**Renters Statistics**

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<th>MEDIAN RENT</th>
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Median rent is an indicator of affordability. If rent is increasingly greatly, that can be an indicator of lack of affordability. In district 4A, rent increased 10% between 2013 and 2018. The district saw the 30th highest rent increase out of 134 districts.

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<th>MEDIAN RENTER INCOME</th>
<th>2013</th>
<th>$26,982</th>
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Median renter income is an indicator of what people can afford for rent. If incomes stay flat or decline, it can be an indication that cost burden is increasing. In District 4A, renter income increased 0% between 2013 and 2018. The district ranked 110th of 134 in terms of renter income increase.

**Income Needed to Afford Rent:** $33,680

The income needed to afford rent -- $33,680 -- is greater than the median renter income in the district. With a gap of $6,648, rent in District 4A is not affordable.

**6,200 Renters 38% Renters**

**# Cost Burdened Renters**

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<th>PERCENT COST BURDENED</th>
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Cost-burdened renters pay 30% or more of their income on rent and an estimated 3,424 District 4A residents may have to sacrifice education, food, and medicine to afford a place to live. For highest cost burden, the district ranked 6th.

**Senior Cost Burden**

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District 4A ranked 24th out of 134 for the percentage of seniors struggling to afford housing.

**Severe Cost Burden**

| 33% |

Severe cost burden means a family is paying 50% or more of their income on housing. District 4A was the 3rd highest of 134.

**% Renters that are POCI:**

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<td>20%</td>
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People of color and indigenous people are more likely to be renters and less likely to own their own home. They are also much more likely to experience cost burden.

**Sources**

Renter households: Rent and income adjusted for inflation. U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2018, 5 year estimates

Owner households: Home value and income adjusted for inflation. U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2018, 5 year estimates

Cost burden: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2018, 5 year estimates

Wages: Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (MN DEED), Occupations in Demand, July 2019

Homelessness: Wilder Research Center, 2019

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### Regional Data

#### Homelessness in the West Central Region*

- **Number of Homeless on a given night in 2018**: 341
- **Change in Homelessness 2015 to 2018**: 27%
- **# of homeless kids**: 118
- **# of homeless seniors**: 72

Without reliable shelter, productive work, progress at school and positive health outcomes are extremely difficult. Just a few decades ago, homelessness didn’t exist – and Minnesota has made strides in recent years, with a 9% reduction from 2012 to 2015.

#### Top jobs & income in the Northwest Region*

- **Cashier**: $23,786
- **Personal Care Aide**: $25,859
- **Truck Driver**: $43,420
- **Registered Nurse**: $54,990
- **Nursing Assistant**: $33,025

### Homeowner Statistics

#### Median Home Value

- **2013**: $167,508
- **2018**: $183,300

In District 4A, median home values have increased in the last 5 years. In terms of home value increase, 4A was ranked 16th out of 134.

#### Median Owner Income

- **2013**: $74,736
- **2018**: $80,321

Homeowner income has increased in the last 5 years. The district ranked 47th out of 134.

### Income Needed to Afford Median Home

- **$54,990**

### Cost Burdened Owners

- **1,636 owners pay 30% or more of their income on housing and an estimated 1,636 residents of District 4A may have to sacrifice education, food, and medicine to afford a place to live. For highest cost burden, the district ranked 113th.**

### Cost Burdened Seniors

- **528 seniors struggle to afford their homes.**

### Percentage of Owners Who Are People of Color and Indigenous People

- **6% owners, 20% renters**

People of color and indigenous people are less likely to own their home, a key to building wealth.

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* MN DEED region and Wilder Foundation region boundaries differ.