

# Housing Facts and Affordability Index for Maine - 2017



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## Homeownership Affordability Index

Maine	Year	Index	Median	Median	Income Needed	Home Price
			Home Price <sup>1</sup>	Income <sup>2</sup>	to Afford Median Home Price	Affordable to Median Income
	2013	0.97	\$169,900	\$47,728	\$49,034	\$165,374
	2014	1.04	\$170,000	\$49,747	\$47,981	\$176,259
	2015	1.03	\$176,000	\$50,703	\$49,352	\$180,816
	2016	0.97	\$184,000	\$50,990	\$52,545	\$178,552
	2017	0.93	\$197,000	\$53,190	\$57,089	\$183,546
Androscoggin County		1.11	\$152,000	\$50,416	\$45,266	\$169,293
Aroostook County		1.51	\$83,000	\$37,892	\$25,035	\$125,626
Cumberland County		0.82	\$282,000	\$66,656	\$81,616	\$230,310
Franklin County		1.20	\$128,000	\$44,407	\$37,136	\$153,062
Hancock County		0.85	\$210,000	\$48,838	\$57,415	\$178,628
Kennebec County		1.12	\$149,900	\$48,750	\$43,557	\$167,772
Knox County		0.96	\$203,000	\$54,763	\$57,280	\$194,078
Lincoln County		0.92	\$215,000	\$55,369	\$59,925	\$198,652
Oxford County		1.03	\$146,250	\$43,081	\$41,633	\$151,336
Penobscot County		1.08	\$139,000	\$44,806	\$41,550	\$149,893
Piscataquis County		1.39	\$105,000	\$42,004	\$30,245	\$145,820
Sagadahoc County		0.93	\$210,750	\$56,089	\$60,171	\$196,455
Somerset County		1.35	\$109,750	\$43,851	\$32,489	\$148,130
Waldo County		0.92	\$170,000	\$46,378	\$50,488	\$156,161
Washington County		1.18	\$115,000	\$40,446	\$34,343	\$135,437
York County		0.83	\$255,000	\$60,328	\$72,440	\$212,364

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

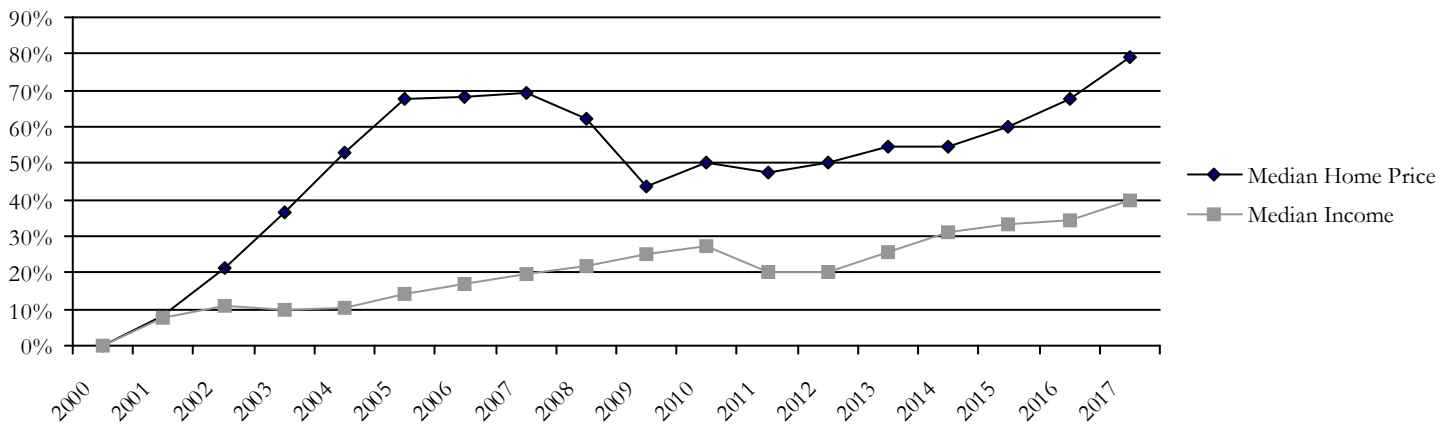
Maine	Year	Households Unable to Afford Median Home			Median Home Price <sup>1</sup>	Income Needed to Afford Median Home	
		Percent	Number	Total Households		Annual	Hourly
	2013	52.4%	293,174	560,006	\$169,900	\$49,034	\$23.57
	2014	49.5%	278,382	561,961	\$170,000	\$47,981	\$23.07
	2015	50.1%	281,842	562,627	\$176,000	\$49,352	\$23.73
	2016	52.5%	296,967	565,157	\$184,000	\$52,545	\$25.26
	2017	54.1%	305,672	565,295	\$197,000	\$57,089	\$27.45
Androscoggin County		45.8%	20,241	44,168	\$152,000	\$45,266	\$21.76
Aroostook County		33.6%	9,979	29,682	\$83,000	\$25,035	\$12.04
Cumberland County		60.2%	74,411	123,551	\$282,000	\$81,616	\$39.24
Franklin County		42.4%	5,458	12,863	\$128,000	\$37,136	\$17.85

