



## VERMONT STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY 2018 VERMONT MARKET RENT SURVEY

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Dear Current Resident,

The Vermont State Housing Authority requests your assistance with an important study on local housing costs in Chittenden, Franklin, and Grand Isle Counties.

The 2018 Vermont Market Rent Survey will ask you about your housing costs, such as rent and utilities paid each month. The Vermont State Housing Authority will use your responses to the survey, along with other randomly selected households in the area, to establish accurate housing assistance standards for the area. A similar study was conducted in 2016, and found local rents to be higher than estimated by the data collected from a Federal study. The results of that study helped Vermont obtain additional resources to support those in need of housing assistance. Additionally, the data will be used to develop better housing programs that serve the area's low and moderate income households.

In the next few days, you will receive a survey through the mail from ICF, a private research company hired to conduct this study. Should you wish to contact ICF for more information about this survey, you can email them at [FMRStudy@icfsurveysupport.com](mailto:FMRStudy@icfsurveysupport.com).

This crucial study can only be successful with the generous help of people like you. The information you provide about your housing costs will be kept confidential and ensure that people who need help can get access to decent, affordable, safe, sanitary housing. The survey is voluntary.

We hope you will take 5 to 10 minutes of your time to respond to the survey. Most of all, we thank you for helping us better understand the cost of housing in the area.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Williams  
Executive Director  
Vermont State Housing Authority