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total   Total														
Yellowknife CA														
3 to 5 Units	skok	*ok	**	*ok	*ok	0.0 a	sksk	yok	*ok	0.0 a				
6 to 19 Units	0.0 a	0.0 a -	1.6 a	1.8 a ↑	1.3 a	4.5 a ↑	0.0 a	9.1 a ↑	1.0 a	<b>4.4</b> a ↑				
20 to 49 Units	10.0 a	0.0 a ↓	4.2 a	3.6 a ↓	6.8 a	5.0 a ↓	4.8 a	0.0 a ↓	5.6 a	<b>4.</b> I a ↓				
50 to 99 Units	6.7 a	6.7 a -	2.2 b	6.2 b ↑	2.9 с	6.9 c ↑	6.5 b	5.4 a -	3.1 b	6.3 b ↑				
100+ Units	-	-	**	**	**	**	-		*ok	**				
Total	4.9 a	<b>2.7</b> a ↓	2.7 a	<b>4.6</b> a ↑	3.9 Ь	5.2 b ↑	4.4 b	5.4 a ↑	3.5 a	<b>4.9</b> a ↑				

		tructure	partme e Size aı 'ellowkr	nd Bedr		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,							
Bachelor   I Bedroom   2 Bedroom + Total													
Size	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18			
Yellowknife CA													
3 to 5 Units	**	**	**	**	1,927 a	1,800 a	**	**	1,878 a	1,805 a			
6 to 19 Units	**	1,057 a	1,413 a	1,429 a	1,788 a	1,795 a	2,299 a	2,244 a	1,736 a	1,742 a			
20 to 49 Units	1,139 d	1,222 a	1,381 a	1,415 a	1,605 a	1,662 a	1,611 a	1,680 a	1,498 a	1,547 a			
50 to 99 Units	1,221 a	1,250 a	1,470 a	1,472 a	1,699 a	1,700 a	1,884 a	1,957 a	1,608 a	1,621 a			
100+ Units	-	-	**	**	**	**	-	-	**	**			
Total	1,132 a	1,182 a	1,453 a	1,451 a	1,699 a	1,697 a	1,964 a	1,993 a	1,608 a	1,614 a			

I.3.3 Private Apartment Vacancy Rates (%) by Structure Size and Zone Yellowknife CA												
7	3	3-5	6-	-19	20	-49	50	-99	10	00+		
Zone	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-I7	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18		
Yellowknife CA	**	0.0 a	1.0 a	4.4 a ↑	5.6 a	4.1 a ↓	3.1 b	6.3 b ↑	**	**		

	I.3.4 Private Apartment Turnover Rates (%) by Structure Size and Bedroom Type Yellowknife CA													
Bachelor I Bedroom 2 Bedroom 3 Bedroom + Total														
Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18														
Yellowknife CA														
3 to 5 Units	*ok	*ok	*ok	*ok	**	**	*ok	*ok	25.9 d	*ok				
6 to 19 Units	**	*ok	**	**	**	24.2 d	**	11.4 a	*ok	21.5 d				
20 to 49 Units	**	19.4 a	**	34.4 a	**	35.6 a	**	*ok	20.6 d	34.4 a ↑				
50 to 99 Units	**	40.0 a	**	37.2 a	**	*ok	*ok	42.4 a	**	36.8 a				
100+ Units	-	-	**	*ok	**	**	-	-	**	**				
Total	*ok	35.8 a	**	35.9 a	**	33.4 a	**	**	**	34.4 a				

	1.4	Private A	Range a	ent Vacai and Bedro knife CA	oom Typ									
Bachelor I Bedroom 2 Bedroom 3 Bedroom + Total														
Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18														
Yellowknife CA														
LT \$1300	**	0.0 ⊂	0.9 d	**	**	*ok	**	**	2.1 c	0.0 c ↓				
\$1300 - \$1399	**	**	5.5 c	**	**	*ok	**	**	4.4 c	2.8 c -				
\$1400 - \$1499	**	*ok	**	**	yok	*ok	**	*ok	*ok	4.7 d				
\$1500 - \$1599	**	**	2.2 c	**	yok	*ok	**	*ok	5.5 d	9.3 c ↑				
\$1600 - \$1699	**	skok	*ok	1.8 с	stote	*ok	**	skoje	4.2 d	yok				
\$1700+	**	**	2.5 с	*ok	2.2 b	8.3 c ↑	4.7 c	5.7 b -	2.9 b	<b>7.</b> I b ↑				
Total	<b>4.9</b> a	<b>2.7</b> a ↓	2.7 a	<b>4.6</b> a ↑	3.9 b	5.2 b ↑	<b>4.4</b> b	5.4 a ↑	3.5 a	<b>4.9</b> a ↑				

Vacancy rate by rent range when rents are known. For the Total, vacancy rates include all structures.

