



# What can we do to close the gap in Wasco 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 Wasco 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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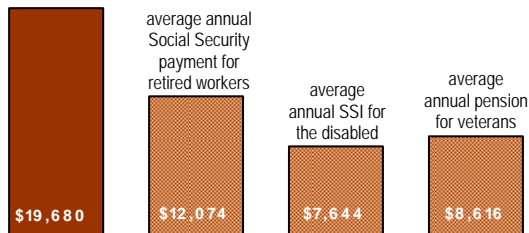
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### HOMELESSNESS

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

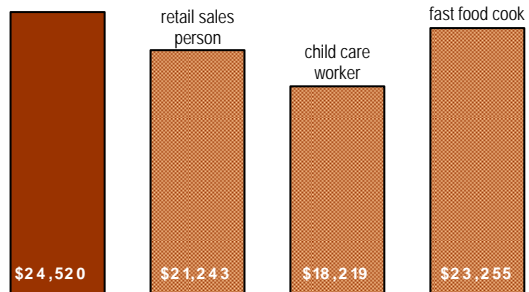


Annual Income Required to Afford a 1-BR Apartment in Wasco County

Average Incomes of Wasco County's Most Vulnerable Citizens

### STRUGGLING TO RENT

Wasco 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.

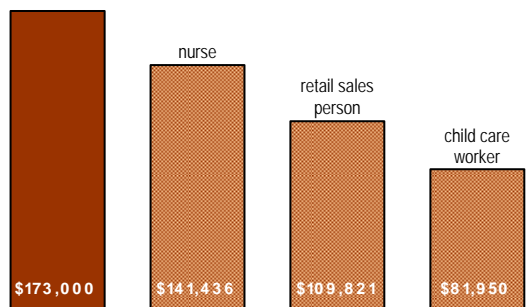


Annual Income Required to Afford a 2-BR Apartment in Wasco County

Average Incomes of Wasco County's Working Families

### STRUGGLING TO OWN

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



Median Sale Price for a Home in Wasco County

Affordable Home Price for Wasco County's Working Families