

**Housing Services - Eastern Region
RENTAL RRAP Median Market Rent (MMR) Guide**

Bedroom Count (Family Composition)

Bedroom Count →		Cape Breton		
		1	2	3
a	HILs	\$57,500	\$66,000	\$78,000
b	30% x HILs	\$17,250	\$19,800	\$23,400
c	Maximum Monthly Rent	\$1,438	\$1,650	\$1,950
d	Max. Rooming House Rent	\$ 863	N/A	N/A

Calculations

- $b = a \times 30\%$
- $c = b \div 12 \text{ months}$
- $d = c \times 60\%$

Median Market Rent (MMR)

MMR is the maximum monthly rental charge per unit that can be charged by a landlord to qualify a rental unit under the Rental RRAP program. The maximum monthly rental charge includes utilities (heat, hot water, electricity, water, fridge, and stove). To determine if a rental unit is eligible in cases where Tenants pay some or all of the utility costs in addition to their monthly rental charge, the monthly rental charge plus the monthly utility costs paid by the Tenants, is compared to the MMR. For rooming houses the maximum monthly rent is 60% of the one-bedroom count.

Household Income Limit (HILs)

HILs is the maximum income limit established for an area, depending on the family composition of the Tenants, and is used to qualify a rental unit under the program. HILs includes the combined total gross annual household income for every person aged 16 years and over living in a rental unit. "Bedroom Count" is used to determine the family composition of a rental unit in order to assign it to a HILs category.

Bedroom Count:

Each of the following represents a single "bedroom count":

- Each adult couple living in the same household.
- Each unattached household member 18 years of age and over.
- A single parent.
- One child up to age 18 in a single child home.
- Two infant children, any sex, up to age 5.
- Each same-sex pair of children under age 18.
- Additional boy or girl in the household under age 18.

The total "bedroom count" assigned to a single dwelling or apartment unit is the count of each of the preceding classifications of individuals to a maximum of 3.

Example A: An adult couple living in the same household with a 12-year-old child in Cape Breton is considered a two-bedroom count and is assigned a HILs of \$66,000 from the table above.

Example B: A single parent living in the same household with an adult child aged 19 and 2 same sex children ages 8 and 10, and living in Cape Breton, is considered a three-bedroom count, and is assigned a HILs of \$78,000 from the table above.

Please note that HILs and program conditions are subject to change. Applications are assessed based upon the HILs and program conditions in effect at the time of application review.