A Place to Call Home: Washington County

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

We have a serious shortage of affordable housing

For every 100 families with extremely low incomes, there are only 14 affordable units available.

12,981 units are needed to meet the need

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

5 out of 6 renters with extremely low incomes are paying more than 50% of their income in rent

Our neighbors are facing homelessness

1 in 30 students experienced homelessness in 2018-2019

That's 2,853 children during the 2018-19 school year in Washington 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: $49,360
Workers can't afford rent

$22.40

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

$424,700

median home value in 2019

...up 1.6% from 2018