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Income Levels and Housing Affordability for a Single Person in Multnomah County 2018-19

“Affordable rent” is defined as paying no more that 30% of total household income for housing.

Housing Affordability 2018

Percent of annual MFI	Annual MFI in dollars	Monthly MFI in dollars	Affordable Monthly Rent (30% of income)
100%	\$56,980	\$4,750	\$1,425.00
30% - extremely low income	\$17,100	\$1,425	\$ 427.50
50% - very low income	\$28,500	\$2,375	\$ 712.50
60%	\$34,200	\$2,850	\$ 855.00
80% - low income	\$45,600	\$3,800	\$1,140.00

MFI is the Median Family Income as defined by HUD

Typical Monthly Income Source and Amount for Single Extremely Low-income Seniors

Income Source	2013	2019	% increase	2019 Annual
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	\$710	\$771	8.6%	\$9,252
Social Security (average)	\$1,260	\$1,461	16%	\$17,532
Social Security Disability Insurance (average)	\$1,132	\$1,234	9%	\$14,808
Veteran’s Pension (average)	\$1,171	\$1,252	7%	\$15,024
Full-time employment at minimum wage \$10.75/hr	\$1432	\$1,720	20%	\$20,640
Full time employment at minimum wage City of Portland \$12/hr	\$1,432	\$1920	34%	\$23,040

Monthly Fair Market Rent (FMR) in Multnomah County

Unit Size	2013	2019	% increase
SRO (Single Room Occupancy)	\$517	\$775	50%
Efficiency/Studio	\$659	\$1,040	58%
One-bedroom	\$766	\$1,134	48%

Data is provided by the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). 2019 data will be available 4/1/19