Median rent is an indicator of affordability. If rent is increasingly greatly, that can be an indicator of lack of affordability. In district 55A, rent increased 11% between 2013 and 2018. The district saw the 25th highest rent increase out of 134 districts.

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 55A, renter income increased 0% between 2013 and 2018. The district ranked 112th of 134 in terms of renter income increase.

The income needed to afford rent -- $47,360 -- is greater than the median renter income in the district. With a gap of $-1,598, rent in District 55A is affordable.

Severe cost burden means a family is paying 50% or more of their income on housing. District 55A was the 120th highest of 134.

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.


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**HOMEOWNER STATISTICS**

**MEDIAN HOME VALUE 2013** $229,932
**MEDIAN HOME VALUE 2018** $252,100

In District 55A, median home values have increased in the last 5 years. In terms of home value increase, 55A was ranked 10th out of 134.

**MEDIAN OWNER INCOME 2013** $99,060
**MEDIAN OWNER INCOME 2018** $96,219

Homeowner income has decreased in the last 5 years. The district ranked 130th out of 134.

**INCOME NEEDED TO AFFORD MEDIAN HOME:** $75,630

**REGIONAL DATA**

**Top jobs & income in the Twin Cities Region**

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**Homelessness in the Twin Cities Region**

- **Number of Homeless on a given night in 2018:** 6,763
- **Change in Homelessness 2015 to 2018:** 9%
- **# of homeless kids:** 2,277
- **# of homeless seniors:** 798

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.