

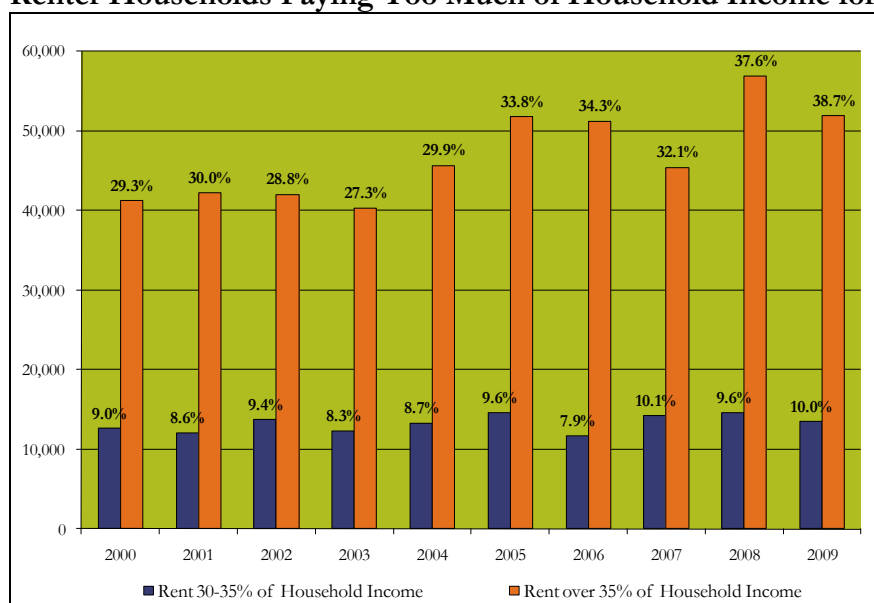
Maine Rental Housing Facts 2010

Rental Affordability Index

Area	Year	Affordability Index	Average 2-BR Rent ¹	Renter Household Median Income	Income Needed to Afford Average 2-BR Rent	2-BR Rent ¹ Affordable at Median Income	Households Unable to Afford Average 2-BR Rent
Maine	2000	0.95	\$647	\$24,646	\$25,880	\$616	73,468 (52.2%)
	2006	0.84	\$844	\$28,383	\$33,770	\$710	90,707 (58.4%)
	2007	0.85	\$847	\$28,766	\$33,678	\$719	90,160 (57.7%)
	2008	0.87	\$847	\$29,375	\$33,878	\$734	88,627 (57.0%)
	2009	0.89	\$834	\$29,834	\$33,364	\$746	85,411 (55.3%)
	2010	0.92	\$826	\$30,478	\$33,040	\$762	81,740 (53.8%)
Androscoggin	2010	0.92	\$754	\$27,651	\$30,160	\$691	8,158 (54.0%)
Aroostook	2010	0.90	\$668	\$23,999	\$26,720	\$600	4,870 (54.4%)
Cumberland	2010	0.97	\$971	\$37,537	\$38,840	\$938	18,502 (51.6%)
Franklin	2010	0.83	\$774	\$25,590	\$30,960	\$640	1,924 (58.8%)
Hancock	2010	0.87	\$874	\$30,508	\$34,960	\$763	3,160 (56.9%)
Kennebec	2010	0.94	\$732	\$27,533	\$29,280	\$688	7,185 (52.7%)
Knox	2010	0.89	\$852	\$30,163	\$34,080	\$754	2,426 (56.1%)
Lincoln	2010	0.85	\$873	\$29,721	\$34,920	\$743	1,290 (58.9%)
Oxford	2010	0.92	\$723	\$26,546	\$28,920	\$664	2,905 (53.9%)
Penobscot	2010	0.81	\$844	\$27,419	\$33,760	\$685	11,421 (59.5%)
Piscataquis	2010	0.81	\$739	\$24,057	\$29,560	\$601	971 (58.6%)
Sagadahoc	2010	1.04	\$874	\$36,197	\$34,960	\$905	1,786 (48.3%)
Somerset	2010	0.94	\$709	\$26,565	\$28,360	\$664	2,856 (53.1%)
Waldo	2010	0.84	\$838	\$28,092	\$33,520	\$702	2,001 (58.0%)
Washington	2010	0.68	\$806	\$21,904	\$32,240	\$548	2,472 (67.4%)
York	2010	0.97	\$891	\$34,637	\$35,640	\$866	10,529 (51.3%)

