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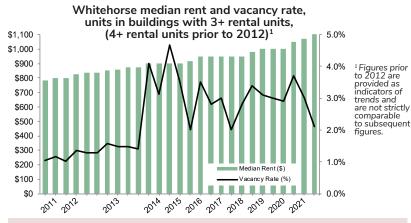
Yukon Rent Survey October 2021

Highlights

- In October 2021, Whitehorse's median rent for units in buildings with 3 or more rental units was \$1,100 and the vacancy rate was 1.9%.
- Compared with April 2021, the median rent in Whitehorse for units in buildings with 3 or more rental units increased by \$29 to \$1,100, and the vacancy rate decreased 0.2 percentage points from 2.1% to 1.9%.
- For rental units in all types of buildings in Whitehorse, the median rent was \$1,233 and the vacancy rate was 2.3%.

The Yukon Rent Survey is a Yukon Bureau of Statistics (YBS) survey that has historically been conducted in the third month of every quarter (March, June, September and December) in Whitehorse, Watson Lake, Haines Junction and Dawson City. Beginning in 2014, the survey is being conducted on a semi-annual basis in April and October. In addition to the change in frequency, the survey methodology has been updated and the survey universe has been expanded to cover all types of buildings with rental units (single detached houses, townhouses/ row houses, duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes, condominiums, apartment buildings, store-top (commercial), mobile homes, cabins and garden suites). Subsidized or government-owned housing, and informal or illegal units remain excluded from the survey.

Despite the change in methodology, YBS will continue to generate median rent and vacancy rates for units in buildings with 3 or more rental units using comparable methodology to maintain the time series for historical comparisons. Pages 2 to 4 of this report include estimates based on the new methodology, while the analysis on the first page refers to buildings with 3 or more rental units. The graph below displays historical trends¹ of median rent and vacancy rates in Whitehorse.



For units in buildings with 3 or more rental units, the median rent in October 2021 (\$1,100) increased by \$50 compared to a year earlier (October 2020) and increased by \$29 compared to the previous reporting period (April 2021).

The vacancy rate remained almost stable (around 1.5%) between March 2011 and June 2013, and then started increasing to reach 4.7% in April 2014, (the highest rate since 2004) before settling down to a range of 2.0% to 3.7% .

The vacancy rate in October 2021 (1.9%) was 1.1 percentage points lower than the rate in October 2020 (3.0%), and 0.2 percentage points lower compared to the vacancy rate in April 2021 (2.1%).

Whitehorse rent summary for un	its in buildings
with 3 or more rental units, O	ctober 2021
Number of units in survey	1.062

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Number of vacant units	20
Vacancy rate	1.9%
Median rent	\$1,100

Whitehorse rent summary for units in buildings with 2 or more units², October 2021

Number of units in survey	1,799
Number of vacant units	43
Vacancy rate	2.4%
Median rent	\$1,155

² Comparable to YBS Expanded Rent Survey and do not include single detached houses, condominiums, mobile homes, cabins and garden suites.

Whitehorse rent summary for units in all types of buildings with rental units, October 2021

of buildings with rental units, Octobe	er ZUZI
Number of units in survey	2,248
Number of vacant units	52
Vacancy rate	2.3%
Median rent	\$1,233

Note: Historically, the regular quarterly rent survey included buildings with 4 or more rental units. In 2012, the survey universe was expanded to include buildings with 3 or more rental units. From 2012 onwards, an additional Expanded Rent Survey of buildings with 2 or more dwelling units was conducted in September of each year (until 2013 when both surveys became semi-annual). In 2014, a further semi-annual survey was added for all types of buildings with rental units.

