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: $595
Median rent 2000: $494
Median renter income 2000: $22,625
Median renter income 2017: $19,038
Median rent in 2000: $494
Median rent in 2017: $595
Median home value 2000: $90,454
Median home value 2017: $108,300
Median owner income 2000: $54,921
Median owner income 2017: $57,298

% white households that are homeowners: 76%
% people of color households that are homeowners: 45%

Extremely low-income (ELI) households: 545
Available units affordable to ELI: 195

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.

Cost burdened SENIOR renter households: 126
SEVERELY cost burdened renter households: 309

Cost burdened SENIOR owner households: 157
SEVERELY cost burdened owner households: 282
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 KOOCICHING COUNTY**

**TOP IN-DEMAND JOBS, 2017**

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<th>Annual median income</th>
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<td>Retail Sales</td>
<td>$23,459</td>
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<td>Registered Nurse</td>
<td>$61,126</td>
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<td>Personal Care Aide</td>
<td>$23,584</td>
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<td>Construction Laborer</td>
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**Hours per week minimum wage employee must work to afford 1-bedroom apartment**: 45

**% of employees who live in county of workplace**: 91%

**New job growth in the Northeast Planning Area by 2026**: 1,725

**Salary needed to afford median-value home**: $32,490

**Salary needed to afford two-bedroom apartment**: $27,880

**Projected job growth by 2026**

**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**: -2731

**Growth in # of people of color (POCI)**: 25%

**POCI % of overall population in 2035**: 10%

**Total senior population by 2035**: 3,551

**Growth in # of seniors by 2035**: 22%

**Senior % of overall population in 2035**: 36%

**% rental units built before 1960**: 28%

**Multi-family units permitted in 2017**: 0

**Multi-family units permitted in 2015**: 0

**% single family homes built before 1960**: 34%

**Single-family units permitted in 2017**: 22

**Single-family units permitted in 2015**: 13

**SOURCES**

- **Renter households**: Rent and income adjusted for inflation. U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2017, 5 year estimates
- **Owner households**: Home value and income adjusted for inflation. U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2017, 5 year estimates
- **Evictions**: Minnesota State Court Administrator, Monthly Unlawful Detainers by County
- **Foreclosures**: Minnesota Homeownership Center, County Sheriff's Data 2017
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*Homeownership rates and growth estimates for POCI are regional.*