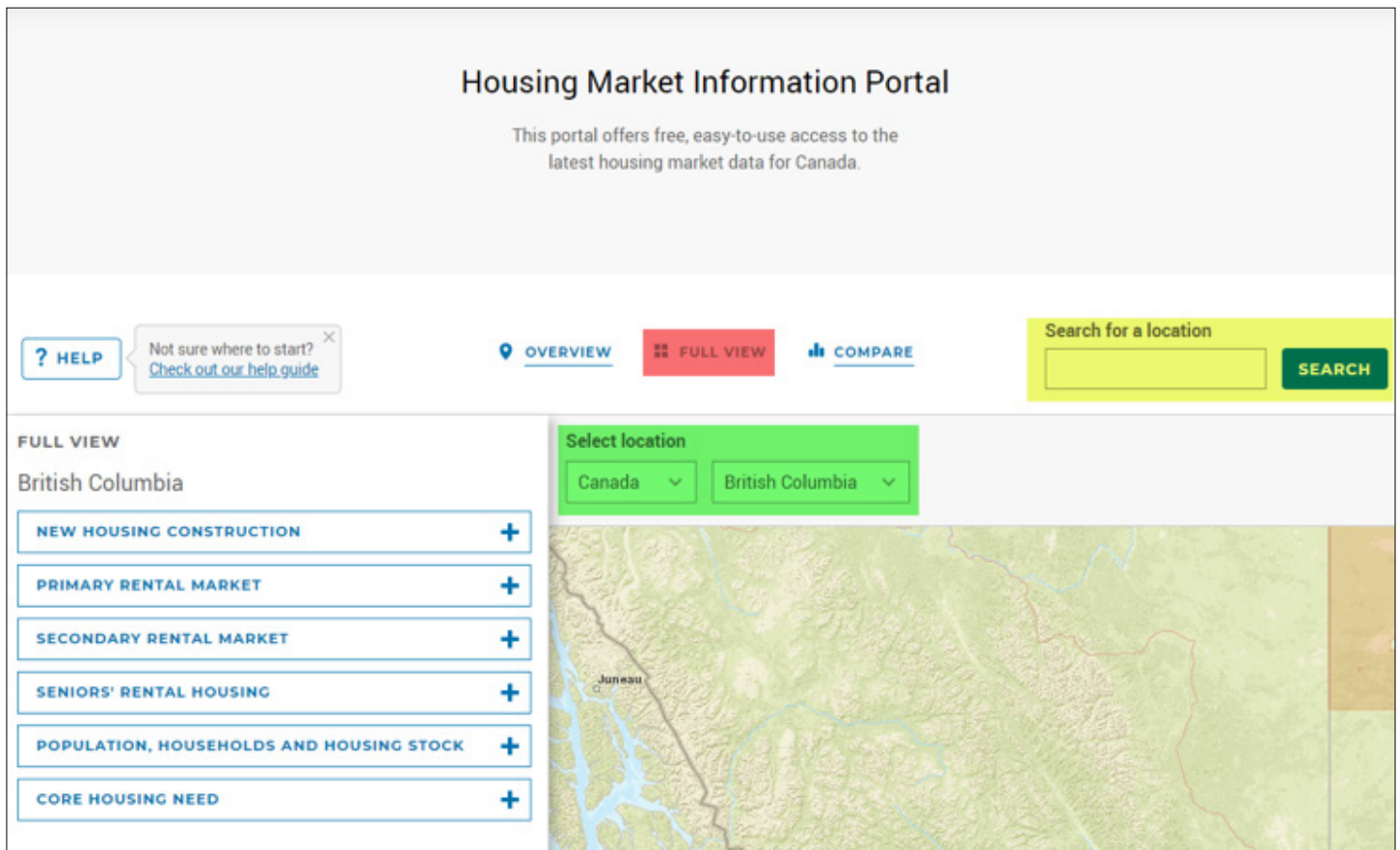


# Housing Market Information Portal (HMIP) Instructions – Cheat Sheet

The Housing Market Information Portal (HMIP) offers free, easy-to-use access to the latest housing market data for Canada. Included in this guide are instructions to help you navigate the HMIP with a focus on sourcing data pertaining to the purpose-built rental market.

