A Place to Call Home: Multnomah County

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

We have a serious shortage of affordable housing

For every 100 families with extremely low incomes, there are only 22 affordable units available.

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

More than 2 out of 3 renters with extremely low incomes are paying more than 50% of their income in rent

29,300 units are needed to meet the need

Our neighbors are facing homelessness

1 student in each classroom experienced homelessness in 2016-2017

That's 4,317 children during the 2016-17 school year in Multnomah County.

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

Social Security: $9,007
Veterans' pension: $15,229
Retirement: $16,331

1 bedroom housing wage: $42,120
Workers can't afford rent

$16.16

Mean renter wage

93 hours

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

Homeownership is out of reach for many

$438,790

average home sale price in 2017

...up 7.5% from 2016

Home price

Average home sale price: $438,790

Area median income: $338,048

Teacher: $312,070

Cook: $28,465

School bus driver: $37,554

Minimum wage: $23,400

Housing wage: $49,680

A household must earn at least $49,680 to afford a 2 bedroom apartment at fair market rent.

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Home price

Average home price an individual can afford

Construction laborer: $188,315

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