

## FY 2025 FAIR MARKET RENT DOCUMENTATION SYSTEM

The FY 2025 Westerly-Hopkinton-New Shoreham, RI HUD Metro FMR Area FMRs for All Bedroom Sizes

Final FY 2025 & Final FY 2024 FMRs By Unit Bedrooms					
Year	<b>Efficiency</b>	One-Bedroom	Two-Bedroom	Three-Bedroom	Four-Bedroom
FY 2025 FMR	\$1,284	\$1,292	\$1,576	\$1,970	\$2,459
FY 2024 FMR	\$1,332	\$1,340	\$1,610	\$2,059	\$2,732

Hopkinton town, Rhode Island is part of the Westerly-Hopkinton-New Shoreham, RI HUD Metro FMR Area, which consists of the following towns: Hopkinton town (Washington County), RI; New Shoreham town (Washington County), RI; and Westerly town (Washington County), RI. All information here applies to the entirety of the Westerly-Hopkinton-New Shoreham, RI 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:

Calculate the Base Rent: HUD uses 2018-2022 5-year American Community Survey (ACS) estimates of 2-bedroom adjusted standard quality gross rents calculated for each FMR area as the new basis for FY2025, provided the estimate is statistically reliable. For FY2025, 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 2018-2022 5-year estimate, HUD checks whether the area has had at least 2 minimally reliable estimates in the past 3 years, or estimates that meet the 50% margin of error test described above. If so, the FY2025 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, HUD uses the estimate for the area's corresponding metropolitan area (if applicable) or State non-metropolitan area as the basis for FY2025.

2. Calculate the Basis for Recent Mover Adjustment Factor: HUD calculates a recent mover adjustment factor by comparing an ACS 2022 1-year 40th percentile recent mover 2-bedroom rent to the ACS 2018-2022 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.

HUD first examines recent movers who have moved within the current year of the ACS survey. If there is no reliable local area estimate, HUD then examines those who have moved into their residence within the current year or preceding year of the ACS survey. Upon determining a reliable recent mover estimate, HUD calculates the appropriate recent mover adjustment factor between the 5-year data and the 1-year data.

3. <u>Adjust for Inflation</u>: In order to calculate rents that are "as of" 2023, HUD applies a gross rent inflation adjustment factor using data from commercial rent data sources and the Consumer Price Index. HUD uses a local measure of private rent inflation for markets that are covered by at least three of the six available sources