2018 Housing Facts and Affordability Index for Aroostook County



Homeownership Affordability Index		Median		Income Needed	Home Price	
1			Home	Median	to Afford	Affordable to
Aroostook County	<u>Year</u>	<u>Index</u>	Price ¹	Income ²	Median Home Price	Median Income
	2014	1.41	\$85,000	\$35,321	\$25,041	\$119,895
	2015	1.59	\$85,000	\$39,655	\$24,890	\$135,422
	2016	1.61	\$80,000	\$38,564	\$24,025	\$128,411
	2017	1.51	\$83,000	\$37,892	\$25,035	\$125,626
	2018	1.44	\$91,000	\$41,113	\$28,548	\$131,054
Maine		0.89	\$212,500	\$56,987	\$64,367	\$188,138
Linneus		0.99	\$140,000	\$44,300	\$44,537	\$139,254
Presque Isle		1.05	\$109,000	\$39,495	\$37,489	\$114,832
Mapleton		1.14	\$165,000	\$56,924	\$49,957	\$188,009
Caribou		1.18	\$102,500	\$40,391	\$34,195	\$121,073
Island Falls		1.25	\$100,000	\$41,447	\$33,209	\$124,807
Van Buren		1.27	\$60,000	\$27,172	\$21,356	\$76,339
Houlton		1.38	\$81,500	\$37,534	\$27,109	\$112,84 0
Fort Kent		1.38	\$96,500	\$42,146	\$30,434	\$133,638
Fort Fairfield		1.42	\$85,000	\$41,060	\$28,818	\$121,108
Aroostook County		1.44	\$91,000	\$41,113	\$28,548	\$131,054
Oakfield		1.58	\$84,250	\$41,862	\$26,568	\$132,749
Madawaska		1.71	\$73,000	\$40,655	\$23,738	\$125,026
Washburn		1.89	\$77,250	\$50,524	\$26,706	\$146,144
Limestone		2.47	\$50,500	\$42,139	\$17,054	\$124,783

The Homeownership 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.



Households Unable to Afford Median Home

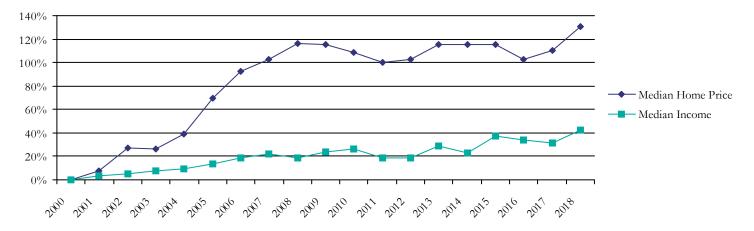
	Households					Income Needed	
	Unable t	o Afford			to Afford		
	<u>Median</u>	Median Home		Median	Median Home		
Location	<u>Percent</u>	Number	<u>Households</u>	Home Price ¹	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Hourly</u>	
Maine	56.3%	319,471	567,316	\$212,500	\$64,367	\$30.95	
Linneus	50.4%	189	376	\$140,000	\$44,537	\$21.41	
Presque Isle	47.8%	1,932	4,041	\$109,000	\$37,489	\$18.02	
Mapleton	46.1%	375	813	\$165,000	\$49,957	\$24.02	
Caribou	43.9%	1,438	3,272	\$102,500	\$34,195	\$16.44	
Fort Fairfield	42.3%	592	1,402	\$85,000	\$28,818	\$13.85	
Van Buren	39.4%	367	931	\$60,000	\$21,356	\$10.27	
Island Falls	37.8%	127	335	\$100,000	\$33,209	\$15.97	
Fort Kent	37.4%	629	1,679	\$96,500	\$30,434	\$14.63	
Houlton	37.1%	888	2,395	\$81,500	\$27,109	\$13.03	
Aroostook County	36.3%	10,593	29,188	\$91,000	\$28,548	\$13.72	
Oakfield	34.1%	104	305	\$84,250	\$26,568	\$12.77	
Madawaska	30.5%	593	1,947	\$73,000	\$23,738	\$11.41	
Washburn	26.7%	175	655	\$77,250	\$26,706	\$12.84	
Limestone	21.1%	156	737	\$50,500	\$17,054	\$8.20	

Unattainable Homes as a Percentage of Homes Sold

	Percentage of	Affordable	Unattainable	
Location	Unattainable Homes	Homes Sold	<u>Homes Sold</u>	
Maine	58.1%	7,534	10,440	
Linneus	54.5%	5	6	
Presque Isle	47.8%	48	44	
Fort Fairfield	43.5%	13	10	
Island Falls	41.7%	7	5	
Fort Kent	40.9%	13	9	
Caribou	36.7%	57	33	
Aroostook County	31.2%	422	191	
Van Buren	30.8%	9	4	
Houlton	30.0%	42	18	
Mapleton	26.7%	11	4	
Limestone	16.7%	10	2	
Washburn	15.4%	11	2	
Madawaska	15.2%	28	5	
Oakfield	10.0%	9	1	



Relative Increases in Income and Home Price ³



Demographics

	% Change <u>1990-2018</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Population	-23.1%	86,468	69,689	68,676	68,135	67,190	66,470
Households	-6.4%	31,196	30,360	29,994	29,843	29,504	29,188

Endnotes

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²Source: Claritas Current Year Household Income

 $^{^{3}}$ The Y axis is an index defined as the ratio of the annual value to the year 2000 value.