	2.1.1 P		one and	nhouse) ` Bedroor vknife C <i>A</i>	n Type	Rates (%	<b>6</b> )				
Zone	Bac	helor	I Be	droom	2 Be	droom	3 Bedi	room +	To	tal	
Zone	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	
Yellowknife CA ** ** ** 6.8 a 7.1 b - 6.1 b 6.4 b -											

2.1.	2 Privat	te Row	(Townh	ouse) A	verage	Rents (	<b>\$)</b>					
	by Zone and Bedroom Type											
Yellowknife CA												
Zone	Back	helor	I Bed	lroom	2 Bed	room	3 Bedr	oom +	То	tal		
Zone Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18												
Yellowknife CA ** ** ** 2,052 a 2,141 a 2,019 a 2,101 a												

2.1.3 Number of Private Row (Townhouse) Units in the Universe by Zone and Bedroom Type Yellowknife CA												
Zono	Back	nelor	I Bed	room	2 Bed	room	3 Bedr	oom +	To	tal		
Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18												
Yellowknife CA 0 0 3 3 40 40 308 308 351 351												

	2.I.4 Pri		one and	house) A Bedroon vknife CA	n Type	y Rates (	%)			
7	Bac	helor	l Be	droom	2 Be	droom	3 Bedi	room +	То	tal
Zone	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18
Yellowknife CA	-	n/a	**	n/a	**	n/a	8.1 a	n/a	7.6 a	n/a

n/a: As of 2018, the number of available units is no longer collected.

2.1.5 Private Row (Townhouse) Estimate of Percentage Change (%) of Average Rent <sup>1</sup> by Zone and Bedroom Type Yellowknife CA												
	Bacl	nelor	I Bed	lroom	2 Bed	room	3 Bedr	oom +	To	tal		
Zone	Oct-16	Oct-17										
Zone	to											
Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18												
Yellowknife CA												

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Percentage Change of Average Rent is a measure of the market movement, and is based on those structures that were common to the survey sample for both years.

2	.1.6 Pri	vate Row by Zo	ne and	house) T Bedroon knife CA	n Type	r Rates (	%)			
7	Bac	helor		droom		droom	3 Bed	room +	To	otal
Zone	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18
Yellowknife CA ** ** ** ** ** ** ** **										

3.1.1 P	rivate Ro	•	one and	and Apa Bedroon knife CA	n Type	/acancy	Rates (%	5)					
Zone	Bachelor   Bedroom   2 Bedroom + Total												
Zone         Oct-17         Oct-18         Oct-17         Oct-18         Oct-17         Oct-18         Oct-17         Oct-18         Oct-17         Oct-18													
Yellowknife CA 4.9 a 2.7 a ↓ 2.7 a 4.6 a ↑ 3.7 b 5.0 b ↑ 5.9 a 6.5 a - 3.9 a 5.2 a ↑													

3.1.2 Privat	•		ouse) an e and Be	•		verage	Rents (	(\$)			
Yellowknife CA											
Zone	Back	elor	I Bed	room	2 Bed	room	3 Bedr	oom +	То	tal	
Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18 Oct-17 Oct-18											
Yellowknife CA											

3.1.3 Number of Private Row (Townhouse) and Apartment Units in the Universe by Zone and Bedroom Type Yellowknife CA										
Zone	Back	nelor	I Bed	room	2 Bed	room	3 Bedr	oom +	To	tal
Zone	Oct-17	Oct-18								
Yellowknife CA	41	41	680	681	818	819	477	477	2,016	2,018

3.1.4 Private Row (Townhouse) and Apartment Availability Rates (%) by Zone and Bedroom Type Yellowknife CA										
7	Bac	helor	I Bedroom		2 Bedroom		3 Bedroom +		Total	
Zone	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18
Yellowknife CA	4.9 a	n/a	2.7 a	n/a	6.4 b	n/a	8.4 a	n/a	5.6 a	n/a

n/a: As of 2018, the number of available units is no longer collected.

3.1.5 Private Row (Townhouse) and Apartment Estimate of Percentage Change (%) of Average Rent <sup>1</sup> by Zone and Bedroom Type Yellowknife CA										
	Bachelor		I Bed	droom 2 Be		room	3 Bedroom +		Total	
Zone	Oct-16	Oct-17	Oct-16	Oct-17	Oct-16	Oct-17	Oct-16	Oct-17	Oct-16	Oct-17
Zone	to	to	to	to	to	to	to	to	to	to
	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18
Yellowknife CA	++	3.8 c	1.0 a	2.7 b	1.4 a	1.6 c	1.8 b	2.5 a	1.8 b	2.3 Ь

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Percentage Change of Average Rent is a measure of the market movement, and is based on those structures that were common to the survey sample for both years.

