A Place to Call Home: Deschutes County

Homes give people an opportunity to build better lives and communities. But how do Deschutes County residents fare?

We have a serious shortage of affordable housing

For every 100 families with extremely low incomes, there are only 15 affordable units available.

3,430 units are needed to meet the need

More than 1 out of 4 renters are paying more than 50% of their income in rent

6 out of 7 renters with extremely low incomes are paying more than 50% of their income in rent

Our neighbors are facing homelessness

1 in every 30 students experienced homelessness in 2017-2018

That’s 884 children during the 2017-18 school year in Deschutes County.

Oregonians on fixed incomes struggle to pay rent even for a one bedroom apartment.

Social Security: $9,260
Veterans' pension: $15,229
Retirement: $17,532
1 bedroom housing wage: $32,240
Workers can't afford rent

$13.89

Mean renter wage

69 hours

Number of hours per week at minimum wage needed to afford a 2 bedroom apartment

A household must earn at least $38,600 to afford a 2 bedroom apartment at fair market rent.

Homeownership is out of reach for many

Average home price an individual can afford

Area median renter income: $172,840

Teacher: $321,137

Construction laborer: $173,436

Median home value: $392,000

Home price

$392,000

median home value in 2018

...up 11.6% from 2017

Minimum wage: $22,360

Cook: $29,397

Nursing Assistant: $33,157

Housing wage: $38,600

Income