HOW TO DETERMINE THE PAYMENT STANDARD (MAXIMUM PAYMENT) FOR YOUR UNIT
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1. First, determine the census tract of your unit by visiting [US Census Bureau Address Search Tool](https://census.gov) and entering the unit address. Please be sure to enter the full street address. Also, please be sure that "Public_AR_Current" is selected in the Benchmark field and the "Current_Current" is selected in the Vintage field. Select “Get Results”.

![Census Bureau Address Search Tool](https://census.gov)

2. Locate the census tract for your unit amongst the information that is returned. The census tract will be located at the very bottom of the page. For this particular example, the census tract is 23.

![Census Tract 23](https://census.gov)

3. Now, you need to access the Microsoft Excel Payment Standards Lookup Tool, which is located on the Property Owner Portal. To access this tool, login to the portal and click the Resources tab at the top of the page.

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4. The Payment Standards documents are located on the top left corner of the screen. Click on Payment Standards Look-up Tool to access the document.

5. Input the census tract that you obtained by selecting the appropriate census tract from the drop-down list of values. This is done by clicking on the arrow as pointed out in the screenshot below.

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6. Input the bedroom count for your unit by selecting the appropriate bedroom count from the drop-down list of values. This is done by clicking on the arrow as pointed out in the screenshot below.

7. The Payment Standard and Submarket will populate automatically.

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