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# HOMELESSNESS IN CBRM: A look at the Rental Housing Stock

Between the summers of 2015 and 2016, we contacted public, market and non-profit housing providers in CBRM to ask them questions about their housing stock. We asked questions about quality, rental costs, accessibility, amenities, whether the housing was targeted to specific groups of people, and vacancies. We collected data from **292** landlords with rental properties, and from **19** landlords of rooming houses. This study reports on **5,627 rental units** and **84 rooms** in rooming houses in CBRM. Our response rate was **63%**.

## AFFORDABILITY (1 bedroom)

Only 10% of market rentals cost \$535 or less, which is the maximum shelter allowance from income assistance.

Only a small percentage of these lower-cost units have vacancies. Units over \$535 are more likely to have vacancies.

## COST OF A ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT IN CBRM:



## HOUSING STABILITY



## TARGETED RENTER:

Much of the public, non-profit and private rental housing in CBRM targets certain kinds of renters. For example:



## KEY FINDINGS



In **SYDNEY** where most support services are located, rents are higher



**3%** of rental housing in CBRM is accessible. This housing is more expensive, less likely to be vacant and mostly for seniors.

## Rooming Houses

