

# Is Your Rental Unit Affordable?

**Average rental rates** in Toronto are not affordable for the working poor or people on a fixed income. **Affordable rental rates** are defined by what is known as "Minimum Housing Wage" (MHW) calculated at 30% of income. According to the MHW, an individual must earn \$27,040 (\$13/hr) to afford a \$676 a month unit.



Finding housing that is truly affordable for low-income Toronto residents is a challenge.  
***By listing with landlordconnect.ca you can help us address this challenge***

Most units listed on landlordconnect.ca are within the following ranges:					
Rooms	Room and Board	Bachelor apartment	1-bedroom	2-bedroom	3-bedroom or house
\$349 - \$500	\$500 - \$850	\$445 - \$650	\$600 - \$800	\$800 - \$1000	\$1000 - \$1300

How much clients of housing help services earn		updated February, 2010
Single Ontario Works Recipient	Receives a maximum of \$572 per month \$364 shelter allowance (63% of income for rent)	Unit for \$400 = 72% of income
Single Ontario Disability Support Program Recipient	Receives a maximum of \$1,020 per month \$454 shelter allowance (44% of income for rent)	Unit for \$700 = 71% of income
Low Income Senior Recipient	Receives a combination of OAS, CPP, GIS = \$1,385 - \$2033 \$415-\$609 (30% of income for rent)	\$692-\$1,016 (50% of income for rent)
Single minimum wage earner(\$9.50/ hr)	Earns \$1646 per month (40 hour week) \$532 (30% of income spent on rent)	\$823 (50% of income spent on rent)
Single \$10.25 per hour wage-earner	Earns \$1,776 per month (40 hour week) \$532 (30% of income spent on rent)	\$888 (50% of income spent on rent)
Two minimum wage-earners in a family	Earns \$3,292 per month (40 hour week) \$987 (30% of income spent on rent)	\$1,646 (50% of income spent on rent)