Access to safe, affordable homes builds a strong foundation for families and communities. But too many Minnesotans lack good housing options.

Countywide, 30,732 households pay more than 30 percent of their income toward housing costs, putting them at risk of being unable to afford basic needs like groceries, clothes, prescriptions and transportation. This includes 63% of seniors who rent and more than 86% of owners and 91% of renters who earn less than $20,000 per year.

**Renters**
- Median rent, 2000: $893
- Median rent, 2015: $971
- Median renter income, 2000: $41,704
- Median renter income, 2015: $37,457
- Fair market rent for 2-bedroom apartment: $1,027
- Median-income renter can afford: $936

**Owners**
- Median home value, 2000: $177,556
- Median home value, 2015: $187,600
- Median owner income, 2000: $86,793
- Median owner income, 2015: $81,806

**Cost Burden**
- Percentage of households paying more than 30% of their income toward housing:
  - Renters: 91%
  - Owners: 86%
- Total cost burdened households: 30,732
  - RENTER households: 11,810
  - OWNER households: 18,922
  - SENIOR households: 7,530
WAGES: Housing remains a challenge even for workers who are fully employed. The median earnings for most of the top in-demand and high-growth jobs do not cover housing costs at an affordable level. Those working at the median wage – and especially those earning the minimum wage – cannot afford a two-bedroom apartment or the mortgage for a median-value home.

Wages & housing affordability for top in-demand jobs in Anoka County

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Salary needed to afford median-value home $36,972
Salary needed to afford two-bedroom apartment $23,555

New job openings in Twin Cities Planning Area by 2024: 517,530
County median household income: $70,873
Hours / week minimum wage employee must work to afford a two-bedroom apartment: 75

HOMELESSNESS: Across the state, homelessness has declined since 2012, but in Anoka County the number has increased, meaning more families, seniors and children are suffering the consequences of having no place to call home.

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<th># of homeless on given night in 2015</th>
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Number of homeless CHILDREN: 73
homeless SENIORS: 17

TOTAL SENIORS: The number of seniors will rise dramatically over the next two decades, growing by more than 90% across the state – and making senior housing a critical need.

Total senior households by 2035: 107,636
Growth in number of individual seniors by 2035: 146%
Seniors % of overall population by 2035: 27%