



In **BENTON COUNTY**, housing prices have moved out of reach for ordinary people.

## What can we do to close the gap?

Our hardworking families, children and our neighbors on fixed incomes deserve the opportunity to succeed in life — that success is tied to having a safe, stable place to call home.

### quick facts Oregon

Over half of renters in Oregon are paying more than they can afford for rent.



Over 13,000 of our K-12 students were homeless during the 2005-2006 school year. Nearly half of the homeless students were in grades K-5.



72 = the number of hours a worker earning Oregon's minimum wage had to work each week in 2005 to afford a two-bedroom apartment.



The statewide median home price rose 21.78% in 2005. Over the past 5 years the price to purchase a home has skyrocketed by 62.28%. Meanwhile, Oregon was one of only eight states that saw declines in median income during that period.

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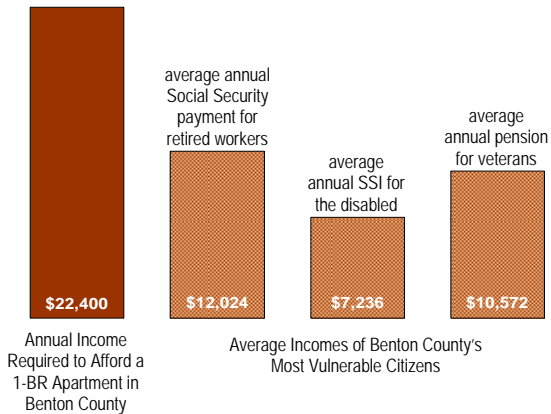
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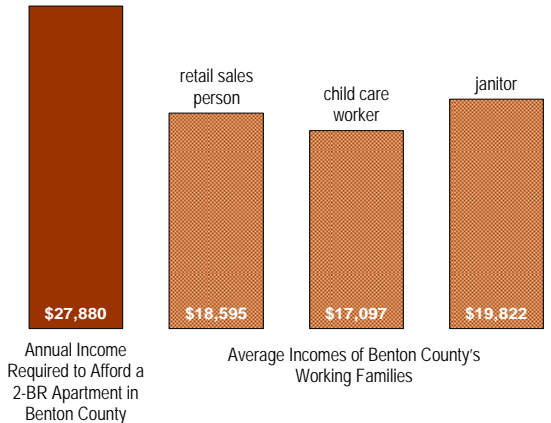
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[oregonhousingalliance.org](http://oregonhousingalliance.org)

In **Benton County**, people on fixed incomes—like seniors and people with disabilities—can't afford a one-bedroom market-rate apartment.



**Benton County's** hard-working families should not have to choose between rent, groceries and prescription medications. High housing costs have put basic economic security out of reach.



Homeownership in **Benton County** is now beyond the means of many hard-working families.