Hancock County	57.4%	14,280	24,885	\$210,000	\$57,415	\$27.60
Kennebec County	45.7%	23,014	50,390	\$149,900	\$43,557	\$20.94
Knox County	52.3%	9,234	17,655	\$203,000	\$57,280	\$27.54
Lincoln County	53.7%	8,159	15,189	\$215,000	\$59,925	\$28.81
Oxford County	48.5%	11,786	24,306	\$146,250	\$41,633	\$20.02
Penobscot County	47.5%	29,776	62,739	\$139,000	\$41,550	\$19.98
Piscataquis County	35.4%	2,703	7,636	\$105,000	\$30,245	\$14.54
Sagadahoc County	53.1%	8,165	15,379	\$210,750	\$60,171	\$28.93
Somerset County	37.7%	8,172	21,691	\$109,750	\$32,489	\$15.62
Waldo County	53.6%	9,098	16,979	\$170,000	\$50,488	\$24.27
Washington County	42.9%	5,943	13,860	\$115,000	\$34,343	\$16.51
York County	59.9%	50,502	84,322	\$255,000	\$72,440	\$34.83

### Unattainable Homes as a Percentage of Homes Sold

Maine	Percentage of <u>Unattainable Homes</u>	<u>Affordable Homes Sold</u>	<u>Unattainable Homes Sold</u>
2013	52.4%	7,281	8,016
2014	48.0%	8,557	7,910
2015	48.9%	9,328	8,919
2016	52.8%	9,555	10,689
2017	53.9%	9,513	11,139
Androscoggin County	38.9%	764	486
Aroostook County	27.1%	441	164
Cumberland County	67.7%	1,653	3,459
Franklin County	42.4%	323	238
Hancock County	57.1%	374	497
Kennebec County	36.8%	1,091	634
Knox County	53.2%	310	352
Lincoln County	52.6%	295	327
Oxford County	44.7%	536	433
Penobscot County	42.5%	1,075	796
Piscataquis County	27.3%	226	85
Sagadahoc County	54.9%	256	312
Somerset County	26.7%	481	175
Waldo County	53.5%	263	303
Washington County	37.5%	238	143
York County	62.3%	1,480	2,442

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



### Rental Affordability Index

Maine	Year	Index	Average	Renter	Income Needed	2 BR Rent
			2 BR Rent (with utilities) <sup>4</sup>	Household Median Income <sup>2</sup>	to Afford Average 2 BR Rent	Affordable to Median Income
	2013	0.90	\$826	\$29,841	\$33,028	\$746
	2014	0.84	\$872	\$29,143	\$34,865	\$729
	2015	0.89	\$850	\$30,142	\$33,998	\$754
	2016	0.77	\$966	\$29,588	\$38,640	\$740
	2017	0.79	\$977	\$30,804	\$39,093	\$770
Androscoggin County		0.74	\$915	\$27,117	\$36,586	\$678
Aroostook County		0.78	\$762	\$23,803	\$30,474	\$595
Cumberland County		0.88	\$1,096	\$38,559	\$43,829	\$964
Franklin County		0.63	\$1,054	\$26,610	\$42,168	\$665
Hancock County		0.72	\$984	\$28,341	\$39,357	\$709
Kennebec County		0.79	\$919	\$29,218	\$36,775	\$730
Knox County		0.89	\$974	\$34,754	\$38,952	\$869
Lincoln County		0.96	\$831	\$31,791	\$33,232	\$795
Oxford County		0.71	\$878	\$24,830	\$35,101	\$621
Penobscot County		0.70	\$926	\$25,849	\$37,046	\$646
Piscataquis County		0.60	\$1,110	\$26,721	\$44,387	\$668
Sagadahoc County		0.86	\$925	\$31,759	\$36,990	\$794
Somerset County		0.67	\$989	\$26,371	\$39,565	\$659
Waldo County		0.68	\$968	\$26,450	\$38,725	\$661
Washington County		0.69	\$911	\$25,269	\$36,458	\$632
York County		0.85	\$1,053	\$35,834	\$42,131	\$896

