

# MAINE

STATE RANKING **#23\***

In **Maine**, the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment is **\$974**. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities — without paying more than 30% of income on housing — a household must earn **\$3,247** monthly or **\$38,966** annually. Assuming a 40-hour work week, 52 weeks per year, this level of income translates into an hourly Housing Wage of:

**\$18.73**  
PER HOUR  
STATE HOUSING  
WAGE

## FACTS ABOUT MAINE:

STATE FACTS	
Minimum Wage	<b>\$10.00</b>
Average Renter Wage	<b>\$11.44</b>
2-Bedroom Housing Wage	<b>\$18.73</b>
Number of Renter Households	<b>153,731</b>
Percent Renters	<b>28%</b>

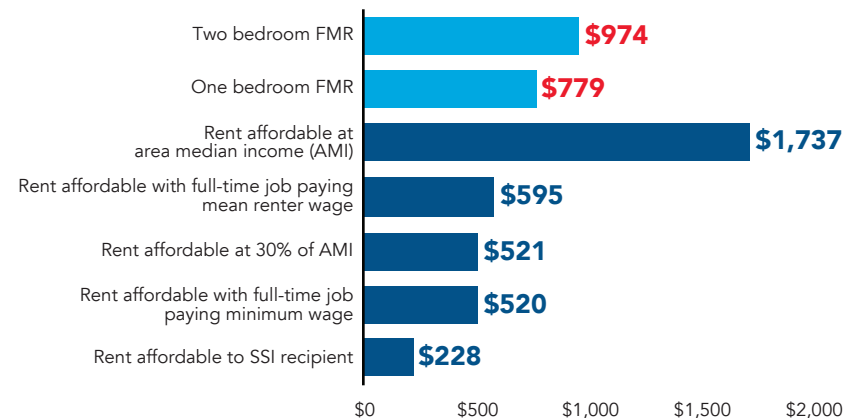
**75**  
Work Hours Per Week At  
**Minimum Wage To Afford a 2-Bedroom  
Rental Home** (at FMR)

**60**  
Work Hours Per Week At  
**Minimum Wage To Afford a 1-Bedroom  
Rental Home** (at FMR)

**1.9**  
Number of Full-Time Jobs At  
**Minimum Wage To Afford a  
2-Bedroom Rental Home** (at FMR)

**1.5**  
Number of Full-Time Jobs At  
**Minimum Wage To Afford a  
1-Bedroom Rental Home** (at FMR)

MOST EXPENSIVE AREAS	HOUSING WAGE
Portland HMFA	<b>\$25.92</b>
York-Kittery-South Berwick HMFA	<b>\$24.15</b>
Cumberland County (part) HMFA	<b>\$18.90</b>
York County (part) HMFA	<b>\$18.73</b>
Bangor HMFA	<b>\$18.04</b>



MSA = Metropolitan Statistical Area; HMFA = HUD Metro FMR Area.

\* Ranked from Highest to Lowest 2-Bedroom Housing Wage. Includes District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

MAINE

	FY18 HOUSING WAGE	HOUSING COSTS			AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI)				RENTERS				
	Hourly wage necessary to afford 2 BR <sup>1</sup> FMR <sup>2</sup>	2 BR FMR	Annual income needed to afford 2 BR FMR	Full-time jobs at minimum wage needed to afford 2 BR FMR <sup>3</sup>	Annual AMI <sup>4</sup>	Monthly rent affordable at AMI <sup>5</sup>	30% of AMI	Monthly rent affordable at 30% of AMI	Renter households (2012-2016)	% of total households (2012-2016)	Estimated hourly mean renter wage (2018)	Monthly rent affordable at mean renter wage	Full-time jobs at mean renter wage needed to afford 2 BR FMR
Maine	\$18.73	\$974	\$38,966	1.9	\$69,475	\$1,737	\$20,842	\$521	153,731	28%	\$11.44	\$595	1.6
Combined Nonmetro Areas	\$15.05	\$783	\$31,309	1.5	\$59,376	\$1,484	\$17,813	\$445	57,636	25%	\$9.64	\$501	1.6
<b><u>Metropolitan Areas</u></b>													
Bangor HMFA	\$18.04	\$938	\$37,520	1.8	\$72,700	\$1,818	\$21,810	\$545	14,483	39%	\$10.94	\$569	1.6
Cumberland County (part) HMFA	\$18.90	\$983	\$39,320	1.9	\$71,300	\$1,783	\$21,390	\$535	4,543	23%	\$13.52	\$703	1.4
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	\$16.29	\$847	\$33,880	1.6	\$63,900	\$1,598	\$19,170	\$479	16,305	36%	\$11.07	\$576	1.5
Penobscot County (part) HMFA	\$15.87	\$825	\$33,000	1.6	\$53,600	\$1,340	\$16,080	\$402	4,931	20%	\$10.94	\$569	1.5
Portland HMFA	\$25.92	\$1,348	\$53,920	2.6	\$90,100	\$2,253	\$27,030	\$676	35,867	33%	\$13.39	\$696	1.9
Sagadahoc County HMFA	\$17.42	\$906	\$36,240	1.7	\$70,800	\$1,770	\$21,240	\$531	3,693	24%	\$12.97	\$674	1.3
York County (part) HMFA	\$18.73	\$974	\$38,960	1.9	\$72,200	\$1,805	\$21,660	\$542	12,128	27%	\$11.33	\$589	1.7
York-Kittery-South Berwick HMFA	\$24.15	\$1,256	\$50,240	2.4	\$91,400	\$2,285	\$27,420	\$686	4,145	23%	\$11.33	\$589	2.1
<b><u>Counties</u></b>													
Aroostook County	\$13.40	\$697	\$27,880	1.3	\$56,200	\$1,405	\$16,860	\$422	8,330	28%	\$8.68	\$451	1.5
Franklin County	\$13.40	\$697	\$27,880	1.3	\$55,200	\$1,380	\$16,560	\$414	2,352	20%	\$8.08	\$420	1.7
Hancock County	\$16.42	\$854	\$34,160	1.6	\$64,300	\$1,608	\$19,290	\$482	6,181	26%	\$9.42	\$490	1.7
Kennebec County	\$15.08	\$784	\$31,360	1.5	\$66,300	\$1,658	\$19,890	\$497	15,177	30%	\$10.16	\$528	1.5
Knox County	\$17.04	\$886	\$35,440	1.7	\$64,000	\$1,600	\$19,200	\$480	4,025	24%	\$10.81	\$562	1.6
Lincoln County	\$16.98	\$883	\$35,320	1.7	\$65,600	\$1,640	\$19,680	\$492	3,322	22%	\$9.61	\$500	1.8
Oxford County	\$14.67	\$763	\$30,520	1.5	\$53,700	\$1,343	\$16,110	\$403	4,125	20%	\$8.02	\$417	1.8
Piscataquis County	\$13.40	\$697	\$27,880	1.3	\$49,700	\$1,243	\$14,910	\$373	1,946	26%	\$8.83	\$459	1.5
Somerset County	\$15.02	\$781	\$31,240	1.5	\$53,300	\$1,333	\$15,990	\$400	5,025	24%	\$10.30	\$536	1.5
Waldo County	\$15.19	\$790	\$31,600	1.5	\$57,600	\$1,440	\$17,280	\$432	3,781	22%	\$11.07	\$576	1.4
Washington County	\$14.69	\$764	\$30,560	1.5	\$49,000	\$1,225	\$14,700	\$368	3,372	24%	\$9.68	\$503	1.5

