

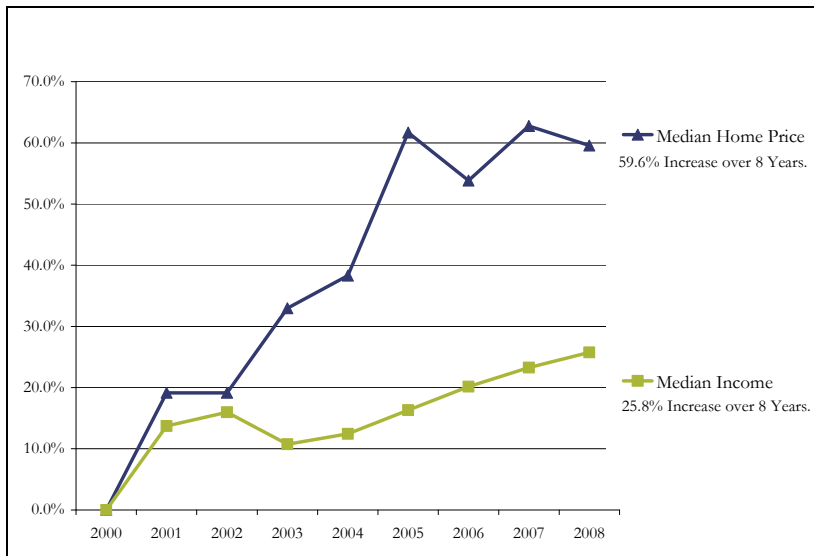
# Belfast Labor Market Area Homeownership Facts 2008

## Homeownership Affordability Index

Area	Year	Affordability Index	Median Home Price <sup>1</sup>	Median Income <sup>2</sup>	Income Needed to Afford Median Home Price	Home Price Affordable at Median Income	Households Unable to Afford Median Home Price
Belfast LMA	2003	0.84	\$125,000	\$36,033	\$43,021	\$104,695	6,410 (58.0%)
	2004	0.81	\$130,000	\$36,584	\$44,904	\$105,913	6,721 (58.8%)
	2005	0.74	\$152,000	\$37,837	\$51,378	\$111,940	7,522 (64.4%)
	2006	0.80	\$144,600	\$39,089	\$49,167	\$114,960	7,146 (60.8%)
	2007	0.77	\$153,000	\$40,108	\$52,007	\$117,994	7,434 (62.0%)
	2008	0.80	\$150,000	\$40,911	\$50,992	\$120,346	7,167 (60.2%)
Belfast	2008	0.66	\$177,000	\$40,605	\$61,523	\$116,819	2,073 (66.9%)
Searsport	2008	0.83	\$132,000	\$38,095	\$45,817	\$109,752	694 (57.4%)
Stockton Springs	2008	0.77	\$160,000	\$44,010	\$57,066	\$123,393	420 (61.9%)
Northport	2008	0.81	\$202,500	\$52,500	\$64,823	\$164,003	384 (59.2%)
Searsmont	2008	0.98	\$141,500	\$47,074	\$47,949	\$138,917	321 (52.0%)

The affordability index is the ratio of **Home Price Affordable at Median Income** to **Median Home Price**. An index of less than 1 means the area is generally unaffordable – i.e., a household earning area median income could not cover the payment on a median priced home (30 year mortgage, taxes and insurance) using no more than 28% of gross income.

## Relative Increases in Income and Home Price<sup>3</sup>



## Homeownership Demographics

Area	Year	Total Homeowner Households <sup>2</sup>	Homeowner Households >50% to 80% AMI <sup>4</sup>	Homeowner Households >30% to 50% AMI	Homeowner Households 30% AMI or Less	Average Household Size <sup>2</sup>	Median Head of Household Age <sup>2</sup>
Belfast	2003	8,581	1,314	840	810	2.33	52.8
LMA	2004	8,870	1,344	838	848	2.34	52.2
	2005	9,097	1,401	871	860	2.33	53.1
	2006	9,134	1,420	872	865	2.30	53.4
	2007	9,338	1,460	889	884	2.29	54.4
	2008	9,240	1,434	889	876	2.28	54.7
Belfast	2008	2,104	332	204	168	2.13	57.6
Searsport	2008	915	142	79	87	2.24	55.3
Stockton Springs	2008	587	92	51	46	2.25	54.7
Northport	2008	540	82	55	54	2.27	56.1
Searsmont	2008	521	96	49	45	2.36	50.9

## Housing Stock Age and Condition

Type of Housing Unit	Housing Units, All Ages <sup>5</sup>	Units Built 2000-06	Units Built 1990-99	Units Built 1980-89	Units Built 1970-79	Units Built 1960-69	Units Built 1950-59	Units Built 1940-49	Units Built Before 1940
All Units	11,525	967	2,059	1,701	2,016	762	590	335	3,095
Owned	9,110	917	1,734	1,348	1,517	634	444	213	2,303
Rented	2,415	50	325	353	499	128	146	122	792

Type of Housing Unit	Estimated Homes with Lead Paint Hazards <sup>6</sup>
All Units	5,248
Owned	3,932
Renter	1,316

## Endnotes

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<sup>2</sup> Source of Homeowner Household data is: Claritas.

<sup>3</sup> The Y Axis is an index defined as the ratio of the annual value to the year 2000 value.

<sup>4</sup> Household Area Median Income (AMI).

<sup>5</sup> Sources: U.S. Census 2000 and the MaineHousing New Construction Database.

<sup>6</sup> Sources: U.S. Census 2000 and "HUD Guidelines for the Evaluation and Control of Lead-based Paint Hazards in Housing", Ch. 3, p. 7.