A Place to Call Home: Wasco County

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

We have a serious shortage of affordable housing

For every 100 families with extremely low incomes, there are 23 affordable units available.

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

516

units are needed to meet the need

Our neighbors are facing homelessness

1 in 25 students experienced homelessness in 2018-2019

That's 131 students in Wasco County during the 2018-19 school year.

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: $32,560
Workers can't afford rent

$12.50

Mean renter wage

74 hours

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

A household must earn at least $43,080 to afford a 2 bedroom apartment at fair market rent.

Homeownership is out of reach for many

Average home price someone can afford

$245,900 median home value in 2019

Area median renter income: $162,860

Construction laborer: $170,825

Teacher: $141,535

Median Home Value, 2019

Median home value: $245,900

...a 5.1% increase since 2018

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