

A Place to Call Home: Columbia County

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

We have a serious shortage of affordable housing

For every 100 families with extremely low incomes, there are only 34 affordable units available.



910

units are needed to meet the need

1 out of 4



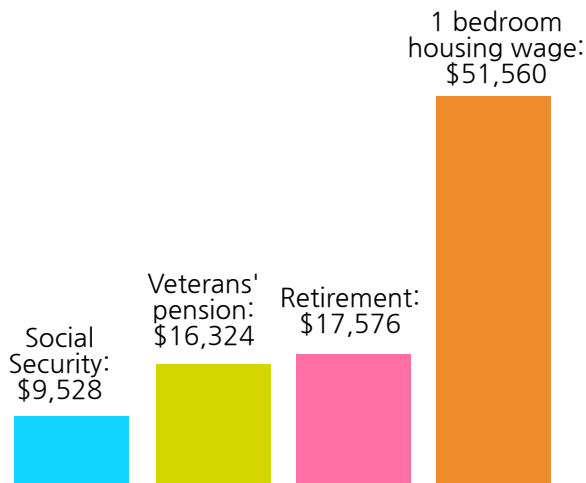
renters are paying more than 50% of their income in rent

5 out of 8



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

Our neighbors are facing homelessness



Oregonians on fixed incomes struggle to pay rent even for a one bedroom apartment.

1 in every 27 students

experienced homelessness in 2019-20



That's 273 children during the 2019-20 school year in Columbia County.

Workers can't afford rent

\$10.68

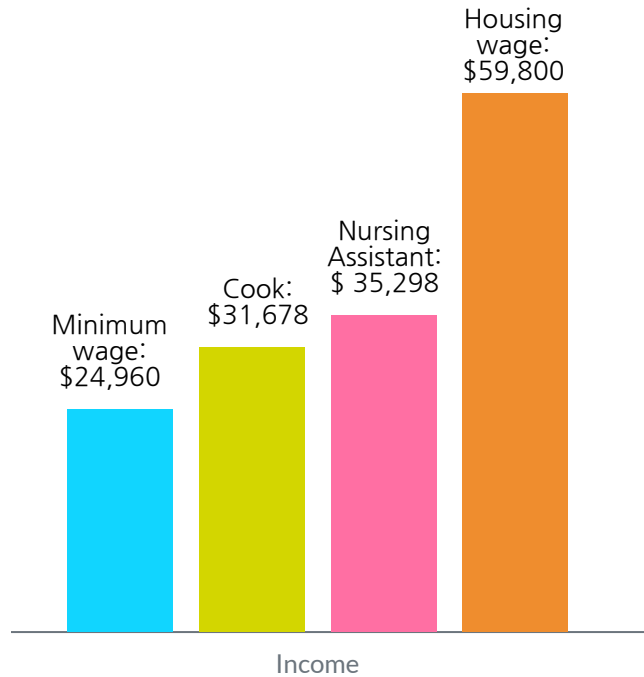


Mean renter wage



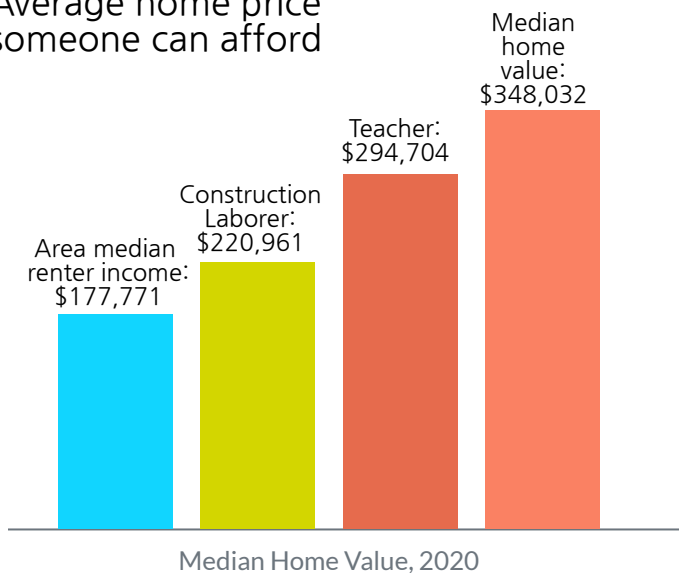
Number of hours per week at minimum wage needed to afford a 2 bedroom apartment

A household must earn at least \$59,800 to afford a 2 bedroom apartment at fair market rent.



Homeownership is out of reach for many

Average home price someone can afford



\$ 348,032

median home value in 2020



...a .3% increase since 2019