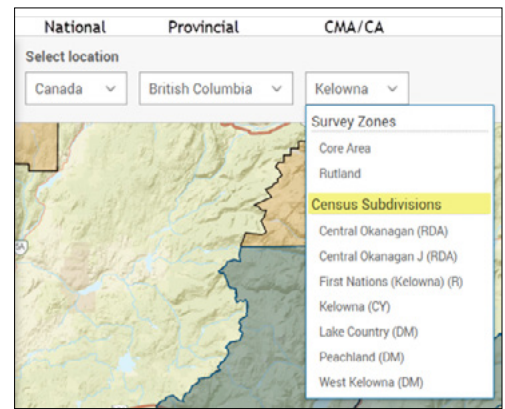
 **GO TO HOUSING MARKET INFORMATION PORTAL**

## I. SELECT YOUR LOCATION USING THE SEARCH BAR, DROP DOWN MENU, OR THE MAP

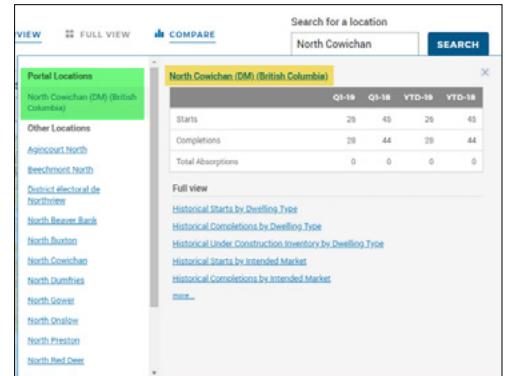


The screenshot displays the Housing Market Information Portal (HMIP) interface. At the top, the title "Housing Market Information Portal" is centered, followed by a brief description: "This portal offers free, easy-to-use access to the latest housing market data for Canada." Below this, there are navigation tabs: "OVERVIEW" (selected), "FULL VIEW", and "COMPARE". A "HELP" button is visible on the left, with a tooltip that says "Not sure where to start? Check out our help guide". On the right, there is a search bar labeled "Search for a location" with a "SEARCH" button. The main content area is divided into two sections. On the left, under "FULL VIEW", there is a list of categories for "British Columbia": "NEW HOUSING CONSTRUCTION", "PRIMARY RENTAL MARKET", "SECONDARY RENTAL MARKET", "SENIORS' RENTAL HOUSING", "POPULATION, HOUSEHOLDS AND HOUSING STOCK", and "CORE HOUSING NEED", each with a plus sign. On the right, there is a "Select location" section with two dropdown menus: "Canada" and "British Columbia". Below these is a map showing a geographical area with a label for "Juneau".

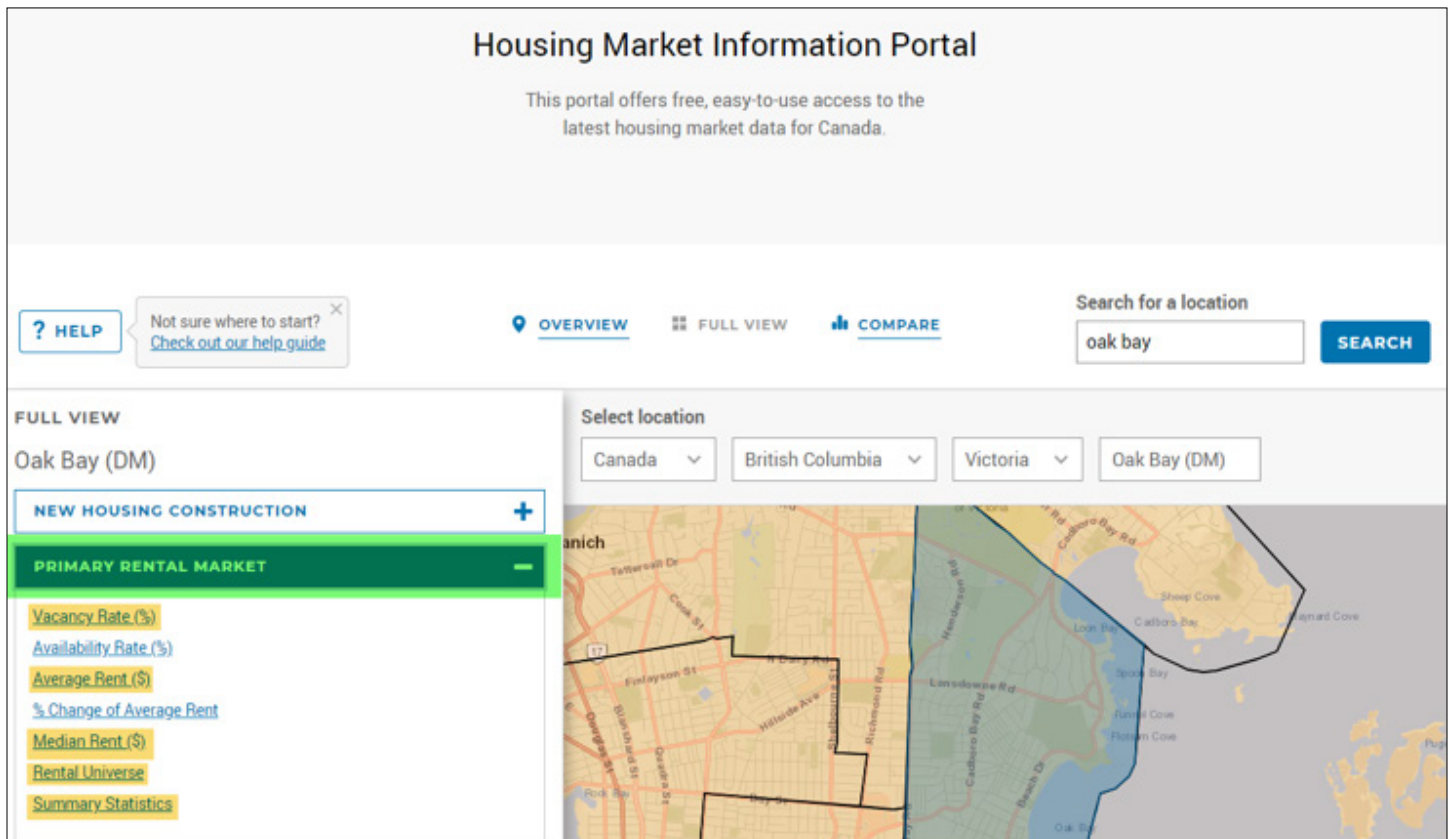
The **Housing Needs Report** requires data at the **Census Subdivision (CSD) level**, which equates to the boundaries of municipalities and individual electoral areas. To find the location at the CSD level, drill down below the CMA/CA level using the drop down menu. If you have any questions about the definitions above, please refer to the Glossary section of the **Comprehensive document**.



