A Place to Call Home: Benton County

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

We have a serious shortage of affordable housing

For every 100 families with extremely low incomes, there are only 14 affordable units available.

2 out of 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.

4,800 units are needed to meet the need.

Our neighbors are facing homelessness

1 in every 25 students experienced homelessness in 2018-19.

That's 328 children during the 2018-19 school year in Benton County.

Social Security: $9,396
Veterans' pension: $17,845
Retirement: $17,576

1 bedroom housing wage: $35,440

Oregonians on fixed incomes struggle to pay rent even for a one bedroom apartment.
Workers can't afford rent

$12.39

Mean renter wage

73 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 someone can afford

$371,000

Median home value in 2019

...up 1.1% from 2018