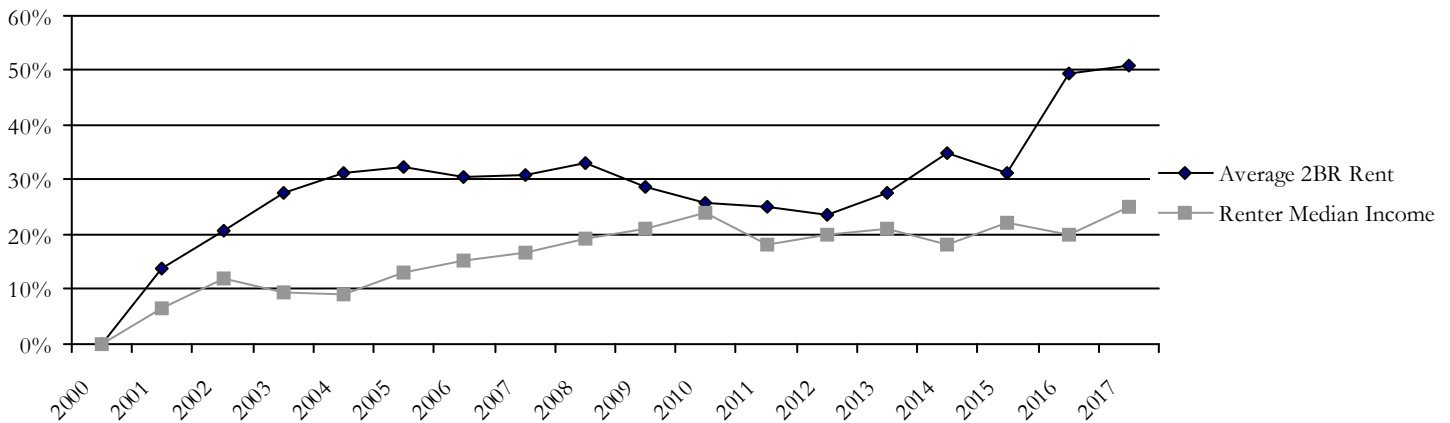
The Rental Affordability Index is the ratio of 2-Bedroom Rent Affordable at Median Renter Income to Average 2-Bedroom Rent. An index of less than 1 means the area is generally unaffordable – i.e., a renter household earning area median renter income could not cover the cost of an average 2-bedroom apartment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

### Renter Households Unable to Afford Average 2 Bedroom Rent

Maine	Year	Households Unable to Afford Average 2 BR Rent		Total Renter Households	Average 2 BR Rent (with utilities) <sup>4</sup>	Income Needed to Afford Average 2 BR Rent	
		Percent	Number			Annual	Hourly
	2013	54.5%	87,379	160,458	\$826	\$33,028	\$15.88

	2014	57.8%	92,844	160,766	\$872	\$34,865	\$16.76
	2015	55.4%	89,127	160,903	\$850	\$33,998	\$16.35
	2016	61.2%	98,851	161,601	\$966	\$38,640	\$18.58
	2017	59.6%	96,448	161,746	\$977	\$39,093	\$18.79
Androscoggin County		60.8%	9,528	15,676	\$915	\$36,586	\$17.59
Aroostook County		60.2%	5,146	8,543	\$762	\$30,474	\$14.65
Cumberland County		55.1%	22,481	40,812	\$1,096	\$43,829	\$21.07
Franklin County		70.3%	2,213	3,147	\$1,054	\$42,168	\$20.27
Hancock County		63.7%	4,038	6,337	\$984	\$39,357	\$18.92
Kennebec County		61.2%	8,804	14,388	\$919	\$36,775	\$17.68
Knox County		54.6%	2,490	4,562	\$974	\$38,952	\$18.73
Lincoln County		52.3%	1,515	2,895	\$831	\$33,232	\$15.98
Oxford County		65.4%	3,679	5,622	\$878	\$35,101	\$16.88
Penobscot County		64.3%	12,785	19,869	\$926	\$37,046	\$17.81
Piscataquis County		71.2%	1,243	1,745	\$1,110	\$44,387	\$21.34
Sagadahoc County		57.1%	2,177	3,812	\$925	\$36,990	\$17.78
Somerset County		66.7%	3,376	5,060	\$989	\$39,565	\$19.02
Waldo County		67.3%	2,440	3,627	\$968	\$38,725	\$18.62
Washington County		64.8%	2,199	3,395	\$911	\$36,458	\$17.53
York County		56.3%	12,530	22,256	\$1,053	\$42,131	\$20.26

### Relative Increases in Renter Income and Average 2BR Rent<sup>3</sup>



### Demographics

	% Change 1990-2017	1990	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Population	8.3%	1,227,460	1,326,933	1,328,784	1,327,625	1,330,968	1,329,063
Households	21.5%	465,142	559,828	561,791	562,460	564,989	565,115

### Endnotes

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<sup>2</sup>Source: 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>Source: MaineHousing Quarterly Rent Survey. All rent data reported adjusted to include the cost of utilities (heat, hot water, and electricity).