

Types of Affordable Housing

Supportive housing

is permanent housing for people who need assistance (personal support services, medical assistance, counselling) to live independently. Supportive housing may house people who are elderly or who have disabilities, addictions, or mental illness.



Emergency housing

provides shelter and accommodation for short periods of time and serves people who are homeless, displaced, or who are fleeing violence or abuse.



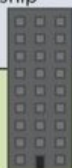
Private market purpose-built rental housing

Housing that's been built for the purpose of renting to tenants is called 'purpose-built rental.' Apartment buildings are a common type of purpose-built rental. This housing is owned by an individual or a private company and may be managed by the owner or by a hired property manager. Units vary widely based on location, age and condition of building. The owner of the property sets the amount to be paid for rent based on the local housing market.



Homeownership

Owning a home is an attractive option for many households. Options include single and multi-family homes and prices vary by location and quality. Affordable homeownership options may be available.



Non-profit housing

Rental housing for low and moderate income individuals and families, built by the province, a municipality, or by a community group. Most tenants pay rent that's geared to their income, others pay rent that's at the low end of private market rent.



Secondary suites

are emerging as a private-market option for affordable housing. These units are created on the same land as a private home, perhaps in a basement, on an upper floor, above a garage, or detached from the home. The homeowner acts as the landlord and charges rent to the tenant based on the local housing market.

Cooperative housing

provides housing for people with low and moderate incomes. Residents contribute their time towards the upkeep of the building(s) and the governance of the co-op. Some tenants pay rent that's geared to income; the rest pay market rent. Some units may be modified for seniors or for people with disabilities.



Transitional housing

offers a bridge between emergency and permanent housing, often for a specified time period. Transitional housing may serve people leaving homelessness, people leaving the corrections system, or families receiving specialized supports.



Private market condo rentals

In major cities, there has been a decline in the building of new, purpose-built rental housing. Rental condos, owned by investors and rented to tenants, are the fastest growing segment of Ontario's rental housing sector. These units tend to be priced above purpose-built rental housing and serve middle- and high-income households.



Rooming houses or congregate living

Residents rent out single rooms and share common kitchens, bathrooms, and living space. Depending on a resident's needs, this kind of housing may be permanent or transitional.

