

Finding an Affordable Place to Live in DC

DC has notoriously high rental (and housing prices) but that doesn't mean you can't find affordable housing in the District or just outside of it. DC has an very good [bus and metro system](#), which means that it is not too difficult to get around once you are situated.

Some areas – Dupont Circle, downtown DC, Adams Morgan, Capitol Hill, Georgetown are very expensive (think \$1,500 and way up). Others – northern Virginia, are on the other side of the District from the Center and traffic can be horrendous.

But others, including Northeast DC and across the border into Maryland are lower rent areas. The District Clay Center is located in Northeast (specifically in Woodridge) and is five minutes from the Maryland border. College Park, Brookland, Catholic University, Mount Rainer, Brentwood and Hyattsville are all areas that are both relatively close and where prices are more reasonable. (see the map on the 2nd page.) In general, the farther out you go from the city core, the less expensive. So if you have a car, be sure explore farther out areas. Here is a handy [link](#) to descriptions of neighborhoods and communities in the DC metro area.

In these areas cited above, you can find a one-bedroom apartment of around \$900- \$1,000/month and a room to rent for less.

Here are websites that will help you find affordable housing near to District Clay.

1) Finding an apartment:

BEST: Go to [Craigslist](#) and in the search area put the following:

- Zip code: 20018 (where the Center is located).
- Miles from search area: from 1 to 5 miles
- Bedrooms: max of 1
- Price: (your budget, from low to high)

Hit Search.

OTHER GOOD SITES: Go to [Zillow](#), [Apartments.com](#) and [Trulia](#).

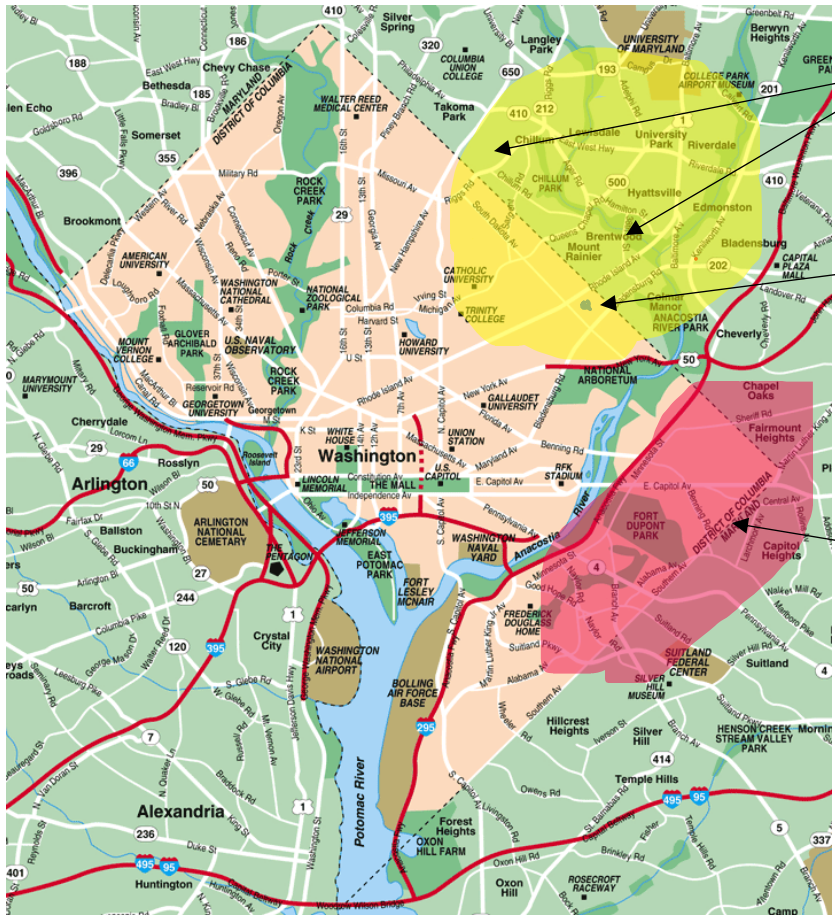
Same search as above but in some cases remove the outline when the search is complete to see apartments outside of the 20018 area code.

2) Renting a room:

Best options here are [Craigslist \(room to rent\)](#) and [Roomster](#).

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Recommended: More affordable areas, closer to DCC (yellow).

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Not recommended: more affordable but further distance & higher crime areas.