



In **POLK 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.

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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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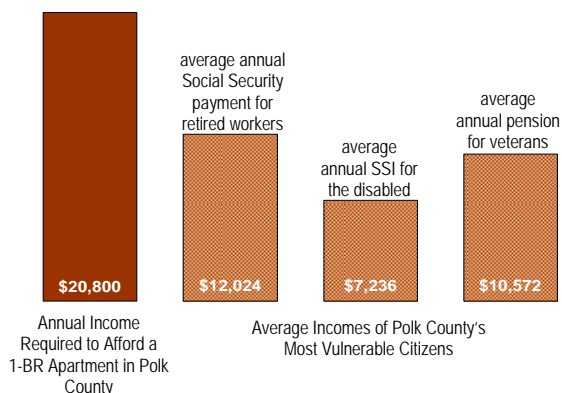
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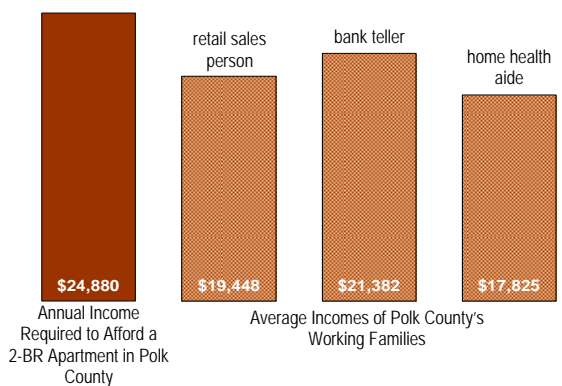
or visit online at

oregonhousingalliance.org

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



Polk 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 **Polk County** is now beyond the means of many hard-working families.

