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

5 out of 6

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

Our neighbors are facing homelessness

1 in every 50 students

experienced homelessness in 2018-2019

That's 587 children during the 2018-19 school year in Deschutes County.

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

Social Security: $9,396

Veterans' pension: $17,845

Retirement: $17,576

1 bedroom housing wage: $35,360
Workers can't afford rent

$15.04

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

$420,500 median home value in 2019

...up 0.1% from 2018

A household must earn at least $42,840 to afford a 2 bedroom apartment at fair market rent.