1: BR = Bedroom

2: FMR = Fiscal Year 2018 Fair Market Rent.

3: This calculation uses the higher of the state or federal minimum wage. Local minimum wages are not used. See Appendix B.

4: AMI = Fiscal Year 2018 Area Median Income

5: "Affordable" rents represent the generally accepted standard of spending not more than 30% of gross income on gross housing costs.

# TOWNS WITHIN MAINE FMR AREAS

## BANGOR, ME HMFA

### PENOBSCOT COUNTY

Bangor city, Brewer city, Eddington town, Glenburn town, Hampden town, Hermon town, Holden town, Kenduskeag town, Milford town, Old Town city, Orono town, Orrington town, Penobscot Indian Island Reservation, Veazie town

## CUMBERLAND COUNTY, ME (PART) HMFA

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Baldwin town, Bridgton town, Brunswick town, Harpswell town, Harrison town, Naples town, New Gloucester town, Pownal town, Sebago town

## LEWISTON-AUBURN, ME MSA

### ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY

Auburn city, Durham town, Greene town, Leeds town, Lewiston city, Lisbon town, Livermore Falls town, Livermore town, Mechanic Falls town, Minot town, Poland town, Sabattus town, Turner town, Wales town

## PENOBSCOT COUNTY, ME (PART) HMFA

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Alton town, Argyle UT, Bradford town, Bradley town, Burlington town, Carmel town, Carroll plantation, Charleston town, Chester town, Clifton town, Corinna town, Corinth town, Dexter town, Dixmont town, Drew plantation, East Central Penobscot UT, East Millinocket town, Edinburg town, Enfield town, Etna town, Exeter town, Garland town, Greenbush town, Howland town, Hudson town, Kingman UT, Lagrange town, Lakeville town, Lee town, Levant town, Lincoln town, Lowell town, Mattawamkeag town, Maxfield town, Medway town, Millinocket town, Mount Chase town, Newburgh town, Newport town, North Penobscot UT, Passadumkeag town, Patten town, Plymouth town, Prentiss UT, Seboeis plantation, Springfield town, Stacyville town, Stetson town, Twombly UT, Webster plantation, Whitney UT, Winn town, Woodville town

## PORTLAND, ME HMFA

### CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Cape Elizabeth town, Casco town, Chebeague Island town, Cumberland town, Falmouth town, Freeport town, Frye Island town, Gorham town, Gray town, Long Island town, North Yarmouth town, Portland city, Raymond town, Scarborough town, South Portland city, Standish town, Westbrook city, Windham town, Yarmouth town

### YORK COUNTY

Buxton town, Hollis town, Limington town, Old Orchard Beach town

## SAGADAHOC COUNTY, ME HMFA

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Arrowsic town, Bath city, Bowdoin town, Bowdoinham town, Georgetown town, Perkins UT, Phippsburg town, Richmond town, Topsham town, West Bath town, Woolwich town

## YORK COUNTY, ME (PART) HMFA

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Acton town, Alfred town, Arundel town, Biddeford city, Cornish town, Dayton town, Kennebunk town, Kennebunkport town, Lebanon town, Limerick town, Lyman town, Newfield town, North Berwick town, Ogunquit town, Parsonsfield town, Saco city, Sanford town, Shapleigh town, Waterboro town, Wells town

## YORK-KITTERY-SOUTH BERWICK, ME HMFA

### YORK COUNTY

Berwick town, Eliot town, Kittery town, South Berwick town, York town