

# 2017 Housing Facts and Affordability Index for Aroostook County



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## Homeownership Affordability Index

Aroostook County	<u>Year</u>	<u>Index</u>	<u>Median Home Price<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>Median Income<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>Income Needed to Afford Median Home Price</u>	<u>Home Price Affordable to Median Income</u>
	2013	1.45	\$85,000	\$37,068	\$25,488	\$123,617
	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
Easton		0.84	\$153,000	\$38,844	\$46,028	\$129,119
Maine		0.93	\$197,000	\$53,190	\$57,089	\$183,546
Fort Fairfield		1.01	\$87,800	\$29,444	\$29,120	\$88,778
Presque Isle		1.09	\$100,000	\$35,719	\$32,839	\$108,769
Fort Kent		1.10	\$125,000	\$41,984	\$38,047	\$137,933
Portage Lake		1.38	\$100,000	\$39,554	\$28,666	\$137,984
Caribou		1.46	\$80,000	\$37,374	\$25,567	\$116,946
Aroostook County		1.51	\$83,000	\$37,892	\$25,035	\$125,626
Linneus		1.54	\$75,000	\$35,433	\$22,962	\$115,732
Mapleton		1.54	\$115,000	\$51,028	\$33,059	\$177,510
Houlton		1.63	\$70,000	\$36,157	\$22,235	\$113,828
Madawaska		1.70	\$75,000	\$39,636	\$23,357	\$127,273
Island Falls		1.73	\$75,000	\$40,694	\$23,563	\$129,530
Oakfield		1.95	\$65,000	\$38,396	\$19,697	\$126,704
Washburn		2.17	\$65,000	\$46,250	\$21,292	\$141,195
Limestone		3.04	\$37,000	\$36,689	\$12,073	\$112,437

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.

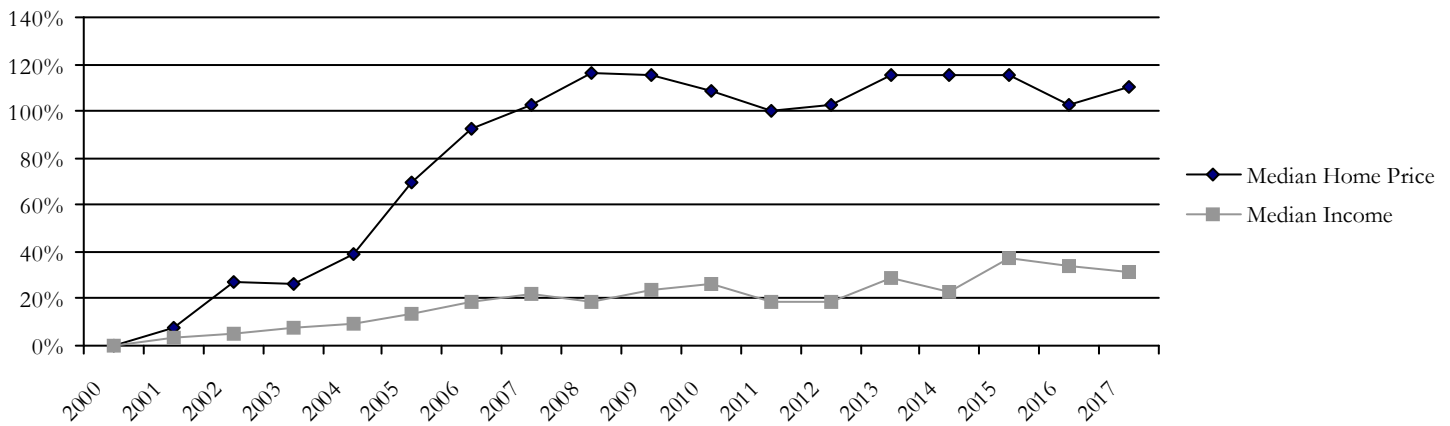
## Households Unable to Afford Median Home

