A Place to Call Home: Linn County

Homes give people an opportunity to build better lives and communities. But how do Linn 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.

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

6 out of 7 renters with extremely low incomes are paying more than 50% of their income in rent

3,025 units are needed to meet the need

Our neighbors are facing homelessness

1 in 20 students experienced homelessness in 2018-2019

That's 1,182 children during the 2018-19 school year in Linn 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: $30,440
Workers can't afford rent

$13.40

Mean renter wage

69 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

$280,300

median home value in 2019

...up 6.7% from 2018