3.1.6 Private Row (Townhouse) and Apartment Turnover Rates (%)  by Zone and Bedroom Type										
Yellowknife CA										
Zone	Bac	helor	I Bed	droom	m 2 Bedroom 3 Bedro		room +	Total		
Zone	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct-17	Oct-18
Yellowknife CA	**	35.8 a	**	35.9 a	**	32.6 a	**	43.2 a	**	36.6 a

#### TECHNICAL NOTE:

Difference between Percentage Change of Average Rents (Existing and New Structures) AND Percentage Change of Average Rents from Fixed Sample (Existing Structures Only):

Percentage Change of Average Rents (New and Existing Structures): The increase/decrease obtained from the calculation of percentage change of average rents between two years (example: \$500 in the previous year vs. \$550 in current survey represents an increase of 10 percent) is impacted by changes in the composition of the rental universe (e.g. the inclusion of newly built luxury rental buildings in the survey, rental units renovated/upgraded or changing tenants could put upward pressure on average rents in comparison to the previous year) as well as by the rent level movement (e.g. increase/decrease in the level of rents that landlords charge their tenants).

Percentage Change of Average Rents from Fixed Sample (Existing Structures Only): This is a measure that estimates the rent level movement. The estimate is based on structures that were common to the survey sample for both the previous year and the current Rental Market Surveys. However, some composition effects still remain e.g. rental units renovated/upgraded or changing tenants because the survey does not collect data to such level of details.

#### METHODOLOGY FOR RENTAL MARKET SURVEY

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) conducts the **Rental Market Survey** (RMS) every year in October to estimate the relative strengths in the rental market. The survey is conducted on a sample basis in all urban areas with populations of 10,000 and more. The survey targets only privately initiated structures with at least three rental units, which have been on the market for at least three months. The survey collects market rent levels, availability (outside Quebec), turnover and vacancy unit data for all sampled structures.

The survey is conducted by a combination of telephone interviews and site visits, and information is obtained from the owner, manager, or building superintendent. The survey is conducted during the first two weeks of October, and the results reflect market conditions at that time.

CMHC is constantly reviewing the Universe of rental structures in the rental market Universe to ensure that it is as complete as possible. Every year, any newly completed rental structures with at least 3 rental units are added to the Universe. In addition to this, CMHC undertakes comprehensive reviews by comparing the Universe listing to other sources of data to ensure that the list of structures is as complete as possible.

CMHC's Rental Market Survey provides a snapshot of vacancy, availability (outside Quebec), and turnover rates and average rents in both new and existing structures. There also exists a measure for the change in rent that is calculated based on existing structures only. The estimate is based on structures that were common to the survey sample for both the previous and the current Rental Market Surveys. The change in rent in existing structures is an estimate of the change in rent that the landlords charge and removes compositional effects on the rent level movement due to new buildings, conversions, and survey sample rotation. The estimate of percent change in rent is available in all Canada and Provincial Highlights publications, and also in the CMA reports. The rent levels in new and existing structures are also published. While the percent change in rents in existing structures published in the reports are statistically significant, changes in rents that one might calculate based on rent levels in new and existing structures may or may not be statistically significant.

#### METHODOLOGY FOR CONDOMINIUM APARTMENT SURVEY

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) conducts the Condominium Apartment Survey (CAS) in late summer and early fall to estimate the relative strengths in the condo apartment rental market The CAS collects the number of units being rented out and the vacancy and rent levels of these units in the following CMAs: Calgary, Edmonton, Gatineau, Halifax, Hamilton, Kelowna, Kitchener, London, Montréal, Ottawa, Québec, Regina, Saskatoon, Toronto, Vancouver, Victoria and Winnipeg. The CAS is conducted by telephone interviews and information is obtained from the property management company, condominium (strata) board, or building superintendent. If necessary, this data can be supplemented by site visits if no telephone contact is made.

CMHC publishes the number of units rented, vacancy rates and average rents from the Condominium Apartment Survey. A letter code representing the statistical reliability (i.e., the coefficient of variation (CV)) for each estimate is provided to indicate the data reliability.

## RENTAL MARKET SURVEY (RMS) AND CONDOMINIUM APARTMENT SURVEY (CAS) DATA RELIABILITY

CMHC does not publish an estimate (e.g. Vacancy Rates and Average Rents) if the reliability of the estimate is too low or the confidentiality rules are violated. The ability to publish an estimate is generally determined by its statistical reliability, which is measured using the coefficient of variation (CV). CV of an estimate is defined as the ratio of the standard deviation to the estimate and CV is generally expressed a percentage. For example, let the average rent for one bedroom apartments in a given CMA be  $\bar{x}$  and its standard deviation be  $\sigma_{\bar{x}}$ . Then the Coefficient of Variation is given by  $CV = \frac{\sigma_{\bar{x}}}{\bar{x}}$ .

