A Place to Call Home: Multnomah County

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

We have a serious shortage of affordable housing

For every 100 families with extremely low incomes, there are only 22 affordable units available.

29,865 units are needed to meet the need

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

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

Our neighbors are facing homelessness

1 in every 25 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: $49,360

That's 3,310 children during the 2018-19 school year in Multnomah County.
Workers can't afford rent

$17.87

Mean renter wage

89 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: $421,600

Area median renter income: $184,422

Construction laborer: $206,224

Teacher: $361,319

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Housing wage: $57,640

Minimum wage: $26,000

Cook: $31,952

Nursing Assistant: $35,486

Incomes

A household must earn at least $57,640 to afford a 2 bedroom apartment at fair market rent.

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