

Rental Cost Comparison Office of the Dean of Students 2026-2027

The top half of this cost comparison **estimates an entire unit's worth of rent** based on location and apartment style. In some cases, the asking rent price can change based on the number of occupants living within the unit.

Neighborhood	Studio	One Bedroom	Two Bedroom	Three Bedroom	Four Bedroom
Brighton	\$1,900-\$2,400	\$2,000-\$2,600	\$2,600-\$3,200	\$3,300-\$4,000	\$4,000-\$5,000

City	Studio	One Bedroom	Two Bedroom	Three Bedroom	Four Bedroom
Brookline	\$1,950-\$2,450	\$2,500-\$3,000	\$3,050-\$3,750	\$4,000-\$4,850	\$4,900-\$6,100

City	Studio	One Bedroom	Two Bedroom	Three Bedroom	Four Bedroom
Newton	\$1,800-\$2,200	\$1,950-\$2,400	\$2,700-\$3,100	\$3,600-\$4,150	\$4,600-\$5,500

City	Studio	One Bedroom	Two Bedroom	Three Bedroom	Four Bedroom
Watertown	\$2,000-\$2,250	\$2,100-\$2,600	\$2,350-\$3,050	\$3,050-\$3,750	\$3,750-\$4,300

The bottom half of this cost comparison **estimates one's individual rent cost** in each apartment style across Brighton, Brookline, Newton, and Watertown.

Accommodation	Low	Medium	High
Room in Private Home	\$950	\$1,000	\$1,300
Living Alone: Studio	\$1,850	\$2,200	\$2,500
Living Alone: One Bedroom	\$2,000	\$2,400	\$2,700
Living with Others: Own Room	\$1,500	\$1,800	\$2,000
Living with Others: Shared Room	\$900	\$1000	\$1,150

Other Monthly Costs

- **Furnishings:** Furnished spaces are uncommon. Where they do exist, expect a higher asking rent price.
- **Utilities:** A typical apartment rental includes water/sewer service. For all other utilities (oil/gas, electricity, internet), tenants are typically responsible for setting up service and monthly usage payments.