



2017

Multi-Family Housing Survey

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For more than 20 years we have been gathering information on the local rental market in order to assess its strengths and weaknesses. This year we gathered information on 6,480 apartment units throughout the Greater Iowa City area, including Coralville and North Liberty. We have focused on professionally managed apartment buildings with four or more units.

Our study splits the data into four geographic zones. Zone 1 or the “Pentacrest Mile” is displayed graphically on the map below and defined to encompass those areas with the greatest appeal to the student population. The balance of the Greater Iowa City area comprises zone 2, Coralville is zone 3 and North Liberty is zone 4. On average, zone 1 continues to earn the highest rental income. However, due to recent developments, vacancy rates are also the highest in zone 1. These vacancy rates are expected to increase as construction continues.

Boundaries for definition of “Pentacrest Mile” area



The red line shows the boundaries used to define the “Pentacrest mile” area. The “Pentacrest Mile” is bordered on the north by the Iowa River and Highway 6 to the south. The western border lines up with Sunset Street while the eastern border lines up with Governor Street and Summit Street.

The three tables on this page summarize the results of our survey. Rent and Vacancy figures represent all 6,480 units surveyed.

Average Rent By Unit Type & Zone - 2017					
	Efficiency	1-Bedroom	2-Bedroom	3-Bedroom	4-Bedroom
Zone 1	\$734	\$805	\$965	\$1,450	\$2,077
Zone 2	\$735	\$742	\$927	\$1,285	\$1,846
Zone 3	\$638	\$867	\$903	\$1,433	\$2,074
Zone 4	-	\$853	\$940	\$1,344	-
Overall	\$723	\$804	\$935	\$1,405	\$2,066

Average Rent Comparison - 2015-2017					
	Efficiency	1-Bedroom	2-Bedroom	3-Bedroom	4-Bedroom
	% Change 2015-2017	% Change 2015-2017	% Change 2015-2017	% Change 2015-2017	% Change 2015-2017
Zone 1	32.09%	11.23%	7.56%	3.06%	-5.46%
Zone 2	-	22.66%	34.79%	6.55%	11.00%
Zone 3	16.02%	23.69%	14.98%	31.23%	-
Zone 4	-	46.37%	24.45%	6.38%	-
Overall	29.89%	15.07%	17.92%	5.76%	-5.16%

Average Vacancy by Unit Type & Zone - 2017					
	1-Bedroom	2-Bedroom	3-Bedroom	4-Bedroom	Overall Average
Zone 1	6.02%	8.00%	7.26%	8.20%	7.33%
Zone 2	0.47%	2.84%	3.91%	0.00%	2.41%
Zone 3	1.33%	1.38%	5.08%	16.67%	1.63%
Zone 4	0.00%	0.50%	11.11%	-	1.26%
Overall	3.34%	4.10%	6.35%	7.99%	4.39%

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