

Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher

Payment Standards & Utility Rates

Payment Standards:

The Payment Standards are the maximum amount of rent the BHA and voucher holders will pay an owner in rent for an apartment that includes all utilities. There is a different Payment Standard for different sized apartments. Under the housing choice voucher program, if the gross rent for the unit is lower than the payment standard, the family will pay the full total tenant payment. If the gross rent for the unit is higher than the payment standard, the family will pay the total tenant payment plus the amount by which the gross rent exceeds the payment standard.

When searching for apartments, voucher holders should always look for apartments with rents at or below the Payment Standard, adjusted for tenant supplied utilities.

2018 Payment Standards Chart

0 Bedroom	\$956
1 Bedroom	\$1,083
2 Bedroom	\$1,441
3 Bedroom	\$1,817
4 Bedroom	\$1,984

Utility Rates:

An amount equal to the annual cost of a utility not included in the rent is deducted from the Payment Standard in order to determine the maximum possible rent AHA could agree to pay for an apartment.

Each year, the BHA hires a company to determine the monthly cost to tenants paying for their own utilities, by utility and building type. BHA uses this information to create the utility allowances.