# SCOTT COUNTY RENTER SNAPSHOT

Housing impacts every aspect of our lives, from the jobs we can access to the educational outcomes of our kids. But too many people in our community pay too much for housing, forcing hard-working families to choose between paying the rent or buying adequate groceries, covering healthcare and other critical needs. Across the Twin Cities region, even those employed full time in the most in-demand jobs can't make ends meet with rising rents and declining vacancy rates.

Housing is affordable when a household pays **no more than 30%** of its monthly income on rent or mortgage.
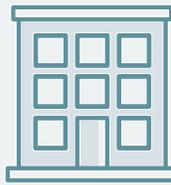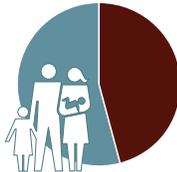
AVERAGE RENT IN SCOTT COUNTY has increased 9% since 2010 to $1,147 overall. In 2017, the average rent was $1,049 for a 1-bedroom and $1,175 for a 2-bedroom apartment. Since 2010, the vacancy rate has declined 31% to just 4% in 2017.

Working full time in many of the **region's most in-demand jobs** (see table right) doesn't pay enough to afford the median rent ($1,084) or average two-bedroom rent ($1,175)[4] in Scott County.
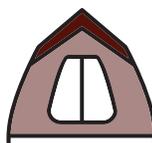
IN-DEMAND JOBS in the Twin Cities	Median annual income	Affordable housing costs per month[1]	% income to afford median rent in Scott County	% income to afford average 2-bd rent in Scott County
Scott County median renter income	$41,668	$1,042	37%	46%
Minimum wage earner [2]	$20,060	$502	77%	96%
Food Prep / Serving Workers	$22,292	$557	69%	86%
Cashiers	$22,582	$565	68%	85%
Retail Salespersons	$24,398	$610	63%	79%
Personal Care Aides	$24,926	$623	62%	77%
Stock Clerks / Order Fillers	$27,789	$695	55%	69%
Janitors	$29,406	$735	52%	65%
Landscapers / Groundskeepers	$34,923	$873	44%	55%
Nursing Assistants	$35,128	$873	44%	55%
Food Prep / Serving Supervisors	$37,981	$950	40%	51%
Customer Service Reps	$39,345	$984	39%	49%
Truck Drivers	$49,601	$1,240	31%	39%
Accountants and Auditors	$67,955	$1,699	23%	28%
Registered Nurses	$83,214	$2,080	18%	23%

In Scott County, **45% of renter households** – and 53% of senior renter households – pay more than they can afford on housing.

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In Scott County, there are only 795 units of affordable and available housing for the 1,935 extremely low-income households that need it (households earning less than 30% of the area median income).

In contrast to a decline statewide, **homelessness increased 38%** from 2012 to 2015 in Scott County.

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