A Place to Call Home: Lane County

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

We have a serious shortage of affordable housing

For every 100 families with extremely low incomes, there are only 17 affordable units available.

1 out of 3 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.

12,420 units needed to meet the need.

Our neighbors are facing homelessness

That’s 2,310 children during the 2018-19 school year in Lane County.

1 in 20 students experienced homelessness in 2018-2019.

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: $31,200
Workers can't afford rent

$12.97

Mean renter wage

71 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

Median Home Value: $310,500

Area median renter income: $147,144

Teacher: $312,128

Construction laborer: $178,809

...a 6.1% increase since 2018

A household must earn at least $41,280 to afford a 2 bedroom apartment at fair market rent.

Minimum wage: $23,400

Cook: $28,716

Nursing Assistant: $35,322

Housing wage: $41,280