



FY 2019 FAIR MARKET RENT DOCUMENTATION SYSTEM

The FY 2019 FMRs for All Bedroom Sizes

Final FY 2019 FMRs By Unit Bedrooms					
Year	Efficiency	One-Bedroom	Two-Bedroom	Three-Bedroom	Four-Bedroom
FY 2019 FMR	\$901	\$906	\$1,067	\$1,337	\$1,529
FY 2018 FMR	\$864	\$877	\$1,021	\$1,280	\$1,489

North Adams city, Massachusetts is part of the Berkshire County, MA (part) HUD Metro FMR Area, which consists of the following towns: Alford town (Berkshire County), MA; Becket town (Berkshire County), MA; Clarksburg town (Berkshire County), MA; Egremont town (Berkshire County), MA; Florida town (Berkshire County), MA; Great Barrington town (Berkshire County), MA; Hancock town (Berkshire County), MA; Monterey town (Berkshire County), MA; Mount Washington town (Berkshire County), MA; New Ashford town (Berkshire County), MA; New Marlborough town (Berkshire County), MA; North Adams city (Berkshire County), MA; Otis town (Berkshire County), MA; Peru town (Berkshire County), MA; Sandisfield town (Berkshire County), MA; Savoy town (Berkshire County), MA; Sheffield town (Berkshire County), MA; Tyringham town (Berkshire County), MA; Washington town (Berkshire County), MA; West Stockbridge town (Berkshire County), MA; Williamstown town (Berkshire County), MA; and Windsor town (Berkshire County), MA. All information here applies to the entirety of the Berkshire County, MA (part) HUD Metro FMR Area.

Fair Market Rent Calculation Methodology

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Fair Market Rents for metropolitan areas and non-metropolitan FMR areas are developed as follows:

1. 2012-2016 5-year American Community Survey (ACS) estimates of 2-bedroom adjusted standard quality gross rents calculated for each FMR area are used as the new basis for FY2019 provided the estimate is statistically reliable. For FY2019, the test for reliability is whether the margin of error for the estimate is less than 50% of the estimate itself and whether the ACS estimate is based on at least 100 survey cases. HUD does not receive the exact number of survey cases, but rather a categorical variable known as the count indicator indicating a range of cases. An estimate based on at least 100 cases corresponds to a count indicator of 4 or higher.

If an area does not have a reliable 2012-2016 5-year, HUD checks whether the area has had at least minimally reliable estimate in any of the past 3 years, or estimates that meet the 50% margin of error test described above. If so, the FY2019 base rent is the average of the inflated ACS estimates.

If an area has not had a minimally reliable estimate in the past 3 years, the estimate State for the area's corresponding metropolitan area (if applicable) or State non-metropolitan area is used as the basis for FY2019.

2. HUD calculates a recent mover adjustment factor by comparing a 2016 1-year 40th percentile recent mover 2-bedroom rent to the 2012-2016 5-year 40th percentile adjusted standard quality gross rent. If either the recent mover and non-recent mover rent estimates are not reliable, HUD uses the recent mover adjustment for a larger geography. For metropolitan areas, the order of geographies examined is: FMR Area, Entire Metropolitan Area (for Metropolitan Sub-Areas), State Metropolitan Portion, Entire State, and Entire US; for non-metropolitan areas, the order of geographies examined is: FMR Area, State Non-Metropolitan Portion, Entire State, and Entire US. The recent mover adjustment factor is floored at one.
3. HUD calculates the appropriate recent mover adjustment factor between the 5-year data and the 1-year data and applies this to the 5-year base rent estimate.
4. Rents are calculated as of 2017 using the relevant (regional or local) change in gross rent Consumer Price Index (CPI) from annual 2016 to annual 2017.
5. All estimates are then inflated from 2017 to FY2019 using a trend factor based on the forecast of gross rent changes through FY2019.
6. FY2019 FMRs are then compared to a State minimum rent, and any area whose preliminary FMR falls below this value is raised to the level of the State minimum.
7. FY2019 FMRs may not be less than 90% of FY2018 FMRs.

