A Place to Call Home: Union County

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

We have a serious shortage of affordable housing

For every 100 families with extremely low incomes, there are only 38 affordable units available.

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

531 units are needed to meet the need

Our neighbors are facing homelessness

1 in 25 students experienced homelessness in 2018-2019

That’s 176 children during the 2018-19 school year in Union 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: $22,120
Workers can't afford rent

$11.68

Mean renter wage

51 hours

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

A household must earn at least $29,280 to afford a 2 bedroom apartment at fair market rent.

Homeownership is out of reach for many

Average home price someone can afford

$202,300

median home value in 2019

...up 3.7% from 2018

Area median renter income: $144,324

Construction laborer: $161,669

Teacher: $150,453

Median home value: $202,300

Median Home Value, 2019

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