<u>Location</u>	Households Unable to Afford <u>Median Home</u>		Total <u>Households</u>	Median <u>Home Price</u> <sup>1</sup>	Income Needed to Afford <u>Median Home</u>	
	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>			<u>Annual</u>	<u>Hourly</u>
Easton	57.6%	290	503	\$153,000	\$46,028	\$22.13
Maine	54.1%	305,534	565,115	\$197,000	\$57,089	\$27.45
Fort Fairfield	49.7%	704	1,416	\$87,800	\$29,120	\$14.00
Presque Isle	45.8%	1,857	4,054	\$100,000	\$32,839	\$15.79
Fort Kent	45.3%	769	1,698	\$125,000	\$38,047	\$18.29
Portage Lake	37.9%	64	169	\$100,000	\$28,666	\$13.78
Caribou	36.0%	1,209	3,355	\$80,000	\$25,567	\$12.29
Aroostook County	33.6%	9,907	29,504	\$83,000	\$25,035	\$12.04
Linneus	32.5%	123	377	\$75,000	\$22,962	\$11.04
Mapleton	31.9%	261	817	\$115,000	\$33,059	\$15.89
Houlton	31.0%	750	2,420	\$70,000	\$22,235	\$10.69
Madawaska	28.2%	547	1,940	\$75,000	\$23,357	\$11.23
Island Falls	26.3%	88	335	\$75,000	\$23,563	\$11.33
Oakfield	24.1%	74	308	\$65,000	\$19,697	\$9.47
Washburn	19.8%	131	663	\$65,000	\$21,292	\$10.24
Limestone	16.8%	127	753	\$37,000	\$12,073	\$5.80

## Unattainable Homes as a Percentage of Homes Sold

<u>Location</u>	<u>Percentage of Unattainable Homes</u>	<u>Affordable Homes Sold</u>	<u>Unattainable Homes Sold</u>
Easton	63.6%	4	7
Maine	53.9%	9,513	11,139
Fort Fairfield	47.8%	12	11
Fort Kent	42.9%	12	9
Presque Isle	41.7%	42	30
Linneus	38.9%	11	7
Caribou	31.3%	46	21
Aroostook County	27.1%	441	164
Mapleton	25.0%	15	5
Houlton	24.4%	34	11
Madawaska	20.6%	27	7
Island Falls	18.8%	13	3
Portage Lake	18.8%	13	3
Limestone	12.5%	14	2
Oakfield	5.9%	16	1
Washburn	0.0%	14	0