The results of the Fair Market Rent Step-by-Step Process

1. The following are the 2016 American Community Survey 5-year 2-Bedroom Adjusted Standard Quality Gross Rent estimate and margin of error for Berkshire County, MA (part) HUD Metro FMR Area.

Area	ACS ₂₀₁₆ 5-Year 2-Bedroom Adjusted Standard Quality Gross Rent	ACS ₂₀₁₆ 5-Year 2-Bedroom Adjusted Standard Quality Gross Rent Margin of Error	Ratio	Sample Size Category	Result
Berkshire County, MA (part) HUD Metro FMR Area	\$832	\$95	$\frac{\$95}{\$832} = 0.114$	4	0.114 < .5 4 ≥ 4 Use ACS ₂₀₁₆ 5-Year Berkshire County, MA

(part) HUD
Metro FMR
Area 2-
Bedroom
Adjusted
Standard
Quality
Gross Rent

Since the ACS₂₀₁₆ Margin of Error Ratio is less than .5, the ACS₂₀₁₆ Berkshire County, MA (part) HUD Metro FMR Area value is used for the estimate of 2-Bedroom Adjusted Standard Quality Gross Rent:

Area	FY2019 Base Rent
Berkshire County, MA (part) HUD Metro FMR Area	\$832

- A recent mover adjustment factor is applied based on the smallest area of geography which contains Berkshire County, MA (part) HUD Metro FMR Area and has an ACS₂₀₁₆ 1-year Adjusted Standard Quality Recent-Mover estimate with a Margin of Error Ratio that is less than .5.

Area	ACS ₂₀₁₆ 1-Year Adjusted Standard Quality Recent-Mover Gross Rent	ACS ₂₀₁₆ 1-Year Adjusted Standard Quality Recent-Mover Gross Rent Margin of Error	Ratio	Sample Size Category	Result
Berkshire County, MA (part) HUD Metro FMR Area – 2 Bedroom	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No ACS ₂₀₁₆ 1-Year 2-Bedroom Adjusted Standard Quality Recent-Mover Gross Rent Produced For Berkshire County, MA (part) HUD Metro FMR Area
Berkshire County, MA (part) HUD Metro FMR Area – All Bedroom	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No ACS ₂₀₁₆ 1-Year All Bedroom Adjusted Standard Quality Recent-Mover Gross Rent Produced For Berkshire County, MA (part) HUD Metro FMR Area

Area	ACS ₂₀₁₆ 1-Year Adjusted Standard Quality Recent-Mover Gross Rent	ACS ₂₀₁₆ 1-Year Adjusted Standard Quality Recent-Mover Gross Rent Margin of Error	Ratio	Sample Size Category	Result
Pittsfield, MA MSA – 2 Bedroom	\$867	\$73	0.084	1	1 < 4 Do Not Use ACS ₂₀₁₆ 1-Year Pittsfield, MA MSA 2-Bedroom Adjusted Standard Quality Recent-Mover Gross Rent
Pittsfield, MA MSA – All Bedroom	\$827	\$79	0.096	2	2 < 4 Do Not Use ACS ₂₀₁₆ 1-Year Pittsfield, MA MSA All Bedroom Adjusted Standard Quality Recent-Mover Gross Rent
Massachusetts Metropolitan Portion – 2 Bedroom	\$1,364	\$37	0.027	6	0.027 < .5 6 ≥ 4 Use ACS ₂₀₁₆ 1-Year Metropolitan Portion 2-Bedroom Adjusted Standard Quality Recent-Mover Gross Rent

The smallest area of geography which contains Berkshire County, MA (part) HUD Metro FMR Area and has an ACS₂₀₁₆ 1-year Adjusted Standard Quality Recent-Mover estimate with a Margin of Error Ratio that is less than .5 and with a sufficient number of sample cases is the Massachusetts Metropolitan Portion.

