A Place to Call Home: Marion County

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

We have a serious shortage of affordable housing

For every 100 families with extremely low incomes, there are only 24 affordable units available.

1 out of 4

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

More than 3 out of 4

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

7,275 units are needed to meet the need

Our neighbors are facing homelessness

1 in 30 students

experienced homelessness in 2018-2019

That's 1,835 children during the 2018-19 school year in Marion 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: $29,440
Workers can't afford rent

$13.35

Mean renter wage

66 hours

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

Homeownership is out of reach for many

$287,600

median home value in 2019

...up 3.3% from 2018

Average home price someone can afford

A household must earn at least $38,880 to afford a 2 bedroom apartment at fair market rent.

Area median renter income: $173,430

Teacher: $296,311

Construction laborer: $179,875

Cook: $28,539

Nursing Assistant: $32,361

Housing wage: $38,880

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