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



### Rental Affordability Index

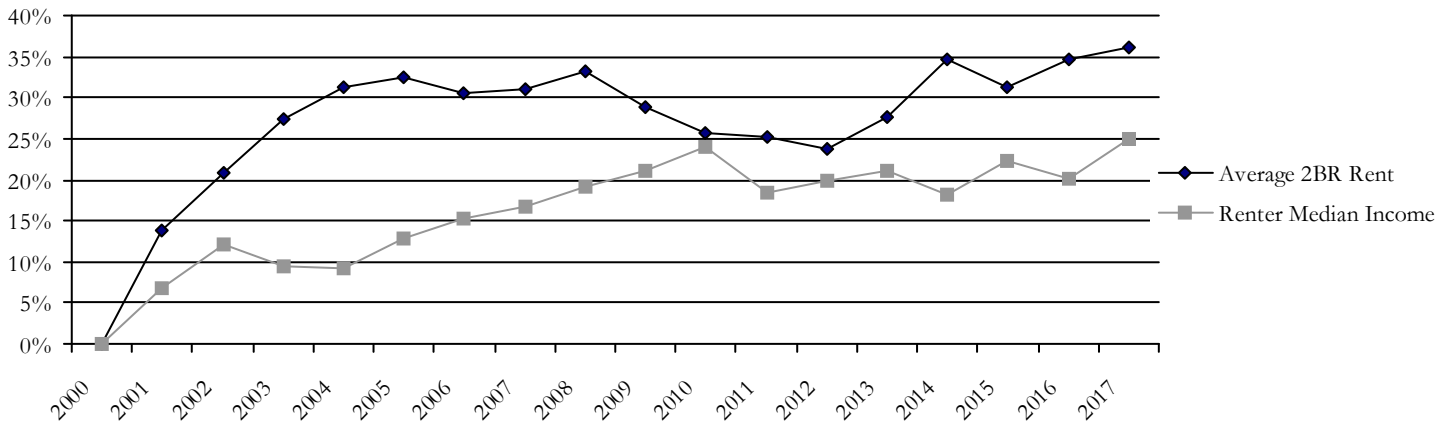
	Year	Index	Average 2 BR Rent (with utilities) <sup>4</sup>	Renter Household Median Income <sup>2</sup>	Income Needed to Afford Average 2 BR Rent	2 BR Rent Affordable to Median Income
Aroostook County	2013	0.91	\$667	\$24,328	\$26,699	\$608
	2014	0.78	\$717	\$22,249	\$28,660	\$556
	2015	0.91	\$690	\$25,067	\$27,585	\$627
	2016	0.88	\$682	\$24,053	\$27,290	\$601
	2017	0.88	\$675	\$23,803	\$27,005	\$595
New Sweden		0.43	\$1,072	\$18,332	\$42,880	\$458
Eagle Lake		0.47	\$1,050	\$19,736	\$42,000	\$493
St. Francis		0.57	\$655	\$14,999	\$26,200	\$375
Fort Fairfield		0.65	\$690	\$17,920	\$27,595	\$448
St. Agatha		0.70	\$836	\$23,399	\$33,433	\$585
Caribou		0.80	\$712	\$22,690	\$28,470	\$567
Wallagrass		0.80	\$660	\$21,110	\$26,400	\$528
Mars Hill		0.83	\$700	\$23,332	\$28,016	\$583
Presque Isle		0.84	\$770	\$25,907	\$30,801	\$648
Fort Kent		0.88	\$585	\$20,562	\$23,381	\$514
Aroostook County		0.88	\$675	\$23,803	\$27,005	\$595
Maine		0.88	\$880	\$30,804	\$35,181	\$770
Hodgdon		1.01	\$495	\$19,999	\$19,800	\$500
Madawaska		1.02	\$644	\$26,312	\$25,757	\$658
Van Buren		1.03	\$484	\$20,047	\$19,376	\$501
Houlton		1.09	\$544	\$23,727	\$21,743	\$593

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

Location	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
New Sweden	94.1%	32	34	\$1,072	\$42,880	\$20.62
Eagle Lake	81.0%	81	100	\$1,050	\$42,000	\$20.19
St. Francis	71.7%	33	46	\$655	\$26,200	\$12.60
Fort Fairfield	68.8%	285	414	\$690	\$27,595	\$13.27
St. Agatha	67.7%	65	96	\$836	\$33,433	\$16.07
Wallagrass	61.5%	24	39	\$660	\$26,400	\$12.69
Presque Isle	59.0%	1,075	1,821	\$770	\$30,801	\$14.81
Caribou	59.0%	654	1,109	\$712	\$28,470	\$13.69
Mars Hill	57.7%	97	168	\$700	\$28,016	\$13.47
Maine	55.9%	90,353	161,746	\$880	\$35,181	\$16.91
Aroostook County	55.3%	4,722	8,543	\$675	\$27,005	\$12.98
Fort Kent	53.5%	317	593	\$585	\$23,381	\$11.24
Hodgdon	49.4%	42	85	\$495	\$19,800	\$9.52
Madawaska	49.2%	322	654	\$644	\$25,757	\$12.38
Van Buren	48.2%	185	384	\$484	\$19,376	\$9.32
Houlton	45.5%	445	979	\$544	\$21,743	\$10.45

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



## Demographics

	% Change 1990-2017	1990	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Population	-22.3%	86,468	70,564	69,689	68,676	68,135	67,190
Households	-5.4%	31,196	30,651	30,360	29,994	29,843	29,504

## 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).