Becker County
WEST CENTRAL REGION | 13,489 HOUSEHOLDS

RENTER HOUSEHOLDS
2,951 | 22% of households

OWNER HOUSEHOLDS
10,538 | 78% of households

Many Minnesotans cannot afford a home.
Rent and home values continue to rise while incomes decline or remain stagnant, putting a modest apartment or homeownership out of reach.

- Median rent 2017: $700
- Median rent 2000: $517
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- 2000 median owner income: $56,853
- 2017 median owner income: $64,092
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- 2017 median owner income: $182,100
- 2017 median home value: $119,422
- 2000 median home value: $56,853
- Extremely low-income (ELI) households: 795
- Available units affordable to ELI: 435
- % white households that are homeowners: 77%
- % people of color households that are homeowners: 46%
- EVICTIONS IN 2017: 67
  - Evictions in 2015: 72
- FORECLOSURES IN 2017: 21
  - Foreclosures in 2015: 27

Many Minnesotans are experiencing cost burden.
When housing costs require more than 30 percent of a household’s income each month, families are more likely to have insufficient resources to pay for basic needs, like food and medicine. Yet more than 572,000 Minnesota households are cost burdened.

- RENTER households: 1,140
- TOTAL cost-burdened households: 3,442
- OWNER households: 2,302
- Cost burdened SENIOR renter households: 350
- SEVERELY cost burdened renter households: 634
- Cost burdened SENIOR owner households: 819
- SEVERELY cost burdened owner households: 855

Data Source: Minnesota Housing Partnership
In-demand jobs don’t cover housing costs.
The median earnings for most of the top in-demand and high-growth jobs throughout Minnesota do not cover housing costs for a two-bedroom apartment or the mortgage for a median-value home.

**WAGES & HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IN BECKER COUNTY**

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**WAGES & HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IN BECKER COUNTY**

- **Salary needed to afford median-value home**: $54,630
- **Salary needed to afford two-bedroom apartment**: $28,360
- **Projected annual income**: $54,630
- **Projected job growth by 2026**: 10,961

**Our housing stock won’t meet the needs of a growing Minnesota.**

Housing production is not keeping up with demand, undermining the economic development and prosperity of many communities, and worsening housing disparities for seniors and households of color.

- **Total population growth by 2035**: 22,999
- **Growth in # of people of color (POCI)**: 42%
- **POCI % of overall population in 2035**: 10%

- **Total senior population by 2035**: 9,818
- **Growth in # of seniors by 2035**: 46%
- **Senior % of overall population in 2035**: 27%

- **% rental units built before 1960**: 25%
- **Multi-family units permitted in 2017**: 55
- **Multi-family units permitted in 2015**: 0

- **% single family homes built before 1960**: 26%
- **Single-family units permitted in 2017**: 178
- **Single-family units permitted in 2015**: 168


*Homeownership rates and growth estimates for POCI are regional.*