The affordability index is the ratio of **2-Bedroom Rent Affordable at Median Renter Income** to **Average 2-Bedroom Rent**. An index of less than 1 means the area is generally unaffordable – i.e., a renter household earning area median renter income could not cover the cost of an average 2-bedroom apartment (including utilities) using no more than 30% of gross income.

Renter Households Paying Too Much of Household Income for Rent²



Average Rents¹

Year	Efficiency	1-Bedroom	2-Bedroom	3-Bedroom	4+-Bedroom
2000	\$432	\$522	\$647	\$768	\$927
2006	\$536	\$663	\$844	\$983	\$1,193
2007	\$544	\$663	\$847	\$1,010	\$1,199
2008	\$548	\$679	\$847	\$1,015	\$1,176
2009	\$553	\$673	\$834	\$973	\$1,192
2010	\$570	\$682	\$826	\$984	\$1,288

Renter Household Demographics

Area	Year	Total Renter Households ³	Renter Households with Income >50% to 80% AMI ⁴	Renter Households with Income >30% to 50% AMI	Renter Households with Income 30% AMI or Less	Average Household Size ³	Median Renter Head of Household Age ³
Maine	2000	140,739	30,288	24,021	29,644	2.47	39.4
	2006	155,216	32,680	24,520	35,755	2.33	42.0
	2007	156,243	33,147	24,967	36,361	2.32	42.3
	2008	155,619	32,674	25,221	37,126	2.31	42.5
	2009	154,375	31,836	24,979	37,608	2.31	42.7
	2010	152,484	31,285	24,558	36,854	2.32	43.0
Androscoggin	2010	15,099	3,258	2,483	3,839	2.37	42.3
Aroostook	2010	9,107	1,686	1,395	2,099	2.26	46.3
Cumberland	2010	35,837	8,073	5,769	8,258	2.32	43.6
Franklin	2010	3,343	702	545	717	2.28	38.4
Hancock	2010	5,625	1,183	894	1,263	2.20	43.8
Kennebec	2010	13,624	2,906	2,347	3,392	2.32	42.4
Knox	2010	4,323	935	739	1,006	2.22	44.3
Lincoln	2010	2,189	497	390	497	2.24	43.2
Oxford	2010	5,468	1,152	879	1,215	2.35	42.3
Penobscot	2010	19,233	3,886	2,998	4,800	2.33	41.3
Piscataquis	2010	1,737	325	270	347	2.21	46.3
Sagadahoc	2010	3,696	857	618	762	2.32	41.3
Somerset	2010	5,441	1,125	820	1,148	2.35	42.3
Waldo	2010	3,448	707	570	833	2.33	41.8
Washington	2010	3,785	720	620	824	2.24	45.1
York	2010	20,529	4,471	3,325	4,803	2.40	43.7

Subsidized Housing Units

	Family Units	Senior Units	Disabled Units	Special Needs Units	Total Units
Maine Housing-Assisted	7,699	7,780	0	2,900	18,379
Total ⁵	11,848	14,373	475	2,900	29,596

Portable Housing Vouchers

	Total
Maine Housing-Assisted	4,052
Total ⁵	12,282

Endnotes

¹ Source of Rent data: Maine Housing Quarterly Rent Survey. All rent data reported adjusted to include the cost of utilities (heat, hot water and electricity).

² U.S. Census Bureau., *American Community Survey*. 2005-2009.

³ Source of Renter Household data: Claritas.

⁴ Household Area Median Income (AMI).

⁵ Totals include units funded by Maine Housing, HUD, USDA Rural Development, and local housing authorities.