



Local Angle: Housing woes push rents higher

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Apartment rental rates in the Vancouver-Portland market are following national rates higher this year. The average rent for a two-bedroom/two-bath apartment in the metro area in September was \$834 per month, up \$6 from the prior quarter. According to Norris, Beggs & Simpson, a commercial brokerage firm, the overall apartment vacancy rate in Vancouver in September was a low 2.75 percent.

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