A Place to Call Home: Wallowa County

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

We have a serious shortage of affordable housing

For every 100 families with extremely low incomes, there are 45 affordable units available.

1 out of 4

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

2 out of 3

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

115

units are needed to meet the need

Our neighbors are facing homelessness

1 in 100 students

experienced homelessness in 2018-2019

That's 10 children during the 2018-19 school year in Wallowa 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: $24,360
Workers can't afford rent

$9.44

Mean renter wage

49 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

$279,900

median home value in 2019

...up 4.9% from 2018