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 35 affordable units available.

1 in 5

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

245 units are needed to meet the need

Our neighbors are facing homelessness

1 out of 30 students experienced homelessness in 2018-2019

That's 109 children during the 2018-19 school year in Jefferson County.

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

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

1 bedroom housing wage: $24,440
Workers can't afford rent

$11.40

Mean renter wage

49 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

$224,300

median home value in 2019

...a 8.5% increase since 2018