Other Sources of Housing Market Information:

- Real Estate Report average house prices by subdivision and type of dwelling. https://yukon.ca/en/statistics-and-data/yukon-bureau-statistics/find-statistics-housing-yukon
- 2016 Census Focus on Geography Series: Housing includes Yukon information on housing tenure (owned/rented/band housing), affordability, suitability, etc. http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/as-sa/fogs-spg/Facts-PR-Eng.cfm?TOPIC=8&LANG=Eng&GK=PR&GC=60
- CMHC Northern Housing Report https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/professionals/housing-markets-data-and-research/market-reports/housing-market/northern-housing-report

Rent Summary for All Buildings with Rental Units, by Type, Yukon, October 2021

Type of Building	Number of Buildings	Rental Units	Vacant Units	Vacancy rate	Median Rent	Average Rent
Single Detached House	226	226	3	1.3%	\$1,700	\$1,718
Townhouse/Row house	29	82	2	2.4%	\$1,722	\$1,758
Duplex ¹	456	635	22	3.5%	\$1,450	\$1,466
Triplex and Fourplex	74	199	3	1.5%	\$1,273	\$1,341
Condominium	139	198	4	2.0%	\$1,800	\$1,821
Apartment Building ²	49	886	19	2.1%	\$1,069	\$1,149
Store-top (Commercial)3	17	80	2	2.5%	\$1,119	\$1,253
Mobile Home	77	77	5	6.5%	\$1,200	\$1,259
Garden Suite	24	24	0	0.0%	\$1,250	\$1,211
All Types ⁴	1,091	2,407	60	2.5%	\$1,220	\$1,386

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For rental units in all types of buildings in Yukon, the median rent for October 2021 was \$1,220. The highest median rent was \$1,800 per month for condominiums. Townhouse/row house units had the second-highest median rent at \$1,722 per month. The lowest median rent was \$1,069 per month for units in apartment buildings.

In October 2021, the highest number of rental units (886) was in apartment buildings, followed by the number of rental units (635) in duplexes (includes single detached houses with a rental suite). The lowest number of rental units (24) was in the garden suite category. No information was available for cabins in October 2021.

Median Rent, Total Units and Vacancy Rate (for all buildings with rental units), by Size and Type of Unit, Yukon, October 2021

	All Types	Single Detached House	Townhouse/ Row house	Duplex ¹	Triplex and Fourplex	Condo- minium	Apartment Building ²	Store-top (Commercial) ³	Mobile Home	Garden Suite
Number of Buildings with Rental Units	1,091	226	29	456	74	139	49	17	77	24
Median Rent										
All	\$1,220	\$1,700	\$1,722	\$1,450	\$1,273	\$1,800	\$1,069	\$1,119	\$1,200	\$1,250
Bachelor	\$1,000			\$1,050	\$1,206	\$1,200	\$854	\$1,000		\$875 [†]
1 Bedroom	\$1,094	\$1,100	\$1,188 [†]	\$1,200	\$1,100	\$1,250	\$1,061	\$1,111	Х	\$1,200 [†]
2 Bedrooms	\$1,370	\$1,600	\$1,486	\$1,500	\$1,365	\$1,900	\$1,253	\$1,515	\$1,275	\$1,300 [†]
3-4 Bedrooms	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,750	\$1,700	\$1,800	\$1,950	\$1,432	\$1,890 [†]	\$1,156	Х
5+ Bedrooms	\$2,800	\$2,800 †		Х		х				
Total Units										
All ⁴	2,407	226	82	635	199	198	886	80	77	24
Bachelor	188			13	10	16	121	22		7 †
1 Bedroom	765	24	5 †	204	80	36	376	30	2 †	9 †
2 Bedrooms	898	63	36	215	71	60	382	25	42	4 †
3-4 Bedrooms	545	133	42	200	39	85	8	3 †	33	3 †
5+ Bedrooms	12	7 †		3 †		2 †				
Vacant Units										
All ⁴	60	3	2	22	3	4	19	2	5	0
Bachelor	5			0	0	0	4	1		0 †
1 Bedroom	22	3	0 †	8	2	2	6	1	0 †	0 †
2 Bedrooms	22	0	2	10	1	0	9	0	0	0 †
3-4 Bedrooms	10	0	0	3	0	2	0	0 †	5	0 †
5+ Bedrooms	0	0 †		0 †		0 †				
Vacancy Rate										
All	2.5%	1.3%	2.4%	3.5%	1.5%	2.0%	2.1%	2.5%	6.5%	0.0%
Bachelor	2.7%			0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3%	4.5%		0.0% †
1 Bedroom	2.9%	12.5%	0.0% †	3.9%	2.5%	5.6%	1.6%	3.3%	0.0% †	
2 Bedrooms	2.4%	0.0%	5.6%	4.7%	1.4%	0.0%	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0% †
3-4 Bedrooms	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	1.5%	0.0%	2.4%	0.0%	0.0% †	15.2%	0.0% †
5+ Bedrooms	0.0%	0.0% †		0.0% †		0.0% †				

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³ Store-top units are residential units in buildings which primarily contain commercial space. ⁴ Numbers may not add up to the total due to rounding and vacancy rates may have been affected by small number of units.

