



Fact Sheet

Northern Territory Council of Social Service



A joint project between NT Shelter and NTCOSS

Cost of Living in the Northern Territory Housing

Housing

Private rental prices have dropped overall in the NT in the last 5 years, but rental prices do fluctuate and are still high compared to the national average:

42% of all households in the Northern Territory are renter households
(compared to national average of 30.3%)



\$477

Average **rent** paid by private renter households in the NT (for 3-bedroom house)

(compared to national average of \$429)

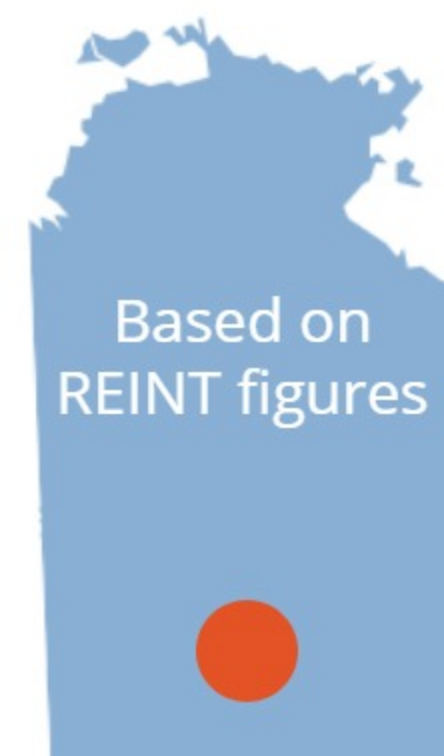


Based on CPI figures

↓ **6%**

Decrease in Darwin rent prices in the past 12 months

(compared to national increase of 0.8%)



Based on REINT figures

↑ **6.7%**

Increase in Alice Springs rent for 4-bedroom house in the past 12 months

Despite an increase in availability of houses in some areas, NTCOSS has found that **there is not one property** available that would be affordable **for any household type** on income support payments



2892

low-income renter households in the NT are currently in **housing stress**

22.5%

Amount of family income that private renters spend to cover rent - making the NT the fourth most affordable state or territory

Amount of family income households spend to meet **mortgage repayments** - making the NT the second most affordable state or territory

19.8%

NB. These figures must be seen in the context of high average wages across the NT

NB. 2015-16 figure **Housing stress** = people in the lowest two income quintiles, paying more than 30% of income on rent)

Public Housing



3960

Number of **households** on the NT public housing waiting list

NB. 2017 figure

9762

Number of **people** on the NT public housing waiting list

NB. 2017 figure



2750

Number of houses required by 2028 to meet demand in remote areas of the NT



4-6 years

Alice Springs
Casuarina/Darwin
Tennant Creek

Wait times

(For 3 bedroom house)



2-4 years

Katherine
Nhulunbuy
Palmerston