When using the search bar, don't forget to select the location under Portal Locations, then select the location on right.



## 2. SELECT PRIMARY RENTAL MARKET, THEN THE STATISTIC OF YOUR CHOICE.



### 3. FOR EACH FULL VIEW TABLE, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT DATA OPTIONS AVAILABLE

**Nanaimo – Vacancy Rates by Bedroom Type by Zone**

PRIMARY RENTAL MARKET  
Vacancy Rate (%)

**BY:**

- Bedroom Type **1**
- Year of Construction
- Structure Size
- Rent Ranges
- Rent Quartiles

**DISPLAY OPTIONS:**

- Survey Zones **2**
- Census Subdivisions
- Neighbourhoods
- Census Tracts
- Historical Time Periods

**3** October 2018 Row / Apartment

**5** SAVE SHARE EXPORT

**4** TABLE CHART MAP

	BACHELOR	1 BEDROOM	2 BEDROOM	3 BEDROOM +	TOTAL
Centre	8.3 b	3.0 b	1.8 a	1.7 a	3.0 b
South	1.5 c	2.1 b	3.0 c	**	2.5 a
North & Periphery	**	0.7 a	1.5 c	0.0 d	1.1 a
Nanaimo	5.0 c	2.3 a	2.0 a	2.6 c	2.4 a

**Notes:**

- The following letter codes are used to indicate the reliability of the estimates: a - Excellent, b - Very good, c - Good, d - Fair (Use with Caution)
- \*\* Data suppressed to protect confidentiality or data not statistically reliable
- \*\* Change in rent is not statistically significant. This means that the change in rent is not statistically different than zero (0). (Applies only to % Change of Average Rent Tables).
- No units exist in the universe for this category
- n/a: Not applicable
- CMA, CA and CSD definitions are based on 2016 Census Geography Definitions

**6** Source: [CMHC Rental Market Survey](#)

Note: Changes to display settings will reset date settings to most recent data. Available display settings are subject to change based upon data available.

- Change the format in which the data is presented by selecting option **1**
- To change the geographic reference and to obtain historical time periods, select option **2**
- Change the reference period and dwelling type selection via the drop down menu **3**
- View the data in table, chart, or map format **4**
- Save the table to your MyCMHC account or export the data into a pdf or csv file **5**
- If you have questions about the survey methodology, please select the link **6**

## 4. MANAGING YOUR ACCOUNT (MYCMHC)

Registering a MyCMHC account will provide you access to My Data Library, this will allow you to save Overview Reports, Full View Tables, and your Compare selections for easy referencing.

### I. Name & Email

a. Please enter your First and Last Name

b. Please enter your email address.

This email address will be used to log in to your account.

(Note: A confirmation email will be sent to this address containing a link to activate your registration.)



STEP 1 - NAME & EMAIL

First Name\*

Last Name\*

Email Address\*

NEXT

STEP 2 - PASSWORD

STEP 3 - SHARING SIGNATURE (OPTIONAL)

STEP 4 - TERMS & CONDITION

### 2. Password

a. Please enter a Password that has a minimum of 10 characters with at least 1 uppercase, 1 lowercase letter, 1 number, and special character.

### 3. Sharing Signature (Optional)

a. If you plan to share content with others via email, you can include a custom sharing signature

b. Add details such as your job title, contact information, website, and logo

c. Once all of the information has been entered, select Next or No Thanks, skip this step

### 4. Terms & Conditions

a. Review the terms and conditions

b. Check the "I agree to these terms and allow CMHC to email me about my account" box

c. Create Account

If you have any questions, please contact HMI Information mailbox at  
HMIInformationMH@cmhc-schl.gc.ca