Median Rent and Total Units (for all buildings with rental units), by Size and Decade of Construction, Yukon, October 2021

	All Years	1930-1959	1960-1969	1970-1979	1980-1989	1990-1999	2000-2009	2010-2019	2020- present
Number of Buildings with Rental Units	1,091	106	159	204	110	171	113	217	10
Median Rent									
All	\$1,220	\$1,153	\$1,103	\$1,239	\$1,008	\$1,400	\$1,500	\$1,700	\$1,450
Bachelor	\$1,000	\$871	\$1,000	\$848	\$1,000	\$1,206		\$1,200	
1 Bedroom	\$1,094	\$1,025	\$1,100	\$1,061	\$1,004	\$1,167	\$1,000	\$1,106	\$1,400 [†]
2 Bedrooms	\$1,370	\$1,354	\$1,300	\$1,304	\$1,008	\$1,350	\$1,600	\$1,700	\$1,450
3-4 Bedrooms	\$1,800	\$1,700	\$1,750	\$1,558	\$1,600	\$1,750	\$2,025	\$2,130	\$2,500 [†]
5+ Bedrooms	\$2,800		х	х		х	Х		
Total Units									
All ¹	2,407	185	530	633	258	271	166	346	17
Bachelor	188	28	82	34	15	11		18	
1 Bedroom	765	37	192	186	118	77	57	95	3 [†]
2 Bedrooms	898	78	177	302	83	84	56	105	13
3-4 Bedrooms	545	41	77	107	42	95	51	129	2 [†]
5+ Bedrooms	12		3 †	3 †		3 †	2 †		

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For all buildings with rental units in Yukon, 217 buildings, or 19.9% of the total, were built in the decade of 2010-2019. In general, the newer the building is, the higher the median rent reported.

Median Rent, Total Units and Vacancy Rate (for all buildings with rental units), by Size and Community, October 2021

	Yukon	Whitehorse	Dawson	Watson Lake	Haines Junction
Number of Buildings with Rental Units	1,091	975	53	47	16
Median Rent					
All	\$1,220	\$1,233	\$1,200	\$900	\$1,040
Bachelor	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$770 [†]	
1 Bedroom	\$1,094	\$1,099	\$1,105	\$880	\$800 [†]
2 Bedrooms	\$1,370	\$1,366	\$1,450	\$884	x
3-4 Bedrooms	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,200 [†]
5+ Bedrooms	\$2,800	\$2,800			
Total Units					
All ¹	2,407	2,248	76	67	17
Bachelor	188	178	8	1 [†]	
1 Bedroom	765	715	34	13	4 †
2 Bedrooms	898	844	25	25	5 [†]
3-4 Bedrooms	545	499	9	28	8 †
5+ Bedrooms	12	12	•••		
Vacant Units					
All ¹	60	52	6	1	0
Bachelor	5	2	3	0 †	
1 Bedroom	22	18	3	1	0 †
2 Bedrooms	22	22	0	0	0 †
3-4 Bedrooms	10	10	0	0	0 †
5+ Bedrooms	0	0			
Vacancy Rate					
All	2.5%	2.3%	7.9%	1.5%	0.0%
Bachelor	2.7%	1.1%	37.5%	0.0% †	
1 Bedroom	2.9%	2.5%	8.8%	7.7%	0.0% †
2 Bedrooms	2.4%	2.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0% †
3-4 Bedrooms	1.8%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0% †
5+ Bedrooms	0.0%	0.0%			

In October 2021, the highest median rent reported for any size of rental units (in the communities surveyed) was \$2,800 for units with 5 or more bedrooms in Whitehorse.

Of the 60 vacant rental units in Yukon in October 2021, 52 were in Whitehorse. The highest number of vacancies in Whitehorse was reported for 2-bedroom units at 22, followed by 1-bedroom units at 18.

