A Place to Call Home: Malheur County

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

We have a serious shortage of affordable housing

For every 100 families with extremely low incomes, there are only 30 affordable units available.

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

Nearly 3 out of 4 renters with extremely low incomes are paying more than 50% of their income in rent

870 units are needed to meet the need

Our neighbors are facing homelessness

1 in 20 students experienced homelessness in 2018-2019

That's 276 children during the 2018-19 school year in Malheur 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: $21,760
Workers can't afford rent

$10.53

Mean renter wage

50 hours

Number of hours per week at minimum wage needed to afford a 2 bedroom apartment

A household must earn at least $28,360 to afford a 2 bedroom apartment at fair market rent.

Income

Minimum wage: $22,880

Cook: $28,226

Nursing Assistant: $30,146

Housing wage: $28,360

Homeownership is out of reach for many

Average home price someone can afford

Area median renter income: $119,198

Construction laborer: $161,669

Teacher: $150,453

Median home value: $172,200

Median Home Value, 2019

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median home value in 2019

...up 4.4% from 2018

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