#### Reliability Codes for Proportions

CMHC uses CV, sampling fraction and universe size to determine the ability to publish proportions such as vacancy rates, availability rates and turnover rates. The following letter codes are used to indicate the level of reliability of proportions:

- a Excellent
- b Very good
- c Good
- d Fair (Use with Caution)
- \*\* Poor Suppressed
- ++ Change in rent is not statistically significant. This means that the change in rent is not statistically different than zero (0).
- - No units exist in the universe for this category
- n/a Not applicable

The following two tables indicate the level of reliability of proportions:

If the proportion is Zero (0) and sampling fraction is less than 100% then the following levels are assigned:

#### Sampling Fraction (%) range

Structures in Universe	e (0,20]*	(20,40]	(40,60]	(60,80]	(80,100)
3 – 10	Poor	Poor	Poor	Poor	Poor
11 – 20	Poor	Fair	Fair	Fair	Good
21 – 40	Poor	Fair	Fair	Good	Very Good
41 – 80	Poor	Fair	Good	Good	Very Good
81+	Poor	Good	Good	Very Good	Very Good

<sup>\*(0, 20]</sup> means sampling fraction is greater than 0% but less than or equal to 20%; others are similar.

Otherwise, the following table is used to determine the reliability level of proportions:

#### Coefficient of Variation (CV) %

Vacancy Rate	0	(0,5]	(5,10]	(10,16.5]	(16.5,33.3]	(33.3,50]	50+
(0,0.75]	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	V. Good	V. Good
(0.75,1.5]	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Fair	Poor
(1.5,3]	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	V. Good	Good	Poor	Poor
(3,6]	Excellent	Excellent	V. Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Poor
(6,10]	Excellent	Excellent	V. Good	Good	Poor	Poor	Poor
(10,15]	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Poor	Poor
(15,30]	Excellent	Excellent	Fair	Poor	Poor	Poor	Poor
(30,100]	Excellent	Excellent	Poor	Poor	Poor	Poor	Poor

#### **Reliability Codes for Averages and Totals**

CMHC uses the CV to determine the reliability level of the estimates of average rents and a CV cut-off of 10% for publication of totals and averages. It is felt that this level of reliability best balances the need for high quality data and not publishing unreliable data. CMHC assigns a level of reliability as follows (CV's are given in percentages):

- a If the CV is greater than 0 and less than or equal to 2.5 then the level of reliability is **Excellent**.
- b If the CV is greater than 2.5 and less than or equal to 5 then the level of reliability is **Very Good**.
- c If the CV is greater than 5 and less than or equal to 7.5 then the level of reliability is Good.
- d If the CV is greater than 7.5 and less than or equal to 10 then the level of reliability is Fair.
- \*\* If the CV is greater than 10 then the level of reliability is **Poor**. (Do Not Publish)

#### **Arrows indicate Statistically Significant Changes**

Use caution when comparing statistics from one year to the next. Even if there is a year over year change, it is not necessarily a statistically significant change. When applicable, tables in this report include indicators to help interpret changes:

- ↑ indicates the year-over-year change is a statistically significant increase.
- ↓ indicates the year-over-year change is a statistically significant decrease.
- indicates that the effective sample does not allow one to interpret any year-over-year change as being statistically significant.
- $\Delta$  indicates that the change is statistically significant

#### **DEFINITIONS**

**Availability:** A rental unit is considered available if the existing tenant has given, or has received, notice to move, and a new tenant has not signed a lease; or the unit is vacant (see definition of vacancy below).

**Rent:** The rent refers to the actual amount tenants pay for their unit. No adjustments are made for the inclusion or exclusion of amenities and services such as heat, hydro, parking, and hot water. For available and vacant units, the rent is the amount the owner is asking for the unit.

It should be noted that the average rents reported in this publication provide a sound indication of the amounts paid by unit size and geographical sector. Utilities such as heating, electricity and hot water may or may not be included in the rent.

**Rental Apartment Structure:** Any building containing three or more rental units, of which at least one unit is not ground oriented. Owner-occupied units are not included in the rental building unit count.

**Rental Row (Townhouse) Structure:** Any building containing three or more rental units, all of which are ground oriented with vertical divisions. Owner-occupied units are not included in the rental building unit count. These row units in some centres are commonly referred to as townhouses.

Vacancy: A unit is considered vacant if, at the time of the survey, it is physically unoccupied and available for immediate rental.

**Turnover:** A unit is counted as being turned over if it was occupied by a new tenant moved in during the past 12 months. A unit can be counted as being turned over more than once in a 12 month period.

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