



What can we do to close the gap in Polk County?

Our hardworking families, children and our neighbors on fixed incomes deserve the opportunity to succeed in life — that success is tied to having a safe, stable place to call home. In Polk County, housing prices have moved out of reach for ordinary people.

quick facts Oregon

44% of renters in Oregon are unable to afford a two-bedroom apartment at fair market rents.



Over 15,800 of our K-12 students were homeless during the 2007-2008 school year. This number has nearly doubled since the 2003-2004 school year.



70 = the number of hours a worker earning Oregon's minimum wage had to work each week in 2008 to afford a two-bedroom apartment.



The hourly wage necessary to afford a two bedroom apartment at Fair Market Rents is \$13.87. The hourly wage has gone up 18% since 2000.



WANT TO KNOW MORE?

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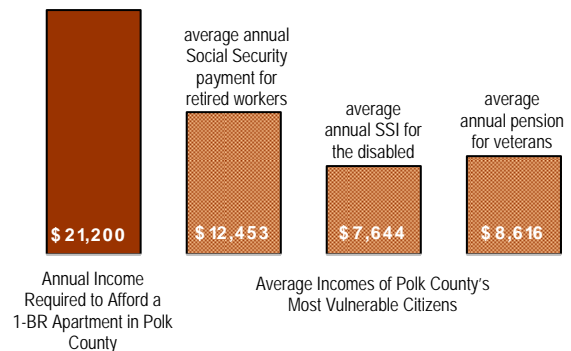
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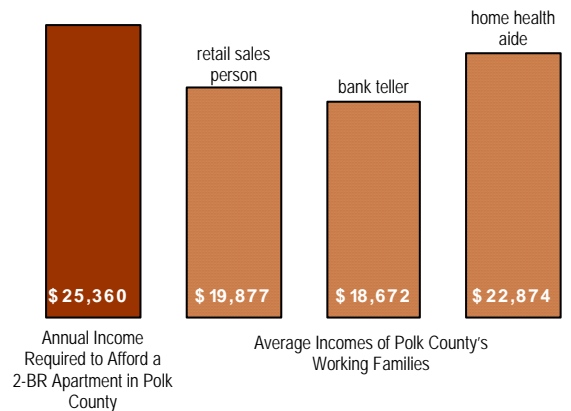
HOMELESSNESS

In Polk County, people on fixed incomes—like seniors and people with disabilities—can't afford a one-bedroom market-rate apartment.



STRUGGLING TO RENT

Polk County's hard-working families should not have to choose between rent, groceries and prescription medications. High housing costs have put basic economic security out of reach.



STRUGGLING TO OWN

Homeownership in Polk County is now beyond the means of many hard-working families.

