A Place to Call Home: Jefferson County

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

We have a serious shortage of affordable housing

For every 100 families with extremely low incomes, there are only 29 affordable units available.

More than 1 in 5

Renters are paying more than 50% of their income in rent

5 out of 6

Renters with extremely low incomes are paying more than 50% of their income in rent

290

Units are needed to meet the need

Our neighbors are facing homelessness

1 out of 25 students

Experienced homelessness in 2017-2018

That’s 137 children during the 2017-18 school year in Jefferson County.

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

Veterans' pension: $15,229

Retirement: $17,532

Social Security: $9,260

1 bedroom housing wage: $24,280
Workers can't afford rent

$11.96

Mean renter wage

51 hours

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

Homeownership is out of reach for many

Average home price an individual can afford

$224,000

median home value in 2018

...a 4.2% increase since 2017

A household must earn at least $27,880 to afford a 2 bedroom apartment at fair market rent.