## **2017 County Housing Profile**

## Mahnomen County

2,018 households Northwest region

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



Mirroring the state trend, the cost of rent continues to rise, while, on average, income is declining, making it increasingly challenging for renters to make ends meet. Contrary to the state trend, median home values and the median income earned by home owning families are rising at approximately the same rate.



## **RENTER HOUSEHOLDS**

27% of all households

Median rent, 2000: \$416 Median rent, 2015: \$518

Median renter income, 2000: \$25,291 Median renter income, 2015: \$21,458 income 

Fair market rent for 2-bedroom apartment \$658

Median-income renter can afford

\$536



## OWNER HOUSEHOLDS

1,466 | 73% of all households

Median home value, 2000: \$85,199 Median home value, 2015: \$97.300

home value 14%

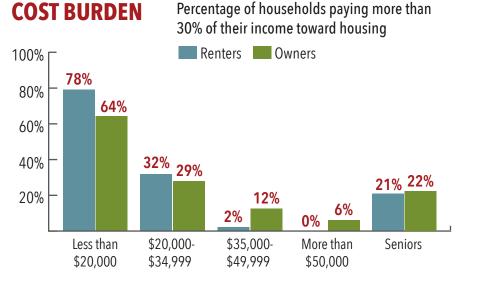
Median owner income, 2000: \$44,733 Median owner income, 2015: \$50,980

income up 14%

Change in homeownership rate for households younger than 35 years old, 2000-2015

3%

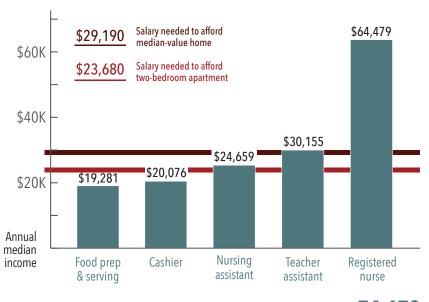
households pay more than 30 percent of their income toward housing costs, putting them at risk of being Countywide, 422 unable to afford basic needs like groceries, clothes, prescriptions and transportation. This includes 21% of seniors who rent and more than 64% of owners and 78% of renters who earn less than \$20,000 per year.



TOTAL NUMBER of cost burdened households	422
Total # cost burdened RENTER households	249
Total # cost burdened OWNER households	173
Total # cost burdened SENIOR households	130

WAGES: Housing remains a challenge even for workers who are fully employed. The median earnings for most of the top in-demand and highgrowth 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 Mahnomen County



New job openings in Northwest Planning Area by 2024 —

**⊸ \$41,118** County median household income

Hours / week minimum wage employee must work to afford a one-bedroom apartment

HOMELESSNESS: Across the state, homelessness has declined since 2012, but too many families, seniors and children in the Northwest region are still suffering the devastating consequences of having no place to call home.

# of homeless on given night in 2015

2012-2015

% change in

homelessness

Number of homeless CHILDREN 155

homeless SENIORS 30

SOURCES - Renter households: Rent and income adjusted for inflation. U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2015, 5 year estimates | Owner households: Home value and income adjusted for inflation. U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2015, 5 year estimates | Cost burden: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2015, 5 year estimates | Wages: Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (MN DEED), Occupations in Demand, June 2016; Employment Outlook, MN DEED [Regions: Top In-Demand Jobs based on Economic Development Regions; Job Openings based on Planning Areas] | Housing Stock: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2015, 5 year estimates, U.S. Census Bureau, Building Permits Survey, 2015 | Seniors: Minnesota County Population Projections by Age and Gender, Minnesota State Demographic Center, March 2014 | Homelessness: Wilder Research Center, 2016 [Region based on Wilder regions]

**HOUSING STOCK**: While a significant portion of the rental and owner-occupied housing is aging (built before 1960), new construction is not keeping up with demand. Of particular concern is the gap between the number of available units for extremely low income households – and the number of people who need them.

County POPULATION growth by 2035:		593
	% single family homes built before 1960 Single-family units permitted in 2015	35% 0
Ħ	% rental units built before 1960 Multi-family units permitted in 2015	28%
	extremely low )* households	225
Available u	nits affordable to olds	145

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.

\* earning less than 30% of area median income

lotal senior households by 2035	1,487
Growth in number of individual seniors by 2035	36%
Seniors % of overall population by 2035:	24%