In Whitehorse, the highest vacancy rate was at 2.6% for units with two bedrooms; the lowest rate was for units with five or more bedrooms at 0.0%.

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Rent Summary for All Buildings with Rental Units, by Type, Whitehorse, October 2021

Type of Building	Number of Buildings	Rental Units	Vacant Units	Vacancy rate	Median Rent	Average Rent
Single Detached House	180	180	0	0.0%	\$1,800	\$1,862
Townhouse/Row house	25	70	2	2.9%	\$1,750	\$1,834
Duplex ¹	425	593	22	3.7%	\$1,450	\$1,479
Triplex and Fourplex	70	188	2	1.1%	\$1,300	\$1,372
Condominium	139	198	4	2.0%	\$1,800	\$1,821
Apartment Building ²	48	877	16	1.8%	\$1,069	\$1,149
Store-top (Commercial)3	15	71	2	2.8%	\$1,153	\$1,286
Mobile Home	50	50	5	10.0%	\$1,300	\$1,360
Garden Suite	22	22	0	0.0%	\$1,300	\$1,212
All Types ⁴	975	2,248	52	2.3%	\$1,233	\$1,402

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Median Rent, Total Units and Vacancy Rate (for all buildings with rental units), by Size and Location, Whitehorse, October 2021

	Whitehorse Total	Downtown	Riverdale	Upper Whitehorse ¹	Porter Creek	Whistlebend	Crestview	Country Residential
Number of Buildings with Rental Units	975	221	163	325	171	32	32	30
Median Rent All	\$1,233	\$1,100	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,450	\$2,400	\$1,505	\$1,300
Bachelor	\$1,000	\$925	\$1,250 [†]	\$854	\$1,200	Ψ 2,400	Ψ1,303 X	Ψ1,300 X
1 Bedroom 2 Bedrooms 3-4 Bedrooms	\$1,099 \$1,366 \$1,800	\$1,069 \$1,332 \$1,875	\$1,101 \$1,257 \$1,750	\$1,100 \$1,400 \$1,700	\$1,126 \$1,450 \$1,800	x \$2,400 \$2,400	\$1,344 \$1,825 \$1,600	\$1,200 [†] \$1,550 X
5+ Bedrooms	\$2,800	x	x	x				***
Total Units	2,248	742	534	583	276	44	39	30
Bachelor	178	84	5 [†]	66	19		2 [†]	2 †
1 Bedroom	715	370	128	128	63	5 [†]	13	8 [†]
2 Bedrooms 3-4 Bedrooms	844 499	202 82	320 77	198 186	90 105	5 33	13 11	15 4 †
5+ Bedrooms	12	3 [†]	3 †	5 [†]				
Vacant Units								
All ²	52	15	11	18	6	0	0	2
Bachelor	2	1	0 †	1	0	•••	0 †	0 †
1 Bedroom	18	7	5	0	6	0 †	0	0 †
2 Bedrooms	22	8	6	9	0	0	0	0
3-4 Bedrooms	10	0	0	8	0	0	0	2 †
5+ Bedrooms	0	0 †	0 †	0 †	•••	•••	***	•••
Vacancy Rate								
All	2.3%	2.0%	2.1%	3.1%	2.2%	0.0%	0.0%	6.7%
Bachelor	1.1%	1.2%	0.0% †	1.5%	0.0%		0.0% †	0.0% †
1 Bedroom	2.5%	1.9%	3.9%	0.0%	9.5%	0.0% †	0.0%	0.0% †
2 Bedrooms 3-4 Bedrooms	2.6% 2.0%	4.0% 0.0%	1.9% 0.0%	4.5% 4.3%	0.0% 0.0%	0.0% 0.0%	0.0% 0.0%	0.0% 50.0% †
5+ Bedrooms	0.0% = Not appropriate	0.0% [†]	0.0% †	0.0% †				

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Note: Median and average rent prices displayed in this publication, may or may not include utility costs (heating, electricity, water, parking, etc).

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¹Upper Whitehorse includes Granger, Arkell, Copper Ridge, Ingram, Logan, Hillcrest, Takhini, Valleyview and Lobird/South Access. This aggregation has been made due to small numbers of surveyed buildings in these subdivisions.

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