- The calculation of the relevant Recent-Mover Adjustment Factor for Berkshire County, MA (part) HUD Metro FMR Area is as follows:

ACS ₂₀₁₆ 5-Year Area	ACS ₂₀₁₆ 5-Year 40th Percentile Adjusted Standard Quality Gross Rent	ACS ₂₀₁₆ 1-Year 40th Percentile Adjusted Standard Quality Recent-Mover Gross Rent
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Massachusetts Metropolitan Portion – 2 Bedroom	<u>\$1,152</u>	<u>\$1,364</u>
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Area	Ratio	Recent-Mover Adjustment Factor
Berkshire County, MA (part) HUD Metro FMR Area	\$1,364 / \$1,152 =1.184	1.184 ≥ 1.0 Use calculated Recent-Mover Adjustment Factor of 1.184

4. The calculation of the relevant CPI Update Factors for Berkshire County, MA (part) HUD Metro FMR Area is as follows: HUD updates the 2016 intermediate rent with the ratio of the annual 2017 local or regional CPI to the annual 2016 local or regional CPI to establish rents as of 2017.

Update Factor	Type
CPI Update Factor	<u>1.025</u> Region CPI

5. The calculation of the Trend Factor is as follows: HUD forecasts the change in national gross rents from 2017 to 2019. This makes Fair Market Rents "as of" FY2019.

National Trend Factor
<u>1.0572</u>

6. The FY 2019 2-Bedroom Fair Market Rent for Berkshire County, MA (part) HUD Metro FMR Area is calculated as follows:

Area	<u>ACS₂₀₁₆ 5-Year Estimate</u>	<u>Recent- Mover Adjustment Factor</u>	<u>Annual 2016 to 2017 CPI Adjustment</u>	<u>Trending 1.0572 to FY2019</u>	FY 2019 2- Bedroom FMR
Berkshire County, MA (part) HUD Metro FMR Area	\$832	1.184	1.025	1.0572	\$832 * 1.184 * 1.0250 * 1.0572=\$1,068

7. In keeping with HUD policy, the preliminary FY 2019 FMR is checked to ensure that it does not fall below the state minimum.

Area	Preliminary FY2019 2- Bedroom FMR	FY 2019 Massachusetts State Minimum	Final FY2019 2-Bedroom FMR
Berkshire County, MA (part) HUD	\$1,068	<u>\$700</u>	\$1,068 ≥ \$700 Use Berkshire County, MA (part) HUD Metro

Metro FMR Area

FMR Area FMR of \$1,068

8. Bedroom ratios are applied to calculate FMRs for unit sizes other than two bedrooms.

Click on the links in the table to see how the bedroom ratios are calculated.

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FY2018 floor	\$778	\$789	\$919	\$1,152	\$1,340
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Use FY2018 floor for FY2019?	No	No	No	No	No

Final FY2019 Rents for All Bedroom Sizes for Berkshire County, MA (part) HUD Metro FMR Area

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The FMRs for unit sizes larger than four bedrooms are calculated by adding 15 percent to the four bedroom FMR, for each extra bedroom. For example, the FMR for a five bedroom unit is 1.15 times the four bedroom FMR, and the FMR for a six bedroom unit is 1.30 times the four bedroom FMR. FMRs for single-room occupancy units are 0.75 times the zero bedroom (efficiency) FMR.

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Select another Final FY 2019 HUD Metro FMR Area that is a part of the Pittsfield, MA MSA:

Pittsfield, MA HUD Metro FMR Area ▼

Select Metropolitan FMR Area

Select a different area

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- Abington town (Plymouth County), MA
- Acton town (Middlesex County), MA
- Acushnet town (Bristol County), MA
- Adams town (Berkshire County), MA
- Agawam Town city (Hampden County), MA

Select a new county

Press below to select a different state:

Select a new state

Select a Final FY 2019 Metropolitan FMR Area:

Berkshire County, MA (part) HUD Metro FMR Area ▼

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