A Place to Call Home: Douglas County

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

We have a serious shortage of affordable housing

For every 100 families with extremely low incomes, there are only 21 affordable units available.

1,986 units are needed to meet the need

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

4 out of 5 renters with extremely low incomes are paying more than 50% of their income in rent

Our neighbors are facing homelessness

1 in 20 students experienced homelessness in 2018-2019

That’s 665 children during the 2018-19 school year in Douglas 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: $30,920
Workers can't afford rent

$13.35

Mean renter wage

72 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

Area median renter income: $150,299

Construction laborer: $192,061

Teacher: $133,375

Median home value: $220,600

Median Home Value, 2019

A household must earn at least $40,920 to afford a 2 bedroom apartment at fair market rent.

Minumum wage: $22,880

Cook: $26,929

Housing wage: $40,920

Nursing Assistant: $30,073

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...up 7.8% from 2018

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